

ROCKVALE – LAUREL

Informational Meeting

May 22, 2013

AGENDA

1. Introductions / Meeting Format
2. Meeting Purpose
3. Project History
4. Overall Project Status
5. South of Laurel RR Overpass Project
6. Rockvale – North (US 212/310) Project
7. Rockvale – Laurel (2 Lanes) Project
8. Schedule
9. Right of Way Procedures & Protocols
10. Questions /Comments



2. Meeting Purpose

- Informational Meeting
- Update public regarding project status
- Solicit information (e.g. Irrigation, Drainage, Access)
- Listen to comments
- Respond to questions

3. Project History

Environmental Process (NEPA / MEPA)

- A. Initiated July 2000 Notice of Intent
- B. Completed September 2009 Record of Decision

3. Project History (cont.)

C. Public Involvement

Public Meetings – Environmental Phase

August 2000

December 2001

November 2000 – December 2007 (*Formal Public Hearing*)

Public Meetings – Design Phase

January 11, 2011 – May 22, 2013

Newsletters

October 2000

Spring 2002

Summer 2001

Website

3. Project History (cont.)

D. Purpose & Need for the project

- 1) Safety – Local / Regional Traffic
- 2) Capacity – Current plus growth + 20 years
- 3) Local Traffic – Circulation and Access
- 4) Local and Regional Mobility

3. Project History (cont.)

- E. Selected Alt. 5B – Combined West Bench
 - Fewer Impacts to Homes, Businesses, Wetlands
 - Improved Safety (access / RR issues)
 - Public Support
 - See Record of Decision (ROD) for more information

3. Project History (cont.)

F. Selected Alt. 5B – Combined West Bench

- 11.6 Mile Length
- 4-lane divided
- 12 ft. driving lanes
- 8 ft. outside shoulders
- 4 ft. inside shoulders part of 36 ft. median
- Bridges over railroad

