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## **MDT Announces Plans & Open House on Widening Hwy 89 South of Livingston**

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### ***Design phase completed for South Livingston to East River Road center turn-lane project***

**LIVINGSTON, MONT. (July 15, 2021)** — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has announced and invites the public to attend an informational Open House on plans to widen a 3-mile section of US Highway 89 (US 89) between South Livingston and the junction of East River Road (S 540), with a center two-way left-turn lane to improve highway safety, traffic flow and local access for residents and businesses. **The Open House will be from 3:00-6:30 p.m. on July 29, 2021, at the Park County Fairgrounds, 46 View Vista Dr., Livingston.**

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 and densely populated route was identified as a priority by an MDT Corridor Study. In addition to constructing a new center turn lane, MDT plans to widen existing shoulders, install lighting at the junction of US 89 and S 540, add shoulder safety rumble strips, and improve the adjacent pedestrian/bicycle path.

"The Livingston South road-widening project has now completed its design phase and roadwork is expected to begin in the spring of 2022," said Tyrel Murfitt, MDT Road Design Project Manager, Butte District. "We want to thank everyone for their helpful input and comments during previous interactions and the design life of the project. We look forward to discussing MDT's plans for the project and going over these comments at the upcoming informational Open House on July 29."

More information on project timing will be available as MDT gets closer to construction. MDT is committed to doing everything feasible to minimize the project's impact on all who live along and use the route, including local residents and businesses, the greater Paradise Valley community, and travelers headed to Yellowstone National Park. An important part of properly planning for future projects is partnering with the community. MDT has reached out to virtually every impacted stakeholder along the route during the planning process, taking their comments into consideration in the construction plan.

Project information and updates will be posted on the project web page 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](mailto:pam@averymassey.com).

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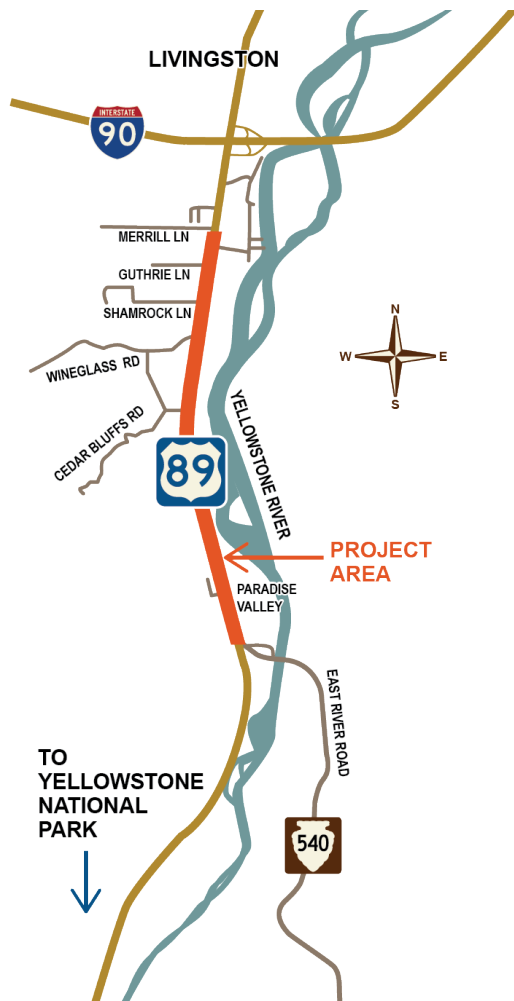
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The Montana Department of Transportation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the Livingston South US 89 Open House or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Department of Transportation no later than Friday July 23, 2021, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Matt Maze, Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, Montana 59620; telephone (406) 444-5416; Montana Relay 711; facsimile (406) 444-7243; or e-mail to [mmaze@mt.gov](mailto:mmaze@mt.gov).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Photos are available in the Photo Gallery section of the Livingston South project website, <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/livingstonsouth/> or by contacting [garth@averymassey.com](mailto:garth@averymassey.com).



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