

KALISPELL BYPASS TRAFFIC STUDY, US 93 TO BASECAMP DRIVE FEBRUARY 2022





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Project Background

INTERSECTION SELECTIONS

KLJ (in partnership with the Montana Department of Transportation) studied the Basecamp Drive intersection in 2019 and presented intersection selection options to the public.

BOTTLENECK TRAFFIC ISSUE

The 2019 study identified a bottleneck traffic issue at the intersection of the KBP and US 93 that has a “ripple” effect on the Basecamp Drive intersection configuration.

ADDITIONAL STUDY

MDT elected to proceed with an additional study to determine the best intersection solutions for traffic concerns at both the US 93 and Basecamp Drive intersections.

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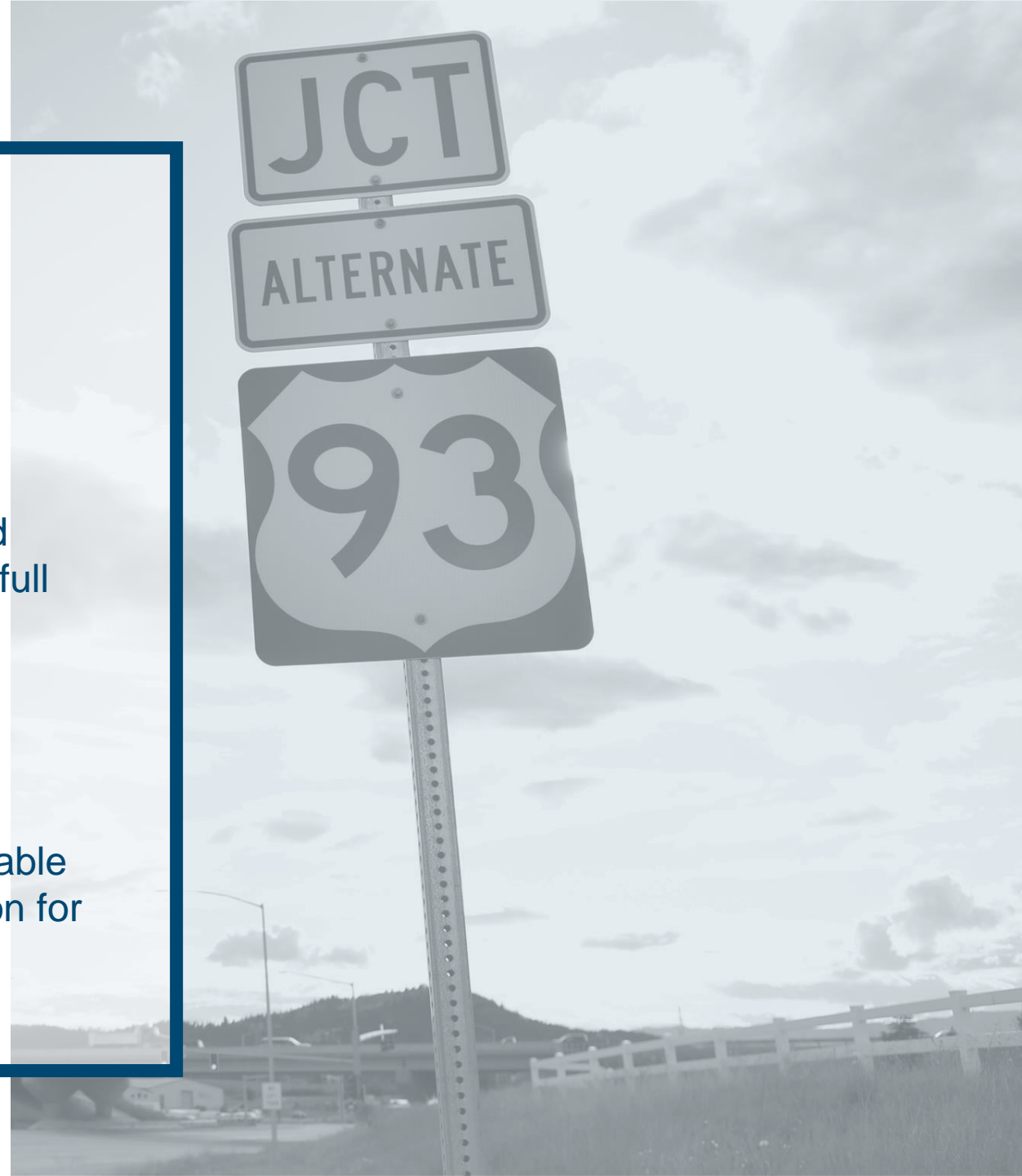
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BIG PICTURE

Construction is nearing completion on the Foys Lake Road Interchange. The original roundabout was replaced with a full interchange.

