

ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

Montana Department of Transportation



Stakeholder Meeting

October 28, 2021

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Introductions

Transition Plan Overview

What is the ADA Transition Plan?

OCTOBER 15, 2021

ADA TRANSITION
PLAN UPDATE
Montana Department of Transportation

Providing equitable access for all transportation users

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Provides guidance for
**removing
barriers to
accessibility**

in the public right-of-way on
MDT-maintained routes and
across MDT's public
programs and services

What elements are addressed?

- **Existing and Newly Constructed Features**

- **Right-of-Way Features**

- Curb Ramps
 - Sidewalks
 - Crosswalks
 - Pedestrian Activated Signals

- **Building Facilities**

- MDT Headquarters (Helena)
 - District Office Buildings
 - Rest Areas
 - Airports
 - Maintenance Buildings
 - Scale Sites

- **MDT Programs, Services, and Activities**

What Methods are addressed?

- **Administration**
 - External ADA program management
- **Communications**
 - Eliminate communication barriers, provide auxiliary aids
- **Right-of-way Features**
 - ADA Inventory
 - Project Identification
 - Design and Construction
 - Operation and Maintenance
- **Building Facilities**
 - ADA Inventory
 - Design, Construction, Maintenance

What is not addressed in the ADA Transition Plan?



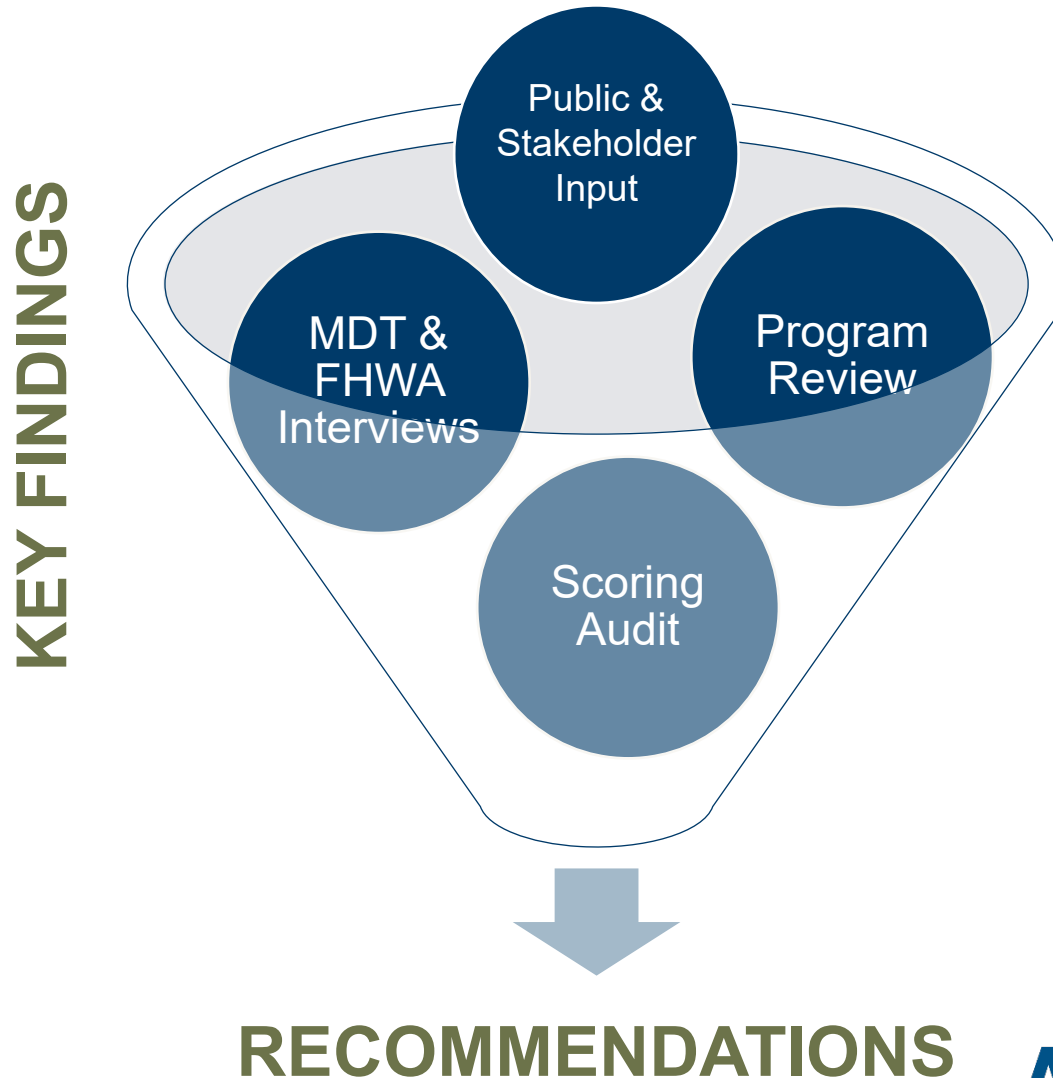
- Specific project locations
- Local right-of-way features and facilities
- Internal MDT employment accessibility

