

**EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION REPORT**  
**CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIP (CLRS) EVALUATION**

**Location:** Missoula District/Lincoln County: US 2; RP 0.0-13.75  
**Project Name:** 508 E/W  
**Project Number:** N/A  
**Experimental Project:** MT-17-04  
**Type of Project:** Centerline Rumble Strip (CLRS)  
**Principal Investigator:** Craig Abernathy: Experimental Project Manager (ExPM)  
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**Description**

This project is a centerline rumble strip (CLRS) longitudinal joint performance evaluation located in Lincoln County on US Highway 2 (C000001/N1); Missoula District. Reference point 0.0 to 13.75. 2016 average annual daily traffic (AADT) through this corridor is 1539.

**Experimental Design**

A center line rumble strip is a longitudinal safety feature installed at or near the center line of a paved roadway. On this project the strip is a series of rectangular milled indents intended to alert distracted drivers (through vibration and sound) that their vehicles have left the travel lane.

Asphalt Pavements are typically constructed with a longitudinal joint (or meet line) along the center of the road. Degradation over time may allow the entry of water, leading to early pavement deterioration. Rumble strips provide another potential reservoir to hold water, and could accelerate this joint deterioration. Traffic and environmental characteristics may also affect joint performance.

This project will have a test section of CLRS (TS1) adjacent to a control section on non-CLRS (CS2) to compare performance. TS1 begins at reference Point (RF) 0.0 on the Idaho/Montana border and runs east to the section transition CS2 at RF 8.2 which continues to RP 13.75 just east on the entrance to the township of Troy (see page 9 for project map locations). TS1 pavement treatment was a mill and fill with CS2 a standard overlay.

## **Evaluation Procedures**

**Construction Documentation:** The Research Section will document the construction methods and equipment, material placement, and specification conformance etc.,

**Post Documentation:** Research staff will conduct full site inspections semi-annually (late fall/early spring to compare performance with the CLRS and non-CLRS sections; in addition to include any maintenance or other Department inspection information associated with this project.

## **Evaluation Schedule**

Research will monitor and report on performance for a minimum period of five years annually, with every year up to \*ten years (informally). This is in accordance with the Department's "Experimental Project Procedures". Delivery of a construction/installation report, interim, annual or semi-annual reports is required as well as a final project report (responsibility of Research). A web page will be dedicated to display all reporting from the project.

2017:	Installation/Construction Report
2018-2021:	Semi-Annual Inspections/ Annual Evaluation Reports
2022:	Final Evaluation/Final Report

\*If considered the extra data collection and analysis will add value to the overall results of the project.

## **Process**

The purpose of an experimental features report is to document the phases and events of any given project to gain the reader an understanding of the general activities required to install or incorporate the research element into an active construction or maintenance project as an in-service evaluation. This report also establishes a baseline for defining performance for any given feature under actual service conditions to determine its relative merits.

## Project Pre-Documentation March 2017



← New (2/10") overlay completed.

Project CLRS (TS1) begin point at Idaho/Montana border on US 2 (N-1/C000001).

The section of CLRS begins at reference point 0.0. View east.



← Approximate reference point 8.2.

Transition end of CLRS section to non-CLRS (CS2) section (view east).



← End of CS2 section near Troy city limit.

Approximate reference point 13.75 (view east).

Compaction for the longitudinal joint (meet line) is specified for 91%; the average compaction for the project was reported at 93%.

**CLRS Construction: August 2017**



← ↓ Representative images of the rumble strip milling equipment in operation.

Average depth of grind was 1/2"-5/8", with a standard eight (8") inch rumble width.





← View of completed pass of CLRS grind application.



← Cleaning consisted of using a fixed-blade and connected sweep broom to remove millings off the road.



