



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Rural Reconstruction

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT?

The purpose of the project is to reduce the occurrence and severity of crashes and provide a new driving surface to last well into the future. Planned improvements include:

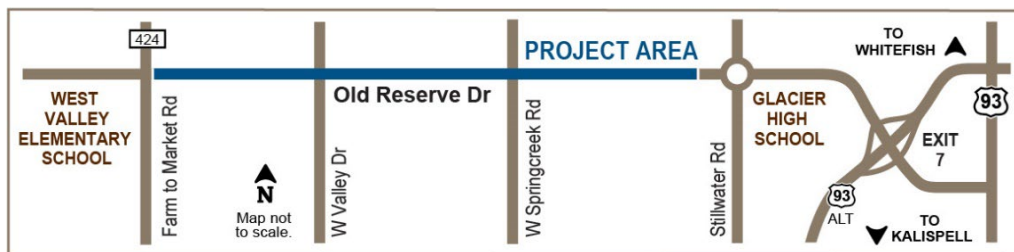
- Reconstructing and realigning nearly 3 miles of Old Reserve Drive.
- Building 8-foot shoulders and flattening slopes on each side of the road.
- Adding rumble strips to the centerline and shoulder of the road.
- Reducing the grade of steep hills and flattening vertical curves.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED?

This section of Old Reserve Drive was originally constructed in 1969 and was resurfaced in 2003. The project area has a history of crashes and steadily increasing Average Daily Traffic volumes. Flathead County selected this project as its priority improvement project using Secondary Highway funds. After performing a traffic and safety study, MDT identified several options for enhancing safety in the corridor.

WHERE IS THIS PROJECT LOCATED?

Old Reserve Drive is located in Flathead County to the northwest of Kalispell. The project area is approximately 3 miles, beginning at the intersection of Old Reserve Drive and Farm to Market Road and ending approximately 650 feet west of the Stillwater Road intersection.



HOW IS THIS PROJECT FUNDED?

This project will primarily be funded through Surface Transportation Program – Secondary funds with federal sources providing 86.6% and the state providing 13.4% of the funding from the state gas tax revenue. MDT receives no funding from Montana’s general fund revenue. The cost of the project is currently estimated at approximately \$15 million.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT PROCESS AND SCHEDULE?

MDT is currently in the design phase of this project. The project timeline will largely depend on right-of-way acquisition and availability of funding. At this time, the design phase and right-of-way acquisition process are expected to continue through 2024. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as 2025 and may be completed as early as 2027.

HOW IS MDT COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMUNITY DURING THIS PROJECT?

MDT has hosted public meetings to gather comments and present project information to the public and area landowners. MDT plans to host future public meetings during the design process and will notify the public at key points throughout the project. A public outreach plan will be developed and utilized throughout construction as well.

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT?

- Visit: mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/oldreserve/
- Email: Brandon@rbc.net
- Call: 406-465-3350

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