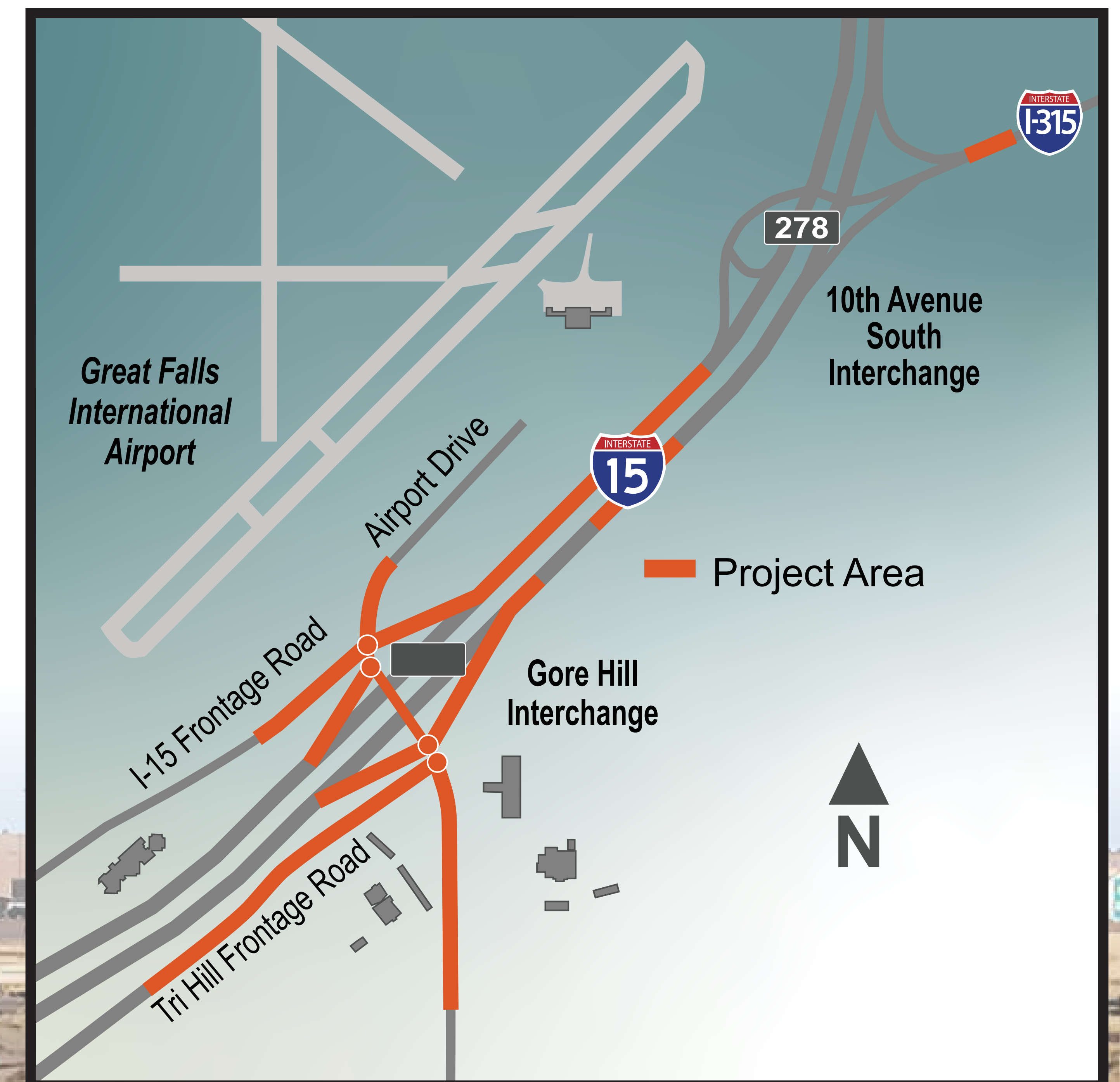


WELCOME



Thank you for your participation in the Gore Hill Interchange project. The purpose of today's meeting is to present the improvements planned for the Interstate 15 (I-15) Gore Hill Interchange and answer questions.



PROJECT OVERVIEW



The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is improving the I-15 Gore Hill Interchange (Exit 277) in Great Falls. The interchange provides access to Great Falls International Airport as well as the surrounding residential, commercial, and industrial developments.