4. Overall Project Status

A. Detailed Design Process Initiated February 2010

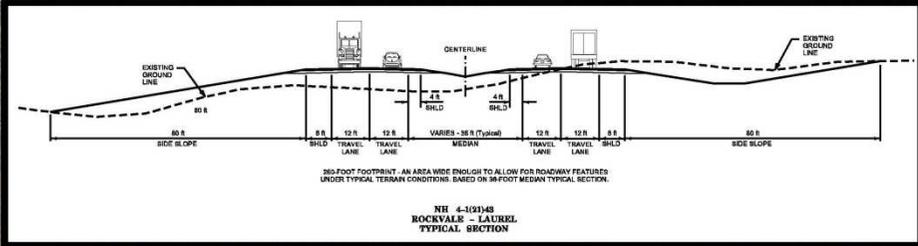
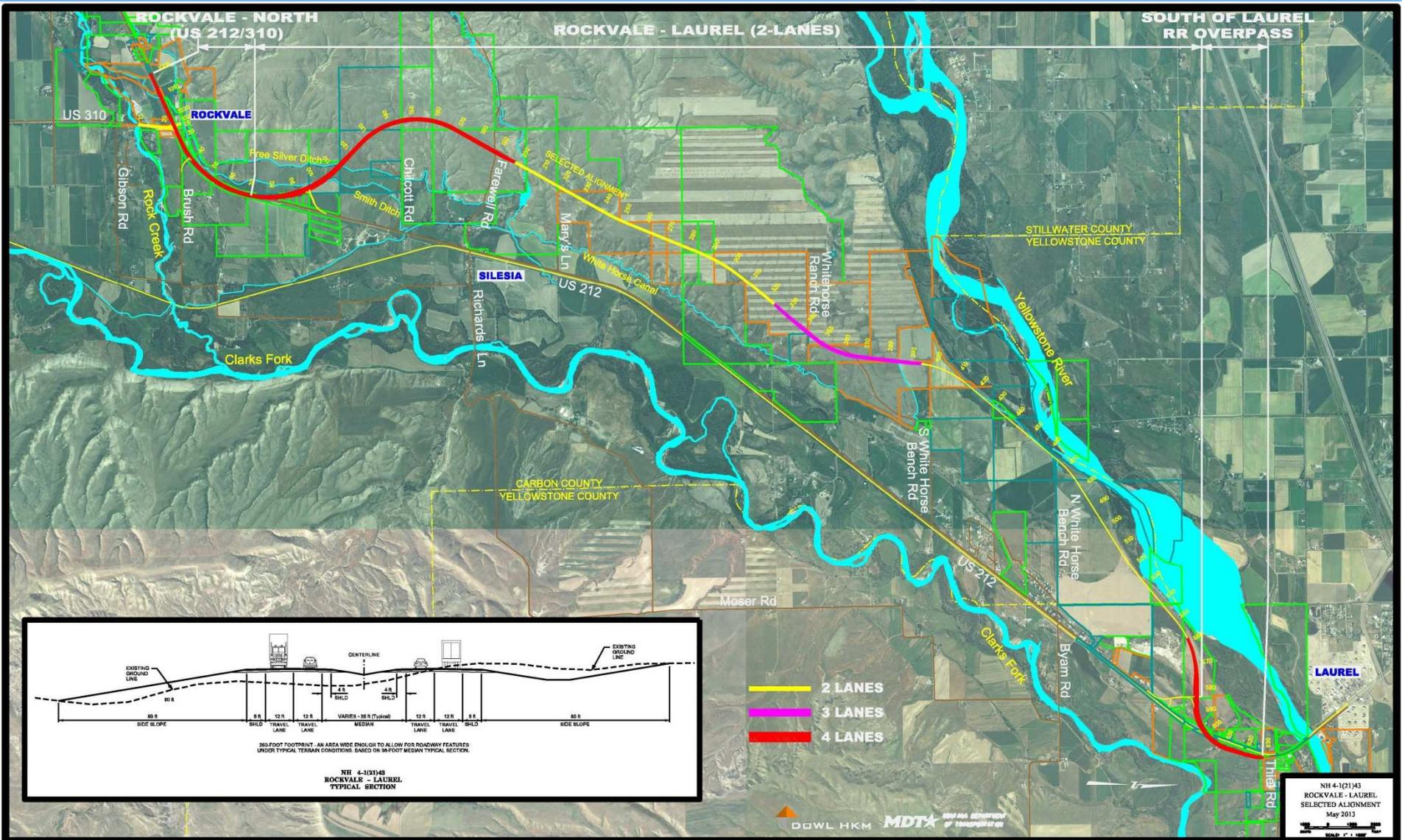
- Landowner Access
- Design and Legal Surveys
- Utility Locations Identified
- Detailed Mapping
- Geotechnical Investigations / Groundwater Monitoring
- Landowner Meetings

4. Overall Project Status (cont.)

- Public Information Meetings (January 11, 2011;
May 22, 2013)
- Access Control Resolution (approved by Transportation
Commission November 17, 2011)
 - Designates a Controlled Access Highway and Facility
- Access Management Guidelines / Plans
 - Met with Landowners
 - Develop reasonable access
 - Considerations include spacing, consolidation, frontage
roads, auxiliary turn lanes, traffic control devices.

