

## ENNIS POP-UP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is this?

This is a traffic calming/curb extension pop-up demonstration project. These temporary curb extensions are meant to improve safety and visibility of pedestrians and slow traffic speeds along Main St. This temporary project allows designs to be tested and studied before investing in long-term solutions. The white 'cones' are only to show what is possible and are NOT the final design.

### Who is doing this?

The Town of Ennis partnered with MDT and Montana State University Department-Western Transportation Institute. WTI is the largest university network of engineers that studies Rural Transportation issues.

### Why is the Town doing this?

Safety. In recent years traffic volume has increased on Hwy 287 (Main St). This leads to more motorist/pedestrian interactions. Several residents and business owners have expressed concerns over traffic speed, visibility, and safety of crosswalks on Main St. continued

## Examples of Permanent Curb Extensions



By reducing vehicle speed and increasing pedestrian/bicycle visibility, we hope to increase user awareness for a safe and active downtown Ennis. Research shows that there are numerous safety, economic, health and social benefits to communities with safe and comfortable built environments in their downtown corridors. By conducting a study we can essentially 'try' it on, use the data and input collected, and work toward a more permanent solution that is tailored to our small town.

## Who is paying for this?

MSU-Western Transportation Institute is a 1:2 funds matching program for every dollar the Town of Ennis pays towards the project WTI contributes \$2. That means the Town of Ennis is only paying 30% of the cost.

## What's next?

Once the project is complete (October 19th weather depending). A final report with data collected (traffic volume, traffic speed, yield rates, etc) will be released. The Town of Ennis will then use that data for planning purposes. Specifically, for the Ennis Master Plan process that will begin this fall.

## How do I provide feedback?

All user (Motorist, pedestrian, and cyclist) feedback is a big component to a successful study and will be used for designing a long term solution. You can make comments and take the survey designed by MSU-WTI at the link: [surveymonkey.com/r/TownOfEnnis](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TownOfEnnis)



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