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Brief Traffic Disruptions Expected as Construction Proceeds on Five Mile Road Segment of Billings Bypass Project

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to notify the public of brief traffic disruptions on Old Highway 312 between Shepherd and the Billings Heights as construction continues on the intersection of Five Mile Road and Old Highway 312. Two-way traffic will be maintained during peak commute hours of 7:00 to 9:00 am and 4:00 to 6:00 pm, though a slight shift in travelling lanes may be present. Between 10 am and 4 pm, drivers should be prepared for possible 10-15-minute delays while pipe crews install irrigation culverts.

Construction is also progressing on Five Mile Road, including the intersection of Five Mile Road and Dover Road. Minor traffic delays should also be anticipated in those areas. Five Mile Road, from the Dover Intersection to Mary Street is currently closed. Access is open for local traffic and to the John H. Dover Memorial Park at the Bitterroot Drive and Mary Street intersection.

The MDT, Montana Contractor's Association and our construction partners are taking the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously. MDT has implemented several measures to help keep employees, contractors and the public safe during the construction season. MDT will continue to follow state and federal guidelines and apply safe practices.

April is National Work Zone Safety Week (April 20-24). MDT reminds drivers to pay attention, slow down and be careful as you pass through a work zone.

For more information on the Billings Bypass project and the specific project segments, please visit: <u>https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/billingsbypass/</u>.

Comments, questions or concerns can be directed to <u>billingsbypass@dowl.com</u> or by calling the Billings Bypass Public Involvement team at (406) 294-9668.

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