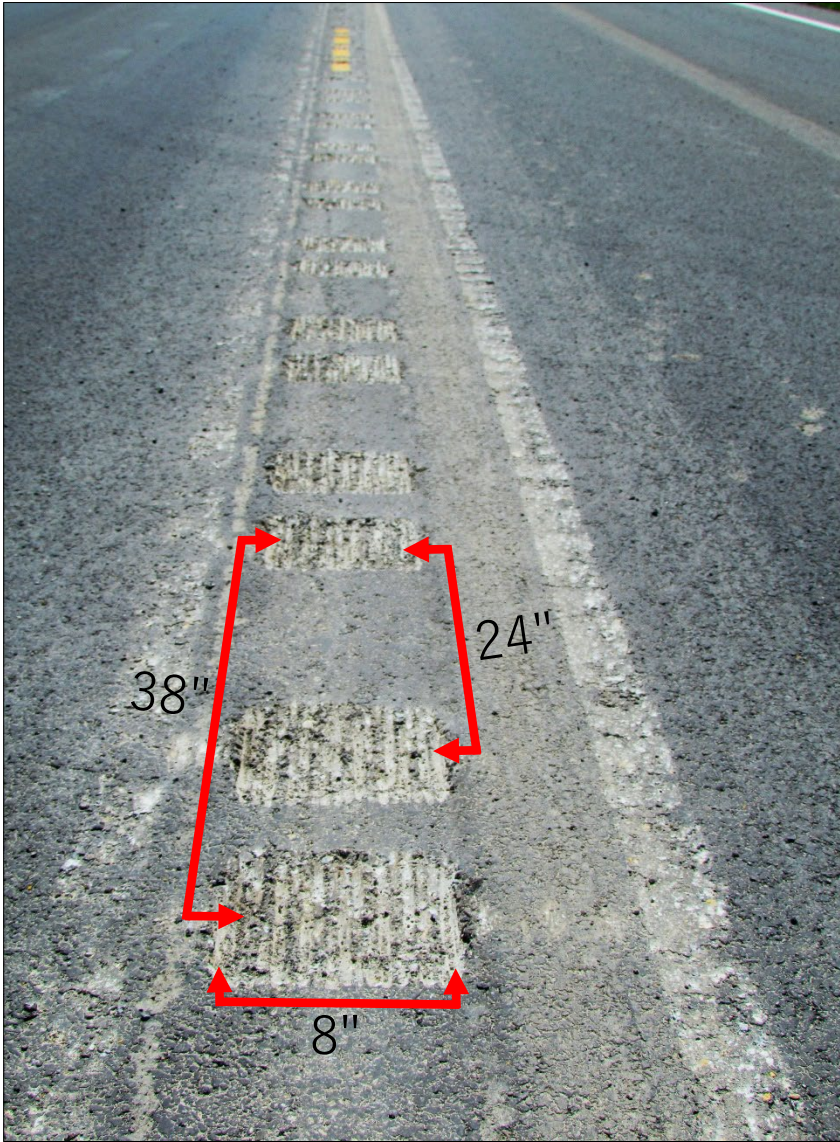
← The MDT Inspector continuously monitored strip compliance during the project.



← Representative image of swept rumble strip.



← Close-up of rectangular style rumble strip prior to seal and cover.



← Image of cleaned rumble strip section and added dimensions.



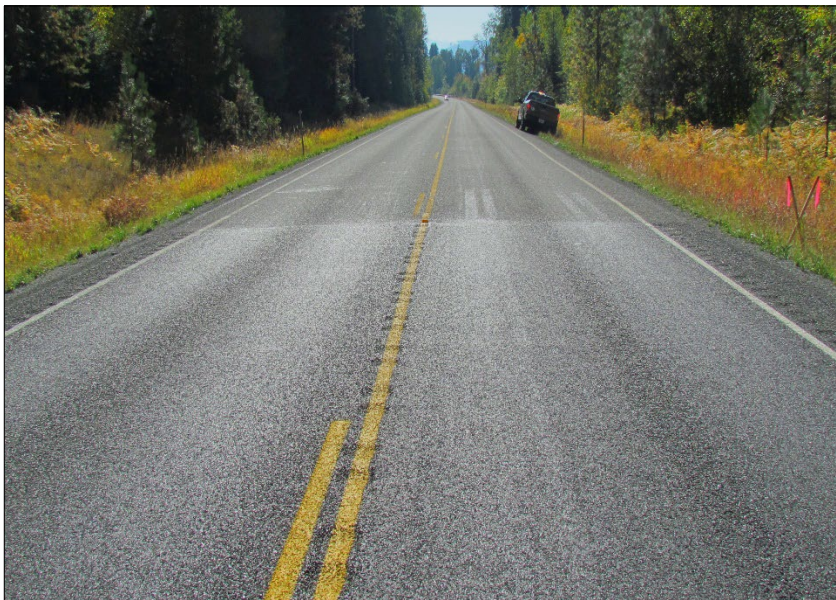
← Additional close-up of milled rumble strip in no-passing zone.



← Completed project.

Road bed has received seal and cover (chip seal) with added fog seal.

Beginning of CLRS section at approximate reference point 0.0. View east.



