

Teton Pass Corridor Study

Virtual Public Meeting – January 26, 2022



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Meeting Logistics



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Meeting Overview

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3 | Project Goals and Scope of Work

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In 2-3 words, describe what
comes to mind when you think
of the Teton Pass corridor.

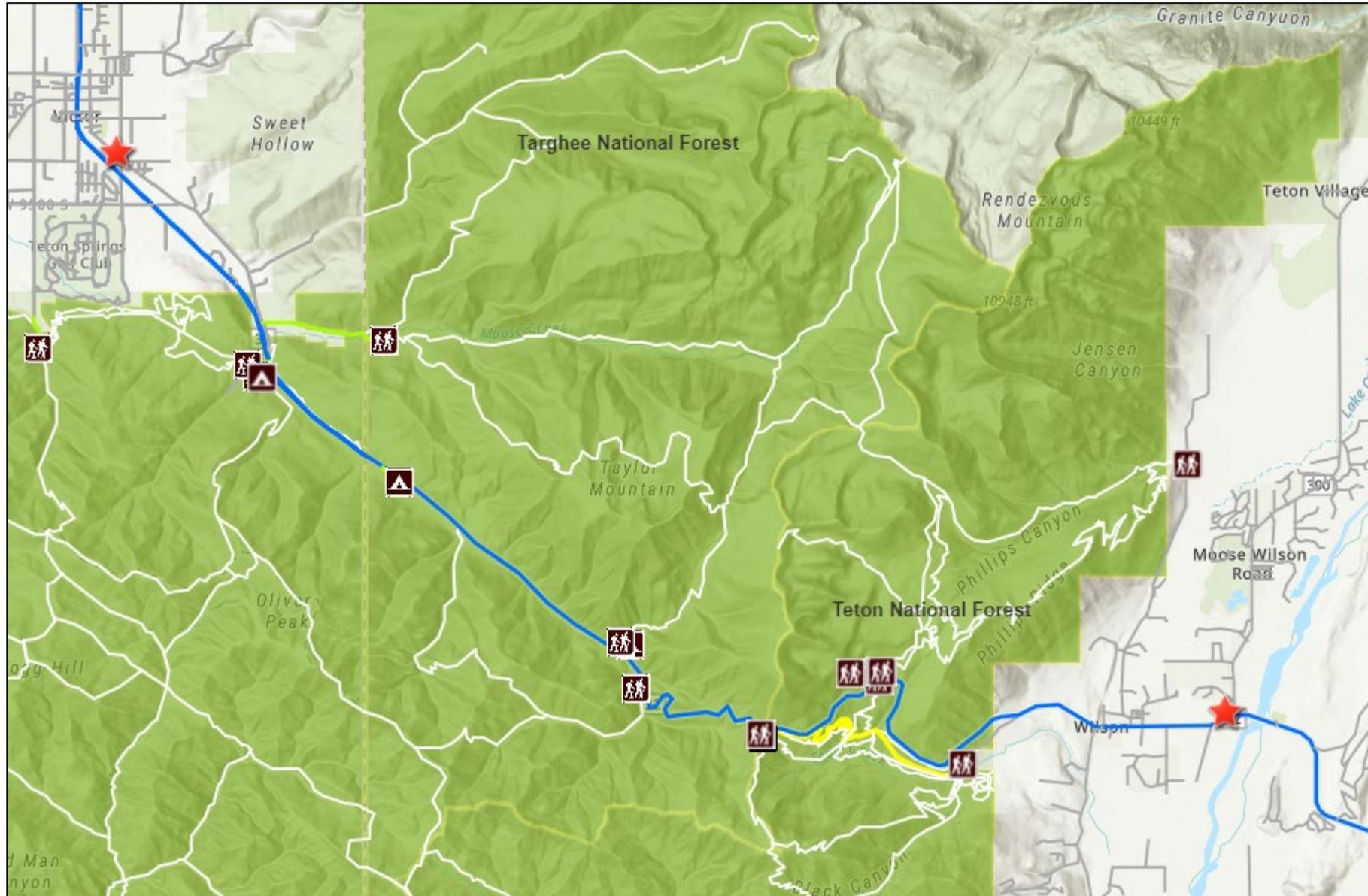
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Teton Pass Corridor Overview



