

# Welcome

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# **Project Team**



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#### **Project Purpose**





- Reconstruct and reconfigure the Lockwood Interchange over I90
- Accommodate future traffic patterns
- Develop a more efficient interchange
- Addresses ramp functionality, and operational issues on I90
  - Off-ramp vehicle queue does not back up onto I90

# **Vision Zero**

- Eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries
- Increasing safe and healthy mobility for all
- We need EVERYONE to do their part
  - Drive attentive
  - Drive sober
  - Drive to the conditions and do not speed
  - Wear your seatbelt
- Together, we can save lives



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# **Project Location**

- I90 from the Lockwood Interchange to the Johnson Lane Interchange
- Includes Lockwood Interchange and US 87 north and south of the interchange
- Completes infrastructure improvements between two adjacent projects







#### **Adjacent Projects**

- I90 Yellowstone River Bridges (red line)
- Johnson Lane Interchange (blue line)







# **Existing Physical Characteristics**

- Lockwood Interchange Diamond configuration with single lane ramps
- US 87 two travel lanes in each direction
- I90 two travel lanes in each direction

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- Existing sidewalk along east side of US 87 to the north of the interchange
  - No pedestrian facilities exist south of the interchange





#### **Project Description**



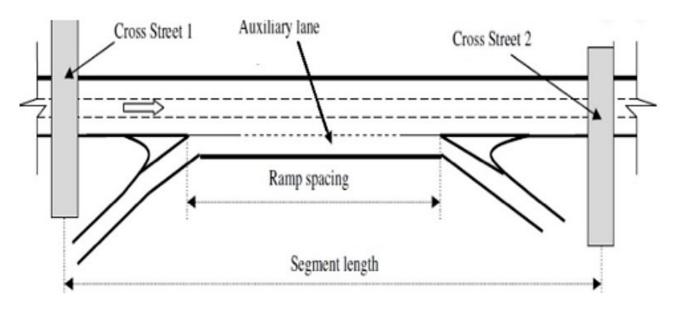
- Widening I90 to three lanes in each direction between the Lockwood and Johnson Lane Interchanges
  - Reconstruction of Lockwood Interchange to improve traffic operations
  - Improve bike/ped facilities and connectivity





## **I90 Roadway Details**

- Auxiliary lane between interchanges
- Widening to the inside towards the median
- Concrete barrier in the median
- Avoid impacts to irrigation
  and drainage crossings







#### Interchange Alternative Analysis





- Improvements to serve future traffic demand
- Several interchange alternatives
  - Diamond Interchange
  - Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
  - Single Point Urban Interchange
  - Roundabout Interchange



# Interchange Alternative Analysis Results

- Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
  - Provides most improvements of traffic operations and capacity
  - Improves safety by removing left-turn movement conflicts
  - Minimal environmental impacts
  - Improved pedestrian facilities







# **Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)**





- A DDI is based on a standard diamond interchange
- US 87 traffic will crossover at intersections, intuitively channelizing vehicles to the left side of the roadway
- Allows left-turning movements to occur with no conflicts
- Reduces delay, and increases interchange capacity



# **Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)**





- New signing will be used to guide traffic through the revised interchange
- Traffic signals at the ramp termini will be replaced
- Dual left-turn lanes for EB off-ramp
- Dual right-turn lanes for WB off-ramp
- Eliminates traffic queuing on I90



#### Lockwood Interchange Details



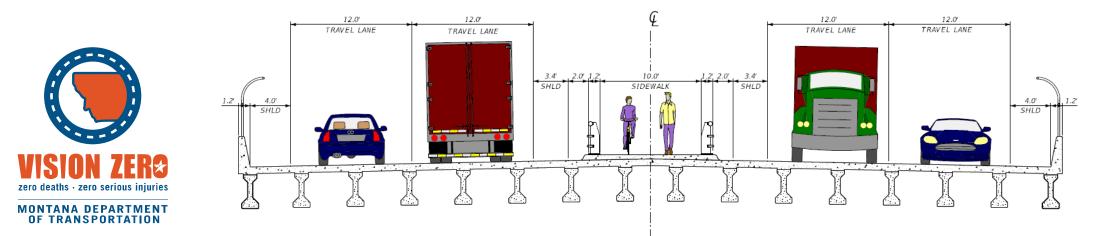


- Reconstruction of US 87 from south of Coburn Rd through the N. Frontage Rd
- Reconfiguration of interchange to a DDI configuration
- Reconstruct existing bridge over I90
  - Improve and extend pedestrian facilities through the Lockwood Interchange



# Pedestrian/Bicycle Accommodations

- 10' shared use pedestrian facilities through the interchange
  - Accommodated through the center of the interchange
  - Reduces conflicts between pedestrians and free flow turning movements
- 10' shared use pedestrian facilities extended to Coburn Rd and N. Frontage Rd
  - Opportunity to connect a future path to MetraPark and future bike/ped connections in Lockwood





#### **Other Proposed Modifications**



- N Frontage Rd
  - Dedicated left-turn lane
  - Extend right-turn lane
- Coburn Rd
  - Improve safety of the intersection
  - Converted to a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> access





# Right of Way (ROW)





- Interchange ramp modifications will require ROW
- Improvements along US 87 may require additional ROW
- Retaining walls could reduce the amount of ROW required
- Proposed right-of-way will be refined as design progresses



#### Project Schedule and Next Steps

Alternative analysis and preliminary design completed	December 2020
Public meeting	March 25, 2021
Complete risk analysis and project feasibility	April 2021
Anticipated design completion	2023/2024
Funding for construction not currently programmed	Construction could begin as early as 2024/2025





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