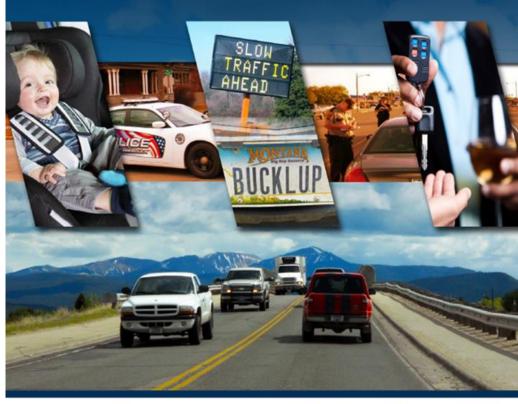


Roadway Departure & Intersection
Crashes Emphasis Area
Great Northern Hotel
Helena, MT
October 11, 2017

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## Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan







zero deaths | zero serious injuries

# Roadway Departure/Intersection Crashes

Emphasis Area Overview

 Innovative New Tools for Advancing Safety Analysis

Proven Safety Countermeasures



- Strategy Highlights:
  - Continued use of the Roadway Departure
     Study for identifying and screening potential
     HSIP projects
  - Several local agencies have been connected to the MDT's Safety Information Management System database
  - Centerline Rumblestrips installation is continuing
  - Horizontal Curve signing effort is continuing (goal is to complete by 2019)



- Strategy Highlights:
  - Education material is available (updated roundabout brochures, flashing yellow arrows, new rumble strip website, etc)
  - -Education/Skills Training continuing
    - AARP Driver Safety Class
      - -1<sup>st</sup> quarter: 43 classroom classes with 543 participants and 194 on-line participants
      - -2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: 57 classroom classes with 682 participants and 186 on-line participants
    - Operation Life Saver Training
      - Presented at 22 driver's education classes between May - July



- Strategy Highlights:
  - Education/Skills Training continuing
    - BikeWalk Montana
      - Melinda Barnes; conducted bicycle skills training in Hamilton,
         Glasgow and Helena; skills and bicycle laws training for the
         Helena Police Department.
    - Operation Safe Driver
      - Several schools participate in the Teens in Trucks Program
    - MT D.R.I.V.E. (Lewistown Driving Track)
      - Skills training includes skid control, controlled braking, evasive steering, cornering, and off road recovery. Trained 14,000 since 1979.



#### **Montana Teen Traffic Safety**





**Montana FCCLA** 

- 1,095 Members
  - 67 Chapters
- Launched at Annual Leadership Rally
  - Grants Available
  - Awarded by November 1
  - Completion date March 9
  - Prizes for Winning Projects







- Strategy Highlights:
  - –Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS)
    - Has conducted Basic Skills along with Advanced
  - –Centerline Rumble Strip Media campaign was conducted for about 2 months in the Great Falls/Havre area



- Strategy Highlights:
  - Funds for Law Enforcement (\$2,216,000 for FFY 2017)
    - \$683k for SETT (Enforcement)
    - \$580k for STEP (Enforcement)
    - \$175k for TSRO (Drug and Alcohol Training)
    - \$106k for 24/7 program (alcohol monitoring post DUI)
    - \$60k for Mini-Grants (Enforcement)
    - \$32k for Web Based Crash Trainer (Data and Training)



- Strategy Highlights:
  - Final stats for FY 2016
    - Total Enforcement Hours 16,065
    - Total Traffic Stops 18,642
    - Total Citations 33,064
      - -Included were:
        - **»DUI/DUID 467**
        - »Seatbelts 3,009 (citations and warnings)
        - »Speeding 8,657 (citations and warnings)



# Innovative New Tools for Advancing Traffic Safety

- HSIP Program
- Roadway Departure Study
- Intersection Study
- Safety Information Management System (SIMS)





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for resources to support HSIP