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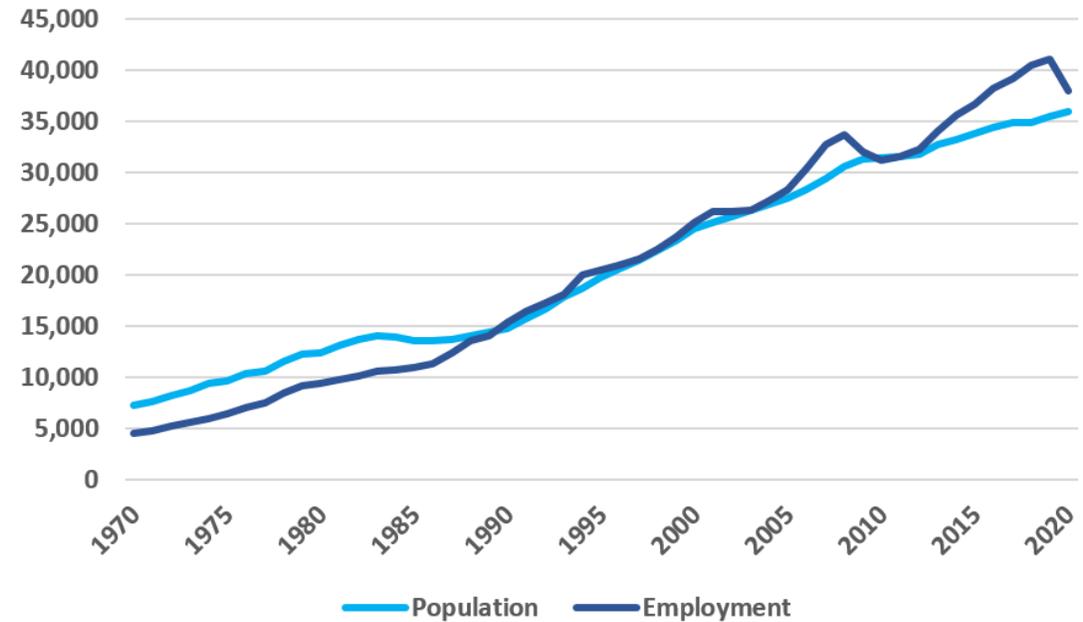
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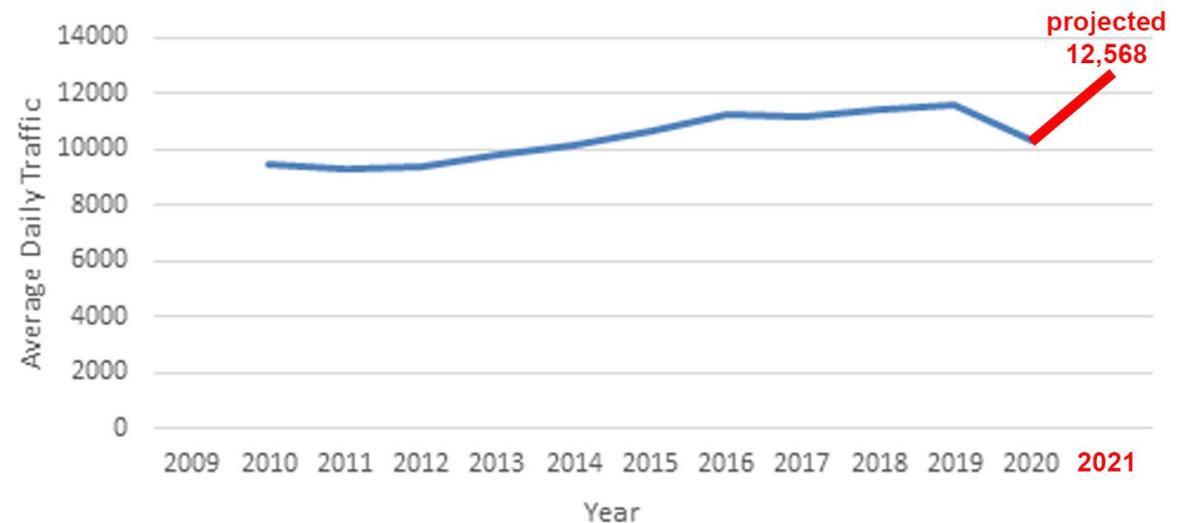
Need for the Plan

- Significant regional population and employment growth
- Increasing demand for year-round recreational opportunities
- Impact of growth on WYDOT's mission in providing safe and effective transportation
- Potential for conflicts (vehicular, user, wildlife, etc.)

