

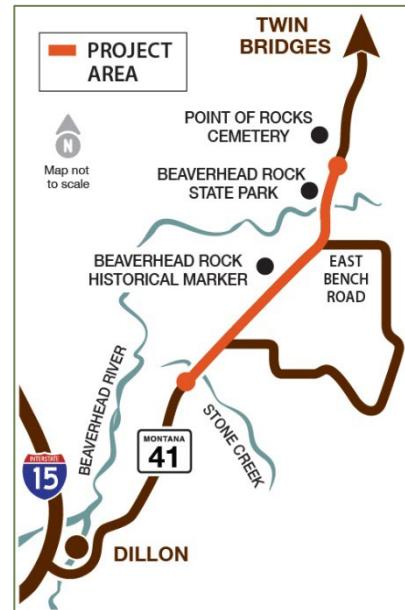
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is the project located?

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will reconstruct over 7 miles of Montana Highway 41 (MT 41) beginning north of Dillon near the Stone Creek bridge and ending just south of the Point of Rocks Cemetery.

2. Why is this project necessary?

This section of MT 41 is narrow by today's standards with 12-foot lanes and no shoulder. In addition, multiple hills and valleys on the roadway cause a "roller-coaster effect" and limit sight distance. The highway has substantial truck traffic and an increased number of recreational vehicles in the summer causing congestion and vehicle passing safety concerns. Project improvements will enhance safety features and improve operations for all roadway users. The roadway reconstruction will improve sight distances, provide more passing opportunities, and add 8-foot shoulders and shoulder rumble strips to address roadway departure crashes.



3. Can you add a turn lane at East Bench Road near Point of Rocks?

At this stage of project design, adding turn lanes from MT 41 onto the Madison County East Bench Road approach is not feasible. MDT is planning several improvements at this intersection to improve sight distance and vehicle turning movements including:

- Flattening the curve to the north of East Bench Road.
- Reducing the grade of the hill south of East Bench Road.
- Adding 8-foot shoulders on both sides of the highway.
- Pulling back the cut slopes south of East Bench Road.
- Flattening and widening the approach (landing area) of East Bench Road.

4. Can you add a boat ramp at the Beaverhead River?

There are currently no plans for a boat ramp at the Beaverhead River with this project.

5. Can you add a bicycle path?

At this stage in design, a separate bicycle path from the roadway is not feasible. The project will add 8-foot shoulders on both sides of the highway to provide greater separation between motorized and non-motorized travel.

6. What should I expect during construction?

Traffic control plans will be developed as the project gets closer to construction. Some sections of the new roadway will be built to the side of the current highway, which will minimize impacts and delays during construction.

7. What is the project schedule?

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 depending on design approval, right-of-way acquisition, and the availability of funding. Construction is expected to take two seasons to complete.