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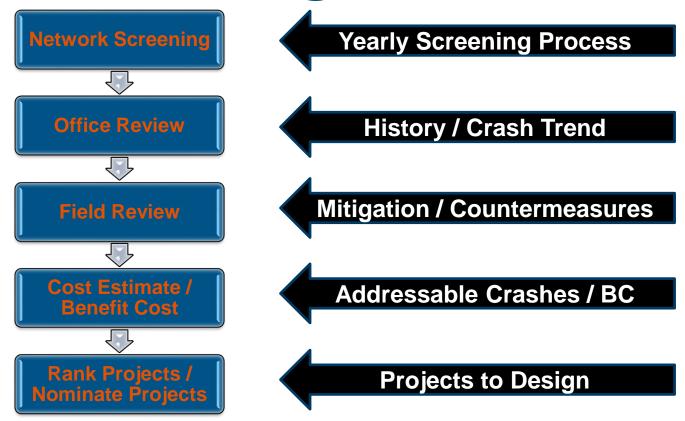


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### **HSIP Program Summary**





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### **HSIP Program Summary**

#### **INNOVATIVE TOOLS**

- Roadway Departure Study
- Intersection Study
- Safety Information Management System (SIMS)



# Roadway Departure & Intersection Studies

#### Safety Performance Functions (SPF's)

Mathematical Formula – function of crashes/year

- Roadway Departure type of facility
- Intersection intersection traffic control and traffic volumes

#### Considers the magnitude of the safety issues

**Traffic Volumes** 

Type of Facility & Control

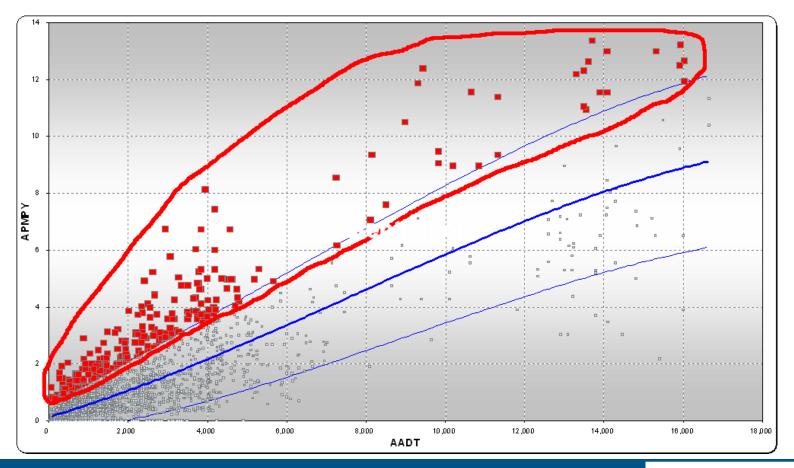
Total Crashes and Fatal/Serious Injury Crashes

#### Analyses the nature of the safety problem

Utilizes the diagnostic norms Side Street Volumes

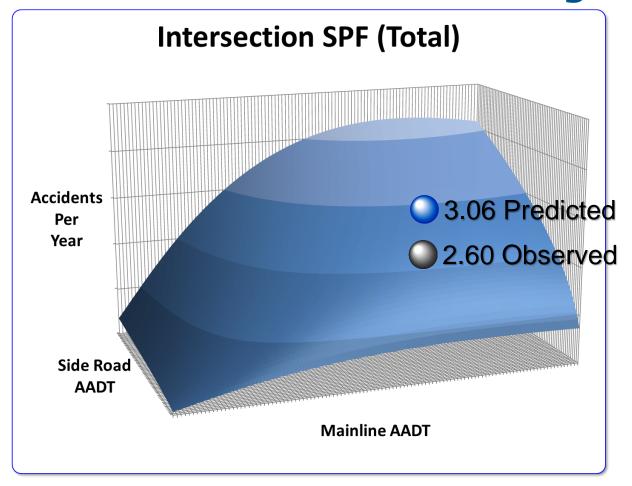


### **Roadway Departure Study**





### **Intersection Study**





### Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes Emphasis Area Intersection Study - Diagnostic **Norms**

