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From: Kim Casey <kim@bigskypublicrelations.com>
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Good morning,

Work on the Stevensville Safety Improvements project area will be suspended Friday, May 27-Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day weekend.

The Montana Department of Transportation and Schellinger Construction will return to work Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 a.m.

This week, crews will be finishing culvert and siphon installations, and stripping topsoil from Higgins Lane to Pine Hollow. Once those operations are complete, earth will be removed from the area and fill will be brought in to create a level embankment. Utility upgrades are now mostly complete on the north end of the project however, some work remains at Winters Lane and Victor Crossing.

Gravel work will begin taking place at North Birch Creek Road in preparation for paving along the main road and approaches. Paving will likely begin in July pending any weather or unforeseen delays.

Speeds throughout the work zone should not exceed 35 mph for our safety and yours! Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) is closely monitoring the project area for traffic violations and will administer tickets.

Traffic controls and pilot cars will be set up in multiple locations within the project area. Please be mindful of project signage and wait for the pilot car to guide you through the work zone in your routed direction.

Drivers are reminded to pay extra close attention when traveling within work zones. MDT advises motorists to be prepared to stop and plan for delays.

With an estimated 39 million Americans traveling 50 miles or more from home this Memorial Day weekend, MDT wants you to keep safety in mind during your holiday travels. Visit [MDT 511](#) for the most up-to-date travel updates, weather, and road conditions.

Seat Belts Save Lives! Buckle Up, Montana.

For many Montanans, Memorial Day weekend kicks off the start of summer travel, culminating with Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, these summer months can also be some of the deadliest on Montana's roads due to increased motor vehicle crashes. **As part of a nationwide "Click It or Ticket" mobilization running from May 23 through June 5, 2022, law enforcement agencies and the Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) will be out to educate motorists and enforce Montana's seat belt law statewide. Before you make plans to travel this Memorial Day weekend, commit to always buckle up before you go, and insist your friends and family do the same.** Using your

seat belt is your best defense against serious injury or death in the event you're in a crash. This is a Vision Zero Message from the Montana Department of Transportation. **Learn more about the goal of Vision Zero and seat belt safety here:** <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/seatbelts.aspx>

Questions or looking for additional details? Please visit the Stevensville Safety Improvements webpage at: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/southstevi/>. You can also call the project hotline at 406-207-4484, operating Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email me at amy@bigskypublicrelations.com.

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Warm regards,
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Big Sky Public Relations on behalf of the Montana Department of Transportation

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