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NEEDS & OBJECTIVES



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1.0 CORRIDOR NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES

Needs and objectives for the Montana Highway 3 (MT 3) corridor planning study were developed based on the social, environmental, and engineering conditions described in the *Existing and Projected Conditions Report*; input from the public, key stakeholders, and resource agencies; review of local plans; and coordination with the technical oversight committee. Improvement options identified in this study seek to address the needs and objectives to the extent feasible within the other limited considerations listed below. As projects are advanced from this study, needs and objectives may be incorporated in purpose and need statements for future National and Montana Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/MEPA) documentation. Needs, objectives, and considerations are not listed in order of priority.

1.1 Need 1: Improve Corridor Safety

Objectives

- Reduce fatalities and serious injuries in support of Vision Zero.
- Reduce vehicle conflicts.
- Improve safety at non-motorized crossings.

1.2 Need 2: Improve Corridor Operations

Objectives

- Accommodate existing and future travel demand.
- Improve intersection operations and level of service.
- Improve non-motorized mobility and accessibility.
- Maintain reasonable access to adjacent businesses and residences.

1.3 Other Considerations

- Impacts to environmental resources
- Drainage impacts and Storm Water Management Program requirements
- Constructability and related impacts
- Public and private utilities
- Funding availability
- Maintenance operations, responsibility, and cost
- Consistency with local plans and developments