

# Hardin South

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# Project Area











The Hardin-South project is a roadway reconstruction project focused on improving State Secondary Highway 313 (S 313) by addressing wear and tear from seasonal loads and improving safety for all users. Additionally, the structure over Williams Coulee will be replaced and the structure over Two Leggins Canal will be maintained with new approaches and safety rails.

Originally approved in October 2014 to bring Secondary Highway 313 up to design and safety standards - Hardin-South is making it safer for all travelers.

-  6.5 mile project with mixed reconstruction and pulverizing with about .25 miles on the Crow Indian Reservation
-  Replacing bridge over Williams Coulee
-  Upgrading Two Leggins Canal bridge with new guard and bridge rails and upgraded approaches

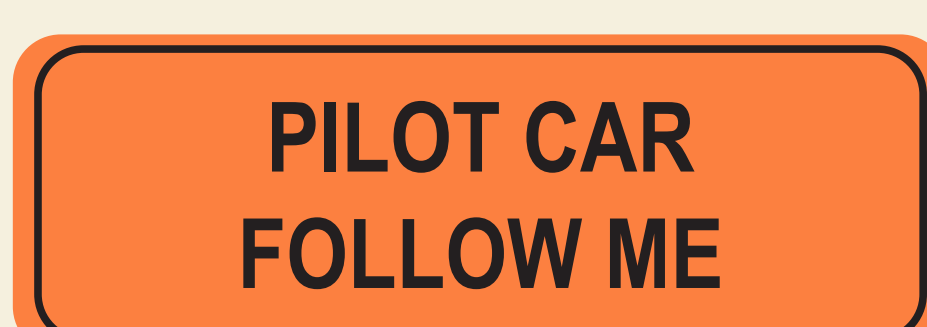
## What We Plan For

-  Heavy agricultural use
-  Harvest season
-  Major events (e.g., Crow Fair, Battle of the Little Bighorn)
-  Traffic to and from Yellowtail Dam and the Big Horn River
-  Tribal requirements (e.g., permitting, TERO)
-  Relocating utilities
-  Avoiding additional delays
-  Irrigation consideration

## What to Expect

Access to private property will remain fully available during construction; however, the public is asked to prepare for continued construction impacts, including:

- Reduced speeds and delays of up to 15 minutes;
- Limited lane closures on S 313;
- Flaggers and pilot cars;
- Single-lane, two-way traffic; and
- Temporary signals.





## Partners in Progress

KLE has been a partner with folks like MDT across the state of Montana in places like Roundup, Billings, and now Hardin, from their Billings-based office. Building in Montana isn't always straightforward, but the KLE team has figured out ways to help do jobs exactly as called for.

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**Montanans on Crew: 30**

**TERO Hires on Crew: 15**



# What's happening in the project?

Improvements on the Hardin-South project are designed to better the safety and longevity of the road and structures.

Improvement	What it means	What it does
<b>Resurfacing</b>	Creating a new driving surface with stronger materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes the road last longer</li> <li>• Makes it stronger against heavy loads or bad weather</li> </ul>
<b>Improving roadway curves</b>	Changing how much the road turns at certain points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves line of site</li> <li>• Makes travel easier for large equipment and vehicles</li> </ul>
<b>Widening</b>	Expanding the width of the driving lanes and shoulders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves safety for pedestrians</li> <li>• Makes travel easier for large equipment and vehicles</li> </ul>
<b>New approaches (bridges)</b>	Safer bridge crossing for travelers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates parts of the bridge that carry traffic from land to the main part of the bridge</li> <li>• Keeps bridge functional for all types of vehicles</li> </ul>
<b>New guard rails</b>	Replacing rails with sturdier, safer models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps travelers safe near the bridge</li> <li>• Helps decrease vehicles leaving the road</li> </ul>
<b>Striping</b>	Repainting old and painting new lines like centerlines and crosswalk marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves visibility of the road in bad weather</li> <li>• Makes it safer for pedestrians to cross the road</li> </ul>
<b>Signing</b>	Replacing old and adding new signs to alert travelers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves road safety for all users</li> <li>• Alerts travelers to hazards or changes in the road</li> </ul>

**Example road before widening**



**Example road after widening**



# Why do projects like this matter?

## Day-To-Day Reasons

- Stops the 'roller coaster effect', i.e., vertical alignment
- Smoother rides
- Better roadway curves
- Better line-of-site
- More control
- Safer turns and entry into the roadway
- Improved safety for travelers and pedestrians

## Long-Term Reasons

- Montana relies on our roads and bridges every day
- Maintenance now means less bother later
- Aligns with MDT's Mission of Vision Zero

The Montana Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe roadway system and partnering with our residents who use the roadways to ensure they make safe choices as they drive. MDT is committed to working with other safety partners in Montana to reach a day when no fatalities and no serious injuries occur on any public roadway - a Vision Zero.

So, whether you're driving to work, getting everyone to school, or hitting the road to enjoy all the great adventures Montana can offer, we're working with you to help achieve Vision Zero.



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