Road reconstruction:
Improvements consist of general road reconstruction beginning approximately one mile south of Roberts and extending to the north end of town, including installation of a center turn lane through Roberts and a guardrail along the Roberts School property to improve safety.

Drainage improvements:
Roberts has a history of flooding, some of it next to the highway. Much of the flooding results from a combination of large storms while irrigation ditches are already full. The project will improve roadside drainage by constructing adequate roadside ditches and culverts and significantly increasing the capacity of an existing stormwater outfall channel to Rock Creek. The plan also includes construction of a berm on the west side of the highway that will divert runoff to Rock Creek and alleviate the risk of flooding in Roberts.

Intersection improvements:
There will be an intersection improvement at Cooney Dam Road and Hwy 212 near East Maple Street, which is the busiest intersection in Roberts. The project will realign Cooney Dam Road to form a single intersection perpendicular with Hwy 212 approximately 430 feet north of East Maple Street.

Pedestrian safety improvements:
Crosswalks will be provided where Oak and East Maple Streets approach the highway. School and crosswalk warning signs, including flashing lights, will be installed. Additionally, a four-foot shoulder on the west side and a six-foot shoulder on the east side of the reconstructed roadway will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Construction Impacts
MDT is committed to working with local stakeholders to minimize construction impacts on businesses and the traveling public. During construction on the Roberts Project, Hwy 212 will remain open to traffic. Traffic flow will be maintained by utilizing flagging, pilot cars, lane shifting, and other conventional methods. The traveling public is asked to prepare for delays of up to 15 minutes and is reminded to slow down and watch for work crews and equipment in construction zones.
Project construction resumed April 2020 and is scheduled to be completed by July 2020.

The Montana Department of Transportation together with its construction contracting partners continue to take the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously. Construction projects on Montana’s roads and bridges are considered an “essential” operation and will continue moving forward as scheduled in 2020. Construction workers will continue several measures to help keep employees, contractors and the public safe during the construction season. Some of the measures include following social distancing and good hygiene guidelines, and not reporting to work if showing symptoms of illness. For more information visit covid19.mt.gov/.

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