



27th Street RR Crossing - Billings

Open House
November 27, 2018

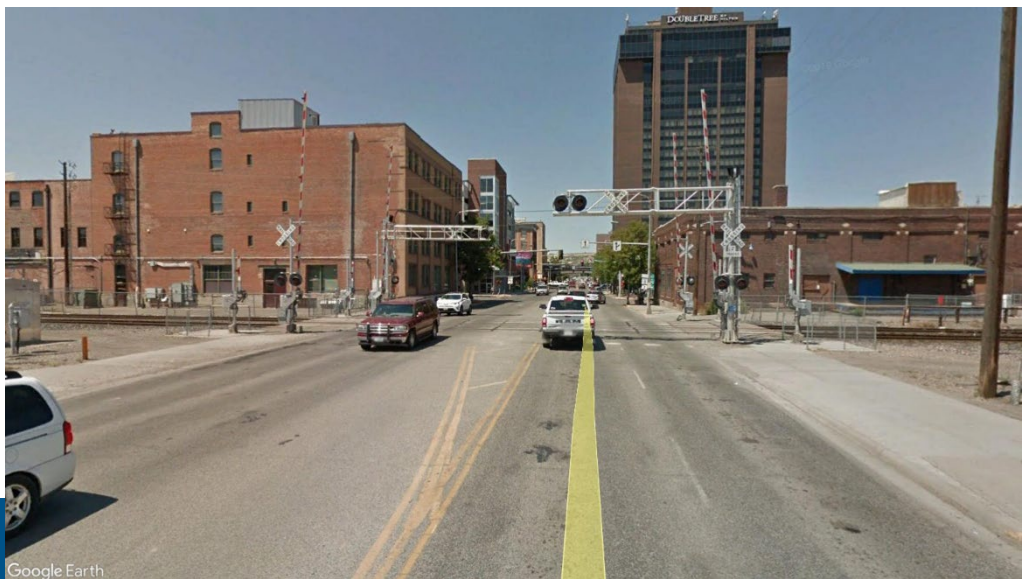


Project Background



Study Objectives

- Ground level study of the 27th Street at-grade rail crossing
- Identify short-term and long-term improvement solutions
- Public involvement important to success
- Practicable solutions that are affordable and functional.





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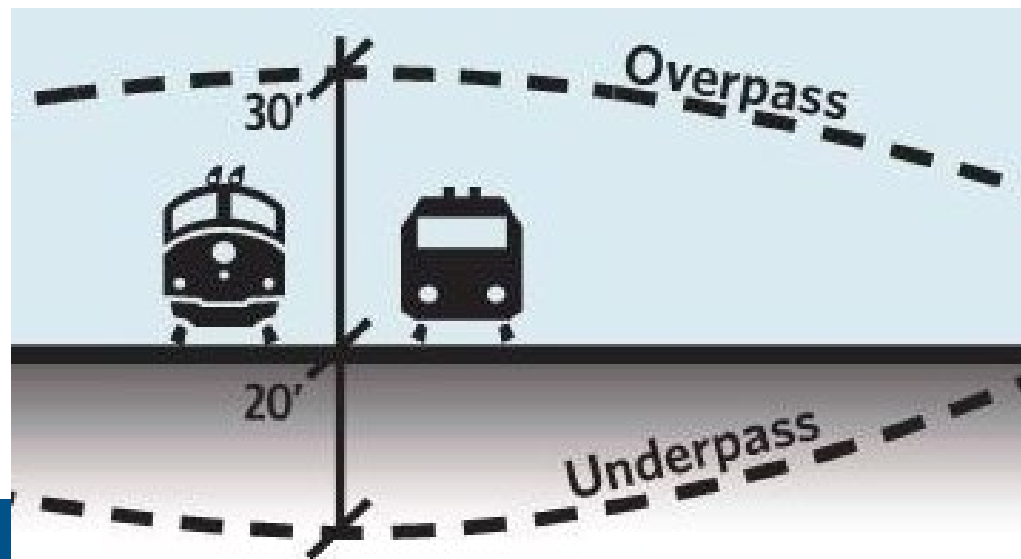
Purpose and Need

- Follow a thoughtful process to provide a more detailed analysis of the 27th Street crossing
- Identify possible improvement solutions
- Vet each solution through a transparent decision process
- Incorporate feedback from local stakeholders and the public
- Determine what should, and can be implemented in the future