Teton County, WY and Teton County, ID
Population and Employment Growth 1970-2020



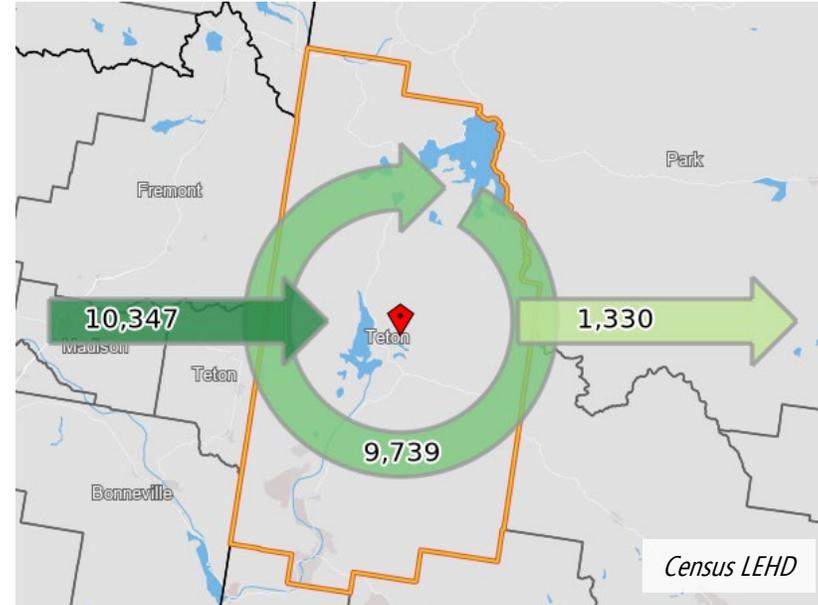
ATR #82 – WY 22 West of 390 Intersection



Key Issue:

High Traffic Volumes & Congestion on WY 22 / ID 33

- Contributing factors:
 - *Large commuting population located in the Teton Valley*
 - *Job growth in Teton County, WY*
 - *Increased tourist visitation*
 - *Freight & goods movement*



Key Issue:

Facility Overuse & Parking Congestion

- High-use trail access sites along the Teton Pass corridor
- Significant growth in recreation use
- Limited parking and pullout capacity
- Lack of alternative transportation options



Photo Credit: Brenden Cronin

Key Issue:

Extreme Winter Weather & Challenging Topography

- Avalanche risk and mitigation
- Dozens of slide paths traverse the roadway
- Maximum grade of 10% and sharp curves



Photo Credit: Ryan Dorgan

Key Issue:

Resource Impacts

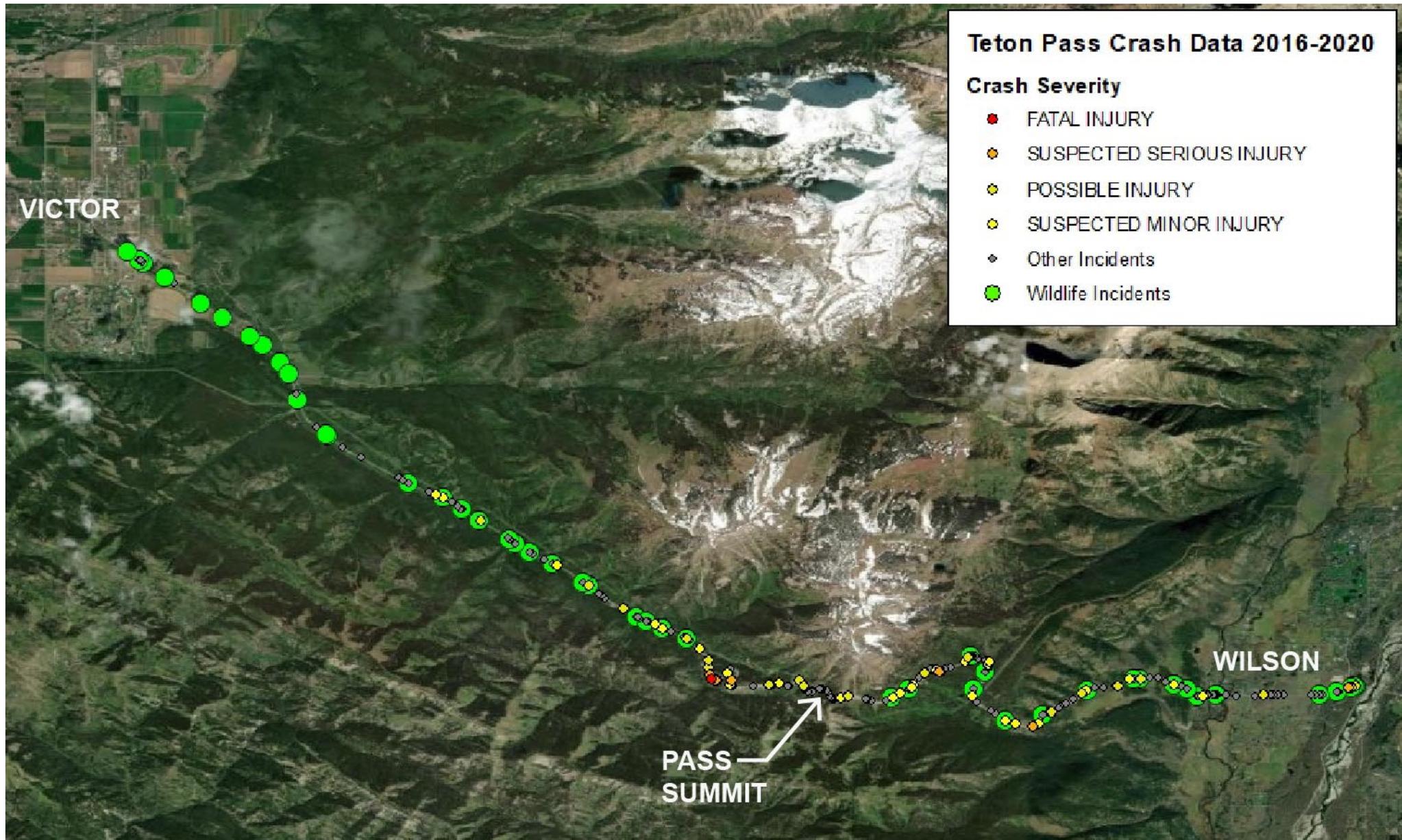
- Vehicle wildlife collisions
- Biological conservation and habitat connectivity



