



# RESERVE EAST

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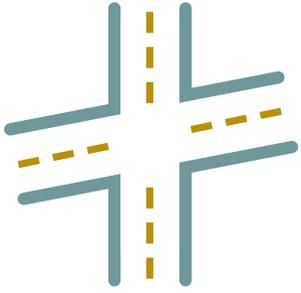
# ABOUT RESERVE-EAST

The Montana Department of Transportation is gearing up to improve approximately 10.5 miles of Highway 258, also known as the East Reserve Highway, through the Reserve-East project.



# RESERVE-EAST IMPROVEMENTS

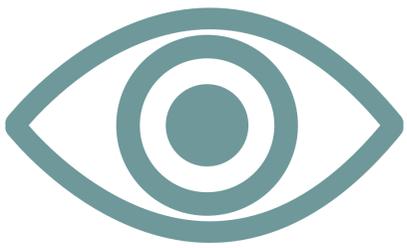
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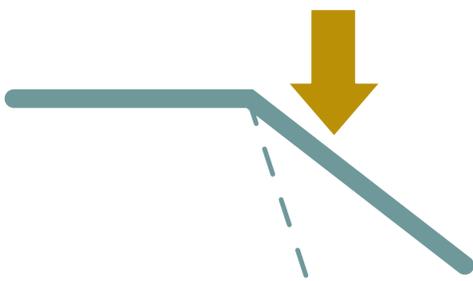
**Straightening the junction of MT 16 and Highway 258 so that the roads intersect at a less skewed angle**



**Adding two-foot shoulders throughout the project area**



**Adjusting the road to improve sight distance**



**Flattening the side slopes throughout the project area**



**Resurfacing the road to make it a smoother ride**



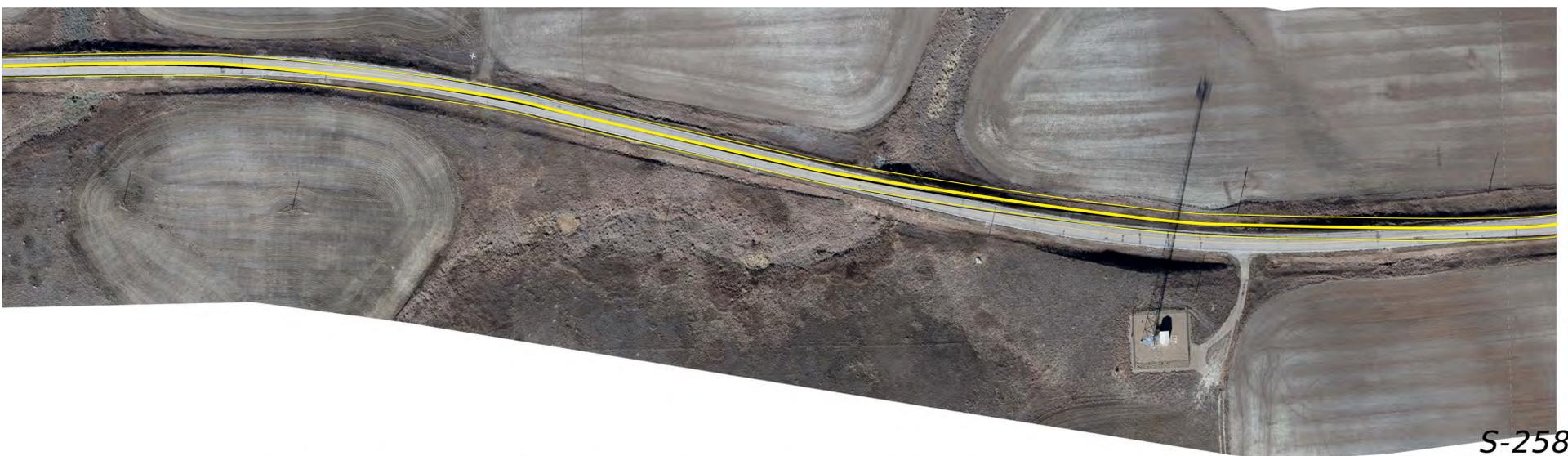
**Adding shoulder rumble strips to improve safety**



