

AIRPORT ROAD

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is designing improvements for the Airport Road and Main Street intersection, just north of Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark. The intersection is a critical junction that serves local businesses, commuters, and freight trips. Today, the corridor is very busy and carries an average of about 63,500 vehicles per day. Traffic is expected to increase in the next twenty years creating increased congestion and safety issues if not addressed. The goals of this project are to:

- Improve <u>safety</u> and mobility for all users
- Reduce <u>congestion</u>
- Improve the <u>pedestrian and bicycle</u> environment
- Have an open, honest, and transparent decision-making process

Over a dozen alternatives were explored to improve the intersection. Based on feedback from businesses and residents during two public meetings, input from a Citizen's Advisory Committee, and one on one meetings with adjacent property owners, an alternative has been selected to move forward into design and ultimately construction. The selected "Modified Alternative" blends several alternatives together to balance regional and local impacts while still meeting project goals. Highlights include:

- 1. Three eastbound left turn lanes from Airport Road to turn north onto Main Street. Shifts roadway to north (dark gray area)
- 2. Two westbound lanes on the east leg of Airport Road to address MetraPark traffic
- 3. Right turn lane from southbound Main Street heading west onto Airport Road
- 4. Left turn lane from southbound Main Street to turn east onto Airport Road
- 5. A signal at the Aronson Road/Main Street Intersection

Please join us at the Open House to learn more about the project and provide any comments you might have.

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 13, 2020 4 to 6 p.m. Metra Park Yellowstone Room (308 6th Avenue North, at the Grandstands)

Drop by at your convenience to review materials and talk with project staff. There will not be a formal presentation.

Visit the project website for more informaton www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/blgairportmain

And you can submit comments (due March 13, 2020) by visiting www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Design Begins April 2020 Public Input Collected on Design Winter 2020

Design Completed Fall 2021 Right-of-Way and Utility Negotiations/ Relocations Estimated 2022

Construction

To be determined

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