Photo Credit: Teton County Wildlife Crossings Master Plan

Key Issue:

Safety for All Users



Are there other key issues that
interfere with your ability to
experience the Teton Pass Corridor?

Tell us about it in the chat box!

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Study Goals & Planning Process



Study Goals



Improve the corridor for the safety of **ALL** users



Advance alternative transportation systems



Protect the natural environment surrounding the corridor



Identify a range of feasible transportation options that can be advanced by partners

Planning Process- Scope of Work Task Summary

- 1. Stakeholder Engagement and Public Involvement**
- 2. Existing Conditions Baseline**
- 3. Development of Corridor Management Strategy - Needs Identification and Scenario Analysis**
- 4. Development of Transportation Improvement Options**
- 5. Draft and Final Report**



Scope of Work Task:

Stakeholder Engagement & Public Involvement

- On-site corridor tour with PMT
- In person Stakeholder interviews (Fall 2021)
- Virtual stakeholder interviews from Idaho
- Project website and feedback form
- Public review and comment of draft report



Scope of Work Task:

Existing Conditions Baseline

- Multimodal existing conditions and future trends profile
 - Traffic data
 - Parking capacities, dimensions
 - Roadway dimensions
 - Alternative transportation
 - Signage inventory
- Corridor safety assessment
- Review of existing plans and studies



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Scope of Work Task:

Development of Corridor Management Strategy – Needs Identification

- Define limits of corridor capacity
 - Parking availability
 - Vehicle occupancy rate
 - Estimate level of daily visitation



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Scope of Work Task:

Development of Corridor Management Strategy – Scenario Analysis

- Transportation and access scenario development and analysis
 1. Parking permitting option
 2. Transit only option
 3. Hybrid - parking & transit



Scope of Work Task:

Development of Transportation Improvement Options

Review and consideration of:

- Formalized parking configurations
- Transit service feasibility
- Wayfinding signage upgrades
- Pedestrian and wildlife crossing improvements
- Highway to trailhead entry/exit improvements
- Safety & operational improvements



