

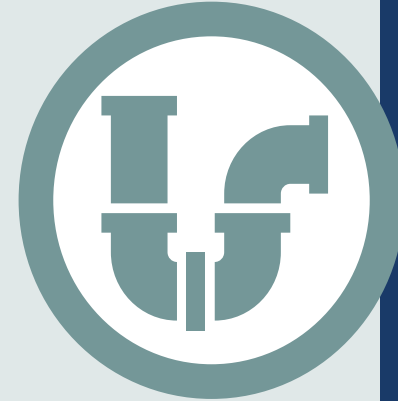
A CLUSTER ON CUSTER: THE LONG ROAD AHEAD



We do not know what the final design of Custer Avenue will be. There are lots of unknowns that need to be fully investigated before any work can be done on the route. The very difficult and lengthy task of exploring all of the potential impacts lies ahead. That means the Montana Department is actively considering...

UTILITY RELOCATIONS

The utilities running under Custer Avenue have been described as a bowl of spaghetti. Project designers must understand the location – and the potential relocation - of underground telephone, fiber optic cable, natural gas, city water/sewer/storm water, overhead power lines, cable and the Yellowstone Oil Pipeline.



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

There are many rules and regulations that impact how construction must be performed in areas with environmental sensitivity. MDT has to thoroughly research all potential environmental issues before a new roadway is designed.



HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

Without knowing all of these complex specifics, a timeline can not be set yet. What we do know is that a project of this magnitude will take time to do right.



WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

We have heard you- pedestrian access for kids, for parents, and for all non-motorized users is important on Custer. That's why MDT is taking a hard look at how everyone using Custer Avenue can be safely accommodated.



BUDGET AND FUNDING

How much will this cost? How can we plan ahead to make sure that the design accommodates future traffic projections and provides Custer Avenue the future capacity needed to secure federal funding?



WHO'S WEIGHING IN?

The public plays an important role in every project that the Montana Department of Transportation takes on. That's especially true for Custer Avenue, with so many different kinds of users.



WHAT WILL THIS LOOK LIKE?

The final footprint of an improved Custer Avenue is not yet decided, and the amount of land that will be impacted is still unclear.



WHAT ABOUT PUBLIC SPACES?

There are so many vital community areas surrounding Custer Avenue: wildlife refuges, wetlands, parks, community event areas and more. How many of these places will be impacted if Custer Avenue is improved?



HISTORIC PLACES

How many historic structures and areas would be impacted if Custer Avenue is improved?



WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

You tell us. What major issue or concerns do you have?
