## I-15 Gore Hill to Emerson Junction Corridor Study Summary

## **Background**

Interstate 15 (I-15) is a divided four-lane roadway that passes through Great Falls in Cascade County, Montana. I-15 is on the National Highway System. This multipurpose roadway is utilized by a variety of travelers to include passenger and freight vehicles.

## **Corridor Study**

The 2014 Great Falls Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and MDT have identified the need for an Interstate corridor study in the Great Falls area. The LRTP states that "due to the need for improvements to both Emerson Junction and Gore Hill interchanges and other identified needs for added lanes and operational improvements on I-15 and I-315, an Interstate Corridor Study for the Great Falls area is recommended."

The goal of the study is to identify short- and long-term improvements that address the needs and objectives developed for the study area. The study will include analysis of capacity, safety, and operational concerns within the study area, including interchanges and ramps.

## **Study Area**

The study area includes Interstate 15 (I-15) through Great Falls, beginning southwest of the Gore Hill Interchange (I-15 Exit 277) near RP 277 and ending northwest of Emerson Junction (Exit 282) near RP 284. The study area also includes Interstate 315 (I-315) and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South west of RP 95.