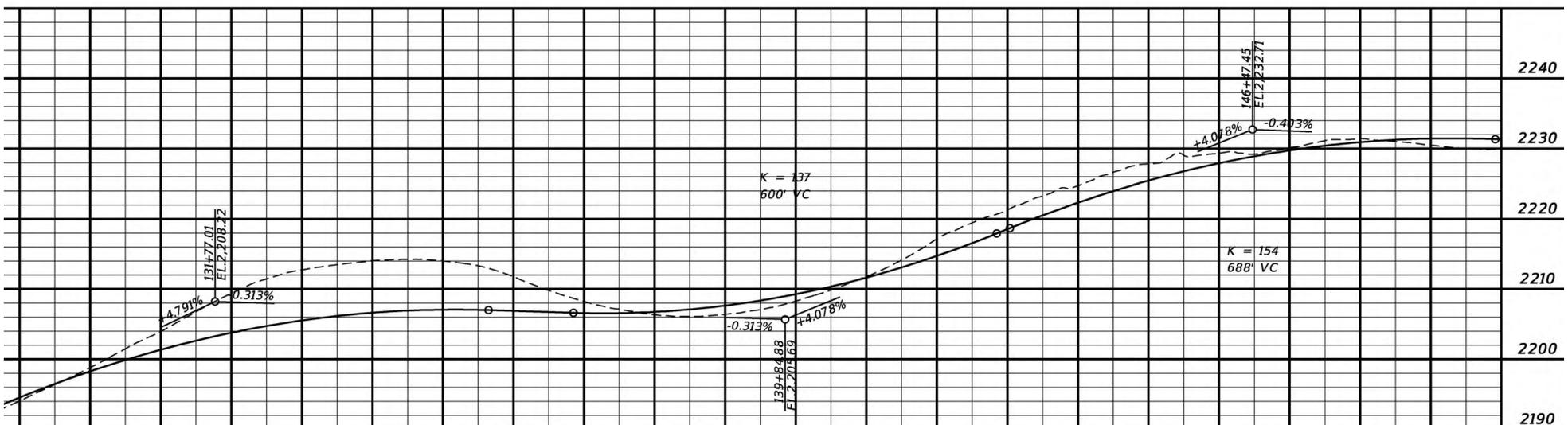
# IMPROVING SIGHT ALONG THE CORRIDOR

There are many places on the East Reserve Highway where it is difficult to see the road ahead, such as where the road crests and roadside slopes block sightlines. Having poor sight distance can lead drivers to make unsafe driving decisions.

Once improvements to Highway 258 are complete, drivers will be able to see further down the road and identify any obstacles or areas of concern well before they reach them.



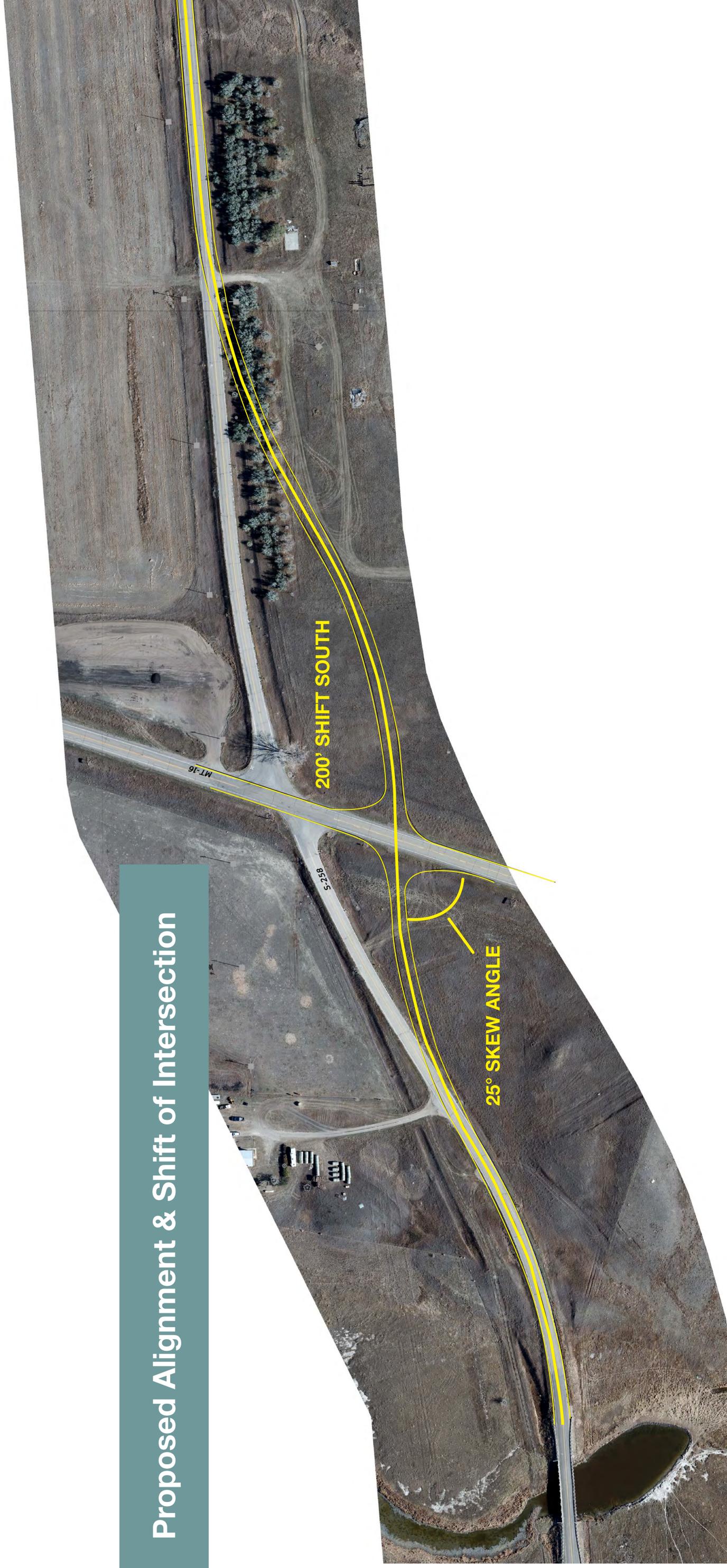
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# IMPROVEMENTS TO MT 16 AND HIGHWAY 258 INTERSECTION

