



The Montana Department of Transportation is collaborating with the City of Glendive to deliver the Merrill Avenue Improvements Project. Improvements will extend pavement life, enhance roadway safety features and pedestrian connectivity, and reduce maintenance costs. Following are specific improvements:

- Improve pedestrian connectivity extend the pedestrian sidewalk along the west side of Merrill Avenue from Griswold Street to just north of the I 94 interchange.
- Reconfigure intersection operation and layout at Merrill Avenue and Douglas Street.
- Preserve pavement mill and overlay of the existing roadway surface.
- Restripe from four lanes to three lanes, which allows for adding bike lanes and preserves existing parking shoulders in most areas.
- Add a mid-block median refuge island with curb bulb-outs and pedestrian actuated flashing lights at the high school.
- Add additional curb bulb-outs at Slocum Street and the mid-block crossing just north of the Eastern Plains Event Center to reduce pedestrian crossing distances.
- Upgrade pedestrian curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Most of this work has already been completed.

The roadway improvements were recommended as part of the 2016 Merrill Avenue-Douglas Street to Oregon Line Traffic Study. The pedestrian improvements are included in the City of Glendive's City-Wide Strategic Trail Plan.

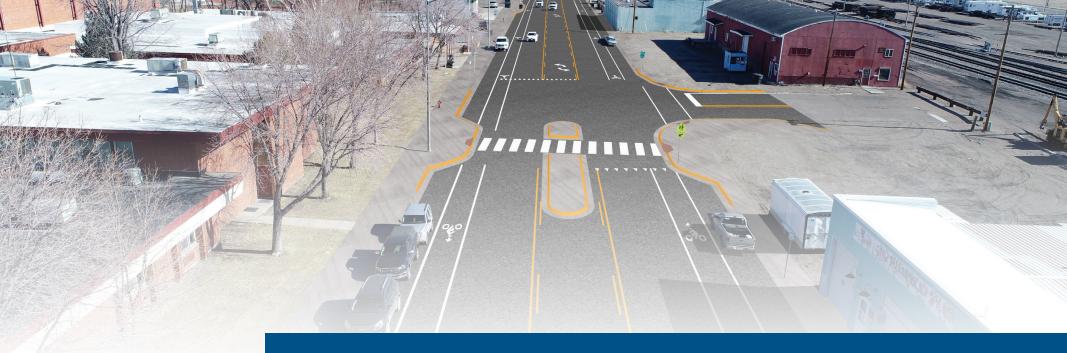
What is mill & overlay?

The paving process involves removing the top few inches of existing asphalt (milling) then putting on a fresh new coat of asphalt (overlay.)

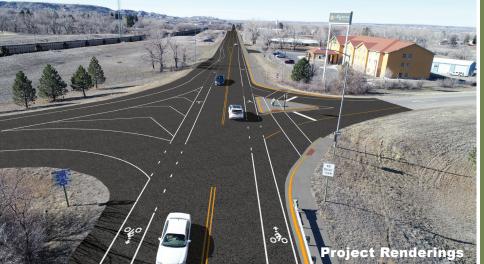












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