	Montana Department of Transportation 11/03/20 DiExSys™ Roadway Safety Systems Diagnostics Comparison Percentages Baselines Job#: 201611031607								
Highway Class: MT - Urban 4-Lane	Divided UnS	ignalized 4-Le	eg Intersections - AADT All Totals (2016)						
Baseline Statistics Sta	tewide Aver	rage	- Baseline Statistics - Stat	ewide Aver	age				
CATEGORY	# ACC's	<u>%</u>	CATEGORY	# ACC's	<u>%</u>				
Property Damage Only (PDO)	681	70.21%	Large Boulders or Rocks	0	0.00%				
Injury (INJ)	286	29.48%	Rocks in Roadway	0	0.00%				
Fatal (FAT)	3	0.31%	Barricade	0	0.00%				
Persons Injured	427		Wall or Building	0	0.00%				
Persons Killed	3		Crash Cushion	0	0.00%				
Single Vehicle Accidents	27	2.78%	Mailbox	0	0.00%				
Two Vehicle Accidents	862	88.87%	Other Fixed Object	6	0.62%				
Three or More Vehicle Accidents	81	8.35%	Involving Other Object	1	0.10%				
Unknown Number of Vehicles	0	0.00%	Road Maintenance Equipment	0	0.00%				
On Road	960	98.97%	Unknown Accident Type	9	0.93%				
Off Road	9	0.93%	Total Fixed Objects	24	2.47%				
Off Road Left	1	0.10%	Total Other Objects	1	0.10%				
Off Road Right	8	0.82%	Daylight	795	81.96%				
Off Road at Tee	0	0.00%	Dawn or Dusk	22	2.27%				
Off Road in Median	0	0.00%	Dark - Lighted	123	12.68%				
Unknown Road Location	1	0.10%	Dark - Unlighted	28	2.89%				
Overturning	1	0.10%	Unknown Lighting	2	0.21%				
Other Non Collision	0	0.00%	No Adverse Weather	837	86.29%				
Vehicle Cargo or Debris	0	0.00%	Rain	55	5.67%				
Pedestrian	11	1.13%	Snow or Sleet or Hail	69	7.11%				
Broadside	313	32.27%	Fog	4	0.41%				
Head On	7	0.72%	Dust	1	0.10%				
Rear End	380	39.18%	Wind	3	0.31%				
Sideswipe (Same Direction)	96	9.90%	Unknown Weather	1	0.10%				
Sideswipe (Opposite Direction)	8	0.82%	Dry Road	706	72.78%				
Approach Turn	75	7.73%	Wet Road	122	12.58%				



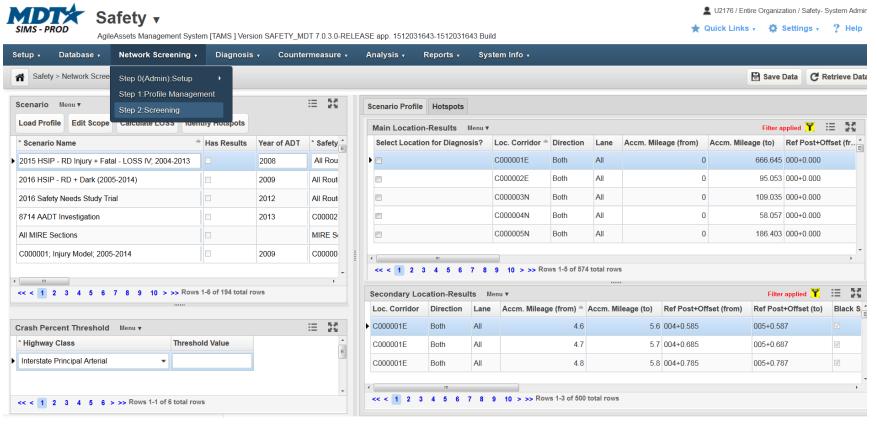
# Safety Information Management System (SIMS)





