

Ronan-Urban Public Information Meeting March 4, 2013

- 5:30 – 7:00 Open House Format
- 7:00 Presentation
- Questions



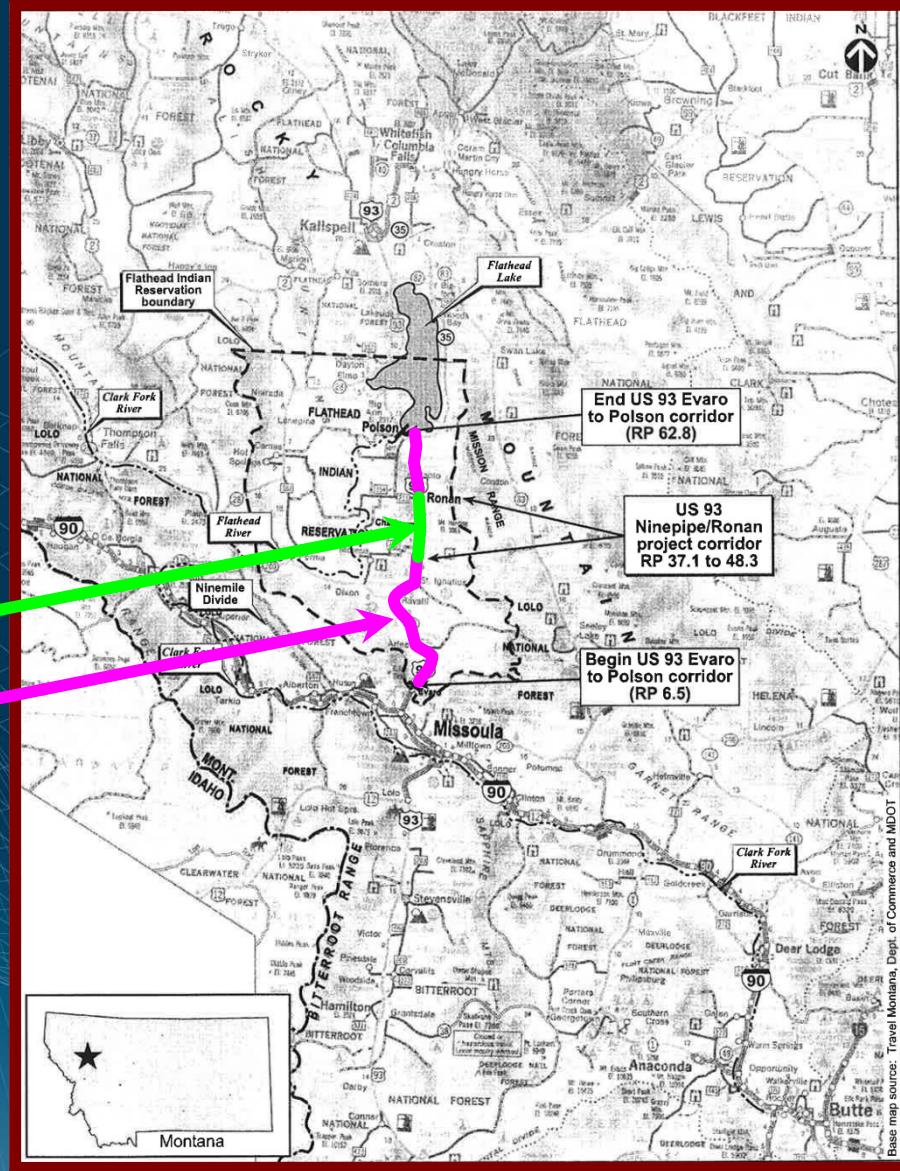
Agenda

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Project Overview
- 3) Project Purpose & Need
- 4) Design
- 5) Environmental Status: 2008 SEIS & Updates
- 6) Next Steps
- 7) Questions

