



**TARGHEE**  
**TURN LANES**

# OPEN HOUSE





# PROJECT MAP



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## LEGEND

**WORK ZONE**







## THE TARGHEE TURN LANES PROJECT INVOLVES:

US Highway 20 (US 20), otherwise known as Targhee Pass Highway, is renowned for its recreational access. Drivers can take the highway to Yellowstone National Park or have the opportunity to stop along the way at numerous lodging sites - from campgrounds and cabins to hotels and lodges.

This picturesque corridor has an intersection-related crash pattern west of Denny Creek Road. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is working to enhance safety on this road through the Targhee Turn Lanes project. Engineering a safer drive saves lives and is a critical part of Vision Zero – MDT's initiative with the goal of zero fatalities and zero serious injuries on Montana's roadways.



Installing a center-turn-lane between Mountainside KOA and Wild West Rodeo.



Installing a left-turn-lane at Denny Creek Road.





# PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

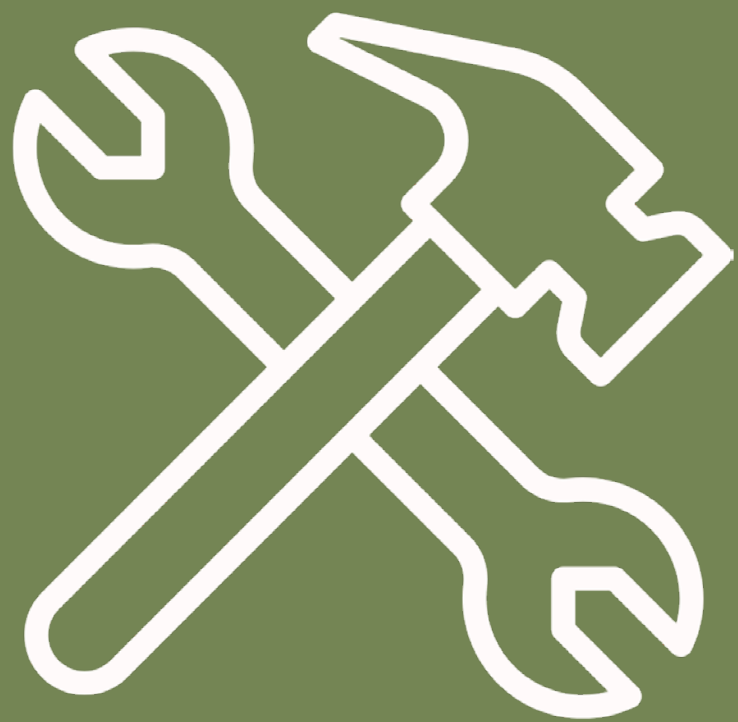


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## NEW TURNING LANES ON US HIGHWAY 20 (US 20)

Center-Turn-Lane (Mountainside KOA to Wild West Rodeo).  
Dedicated Left-Turn-Lane at Denny Creek Road.



## ROADSIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

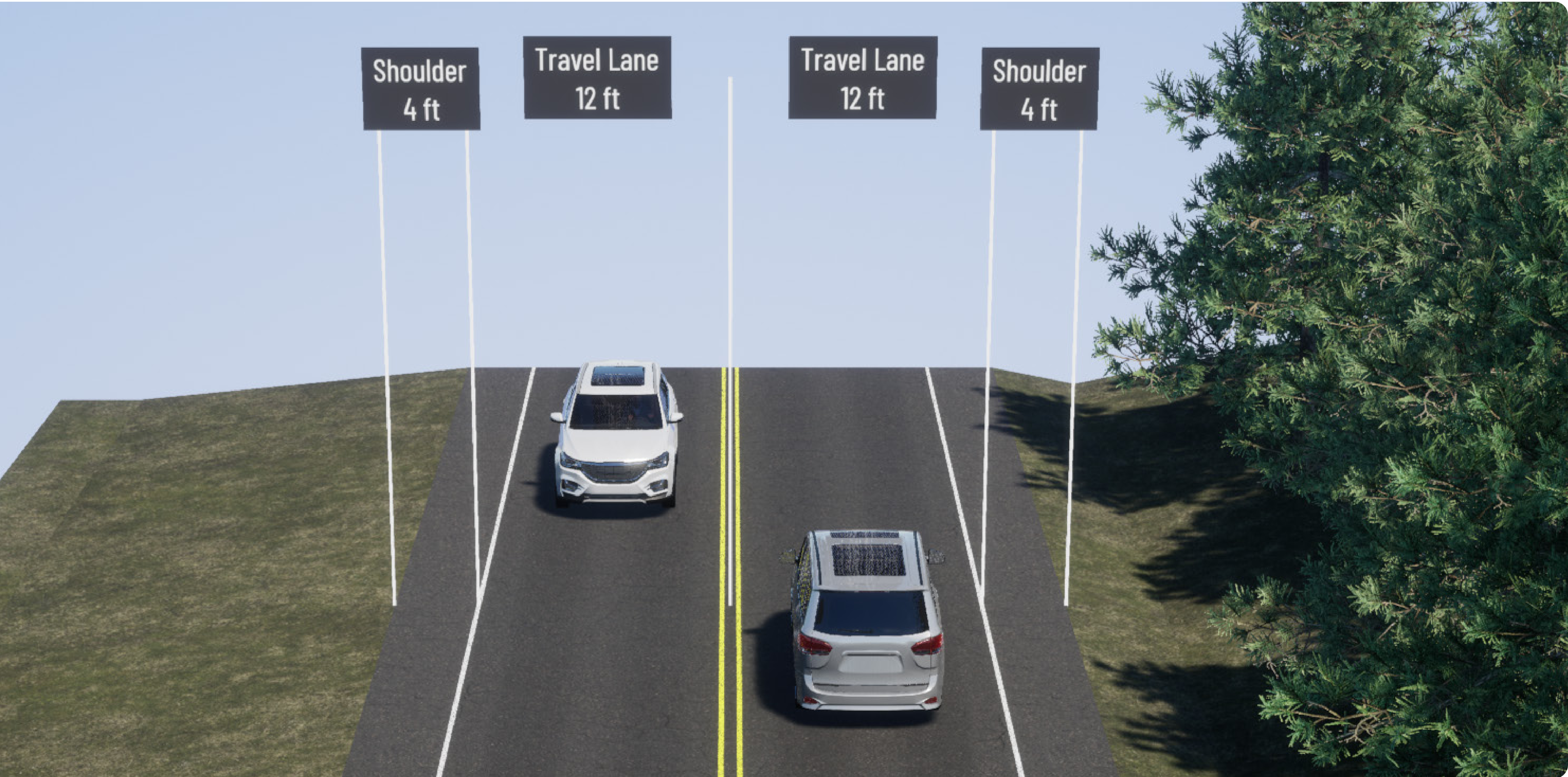
- Extension of the East Fork Denny Creek culvert.
- Relocation of irrigation ditches outside of MDT right of way.
- Evaluation of advanced warning signs for snowmobile and horseback trail crossings.
- Areas of tree clearing, rockfall mitigation, slope flattening, and guardrail installation.