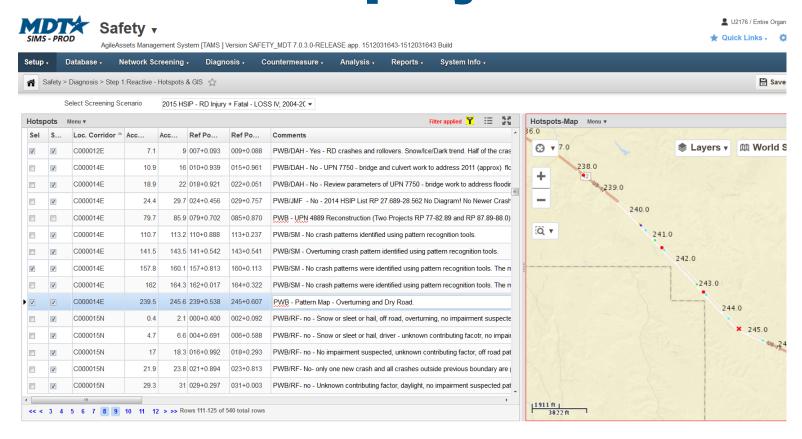


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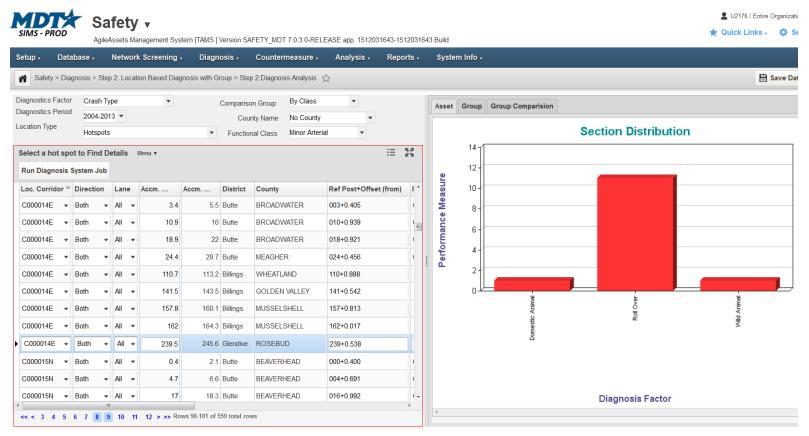


