Gore Hill INTERCHANGE EXIT 277

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is developing improvements to the Interstate 15 (I-15) Gore Hill Interchange (Exit 277) in Great Falls. The project will reduce delays, improve traffic flow, and enhance safety features at the Gore Hill Interchange and on I-15 between the 10th Avenue South and the Gore Hill interchanges.



PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

1. **An additional southbound lane will be added to I-15** between the 10th Avenue South and Gore Hill interchanges. The lane will exit on to the southbound Gore Hill Interchange off-ramp.
2. **Two single-lane roundabouts will be added at the I-15** on- and off-ramp intersections on 31st Street Southwest and Airport Drive.
3. **The I-15 Gore Hill Interchange overpass bridge will be replaced.** The new structure will be built to the east of the current overpass to keep the interchange open during construction. The new bridge will be wider and include a southbound left turn lane, shoulders, and a sidewalk.
4. **A sidewalk** will be added on the west side of 31st Street Southwest and Airport Drive, providing pedestrian access over the bridge and between the roundabouts.
5. The intersection of **Tri Hill Frontage Road with 31st Street Southwest will be relocated** to the south.

The new bridge design and roundabouts will accommodate over-sized trucks through the intersections.

See reverse for anticipated schedule and process.

GORE HILL INTERCHANGE



PROJECT TIMELINE

MDT is in the design phase of developing improvements for the I-15 Gore Hill Interchange in Great Falls.

Planning Study	2015
Long Range Transportation Plan	2018
Potential alternatives evaluated and improvements developed	2018 – 2019
Recommended improvements presented to the public	2019
Traffic and growth data reevaluated	2019
Detailed plans for new interchange design developed	2020
Preferred alternative presented to the public	2020
Design plans developed	2020 – 2026
Traffic and growth data reevaluated	2024
Final design presented to the public	2026
Construction anticipated to begin	2027*

Depending on availability of funding

WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

The Gore Hill Interchange serves as a primary access point for the Great Falls International Airport and handles a significant amount of traffic.

The I-15 Gore Hill to Emerson Junction Corridor Planning Study (2015) and the Great Falls Long Range Transportation Plan (2018) identified several safety and operational concerns at the Gore Hill Interchange.

The close proximity of the Gore Hill and 10th Avenue Interchanges contributes to poor performance.

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