Project Overview

US 93: Evaro to Polson People's Way Corridor

Ninepipe/Ronan
Evaro to Polson



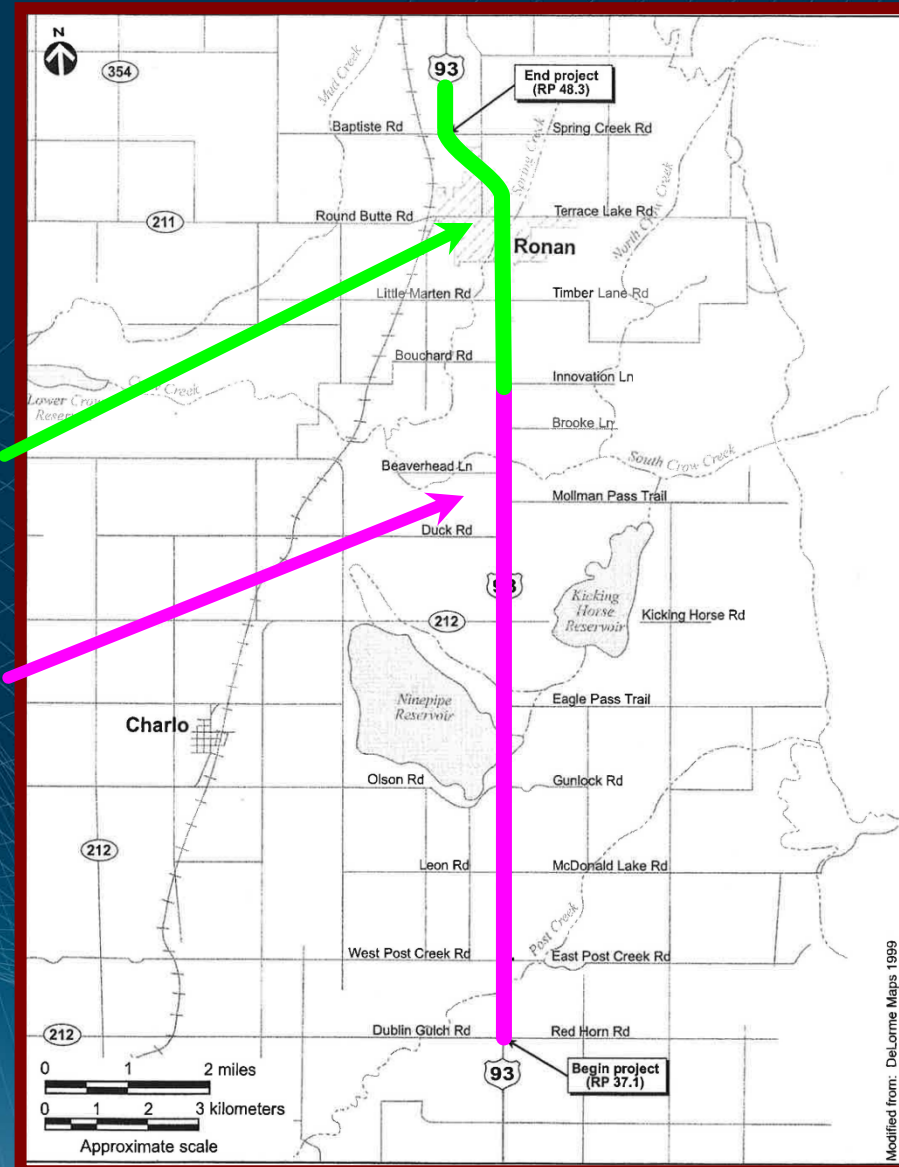
Project Overview

US 93

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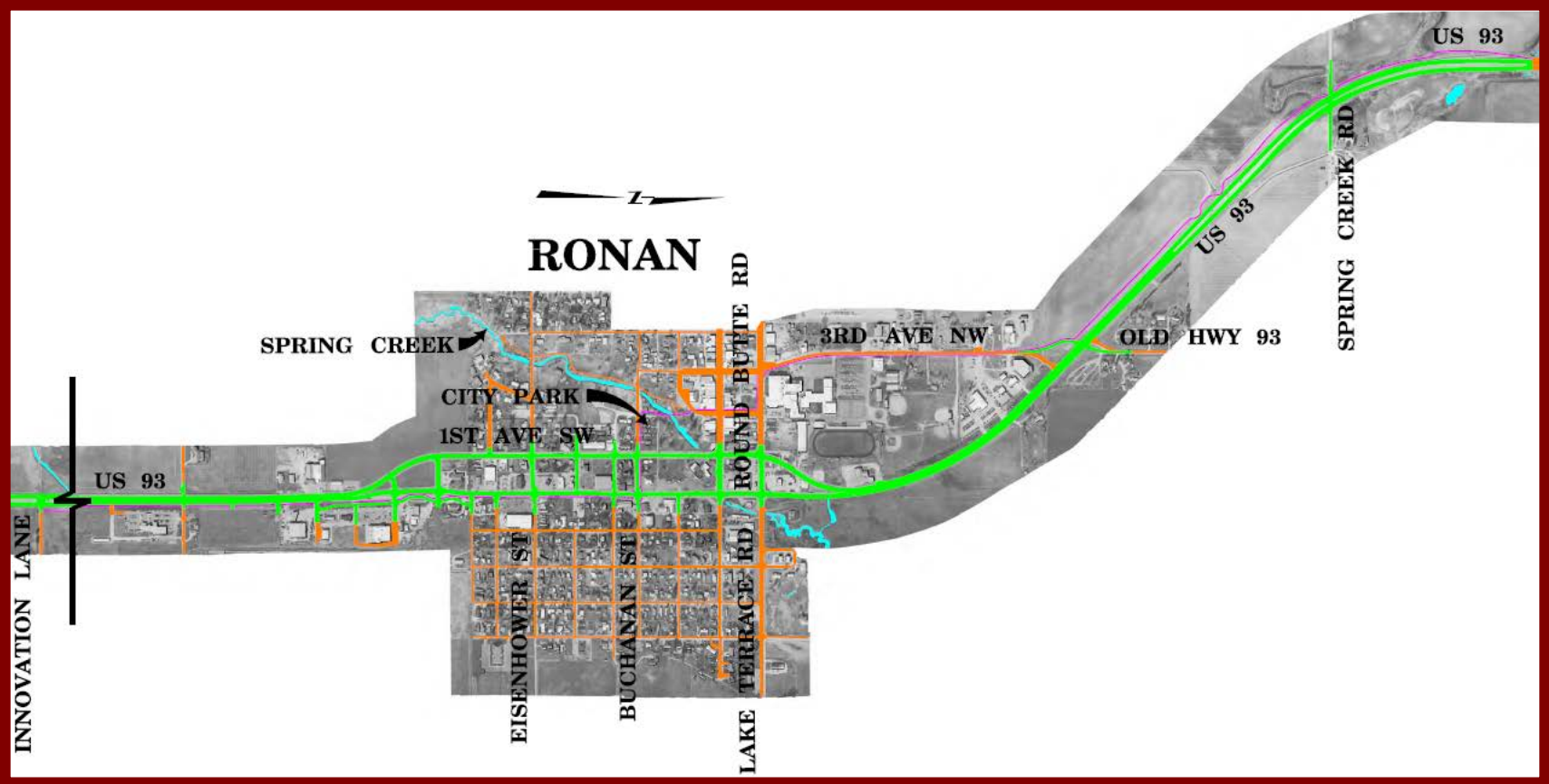
Ninepipe/Ronan



Source: 2008 SEIS, Figure 2.1-2

Project Overview:

Ronan-Urban Project



Project Purpose:

To Improve:

- US 93 Transportation System
- Level of Service
- Mobility
- Traffic Flow
- System Linkage
- Safety

Source: 2008 SEIS, Page 2-1

Project Need:

The Existing Roadway:

- Does Not Meet Current Safety & Design Standards
- Experiences Congestion & is Expected to Increase
- Experiences 3 x Accidents/Mile as the State Average
- Has Higher Accident Severity than the State Average
- Has Limited Bike/Pedestrian Facilities

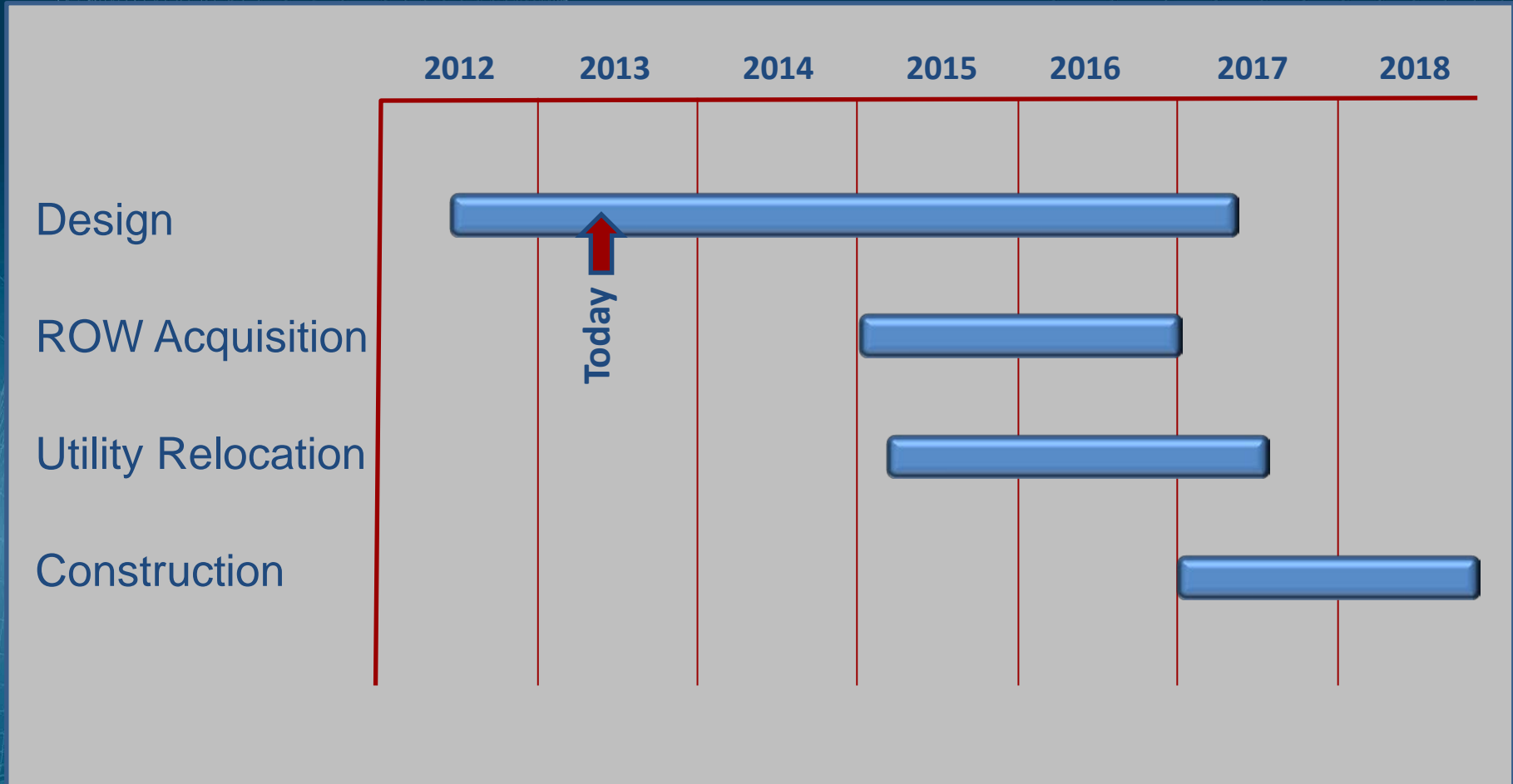
Source: 2008 SEIS, Page 2-3

- Traffic Volumes = 10,840 Daily Vehicles in 2009
20,650 Daily Vehicles in 2040

Project Objectives:

