

Transportation Study

Needs and Objectives

Needs and objectives guide the development and evaluation of improvement options. **Needs are identified at the regional level**, while **objectives are tailored to each sub-area** to reflect specific challenges and conditions. Improvement options identified in this study are intended to **address these needs and objectives** to the extent feasible, while **considering other constraints** and limitations.

Need 1: Improve Transportation Safety

- Reduce crashes and serious injuries
- Use data to identify safety issues
- Support MDT's Vision Zero goal



Need 2: Accommodate Transportation Demands

- Support all users (local, freight, agriculture, military, etc.)
- Maintain reliable access and mobility
- Address growing traffic and congestion



Need 3: Ensure Infrastructure Resiliency

- Maintain and improve aging infrastructure
- Provide reliable access during emergencies
- Support system redundancy and military access



Other Considerations



Partnerships & Coordination: Projects may involve multiple local, state, federal, and military partners



Environmental & Community Impacts: Improvements must consider natural resources and surrounding communities



Construction Feasibility: Physical conditions may affect design, cost, and constructability



Temporary Construction Impacts: How will traffic control and access be managed during construction



Context & Community Fit: Solutions should reflect the character and function of each area



Cost & Funding: Implementation of improvements will depend on available funding and may occur over time