



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the project?

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Hoffman's R&M Services LLC are constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Lincoln Road and Applegate Drive north of Helena to enhance safety features and improve traffic operations.

2. What improvements are being made?

- Constructing a roundabout with 12-foot travel lanes and 2-foot shoulders
- Constructing an 18-foot-wide "truck apron," which is a slightly raised surface that allows large trucks to make turns at the intersection
- Constructing pedestrian crossings on each side of the roundabout
- Installing lighting, curb, gutters, and no-maintenance landscaping in the center median
- Targeting a 15-mph speed for motorists entering the roundabout

3. What is the project schedule?

Construction on this project began in May 2026 and is expected to be completed in late fall.

4. What should I expect during construction?

- Reduced speed limits
- Single-lane traffic
- Traffic controlled by flaggers or temporary signals
- Width restrictions at times
- Short-term closures
- Detours

5. Is there a detour in place?

Yes. The intersection is in a "no left turn" state to allow crews to safely work. Additionally, north/south traffic on Applegate Drive is not able to go straight through the intersection and will need to keep right when entering the intersection. If you commute through the intersection via Applegate Drive and typically turn left or go straight through the intersection, you should plan an alternate route. East/west traffic on Lincoln Road will use the intersection detour.

6. Who can I contact regarding this project?

Questions or comments can be directed to Tyler Manning, Public Involvement Coordinator, at 406-545-0800 or Tyler@rbci.net.