Goals and Purpose of Plan Update







- Integrate process improvements
- Focus on public and stakeholder involvement
- Conduct Department-wide coordination
- Demonstrate progress

What was our process?







What did we hear?

Key Areas of Concern:

-  Pedestrian pathways, sidewalks, curb ramps
-  Rest areas
-  Public involvement
-  Data and maps

Desired Improvements:

-  Additional communication with disability community
-  Walk audits
-  Pedestrian route connectivity
-  Winter maintenance

What did we hear?

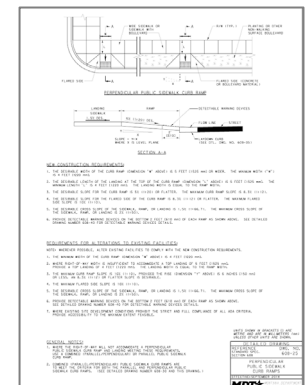
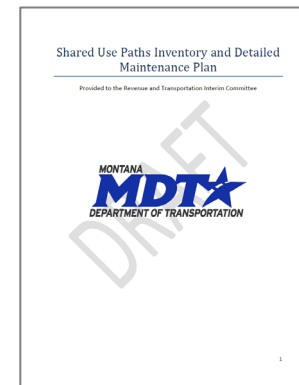
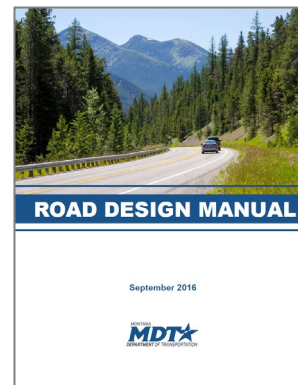
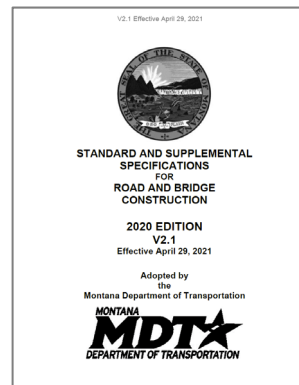
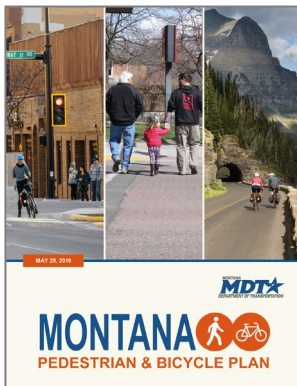
1. A centralized set of **ADA references** is desired.
2. Elements of the 2016 plan **no longer reflect** how the MDT ADA Program operates.
3. An **updated scoring** process is desired.

Key Updates

What did we change?

NEW Section 1.3

- Summarizes related plans and documents
- Centralized list of ADA-related resources used by MDT



What did we change?



Updated Plan Methods

- Parts of the previous plan no longer reflected how the MDT ADA Program operates today.
- Addressed areas of public concern
- Substantive updates to 19 of 32 methods

What did we change?