The intersection of the East Reserve Highway and MT 16 is another area where sight distance will be improved by having a straighter junction.

Proposed Alignment & Shift of Intersection





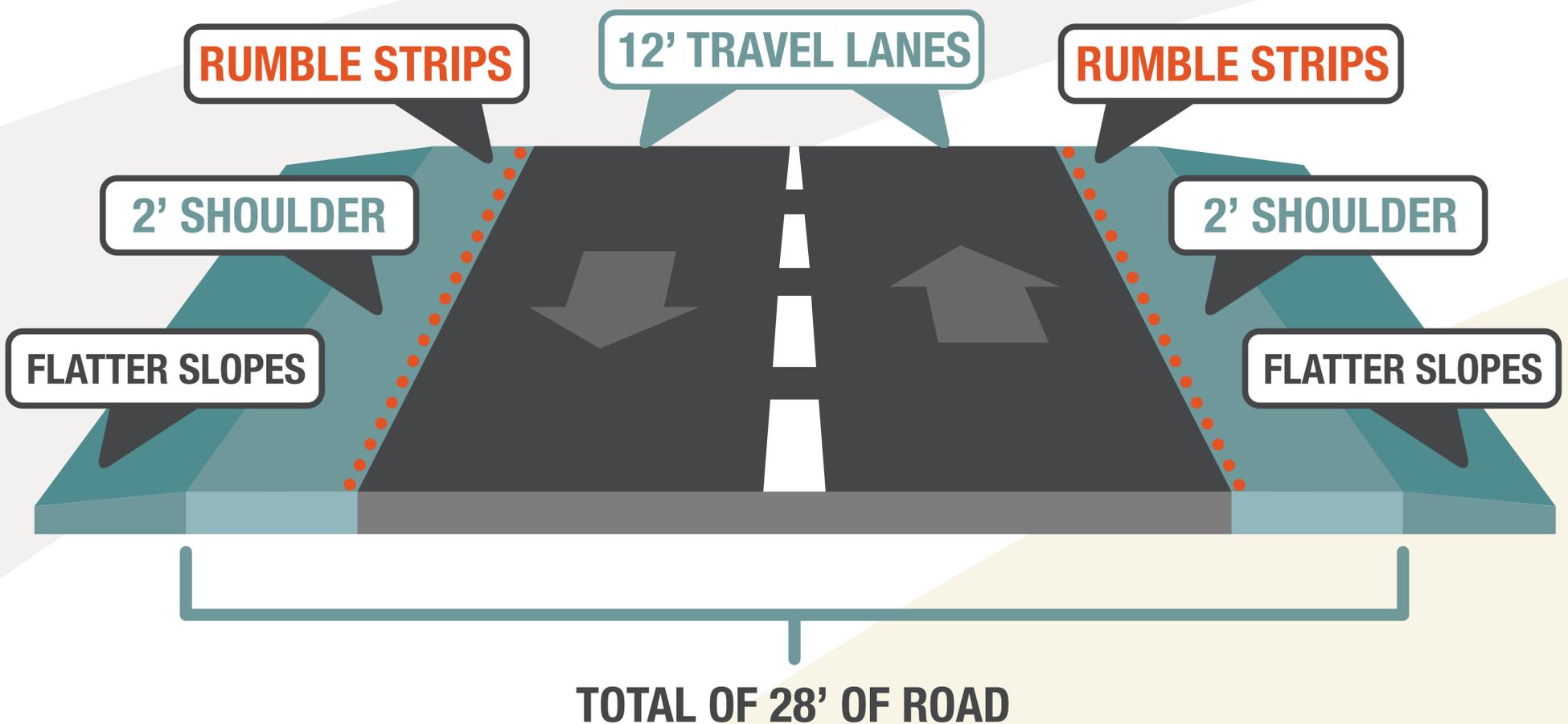
# WIDER SHOULDERS

Shoulder widths vary according to roadway function, traffic volumes, and location - urban or rural. Adding wider shoulders also significantly increases the cost of the project.



To address the costs versus benefits of shoulder widths and responsibly manage the limited financial resources available for highway projects in Montana, MDT has prepared the statewide Route Segment Plan: <https://bit.ly/MDTRouteSegmentPlan>.

The plan recommends 2-foot shoulders for the East Reserve Highway, which also matches the shoulder width east of the project limits. An overall pavement width of 28 feet is proposed for this project. That along with flatter side slopes, should allow for vehicles to safely pass in a breakdown emergency or law enforcement stop.





# A SMOOTHER, BETTER ROAD SURFACE

Fixing the East Reserve Highway's rough surface is a major feature of this project.

Crews will use a technique called full-depth reclamation to improve the road and provide a smoother road surface for years to come.