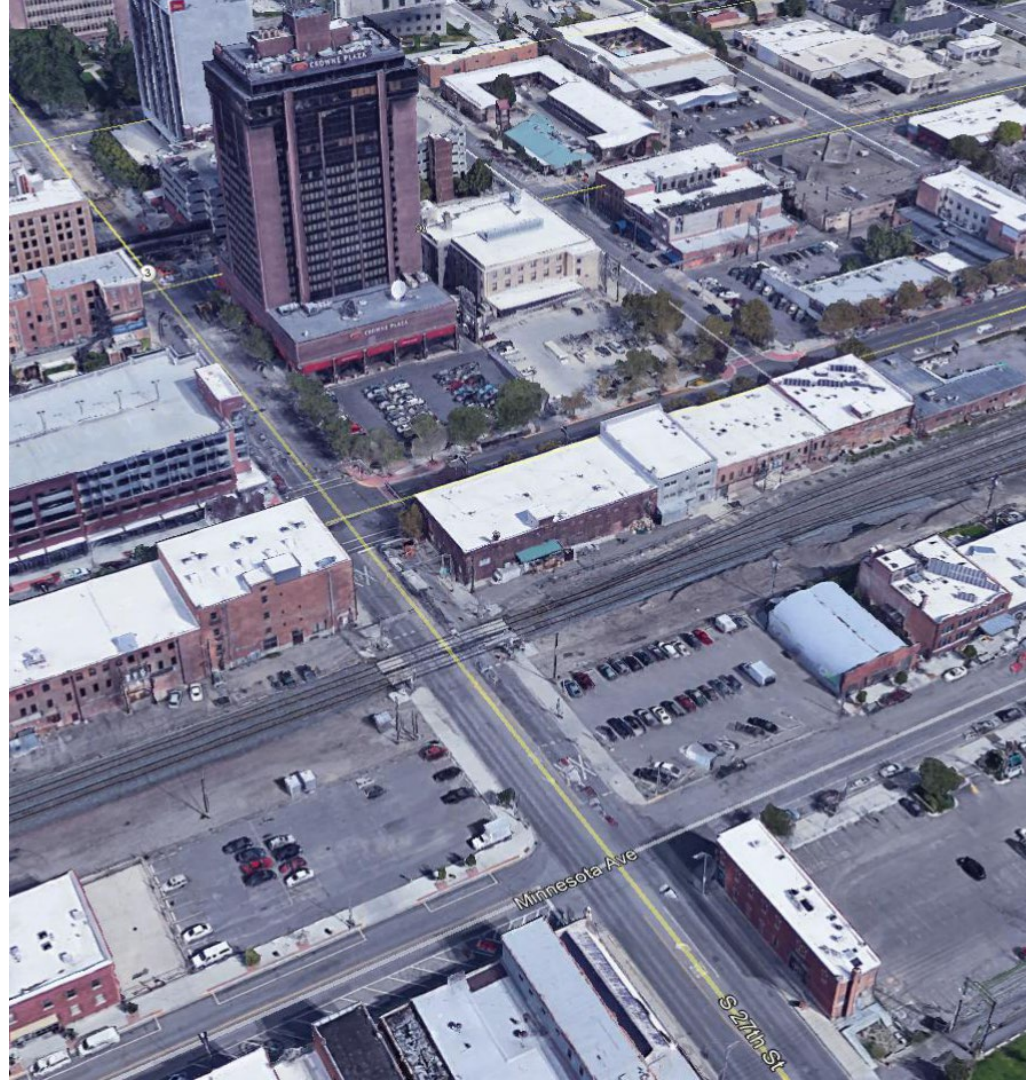
2016 Statewide Study Prioritized List

- Update to the 2003 Montana Rail Grade Separation Study
- Safety and delay issues at crossings - Important statewide and individual community concerns
- Data-driven process to identify at-grade crossings where feasible grade separation alternatives may be considered
- 27th St – One of the top prioritized crossing
- Included benefit-cost analysis



