



DRAFT

Need and Objectives

March 2018

MDT has recognized a need to provide safe stopping opportunities on US 2 in accordance with guidelines outlined in the Montana Rest Area Plan and in consideration of existing and projected conditions within the US 2 study corridor; feedback from public, stakeholder and agency involvement efforts; and coordination with the study advisory committee. Objectives are not listed in any particular order.

Need – Provide safe stopping opportunities on US 2 in accordance with MDT Rest Area Plan guidance.

Objectives: To the extent practicable:

- a. Space safety rest areas at approximately one hour of travel time from existing stopping opportunities, equivalent to 70 miles within the US 2 corridor.
- b. Minimize safety issues associated with sight distance, conflicting access points, and traffic movements.
- c. Consider locations in proximity to existing utilities, maintenance staffing, and MDT-owned right-of-way.
- d. Avoid and/or minimize impacts to environmental resources and existing development.
- e. Avoid constructability and topography constraints.

Other Considerations

- Funding availability.
- Planned projects and other MDT priorities.