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Proposed Mitchell Slough Bridge replacement on Victor Crossing

VICTOR, Mont. - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to announce and invite the public to comment on a proposal to replace the bridge over a channel of the Bitterroot River, commonly known as Mitchell Slough, on Victor Crossing East. The bridge is located about 2 miles east of Victor in Ravalli County. The project area is expected to extend approximately 500 feet from each end of the new replacement bridge.

Proposed work includes replacing the existing structure on the current alignment and upgrading the guardrail. During construction, through traffic will detour around the project area on Bell Crossing. The purpose of the project is to provide a new bridge that meets current design standards and enhances safety for the traveling public.

Construction is tentatively planned for 2028 depending on completion of design and availability of funds. New right-of-way and relocation of utilities will be required. MDT staff will contact all affected landowners prior to survey work, and again before construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits.

An important part of properly planning for future projects is partnering with the community. The Montana Department of Transportation welcomes the public to provide ideas and comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted online at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx> or in writing to Montana Department of Transportation, Missoula office, PO Box 7039, Missoula, MT 59807-7039. Please note that comments are for project UPN 9687000.

The public is encouraged to contact acting Missoula District Preconstruction Engineer Joel Boucher at 406-544-5802 or Project Design Engineer Jere Stoner at 406-444-7017 with questions or comments about the project.

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Project name: Bitterroot River - 2M E Victor Project ID: STPB 9041(86) Control Number: 9687000

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