# HSIP - SIMS - GIS Mapping & Display



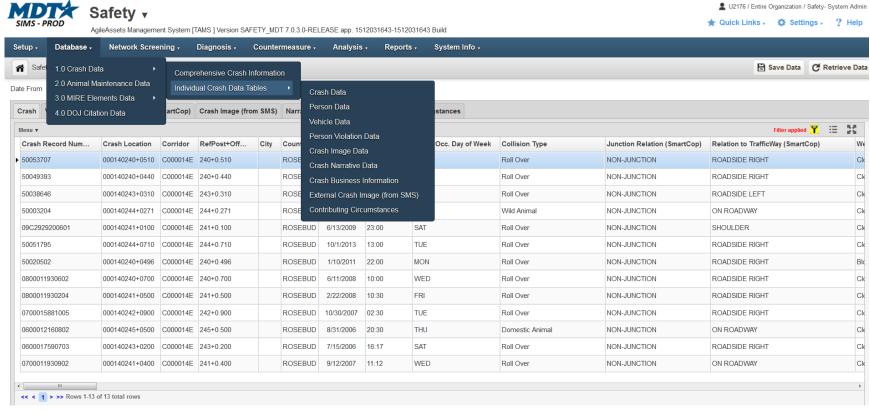


### **HSIP - SIMS - Diagnosis Tools**



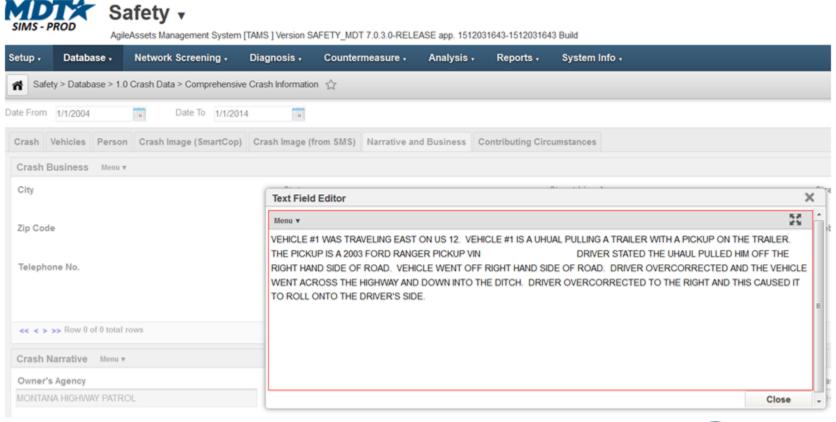


#### **HSIP - SIMS - Database Queries**





#### **HSIP - SIMS - Crash Narratives**





#### **HSIP - SIMS - Countermeasures**



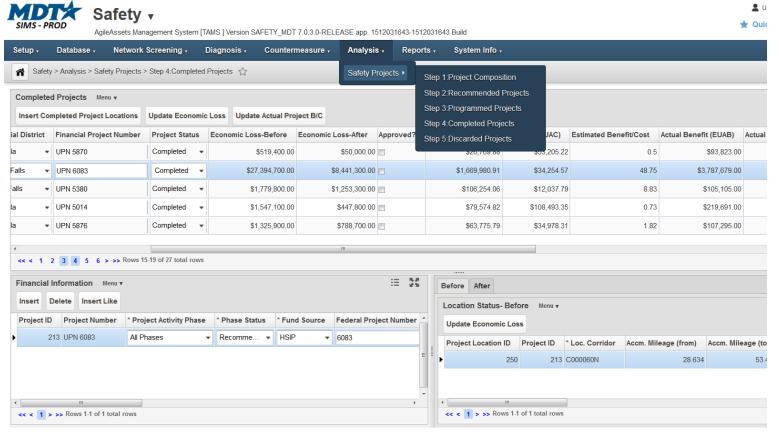


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Fence-V	Wildlife Friendly			\$1.46	\$1.70	LINEAR	•	Find CMF?	1	2015	0	1	20	
Fencing	(Domestic Animals	;)		\$0.01	\$0.01	Mile	•	Find CMF?	0.3	2015	0.7	1	20	
Flashing	g Beacon at Intersed	ction (3 Leg Red/Yellow)		\$0.01	\$50,000.00	Each	•	Find CMF?	0.61	2015	0.39	1	10	
Flashing	g Beacon at Intersec	tion (4 Leg Red/Yellow)		\$0.01	\$50,000.00	Each	*	Find CMF?	0.66	2015	0.34	1	10	
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Flashing	g Beacons Mounted	on Intersection Warning Signs	5	\$0.01	\$5,000.00	LUMP S	•	Find CMF?	0.73	2015	0.27	1	10	
Flashing	g Beacons Mounted	on Curve Warning Signs		\$0.01	\$5,000.00	LUMP S	•	Find CMF?	0.73	2015	0.27	1	10	
Flatten	Side Slopes			\$0.01	\$0.01	Mile	•	Find CMF?	0.68	2015	0.32	1	20	
Flexible	Delineation (White	& Yellow)		\$74.76	\$86.00	Each	¥	Find CMF?	0.75	2015	0.25	1	4	
Flexible	Delineation-Surface	e Mounted		\$70.14	\$81.00	Each	•	Find CMF?	0.75	2015	0.25	1	4	
Four-Wa	ay Stop Sign			\$0.01	\$0.01	Each	•	Find CMF?	0.47	2015	0.53	1	10	
Guardra	ail (Box Beam Rail) a	at Road Edge		\$33.78	\$38.80	LINEAR	•	Find CMF?	0.77	2015	0.23	1	15	
Guardra	ail (Box Beam Rail)	On Inside of Curve		\$33.78	\$38.80	LINEAR	*	Find CMF?	0.72	2015	0.28	1	15	
Guardra	ail (Box Beam Rail)	On Outside of Curve		\$33.78	\$38.80	LINEAR	•	Find CMF?	0.37	2015	0.63	1	15	
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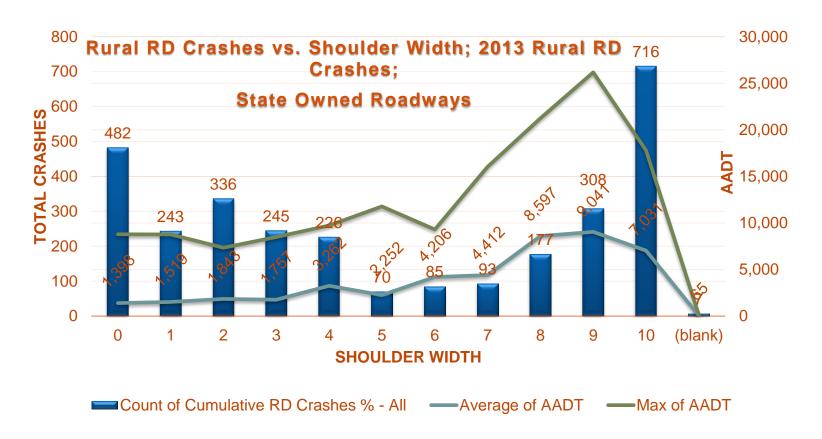


