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**I-90
Bridges**

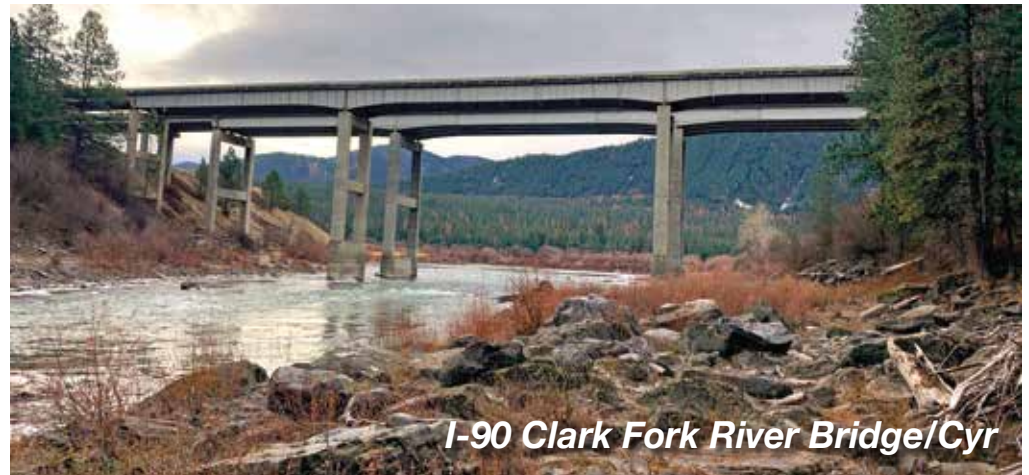


**WEST OF
ALBERTON**

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has developed plans to improve three westbound bridges on Interstate 90 (I-90) west of Alberton.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Review the status of the multi-year project planning and development process.
- Share the final design improvements for each bridge.
- Discuss the next steps in the project process.



Project Team

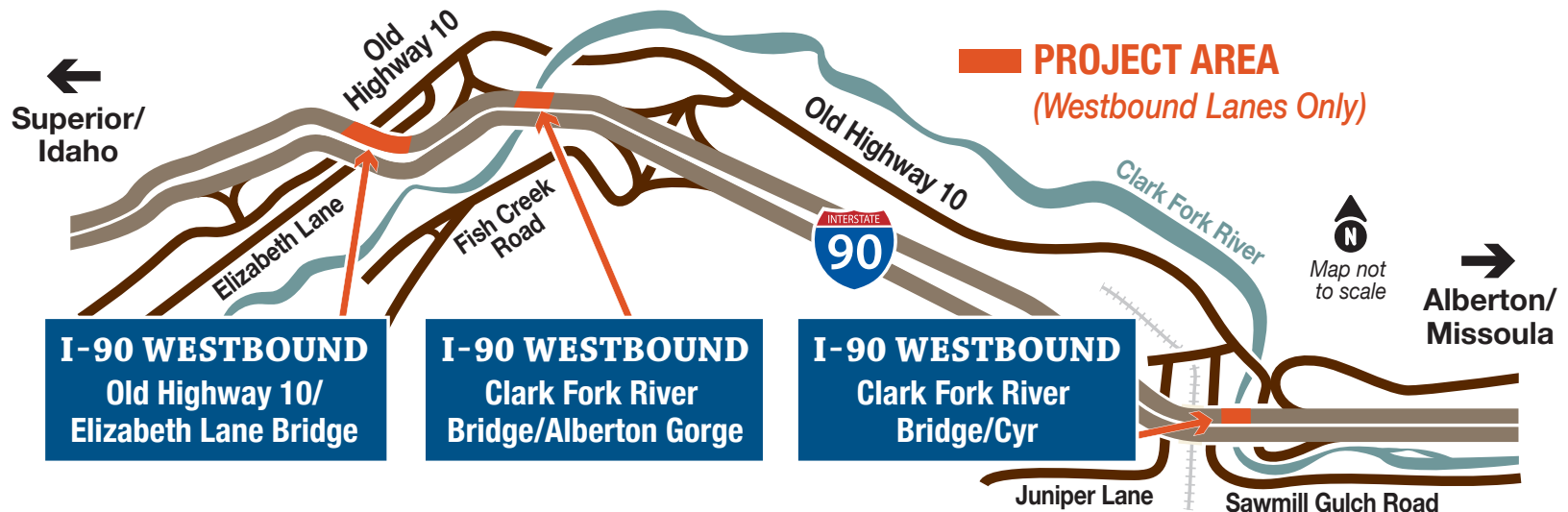


Project Overview

The Montana Department of Transportation has developed plans to improve three bridges in the westbound lanes of I-90 west of Alberton.

