

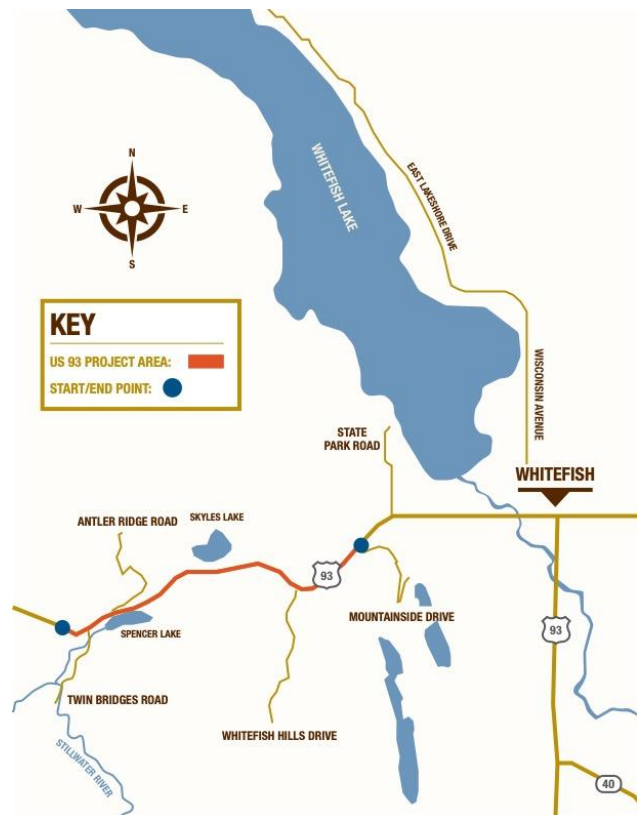
Project Overview:

Q: What is the US 93 West of Whitefish project?

A: The project on US 93 West of Whitefish is a reconstruction project located on US Highway 93 (US 93) extending just west of the intersection with Mountainside Drive and continuing westward for approximately three miles. The project includes new surfacing, turn lanes, guardrails, shoulders, new signage, and a separated shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians, which includes Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant handrails and detectable warning devices.

Q: Where is the project location?

A: This project is located on US 93, west of the city of Whitefish between the intersection with Mountainside Drive and extending just west of the intersection with Livermore Flats at mile post 133. This busy stretch of highway is the western route used by residents, visitors, and commercial vehicles to travel from Whitefish to communities to the north and into Canada. Traffic has increased significantly along this route. The amount of traffic increases during the summer months due to tourists and recreationists traveling to Glacier National Park and other destinations in the region.



Q: Why is tree clearing necessary?

A: Tree clearing is necessary for utility relocation prior to road reconstruction. This activity will continue into early 2025.

Q: What is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and how does it affect MDT projects?

A: The Migratory Bird Treaty of 1918 (MBTA) prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species. Their nests cannot be disturbed once they are active, which is when birds or eggs are present in the nest. An active nest can halt work and delay the project. MDT schedules activities to avoid this, which means vegetation clearing may start well in advance of construction.

Q: Who is the contractor for this project?

A: The project will be advertised for bids in early December. Contract award is anticipated in early 2025.

Q: Why did this project take so long?

A: There are a lot of activities that go into delivering a project. [Building a good road takes time.](#)

Timelines and Construction

Q: How long will construction take?

A: The project should take two seasons to construct and is expected to be completed in fall of 2026.

Q: What will travel along the US 93 West of Whitefish project corridor look like during construction?

A: Traffic impacts are dependent on how the contractor stages the work. MDT will make every effort to keep the public informed of changing conditions.

Q: How will you manage traffic delays due to construction?

A: Keeping traffic moving while keeping workers and travelers safe in the work zone is a priority.

Q: Will businesses and residents have access throughout construction?

A: Yes, access will be maintained throughout construction.

Q: What happens in the case of emergency during active construction work?

A: Traffic control plans include the movement of emergency vehicles.