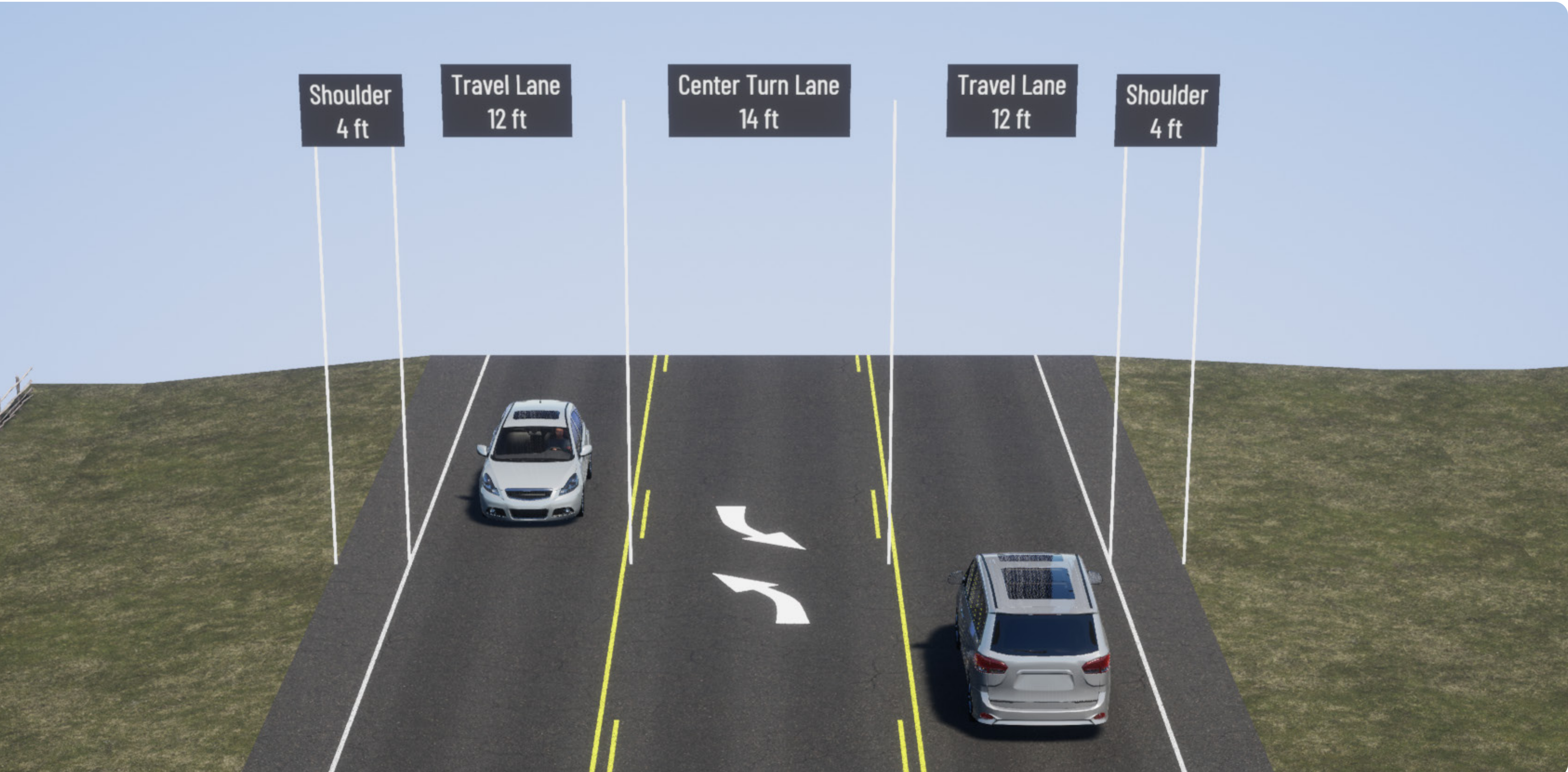


# TYPICAL CROSS-SECTIONS US HIGHWAY 20

## CURRENT HIGHWAY CONFIGURATION



## PROPOSED HIGHWAY CONFIGURATION





# PROJECT TIMELINE

This schedule is subject to change due to funding availability, completion of the final design, economic conditions, and possible unforeseen factors.

**2026**

All plans and right-of-way agreements are finalized. MDT advertises the project to select a contractor to perform construction.

**2027**

Construction begins and ends.

**2025**

Right-of-way negotiations are underway. The project team works with landowners to ensure that plans can be implemented.

**2024**

Project plans are reviewed and edited per input from staff and the public.





# ALL ABOUT FUNDING



The Targhee Turn Lanes project is anticipated to cost between

## \$5 AND \$6 MILLION

and is funded by the HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP).

This federal program provides transportation funding to state governments, including MDT.

