

WELCOME

OPEN HOUSE

Exposition Drive & 1st Avenue North Project

August 19, 2025

*Thank you for attending
today's open house!*

The purpose of the open house is to:



Present design information on
the intersection project.



Collect feedback.
Your input will assist in continued
refinement of the design.

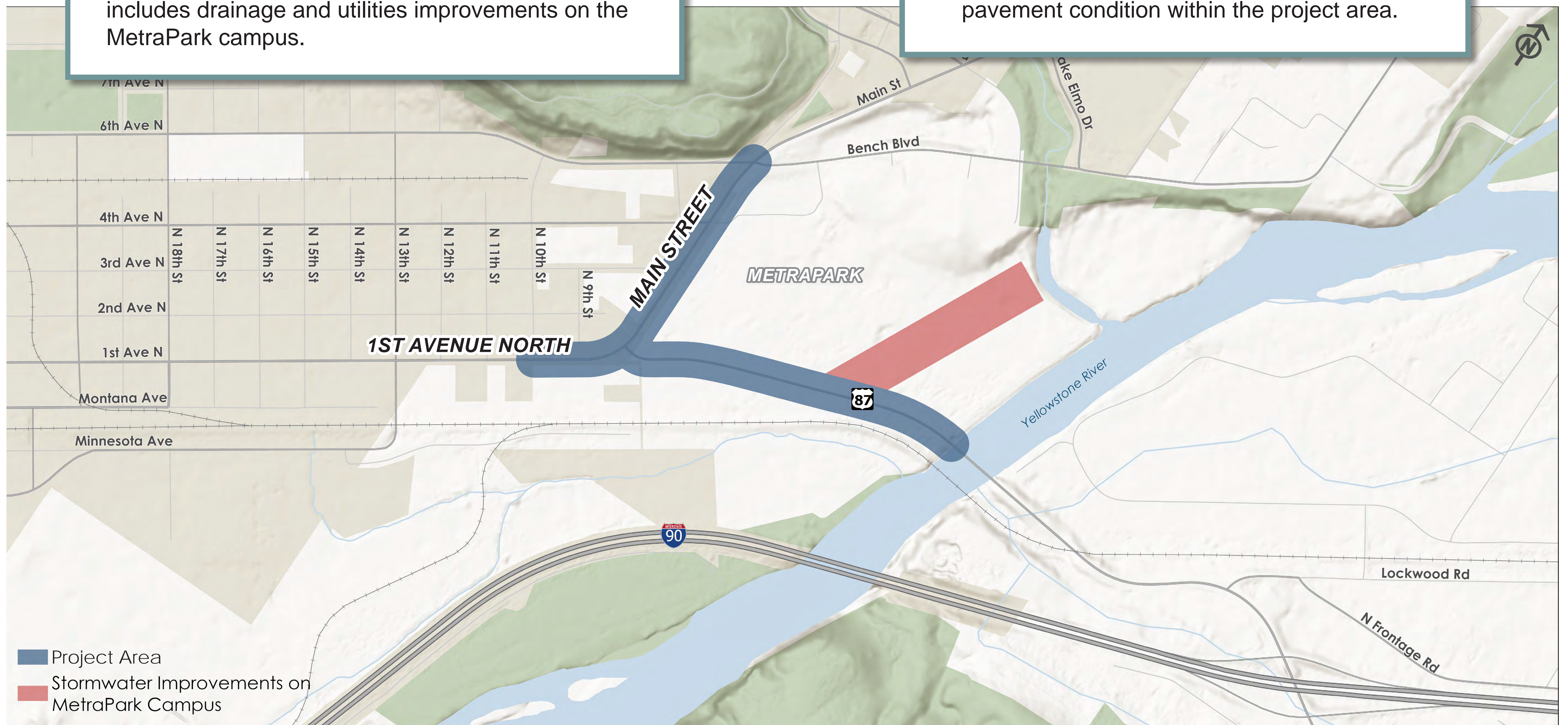
PROJECT INTRODUCTION

What are the project boundaries?

The project area includes 1st Avenue North from the Yellowstone River to 10th Street and Main Street from 1st Avenue North to 6th Avenue North. The project includes drainage and utilities improvements on the MetraPark campus.

What is the purpose of the project?

The project will enhance safety, and improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, vehicle capacity, freight, drainage, and pavement condition within the project area.



HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Why is MDT working on a project at the 1st Avenue North and Exposition Drive/Main Street intersection?

