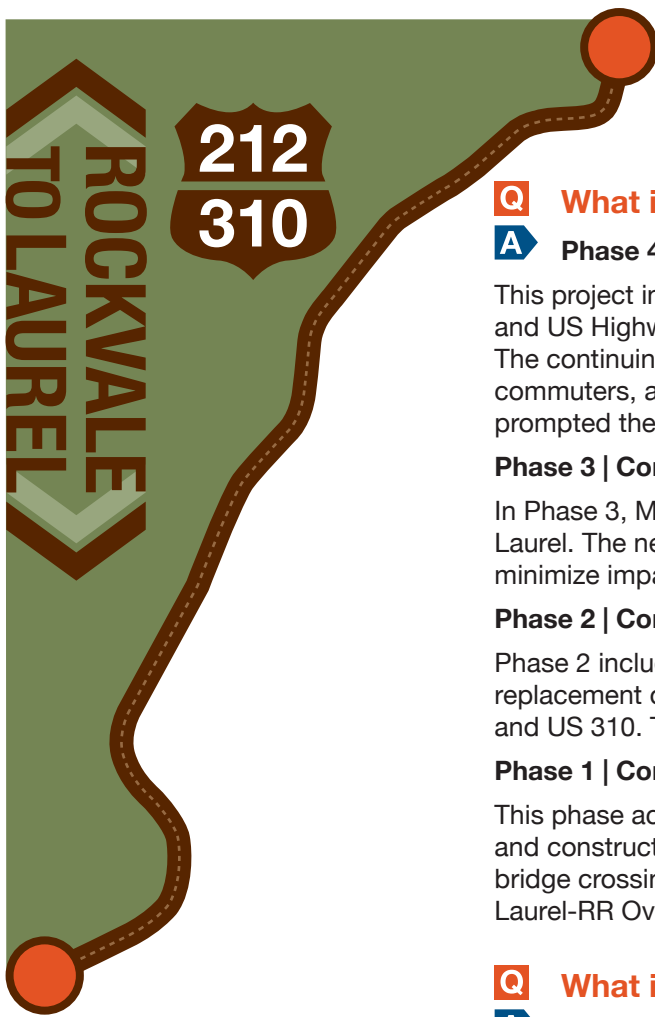


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q What is happening between Rockvale and Laurel?

A Phase 4 | 2020

This project includes construction of the remaining portions of US Highway 310 and US Highway 212 to achieve the full build-out of the planned four lanes. The continuing growth of traffic and safety conflicts between regional tourists, commuters, and truck traffic, as well as, the concerns voiced by local leaders prompted the completion of this roadway in 2020.

Phase 3 | Completed 2019

In Phase 3, MDT built a new roadway for 10 miles of US 310 and US 212 south of Laurel. The new roadway left the river bottom area and shifted west onto the hills to minimize impacts to existing farms, homes, and communities.

Phase 2 | Completed 2015

Phase 2 included roadway reconstruction, overhead lighting, turn lanes, and replacement of the flashing beacon at the Rockvale North intersection of US 212 and US 310. The MDT project name was Rockvale-North (US212/310).

Phase 1 | Completed 2014

This phase actually abandoned a narrow, skewed underpass beneath the railroad and constructed two new bridges over the railroad, rather than replacing a skewed bridge crossing over the railroad tracks. The MDT project name was South of Laurel-RR Overpass.

Q What is the schedule for the project?

A Construction is anticipated to begin mid-April and conclude within the 2020 construction season.

Q Why didn't MDT build the project out to four lanes during Phase 3 in 2019?

A MDT completed as much work as possible in Phase 3 to prepare for Phase 4 construction, specifically earthwork, but limits in funding posed some uncertainty on bringing Phase 4 to fruition.

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