



US 93 Polson-Somers Corridor Study

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is developing a corridor study of US Highway 93 (US 93) between Polson and Somers. The purpose of the US 93 Polson-Somers Corridor Study is to develop a comprehensive long-range plan for managing the corridor. A key objective of the study is to determine what improvements can be made to address identified traffic and safety needs while considering public and agency input, environmental constraints, and financial feasibility.

As part of the study, MDT is also developing an Access Management Plan for the Polson to Somers corridor to ensure safe and efficient use of the highway while considering the needs of local communities and stakeholders. Access management plays a crucial role in enhancing roadway safety, functionality, compatibility with development, and overall operation.

The study is a collaborative process with MDT, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), local jurisdictions, resource agencies, and the public to identify transportation needs and potential solutions.



Improvement Options

Several improvement options have been identified to address safety and traffic concerns within the corridor, ranging from small-scale measures like adding advance warning signs to larger, more complex reconstruction projects. The improvement options are grouped into three categories. Improvements could be implemented as standalone projects or, where appropriate, combined into larger projects to achieve cost savings and operational efficiencies.

Spot Improvements

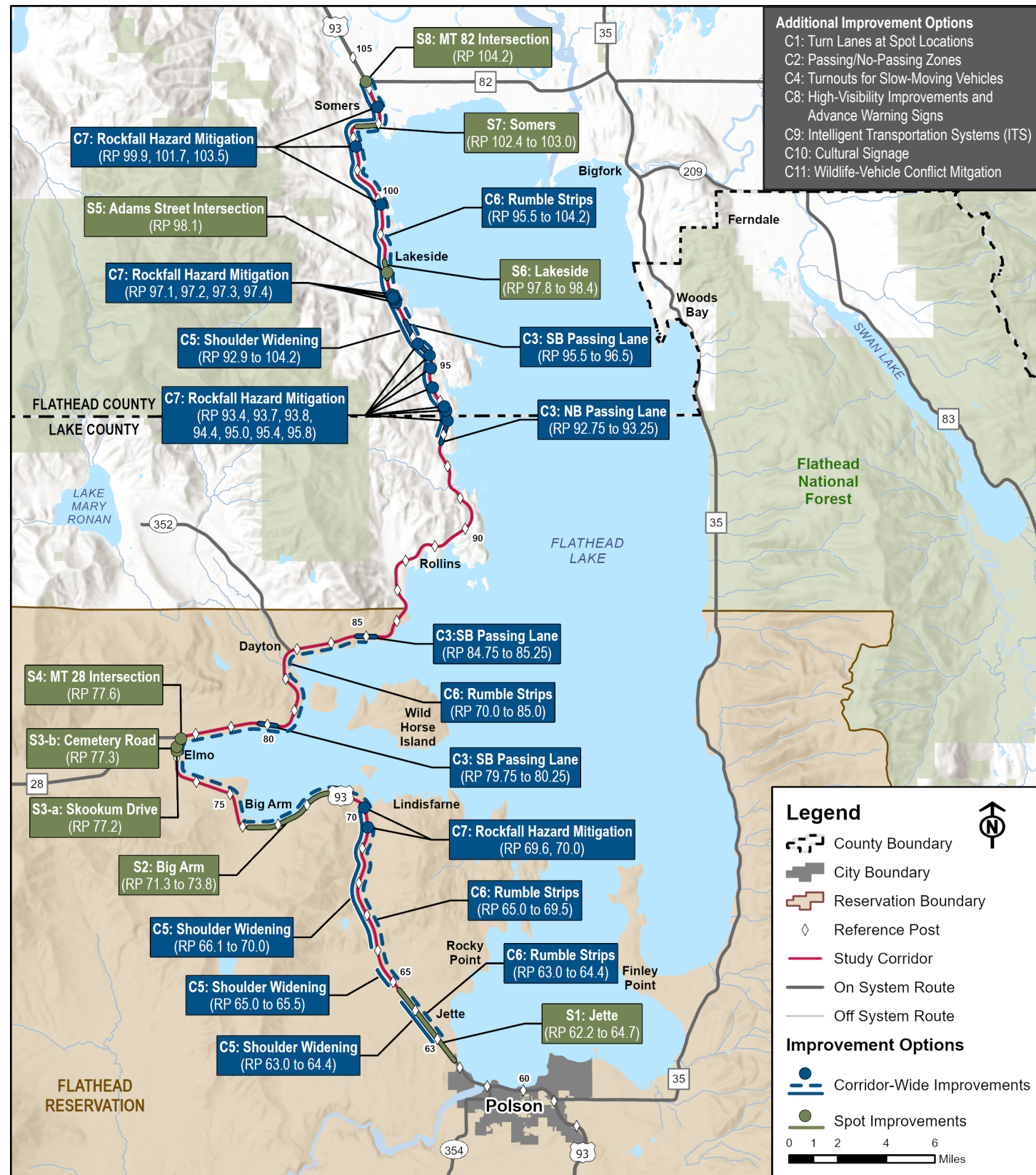
Focus on enhancing roadway safety, traffic operations, and access management at specific locations along the corridor.

