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Frequently Asked Questions

When is construction scheduled for?

Project construction will likely begin in late Fall 2023 or early Spring 2024, depending on the availability of funding. The length of construction could run as long as three months and will provide a temporary detour of 22.5 miles (an increase in travel distance of 15 miles) to South Wagner Road via Aklaki Road.

What is the funding source?

Funding for this project is through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, administered by the Federal Highway Administration, which provides funding to States and localities for transportation improvement projects.

Who is working on this project?

This project is a joint effort between the Montana Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Phillips County, the Bureau of Reclamation and other local, state and federal resource agencies.

Why does the bridge need to be replaced?

The substructure of the existing bridge is deteriorating, which will compromise the safety of the route in the long-term.

When was the existing bridge built?

This section of roadway, including the bridge, was constructed in 1955.

Will additional right-of-way be needed for the project?

It has not yet been determined if new right-of-way acquisitions will be needed for this project; however, the need for construction permits is likely.

Who can I contact with other questions or comments?

Please feel free to call (877) 623-2663 or email dodsonsouthcanal@dowl.com with any questions or comments. More information about the project can be found at the project website: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/dodsonsouthcanal>.