← CLRS to non-CLRS transition point approximate reference point 8.2 (view east).

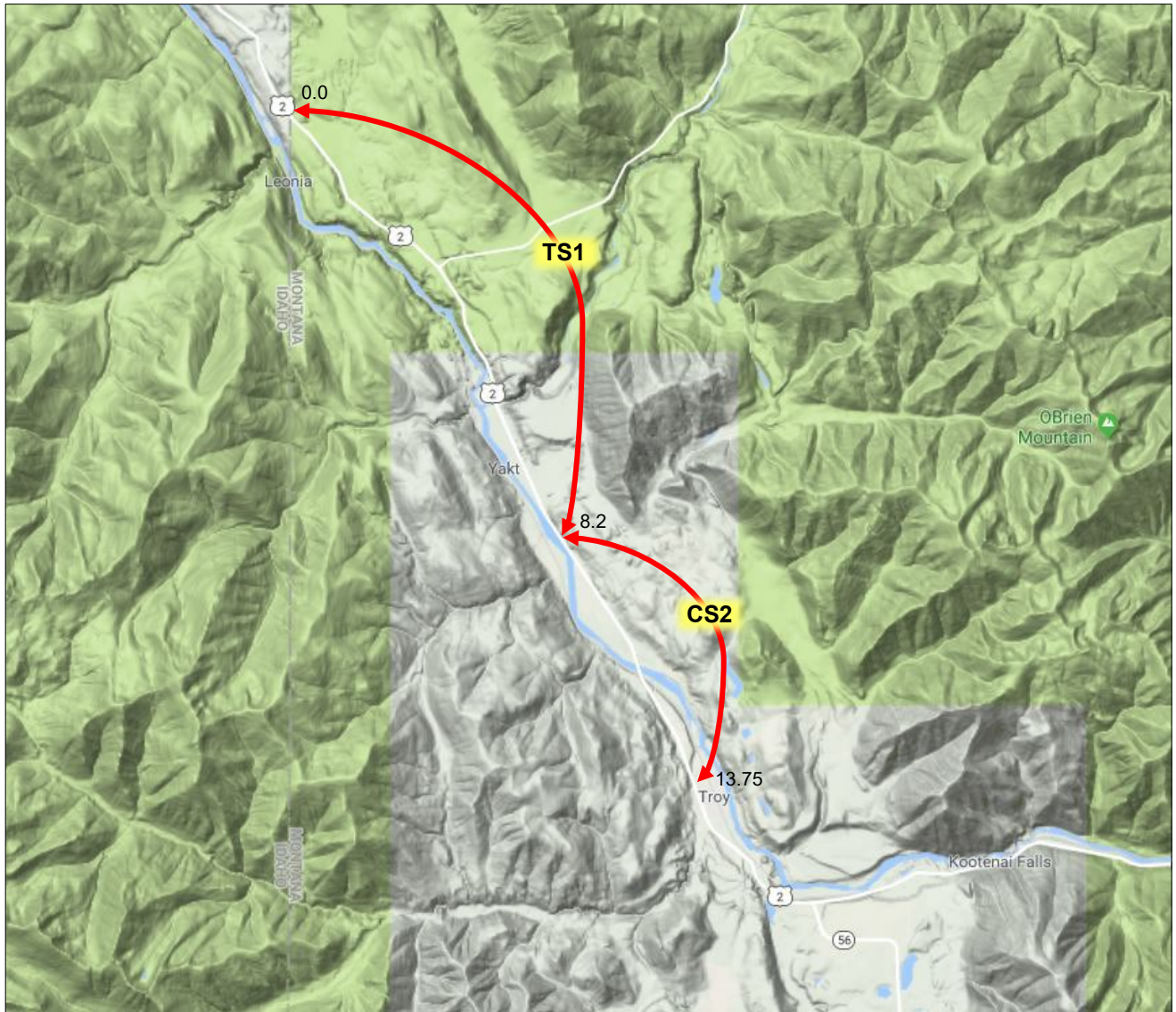
Although not in this image the section break is delineated by orange paint on the road surface.



← Close-up of CLRS after seal and cover with added fog seal.



## \*Project Location



Missoula District/Lincoln County: US 2 (N1); RP 0.0-13.75

- Centerline rumble strip - Test Section 1 (TS1): RF 0.0 (Idaho/Montana Border) – 8.2
- Non-centerline rumble strip - Control Section 2 (CS2): RF 8.2-13.75 (West edge Troy township)

**\*Note:** All values are approximate; not to scale

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