### **HSIP – SIMS – Project Tracking**





#### SIMS(Crash Data + Roadway Data)





#### **HSIP - SIMS - Citation Data**



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DRIVING WITH VEHICLE IN UNSAFE CONDITION



### **Proven Safety Countermeasures**

- Initiated by FHWA 2008 and updated in 2012
- https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/

#### Purpose of directive:

- Highlight effective countermeasures
- Encourage these countermeasures to be more wide spread throughout the highway system
- Begin tracking them for each state



### **Proven Safety Countermeasures**

#### FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures

- Safety Edge
- Roundabouts
- Corridor Access Management
- Backplates with Retroreflective Borders
- Longitudinal Rumble Strips and Stripes on 2-Lane Road



#### **Proven Safety Countermeasures**

#### FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures

- <u>Enhanced Delineation</u> and Friction for Horizontal Curves
- Medians and Pedestrian Crossing Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas
- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
- "Road Diets" (Roadway Reconfiguration)



### Proven Safety Countermeasure-Roundabouts

- Enhanced safety
- Intersection efficiency –traffic moves
- Potential air quality benefits
- Fuel Savings
- Improved aesthetics
- U-turns are allowed



### Proven Safety Countermeasure-Roundabouts

- Public resistance is common
- Before construction: 2 to 1 against roundabout
- Education is crucial
- After construction: 3 to 1 in favor of roundabout
- Visualizations & traffic simulations are very helpful



## Proven Safety Countermeasures - Roundabouts

Safety Performance is Major Reason for Continued Focus

- Reduction of Total Crashes by 39%
- Reduction of Injury Crashes by 76%
- Reduction of Fatal and Incapacitating Crashes by 89%

www.highwaysafety.org



#### The Vail Trail - November 1994 Prior to Modern Roundabout







The Vail Trail - January 5, 1996

#### – Editorial –

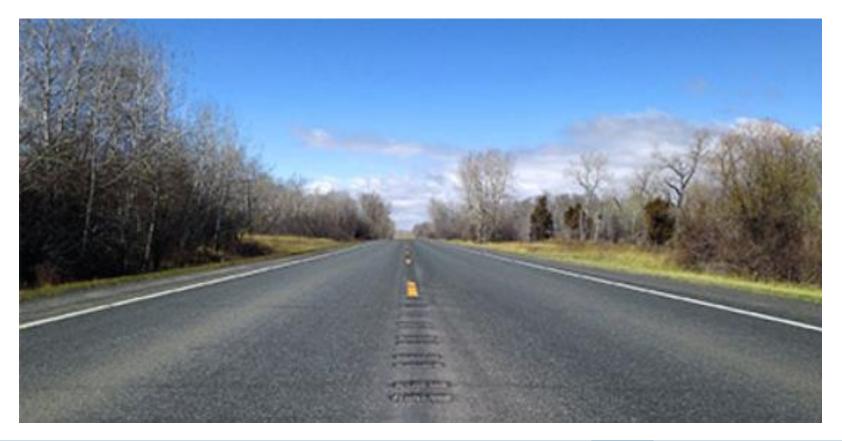
# Shocker: Maybe the roundabout isn't so bad after all

We at the Trail have had a lot of fun in the past year taking stabs at Vail's roundabout, projecting all manner of doomsday scenarios for the project...

...Our primary concern was the combination of slick roads, rental cars and an unfamiliar driving concept. However, people seem to have figured out the contraption. What's more, the gridlock appears to be gone.



