

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### ? **How long is this project scheduled to last?**

The Madison Street Bridge Rehabilitation starts Nov. 21 with work on supporting structures under the bridge; construction on the bridge deck begins the first week of January 2017. The goal is to finish the project by August 2017, weather permitting.

### ? **How will traffic flow be handled? Should I expect long delays?**

Starting January 2017, traffic on the bridge will be reduced from four lanes to two lanes with two-way traffic, eliminating traffic stops for construction. Though traffic will continue to flow, reduction of lanes may create an increase in traffic congestion. Frontier West encourages drivers traveling through the project to plan additional travel time.

### ? **Will there be an official detour?**

No. However, travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible to avoid traffic congestion and delays.

### ? **Will there be closures on the Madison Street underbridge or trail system?**

Both the Madison Street underbridge and adjoining trail system are scheduled to remain open to pedestrians and cyclists until late April. During construction on the southbound lanes, the underbridge will be closed but the adjoining trail system will remain open.

### ? **Will there be direct access across Madison Street Bridge for pedestrians and cyclists while the underbridge is closed?**

Yes, there will be an ADA-compliant sidewalk open to pedestrians on the northbound side of the Madison Street Bridge. During construction, cyclists using this sidewalk are asked to dismount and walk bikes across the bridge.



MADISON ST. BRIDGE  
REHABILITATION

## STAY INFORMED

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- Montana Public Radio
- The Mountain 102.5 FM
- The Blaze 96.3 FM



### EMAIL

Email a request to [info@bigskypublicrelations.com](mailto:info@bigskypublicrelations.com) for weekly updates sent directly to your inbox.



### WEBSITE

Visit the Madison Street Bridge Rehabilitation website for weekly updates and breaking news about the project:  
[www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/madisonbridge](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/madisonbridge)

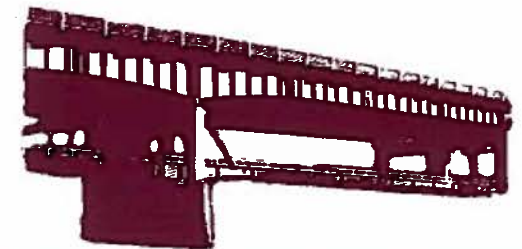


### WEEKLY MEETINGS

Frontier West will host a weekly public meeting on Mondays. Feel free to drop by and ask questions or get updates in person. For more information about locations and times, please visit [www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/madisonbridge](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/madisonbridge).



REHABILITATION PROJECT  
NOVEMBER 2016 – AUGUST 2017



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## MADISON STREET BRIDGE THROUGH THE YEARS

"The Madison Street Bridge was originally constructed in 1958, after the Montana State Highway Commission awarded a contract to the Missoula-based Pew Construction Company to build a bridge over the Milwaukee Road Railroad tracks and the Clark Fork River on Madison Street. The company won the contract with its low bid of \$683,472."

In 1981, the structure underwent significant work, including the removal and replacement of delaminated deck sections and repairs to the expansion joints and deck drains.

By June 2012, the bridge was again in need of additional repair. A Montana Department of Transportation bridge inspection report indicated the bridge exhibited major deterioration, including delaminated concrete decks and sidewalks, cracked concrete, corroded reinforcing steel, corroded structural steel, and pack rust at the steel girder bearings.

In early 2016, a piece of concrete from the bridge came loose and fell onto the trail below, calling for further examination. Following an inspection, the bridge was found to be structurally deficient. In response, the Montana Department of Transportation decided to act, and thus, the Madison Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project was born.

The Madison Street Bridge now serves more than 12,665-vehicle trips a day.

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<sup>1</sup> Montana Historic Property Record  
Sources: John Axline, MDT Historian; Mark Fritch, Mansfield Library, Archives & Special Collections; Will Greenway, Missoula Downtown Association; MDT Missoula Bridges Planning Study, May 2014; Montana Memory Project

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The primary goal of the Madison Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project is to fix the bridge's failing bridge deck. In addition to bridge deck repairs, the project features structural, aesthetic and multi-modality improvements such as new lighting and railings, expanded sidewalks, and protected bike lanes. Work also includes repair of the bridge's support structures.



**BUDGET**  
FOR MADISON  
STREET BRIDGE  
REHABILITATION  
**APPROXIMATELY**  
**\$7.1 MILLION**



## PROJECT TIMELINE

**Beginning:**  
**May 2016**



**Nov 21: Work On**  
**Support Structures**  
**(No Traffic Impact)**



**Jan 3: Bridge**  
**Deck Work Starts**  
**(Traffic Impacts)**

**Completion:**  
**August 2017**



SUMMER 16

FALL 16

WINTER 16/17

SPRING 17

SUMMER 17

June to January

January to Late April

Late April / Early May

**Pre-Construction**

**Northbound Bridge Deck**

**Southbound Bridge Deck**  
**(Underbridge Closed)**