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**SPORTSMAN'S  
BRIDGE**

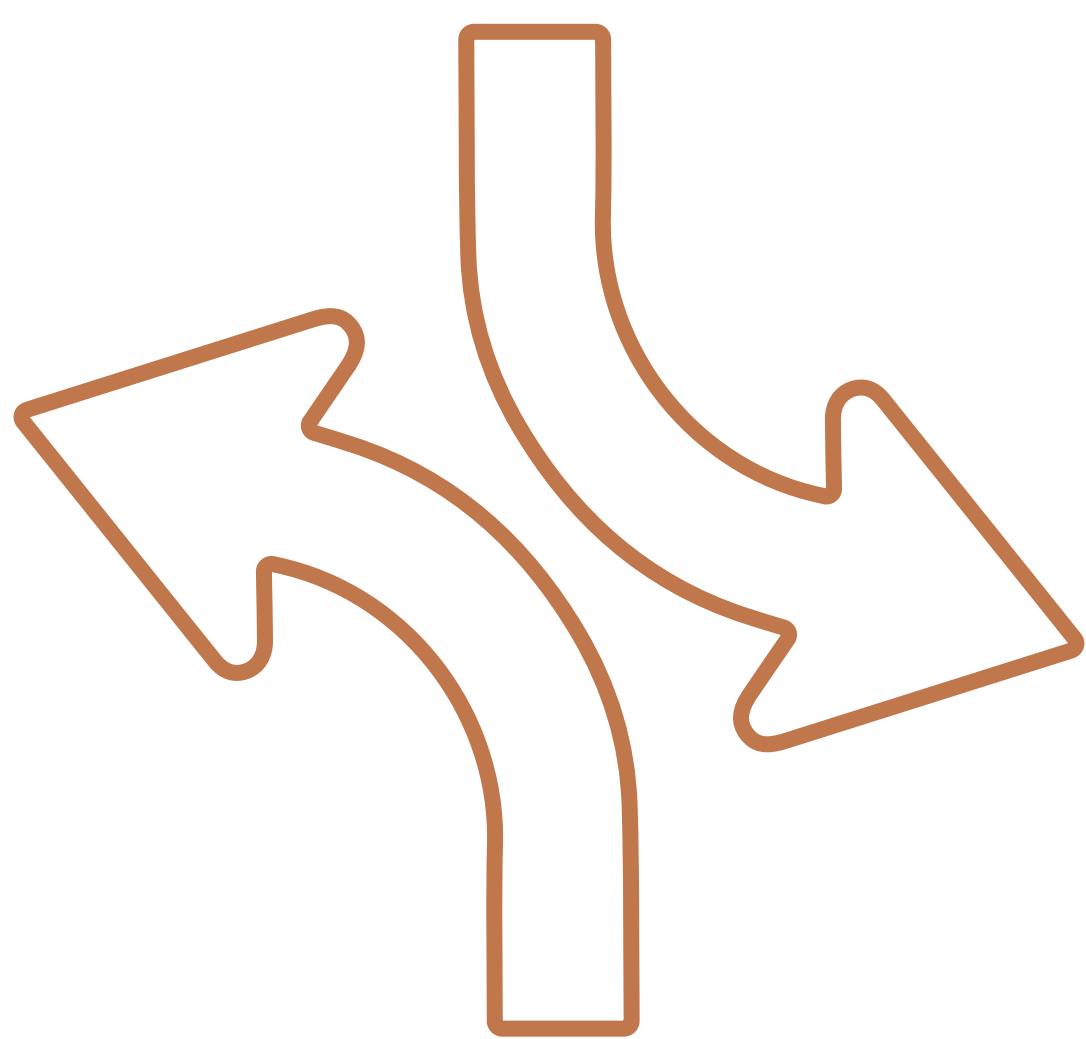
# Bridge Details

The Montana Department of Transportation will replace the bridge over the Flathead River on Montana Highway 82, also known as Sportsman's Bridge, with a new bridge that is better able to handle the increased traffic in the area.