4. Overall Project Status (cont.)

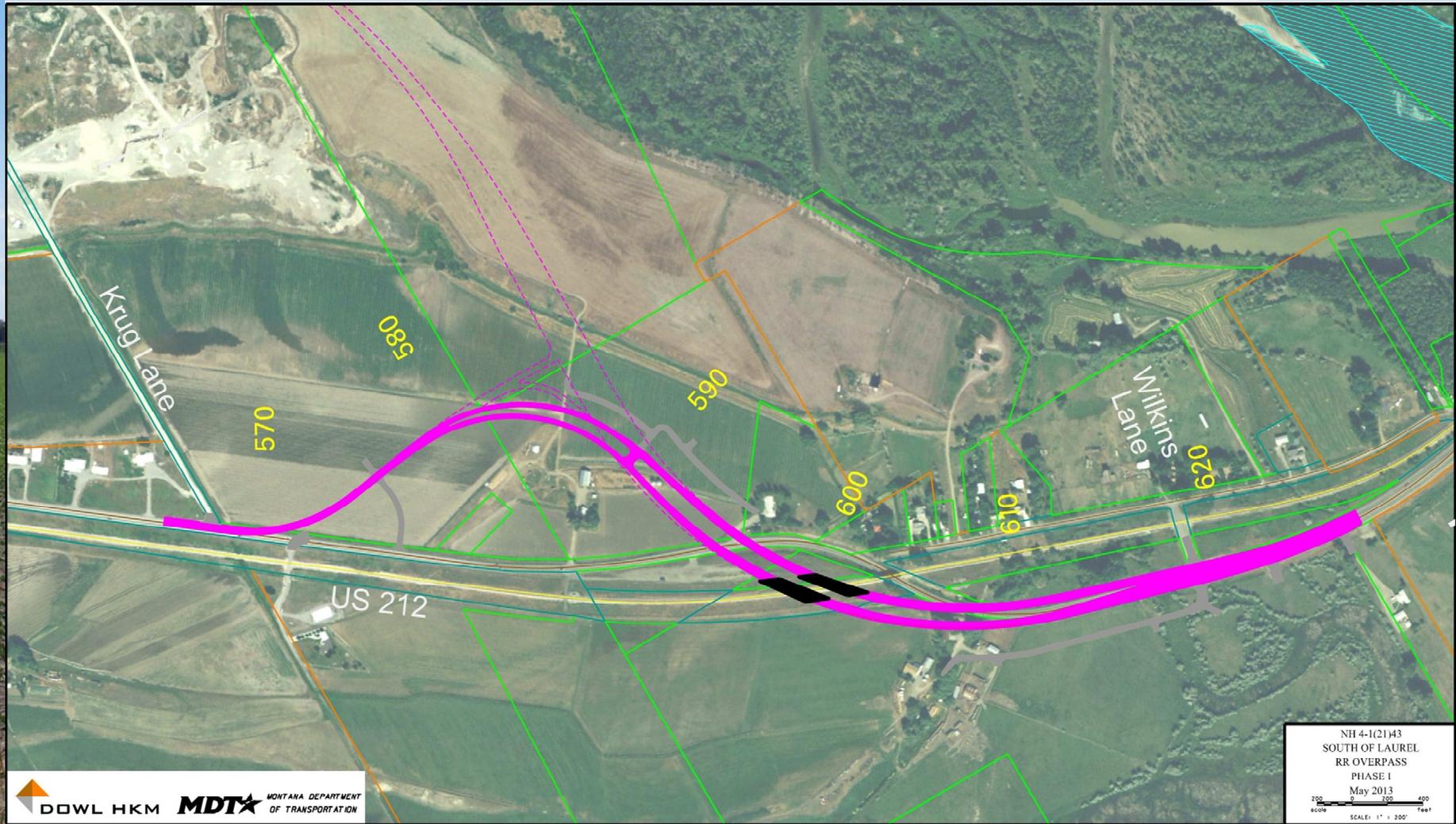
- Construction Segments Established
 - South of Laurel – RR Overpass
 - Rockvale – North (US 212/310)
 - Rockvale – Laurel (2 Lanes)
 - Rockvale – Laurel (NB Lanes)
- Detailed Design Underway



5. South of Laurel – RR Overpass

- Krug Lane to Thiel Road (just over 1 mile)
- Four-lane divided roadway w/ transitions
- New bridges over the railroad
- Design completed
- Estimated construction cost at approx. \$ 16.5M
- Right of Way Process nearly complete
- Scheduled to be let to Construction August 2013

