



CUT BANK—URBAN



Main Street (U.S. Highway 2) Reconstruction Project

PROJECT NEWSLETTER—ISSUE 2

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PUBLIC MEETING #2 Please Join Us!

TUESDAY
JUNE 24, 2014
6:00 PM
Joe Meagher Memorial
Civic Center

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We hope to see you there!



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is developing a reconstruction project for U.S. Highway 2 (N-1) through Cut Bank, Montana. The project, referred to as “Cut Bank Urban”, is located along Main Street between 4th Avenue SW (reference post [RP] 254.8) and the intersection with Railway Street (RP 256.0), for a total length of approximately 1.2 miles. The functional classification of N-1 is Urban Principal Arterial. An Urban Principal Arterial serves major metropolitan centers, corridors with the highest traffic volume, and those with the longest trip lengths. It carries most trips entering and leaving urban areas, and it provides continuity for all rural arterials that intercept urban boundaries.

The purpose and need for this project is to rehabilitate the roadway surfacing, while also widening the usable and finish top widths to improve safety for both vehicles and pedestrians. ADA compliant access for pedestrians throughout the urban section of this project is also a need that will be addressed.

The intent of the project is to design an improved travel way for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The proposed work includes new asphalt surfacing, curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, lighting, utilities, storm drainage, signing and pavement markings.

The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2016, depending on completion of all project development activities and availability of funding.

Limited right-of-way acquisition is anticipated to accommodate new sidewalk ADA corners, and relocation of utilities may be necessary in some locations. If either or both new right-of-way or utility relocations are necessary, MDT staff will contact all affected landowners prior to doing survey work on their land. Staff will again contact landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits.



PROJECT WEBSITE

A project website has been established and will be updated periodically as information becomes available. The website address is:

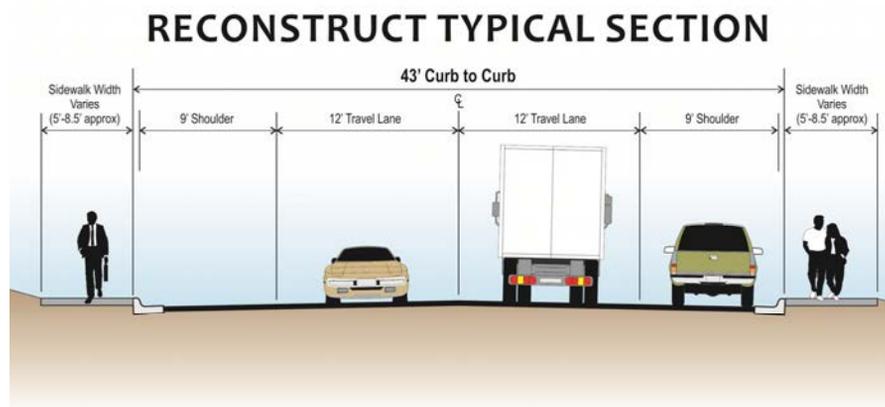
<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/cutbankurban/>

ROADWAY CONFIGURATIONS

Two road “typical sections” are planned for Main Street. These are referred to as the “Reconstruct” and “Rehabilitation” Typical Sections.

Reconstruct Typical Section (4th Ave SW to 9th Ave SE)

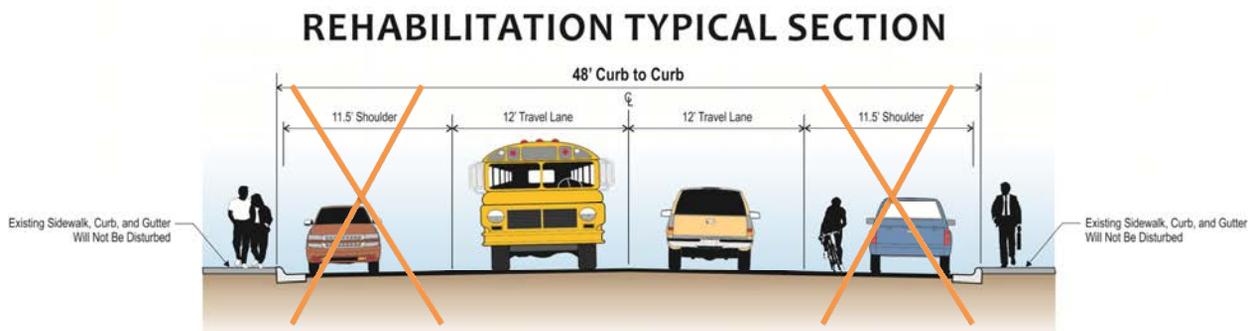
The **Reconstruct Typical Section** is generally located on Main Street within the downtown area. To enhance the road facility and improve safety, the shoulder of the roadway will be widened to 9 feet on each side (compared to the existing shoulder width of 7.5 feet). To realize this safety feature, the extra 1.5 feet of space for the shoulder on each side of the roadway will be removed from the sidewalk. Note that the sidewalk width varies in the downtown, but is generally 10 feet wide under existing conditions.



