

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Lincoln Road – Montana to I 15 Project.

The purpose of this open house is to:

- Provide an overview of the project and the planned improvements.
- Describe the construction activities and construction traffic impacts.
- Answer questions.



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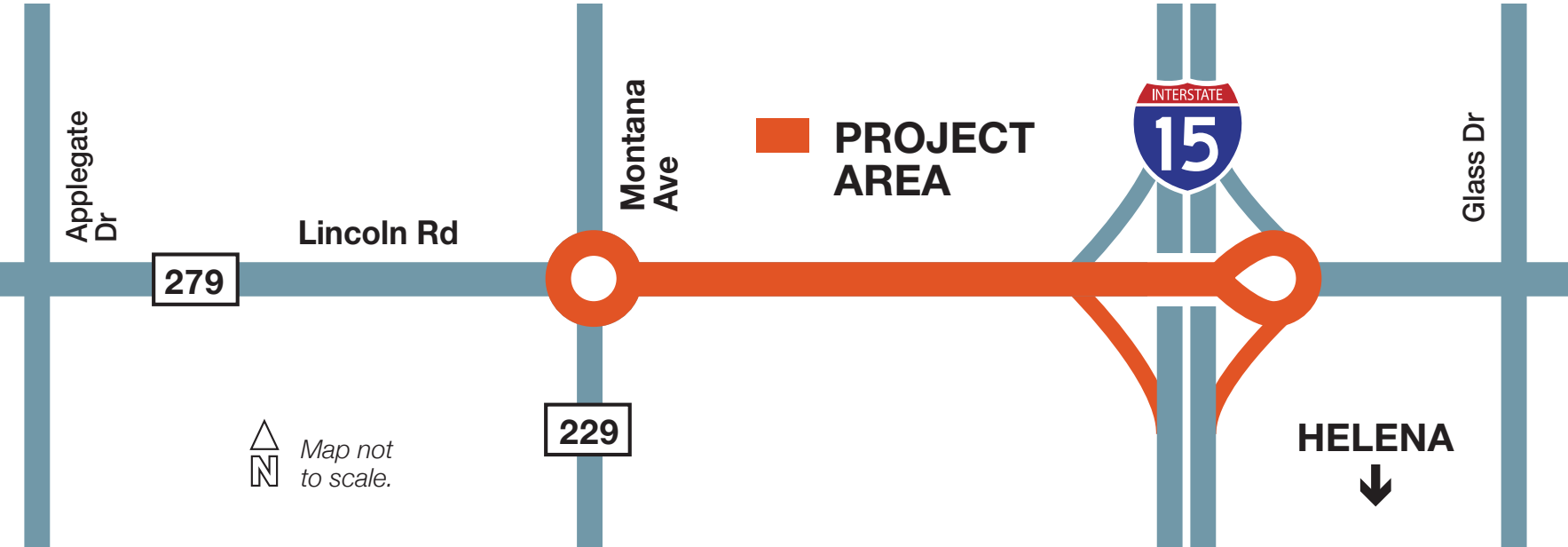
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Project Team



About the project

The purpose of the Lincoln Road – Montana to I 15 Project is to improve the flow of traffic and safety on Lincoln Road between North Montana Avenue and Interstate 15. This project will help address morning and evening traffic congestion caused by rapid growth in the valley.



Planned Improvements

North Montana Avenue Intersection



A single-lane roundabout with a westbound right-turn bypass lane will be constructed. The bypass lane will address the high amount of westbound to northbound right-turn movements during the evening rush hour.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FEATURE

Based on input from the public, MDT developed an additional safety feature for pedestrian traffic crossing North Montana Avenue. A pedestrian crossing signal will be installed on the north side of Lincoln Road between Bob's Valley Market and Jim Darcy Elementary.

I 15 Northbound Off-ramp



A single-lane roundabout with a northbound right-turn bypass will be constructed. The bypass lane will increase the capacity of the northbound off-ramp.



I 15 Southbound On-ramp



Improvements include:

- An additional eastbound right-turn bypass lane from Lincoln Road onto the I 15 southbound on-ramp.
- An additional lane on the southbound on-ramp.
- A westbound left-turn lane from Lincoln Road onto the I 15 southbound on-ramp.