Updated Scoring Methodology

- Sets a maximum total score of 100 for each curb ramp
- Compares scores by MDT District, county, urban areas, and communities

Updated Scoring Process & Results

Scoring Goals



Purpose

- Compare compliance status by groupings
- Classify barriers to assist in making project development decisions given available resources
- Demonstrate progress



Process Goals

- Repeatable
- Explainable
- Easy to conduct



Output Goals

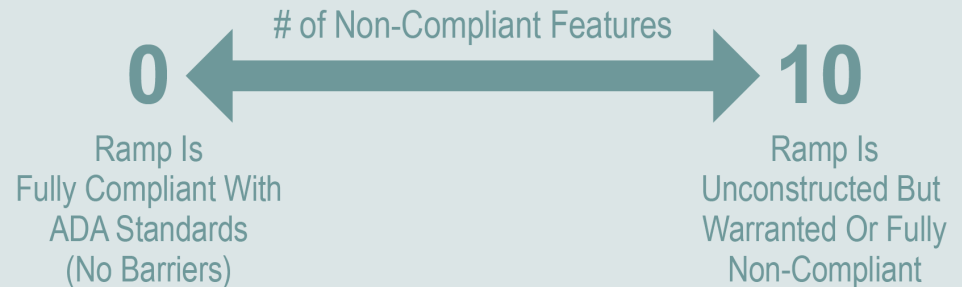
- Meaningful
- Comparable
- More reflective of compliance spectrum

Summary - Scoring Ranges

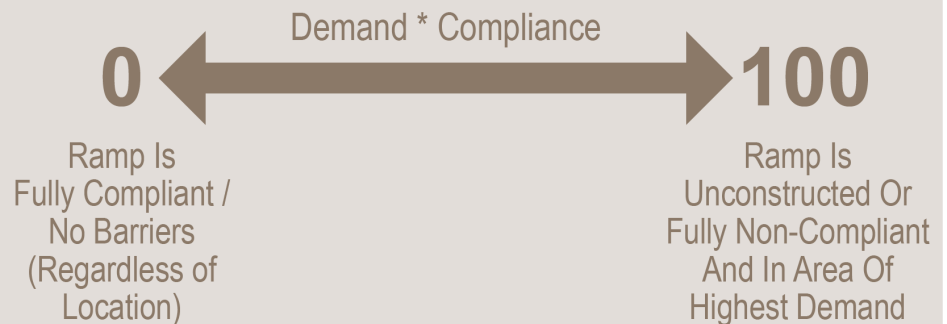
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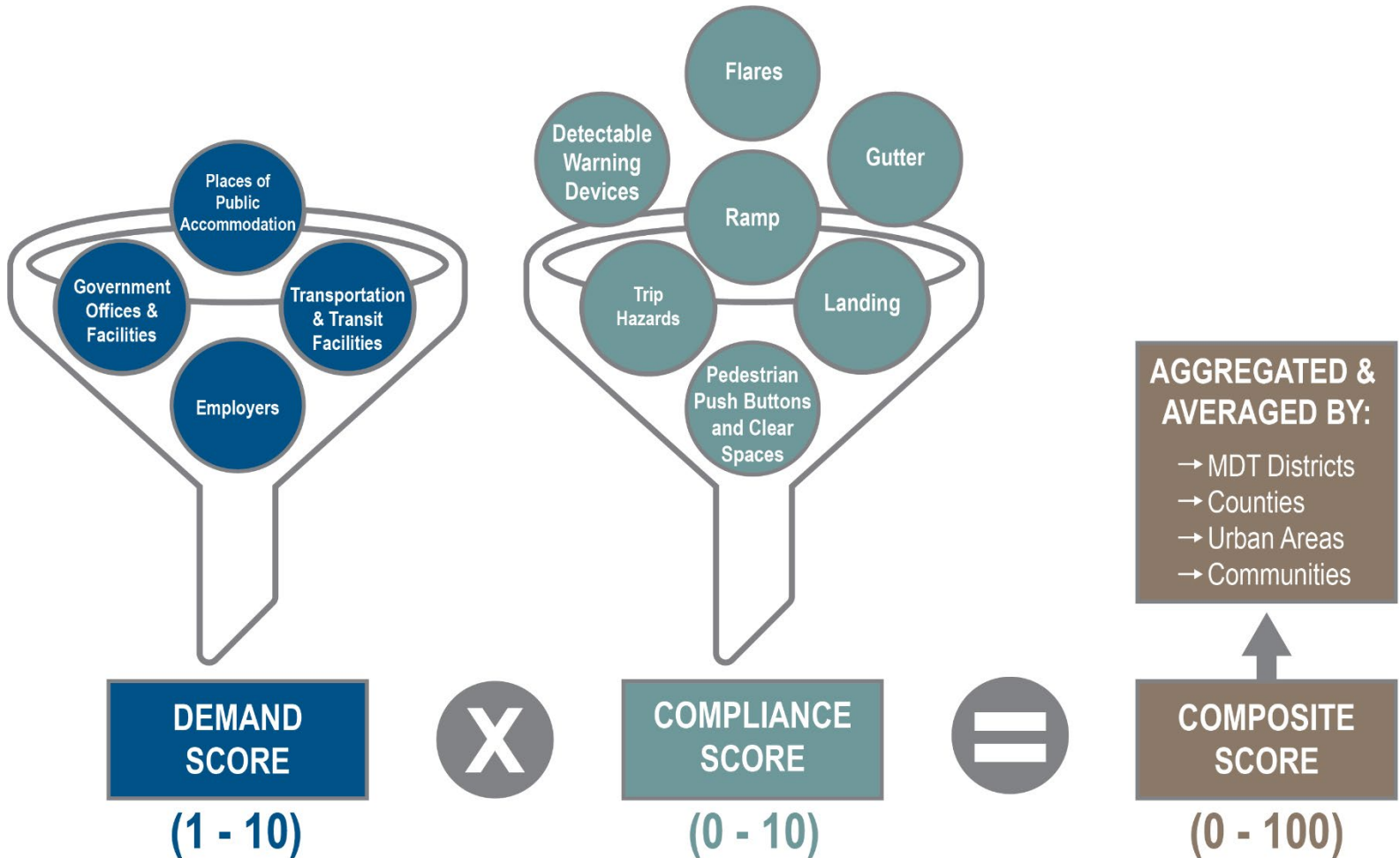
COMPLIANCE



