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Building a Safer, More Connected Missoula for All

Message from Jeremy Keene, Director of Public Works & Mobility



Missoula counts on us to keep streets safe and connected. This year, we delivered on that promise.

We opened the Scott Street roundabout, a major project that strengthens one of the city's busiest north-south routes. The new roundabout improves access for everyone who drives, bikes, or walks. Wider sidewalks, clear bike lanes, improved street lighting, and safer approaches reflect what our Northside friends and neighbors have been asking for—better options to move through town with confidence.

On Phillips Street, we installed a new school speed zone and crosswalk enhancements after residents raised concerns about safety. These changes help protect children walking to school and families living

in the neighborhood. Listening to community feedback and acting responsively made a difference where people live every day.

Across the city, our teams continue to work to improve intersections, add crosswalks, and upgrade signals. These projects share a common goal: streets that work better for friends, families, and neighbors.

Thank you, Missoula, for speaking up about your needs and ideas. Your input guides every improvement we make. Together, we're building a safer, stronger Missoula.

As always, I welcome your feedback. Please reach out anytime at publicworks@ci.missoula.mt.us.

—Jeremy Keene
Director, Public Works & Mobility

Public Works & Mobility Engineer, Chris Fuchs, conducts a site check at the Grant Creek Restoration Project - September 2025.

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IMPORTANT DATES

OCT 8	Downtown SAM Open House
OCT 13	Northside Traffic Calming Work
NOV 3	2025 Leaf Collections Begins
DEC 1	Garden City Compost Winter Hours Begin
JAN 1	New Utility Rates & Fees Take Effect
JAN 1	2026 Standards Specifications Manual

Collaboration Leads to Better Safety for Missoula's Westside & Northside

Our community asked us to help slow traffic and improve safety. We acted.

This summer, Public Works & Mobility (PWM) delivered a series of strategic transportation improvements that make the Westside and Northside neighborhoods safer for children, families, and community members travelling to and from Lowell Elementary. Working collaboratively, the PWM team completed the project in just forty-five days and came in almost \$80,000 under budget.

On August 22, 2025, we unveiled the new safety enhancements as well as the new roundabout at Scott Street and Phillips Street. The single-lane design naturally slows speeds, eases congestion, and makes crossings shorter and clearer. We also widened sidewalks, added buffered bike lanes on the Scott Street Bridge, improved lighting, and marked parking spaces to bring more order to the corridor.

"These improvements are about one thing—safety," said Brandt Dahlen, Scott Street Project Lead and Surface Project Coordinator. "The new roundabout and corridor upgrades mean slower speeds, clearer crossings, and safer routes for people of all ages walking and biking."

We reinforced this work with quick-build bulb-outs at Phillips and Hawthorne to open sightlines, refreshed striping at Phillips and Shakespeare with durable epoxy paint, and added portable flashing beacons at Phillips and Hawthorne. These beacons highlight one of the busiest walking routes into Lowell and Westside Park. We also coordinated with the Missoula Police Department to increase presence when school began and worked with Parks and Recreation to trim trees along walking routes.

We backed up these physical improvements with speed study data and resulting policy action. This past August, our engineers presented findings to the Missoula City Council recommending a speed reduction on Phillips Street. After discussion, the Council voted to reduce the Lowell school zone to



15 MPH between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. We installed new signs the very next morning, before the first day of school. These additional actions further enhance community safety for both pedestrians and drivers.

