Decision-Making in a Growing State

Throughout many parts of Montana, the state is experiencing increasing traffic, visitors, and many choosing to make their home here. Some highways transport more vehicles today than ever before. This infrastructure was often built decades ago, before modern technologies and standards. It is up to the Montana Department of Transportation to evaluate each highway, anticipate future trends, and rebuild our infrastructure so it continues to serve residents and visitors alike.

As MDT looks to improve US 212, the project team is examining a number of factors, from drainage to traffic patterns. Data and standards heavily inform decision making. Data gathered by MDT is then matched up with guidelines provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to help them in their decision making. Engineers cannot go outside of these guidelines. If they do, they risk losing funding for highway improvements. This process ensures that decisions are made fairly and similarly across Montana and every state in the country.

In the midst of this process, the project team must also consider feedback from residents. Local drivers know these highways best and often point out unique conditions or issues they have noticed. This feedback is used by engineers to ensure they have considered all aspects of the highway.

STAY IN THE KNOW

The Montana Department of Transportation understands you care about US 212. We will make every effort to keep delay times low and communicate prior to and throughout construction. All are encouraged to sign up for project updates.

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PROJECT TIMING

US 212 is undergoing a massive reconstruction effort from Red Lodge to Boyd. Three sections are slated to be reconstructed, in the following order:

1. Robinson Lane to Two Mile Bridge Road in Red Lodge
2. US 212 – Red Lodge to Roberts, which runs from Two Mile Bridge Road to south of Roberts
3. US 212 – Roberts to Boyd

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**IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

- Reconstructing approximately 8 miles
- Eight-foot shoulders
- Passing lanes
- Center two-way-left-turn lane
- Slope adjustments
- Updated intersections in Boyd
- Adding curb and gutter in Boyd
- Redesigning and relocating ditches
- Removing trees/shrubs in right-of-way
- New drainage culverts
- Bridge deck repairs
- Guardrail replacement
- Rumble strips

From the Beartooth to Billings

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