The improvements will reduce the stacking of traffic on Lincoln Road during morning rush hour.



What to expect during construction

MDT and our contracting partner, Helena Sand and Gravel, will continue to monitor and improve traffic controls to minimize construction impacts when possible.

- Access to businesses and Jim Darcy Elementary will be maintained.
- Two lanes of traffic will be open during peak morning and evening commuting hours (6:30 am to 8:30 am & 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm).
- Expect alternating one-lane traffic between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm; and after 6:00 pm.
- Delays up to 15 minutes can be expected at times.
- A detour route using Kingpost Loop and Rustic Way will direct traffic around construction at the Lincoln Road and Montana Avenue intersection.
- Traffic sensing smart signals will direct traffic through some intersections.
- Speed limits will be reduced to 35 mph.
- Traffic patterns will shift and change throughout the work zone.

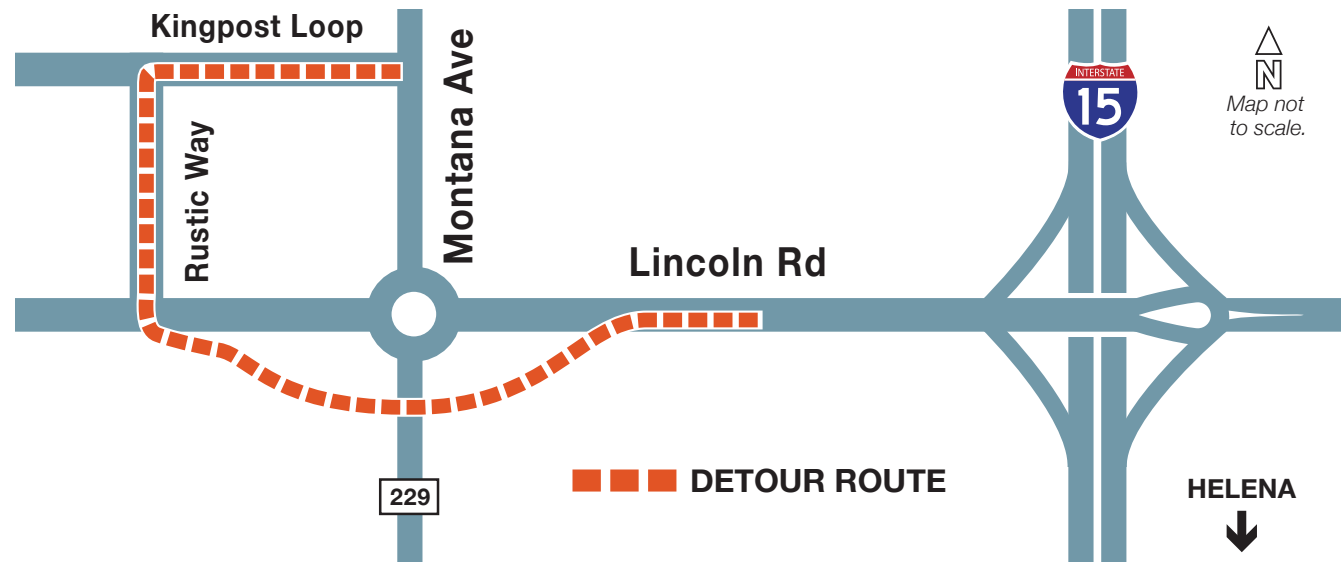
Traveling Through the Work Zone

Detour Route

A detour route using Kingpost Loop and Rustic Way will direct traffic around construction at the Lincoln Road and Montana Avenue intersection. The detour will improve the flow of traffic for the public and help the contractor complete the work more efficiently.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Marked crossings will be provided to allow pedestrian traffic to safely cross near the construction work zones.



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Traveling Through the Work Zone

Pedestrian Access

Marked crossings and safety barriers will be provided to allow pedestrian traffic to safely cross near the construction work zones. These crossings will be relocated at times as construction in the area changes. Please look for and follow the posted signs.



Anticipated Construction Schedule

Construction is expected to be substantially completed in the fall of 2022. Chip sealing and final pavement markings will need to be applied when warmer weather allows in the spring/summer of 2023.



Why roundabouts?