Airport Road intersection will also be replaced with a full interchange once funding and a schedule are identified.

This study on the south end of the Bypass will identify suitable intersection options for future design plans and construction for the US 93 and Basecamp Drive intersections.





Study Findings



Heavy traffic volumes are traveling north and south on US 93 as well as turning on and off the Bypass



Major delays during peak travel hours



Multiple crashes



Impacts to businesses and projected growth along the corridor

With this in mind, MDT and KLJ have determined four potential alternative concepts to address issues found in the study.



Concepts



ALTERNATIVE 1
No Build



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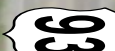
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ALTERNATIVE 2
Dual NB
Left-turn Lanes



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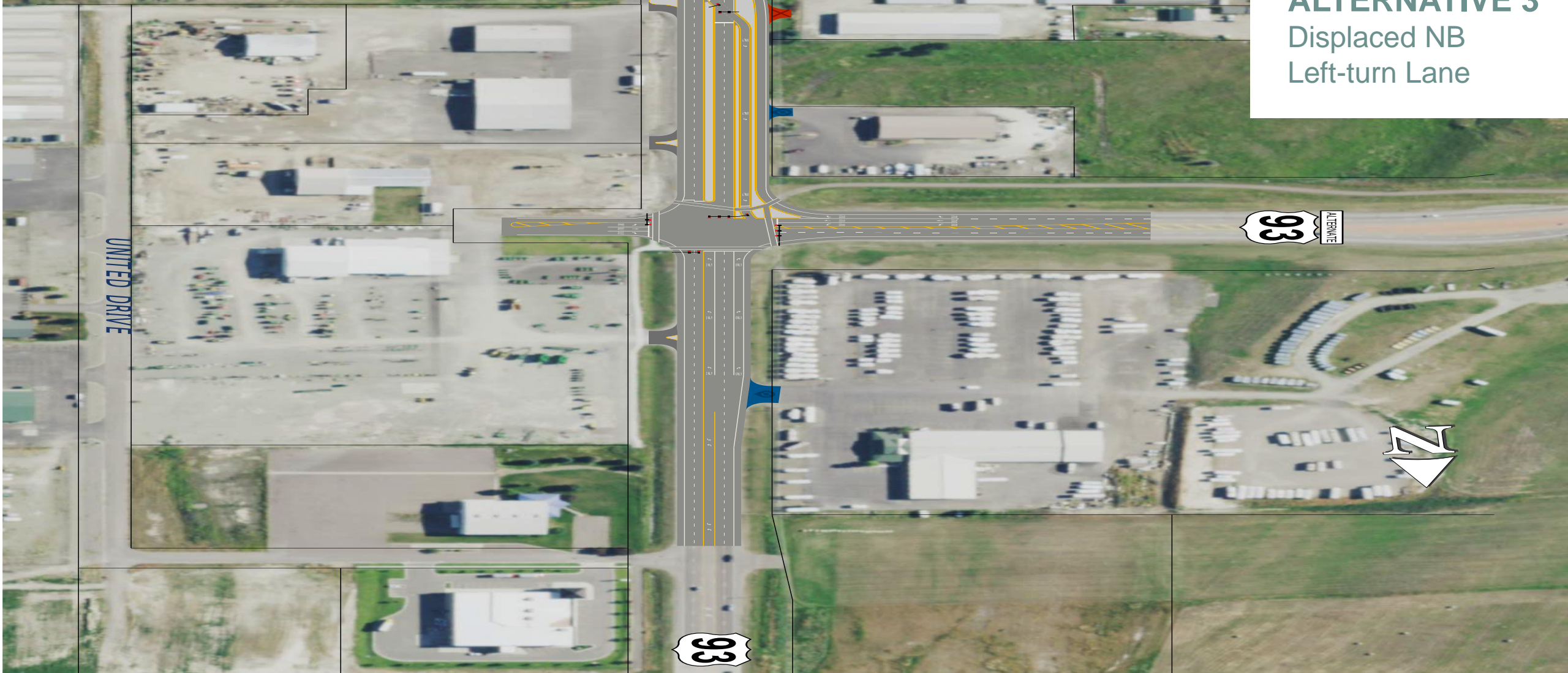




Concepts



ALTERNATIVE 3
Displaced NB
Left-turn Lane





Concepts



ALTERNATIVE 4
Green "T"
At-Grade



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Concepts



ALTERNATIVE 5
Green "T"
SB Grade Separated

Option reviewed, but no longer being considered.



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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT + PARTICIPATION



MDT welcomes any feedback on intersection alternatives.



Stakeholder meetings have been held over the past few months to gather feedback from the surrounding area.



Please feel free to reach out with additional input or questions!



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