These bridges carry I-90 over:


- Old Highway 10 and Elizabeth Lane approximately 10 miles west of Alberton.
- The Clark Fork River near Alberton Gorge approximately 9 miles west of Alberton.
- The Clark Fork River near Cyr approximately 5 miles west of Alberton.



Project Process and Schedule



The project is in the final stages of the design and development process.

2020	Evaluate bridges.
2021	Conduct initial analysis, planning and field studies.
2022–2023	Develop preliminary engineering designs and continue evaluations.
Fall 2022	Present improvements to public.
2023–2025	Develop final design plans.
Summer 2024	Present final designs to public.  WE ARE HERE.
2025	Complete project design plans, permitting and right-of-way acquisition.
TBD	Begin construction (dependent on the availability of funding and will be scheduled once the design plans are finalized).

Bridge Management Process



The MDT Bridge Bureau is tasked with keeping Montana's bridges safe, resilient, economical, and reliable.

The Bridge Bureau has two sections: Bridge Management and Bridge Design.



Clark Fork River Westbound Bridge near Alberton Gorge

Upon inspection and analysis of the bridge, MDT determined that a full replacement is the preferred improvement option.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

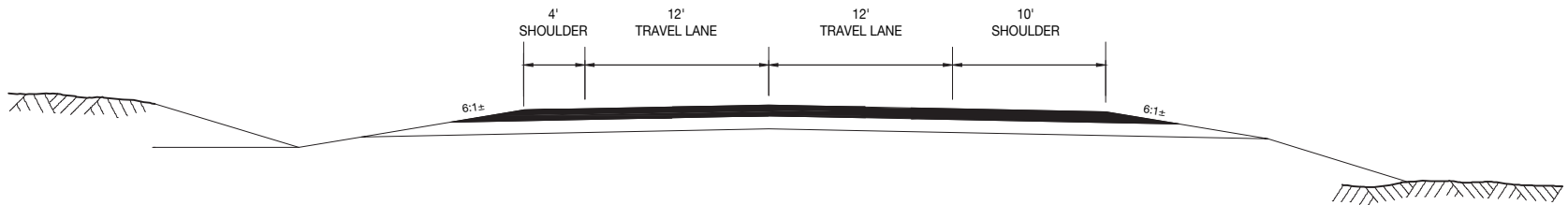
- Replace the bridge with a three-span steel beam bridge.
- Two new piers placed outside of the river.



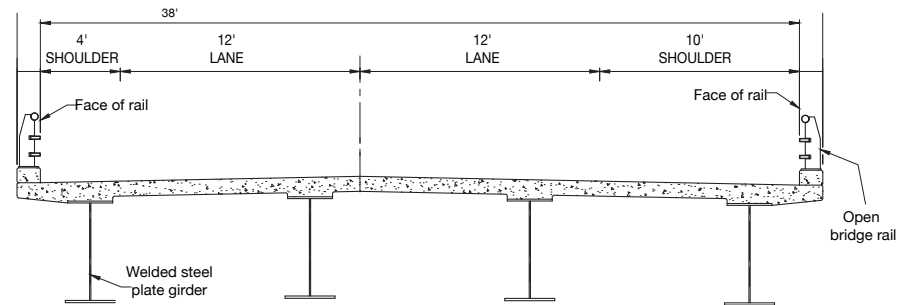
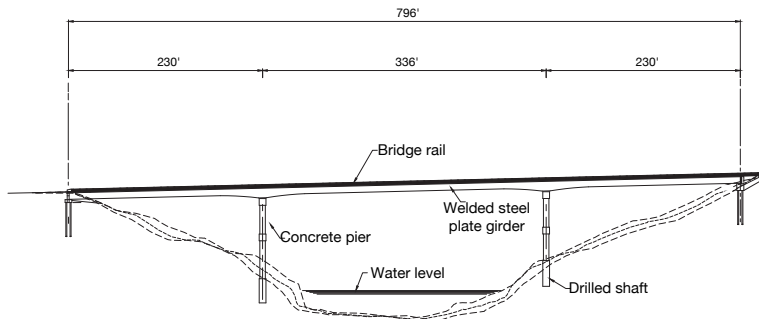
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Typical section — Westbound I-90