# Proven Safety Countermeasures – Centerline Rumblestrips





# Proven Safety Countermeasures - Centerline Rumble Strips

Roadway departure crashes account for more than two-thirds of all Montana's roadway fatalities.



## Proven Safety Countermeasures – Centerline Rumble Strips

Roadway Departure Campaign continued through 2017







# Proven Safety Countermeasures - Centerline Rumble Strips

Roadway Departure Campaign

Myth Crashers Video - It Only Takes A Second



http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/roads/roadway-departure.shtml



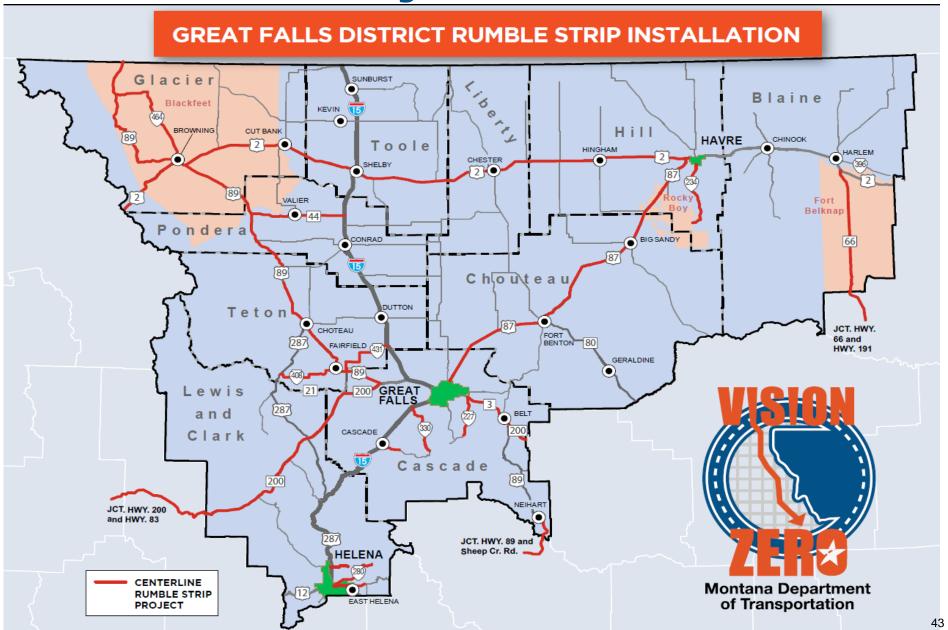
## Proven Safety Countermeasures – Centerline Rumble Strips

#### Education Campaign on Centerline Rumblestrips

- Paid newspaper ads
- Television Interviews
- Recorded radio spots
- Developed talking points (shared with HQ/District personnel)
- Developed new webpage
  - <a href="http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/rumblestrips/">http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/rumblestrips/</a>
- Social Media
  - Facebook Ads
  - Instagram



#### **Proven Safety Countermeasure-**



# Proven Safety Countermeasures – Centerline Rumble Strips

#### Centerline Rumble Strip Installation Plan

- Butte District completed
- Billings District completed
- Great Falls District completed
- Glendive District next summer
- Missoula District Summer 2019



# Proven Safety Countermeasures - Enhanced Delineation on Horizontal Curves

Centerline Rumble Strip Installation Plan

- Missoula District completed
- Butte District completed
- Great Falls District currently in construction phase one of the job order contract
- Billings District 2018/2019
- Glendive District 2018/2019



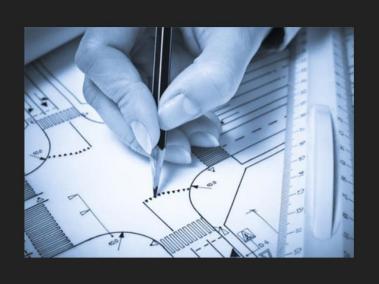
#### Safer Roads



#### **Engineering a Safer Drive**

MDT's *Traffic and Safety Bureau* provides management, design, and technical support for traffic and safety engineering; and is responsible for traffic signal operations. This team of professionals looks carefully at road designs to ensure the safest possible drive.

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Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan <a href="http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp.shtml">http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp.shtml</a>

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