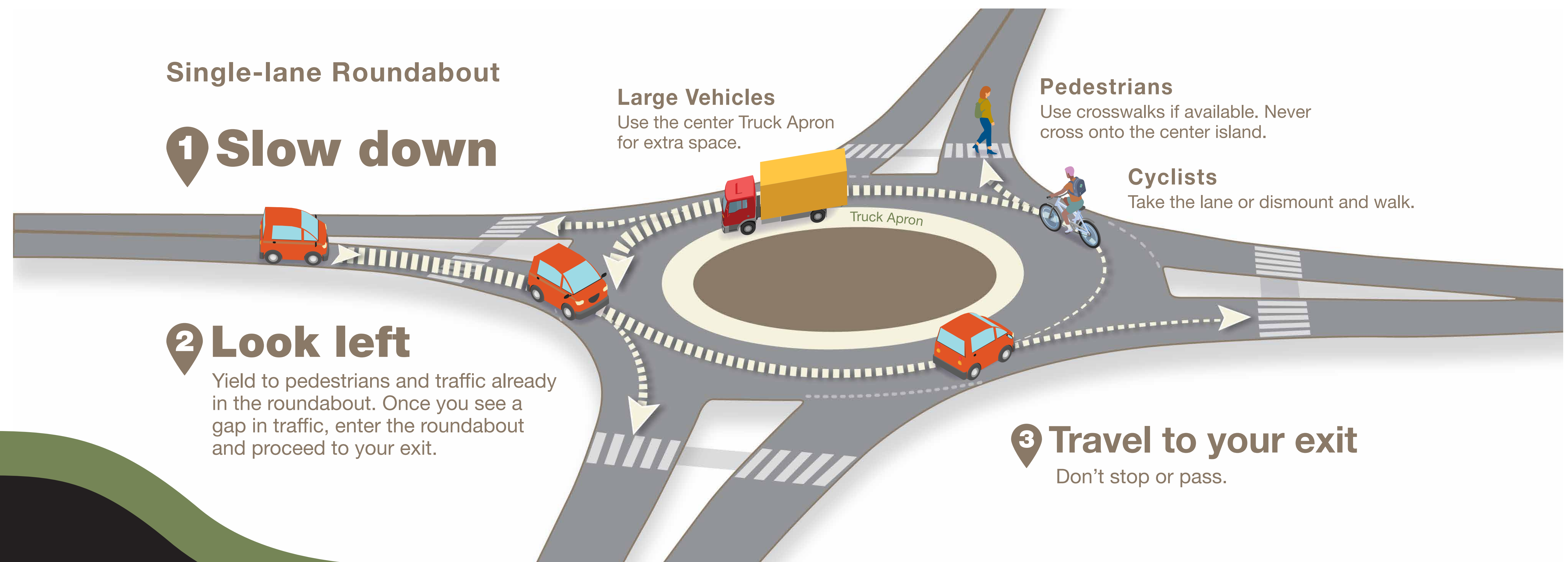
The purpose of the project is to reduce traffic delays, improve traffic flow, and enhance safety features at the Gore Hill Interchange and on I-15 between the 10th Avenue South and the Gore Hill interchanges.

Several improvement options were evaluated in the design process including traffic signals at the on and off-ramp intersections.

Based on traffic and safety studies, MDT selected roundabouts at the intersections because they have proven to be the safest way to efficiently control traffic based on traffic projections for this area.

Roundabouts have been shown to improve efficiency and provide smoother traffic flow, while providing several safety enhancements including:

- 89% reduction in delays
- 56% reduction in stops
- 90% reduction in fatal crashes
- 76% reduction in injury crashes
- 39% reduction in overall crashes



