

# Kalispell Bypass

## US 93

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## Kalispell Bypass: Project Update

### 2004 Design Changes

During the 2004 design efforts, the Bypass was considered for grade-separated interchanges instead of the previous concept of stop-sign controlled intersections. The design now includes the grade-separated interchanges at these public roads:

- ◆ Airport Road
- ◆ Three-Mile Drive
- ◆ Foys Lake Road
- ◆ Four-Mile Drive (future road extension)
- ◆ US 2
- ◆ Reserve Loop (future road)

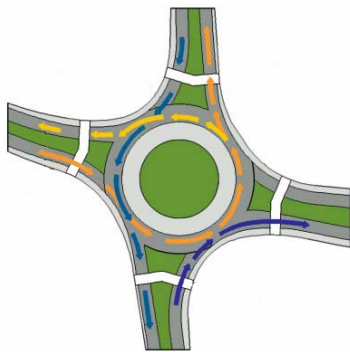
plus a bridge carrying Two-Mile Drive over the Bypass and construction of two miles of new collector roads.



### Reserve Loop

This summer, the Reserve Loop project will construct 1.2 miles of new, four-lane roadway at the Bypass' north end (southeasterly across the State School Trust lands in Section 36.) The new

roadway will include the area's first roundabout at Stillwater Road and West Reserve Drive, which will connect to US 93 at the Costco traffic signal. The project will also improve access to the regions' newest high school, slated to open in 2007, and provide sidewalks, drainage, lighting, and a bike path along the south side of the new roadway. Construction is scheduled to start soon and paving should be completed by the end of this summer.



More information on Roundabouts can be found through MDT's website at:

[www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/roundabouts/](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/roundabouts/)

### US 2 South

Currently in the design stage, US 2 South is the next segment identified for construction. This project plans to construct the four-lane Bypass between US 93 (1/2 mile south of Four Corners) to US 2, near Appleway Drive.



The project will also reconstruct one mile of Foys Lake Road to cross above the Bypass on a new bridge. Design will relocate Corporate and Appleway Drives, on US 2, to improve traffic flow. Traffic signals will be installed at intersections with US 93 and US 2.

Right-of-way for the full-build Bypass is being acquired with earmarked funds. The remaining funds will then be applied to construction of the US 2 South segment.

Additional construction funding is being sought by local and state agencies to construct grade-separated interchanges at Airport and Foys Lake Roads.

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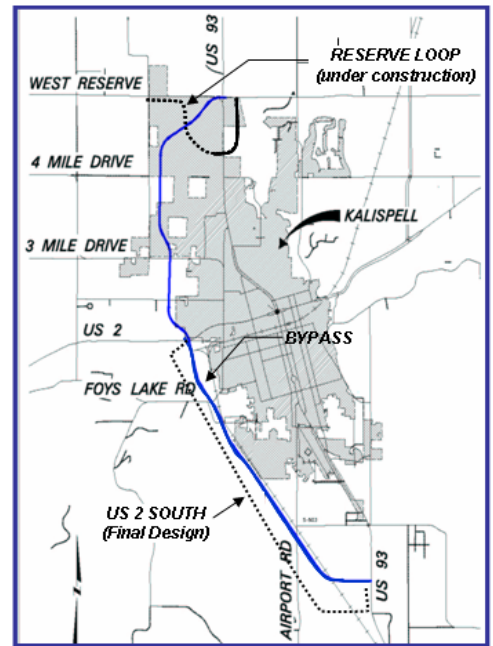
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*Stelling Engineers, Inc. is developing final design of the Kalispell Bypass for the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). This newsletter updates the project status and contact information.*

## Project History

The US 93, Somers to Whitefish West Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) developed various concepts for a Kalispell Bypass. After the EIS approval, MDT embarked on a Corridor Preservation project to identify and preserve the future roadway corridor. The Corridor Preservation project completed preliminary engineering which allowed identification of a 240-foot wide corridor which was preserved by City and County planners, since its approval in 1997.

In 2004, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) retained Stelling Engineers, Inc. to continue design efforts, and Carter-Burgess, Inc. to re-evaluate the 1994 EIS.

## Environmental Document

The re-evaluation of the EIS was completed and signed in July 2006, which then allowed MDT to begin final design and construction. The re-evaluation confirmed that the current project design did not change decisions from the original EIS, and ensured that the design is current with environmental requirements.

The environmental re-evaluation is available on the project website.

<http://www.kalispellbypass.com/environmental.cfm>