



**Sun River to  
1<sup>st</sup> Road South**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Where is the project?

The US 89 Sun River to 1<sup>st</sup> Road South Project begins at the junction of US 89 and Montana Highway 200 (milepost 8.456) and extends 8.4 miles northwest ending approximately ½ mile southeast of 1st Road South (milepost 16.854).

### 2. Why is this project necessary?

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and help reduce roadway departure crashes. This section of US 89 was built in the 1940's and has areas with steep slopes on the side of the road, steep rolling hills, and narrow shoulders. Safety improvements in this area have the potential to significantly reduce the risk of roadway departure crashes.

### 3. What does the project include?

The project will reconstruct 8.4 miles of roadway and replace five bridges. The roadway will be shifted in some areas to reduce impacts to developed properties and environmentally sensitive areas.

Design plans will include:

- Reducing the steepness of slopes on the side of the road.
- Reducing the grade (steepness) of vertical hills.
- Adding 6-foot shoulders.
- Adding a new gravel base and pavement.
- Adding centerline and shoulder rumble strips.
- Replacing five bridges.

### 4. What is the project schedule?

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is in the early stages of developing the design plans. The design of the project is anticipated to be complete in 2023.

A construction year has not been determined.

### 5. How can I stay informed?

MDT will notify the community about public involvement opportunities through the project website, local media, mailings, social media and other communication channels throughout the project development process. For more information, visit:

[www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us89sunriver/](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us89sunriver/)

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