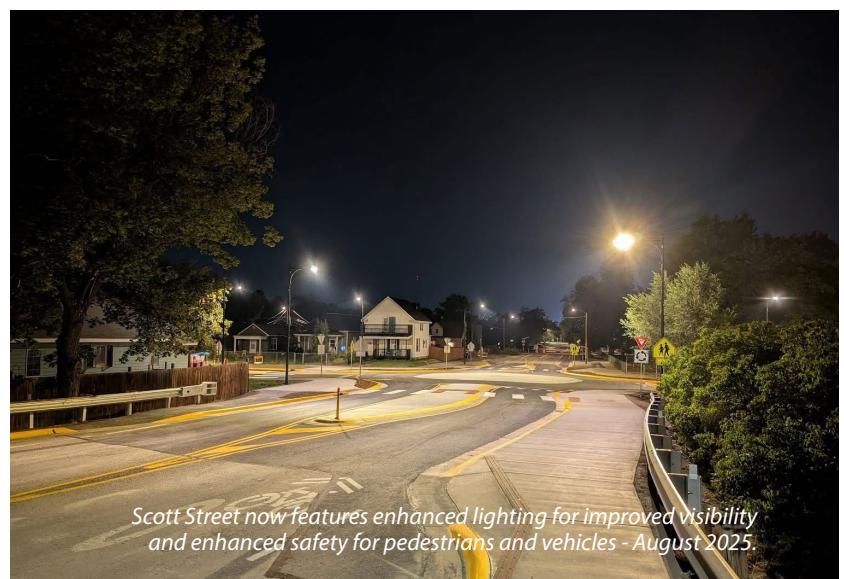
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Brandt Dahlen, Surface Project Coordinator, PWM

"Our mission is to build a street network that supports everyone—our children, our families, our neighbors, and our community as a whole," said Ryan Guelff, Senior Engineer at Public Works & Mobility. "We're fully committed to working with City leadership, project partners, and most importantly, the community, to continue improving safety around our schools."

The Westside and Northside are just two neighborhoods that will see more upgrades in the coming years. Through our Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, we will continue working with residents to add traffic-calming features where they are most needed.

We measure success by how safe and supported people feel when they travel in Missoula. These improvements show what we can achieve when we listen, act quickly, and partner with our community. Together, we are creating streets that work for everyone.



Local Partnerships Make Grant Creek Restoration Vision a Reality

Public Works set to complete City portion this fall.

The City of Missoula Public Works & Mobility Department made big strides in Phase 1 of the Grant Creek Restoration Project in 2025. This effort restores an important urban waterway and reduces flooding risks while improving wildlife habitat and water quality.



The project's success stems from strong collaboration between the City, private landowners, Missoula Montana Airport, the Grant Creek Working Group, and the Clark Fork Coalition. Together, we're relocating the creek's channel, rebuilding its natural floodplain, and planting thousands of native plants to stabilize banks and create habitat.

"This is the kind of partnership that makes Missoula stronger," said Andy Schultz, City Engineer for Utilities at Public Works & Mobility. "Restoring Grant Creek is good for fish, good for people, and good for our community."

Engineer Chris Fuchs agrees: "I'm working on a once-in-a-lifetime project and making my community better. It

doesn't get better than that."

When complete, Grant Creek will flow more naturally, slow down during high water, better protect downstream neighborhoods from potential flooding, and include a future recreation trail.

Missoula is leading by example—showing how infrastructure, environment, and community can work together.

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Protect Our Water With Our New Adopt-a-Drain Program

Adopt-a-Drain in your neighborhood to help your community and protect water quality in Missoula. Volunteering 15 minutes, twice a month, to clear leaves, trash, and other debris helps reduce water pollution. Learn more at ci.missoula.mt/3457/adopt-a-drain.

Stay In the Know - Online Resources & Contact Information

Subscribe to one of the City's [Notify Me lists](#) and stay informed about City news, events, projects in your neighborhood, and more! Visit ci.missoula.mt.us/list.aspx.

Did you know you can report issues via our website? Go online and let us know!

- [Report a Pothole](#)
- [Report a Stormwater Concern](#)
- [Report a Sidewalk Structural Hazard](#)
- [Report a Sidewalk Snow/Ice Concern](#)
- [Report a Traffic Safety Concern](#)

Public Works & Mobility Divisions

Missoula Water: 406-552-6700

Stormwater: 406-552-6379

Wastewater: 406-552-6600

Garden City Compost: 406-552-6619

Missoula City Cemetery: 406-552-6070

Street Maintenance: 406-552-6360

Engineering: 406-552-6350

Transportation Planning: 406-552-6670

PWM Administration: 406-552-6350

Got an Emergency? Give Us a Call

Water Lines: 406-552-6700

Sewer Lines: 406-552-6600

STEP Systems: 406-552-6600

Call 911 for threats to safety, personal property, ADA sidewalk access, or personal property flooding.

