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2nd Ave North Roadway Improvement

57th Street to Malmstrom Main Gate

A joint project of the Montana Department of Transportation, Cascade County and the Central Montana Defense Alliance is nearing completion here in Great Falls.

The roadway leading to Malmstrom's Main Gate was in need of surface repair as well being less attractive than our fine men and women in uniform deserve.

The Chairman of the Central Montana Defense David Weissman approached County Commissioner Joe Briggs regarding the situation and he in turn engaged Mick Johnson, District Supervisor for MDOT and the rest of the Commission to see what might be done. A joint project was created in which MDOT would resurface the roadway in such a manner to accommodate a beautification project along the right of way to be carried out by Cascade County and CMDA.

As a result of this collaboration, the necessary road repairs were completed, a walking/biking lane was added, raised center medians were removed, approaches were realigned and narrowed, short brick columns were installed at the approaches nearest the Malmstrom Main gate, a white rail fence was added from 57th street to the gate and a mix of low maintenance trees and shrubs were planted from 57th street to the main gate.

The Department of Transportation paid for the road work itself, Cascade County utilized CTEP funding for the majority of the beautification effort and the CMDA provided private funds as the local match component of the CTEP funds.

A status of the project with cost and responsible agency is listed below:

Montana Department of Transportation	Roadway resurfacing, striping and removal of raised medians	\$586,529.00	Complete
Cascade County	CTEP beautification project Fencing, masonry, trees and Shrubs	\$161,838.80	Scheduled completion Sept. 30
Central Montana Defense Alliance	Matching funds for CTEP	\$ 25,085.20	