Road



Bridge



Clark Fork River Westbound Bridge near Cyr

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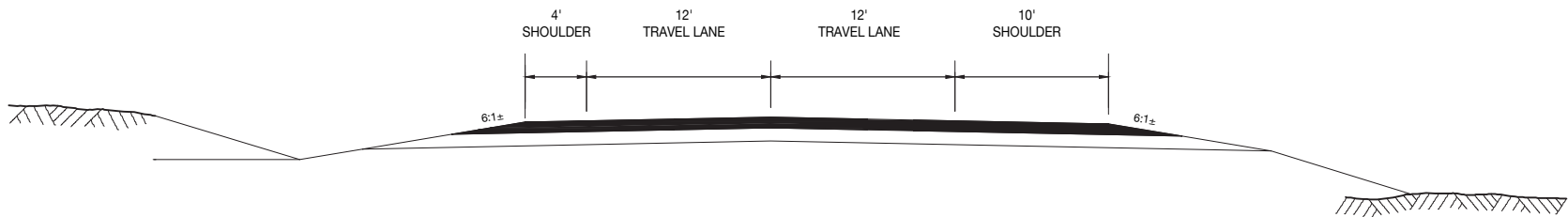
- Replace the bridge with a four-span steel beam bridge.
- Place two new piers at edge of river.
- Increase the vertical clearance on the I-90 eastbound on-ramp.