See Current Street Construction in Missoula on our [Road Report Map](#).

Curious about what we're working on? [Visit our website for a list of Projects](#).

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ci.missoula.mt.us/403/Public-Works-Mobility



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Get Ready for 2025 City Leaf Collection

Fall pickup starts November 3.

Missoula's annual leaf collection program begins Monday, November 3, 2025, weather permitting. Rake leaves into long, narrow piles along the curb two to three days before your scheduled pickup. Keep piles out of bike lanes and driving lanes.

To see the schedule, and get updates, visit ci.missoula.mt.us/3069/Leaf-Collection.



2025 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Special District #1: Nov 4
Area 1: Nov 3-7
Area 2: Nov 11-14 & 17
Special District #2: Nov 11
Area 3: Nov 18-21 & 24
Area 4: Nov 25-26, 28 & Dec 1

VIEW THE MAP ONLINE

Keep Missoula Green This Fall With Garden City Compost



At [Garden City Compost](#), we're working to help keep Missoula Green by turning more than 24,000 tons of compostable material into rich soil every year. Additionally, the City's Resource Recovery Facility's solar farm and methane capture system generate up to 40% of the energy we use at our facility on Clark Fork Lane—clean, local power right here at home. You can help keep Missoula green and our storm drains clear, too!

- Leaf Drop off your leaves for free during the City's annual leaf collection program. Properly disposing of leaves prevents flooding and ice buildup, protects your lawn, and helps protect air and water quality.
- Tree Recycle your undecorated Christmas tree after the holidays. Composting your tree with us keeps even more waste out of the landfill and helps lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Together, we're building a cleaner, more resilient Missoula. Learn more at themunicipal.com/2025/08/missoula-updates-its-compost-facility.

Winter is Coming - And So Are Our Plows

During the heart of the winter season, Street Division crews strive to keep streets as safe as possible by plowing snow and applying deicer and sand. We also have staff on stand-by for weekend snow. [Visit our website to view the current map](#) and stay up to date on all things snow removal this year.

**PRIORITY 1
GOAL: 48 HRS**

School bus routes, public transit routes, and high-volume streets. Cleared within 48 hours after the snow stops.

**PRIORITY 2
GOAL: 96 HRS**

Fire routes, Neighborhood Greenways, collector streets, and local streets with steeper grades. Cleared within 96 hours after the snow stops.

Remaining neighborhood streets with lower traffic volumes will be plowed by area using our fleet of pickups and heavy plows as resources are available. Stay up to date this winter at ci.missoula.mt.us/558/Snow-Removal.

Working For You

Get to know the team dedicated to making a better Missoula for you.



**Monte Sipe - Surface Projects Manager
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS WITH PWM!**

Monte Sipe's nearly 30 years in Public service are about building more than streets, sidewalks, and infrastructure. For Monte, it's about building trust, stability, and opportunity. Monte's passion, expertise, and longevity mean that the work we do is consistent, thoughtful, and aligned with the needs of our community. His "why" reminds us of our own—because serving Missoula means building something lasting together. Thank you, Monte, for showing us what dedication looks like.

Fall/Winter Work Anniversaries

Brenda Maes, 33 years	Kevin Hartung, 20 years
Pat Brook, 30 years	Lynn McCamant, 19 years
Patrick Clifford, 25 years	Jason Martin, 18 years
Brian Hensel, 25 years	Randy Castonguay, 18 years
Jason Keely, 24 years	Robert Crawford, 18 years
Don Schmidt, 24 years	Ashley Strayer, 17 years
Chad Pancake, 23 years	Glenn Stroh, 17 Years
Anthony Rivera, 23 years	Cheryl Henson, 9 years
Monte Sipe, 20 years	

Team Members Celebrating 1 Year

Kailen Bickler	Dylan Kottke
Timothy Doyle	Claudia Morrison
Felicia Ratz	Maxine Winslow

Build Your Career & Your Community

We're innovators, collaborators, and creative thinkers who believe we can make people's lives better by delivering high-quality, reliable public infrastructure.



[Explore available career opportunities](#) and build your future at the City of Missoula Public Works & Mobility Department.