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Bridge work on Montana Highway 86

BOZEMAN, Mont. — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has recently issued new load posting or "Weight Limit" for the following bridges 06247 and 06249 (see map next page). The two bridges are located on Montana Highway 86 (MT 86) about 24 and 28 miles northeast of Bozeman, over Cache Creek and Flathead Creek, respectively.

Mandates from the Federal Highway Administration require MDT to update load ratings for all public bridges across the state. Engineers recently evaluated these bridges and determined that due to deteriorating conditions, weight restrictions are necessary. A posted bridge is safe to use, but the weight of certain vehicles must be limited. The new bridge postings indicate the maximum amount of weight that can legally cross the bridges for different vehicle types.

MDT is planning both short- and long-term solutions for the two MT 86 bridges including the following.

Short-term solution: To ease weight restrictions and restore capacity for highway-legal loads, MDT plans to install single-lane, temporary bridges until the original structures are replaced. Traffic changes caused by the single-lane bridges will include:

- 12-foot width restrictions.
- Reduced speed limits and new traffic control patterns.

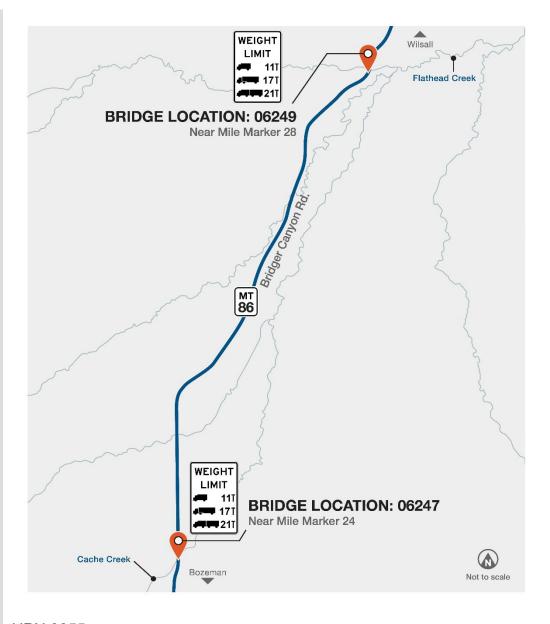
Work is planned for the spring of 2025 and will likely involve multiple single-day road closures. Motorists must use an alternate detour. For up-to-date information see: www.511mt.net.

Long-term solution: both bridges are planned for replacement, see https://bitly.com/bridgerstructures.

For questions related to the project, please call or text Lisa Gray with HDR Public Involvement at 406-208-0551 or email lisa.gray@hdrinc.com.



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