- Reduce Accidents by Improving Safety
- Improve Capacity
- Improve Intersection Performance in Ronan
- Provide Improvements without Dividing Ronan
- Reduce Vehicle/Animal Conflicts
- Improve Wetland & Riparian Connectivity
- Respect CSKT Culture & “Spirit of Place”
- Balance Cost Efficiency, Safety, Traffic Operations & Environmental Protection

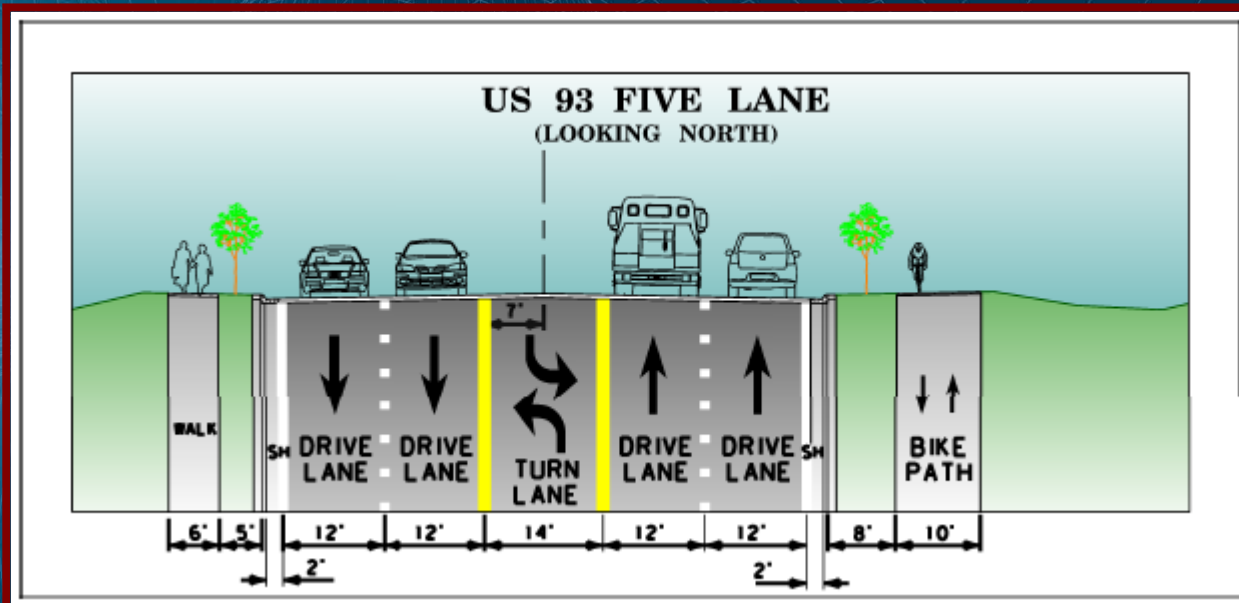
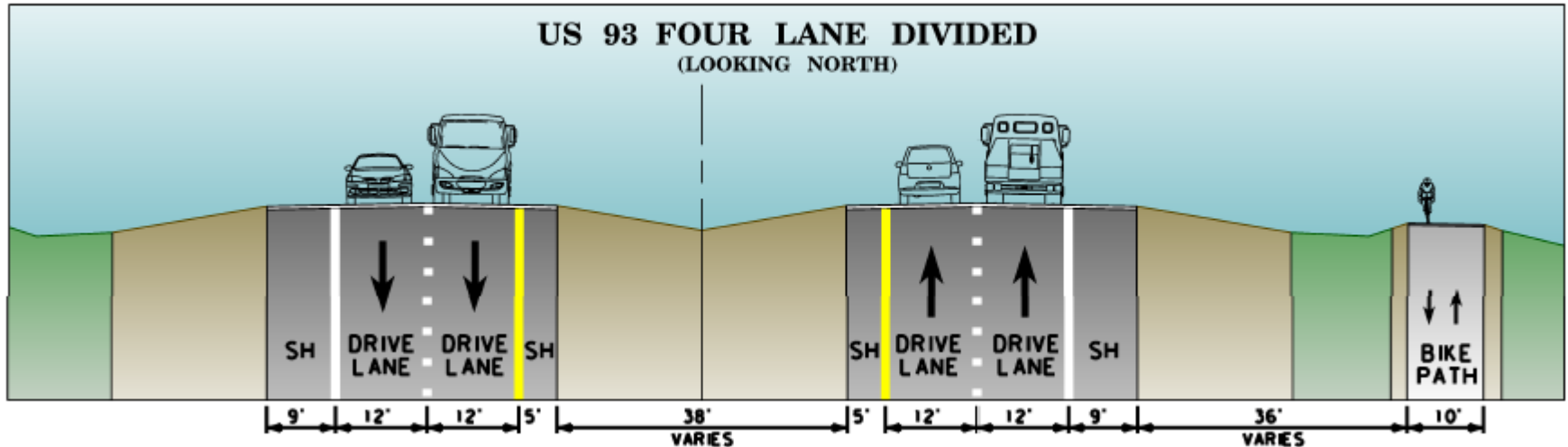
Project Schedule:



Design:

