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## **First Mullan Area Roundabout Construction Begins**

*City, County, Mullan BUILD consultants advise of impacts on Mullan Road*

**MISSOULA, MONTANA (July 12, 2022)** – Missoula County, in partnership with the City of Missoula, continues roadwork on the Mullan BUILD project.

**A detour is set up on Mullan Road between Dublin Street and Flynn Lane. This is currently in place to direct traffic as Kiewit Corporation crews begin working on the Mary Jane Boulevard and Mullan Road roundabout.**

“We are looking forward to beginning work on the Mullan Road roundabouts at Mary Jane Boulevard and George Elmer Drive,” said Shane Stack, Missoula County Public Works director. “Drivers will experience delays for the coming weeks as we work first to complete the roundabout connecting Mary Jane Boulevard to Mullan Road.”

Mullan BUILD infrastructure and road construction include efforts on sections of Mary Jane Boulevard South, Mary Jane Boulevard North, England Boulevard, George Elmer Drive, and two roundabout intersections along Mullan Road (Mullan/George Elmer Drive and Mullan/Mary Jane Boulevard).

The steering and prioritization committee, comprised of community members and stakeholders, reviewed many options for the Mullan intersections, including stop signs, stop lights and additional turn lanes, and selected the ultimate design with roundabouts.

Missoula drivers have welcomed roundabouts in the area over the past decade, such as at the freeway interchanges on Van Buren Street and Orange Street, Expressway near the Missoula International Airport and others. These have proved helpful in improving traffic flow.

Roundabouts are proven safety measures, as they significantly reduce crashes that result in severe injury or death. Roundabouts promote lower speeds and reduce driver conflict points.

In addition to this, roundabouts move traffic efficiently. Drivers yield or stop to look for other cars when approaching the intersection, and movement occurs continually and in the same direction throughout the roundabout.

Large trucks can also travel smoothly through roundabouts. Most roundabouts on large thoroughfare roadways, similar to Mullan Road, are designed with a flat “apron.” This means that the roundabout's outer circle is virtually flat so that trucks can place their back wheels on this material to circle around the intersection with ease.

The roundabout at Mary Jane Boulevard and Mullan Road is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

**For more information**

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