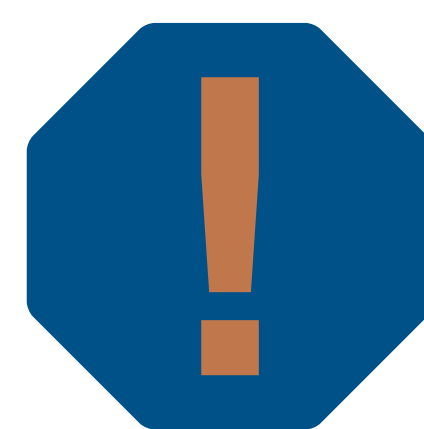
This is just one of the federal grant programs that helps Montana road projects become a reality.

The purpose of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads by funding highway safety improvements using a data-driven approach. MDT's Safety Engineering team uses a cost/benefit ratio analysis, reviewing crash data collected from local agencies in order to develop a priority list of areas that could participate in the HSIP program.

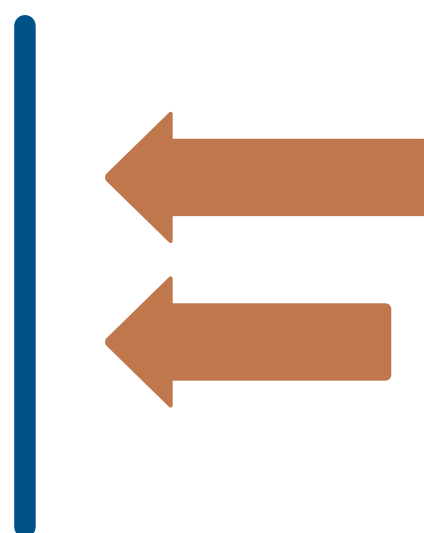
Because of the strict requirements, not every location qualifies for this type of funding. Areas must show that a change in the way the road is engineered would reduce future crashes. Unfortunately, crashes occur for a number of reasons and not every crash can be addressed by engineering the road differently.



## EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF PROJECTS ADDRESSED WITH HSIP FUNDS



Adding signs to corridors



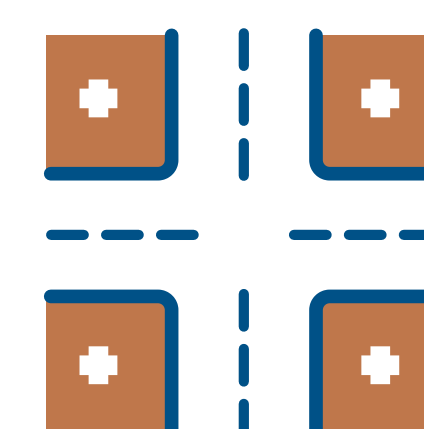
Roadway realignment



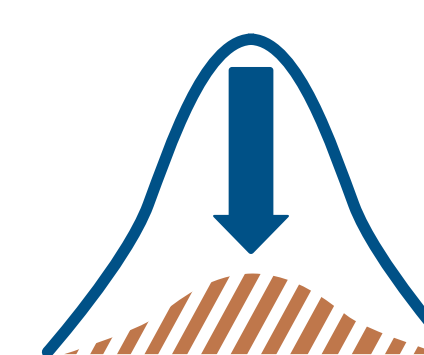
Striping, or painting the roadway lines



Guardrail installation



Intersection improvements



Flattening curves in the road



Installing posts, barriers, and other devices to alert drivers of the road alignment





**MDT is committed to Vision Zero – the goal of zero deaths and zero serious injuries on Montana’s roadways.**

**Our approach to improving safety on our roadways focuses on key elements of traffic safety – also known as the four “Es”:**

- 1 EDUCATION**  
through public information and traffic safety outreach campaigns.
- 2 ENFORCEMENT**  
of Montana’s traffic laws through the presence of law enforcement.
- 3 ENGINEERING**  
of Montana’s roadways to ensure best practices are implemented and maintained with safety as the priority.
- 4 EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE**  
to support emergency services so they are adequately funded and equipped to respond to crashes.



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