COMPOSITE



Summary – Modified Procedure



Reporting

Boundaries

- MDT Districts
- Counties
- Urban Boundaries
- Incorporated Communities

Summary Statistics

- Number of Ramps
- Average Compliance
- Average/Aggregate Composite
- Average Element Scores

Reporting by Urban Area

Urban Area	Number of Ramps	Average Compliance Score	Average Composite Score	Sum Composite Score
Anaconda	291	1.68	9.94	2893.00
Belgrade	173	3.99	25.12	5104.00
Billings	890	2.61	13.06	13967.00
Bozeman	580	4.62	8.66	7102.00
Butte	587	3.02	18.23	10699.00
Columbia Falls	137	3.12	10.13	1810.00
Glendive	100	5.93	40.79	3064.00
Great Falls	1,455	2.61	10.05	19405.00
Hamilton	173	5.85	24.56	3431.00
Havre	286	2.89	12.21	2869.00
Helena	883	3.31	14.55	13783.00
Kalispell	710	4.01	16.33	12549.00
Laurel	83	3.31	12.39	1203.00
Lewistown	220	2.75	17.81	3586.00
Livingston	111	2.55	11.15	1451.00
Miles City	248	3.52	27.62	8710.00
Missoula	1,695	2.21	7.61	17094.00
Sidney	204	4.65	14.43	3407.00
Whitefish	192	3.18	12.82	2243.00
TOTAL	9,018	3.46	16.18	134370.00