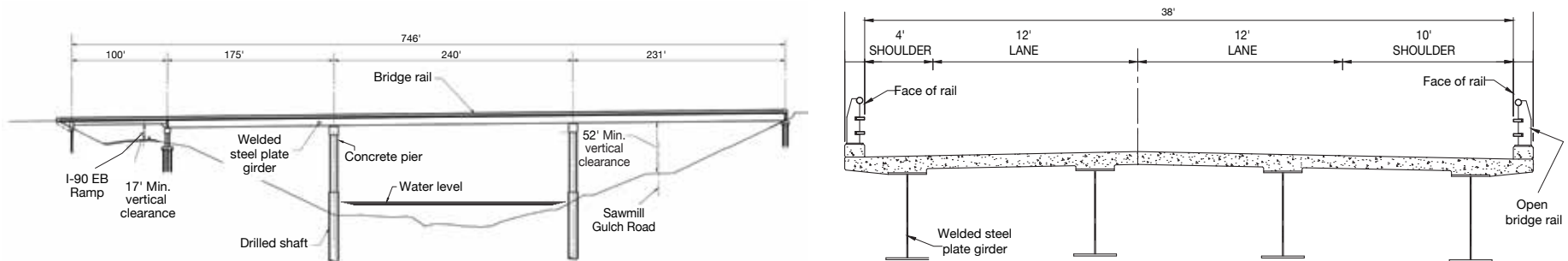
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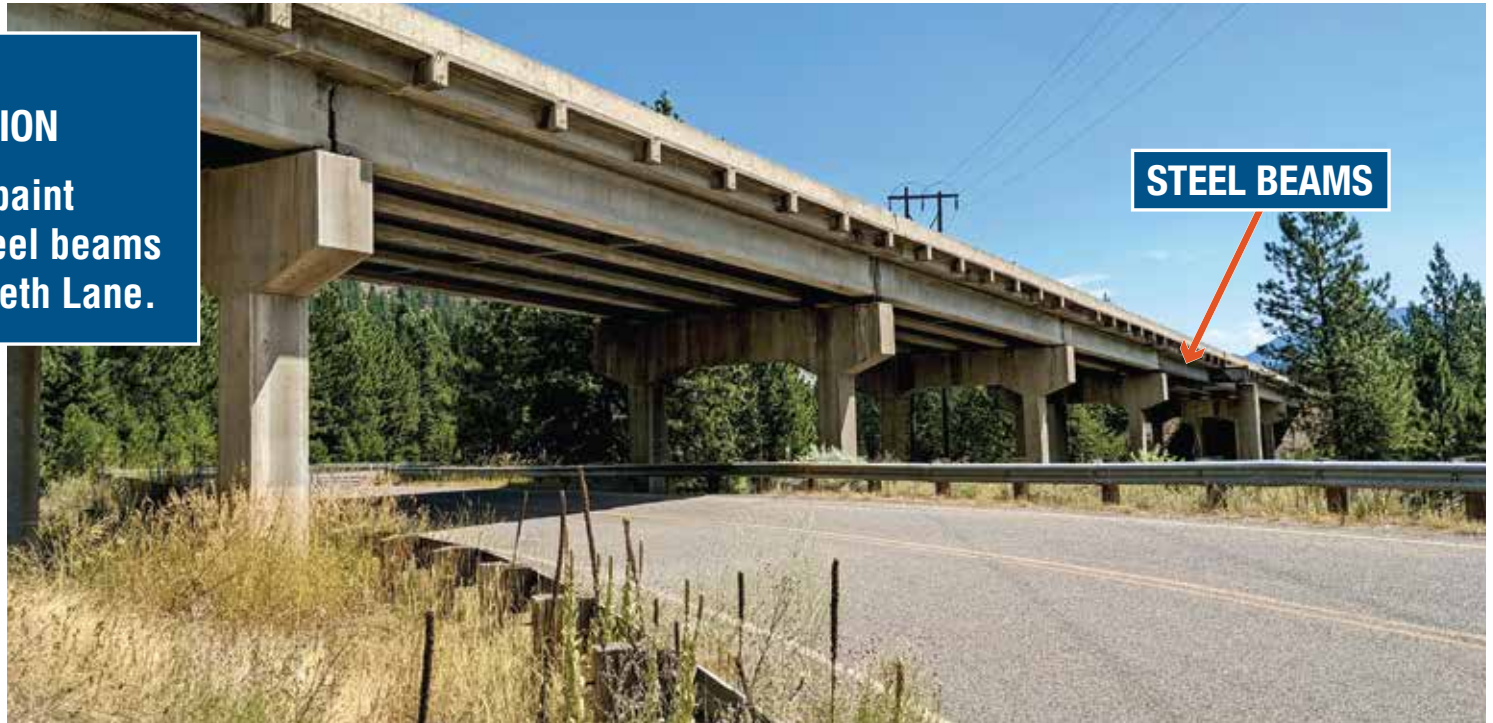


Old Highway 10 and Westbound Elizabeth Lane Bridge

Upon inspection and analysis of the bridge, MDT determined that rehabilitation is the preferred improvement option.

PLANNED REHABILITATION

- Clean and paint existing steel beams over Elizabeth Lane.



