



MDT is committed to Vision Zero – the goal of zero deaths and zero serious injuries on Montana’s roadways.

Our approach to improving safety on our roadways focuses on key elements of traffic safety – also known as the four “Es”:

1

EDUCATION

through public information and traffic safety outreach campaigns.

2

ENFORCEMENT

of Montana’s traffic laws through the presence of law enforcement.

3

ENGINEERING

of Montana’s roadways to ensure best practices are implemented and maintained with safety as the priority.

4

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE

to support emergency services so they are adequately funded and equipped to respond to crashes.



TARGHEE TURN LANES



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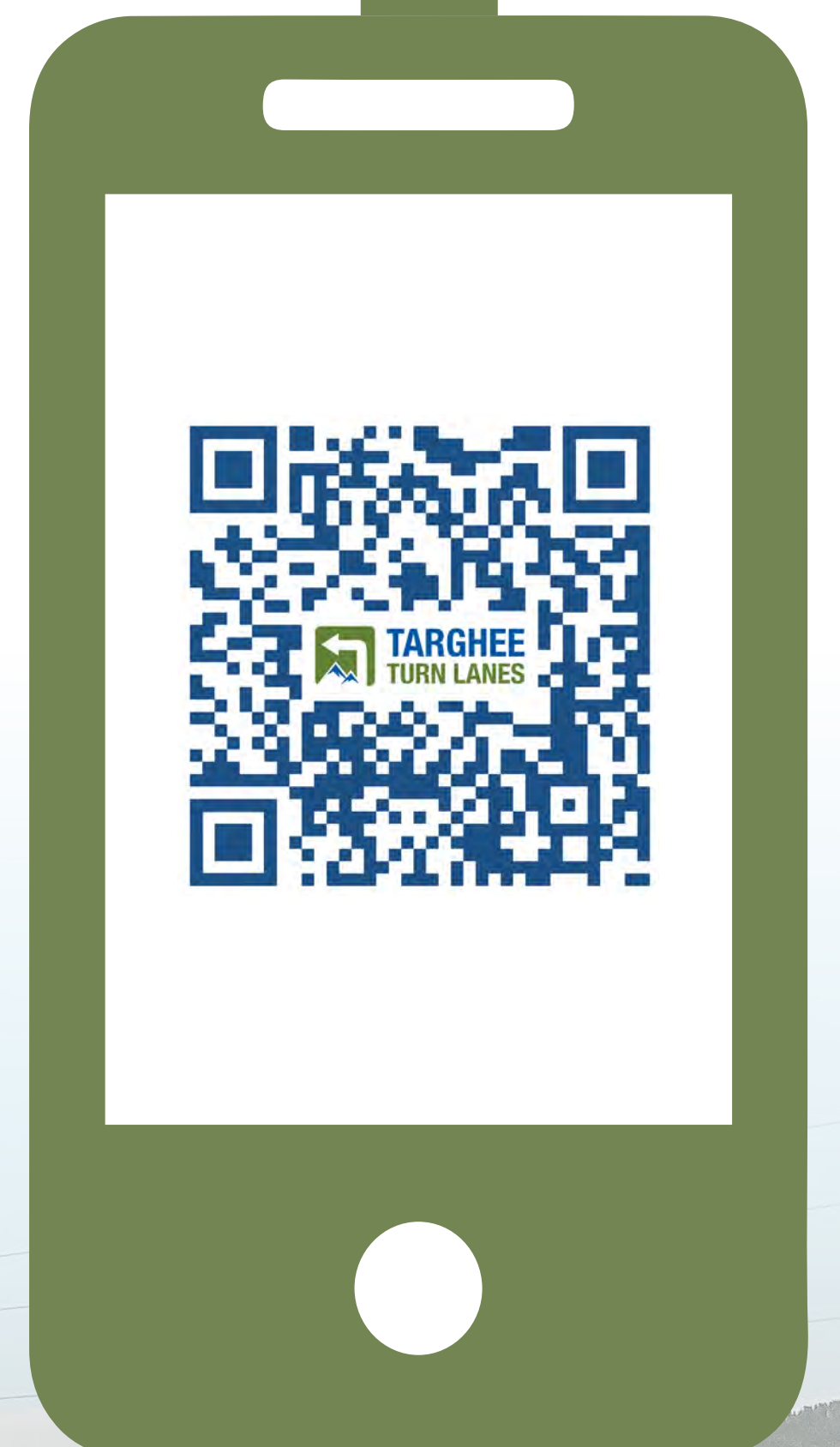
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PROJECT MAP



TARGHEE
TURN LANES

LEGEND

—
WORK ZONE



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THE TARGHEE TURN LANES PROJECT INVOLVES:

US Highway 20, otherwise known as Targhee Pass Highway, is renowned for its recreational access. Drivers can take the highway to Yellowstone National Park or have the opportunity to stop along the way at numerous lodging sites - from campgrounds and cabins to hotels and lodges.