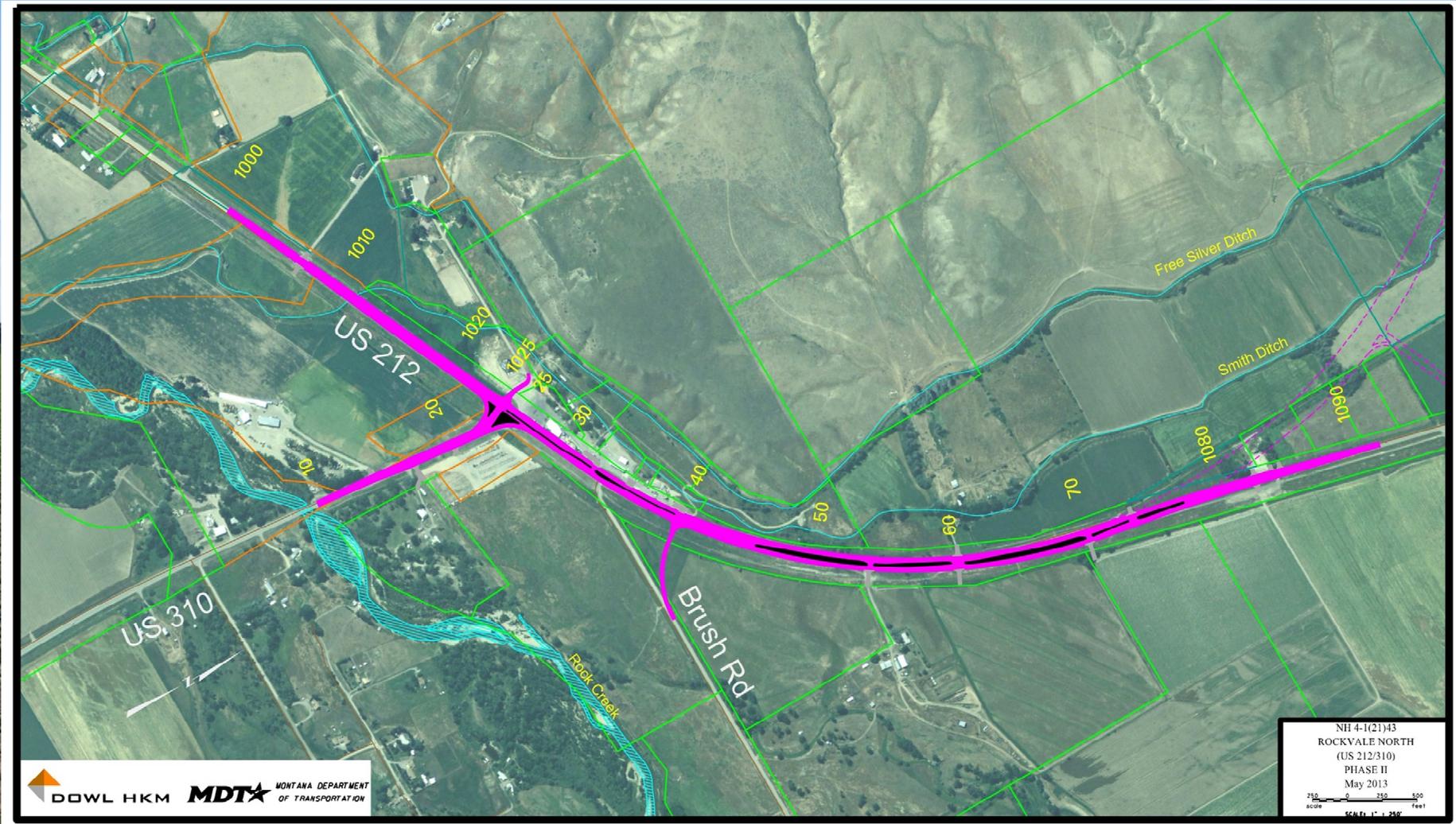
5. South of Laurel – RR Overpass



6. Rockvale – North (US 212/310)

- West and South of Intersection to north of Nutting (approx. 1.8 miles of roadway improvements)
- Four-lane divided roadway w/ turn lanes & transitions
- Raised medians, lighting, flashing beacon
- Design Completed
- Estimated Construction Cost at approx. \$ 6.8M
- Right of Way Process underway
- Scheduled to be let to Construction Spring 2014 (dependent on funding availability)

