



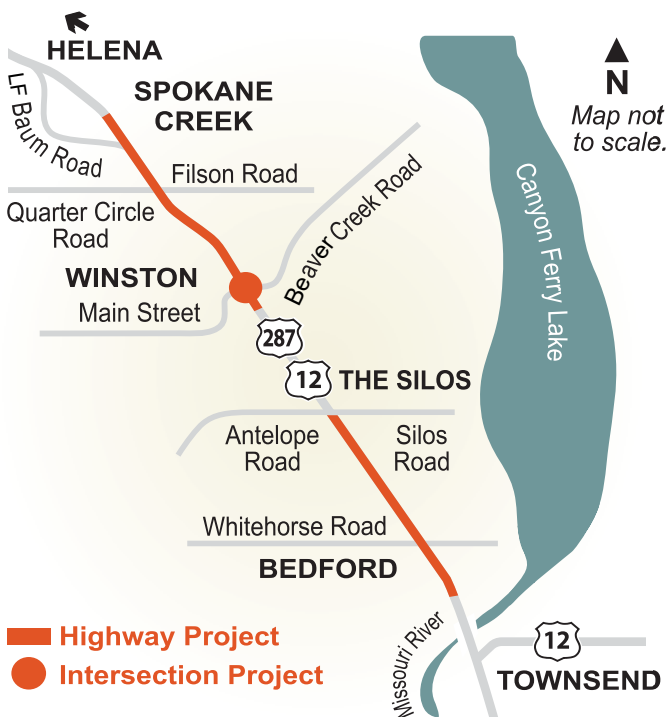
SPOKANE CREEK TO TOWNSEND



RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is developing plans to make several improvements on U.S. Highway 12 (US 12)/U.S. Highway 287 (US 287) between SpokaneCreek and Townsend. These improvements are part of three separate projects that will reconstruct specific sections of the highway to address traffic congestion and vehicle crashes in the area.

PLANNED PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:



- **Winston – Northwest project:** Widening approximately 5 miles of US 12/US 287 between Spokane Creek and Winston.
- **Beaver Creek Road Left-Turn Lanes project:** Installing left-turn lanes at the intersection of Beaver Creek Road and US 12/US 287 in Winston.
- **Silos-South project:** Widening approximately 5 miles of US 12/US 287 between Silos Road and Cottonwood Campground northwest of Townsend.
- **All projects:** Adding new pavement markings, signage, rumble strips, and a seal and cover (chip seal).

WHY ARE THESE PROJECTS NEEDED?

MDT identified this section of highway as struggling to support increasing daily traffic numbers. This highway was originally constructed in 1930 and reconstructed in 1960 and was designed as a two-lane highway at the time. Since that time, traffic on this section of highway has increased dramatically leading to significant traffic congestion. Widening the highway and adding additional lanes will help alleviate traffic congestion and enhance safety features.

The Beaver Creek Road intersection in Winston experienced a total of 9 crashes in a 12-year period from 2009 to 2020. Six of these crashes were considered addressable with the installation of left-turn lanes. Adding left-turn lanes in Winston will enhance safety features and address left-turn and rear-end crashes at the intersection.

See reverse for more information.



PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

MDT is in the design phase of the projects. Construction on these three projects will not occur until after the design is finalized and necessary right-of-way has been acquired. Construction could begin as soon as 2030 for Beaver Creek Left-Turn Lanes and Silos-South projects, depending on the availability of funding. Construction on the Winston - Northwest project is projected to begin in 2031 or beyond, depending on availability of funds.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

Preliminary Design	2025 - 2027
Final Design	2027 - 2029
Right-of-Way Acquisition	2027 - 2029
Projects ready for construction	2030 or later

STAY INFORMED

-  For the most up to date information about the project visit the project website at mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/spokanecreek
-  MDT encourages the public to join the project’s mailing list by submitting contact information to Brandon Coates at Brandon@rbci.net
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