Anticipated Traffic Control

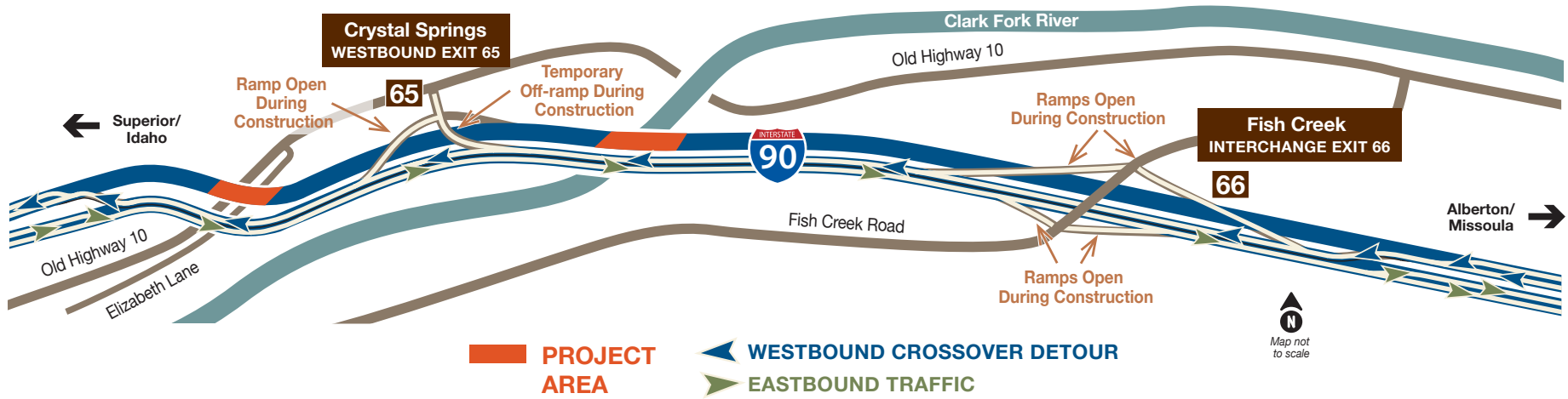


MDT anticipates that reconstruction of the bridges will impact travel on I-90 and on Elizabeth Lane and Sawmill Gulch Road. Potential traffic impacts include:

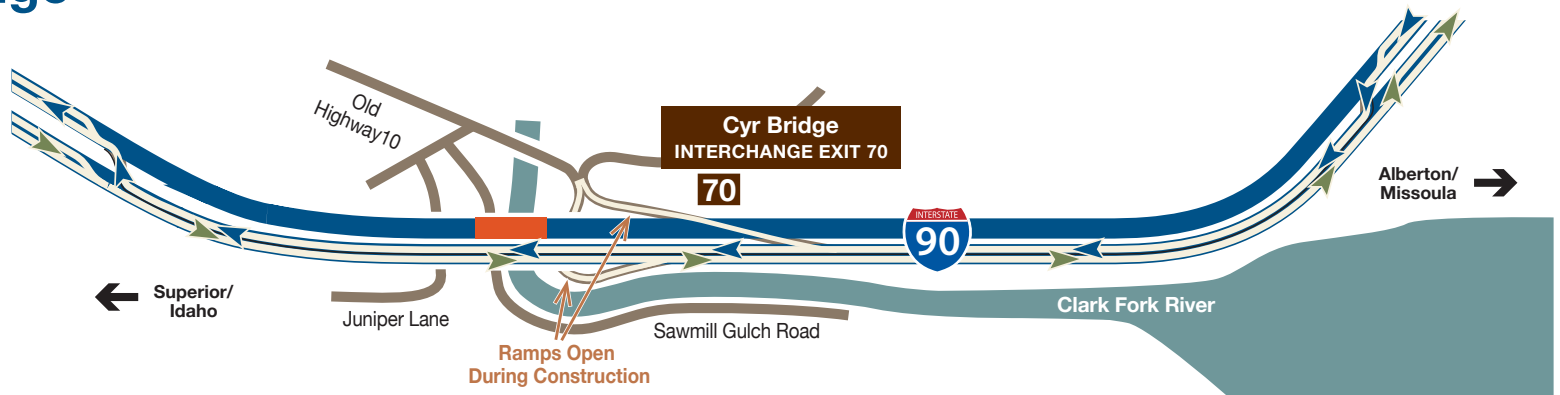
- Interstate 90
 - Reduced speeds, lane closures, lane shifts, width restrictions and crossovers to shift all traffic to the east bound side of the interstate.
- Elizabeth Lane and Sawmill Gulch Road
 - Alternating one-way traffic through construction work zones.
 - Intermittent closures beneath the bridges are anticipated for some overhead work.
- Clark Fork River
 - Floating buoys will direct river users through construction.
 - Temporary closures may be needed at times for some overhead work.

Construction Detours

Alberton Gorge Bridge



Cyr Bridge



Environmental Considerations

MDT evaluated the project's potential impacts to the environment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

The evaluation considered impacts to:

- Threatened and endangered species.
- Migratory birds.
- Wildlife crossings.
- Recreational river activities.



What's Next?

After the public meetings, MDT and their consulting partner Morrison-Maierle will review input and finalize the design plans.

Once the plans are finalized, the project is ready and construction can begin when funding becomes available.



2022 Open House held at Alberton School.

Thank You



Thank you for your participation.

Communication with the public is important to the success of this project.

Stay Informed

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