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CONSTRUCTION ON 23RD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS STARTS APRIL 6

Project to improve pedestrian safety on walk-to-school route

On Monday, April 6, the City of Missoula will start construction on a two-month project that will improve pedestrian safety on a walking route to Chief Charlo School on 23rd Avenue.

The work will take place between the parks north of Foothills Court and 55th Street. Currently, there is no sidewalk, and schoolchildren must walk in the street. The improvements include narrowing the street from its current 40-foot width to 29 feet with new curb and sidewalk on both sides.

The contractor, Knife River, plans to work on one side of the roadway at a time in approximately 800-foot intervals and then move to the next section of roadway. The contractor is not required to work on both sides of the roadway at the same time.

Short local detours will be in place. Northbound through traffic will be detoured from 55th Street to Hillview Way and Garrett Street. Southbound traffic on 23rd Avenue will be maintained during construction. Local access to the properties within the construction zone and the side streets will be permitted during construction.

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