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Good morning,

Good news for those eager to see work resume on the Stevensville Safety Improvements project. Construction is expected to resume Monday, September 27! Thank you for your patience throughout the uncertainty of this project this summer. The Montana Department of Transportation values these safety improvements and is eager to see this project completed.

During the first week of construction, travel will be reduced to one lane in two-mile sections between North Birch Creek Road and Pine Hollow Road as crews relocate utilities, install fencing, and conduct pipework on the Eastside Highway, Highway 269. Drivers are encouraged to be mindful of changing conditions, reduce their speed, and be alert for workers.

In the months since the project shut down, MDT has opened the project up for bidding and chosen a new contractor, Schellinger Construction. Schellinger crews are expected to work on this project from late September through November. Work will shut down for the winter and resume in the spring, with expected completion during summer 2022.

MDT reminds everyone this construction season to practice the Three S's of work zone safety: speed, space and stress. Slow down when approaching work zones and follow posted speed limits. Leave adequate braking room between your vehicle and the one ahead of you. Keep your cool, pay attention, and plan for delays.

Weekly updates will be provided every Friday throughout construction. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at amy@bigskypublicrelations.com or call the project hotline at (406) 207-4484, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Text updates are also available. To register, text STEVENSVILLE to 41411.* More information on the project can be found at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/southstevi/>.

Best,
Amy Aiello
Big Sky Public Relations on behalf of the Montana Department of Transportation

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