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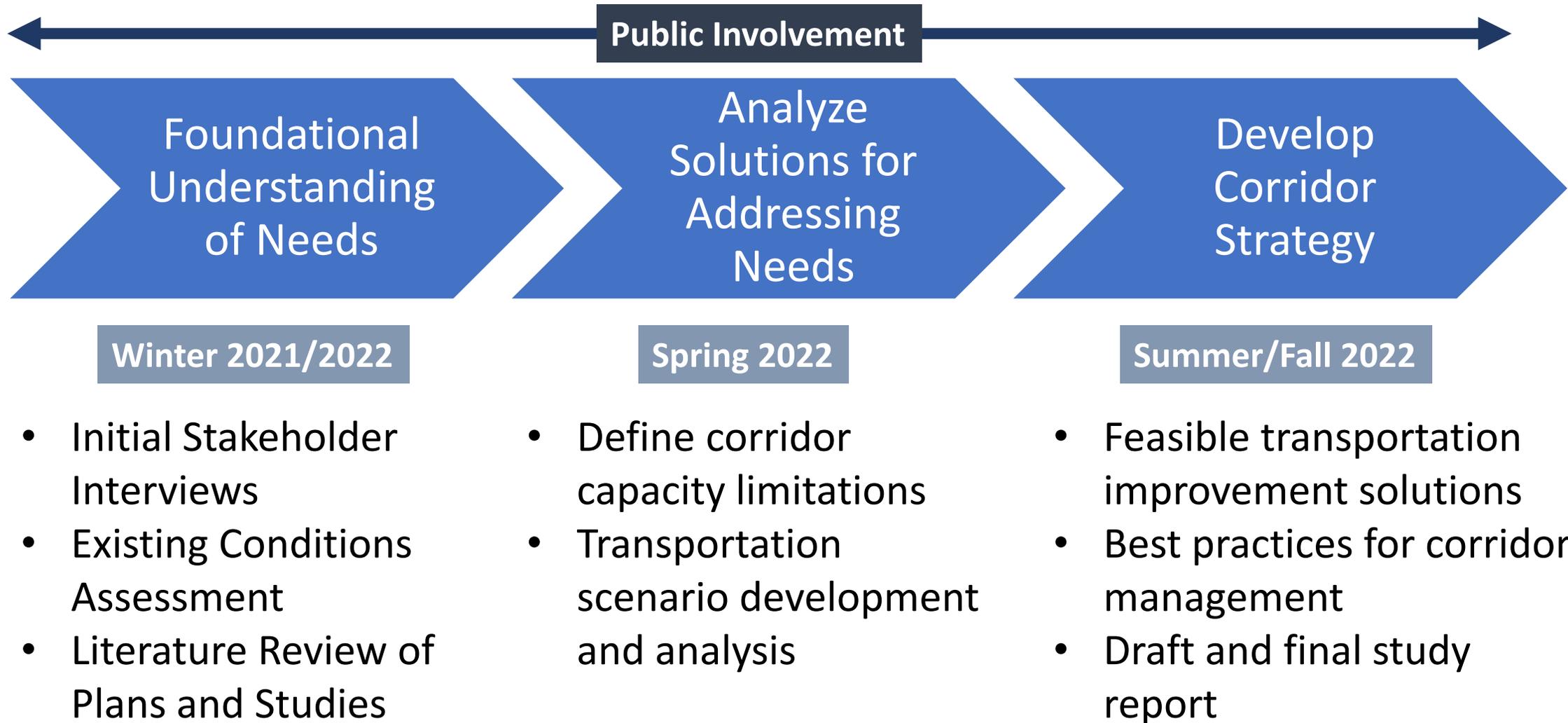
Scope of Work Task:

Draft and Final Report

- Summarize planning process, including public outreach, data collection, needs identification, and scenario development
- Preliminary cost estimation for specific solutions
- Phasing of improvements
- Partnering opportunities and innovative finance
- Narrative of how to advance solutions



Study Timeline



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Public Involvement

Foundational
Understanding
of Needs

Analyze
Solutions for
Addressing
Needs

Develop
Corridor
Strategy

Winter 2021/2022

Spring 2022

Summer/Fall 2022

- Initial Stakeholder Interviews
 - Existing Conditions Assessment
 - Literature Review of Plans and Studies
- ★ **January 2022 Virtual Public Kick-Off Meeting**

- Define unmet needs
 - Transportation scenario development and analysis
- ★ **Spring 2022 Virtual / In-Person Open House**

- Feasible transportation improvement solutions
 - Best practices for corridor management
 - Draft and final study report
- ★ **Fall 2022 Draft Plan Review and Public Comment**

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Q&A Discussion



Photo Credit: Randy Roberts

If we didn't get to your question...

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Wrap-up & Next Steps



Your Critical Role

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

There will be many opportunities to participate in the planning process. Please visit the project website regularly to stay up-to-date:

<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/wy/flap-dot-22-1>



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Thank you!



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