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MDT Road-Widening Project on Hwy 89 South of Livingston to Begin Mid-March

Construction to extend center turn lane from Merrill Ln to East River Rd expected to take 5 mo.

Livingston, Montana — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to announce that construction on the Livingston South road-widening project, which will extend the center turn lane on Highway 89 (US 89) for three miles south from Merrill Lane to East River Road, is expected to get underway by mid-March, weather permitting. The project, which is expected to take approximately five months, will improve traffic flow and local access for residents and businesses, and incorporate safety improvements.

US 89 south of Livingston was originally constructed in 1961 as a two-lane highway connecting to Gardiner, the northern gateway to Yellowstone National Park. Improving this heavily traveled, densely populated route was identified as a priority by MDT's [Paradise Valley Corridor Planning Study](#). Planned work includes constructing a new center turn lane, widening existing shoulders, installing lighting at the junction of US 89 and S 540, adding shoulder safety rumble strips, and improving the adjacent pedestrian/bicycle path. The firm selected by MDT as prime contractor for the project is Riverside Contracting LLC.

"Roadwork on the Livingston South project is ready to get underway, with construction expected to begin later this month and be mostly completed by the end of August," said Paul Cogley, MDT Project Engineer, Butte District. "We appreciate all the helpful input we received during the design phase, and thank everyone for their patience over the next several months. We plan to keep the public closely apprised on the roadwork schedule, with regular updates posted at [MDT's Livingston South Webpage](#) and also shared via email and text. We look forward to the project's completion, and will do everything feasible to minimize the impact on all who live along and travel US 89 during construction."

Project updates will be posted at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/livingstonsouth/> and via email by texting **LIVSOUTH to 22999**. A dedicated phone line is also available to call or text at (406) 998-7258, or emails can be sent to Pam Avery at pam@averymassey.com.

An important part of properly planning for future projects is partnering with the community. The Montana Department of Transportation welcomes the public to provide ideas and comments during every phase of its projects. Comments may be submitted online at http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml or in writing to Montana Department of Transportation, Butte District. Please note that comments are for project UPN 879000.

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Livingston South US 89 Project locator map