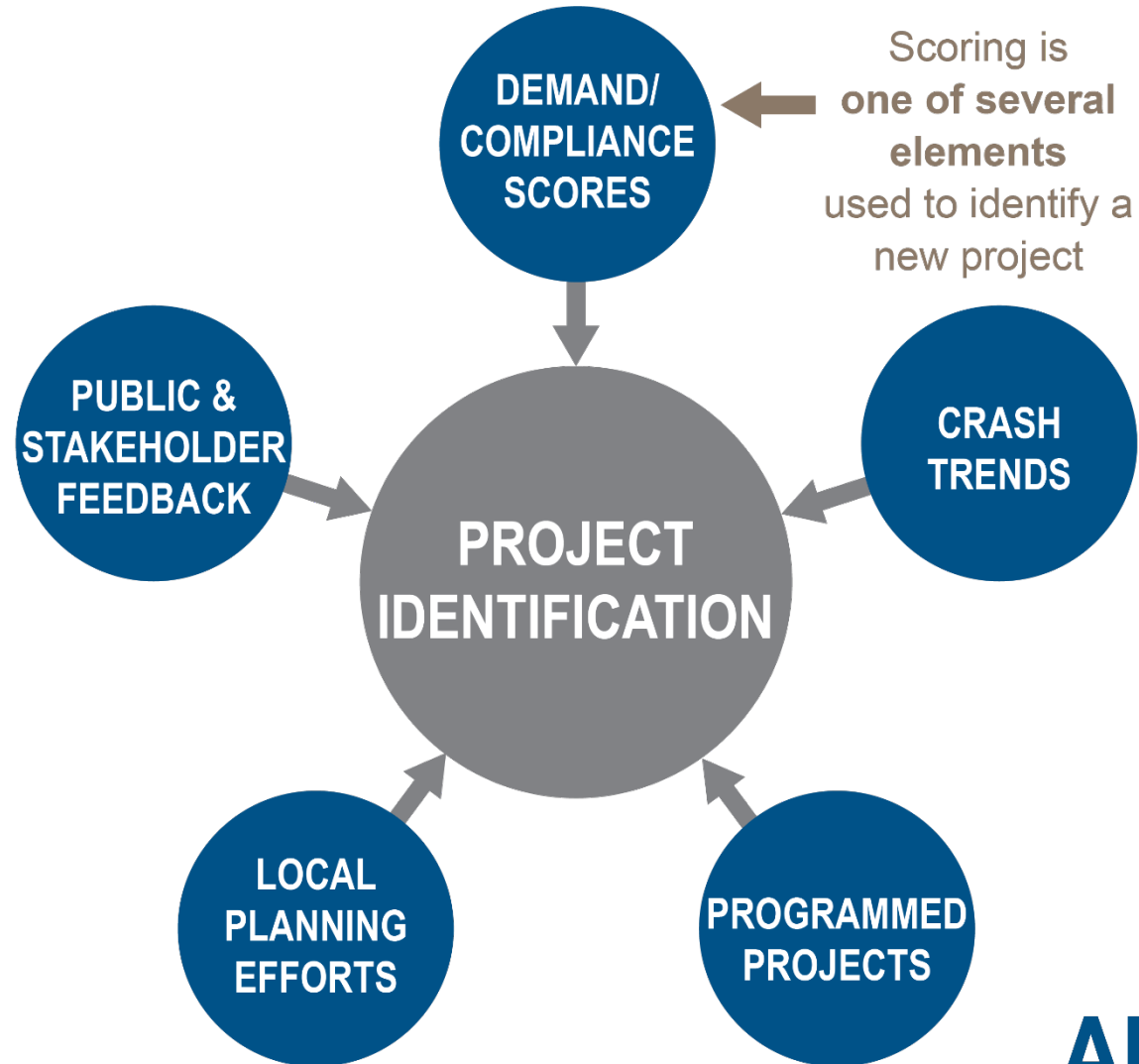
Scale of 0-10

Scale of 0-100

No Scale

Higher score = more barriers

Project Identification



Progress in Removing Barriers to Accessibility

Inventory Status

TOTAL INTERSECTIONS	13,792
Intersections <u>Without</u> Pedestrian Facilities	10,264
Intersections <u>With</u> Pedestrian Facilities	3,528
<i>Intersections <u>Inventoried</u></i>	3,481
<i>Intersections <u>Not</u> Inventoried</i>	47
Percent Complete	99.7%
Total Ramps Inventoried	15,246

TOTAL BUILDING FACILITIES	379
Facilities <u>Not</u> Inventoried	120
Facilities <u>Inventoried</u>	251
<i>MDT Office Facilities</i>	<i>14 of 15</i>
<i>ADA Access Rest Areas</i>	<i>62 of 68</i>
<i>Parking Areas</i>	<i>2 of 14</i>
<i>State Owned Airports</i>	<i>3 of 3</i>
<i>Maintenance Houses</i>	<i>143 of 143</i>
<i>MCS: Non-Staffed</i>	<i>4 of 104</i>
<i>MCS: Staffed</i>	<i>23 of 24</i>
Percent Complete	67.7%