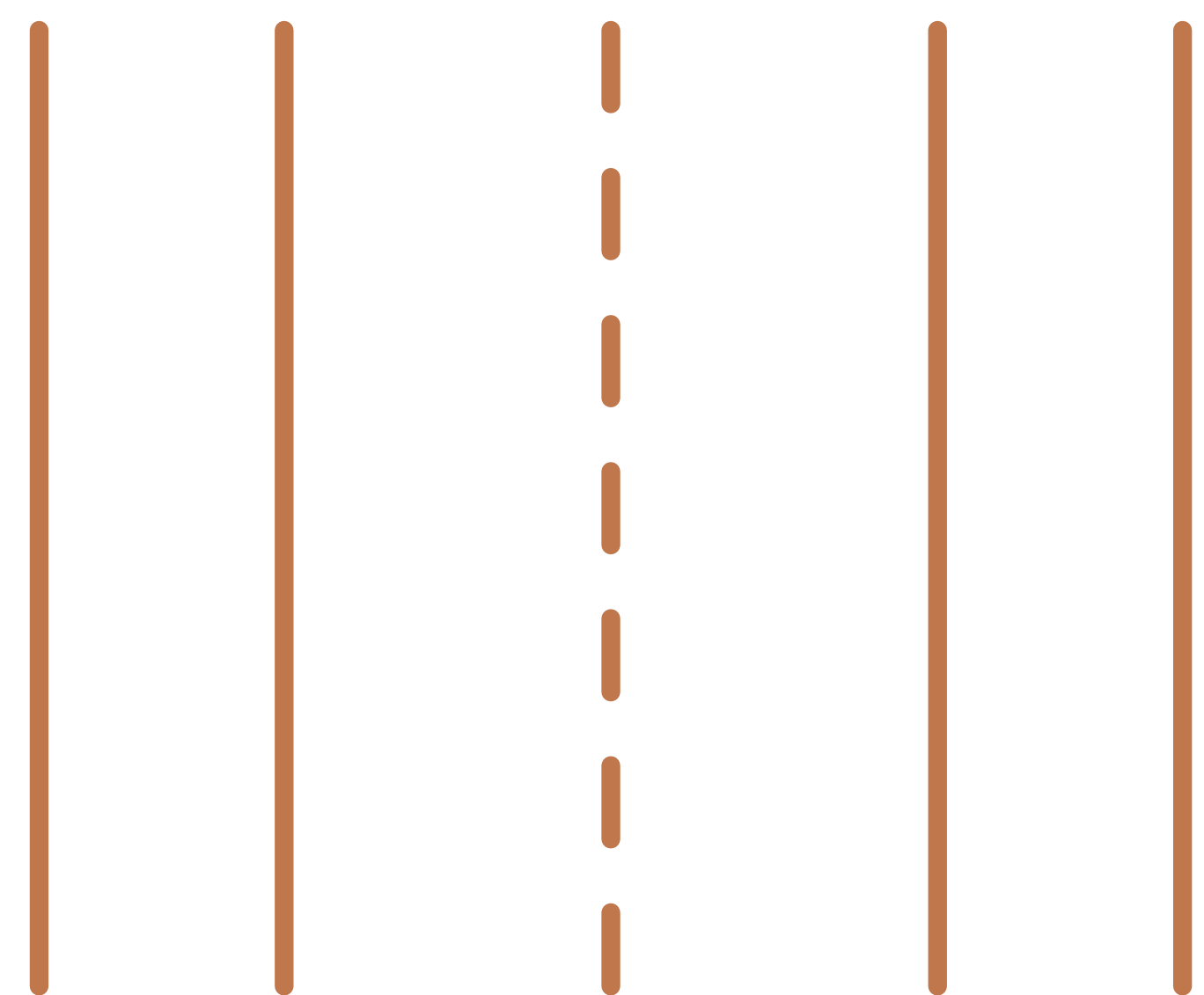
The new bridge will feature new lanes and shoulders that are wider than the current dimensions. It will be constructed adjacent to the south side of the current bridge which will allow traffic to continue to use the current structure during construction.

After the new bridge is constructed and carrying traffic, the old bridge will be removed.

## SOME DESIGN FEATURES INCLUDE:



Left- and right-hand turning lanes on Highway 82 at the intersection with Hanging Rock Drive.



Two 12-foot travel lanes and 10-foot shoulders

# Fishing Access Site Details

Because of the relocation of the new bridge to the south, the Sportsman's Bridge Fishing Access Site (FAS), located on the southeast bank of the Flathead River, will be impacted. MDT has been working with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) to construct a new FAS.

## SOME DESIGN FEATURES INCLUDE:



**Parking stalls to accommodate 28 trucks/trailers and eight standard vehicles**



**One ADA-accessible restroom facility**



**Access from the east side of Hanging Rock Drive, replacing the current Hwy 82 access point**

# Project Timeline

The following timeline is a tentative plan for the reconstruction of Sportsman's Bridge.