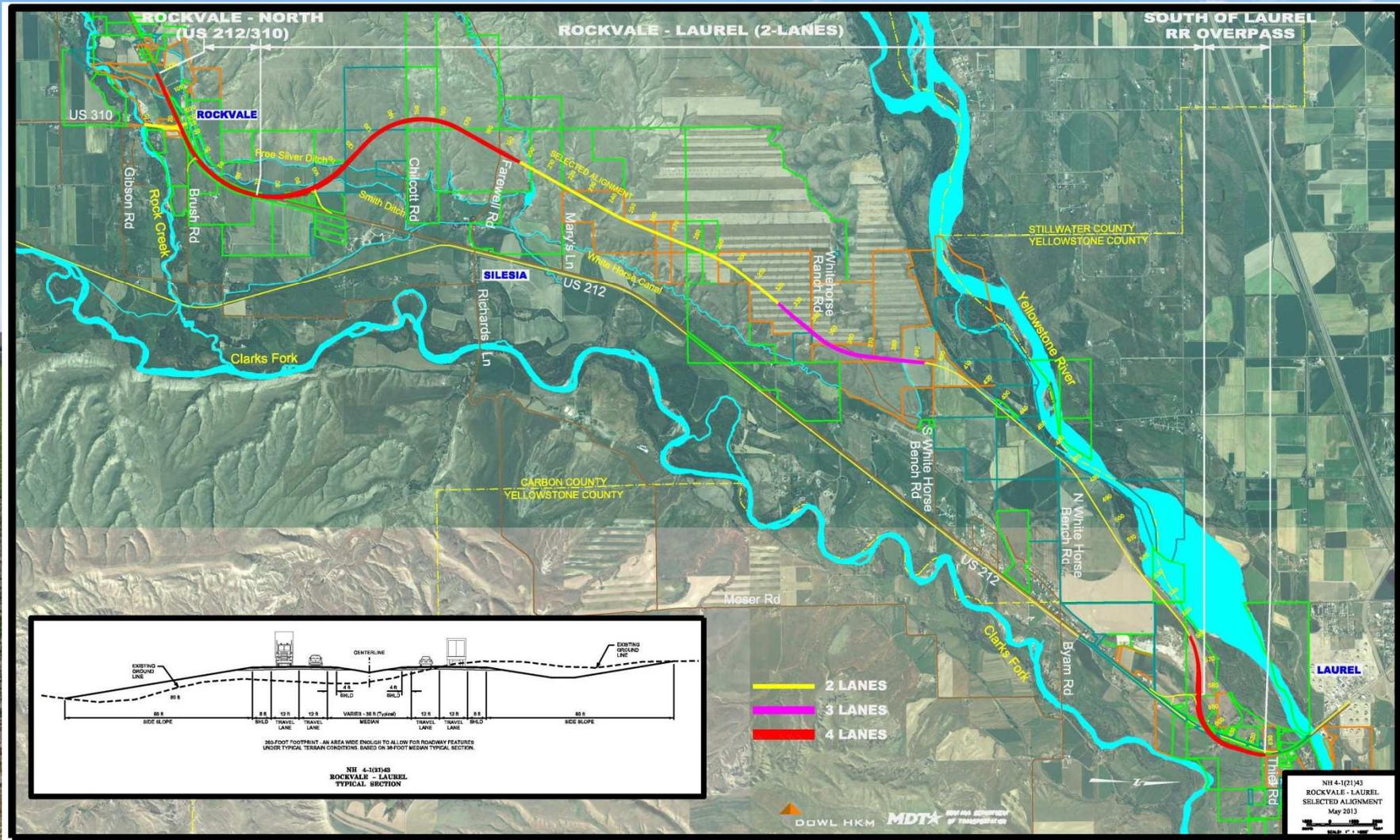
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7. Rockvale – Laurel (2 Lanes)

- Connects Rockvale – North and South of Laurel – RR Overpass Projects (approx. 10 miles)
- Hybrid Design (sections of two-lane, three-lane, and four-lane divided roadway w/ transitions)
- Design Underway (roadway, irrigation, drainage)
- Value Analysis Process Completed
- Estimated Construction Cost at approx. \$ 24.2M
- Right of Way Process pending
- Scheduled to be let to Construction 2015 or later (dependent on funding availability)

7. Rockvale – Laurel (2 Lanes)



8. Schedule

A. South of Laurel – RR Overpass

- Construction starts fall 2013

B. Rockvale – North (US 212/310)

- R/W process beginning fall 2013
- Construction starts spring 2014 (funding dependent)

C. Rockvale – Laurel (2 Lanes)

- R/W process beginning 2014
- Construction starts 2015 (funding dependent)

D. Rockvale – Laurel (NB Lanes)

- Construction starts 2016 or beyond



9. R/W Procedures & Protocols

A. Appraisals – Comparable Sales

B. Acquisition

C. Controlled Access Facility – Guidelines and Plan

10. Questions / Comments

Please provide us your:

- Ideas
- Suggestions
- Recommendations
- Experiences

To consider in the project design within the constraints of the Record of Decision (ROD)

For more information or to leave comments visit the project website

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/rockvale/>