

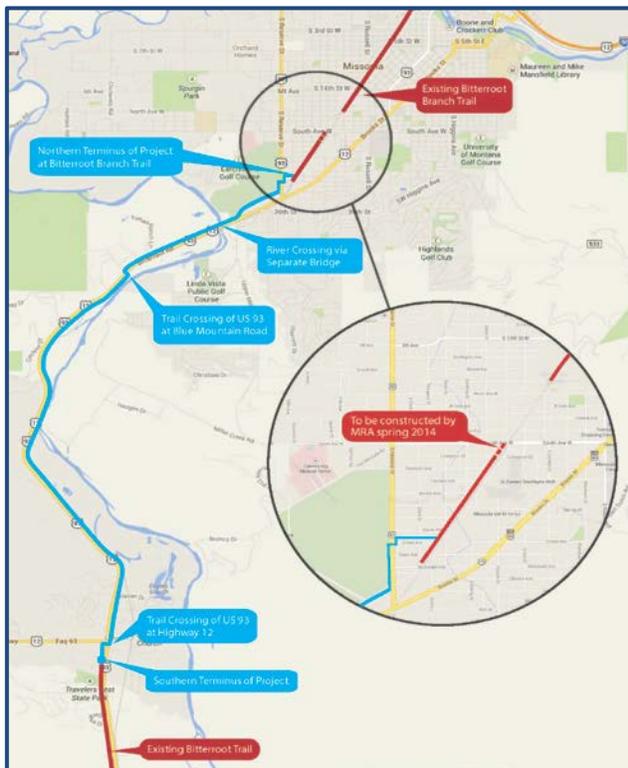


## ABOUT THE M2L TRAIL

- 8 miles long, 10-feet wide
- Shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path
- Connecting Lolo's Bitterroot Trail with Missoula's Bitterroot Branch Trail
- Creates a 50 mile continuous shared-use path between Missoula and Hamilton

## INVESTMENT

- \$4,580,363 TIGER grant\*
- Community Transportation Enhancement Program Transfer \$393,153
- Local Funding Partners
  - Missoula County: \$640,000
  - City of Missoula: \$646,500
  - MT Department of Transportation: \$100,000
- Total: \$6,360,163
- Maintenance
  - The portion of the trail within the City will be maintained by Missoula Parks and Recreation, including snow removal.
  - The Montana Department of Transportation and Missoula County have a maintenance agreement in place for the portion of the trail located in the County.



## ROUTE

Northern Start: Bicycle/Pedestrian overpass at Reserve Street connects the Bitterroot Branch Trail to Old Highway 93.

Runs southwest along the northern side of Old Highway 93 to the intersection with Lower Miller Creek Road.

Crosses the Bitterroot River on the west side of Buckhouse Bridge.

Trail crosses US 93 at Blue Mountain Rd. and runs south between US 93 and the Montana Rail Link tracks towards Lolo.

Crosses back to the west side of US 93 at the intersection of Ridgeway Drive, connecting with the existing pathway in Lolo.

\*TIGER is the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program – a federal Department of Transportation (DOT) discretionary grant program, providing investment in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. In 2013, the M2L Trail was one of 585 applications received by DOT, and one of 52 funded projects in 37 states.



## HISTORY

The M2L Trail started being identified as a priority in City and County planning documents in 1994. Citizen groups, including the Missoula-Lolo Trail Alliance, partnered with City, County and State agencies to champion this trail. The partnership applied for and received funding from the Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program for a feasibility study, which explored several possible routes. Two feasible alignments for the trail were identified and in 2013 the TIGER application based on this information was funded. In 2014 Jean Belangie-Nye was awarded the County Parks and Trails Steward Award for her efforts in the spearheading the partnership that made this groundbreaking a reality.

## TIMELINE

Bid Awarded to Western Excavating

Start Date: April 13, 2015

Completion: June 2016

## PARTNERS

Some of our many partners include:

Adventure Cycling • Bike Walk Alliance for Missoula • County Parks and Trails • County Public Works • The Cycling House • DJ&A, P.C. • Farmers State Bank • Federal Highway Administration • Lolo Community Bank • Missoula City Parks & Recreation • Missoula-Lolo Trail Alliance • Missoula Redevelopment Agency • Montana Department of Transportation

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