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Downtown Sheridan Main Street The years-long project completed ahead of schedule



The southern limits of the project at the Coffeen Avenue/Burkitt Street intersection.

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The two year resurfacing and utility upgrade project of Sheridan's Downtown Main Street has been completed ahead of schedule.

In April 2023, Oftedal Construction Inc. began removing half a mile of the 56-year-old pavement, storm sewer and waterline through the historic downtown Sheridan's Main Street.

WYDOT placed the original concrete mainline in 1970 with a scheduled replacement date of 2003.

Prior to 2003, WYDOT invited the City of Sheridan to take agreed to participate. advantage of the resurfacing project and asked if they would like The scope of the 2023 project included installing a new water to utilize the opportunity to upgrade the existing utilities that ran and storm sewer system, upgrading portions of sidewalks to meet below. At that time, the City of Sheridan was under some funding Americans with Disability Act requirements, updating traffic sigrestraints and opted out of upgrading those utilities. Rather than nals, repaying the roadway, and performing repairs to the Goose replacing the surface anyway, WYDOT decided to partner with Creek Bridge structure between 1st Street and Dow Street at the the City of Sheridan and delayed the planned roadway resurfacing northern limits of the project. while completing a number of other upgrades instead. The contract was awarded for a total of \$17.8 million with the

Those upgrades included diamond grinding the concrete surface, installing new curb and gutter, new sidewalks, streetscape enhancements and decorative lighting. Additionally, WYDOT

Phase I, completed in 2023, ran from Dow Street to Brundage Street. Contractors were ahead of schedule and added an additional block to the project, shortening the remaining portion of the south end of Main Street to two blocks and two major intersections to be completed by Oct. 31, 2024.

Downtown Main Street was open to traffic on July 8, 2024, in time for Sheridan WYO Rodeo week.

As with any WYDOT project, establishing and maintaining strong relationships with local government, community organizations and the traveling public is a priority and key to the successful completion of a project.

Being a Public Involvement Level D construction project, this required engaging and informing the public at the highest level. Public meetings were held throughout the design phase. Businesses located within the project area had many concerns about how closing Main Street during peak tourist season would impact their businesses and wanted to know what WYDOT would do to minimize those concerns. WYDOT assured the businesses that pedestrian access would be available at all times and that no more than three blocks at a time would be closed to traffic.

WYDOT worked closely with the City of Sheridan, the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Sheridan Association in informing and promoting the community to continue to support the downtown businesses and to not let the closures and reduced parking be a deterrent.

Adding to the success of the early completion of this project was the implementation of Wyoming Construction Collaboration program - a program to promote the formation and success of collaborative relationships on WYDOT construction projects.

WYDOT, Oftedal Construction and the City of Sheridan committed to establishing mutual goals, utilizing teamwork, fostering positive relationships and resolving issues and problems promptly and at the lowest level. This commitment proved to be successful and aided in an early completion date, with minimal issues, conflicts and within budget.

In celebration of the completion of the project, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in conjunction with the Downtown Sheridan Association's July 18 Third Thursday Event and allowed WYDOT, The Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sheridan an opportunity to thank the community for their patience, understanding and cooperation throughout the project.



Main street striped and ready for traffic.



September 2024

installed selective safety improvements, such as bulb-out curb and gutter to allow pedestrians and drivers better visibility while also providing a decreased pedestrian crossing distance. This work was completed between Dow Street and Coffeen Avenue. The 2003 resurfacing project was rescheduled for 2023.

WYDOT resumed conversations with the City of Sheridan prior to 2017 when the resurfacing project was added to the State Transportation Improvement Program list, asking if they were interested in adding the utility upgrades to the project. The City

City of Sheridan's portion being \$8.4 million of that total.

Legend

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nterstate 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.

Two-lane road projects: Motorists may be required to stop and wait to follow pilot cars. Usually, any delays are limited to 20 minutes or less and travel is on pavement.

Two-lane road projects: At times, motorists may have to drive on gravel or another temporary surface, typically for two miles or less Delays are limited, there are no detours unless specifically noted but there may be a pilot car.

