

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of the project?

This project will improve the ride on this section of Interstate 90 (I-90) and preserve the pavement for many years to come. Additional improvements to enhance safety features, including installing weather-activated flashing lights, will be made as a part of this project.

2. Where is the project located?

The project area begins at the Fort Ellis Road overpass and proceeds east through the canyon to the Jackson Creek Road Interchange (Exit 319).

3. What is the project schedule?

Construction began the week of August 4, 2025, and will be completed in the 2026 construction season. Work is expected to take place during daylight hours. Crews will typically work Monday through Friday.

4. What improvements are being made?

The planned improvements will rehabilitate I-90 between the Fort Ellis Road overpass to the Jackson Creek Road Interchange (Exit 319). Improvements include:

- Removing and replacing the pavement on the east and westbound lanes of I-90
- Removing and replacing concrete bridge approaches to provide a smoother transition from the roadway to the bridge
- Replacing the median concrete barrier rail, guardrail, and rumble strips
- Removing and replacing the pavement on interstate on- and off-ramps, as well as adjacent crossroads
- Applying a seal and cover (chip seal) to the new pavement
- Adding new paint markings and signage
- Installing weather-activated flashing lights at four overpass bridges

5. What can I expect during construction?

- Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction where work is taking place.
- Delays on mainline I-90 will be limited to speed reductions.
- Flaggers or temporary signals may direct traffic on ramps and crossroads.
- Interchange on- and off-ramps within the project area will be temporarily closed for chip sealing work. To minimize inconvenience, MDT will close only one interchange ramp at a time. Detour routes will be provided.
- Width restrictions may be in place throughout construction. Visit <u>511MT.net</u> for the latest information on width restrictions.

6. Will there be any additional closures during the project?

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7. Who can I contact regarding this project?

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