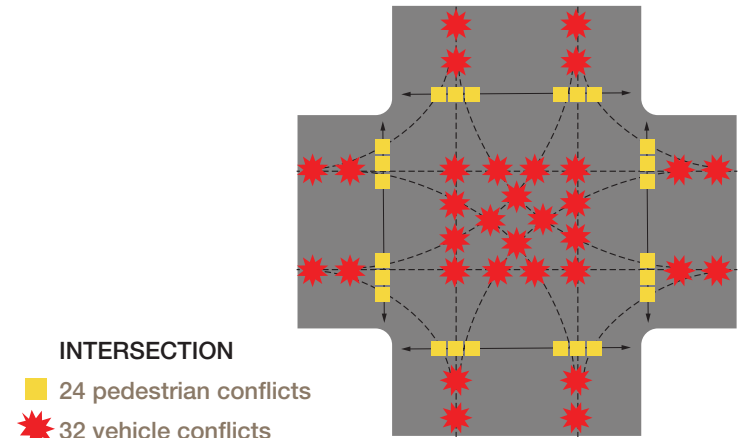
Improved Safety and Operations

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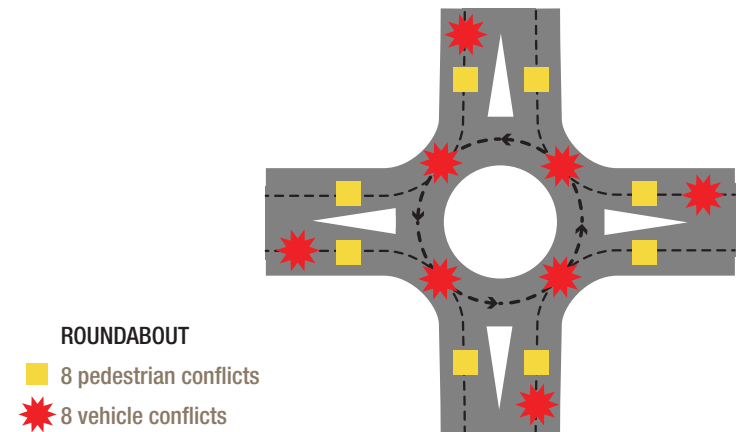
Fewer Conflict Points

Traditional intersections have 32 different points at which vehicles can crash into one another, compared to 8 points for a single-lane roundabout.

The roundabout's circular design and one-directional traffic flow virtually eliminate the deadliest T-bone and head-on style crashes. Roundabouts also reduce the severity of rear-end crashes because traffic must slow down in order to enter.



Intersection vs Roundabout



Why roundabouts?

Improved Safety and Operations

Not Just for Cities

Roundabouts are proven to reduce fatalities and serious injuries at high-speed, rural intersections. Roundabouts at rural intersections were shown to result in:

↓ **90%** fatal accidents

↓ **75%** injury crashes

↓ **37%** overall crashes

Safer for Pedestrians, Too

Slower speeds and one-directional traffic flow mean fewer crossing conflicts. Vehicles and pedestrians also have more time to react to one another.



9 out of 10 people die when hit at 40 mph.



5 out of 10 people die when hit at 30 mph.



9 out of 10 people SURVIVE when hit at 20 mph.



Why roundabouts?

Improved Safety and Operations

Roundabouts improve the flow of traffic when compared to traditional stop signs or signal-controlled intersections. Studies have shown that roundabouts result in fewer delays, fewer stops, and less fuel consumption than stop lights and stop signs.

Traffic

- In 2020, 6,847 vehicles traveled daily on Lincoln Road between North Montana Avenue and Interstate 15.
- By 2040, the number of vehicles traveling this section of Lincoln Road is projected to nearly double to 13,050.

How to navigate a roundabout

When driving a roundabout, slow down, look left, and travel to your exit.

Single-lane Roundabout

1 Slow down



Large Vehicles

Use the center Truck Apron for extra space.

Pedestrians

Use crosswalks if available. Never cross onto the center island.