Rehabilitation Typical Section (9th Ave SE to Railway Street)

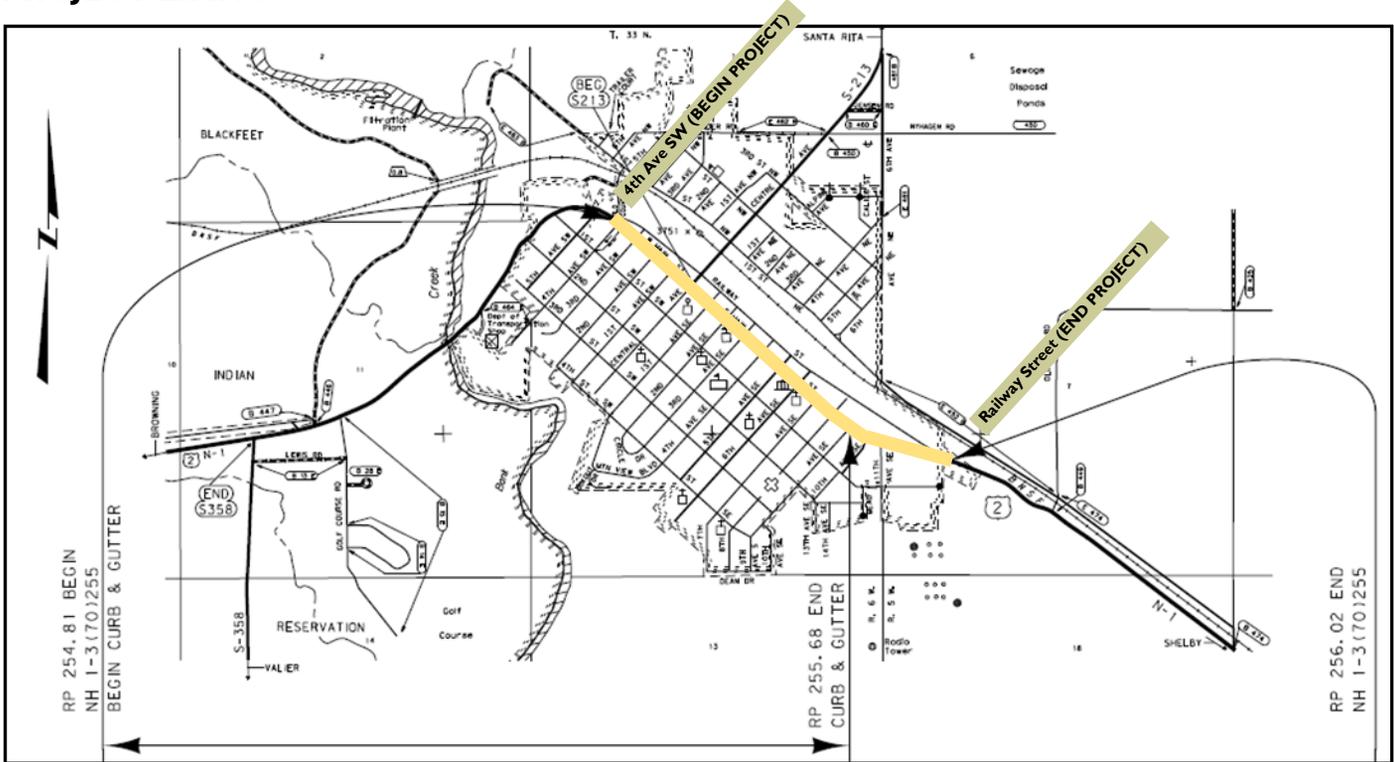
The **Rehabilitation Typical Section** is located east of 9th Ave SE to Railway Street. This segment is designated for rehabilitation. All work will occur within the existing roadway prism, between the existing curb lines, and is intended to improve the surfacing, signing and pavement markings along the road. No work will take place outside of the existing curb lines.

The **Rehabilitation Typical Section** allows some parking between 9th Ave SE and 11th Ave SE. However east of 11th Ave SE parking will not be allowed on the roadway shoulders. This is due to the need for a continuous two-way, left-turn lane (TWLTL) between 11th Ave SE and Railway Street



NOTE: Between 11th Ave SE and Railway Street, parking will not be allowed on the roadway shoulder due to the need for a TWLTL.

PROJECT LIMITS



DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Reduced sidewalk width between 4th Ave SW to 9th Ave SE by 1.5 feet (each side)
- Asphalt overlay of Railway Street
- Sensitivity to historic features (coal chutes, horse hitching rings, etc.)
- Street light considerations
- Signage and pavement markings
- City sewer main infrastructure
- Potential park and school impacts
- Impacts to adjacent properties
- Maintenance of traffic during construction



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NEXT STEPS

The second public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at the Joe Meagher Memorial Civic Center, 800 E. Railroad in Cut Bank, MT. The meeting will start with a presentation at 6:00 p.m., followed by a comment, question and answer period. The purpose of the meeting is to update the community on the project, present roadway design considerations, review the project schedule, and solicit community feedback. Participation is a very important part of the project development process, and citizens are encouraged to attend and participate.

For more information, please contact RPA's Project Engineer Jeff Key at (406) 447-5000 or MDT Great Falls Preconstruction Engineer Steve Prinzing at (406) 454-5899. Opinion, comments and concerns may be submitted in writing at the meeting, by mail to Jeff Key, Project Engineer, Robert Peccia and Associates, PO Box 5653, Helena, MT. 59604, or online at: www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

Please indicate that your comments are for the Cut Bank Urban Reconstruction Project, UPN 7624 and submit comments by July 22, 2014.

MDT and RPA attempt to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person participating in any service, program, or activity associated with this study. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request. For further information, call (406) 447-5000 or TTY (800) 335-7592, or call Montana Relay at 711. Accommodation requests must be made at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled activity and / or meeting.