**As of September 2021*

Projects with ADA Features

STAND-ALONE ADA PROJECTS

 **1,546**
CURB RAMPS

~7,200
LINEAR FT
SIDEWALK

 **147**
APPROACHES
& ALLEYS

 **19**
MONTANA
COMMUNITIES

**2016 - 2021 Construction*

ADA PROJECTS AS PART OF OTHER HIGHWAY PROJECTS

 **1,544**
CURB RAMPS

~219,000
LINEAR FT SIDEWALK

 **536**
APPROACHES
& ALLEYS

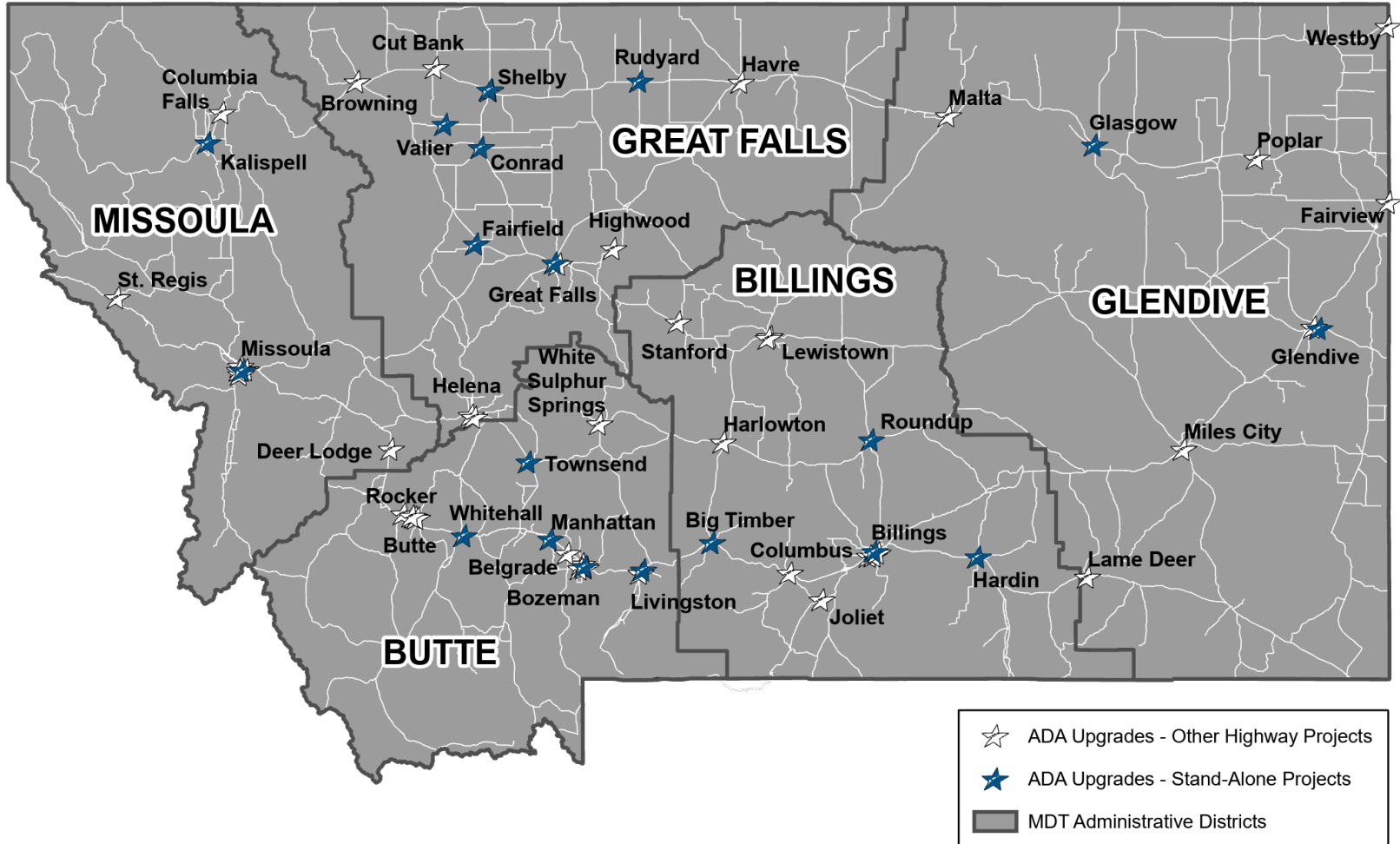
 **31**
MONTANA
COMMUNITIES

435 
ACCESSIBLE
PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

**2015 - 2021 Construction*



ADA Upgrades 2015 - 2021



Feedback Opportunities

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Virtual Open House

Welcome to the ADA Transition Plan Virtual Open House!