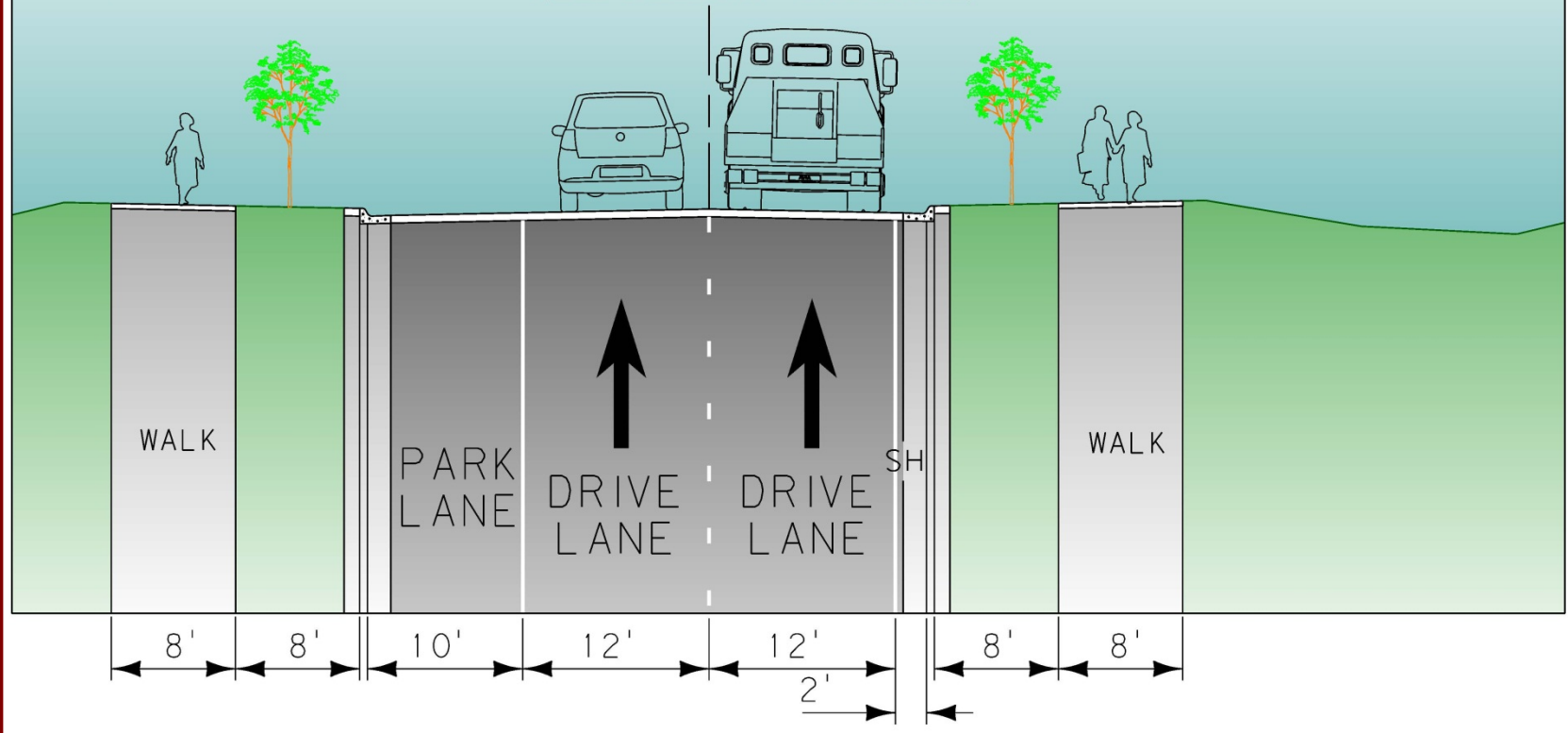
- 4-Lane & 5-Lane Roads
- 2-Lane, 1-Way Couplet Roads
- Traffic Signals
- Separated Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
- Safety & Access Control
- Frontage Road
- Utilities

Design: 4- & 5-Lane Roads



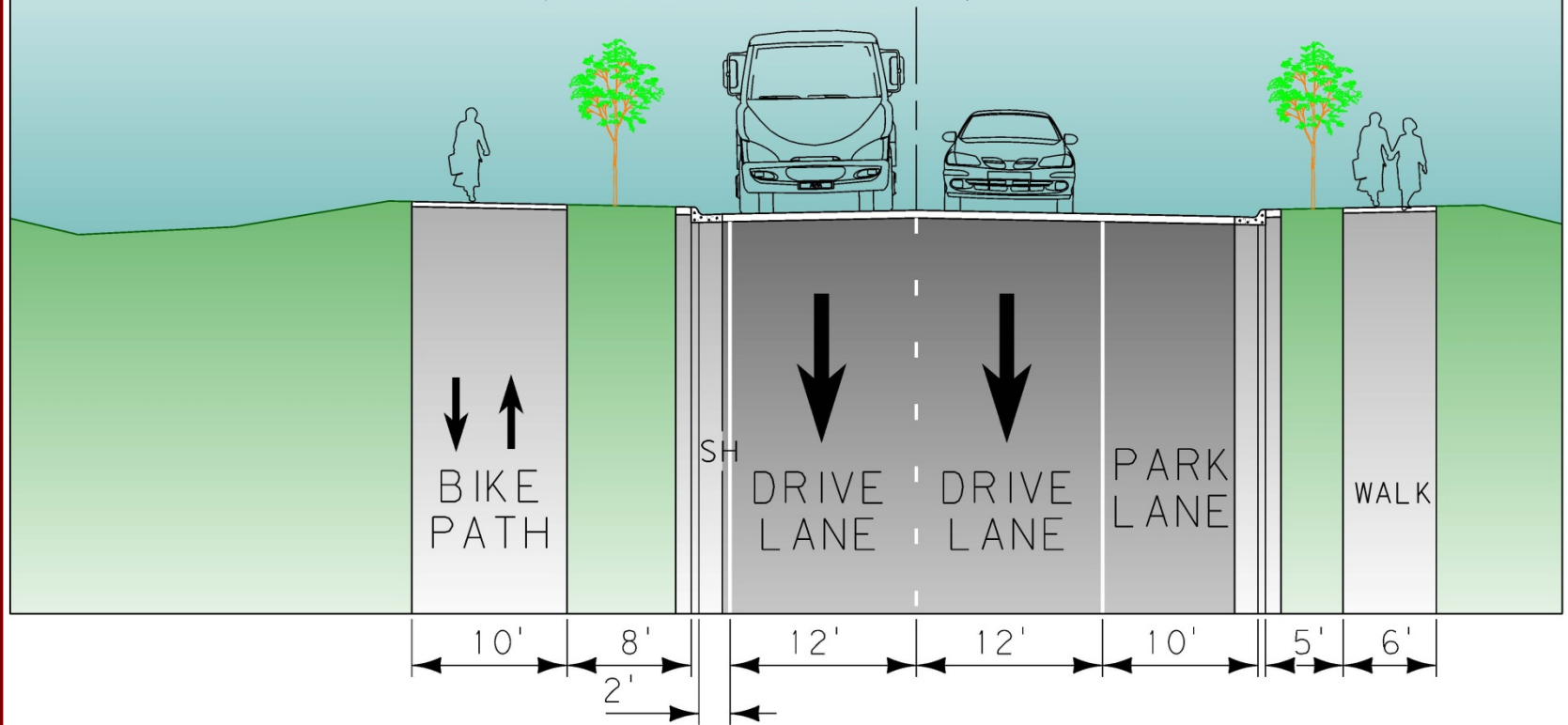
Design: 2-Lane, 1-Way Couplet Roads

US 93 NORTHBOUND URBAN US 93, NORTH OF BUCHANAN (LOOKING NORTH)

