



NEWS ADVISORY

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Van Buren Street Project to Bring One-week Detour

Lower Van Buren Street between Poplar and Elm streets will be closed for up to a week beginning Wednesday while City of Missoula Street Division crews work on milling the asphalt surface, rebuilding the base under the street, then resurfacing. Detours will be in place, northbound on Harrison Street and southbound on Jackson Street. (See attached map.)

The three-block section of the street was included in the Van Buren Street project completed in 2012 and 2013. The two-season project brought new curbs and sidewalks, driveway approaches, drainage improvements and pedestrian and bicycle features from the base of the valley to Missoula Avenue. The project did not include funding to rebuild the street base in the middle section of the street, which contains poor soil and inadequate materials.

Street Superintendent Brian Hensel has looked for time in the road maintenance seasons the past two years to return to Van Buren Street to complete the reconstruction. The timing of other projects combined to create a week-long window from Aug. 31 through Sept. 8, though the project may not take that long. Thank you in advance to neighborhood residents for their patience with the project and the short notice.

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Questions? Please contact Brian Hensel at 552-6360.

See a detour map here: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/Archive.aspx?ADID=10629>