**2021  
SPRING**  
60% Design  
Completed

**2021  
FALL**  
Public Meeting

**2015  
MARCH**  
Cost Evaluation  
of Bridge  
Options

**2017  
JANUARY**  
Environmental  
Evaluation Begins

**2013  
AUGUST**  
30% Design  
Completed

**2016  
JANUARY**  
Bridge Option Selected

**2016  
DECEMBER**  
30% Design Updated  
for Selected Bridge

**2014  
JANUARY**  
Value Analysis Initiated to Reduce Costs

**2009  
JULY**  
Project Kick-off

**2020  
SPRING**  
Environmental  
Evaluation Completed

**2022  
SUMMER**  
Complete Final Design

**2023  
BEGIN  
CONSTRUCTION**

2009 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **WILL THE FISHING ACCESS SITE (FAS) REMAIN OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION?**

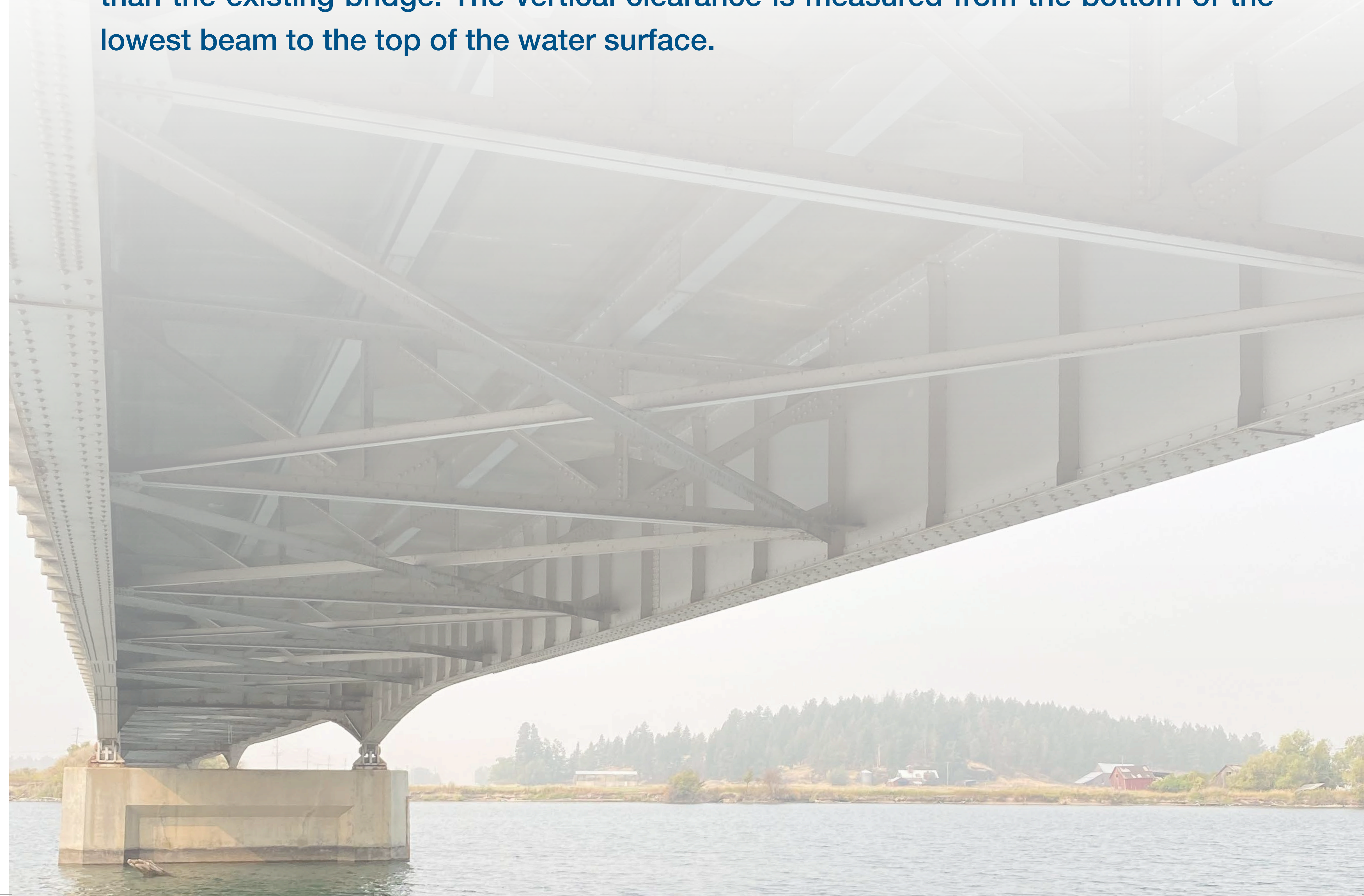
It is anticipated that the FAS will remain open throughout construction. This will be accomplished by constructing the new FAS before bridge construction begins, or by phasing construction of the new FAS to maintain operations. There may be inconveniences at the FAS due to phasing or flagging but delays are anticipated to be minimal.