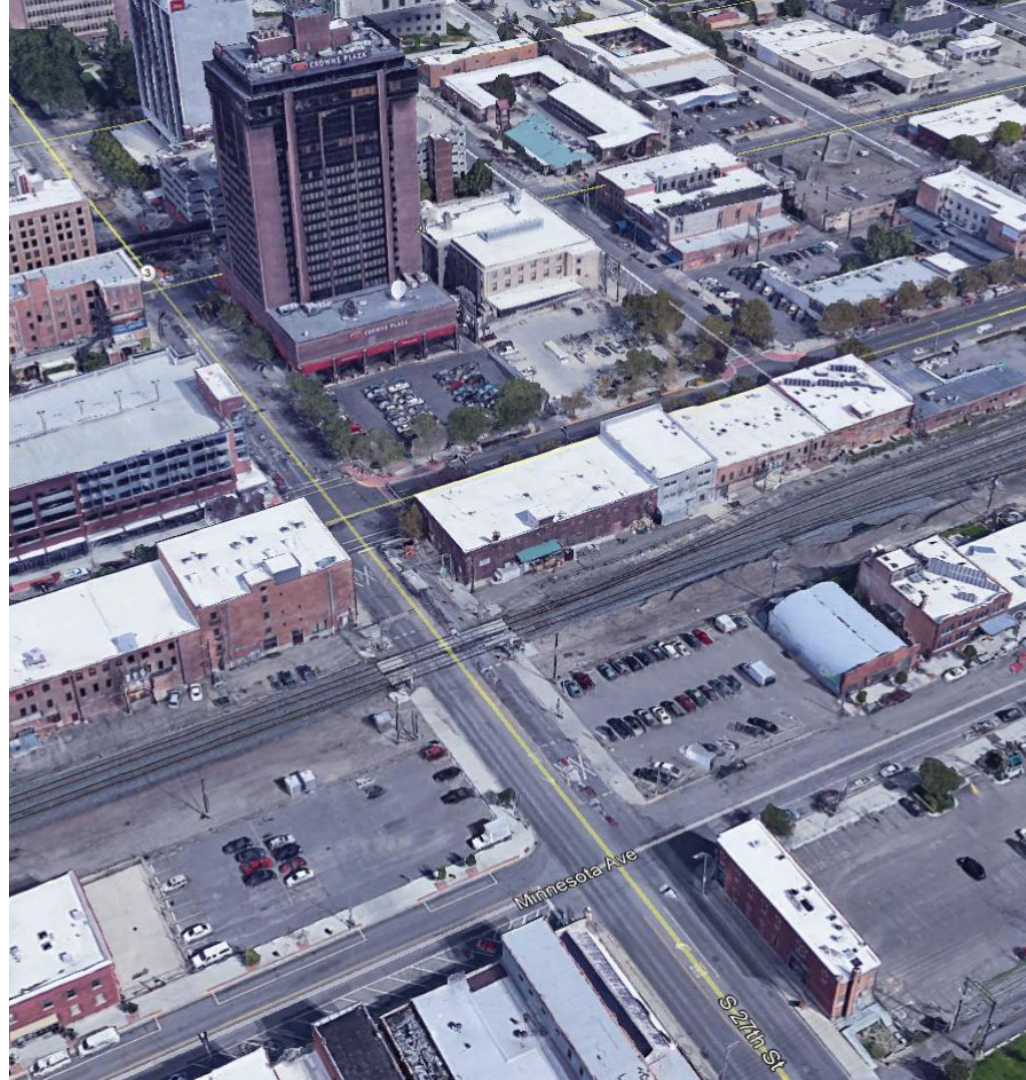
Current Status

- Tier 1 Analysis
 - Developing short-term and long-term alternatives
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Public Outreach
- Solicit and incorporate feedback



Next Steps

- Tier 1 Analysis
 - Decision matrix
 - Fatal flaw analysis
- Additional Stakeholder Outreach
- Additional Public Outreach
- Tier 2 and Tier 3 Analysis
- Goal – Determine practicable, and fundable short-term and long-term solutions



Study Schedule

- Tier 1 Analysis – Complete by end of 2018
- 2nd Public Meeting – Feb-Mar 2019
- Tier 2 Analysis – Complete by April 2019
- Tier 3 Analysis – Complete by end of 2019
- Final presentation of practicable solutions – Jan-Feb 2020



An aerial photograph of a city street intersection. A yellow line is drawn across the image, starting from the bottom left, crossing a street labeled 'S 26th St', and continuing towards a tall building in the upper center. Another yellow line runs parallel to the first one, slightly to the left. The city is densely packed with buildings of various colors and heights. A large parking lot with several cars is visible in the middle ground. A green circle with a white 'H' is located near the tall building. The text 'Open House' and '27th Street RR Crossing' is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

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