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THIRD STREET ROAD PROJECT STARTS TUESDAY Detours Will Allow Local Access

The City of Missoula will begin reconstruction of South Third Street West between Russell Street and just west of Schilling Street on Tuesday, May 27. This work is tentatively scheduled to take approximately three to four months to complete. The work will start at Russell Street and generally proceed to the west.

Detours will be in place from Catlin Street to Schilling Street, but **local access to businesses and residences on Third Street will remain open during construction.** Westbound through traffic will be detoured up Catlin Street to South Fifth Street West, then back on Schilling. Eastbound through traffic will be detoured up Schilling to South Fifth Street and then to the light at Fifth and Russell streets.

The new, improved roadway will consist of a center turn lane, two driving lanes, bike lanes and sidewalk on both sides. There will be pedestrian improvements installed at Catlin and Third Street. These include a median east of Catlin that will provide a pedestrian refuge and reconfiguration of the curbs and sidewalks on the north side to shorten the crossing distance.

The cost of the project is approximately \$2.6 million, funded by Transportation Impact Fees, Road District # 1, and assessments. City of Missoula Street Maintenance Division crews will do the demolition and asphalt work. HM Concrete, a private contractor, will construct sumps, curbs and gutters and sidewalks.

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