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## Project Overview

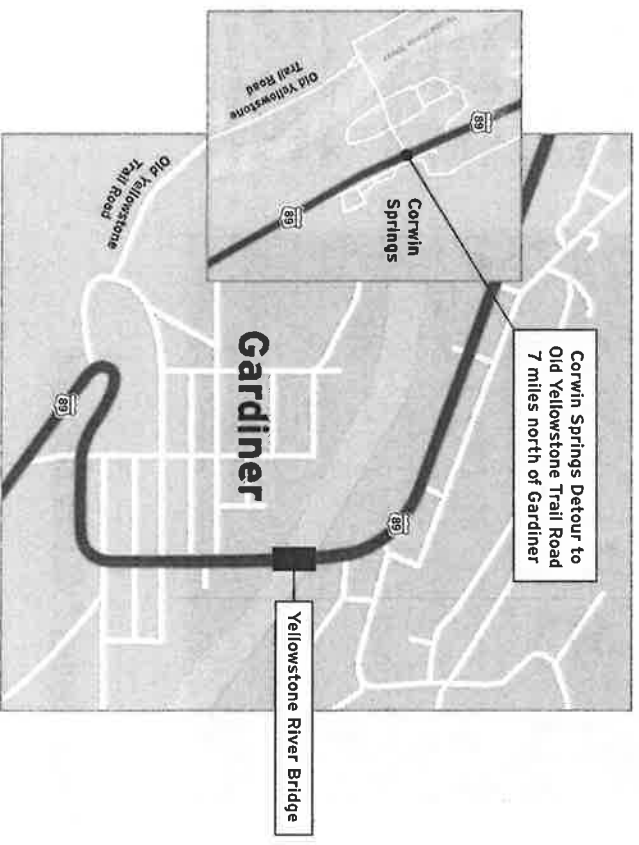
During the height of tourist season, as many as 60,000 vehicles per month drive over the Yellowstone River Bridge in Gardiner, Montana to enter Yellowstone National Park through the iconic Roosevelt Arch. While serving as the northern gateway to one of America's most popular national parks, the bridge also has a critical local purpose facilitating the flow of vehicles and pedestrians for a town split in half by the Yellowstone River. Over time, the surface of the bridge has experienced the sort of wear and tear one would expect from heavy tourist traffic and exposure to a harsh northern climate. The Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) Gardiner Yellowstone Bridge Project will entail the rehabilitation of the bridge deck and its north and south approaches to extend the service life of the structure for the local community and tourists visiting the park.

## Phased Construction

The project will occur in two phases and MDT has timed construction to minimize impacts on the traveling public, especially motorists visiting the park. Phase 1 will entail rehabilitation of one lane of the bridge and its approaches starting in early September 2019, continuing through mid-November 2019. Phase 2 construction on the opposite lane and approaches will start in early April 2020 and end early June 2020. The construction schedule will avoid most of the peak of tourist season in mid-June, July, and August.

## Project Location

The bridge is located in Gardiner on U.S. Highway 89 spanning the Yellowstone River that runs through the middle of town. Gardiner serves as a major entry point to Yellowstone National Park, which attracts about four million visitors annually.



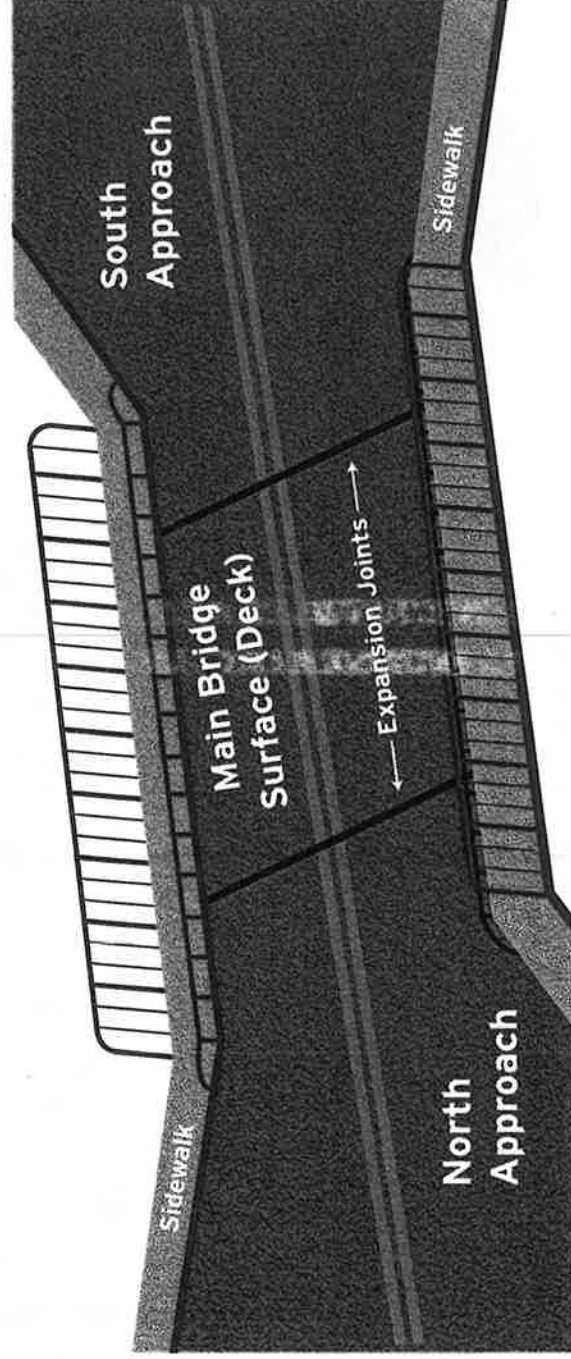
## Improvements Summary

The primary objective of the project is to rehabilitate the surface of the bridge as a cost-effective way to extend its service life. While safe to drive, the bridge deck is in poor condition and will continue to deteriorate if no rehabilitation measures are taken. The following improvements are planned:

- Deck milling and concrete overlay on the main bridge surface.
- Deck replacement on the existing north and south approaches to the bridge.
- Deck milling and concrete overlay on the widened portion of the approaches.
- Expansion joint replacement.
- Sidewalk replacement: The project will maintain the existing sidewalks along both sides of the bridge. However, the northwest sidewalk approach will be removed and reset to allow for sidewalk replacement and retaining wall modification.



**VISION ZERO**  
 zero deaths - zero serious injuries  
 MONTANA DEPARTMENT  
 OF TRANSPORTATION



**PHASE 1**  
Early September 2019  
to mid-November 2019.

**PHASE 2**  
Early April 2020  
to early June 2020.

### Construction Impacts

MDT is committed to working with local stakeholders to minimize construction impacts on businesses and the traveling public. For both phases of construction, there will be alternating single-lane traffic with temporary signals on the north and south ends of the bridge. Although traffic control will entail width restrictions, they will not impact RVs and fifth wheels. For wide loads, a detour will also be available using Old Yellowstone Trail Road to cross the Yellowstone River at Corwin Springs seven miles north of Gardiner.

Due to the town setting and the significant volume of pedestrian traffic using the bridge, an ADA-compliant pedestrian detour will be provided during construction. The bridge has a sidewalk on each side of the road and pedestrians will be detoured to one sidewalk during phased bridge construction activities.

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