



# **SOUTH OF MISSOULA**

## **BRIDGE PRESERVATION**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **1. What bridges does this project include?**

This project will rehabilitate 38 bridges south of Missoula along US Highway 93 (US 93), Secondary Highway 269 (S 269), Secondary Highway 531 (S 531), Secondary Highway 203 (S 203), and Bell Crossing West. The project area begins just south of Missoula near Lolo and follows US 93, ending near Sula.

#### **2. What improvements will be made?**

Each bridge is evaluated individually, but improvements may include repairing the bridge decks, minor joint repair, crack sealing the bridge decks, smoothing the bridge approaches, and new pavement markings.

#### **3. Why is this project necessary?**

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) identified 38 bridges constructed between 1949 and 2011 that need repairs and rehabilitation. This project will extend the service life of these bridges and provide a smoother driving surface for many years to come.

#### **4. What is not included in the project?**

No bridge decks will be replaced, and no substantial upgrades or new signage will be included in the project.

#### **5. Are all 38 bridges the same?**

No. Each bridge may undergo different construction activities based on need. Additionally, many of the bridges are two-lane bridges with one lane in each direction and others are four-lane bridges with two lanes in each direction.

#### **6. What should I expect during construction?**

- Single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers on bridges with one lane traveling in each direction.
- Four-lane bridges reduced to two lanes with crossover traffic patterns in place.
- Reduced speed limits.
- Delays up to 15 minutes.
- Wide loads may be restricted on a case-by-case basis for bridges. Visit [511mt.net](http://511mt.net) for the most up-to-date information

#### **7. What is the project schedule?**

This project began in 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in 2025.

#### **8. Who can I contact regarding this project?**

Questions or comments can be directed to:

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