



The Billings Bypass project has a long history, with its roots in many of the local long-range planning documents. In 2001, MDT completed a feasibility study for the project, and in 2015, received approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and the Record of Decision (ROD). Following the approved FEIS and ROD, MDT selected local engineering firm, DOWL, to advance design and develop construction documents with support from Kittelson & Associates, Marvin & Associates, Morrison Maierle and Peaks to Plains Design.

The overall project will begin at the Johnson Lane Interchange, will cross the MRL railroad and Coulson Road with a new bridge, will cross the Yellowstone River with a new bridge, and will terminate at a new intersection with Main Street / Highway 87 / Old Highway 312.

Roundabouts are being considered as part of the Bypass project. Currently, roundabouts are planned at the intersection of the Bypass with Five Mile Road, at the intersection of Five Mile Road and Dover Road, and at the intersection of Five Mile Road with Old Highway 312.

Due to the project's size, complexity, and construction cost, the Bypass will be segmented into six separate construction projects. The first project, expected to begin construction in 2019, will reconstruct Five Mile Road and extend it to a new intersection with Old Highway 312. Depending on the availability of funding, the remaining segments are expected to follow each year thereafter.

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Montana Department of Transportation Vision Statement

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to invite the public to attend two open house meetings to learn about a new arterial roadway connecting Lockwood and Billings Heights.

The first open house is on Wednesday, September 27, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Independent Elementary School cafeteria, 2907 Roundup Road.

The second meeting is in Lockwood on Thursday, September 28, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Eileen Johnson Middle School Commons at the Lockwood School, 1932 U.S. Highway 87 East. The same information will be available at both meetings.

Proposed work includes a new arterial roadway that will connect Lockwood and the Billings Heights communities. Construction will occur in segments, and the first segment is tentatively planned to begin in 2019, depending on completion of preconstruction activities and availability of funds.

New right-of-way and relocation of utilities will be required. MDT staff will contact all potentially affected landowners prior to performing work on their land. Staff will again contact landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits.

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any service, program or activity of our department. If you require reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact Peaks to Plains Design at (406) 294-9668 at least two days before the meeting.

Community participation is a very important part of the process and the public is encouraged to attend. Opinions, comments and concerns may also be submitted in writing to Billings Bypass, PO Box 31318, Billings, MT 59107 and at billingsbypass@dowl.com, or sent to the Billings District Administrator Stefan Streeter at 424 Morey St., Billings, Montana 59101, or online at:

www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

Please indicate comments are for project UPN 4199001 Billings Bypass and submit comments by October 27, 2017.

Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request by contacting the Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620; (406) 444-9229; fax (406) 444-7243, or e-mail to aflesch@mt.gov. Those using a TTY may call (800) 335-7592 or through the Montana Relay Service at 711.