


Zurich East/West US 2 Roadway Improvements



The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will reconstruct seven miles of US 2 between Chinook and Zurich to improve roadway safety. The project begins at the Battle Creek Bridge six miles east of Chinook and ends seven miles west of Harlem. The existing railroad tracks generally run parallel and to the north of the highway. This is a design phase project. The design phase will take 4-5 years and allows MDT to collect a variety of data that is used to create construction plans. Construction is estimated to occur beyond 2024.

 Receive project updates, text “ZurichEW” to 406-226-1603 or email ellac@strategies360.com*

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DESIGN ELEMENTS

This project will reconstruct seven miles of US 2. The roadway will be widened and passing lanes will be researched during design. These improvements will enhance roadway safety and improve service to local communities, agriculture, industry, commerce, and tourism along US 2.

MDT may shift parts of the roadway south to minimize impacts on the railroad during the widening process. The widening process along this section of US 2 will allow MDT to achieve a modern, 40-foot top width roadway, which includes 12' lanes and 8' shoulders, with the potential for passing lanes. MDT is also planning to replace all existing bridges and culverts within the project area.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

Our crews are out there working hard to keep us safe, it's up to us to help keep them safe, too.

Remember your Three S's of Work Zone Safety:

1. Manage your Speed
2. Manage your Space
3. Manage your Stress

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The Zurich East/West project is located on the Milk River floodplain. MDT is incorporating project specific steps to ensure that highway reconstruction is environmentally conscious. MDT is designing with sensitivity to wildlife passage to the extent practical. Design considerations will be included to ensure that reconstruction does not increase flooding. This project will also take steps to protect the surrounding wetlands from avoidable damage.



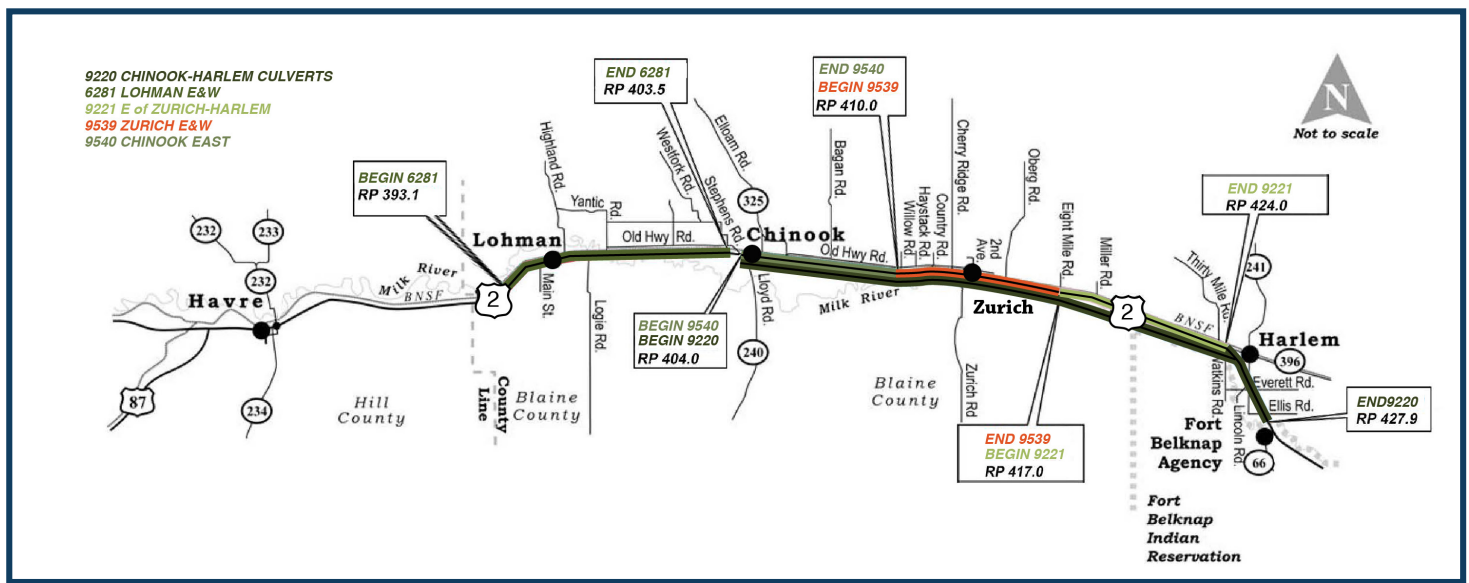
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PROJECT BENEFITS

- 📍 Improving safety to reduce the probability and severity of crashes.
- 📍 Increasing the operational capacity of the roadway.
- 📍 Improving service to the local communities, agriculture, industry, commerce, and tourism.

IMPACTS TO THE PUBLIC

During the design phase, impacts to the public will be minimal. Motorists may see periodic traffic control measures with reduced speeds and flaggers during field and survey work.



VISION ZERO
zero deaths · zero serious injuries
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- VISION ZERO FOCUSES ON:**
1. EDUCATION
 2. ENFORCEMENT
 3. ENGINEERING
 4. EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE

“All four areas of focus for Vision Zero are critical as we move toward zero deaths and zero serious injuries on Montana roadways.

To make a significant impact on fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads in Montana we also need the **FIFTH E**, which is **EVERYONE**.

We can use the education, enforcement, emergency services and engineering resources; but we can't do it without the support of every Montanan.

The vision for Montana is Zero – Zero Fatalities and Zero Serious Injuries on any public road in the State. That means that every time you get into a vehicle: Buckle up, make sure your children and friends are buckled up, and never drive impaired or allow an impaired person to drive.”

– Malcolm “Mack” Long
Director, Montana Department of Transportation

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