



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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

This corridor has an intersection-related crash pattern near 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.

The Targhee Turn Lanes project will improve 1 mile of US 20 by installing a center-turn-lane between the Mountainside KOA and Denny Creek Road and a left-turn-lane at Denny Creek Road, west of West Yellowstone, near the Montana-Idaho border.

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TIMELINE

2024

THE DESIGN PHASE

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



2025

RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATIONS

The project team works with landowners to ensure that plans can be implemented.



2026

FINALIZE PROJECT PLANS

All elements of the project design are finalized.



2026

PROJECT LETTING

MDT advertises the project and chooses a contractor to perform the work needed for construction.



2027 (TENTATIVE)

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Construction is expected to start and finish within one construction season.



This timeline is subject to change due to funding availability, completion of the final design, economic conditions, and possible unforeseen factors.

PROJECT FUNDING:

The Targhee Turn Lanes project will be primarily funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The primary focus of the program involves identifying locations where higher severity crashes have occurred and prioritizing work that reduces these crashes.

GIVING FEEDBACK

MDT wants to hear from you! Daily drivers of this roadway often have important knowledge about the road that we may not be aware of. As you review the project plans, we encourage you to get involved and provide thoughts or suggestions for changes. Your feedback could change our design plans, so please, let us know your thoughts.

