



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **1. What does the project include?**

The York Road Roundabout project involves constructing a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of York Road (Highway 280) and Lake Helena Drive in Lewis and Clark County.

### **2. Why is this project necessary?**

This project will improve safety and operations at the intersection. From January 1, 2003 to August 5, 2015 there were 28 recorded crashes in this area. The majority of crashes occurring at this intersection were the result of drivers failing to yield and causing a right-angle impact.

### **3. Why a roundabout? Wouldn't a stoplight be better for traffic?**

MDT considered different options to best serve motorists at this intersection. After evaluation, MDT has determined that the safest and most efficient way to control traffic at the York Road – Lake Helena intersection is a roundabout. While a traffic light was considered, roundabouts are proven to reduce collisions while promoting a smooth and continuous flow of traffic.

### **4. Will snowplows still be able to use the roundabout in the winter?**

Yes. Snowplows and other maintenance and emergency vehicles will be able to use the roundabout without issue.

### **5. Will trucks be able to drive through the roundabout?**

Yes, trucks can use the roundabout. The design also includes a “truck apron,” which is a slightly raised surface that will allow large trucks and other commercial equipment ample room to make turns.

### **6. Will the intersection remain open during construction?**

Traffic will be maintained. Normal construction delays are anticipated.

### **7. When will construction take place?**

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2019 and be completed by winter 2019.

### **8. How did MDT communicate with the public about this project?**

MDT conducted outreach activities to spread awareness about the project and encourage participation in an open house meeting held September 5, 2018. Nearly 100 people attended the meeting and provided comments. A majority of comments received were in favor of the roundabout design for improving safety.

### **9. How can I stay informed during construction?**

- MDT will notify the community about construction through local media, emails, project website, and social media.
- To sign up for email notifications contact Brandon Coates at (406) 465-3350 or email [Brandon@rbc.net](mailto:Brandon@rbc.net)