

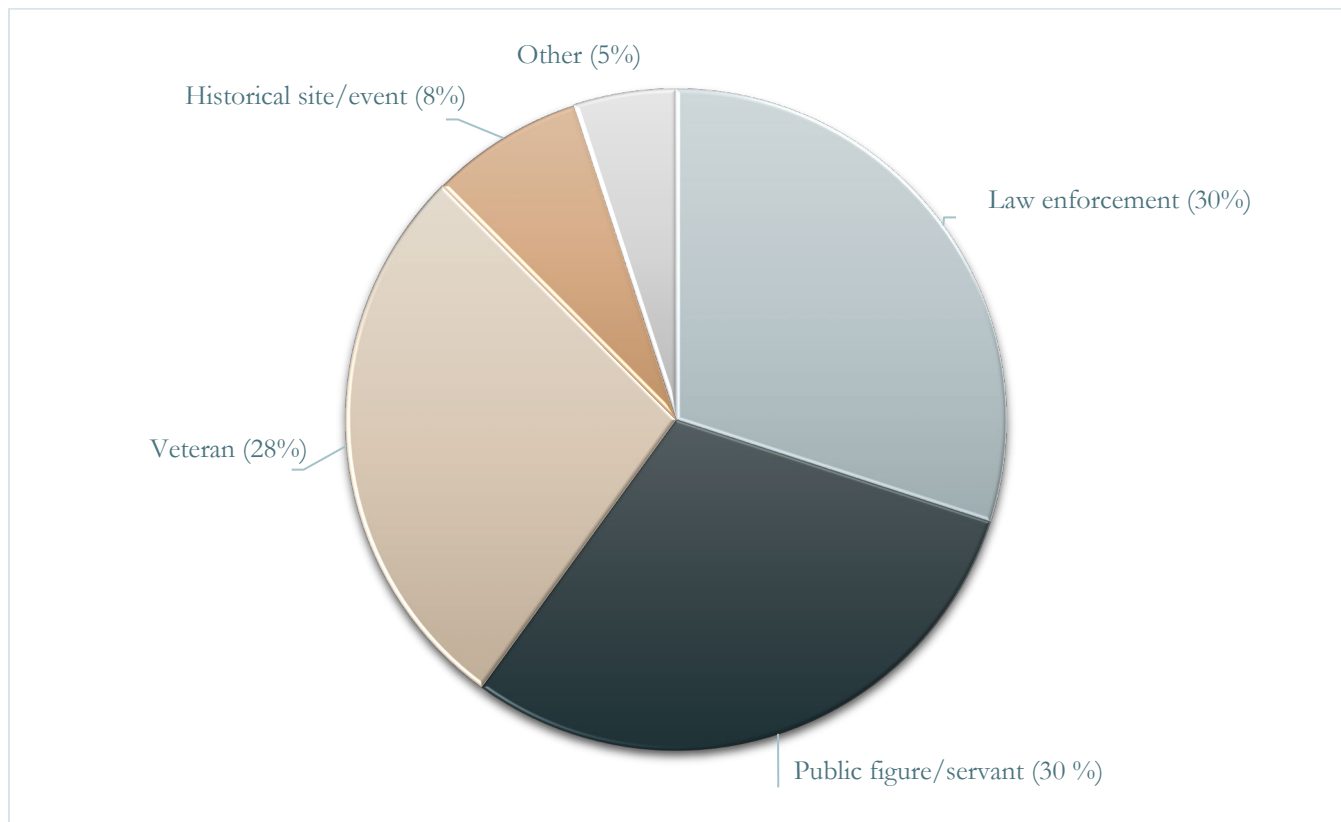
MEMORIAL HIGHWAYS IN MONTANA

As of 2023, the Legislature has designated approximately 40 memorial highways throughout Montana, which are listed in [Title 60, Chapter 1, Part 2](#). Most of these highways commemorate individuals or events that fall into the following categories: public figures/servants, law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, veterans, and historical events or sites. Current statute does not contain requirements or criteria for designating memorial highways. Three additional highways were established in 2023:

- [SB 111](#) Established the Jacob Allmendinger memorial highway, a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.
- [SB 120](#) Established the Chief Earl Old Person memorial highway, a Montana public figure/servant.
- [SB 309](#) Establishes the Ensign James A. Shelton memorial highway, a WWII veteran killed in active duty.

The primary expense associated with memorial highways is signage, which is typically erected at the beginning and end of a designated highway. The current cost is approximately \$4,500 per sign.

CURRENT HONOREES



POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

BILL

- The Transportation Interim Committee (TIC), or an individual legislator, may request a bill establishing eligibility requirements or granting rulemaking authority for memorial highways.
- If passed, these requirements could be amended or repealed by future Legislatures.

RESOLUTION(S)

- The Transportation Interim Committee, or an individual legislator, may request a resolution outlining eligibility criteria.
- Resolutions do not carry the force of law, therefore future Legislatures may not be informed of or required to utilize these criteria.
- Legislators wishing to commemorate an individual may also bring simple or joint resolutions to honor those individuals in lieu of designating memorial highways.

INTERIM COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

- The TIC may produce a final report with recommendations on eligibility requirements for memorial highways.
- Future Legislatures may not be informed of or required to utilize these criteria.

NO ACTION

- The TIC may choose not to act on this issue.
- Future Legislatures may continue to evaluate memorial highway measures as they are introduced.