WOODLAND AND 2ND STREET/CONRAD

Why a small-single lane roundabout?
Two key factors went into the decision to move forward with a small roundabout - public safety and making an investment that will last far into the future. A roundabout will efficiently handle traffic volumes for the next 20 years without additional investment. The roundabout has been designed specifically for this location and provides many benefits shown below.

- **Reduces Crashes:** It will reduce the frequency and severity of crashes compared to a stop-controlled intersection. This is a result of slower speeds and fewer conflict points. For example, it will virtually eliminate T-bone style crashes because of its shape and one-way traffic flow. Drivers simply slow down, look to their left and merge into the roundabout.

- **Modifies grades:** The uphill grade entering the roundabout at Conrad hill has been modified improving sight distances and creating a slightly flatter landing.

- **Same size footprint:** It is generally the same size as the existing intersection which minimizes impacts to adjacent properties including the Conrad Mansion, Woodland Park and multiple single-family homes.

- **Designed to accommodate large vehicles like school buses.**

- **Improves crossings:** Pedestrian crossings are improved. Traffic is slower and pedestrians only have to watch for one direction of traffic.

- **Improves sight distances:** The design improves sight distances (ability to easily see on-coming cars to avoid colliding with them) on all approaches to the intersection.

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To maintain social distancing practices, while also keeping the community informed about the project, MDT is hosting a Virtual Open House.

Go to mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/woodland. It will take you the Virtual Open House where you can learn more about the project and provide feedback. Be sure to watch the visual simulation of the roundabout (you may recognize the Conrad Mansion in the video).

Please submit your comments via the virtual open house or at the link below before October 2, 2020.

www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml
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The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that on average, roundabouts reduce:

- Fatalities by 90%
- Serious injury crashes by 75%
- All kinds of crashes by 37%

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