D District-wide projects: Various locations, may involve reduced speeds

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 lesse degree are not listed. Completion dates are approximate

Commercial vehicle operators. In work zones, size and weight restrictions may apply. Ask for details at any Wyoming port of entry or call (307) 777-4376. Current restrictions are also available on the Internet at

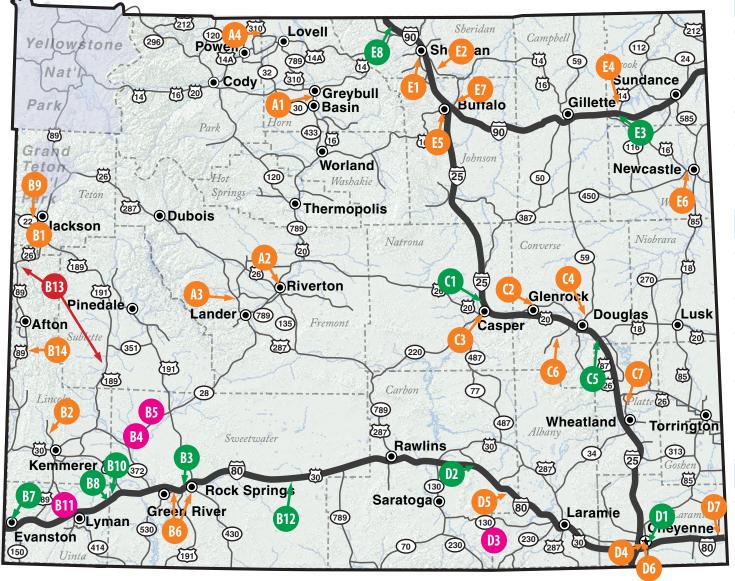
Northwest Wyoming - A

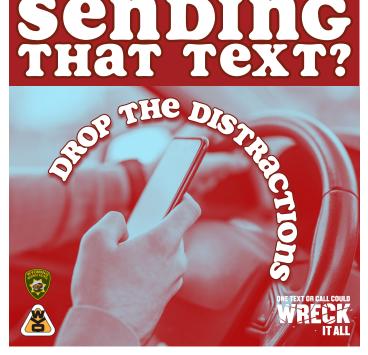
- A1 US 16/20/WYO 789: Basin-Greybull drainage improvements/milling/paving project. Stormwater drainage improvements, pavement milling, asphalt pavement overlay, chip seal on 5.80 miles starting at MM 197.70 between Greybull and Basin. Delays expected.
- US 26: Riverton traffic signal installation project, intersection of US 26 (West Main Street) and 5th Street, and US 26 (West Main Street) and 8th Street). The project to replace two traffic signal systems is at mileposts 132.65 and 132.86 within Riverton city limits.
- (A3) US 287: Lander-Diversion Dam pavement overlay and pathway construction. Pipe extensions, pathway work, asphalt milling, paying, guardrail replacement, chip sealing. 8.1 miles. Joint project with Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes. Delays expected. US 310/WYO 789: Deaver-Montana State Line,
- Frannie Section, Pavement milling, overlay and chip seal, MM 249.49- 257.03. Delays expected.

Southwest Wyoming - B

- B1 Swinging Bridge: Structure replacement, grading, traffic control, bituminous surfacing and miscellaneous work on County Road 22-10 beginning at the bridge over Snake River.
- B2 WYO 233/Frontier Section: from MM 0-1.5, grading, paving, chip seal, structure work and minor sidewalk repairs.
- B3 Rock Springs/I-80 Interchange Rd.: Replace/ reconstruct interchange: 0.81 miles.
- B4 Contract patch in various locations: Lincoln. Uinta, Sweetwater Counties, Bituminous surfacing, milling, traffic control and other work.
- B5 Epoxy striping in various locations: Sweetwater, Sublette, Teton Counties. Striping, traffic control and other work.
- B6 District 3 Bridge Rehab: Rehabilitation work on structure over Green River on WYO 374 at MM 87.17 in Jamestown and on structure at intersection of WYO 376 and WYO 430 in Rock Springs.
- B7 District 3 Bridge Rehab: UPRR Overpass structure at RM 5.31 on I-80/US 189 Bus, in the city of Evanston.
- B8 Evanston-Green River (I-80 County Line East): Milling, Bituminous surfacing, bridge work, pipe lining and misc, work on 8.43 miles of both EBL and WBL starting at RM 57.01.

