

# 9th Street NW Reconstruction Project

# **Project Overview**

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is working with Sanbell (formerly Sanderson Stewart) and the City of Great Falls on the 9th Street NW Reconstruction project. This project is a joint effort between the City and MDT, nominated through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process.

The project will reconstruct 9th Street NW, extending from Central Avenue W to the Northwest Bypass. As part of this effort, deteriorated pavement will be replaced, and storm drains will be upgraded to improve drainage. The signal at the intersection of 9th Street NW and the NW Bypass will also be upgraded. New curbs and gutters, as well as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps and sidewalks, will be installed or repaired throughout the project area to enhance accessibility. The project plans to replace any trees affected by construction, with the addition of new boulevard trees.

# **Project Timeline**

The 9th Street NW/Watson Coulee Road project began with the initiation and development of design alternatives from 2021 to 2022. In 2022, the 9th Street NW and Coulee Watson Road segments were separated into two distinct projects. The project team is currently working on final design, and construction is anticipated to occur in 2026 based on completion of design and funding availability.

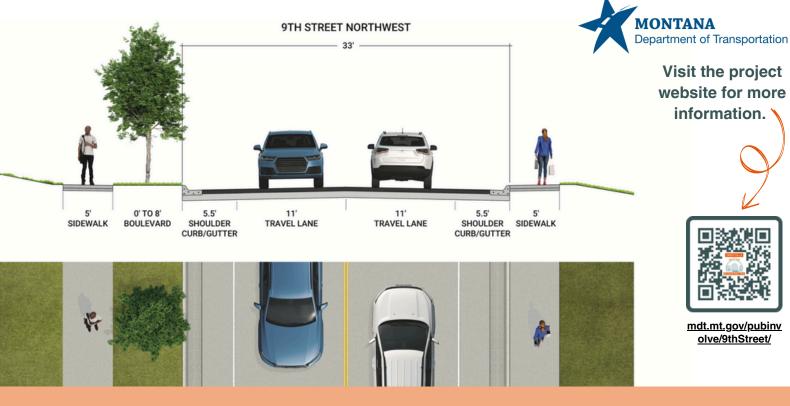


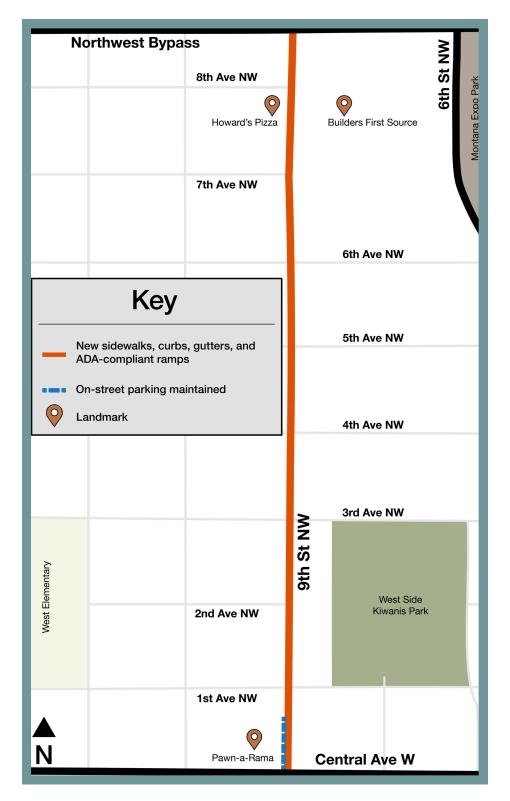
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### **Impacts on the Public**

The 9th Street NW Reconstruction project will enhance safety, drainage, and accessibility for everyone using the corridor.

New sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and ADA-compliant curb ramps will be installed in the public right-of-way. Existing undesignated, informal off-street parking within the public right-of-way will be eliminated to make room for these new pedestrian and drainage facilities. With limited public right-of-way, there isn't space to safely accommodate both parking and sidewalks.

One of the project's primary goals is to provide ADA-compliant sidewalks and curb ramps to enhance pedestrian safety. Driveway access will need to be modified in some locations to reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians.

As indicated on the map in blue, onstreet parking will remain available for the half block just north of Central Avenue on the west side of 9th Street NW.

If you would like to discuss changes to access, sidewalks, or other project features, reach out to: <a href="mailto:ella@benchmarkpublicaffairs.com">ella@benchmarkpublicaffairs.com</a>.

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