Cyclists

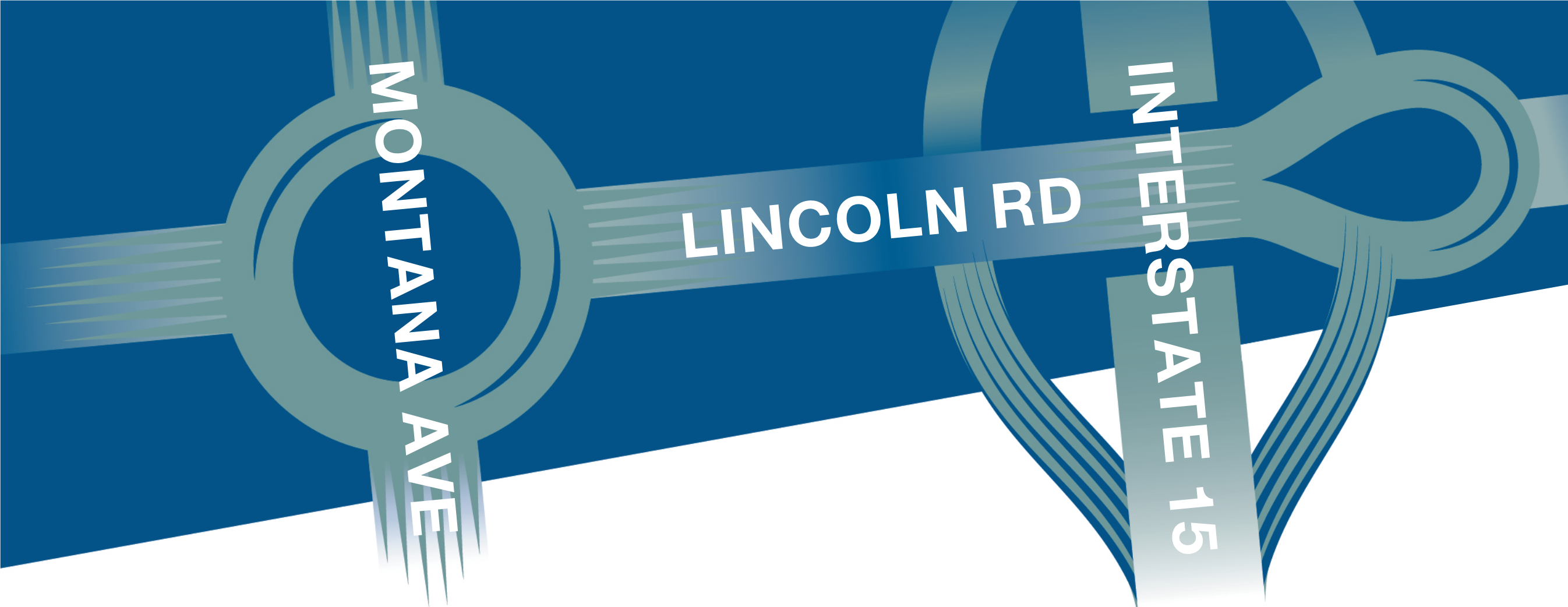
Take the lane or dismount and walk.

2 Look left

Yield to pedestrians and traffic already in the roundabout. Once you see a gap in traffic, enter the roundabout and proceed to your exit.

3 Travel to your exit

Don't stop or pass.



Project Process and Schedule

Project initiated and traffic study performed	2013 – 2014
Corridor improvement options presented to the public	Nov. 2014
Improvement options evaluated and alternative developed	2014 – 2017
Preferred alternative presented to the public	June 2017
Project design presented to the public	Dec. 2018
Project final design updated and presented to the public	Aug. 2019
Design finalized and right-of-way acquired	2019 – 2021
Construction notifications sent to public	Dec. 2021
WE ARE HERE Construction information presented to the public	March 2022
Construction begins	April 2022
Chip sealing and final pavement markings	Spring/Summer 2023



Stay Informed During Construction

MDT will continue to update the public about traffic impacts and work activities during construction.

TO SIGN UP FOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

For EMAIL UPDATES: text **LINCOLNROAD** to **22828**

For TEXT UPDATES: text **LINCOLNROAD** to **(866) 434-0866** (toll-free)

Call the project phone line: **(406) 545-0800**

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Thank you

Thank you for joining us for today's open house. Communication with the public during construction is important to the success of the project.

For more information about the project, visit www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/lincoln/

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