



**Sun River to
1st Road South**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is the project?

The US 89 Sun River to 1st Road South Project begins at the junction of US Highway 89 (US 89) and Montana Highway 200 (MT 200) and extends approximately 4 miles northwest ending about half a mile southeast of 1st Road South.

2. Why is this project necessary?

The purpose of this project is to enhance safety and help reduce roadway departure crashes. This section of US 89 was built in the 1940's and has areas with steep slopes on the side of the road, rolling hills, and narrow shoulders. Safety improvements in this area have the potential to significantly reduce the risk of roadway departure crashes.

3. What does the project include?

The project will reconstruct approximately 8 miles of roadway and replace five bridges. The highway will be shifted in some areas to reduce impacts to developed properties and environmentally sensitive areas.

Design plans will include:

- Reducing the steepness of slopes on the side of the road.
- Reducing the grade (steepness) of vertical hills.
- Replacing five bridges.
- Adding 6-foot shoulders.
- Adding a new gravel base and pavement.
- Adding centerline and shoulder rumble strips.

4. When will the project be constructed?

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is in the early stages of developing the design plans. The design of the project is anticipated to be completed in 2029. A construction year has not been determined.

5. How can I stay informed?

MDT will notify the community about public involvement opportunities through the project website, local media, mailings, social media and other communication channels throughout the project development process. For more information, visit:

www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us89sunriver/

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