This technique involves tearing up the existing roadway and using this material to fix hills and areas of poor sight distance, and then paving.



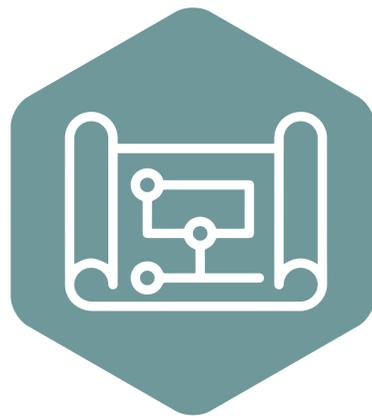
# PROJECT TIMELINE

MDT is projecting the following project milestones. However, project schedules can easily change.

Factors such as funding availability, availability of contractors, right-of-way acquisitions, or even weather during construction can lengthen timelines.

## 2021

Project plans were refined. Engineers mapped out all changes to intersections, alignment, curves, etc.



## 2022

Project plans are reviewed and revised, and the project enters the right-of-way stage. MDT staff visit with landowners to discuss parcel and highway right-of-way changes and acquisitions begin.



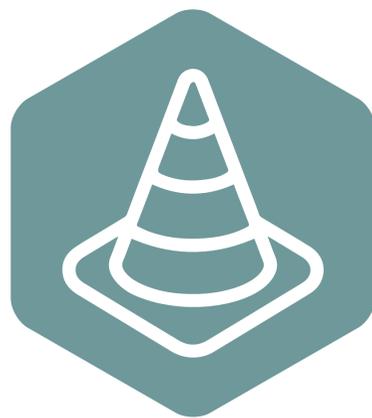
## 2023

Project plans are finalized. Permits for construction are secured. A construction contractor is chosen through competitive bids.



## 2024

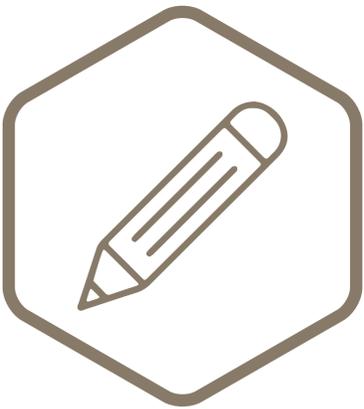
Construction on the project begins and ends.



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# PRELIMINARY RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITIONS MAP

EDEN VALLEY TO HIAWATHA



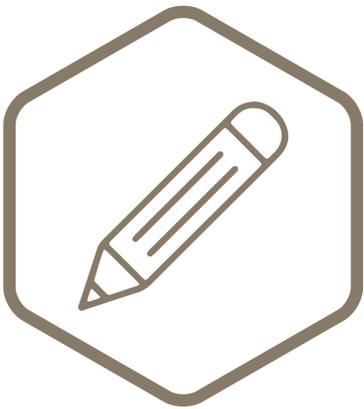
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HIGHWAY 16 TO EDEN VALLEY



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