Safety



22 reported crashes per year
(2015-2018)



1 fatality

Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity



Limited facilities for walking and biking in the project area



High levels of activity during MetraPark events

Congestion

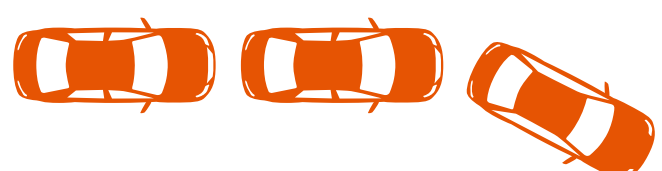


One of the busiest intersections
in Montana with over

43,000 vehicles
per day



High delays during peak hours



Right-turns from 1st Avenue North
to Main Street back up daily



Surges of traffic during MetraPark events

Freight



1st Avenue North and Main Street are
critical freight corridors, connecting
I-90 to Billings and US 87

Drainage

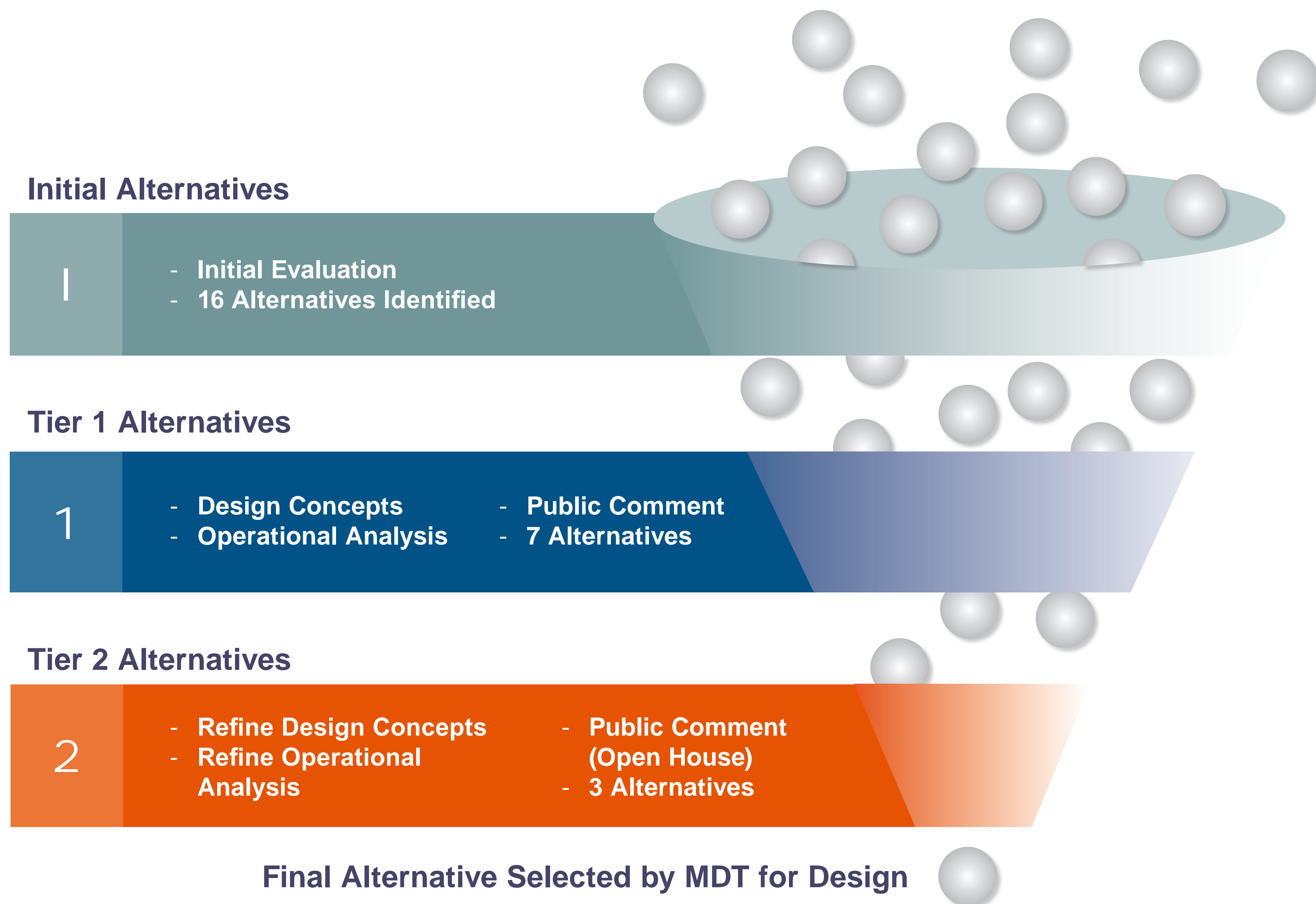


Water ponds in the project area during rain events

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

How was this project **design** selected?

The project team applied a tiered evaluation process to develop and screen intersection alternatives, work with a Project Advisory Committee, and gather input from the public.



OTHER ON-GOING MDT PROJECTS

Billings Bypass Arterial Project

This project is a six-phase project that will result in a new arterial roadway. The new road will begin at the Johnson Lane Interchange on Interstate 90 (I-90) in Lockwood, span the Yellowstone River, and connect to the Old Highway 312/US Highway 87 (US 87) intersection in Billings Heights. As of 2025, three of the six project phases are complete. The new river crossing is available for public use via a temporary connection on Coulson Road and the newly reconstructed Five Mile Road to Old Highway 312.

Airport Road and Main Street

Project will re-construct the intersection and adjacent roadways to improve the operations and safety performance of the intersection.