## **WILL BOATING TRAFFIC BE ABLE TO TRAVEL UNDER THE BRIDGE DURING CONSTRUCTION?**

Boat traffic will be allowed beneath the bridge through the work zone, aside from occasions when construction activities dictate temporary short-term closures for safety. These closures are anticipated to last no more than eight hours per occurrence.

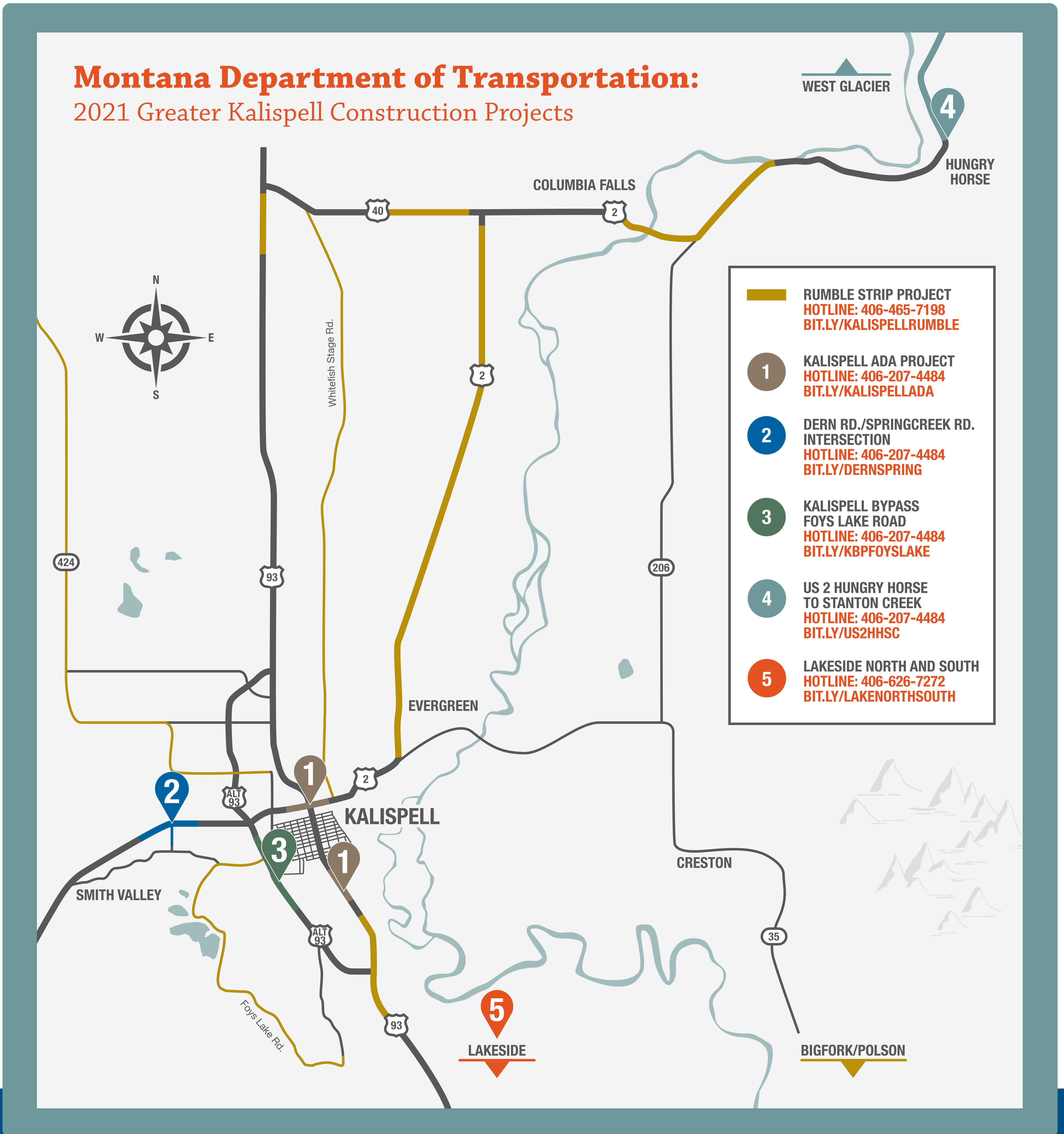
## **WILL THE NEW BRIDGE HAVE THE SAME VERTICAL CLEARANCE ABOVE THE RIVER AS THE OLD BRIDGE?**

The proposed Highway 82 Bridge will have the same or slightly more vertical clearance than the existing bridge. The vertical clearance is measured from the bottom of the lowest beam to the top of the water surface.



# MDT in the Flathead

We all know Montana's two seasons: winter and construction season. But what construction is planned for the Flathead Valley this season and next? Find information about other projects in our neck of the woods through the available resources below.



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