

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) Agenda

Meeting #3: September 20, 2019 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

MetraPark, Yellowstone Room

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PROJECT GOALS

- Improve safety and mobility for all users
- Reduce congestion
- Improve the pedestrian and bicycle environment
- Have an open, honest, and transparent decision-making process with two-way communication between the project team, CAC, and the broader public, and stakeholders

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide input on the intersection alternatives with both a local and regional perspective
- Serve as liaisons for neighbors and organizations and report back to the committee any issues and concerns
- Be solution-oriented

MEETING GROUND RULES

- Be respectful of a range of opinions and listen with an open mind
- Participate in the group conversation; avoid side conversations
- When discussing the past, constructively link it to the current discussion
- Put cell phones on silent mode



AGENDA

1) Welcome & Introductions

2) Concept Updates

3) Next Steps

Meeting Summary

KEY ACTION ITEMS

- MDT will be repaving Main Street in 2020 (but not the intersection). Can anything be improved as part of that project? *MDT*
- Meet with property owners who are most directly impacted and could not attend meeting (Asks & Boothill Inn). *MDT & Kittelson*
- Evaluate cost/benefit of signalizing Aronson Avenue. *Kittelson*

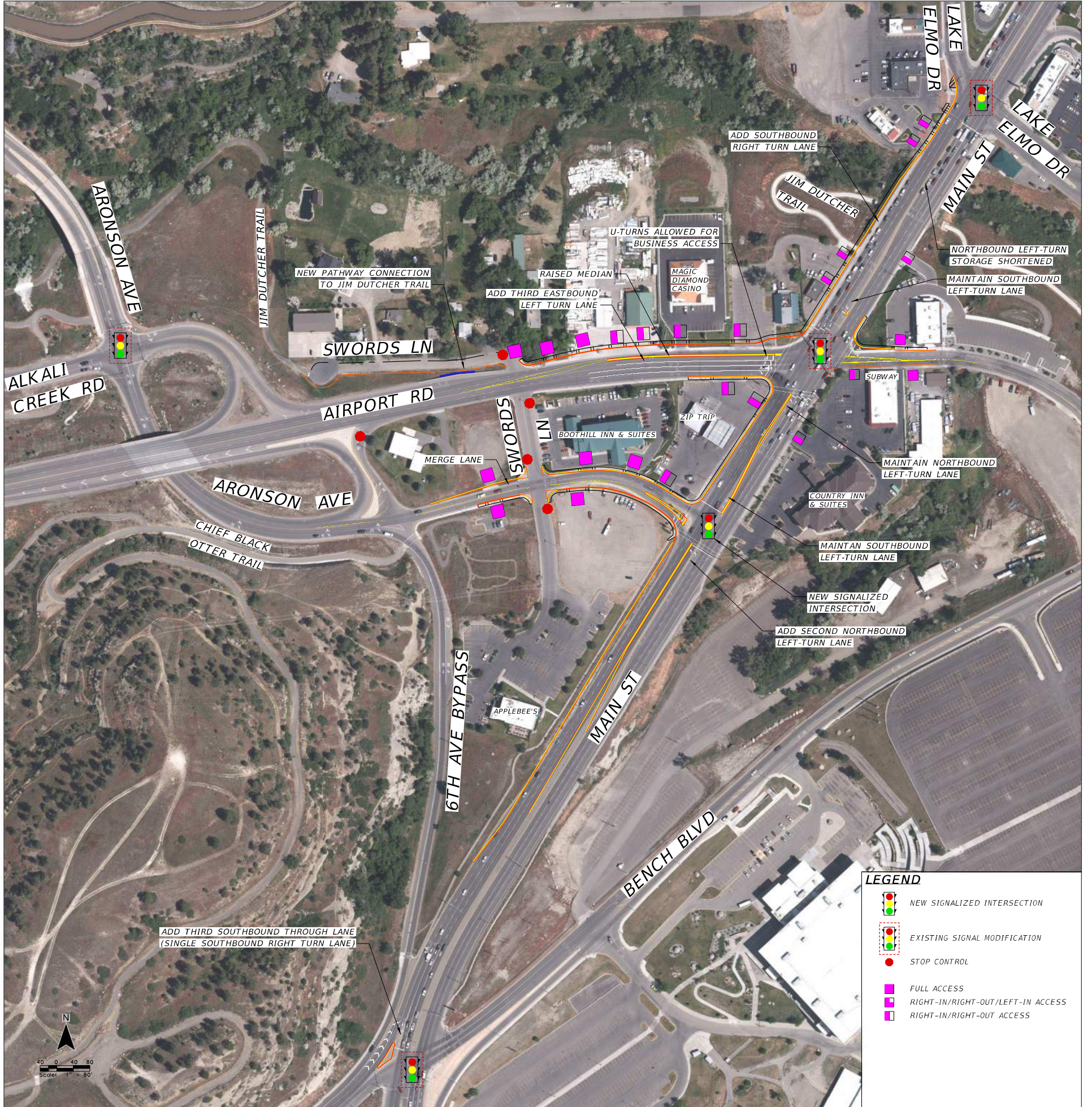
CONCEPT UPDATES – THE COMBINED CONCEPT

In summary the combined concept:

- Balances regional mobility with local access
- Improves operations (to a lesser extent than original preferred alternative) and safety
- Adds triple eastbound lefts from Airport Road East to Main Street
- Maintains southbound right turn from Main Street to Airport Road
- Provides an option to signalize Aronson Avenue or leave it unsignalized with minimal improvements to accommodate commuter traffic but discourage truck traffic (additional work as to be done to weigh the costs/benefits of signalizing Aronson Avenue)
- Has two westbound lanes on Airport Road East to help address MetraPark traffic
- Improves connectivity and crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists

Discussion

- There was some support expressed for the Combined Concept.
 - It is an incremental improvement that helps to address the current and future traffic congestion and safety conditions.
 - It is the least impactful to adjacent property owners.
 - It is the least expensive alternative.
- Some expressed concerns that the project was unnecessary. Key reasons stated:
 - Other regional projects should be completed first to see if they reduce traffic along this corridor.
 - It is an unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer money.
 - Signal timing and signal reconfiguration (green arrows, yellow flashing arrows, free rights on red) could address the delays, especially for trucks making a left turn on Airport Road East (today only one semi can get through signal and often block the intersection).
 - Long range planning should take place to identify new corridors, interchanges, etc.
- All agreed two lanes, west bound on Airport Road East were needed to address MetraPark traffic.



ALT 5 - CONVENTIONAL INTERSECTION - TRIPLE EB LEFTS - ARONSON SIGNAL WITH DUAL NB LEFTS

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