

Public Discussion of Improvement Project for Higgins Avenue Bridge

The Montana Department of Transportation is conducting an open house meeting to discuss the proposal to rehabilitate the Higgins Avenue Bridge over the Clark Fork River in Missoula.

The meeting will be held in Missoula on Wednesday, April 4, from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Wilma Theater (131 South Higgins Avenue). Project team members will be available during the meeting to discuss the project.

The purpose of the project is to extend the life of the bridge in a cost-effective manner by repairing or replacing the deteriorated elements of the bridge and provide improved accommodations for bicycle and pedestrian use on the bridge. The project is located within the city limits of Missoula on Higgins Avenue between the intersections of Front Street and 3rd Street West.

Proposed rehabilitation work includes replacing the bridge deck, repair and spot painting of the steel superstructure, replacing bearings, minor work on the concrete substructure units, and replacing the lighting. Proposed pedestrian and bicycle improvements include widening the bridge to the west side to provide for wider pathways on both sides of the bridge.

The meeting is open to the public and attendance is encouraged. MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any department service, program or activity. For reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact Jan Nessel at (406) 556-4707 at least two days prior to the meeting.

Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request by contacting the Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620; (406) 444-9229; fax (406) 444-7243, or e-mail to aflesch@mt.gov. Those using a TTY may call (800) 335-7592 or through the Montana Relay Service at 711.

Comments may be submitted at the meeting or to the Montana Department of Transportation Missoula office at P.O. Box 7039, Missoula, MT 59807-7039, or online at:

www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/higginsbridge

Please indicate comments are for project
Higgins Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation
and submit by May 4, 2018.