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Avis Rent A Car

The Avis building is located on the frontage road, a busy connection between the town Bozeman and Gallatin Field Airport. The program called for 2,240 sf of warehouse, maintenance, service and garage, and 1,440 sf of office space. A wood structural system is used on a four-foot grid with a metal and glass façade.

The front main façade is oriented to the south which allows for maximum daylight. The north façade and sloping north shed roof protect the building from the colder exposure. The building conforms to the 2005 energy code for commercial buildings which addresses envelope requirements, lighting, mechanical, insulation of walls and roof.

The design concept took into account the character of Avis Corporation, the cars, the red color, and the location on frontage road where traffic passes at 60 mph. The result was the creation of a billboard building advertising Avis in front of the Bridger mountains.