Conflicts – or conflict ‘points’ are places in or near an intersection where vehicles might collide with other vehicles or pedestrians

Curbed Sections – just the normal concrete curbs you see in an urban setting, but the term ‘section’ means the curb has stop and start at specific points in relation to the roundabout.

Culvert – a tunnel that allows a stream or drainage to pass under a roadway

Geotechnical – the study of how parts of the earth like rock and soil behave. Geotechnical is important to our project because it helps us make sure the land we’re building on is able to support the road.

Hydraulic – a branch of science that helps us locate and understand all relevant water in a project area. Groundwater, stormwater, irrigation, etc.

OT Phase – short for, ‘other phase’. This is the initial phase where we identify the project and assess impacts to the areas around it.

Right of Way – often a term used interchangeably with somewhat different meanings. It can refer to:
• land purchased from landowners for permanent transportation use;
• land purchased from landowners as permanent or temporary ‘permissions’ that provide access for very specific purposes like highway maintenance or utilities; Or
• property where a construction permit (temporary access) is acquired by MDT for the project, usually for 2 years at a time. The landowner retains ownership of the property.

Topographic Pickup – obtaining additional land survey information to provide the project team a chance to make sure all the other observations we’ve made about the layout of an area (buildings, roads, hills, ditches, etc.) are current and still accurate, and to catch other important features that may have changed since the project began.

Traffic Signals – electronic devices like arrows and lights providing traffic control at intersections and on roadways

Variable Width Raised Median – a raised section of road, marked by curb on both sides generally with concrete surfacing between, meant to separate lanes of traffic or direct vehicles in certain directions. Think of that piece of the road in between lanes at big intersections where there is curb.