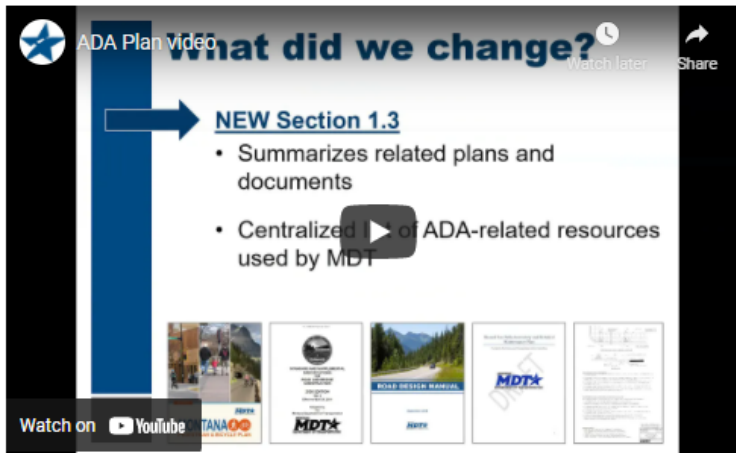
The purpose of this virtual open house is to explain the ADA Transition Plan update process, summarize key findings, and share relevant updates to the plan. The open house will be active from October 15, 2021, through November 5, 2021.

The [Draft ADA Transition Plan](#) is also available for public review. **Please submit all comments on the draft plan by November 5, 2021.**

Thanks for participating!

Background

Please take a few minutes to watch the video below to hear more about how MDT is working to remove accessibility barriers on MDT-maintained routes, at MDT building facilities, and across MDT's public programs and services.



Click on the [informational sheets](#) to learn more about our process, our findings, and some of the changes we made.

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2021 TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

WHAT IS THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN?

Provides guidance for **removing barriers to accessibility** in the public right-of-way on State of Montana maintained routes and in the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) public programs and services.

Elements Addressed:

- Existing and Newly Constructed Features
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 - Building Facilities (MDT Headquarters, District Offices, Rest Areas, Airports, Maintenance Buildings, Scale Sites)
- MDT Programs, Services, and Activities



Elements NOT Addressed:

- Specific project locations
- Local right-of-way features and facilities
- Internal MDT employment accessibility

GOALS AND PURPOSE OF PLAN UPDATE

Periodic updates of the plan are beneficial to ensure continuous improvement through incorporation of new technologies, streamlined processes, and modernized approaches that best meet MDT's needs and operating conditions. With this update, MDT aims to reinforce its priority to remove accessibility barriers. The following goals support this aim.

- Integrate process improvements
- Focus on public and stakeholder involvement
- Conduct Department-wide coordination
- Demonstrate progress

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Draft Transition Plan

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**Public and
Stakeholder
Review Period**
October 15 - November 5

