

ABOUT RESERVE-EAST

Originally constructed in 1947, Highway 258 extending east of Reserve, Montana, has required increasing maintenance as the condition of the road has deteriorated over time. The Montana Department of Transportation and Sheridan County recognized the need for improvements on the road and prioritized the project for construction in the 2024 season, assuming funding availability. The Reserve - East Highway project starts just west of the MT 16/Highway 258 intersection, extends eastward approximately 10.5 miles, and ends near the curve in the road by Dagmar.

IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:



Straightening the junction of MT 16 and Highway 258 so that roads intersect closer to a perpendicular angle.



Adding two-foot shoulders & rumble strips throughout the project area.



Adjusting the road to improve sight distance, the distance drivers can see farther ahead.



Resurfacing the road to make it a smoother ride.



Flattening the side slopes throughout the project area.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Public feedback is key to the success of any project. All are encouraged to reach out with thoughts, questions, and concerns throughout each phase of work.

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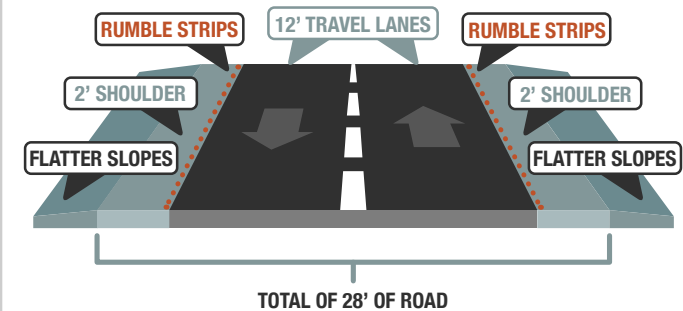
WIDER SHOULDERS



Shoulder widths vary according to roadway function, traffic volumes, and location - urban or rural. For the East Reserve Highway, parking on the highway would not be expected or advisable given the speed of passing vehicles. Adding wider shoulders also significantly increases the cost of the project.

To address the costs versus benefits of shoulder widths and responsibly manage the limited financial resources available for highway projects in Montana, the Department of Transportation has prepared the statewide Route Segment Plan: <https://bit.ly/MDTRouteSegmentPlan>.

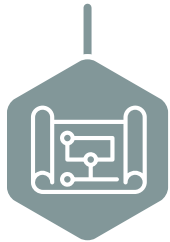
The plan recommends 2-foot shoulders for the East Reserve Highway, which also matches the shoulder width east of the project limits. An overall pavement width of 28 feet is proposed for this project. That along with flatter side slopes, should allow for vehicles to safely pass in a breakdown emergency or law enforcement stop.



TIMELINE

2021

Project plans were refined. Engineers mapped out all changes to intersections, alignment, curves, etc.



2022

Project plans are reviewed and revised, and the project enters the right-of-way stage. MDT staff visit with landowners to discuss possible parcel and highway right-of-way changes and acquisitions begin.



2023

Project plans are finalized. Permits for construction are secured. A construction contractor is chosen through competitive bids.



2024

Construction on the project begins and ends.



This timeline is subject to change. Factors such as funding availability, availability of contractors, right-of-way acquisitions, or even weather during construction can lengthen timelines.



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