Corridor-Wide Improvements

Address safety, traffic operations, and access management across the entire corridor, ranging from low-cost measures like striping revisions and speed limit adjustments to larger projects such as shoulder widening and wildlife-vehicle conflict mitigation.

Policy Improvements

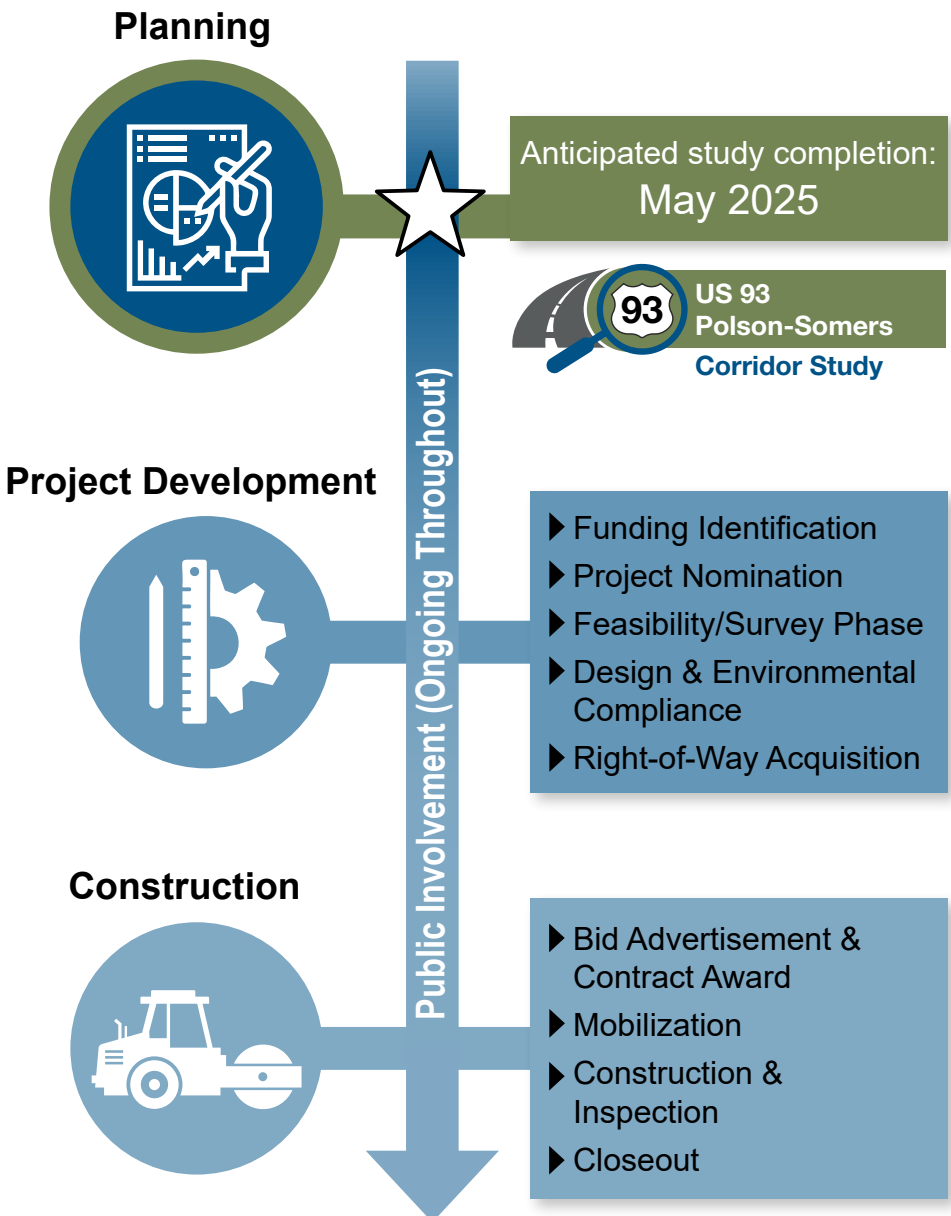
Complement infrastructure changes by improving safety and efficiency in the corridor, focusing on access, speeds, travel demand, and maintenance to support long-term transportation goals.



