



central montana sidewalk upgrades

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Montana Department of Transportation, together with its construction contracting partners, are taking the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously. Construction projects on Montana's roads and bridges are considered an "essential" operation and will move forward as scheduled in 2020. While construction workers traveling to a worksite are exempt from the 14-day self-isolation travel rule, several measures have been implemented to help keep employees, contractors, and the public safe during the construction season. Some of the measures include following social distancing and good hygiene guidelines, and not reporting to work if showing symptoms of illness. For more information visit <https://covid19.mt.gov/>

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Q What is happening in our community?

A MDT has hired Century Companies, Inc. to replace parts of the sidewalk in five communities: Conrad, Shelby, Valier, Fairfield, and Rudyard.

Q Why is there a need for new sidewalks?

A MDT has selected locations from a statewide strategy called the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. This plan aims to address mobility needs along the state-owned routes. It will improve access for disabled persons and general pedestrians while increasing safety.

Q Why only a few sidewalk areas? Why not everywhere?

A Although it may be hard to tell, there are state, county, and city owned routes in your community. Each must be maintained by its owner. The areas selected for this project are on state routes. Montana Department of Transportation receives federal funding for this project. Typically, federal funding is issued to improve corner ramps but and very badly damaged sidewalk areas. Along the state routes, sidewalks are evaluated to determine if they meet current disability requirements, typically referred to ADA compliant. The ones that don't meet ADA are chosen for reconstruction.

For regular project updates, please use any of these methods:



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Q Where will the impacts be?

A Conrad

The sections of state roads where this will occur is on 4th Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Main Street and along Main Street from 7th Avenue South to 2nd Avenue North.

Shelby

The intersection upgrades are along U.S. Highway 2 between Adams Avenue and 5th Avenue, along Oilfield Avenue between 5th Street and 7th Street at the intersections of U.S. Highway 2 and:

- 3rd Avenue/Division
- 2nd Avenue/Maple
- Montana Avenue
- 1st Avenue

Valier

The intersection upgrades are located along Montana Street from Teton Avenue to Railroad Avenue.

Fairfield

The intersection upgrades are located along Park Way (U.S. Highway 89) from 3rd Avenue South to 4th Avenue North.

Rudyard

The intersection upgrades are located along Main Street from the intersection of 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue.

Q When will this happen and when will it be done?

A Project construction will start May of 2020 in Rudyard and progress south through the 5 towns ending by October 31st of 2020.

Q Will there be any road closures or sidewalk closures?

A Drivers will only see shoulder closures or brief lane shifts at intersections. Two-way traffic is expected to be maintained. Sidewalks will be closed and pedestrians will see signs indicating the detour.

Q What is the cost of the project?

A The total construction contract award amount is \$3,467,021.78.

Q How can I ask questions, voice concerns, or add comments?

A Toll-free number **800-514-1898** to ask questions. If we can't answer, we'll get your message and try to respond within 1 business day or as soon as possible.

- Online at https://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

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Q Where can I get more information?

A Online at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/centralMTada>

Q Are there ways to avoid the construction altogether?

A There are no designated detours at this time. If detour routes are established, public information will be released in advance of detours being utilized.

Q Will there be any facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, or non-motorized users?

A Sidewalks and ramps will be constructed in certain areas. Designated and delineated bike lanes will not be included.

Q What is the plan for removing the trees?

A In Conrad, there are several locations along 4th Avenue and Main Street where trees were removed to accommodate the new improvements. The trees were either conflicting with the new ramps, or in a couple of instances, have damaged existing sidewalks. These trees were removed to ensure no future damage is done to new sidewalks and the new improvements comply with ramp design standards. The only trees selected for removal were within State Right of Way and not on private property.

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