- B9 Jackson-Wilson Rd. (Snake River Bridge): Bridge replacement, grading, traffic control, surfacing, bituminous and concrete surfacing, fencing on 1.80 miles on WYO 22, WYO 390 between Jackson and Wilson Rd.
- **B10** Evanston-GRRV (County Line East) project: RM 57-65.44 milling and paving in both EBL & WBL as well as pipe replacement and culvert lining. Portions under traffic and then with traffic switched head to head while we work on other direction.
- **B11** District 3 High Mast lighting upgrade: Replacing existing 120 ft. high mast lighting with 80 ft, high masts from Evanston all the way to Wamsutter.
- **B12** Rock Springs-Rawlins (Point of Rocks East): RM 130-138 construction of slip ramps and minor shoulder paving in preparation for 2025 EBL & WBL milling and 4-inch paving and minor bridge work.
- B13 District 3 Chip Seal: Chip Seal on US 89 from MM 108.13 to MM 117.38 in Lincoln County and US 189 from MM 87.50 to MM 102.50 in Sublette County. The project will use flagging and pilot car operations.
- **B14 US 89:** Bridge rehab at MM 77.82.









Northeast Wyoming - E

- US 87: Downtown Main Street between 1st Street and Dow Street, Goose Creek bridge closed for reconstruction.
- E2 US 14 East: MM 14-20 Jim Creek Hill Section. Mill and Overlay.
- [1] I-90 at Moorcroft: Bridge repair work from MM 152.96 and 147.59.
 - US 14/Moorcroft North: Mill and overlav with bridge work and ADA upgrade from MM 154.63 to 160.52.

Central Wyoming - C

- **C1** I-25: Five bridge replacements. Surfacing and other work between MM 189-190. Affects both NB and SB lanes.
- WYO 95: Surfacing and bridge rehabilitation between MM 1.69-7.65.
- WYO 220: Casper Streets Drainage, surfacing, traffic control and other work on .30 miles of Poplar Street beginning at MM 115.80
- WYO 59: Mill and overlay: structure rehabilitation and other work on 7.70 miles beginning at MM 19.30 north of Douglas in the Lightning Creek area.

- E5 US 16/87: Buffalo Main Street and I-25 / I-90 Business Loop, Mill and overlav MM 298.02 to 301.34.
- US 16 Bypass: Railroad bridge rehab MM 248.70.
- US 16: MM 2-7 Buffalo to Ucross. Mill and **F7** overlay
- [E8] I-90 Eastbound: MM 6.9, right shoulder slide repair. Lane closure.
- **(C5)** I-25: District 2 Bridge Rehabilitation on I-25 at Orin Junction.
- WYO 91: Overlay and chip seal and other surfacing work on Cold Springs Road beginning at MM 13.20 south of Douglas.
- WYO 320: (It's that little highway east of the interstate, and just north of Wheatland) - Mill and overlay between mileposts 0.4 - 14.7

Southeast Wyoming - D

- D1 US 30/East Lincolnway: MM 365.74-368.36, project includes new box culvert for Chevenne Greenway Underpass, other work will include milling and paving, shoulder work, signal installation at Whitney, a median island installed from Pershing to Whitney, and extending the 5-lane section
- D2 I-80: MM 258.9-267.19 (EB only) and Wagonhound Rest Area, work includes mill & overlay, Rest Area resurfacing.
- D3 District 1 Bridge rehab: First bridge is at MM 302.91 in the EB lanes on I-80. Then move to the WB structure at MM 300.44. Other locations - I-80 EB structure at 245.94 and WYO 76 at MM 221.68, the UPRR overpass by the East Sinclair interchange. Work includes four structure rehabilitations.
- D4 College Drive (I-25 to US 85): The project will take place on WYO 212/College Dr. between the I-25 interchange and US 85/S. Greelev Highway (MM 0.14-2.71). Work includes new asphalt surfacing, ADA upgrades, concrete repairs to some approaches near the I-25 interchange. Detours provided to maintain access to businesses and side roads. There will be a 16-foot width restriction in place.
- D5 WYO 72. Elk Mountain: WYO 72 from I-80 to the town of Elk Mountain, MM 12.37-15.98. Mill, overlay, structure and drainage work.
- US85/Central Ave. and Yellowstone intersection: Slab replacements. Work will be paused over Chevenne Frontier Days.
- US 30: in Pine Bluffs from Parson Street to NE state line (401-403). Work includes replacing a box culvert, mill and overlay, and new railroad crossing at Butler Ave.



