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“Our crews are out there working on the roads in an area where traffic is traveling close by. We want everyone to pay attention and be aware of each other so we don’t have any accidents.”

When traveling in work zones, motorists may encounter narrower lanes because crews are working. Those areas also have construction activities, which means motorists need to slow down to protect themselves and the crews who are working.

WYDOT also posts safety signs before construction sites to alert motorists of upcoming work. In work zones, motorists may see traffic cones, concrete barriers, flaggers, reduced speed signs and other safety-related measures.

“We just thought with all the near misses … we needed to do something different here,” Area Foreman Tony Avila said. “We're just not getting their attention.”

The goal of the pilot program is to see how the rumble strips work with I-80’s truck and traffic volume. If the pilot yields results, the state would expand use of rumble strips on interstate projects on all of interstates 80, 25 and 90. “This will alert the distracted drivers in plenty of time so they can move over,” Avila said. “So they can avoid collisions with our equipment, avoiding injuries to our employees or themselves.”

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“We want the traveling public and everyone out there to be safe,” said Kevin Erickson, resident engineer in Cheyenne.
Northwest Wyoming - A

- **WYO 390** between Wilson and Tetons National Park. Road resurfacing contract on 8 miles. Contract requires work to be performed at night to minimize traffic disruptions. October completion.
- **US 26** between Moran Junction and Dubois: Drain installation and slope stabilization as part of slide mitigation.
- **WYO 789** in Riverton: Reconstruction of 2 miles of road including utility, traffic signal, sidewalk and storm sewer work. October completion.
- **US 310** between Lovell and Cody: Widening and realignment to accommodate additional lanes as well as bridge repairs on 4 miles of road. 10-foot buffer restriction over Shoshone River. October completion.
- **NWY 296** Chief Joseph Slide project: Addition of 280,000 cubic yards of material at the bottom of the slide to stabilize area. Guardrail replacement and road repairs.

Southwest Wyoming - B

- **A1-B1** between Gasser Junction and Green River: Surfacing work on 6 miles of eastbound road. October completion.
- **A2** US 287 between Rawlins and Muddy Gap: Resurfacing of 11 miles of road. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel tax revenue. October completion.
- **A3** WYO 233 between Kemmerer and Hanna Fork: 18 miles of grading, milling and paving, as well as miscellaneous work. October completion.
- **A4** WYO 411 west of Mountain View: Road surfacing and bridge rehabilitation on 4 miles of road and three bridges, including right-of-way fence installation. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel tax revenue. October completion.
- **A5** US 189 between Big Piney and Daniel Junction: Resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation on 8 miles of road. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel tax revenue. October completion.
- **A6** WYO 238 Auburn to Afton: mile markers 0-12 Grading, draining, placing crushed base and bluminous pavement surfacing, full depth reclamation, chip seal, bridge replacements and miscellaneous work on approximately 1210 miles. June 2023 completion.

Not every project is listed. Due to the unpredictable nature of the construction process, not all projects are active all the time. In addition, some short-term projects and smaller projects which disrupt traffic to a lesser degree are not listed. Completion dates are approximate.

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Northeast Wyoming - C

- **WYO 387** from Pine Tree Junction (WYO 30) southeast toward WYO 192, Mill and overlay between mile markers 112-132. October completion.
- **US 585** Four Corners to Sundance, Mill and overlay at mile marker 4. One-way traffic with signals. Adding cameras and weather station at road closure gate. October completion.
- **I-80 Northbound north of Ranchester (mile markers 10-5): Pavement scarification and overlay including bridge rehabilitation and culvert lining. Head-to-head traffic with reduced speed limits. October completion.
- **I-90 and I-25 Bufalo Marginal Bridge and ramp rehabilitation. Scheduling ramps closures with detours. One-lane traffic with reduced speeds. October completion.
- **I-90/Garner Lake Road Overpass: Bridge rehabilitation. One lane, head-to-head traffic with reduced speed limits. October completion.
- **I-90/Mocroft Road between mile marker 155-160. Mill and overlay with bridge rehab. One lane, head-to-head traffic. Flaggers. October completion.

Southeast Wyoming - D

- **D1-D8** between Laramie and Cheyenne: Pavement surfacing and bridge rehabilitation on 7 miles starting at mile marker 341. October completion.
- **D10** near Newcastle: Six miles of concrete resurfacing and bridge work from mile markers 291-300. October 2022 completion.
- **D11** near Fort Steele: Resurfacing and bridge work in the western lanes, mile markers 227-234. October completion.
- **D12** in Newcastle: Eight miles of resurfacing and bridge work from mile markers 291-300. October 2022 completion.
- **D13-D23** between Cheyenne and Laramie: Eight miles of resurfacing, pipe and culvert replacement from mile markers 238-238. October completion.
- **D24** near Lincoln: Resurfacing and bridge work in the western lanes, mile markers 227-234. October completion.
- **D25** near Huntley: Overlay between mile markers 6-13.2 (Cold Springs Road). October completion.
- **D26** WYO 154 (Veteran Road) near Veteran: Full depth reclamation and overlay between mile markers 7-14.

Legend

Interstate highway work zones: Generally, there are no delays or detours. Travel may be narrowed to one lane (on pavement) each way and involve a reduced speed limit.

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