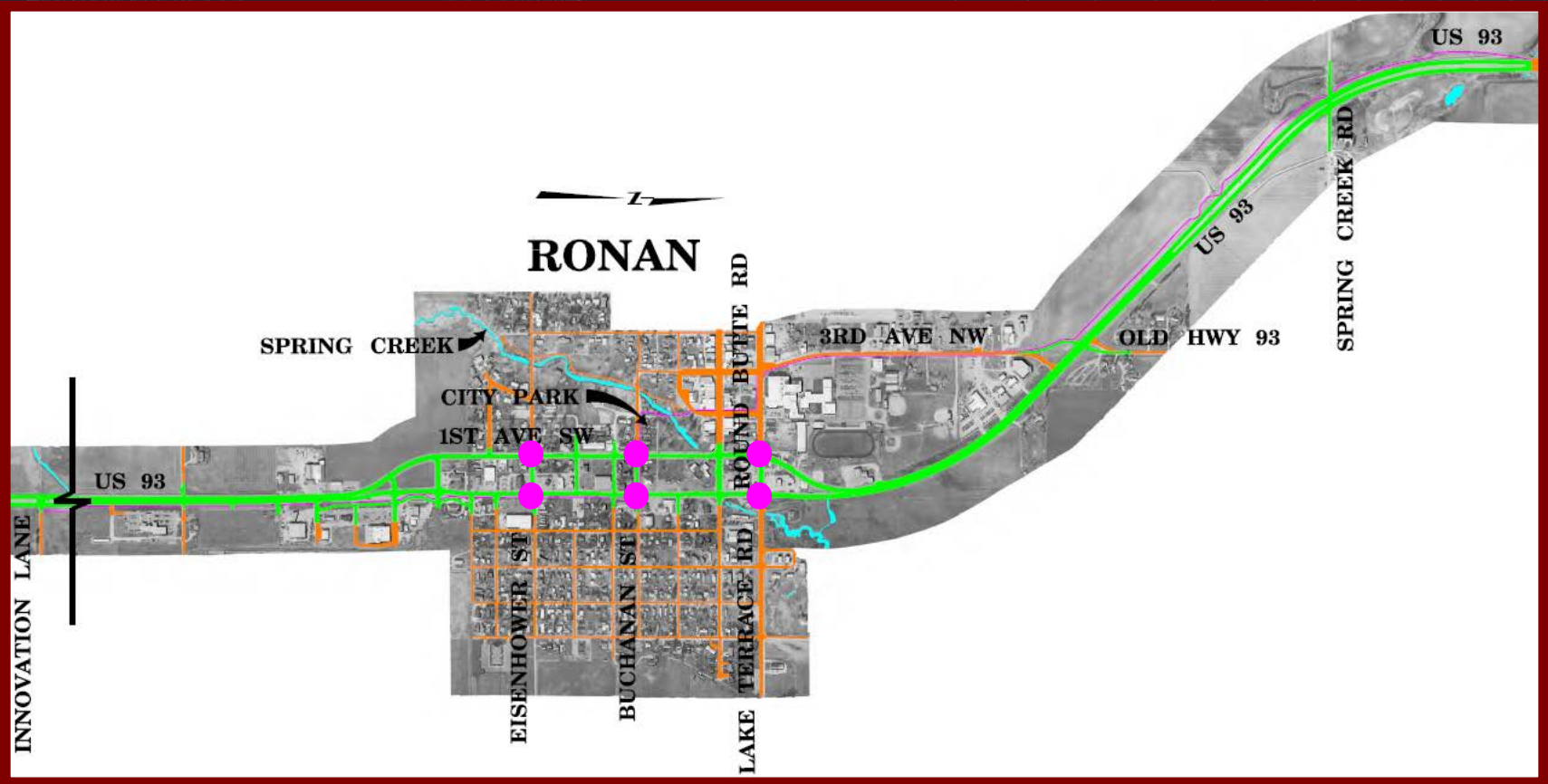


Design: 2-Lane, 1-Way Couplet Roads

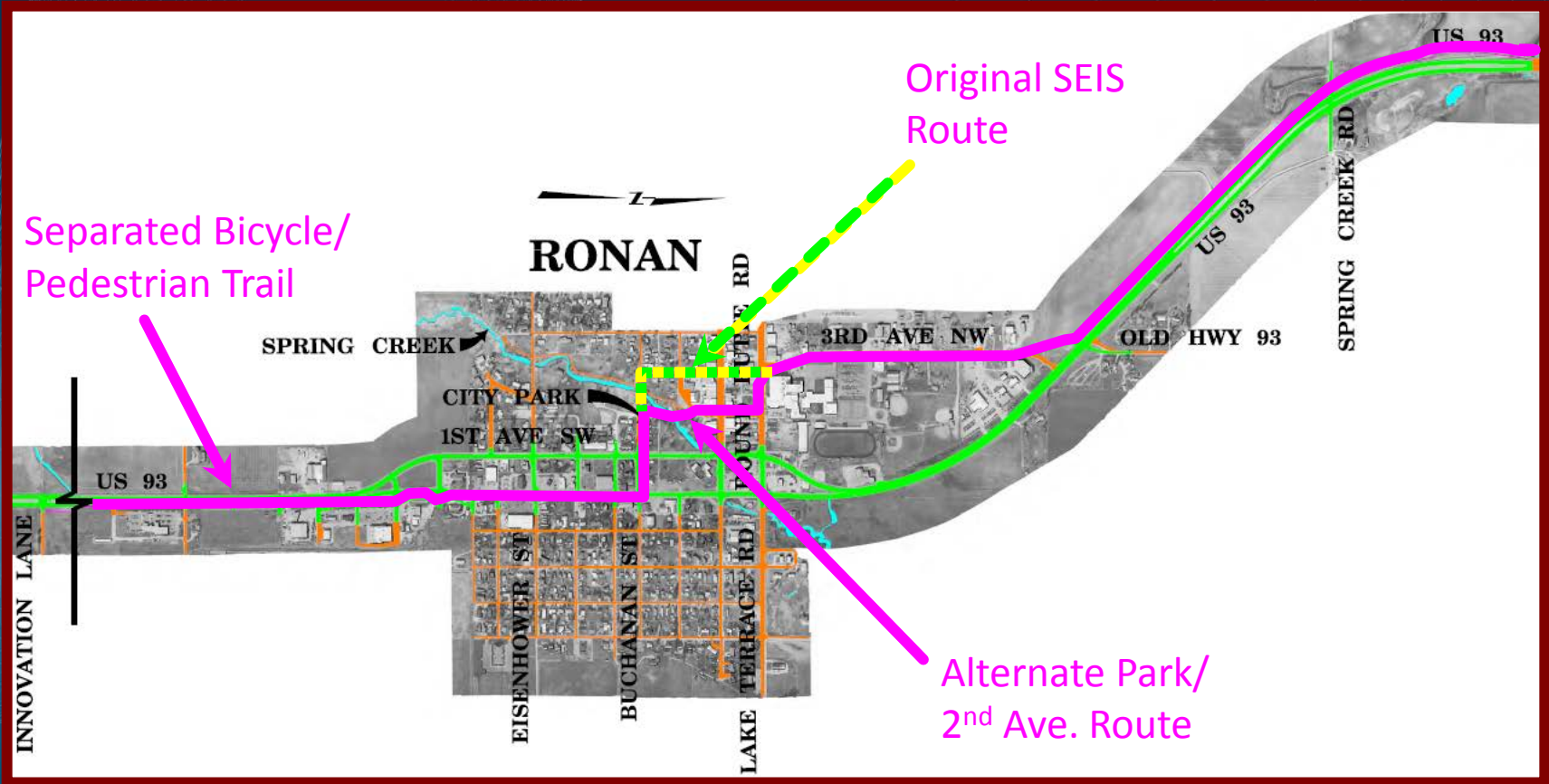
US 93 SOUTHBOUND URBAN 1ST AVE SW (LOOKING NORTH)