Please submit comments by:
NOVEMBER 5, 2021

How to Submit Comments

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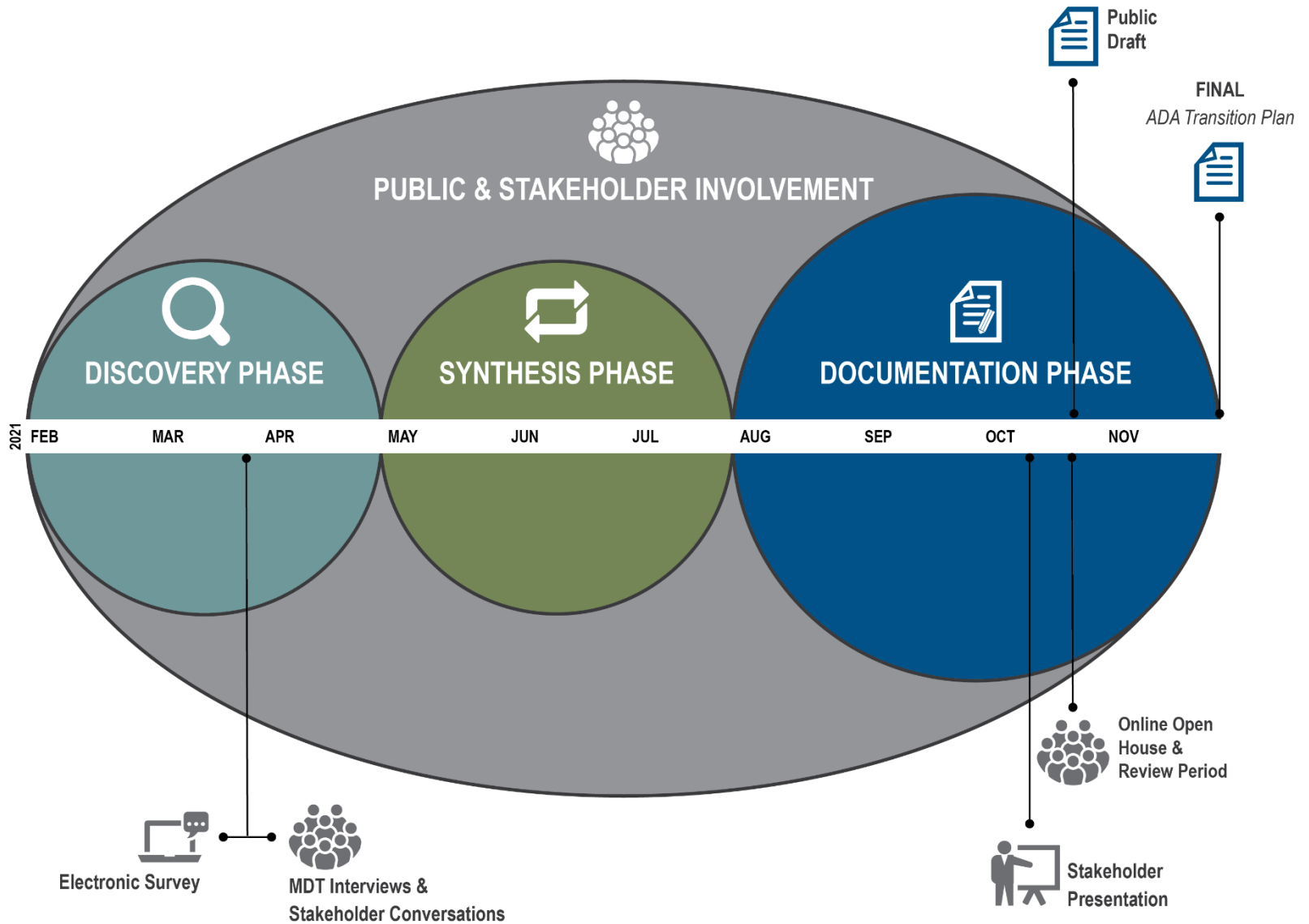


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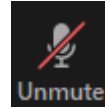
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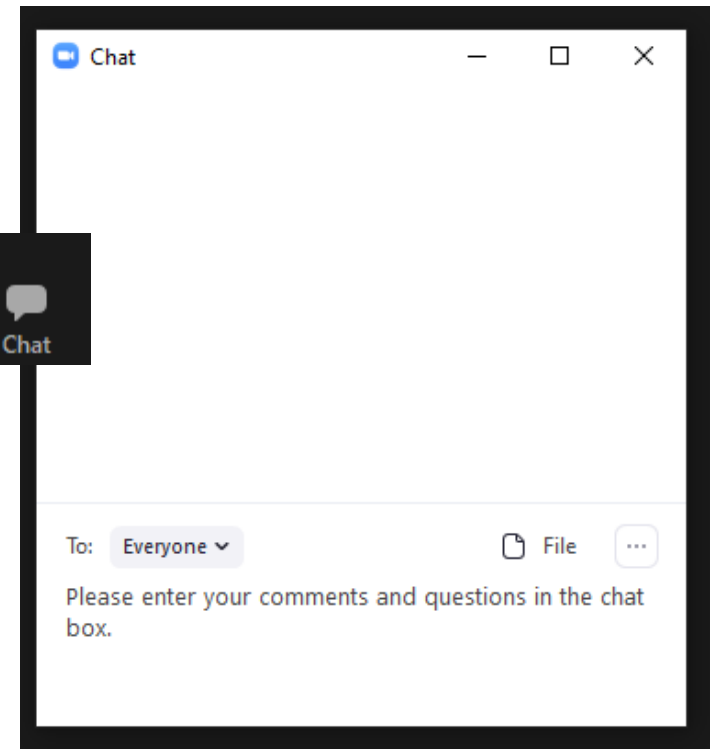
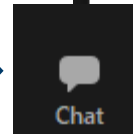
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Questions & Answers

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