



Project Description

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is planning highway improvements to Secondary 232 (Wild Horse Trail) in Hill County, MT, just north of Havre. Improvements as part of the Havre Northwest Reconstruction project include wider shoulders, straighter curves, flatter grades, and new pavement for a smoother driving surface from 4th Ave N to Road 445 N.

Project Details

The project will reconstruct the existing roadway and widen it to 11-ft travel lanes, with 3-ft or 4-ft shoulders. The curves will be straightened, and the hills flattened to meet current design standards where feasible. Other proposed project-work includes upgraded signing and striping, drainage improvements, and culvert upgrades.

Intersection improvements are proposed on public approaches that do not allow for a good visual of oncoming cars. The need for a southbound left-turn lane at the intersection of S 233 was evaluated, however the analysis showed that turn lanes were not warranted at this time.

Project Sponsors

MDT and Hill County recently entered an agreement to reconstruct the entire length of the proposed project. Total project cost is projected at about \$15M.

Design Speed

The current design speed throughout the project area is not expected to change.

Typical Section

For the urban portion of the reconstruction, a 30-ft paved roadway consisting of two, 11-ft travel lanes and 4-ft shoulders is proposed. The rural reconstruction portion will be 28-ft wide, with two, 11-ft travel lanes and 3-ft shoulders.

Detour Plans

As detours are likely not a viable option for the majority of this project, the proposed alignment is offset to help maintain a single lane of traffic during construction.

Schedule

The project is in early design with final design anticipated in 2023. Construction is anticipated in the 2024-2025 timeframe.