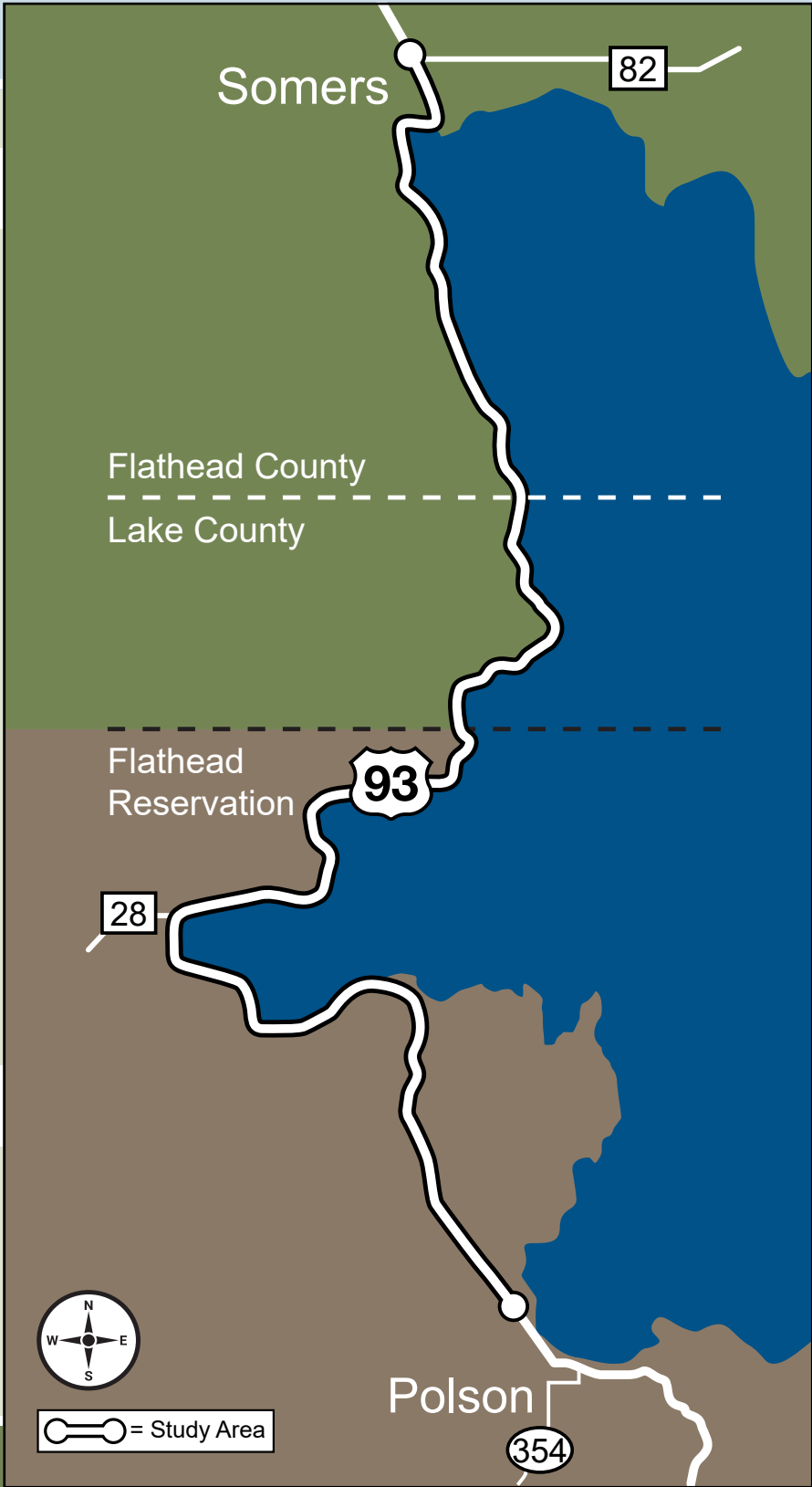
Next Steps

A public draft of the US 93 Polson-Somers Corridor Study is anticipated in April 2025, with a formal public and agency review period to follow. A supplemental component of the corridor study will include development of an Access Management Plan, which is also anticipated to be available by April 2025. All work is anticipated to be completed by May 2025.

Upon completion of this effort, MDT will have a comprehensive set of transportation improvements ready for implementation within the corridor. MDT and its partner agencies will then work to secure funding for the design and construction of these improvements, though **no funding source has been identified at this time**.



The study corridor begins north of Polson and ends north of Somers at the intersection of US 93 and Montana Highway 82. The corridor spans the rapidly growing **Lake and Flathead Counties**, crosses the **Flathead Reservation**, and passes through the communities of Big Arm, Elmo, Dayton, Rollins, Lakeside, and Somers.





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