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MONTANA DEPARTMENT
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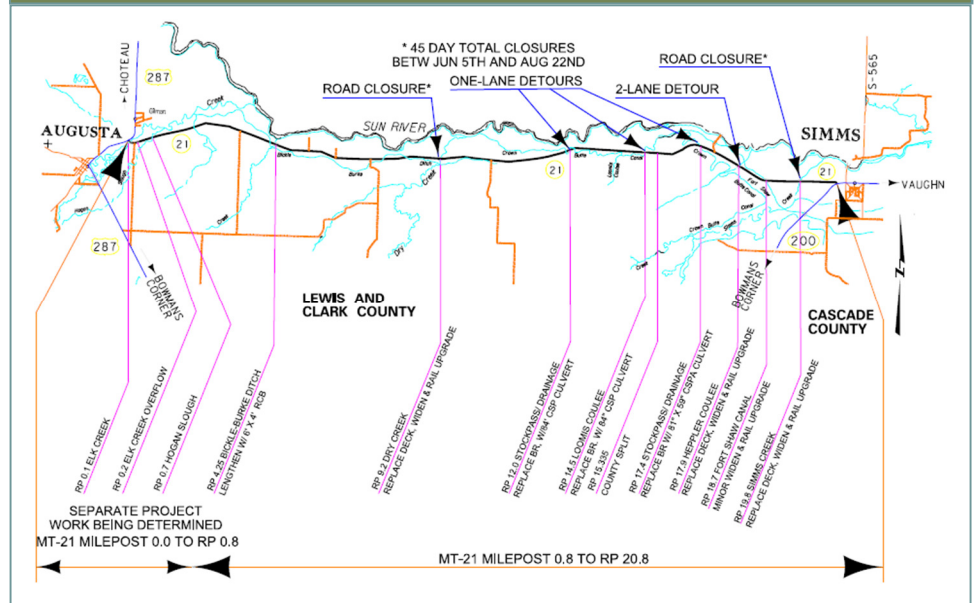
The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is proposing to repair bridges and replace some bridges with culverts on Montana 21 between Simms and Augusta. Guardrail upgrades, improved clear recovery areas and wider bridge decks will improve safety and reduce long-term maintenance.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation will be required. MDT staff will contact all potentially affected landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction.

Construction is tentatively planned for 2020. **The work will require detours and road closures.** Drivers will experience slower speeds on the detours and should allow additional travel time for driving alternate routes during the closure period.

PROJECT MAP



WHICH BRIDGES ARE INCLUDED? (Mileposts)

0.1 (Elk Creek), 0.2 (Elk Creek Overflow), and 0.7 (Hogan Slough): due to recent flood events, the work and schedules are being re-evaluated.

18.7 (Fort Shaw Canal): minor deck widening and guardrail upgrades

9.2 (Dry Creek), 17.9 (Heppler Coulee), and 19.8 (Simms Creek): new wider bridge decks and guardrail upgrades

12.0, 14.5 & 17.4: replace bridges with culverts

CONSTRUCTION FAQs (MP = milepost)

Replacement of the bridges and decks will require road closures. Single-lane, gravel detours will be required at some locations: MP 12.0, MP 14.5 (Loomis Coulee) and MP 17.4. One two-lane gravel detour will be built at MP 17.9 (Heppler Coulee).

There are two locations where a detour is cost-prohibitive; MP 9.2 (Dry Creek) and MP 19.8 (Simms Creek). **These locations will be closed to all vehicles and traffic will be detoured to Secondary 408 at Fairfield.** The closure of the highway at these locations will occur between July 5 and August 22 of the construction year. The contractor will be encouraged to replace these bridge decks in less than 45 days. Only one location will be closed at a time. Advance signs will be placed to warn motorists of the detours and closures.



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MDT's mission is to serve the public a transportation system and services that emphasizes quality, safety, cost effectiveness, economic vitality, and sensitivity to the environment.

MDT Wants Your Comments!

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

Refer to the website for upcoming public involvement notices as they become available. Notices will also be distributed to those on the project's mailing list. MDT encourages members of the public to join the project's mailing list by submitting contact information to Christie McOmber via email or by submitting a comment using the online comment form: www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml Note that comments are for the MT 21 BRIDGES (SIMMS – AUGUSTA) project.

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