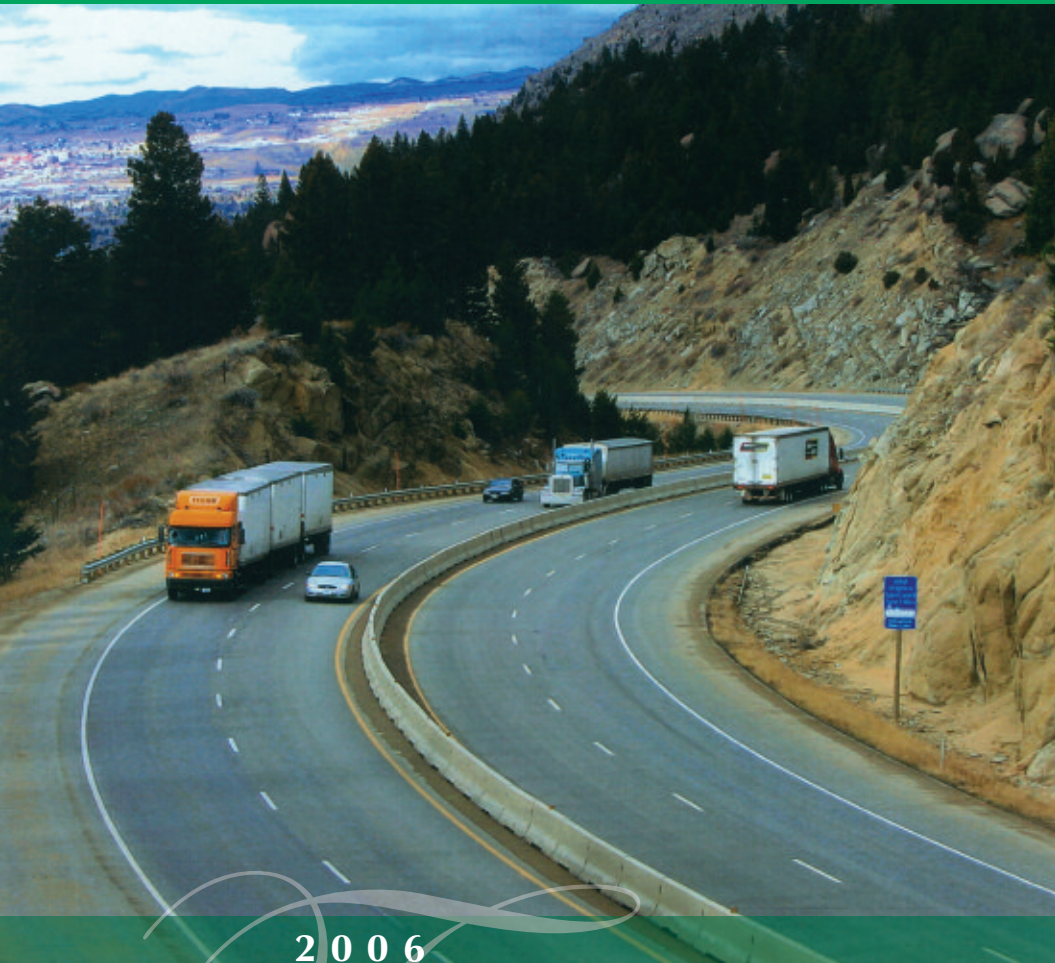


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Montana Department of Transportation Interstate 90, Milepost 230 to 240

This 10-mile stretch of I-90 is located on the continental divide where elevations range from 5500 to 6300 feet. Extreme temperature and weather events are not unusual. The road is the most heavily traveled one in the state, carrying east and westbound truck traffic. Over 40 years, approximately 72 million vehicles have traveled the route.

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) built the road in 1966 with 9.6 inches of crushed base, 1.8 inches of crushed surfacing materials and 4.2 inches of hot-mix surface mix. It overlaid the road in 1984 with 1.8 inches of hot mix and .75 inch of open-graded friction course. In 2000 MDT milled the road to a depth of 1.2 inches and overlaid it with 1.8 inches of hot-mix surface seal and cover. Since that time the road has required only minimal maintenance patching.