This picturesque corridor has a rear-end crash pattern west of Denny Creek Road. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is working to enhance safety on this road through the Targhee Turn Lanes project. Engineering a safer drive saves lives and is a critical part of Vision Zero – MDT's initiative with the goal of zero fatalities and zero serious injuries on Montana's roadways.



Installing a center-turn-lane
between Old US 20 and
Denny Creek Road



Installing a left-turn-lane
at Denny Creek Road.



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ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE

Funding often plays one of the largest roles in determining when our projects go to construction. For this project, 90% of funding comes from the federal government.

As of 2021, MDT is projecting the following project milestones will be hit. Due to the high number of projects and not enough funding to do them, project schedules, including this one, can shift until funding is made available.



2023

All plans and right-of-way agreements are finalized. MDT chooses a contractor to perform construction.

2024

Construction begins and ends

2022

Right-of-way negotiations are underway. The project team works with landowners to ensure that plans can be implemented.

2021

Project plans are reviewed and edited per input from staff and the public.

ALL ABOUT FUNDING



The Targhee Turn Lanes project is anticipated to cost between

\$3 AND \$4 MILLION

and is funded by the HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP).

This federal program provides transportation funding to state governments, including MDT.

This is just one of the federal grant programs that helps Montana road projects become a reality.

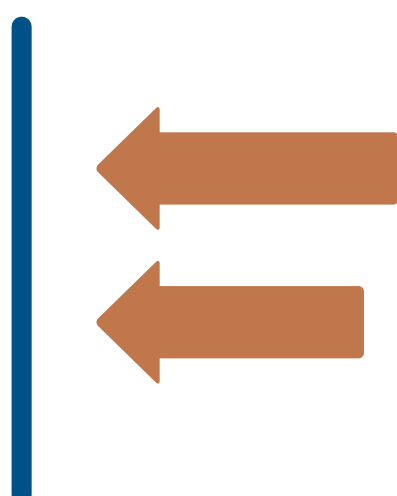
The purpose of the HSIP is to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads by funding highway safety improvements using a data-driven approach. MDT's Safety Engineering team uses a cost/benefit ratio analysis, reviewing crash data collected from local agencies in order to develop a priority list of areas that could participate in the HSIP program.

Because of the strict requirements, not every location qualifies for this type of funding. Areas must show that a change in the way the road is engineered would reduce future crashes. Unfortunately, crashes occur for a number of reasons and not every crash can be addressed by engineering the road differently.

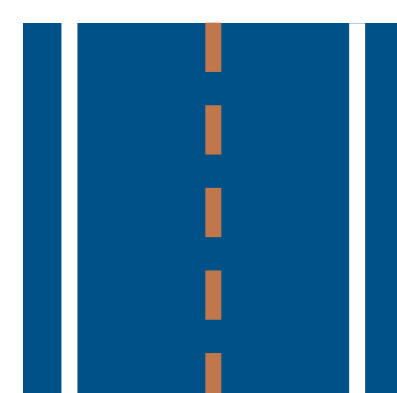
EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF PROJECTS ADDRESSED WITH HSIP FUNDS



Adding signs to corridors



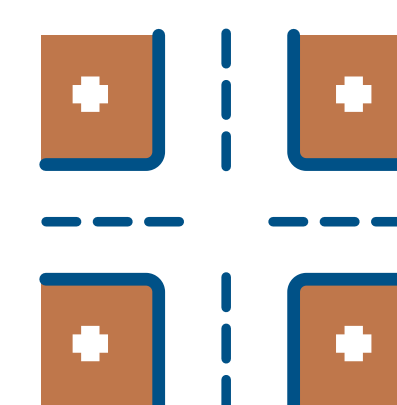
Roadway realignment



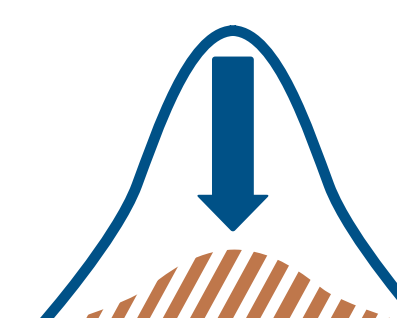
Striping, or painting the roadway lines



Guardrail installation



Intersection improvements



Flattening curves in the road



Installing posts, barriers, and other devices to alert drivers of the road alignment



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