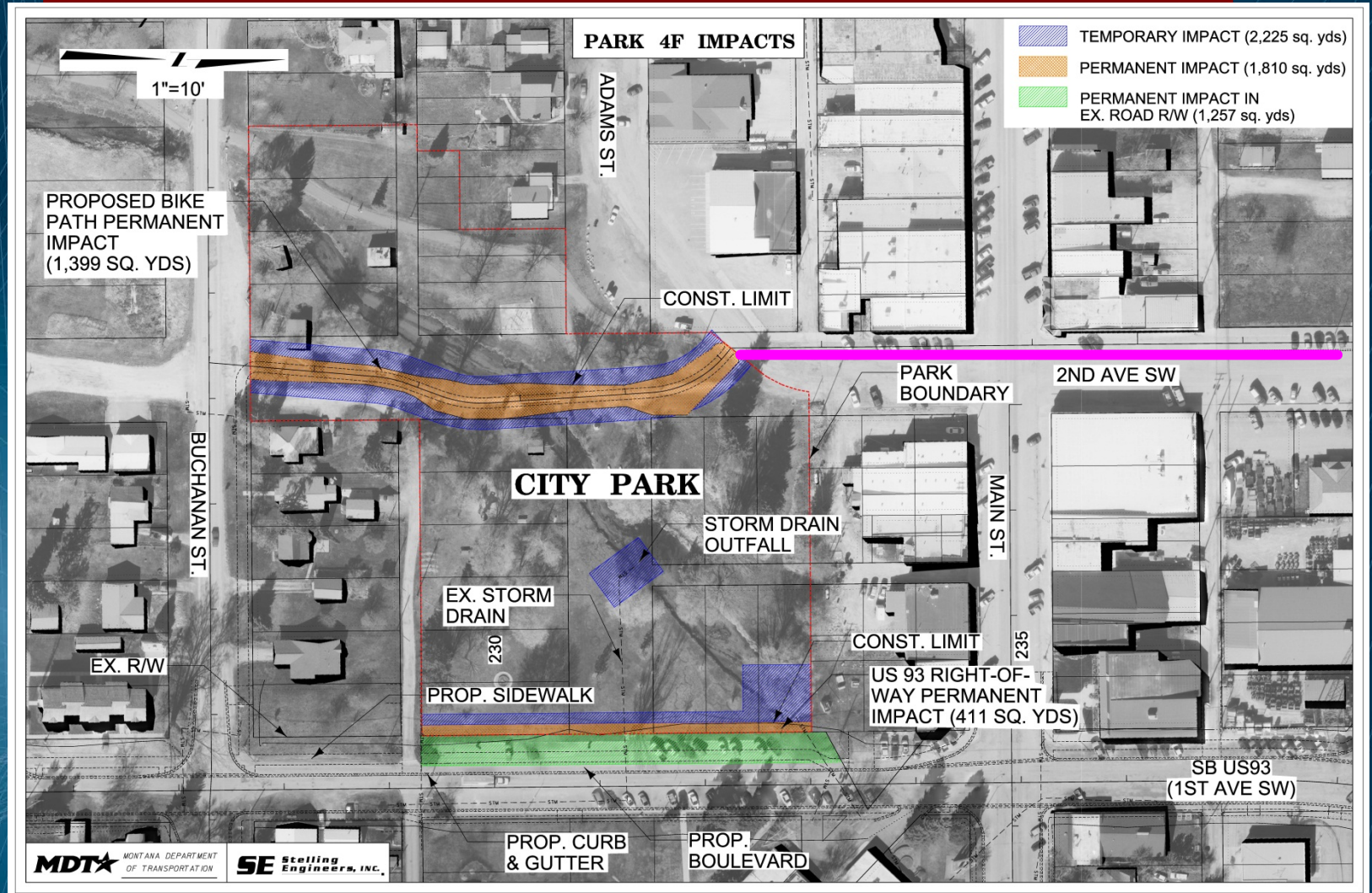
Design: Traffic Signals



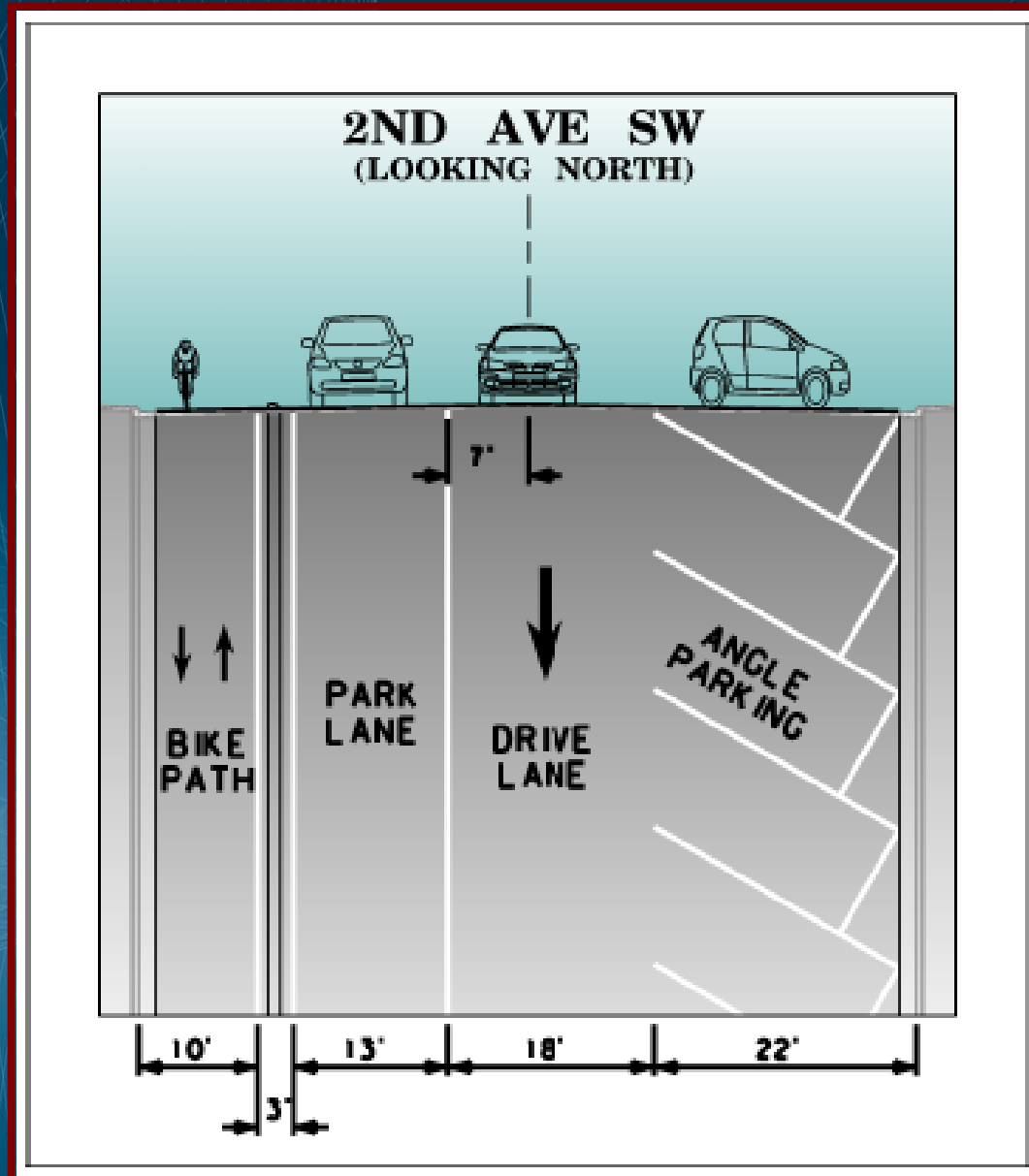
Design: Bike/Pedestrian Trail



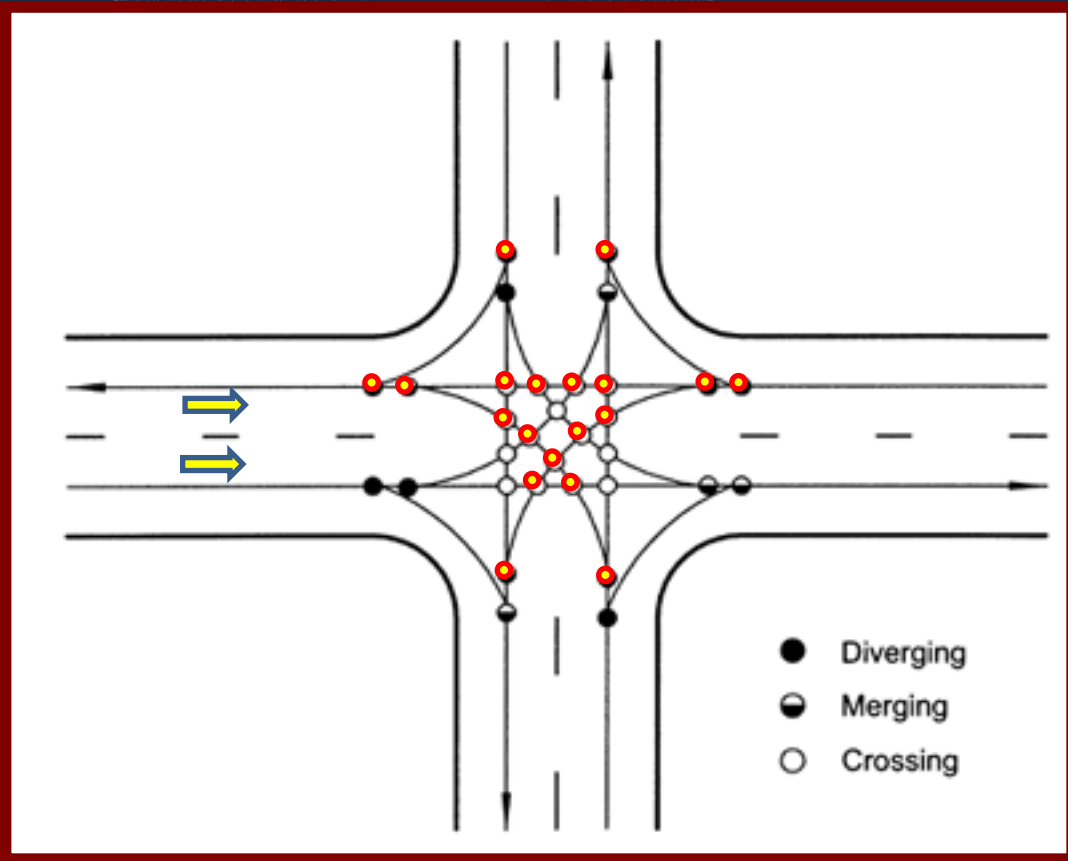
Design: Bike/Pedestrian Trail



Design: – Bike/Ped on 2nd Ave

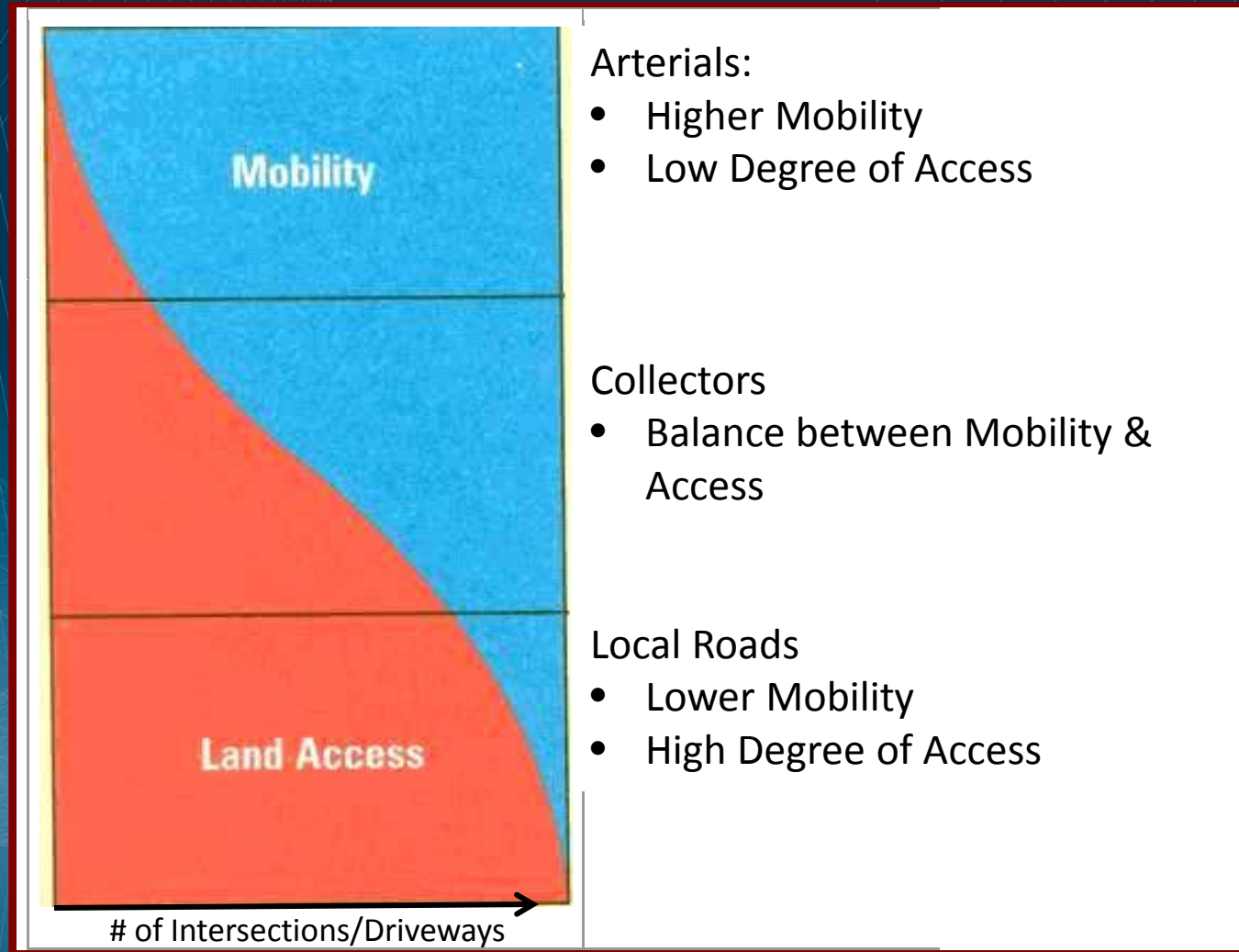


Design: Safety



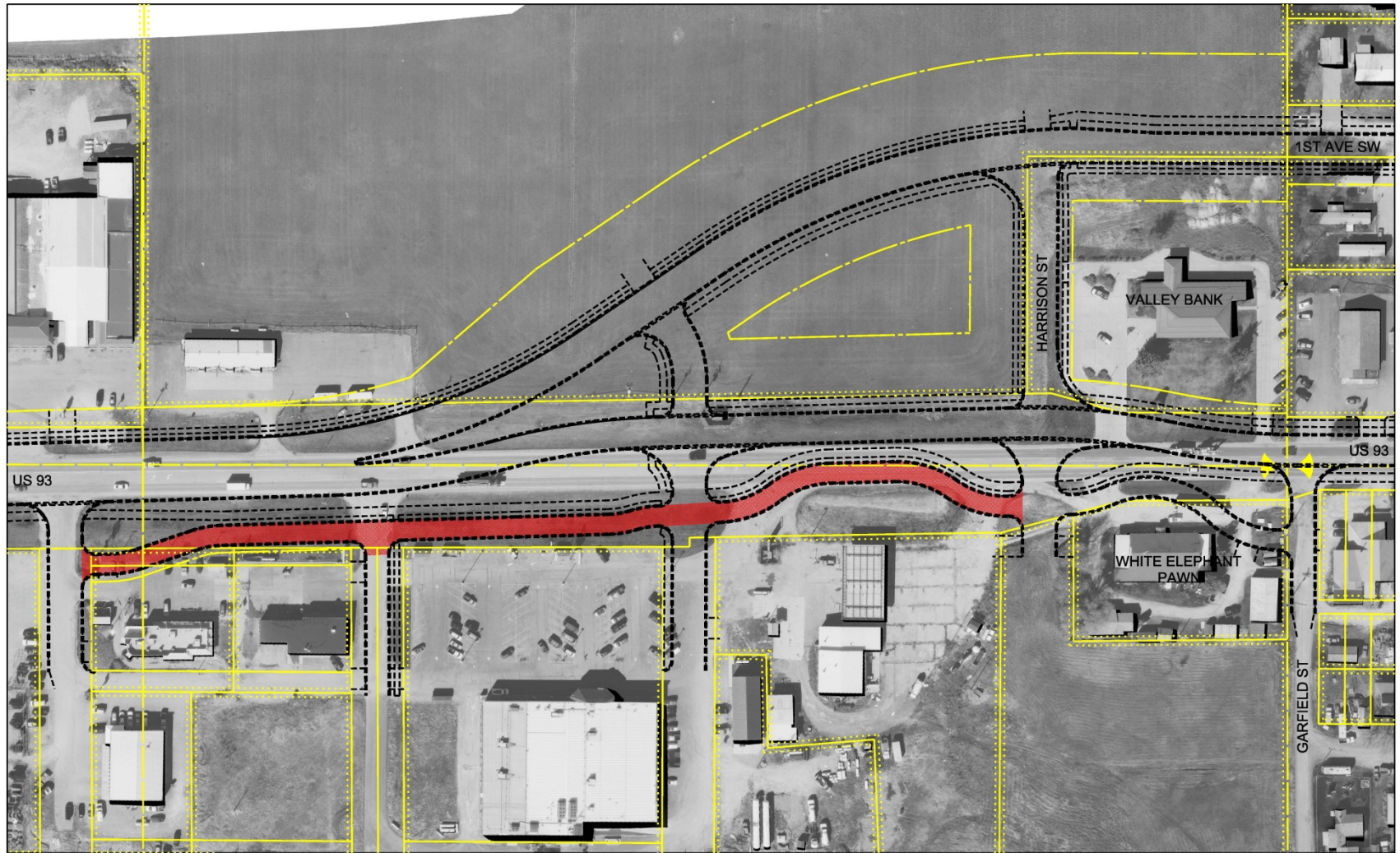
- 32 Conflict Locations
- Reduce to 13

Design: Access Control



Source: Safety Effectiveness of Highway Design Features, Volume I, Access Control, FHWA, 1992.

Design: Frontage Road

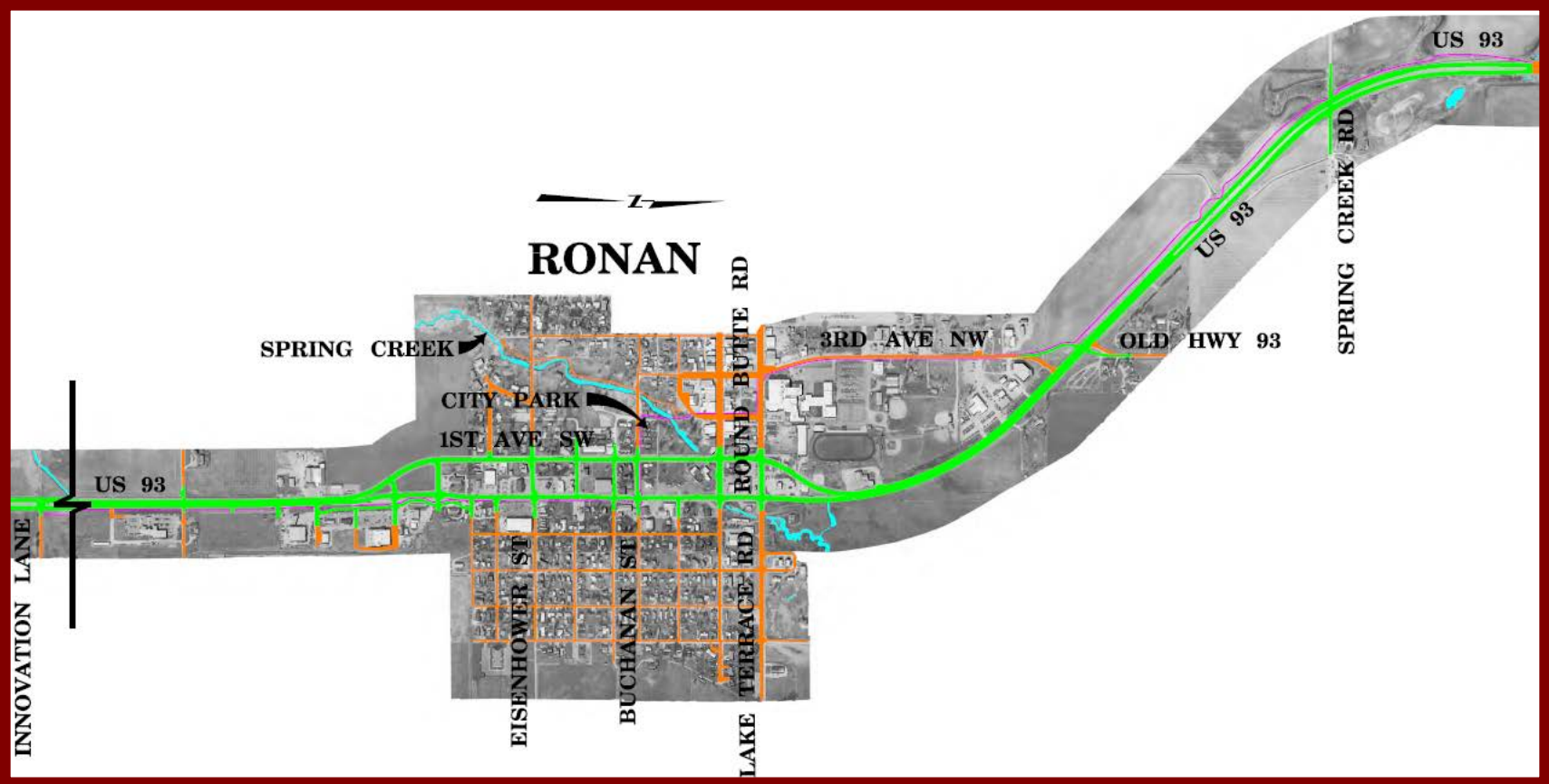


PROPOSED FRONTAGE ROAD

FRONTAGE ROAD



Design: Utilities, Drainage, etc.



Environmental Status:

- 2008 SEIS
- Re-Evaluation of SEIS
 - Design Changes
 - Environmental Changes

**US Highway 93 Ninepipe/Ronan Improvement Project
Final Supplemental Environmental Impact
Statement and
Section 4(f) Evaluation
Volume I**



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February 2008

SEIS Summary: Re-Eval Design Changes

- Spring Creek Culvert
- 4-Lane versus 5-Lane (north of Innovation Lane)
- Separated Bike/Ped Path Replaces On-Street Bike Lanes

Possible Changes

- Bike/Ped Path into City Park
- Detention Pond Locations

SEIS Summary: Re-Eval Environmental Changes

- Updated Wetland Areas
- Cultural/Historic Impacts within Ronan
- Spring Creek Culvert Construction
- 4(f) Impacts to Protected Areas
 - Bike/Ped Path into City Park
 - 1st Avenue SW Construction
 - Others

Next Steps

- SEIS Re-evaluation in 2013
 - Seeking Written Comments by 4/4/13
- Design 2013 – 2016
- Right-of-Way Acquisition 2015-2016
- Construction 2017-2018

Questions?

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