



The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has recently issued a new load posting or "Weight Limit" for bridges 06247 and 06249 (see map). The two bridges are located on Montana Highway 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.

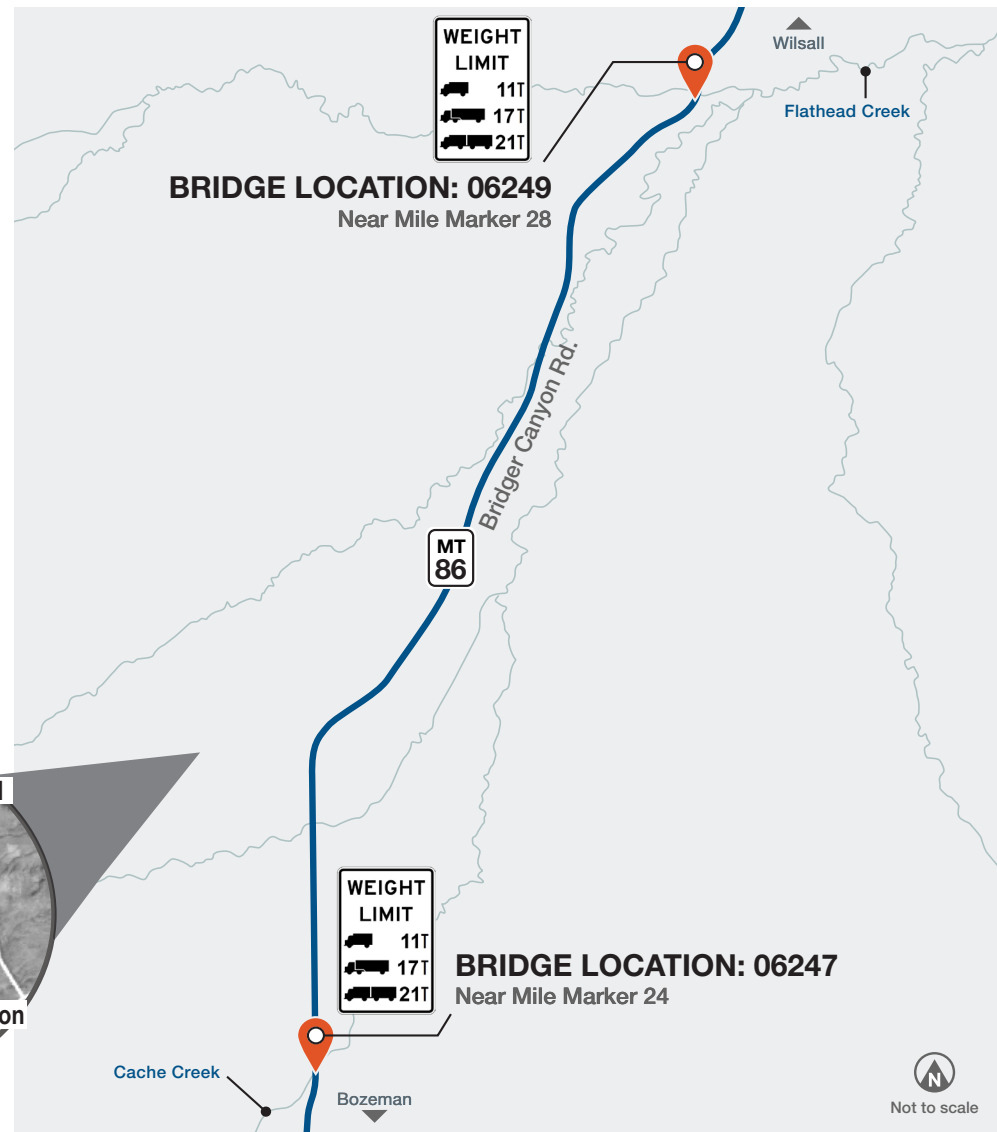
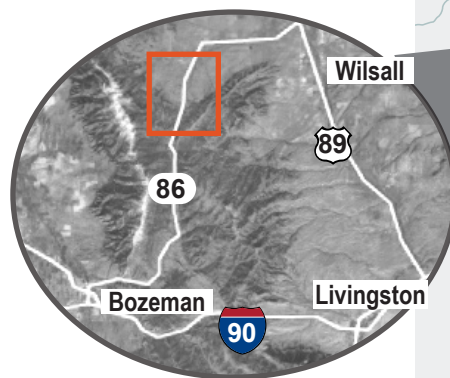
**Short-term solution:** To ease weight restrictions and restore capacity for highway-legal loads, MDT plans to install single-lane, temporary bridges until the original structures are replaced. Traffic changes caused by the single-lane bridges will include:

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

Work is planned for the spring of 2025 and will involve multiple, single-day road closures while the temporary bridges are installed.

For up-to-date information see:  
**511mt.net.**

**Long-term solution:** both bridges are planned for replacement, see [bitly.com/bridgerstructures](https://bitly.com/bridgerstructures).





**06247**



**06249**

Weight restrictions for bridges are in place to keep motorists safe and to maintain the integrity of the structure. An overweight vehicle could damage a bridge or cause it to fail, leading to serious injury or death. Per Montana law, it is illegal for an overweight vehicle to cross a bridge and doing so could result in significant fines, serious injury, death, or bridge closure.



**For more information:**

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