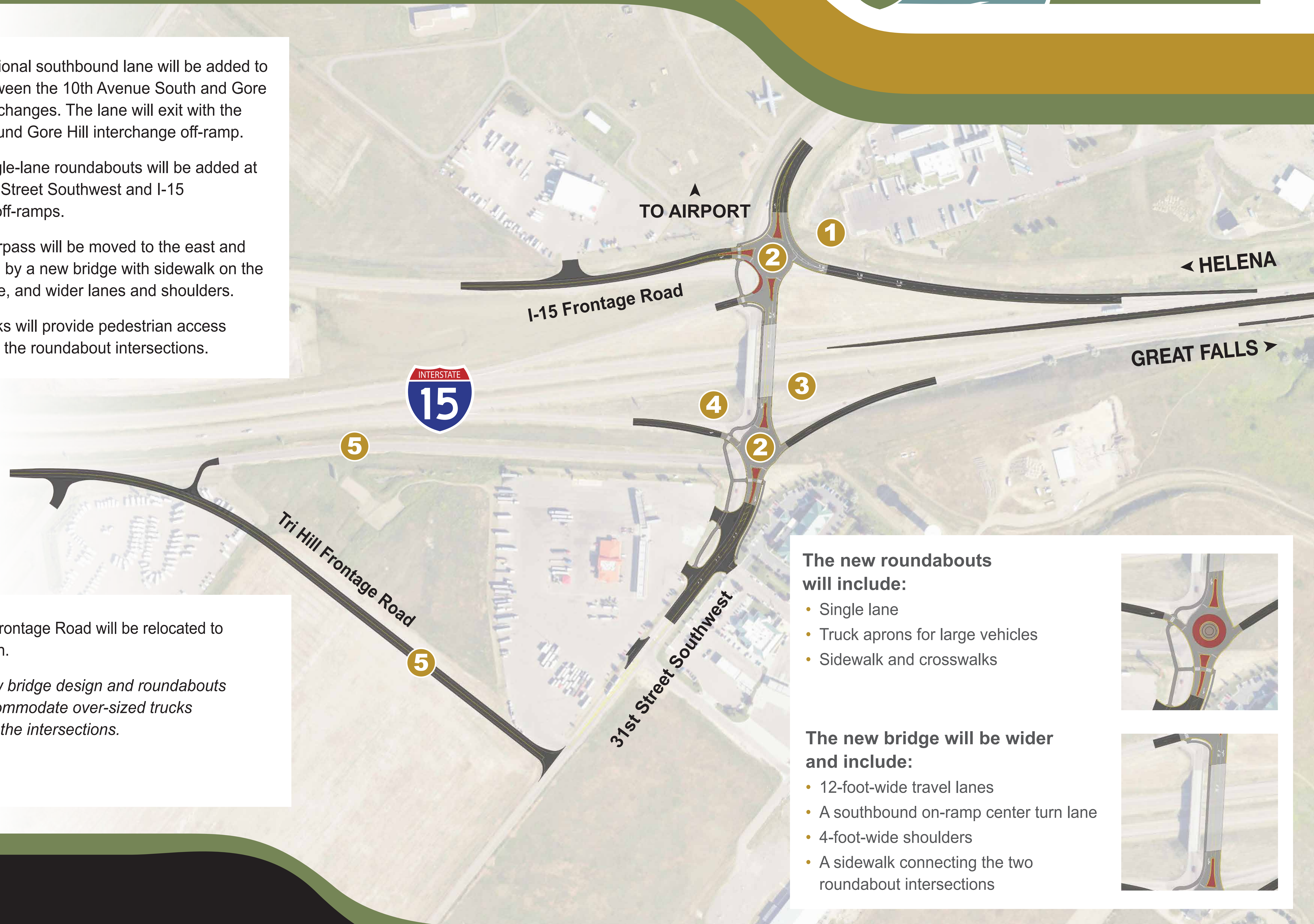
PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS



- 1 An additional southbound lane will be added to I-15 between the 10th Avenue South and Gore Hill interchanges. The lane will exit with the southbound Gore Hill interchange off-ramp.
- 2 Two single-lane roundabouts will be added at the 31st Street Southwest and I-15 on-and off-ramps.
- 3 The overpass will be moved to the east and replaced by a new bridge with sidewalk on the west side, and wider lanes and shoulders.
- 4 Sidewalks will provide pedestrian access between the roundabout intersections.

- 5 Tri Hill Frontage Road will be relocated to the south.

The new bridge design and roundabouts will accommodate over-sized trucks through the intersections.



The new roundabouts will include:

- Single lane
- Truck aprons for large vehicles
- Sidewalk and crosswalks



The new bridge will be wider and include:

- 12-foot-wide travel lanes
- A southbound on-ramp center turn lane
- 4-foot-wide shoulders
- A sidewalk connecting the two roundabout intersections



DESIGN PROCESS AND SCHEDULE



2015	I-15 Gore Hill to Emerson Junction Corridor Planning Study identified issues and concerns
2018	Great Falls Long Range Transportation Plan recommends improvement options to evaluate
2018-19	Potential alternatives evaluated and improvements developed
2019	Recommended improvements presented to the public
2020	Detailed plans for new interchange design developed
2020	Preferred alternative presented to the public
2020-26	Design plans developed

**We are
here**

2026

Planned improvements presented to the public

2027*

Construction anticipated to begin

**Depending on the availability of funding*

NEXT STEPS



Thank you for your participation in this project design process. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 depending on the availability of funding.

Prior to construction beginning MDT will:

- Finalize construction plans and acquire necessary permitting.
- Notify utility companies to begin relocations near the project.
- Advertise the project for contractor bidding and select a winning bid.
- Develop traffic control plans with the contractor.
- Notify the public about construction and traffic impacts.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

View the project website for the most up to date information at:



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