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Billings Bypass construction update

Construction on the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) Billings Bypass project continues with the completion of the Railroad Overpass roadway section. Billings Bypass is a six-phase project that will provide a new arterial roadway.

The Railroad Overpass is the third segment of the Billings Bypass project. It is comprised of two sections: the roadway section and the overpass section. Knife River recently completed the section of roadway that will connect the river crossing with the railroad and Coulson Road overpass.



Caption: Looking northwest, the new section of road will connect the new river crossing with the upcoming railroad and Coulson Road overpass.

Looking toward the 2024 construction season, MDT recently contracted with Wadsworth Brothers Construction to build the overpass. This project section is anticipated to last for two construction seasons. Wadsworth Brothers Construction also constructed the Billings Bypass Yellowstone River Bridge segment in 2021 and 2022.

Once the overpass is completed, a temporary connection from Coulson Road will allow public use of the new overpass and river crossing while additional project segments are constructed.

MDT leads this project in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Yellowstone County, and City of Billings. DOWL is the lead project engineer and public information manager, and Morrison-Maierle is the bridge engineer. Wadsworth Brothers Construction is building the bridge.

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

Comments, questions or concerns can be directed to billingsbypass@dowl.com or by calling the Billings Bypass public involvement team at 406-294-9668.

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