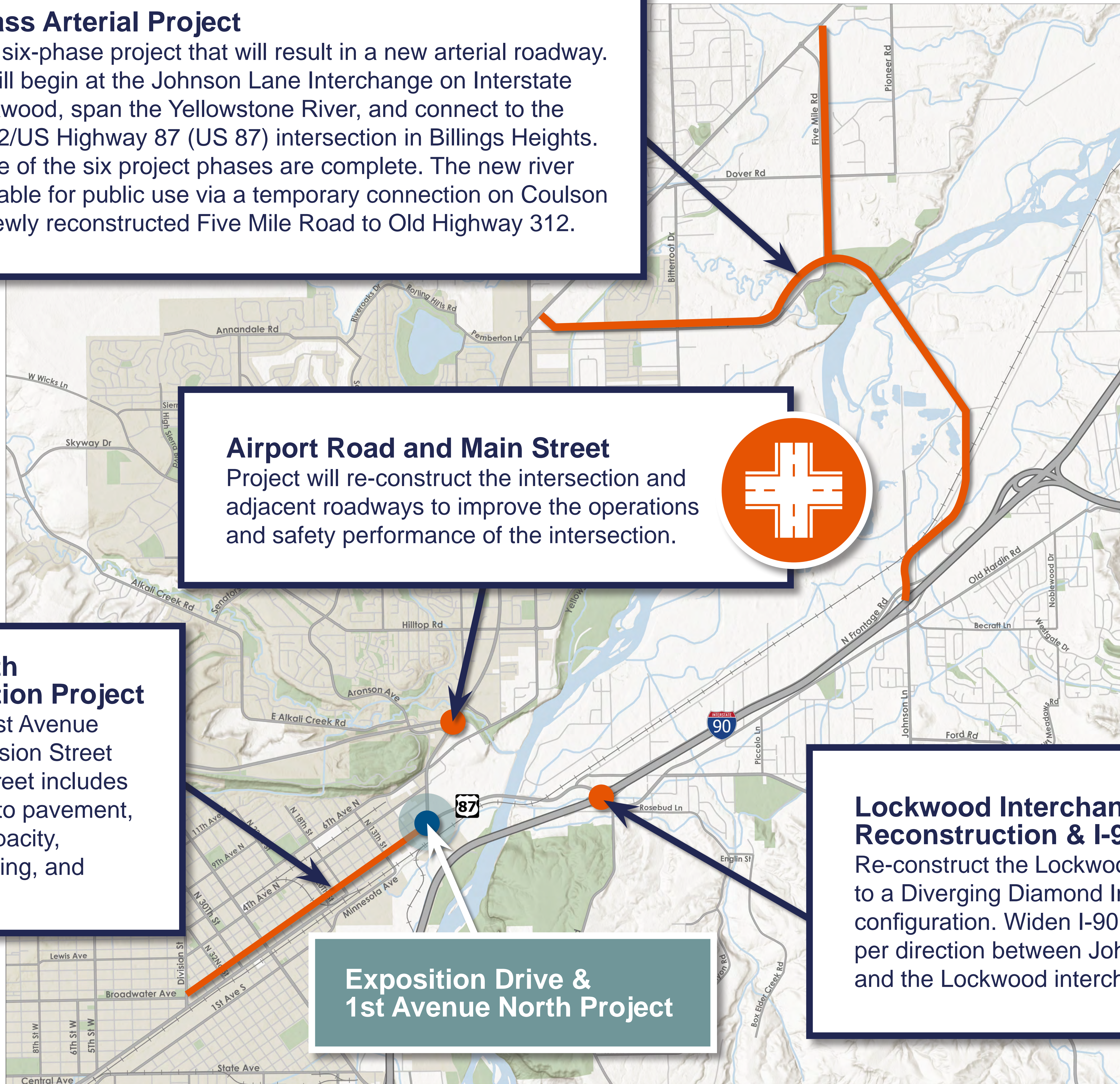
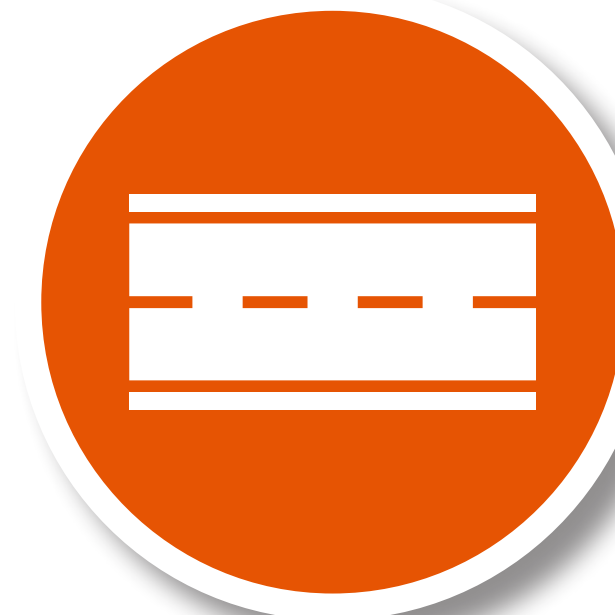
1st Ave North Reconstruction Project

Re-construct 1st Avenue North from Division Street to North 9th Street includes improvements to pavement, intersection capacity, sidewalks, lighting, and other features.

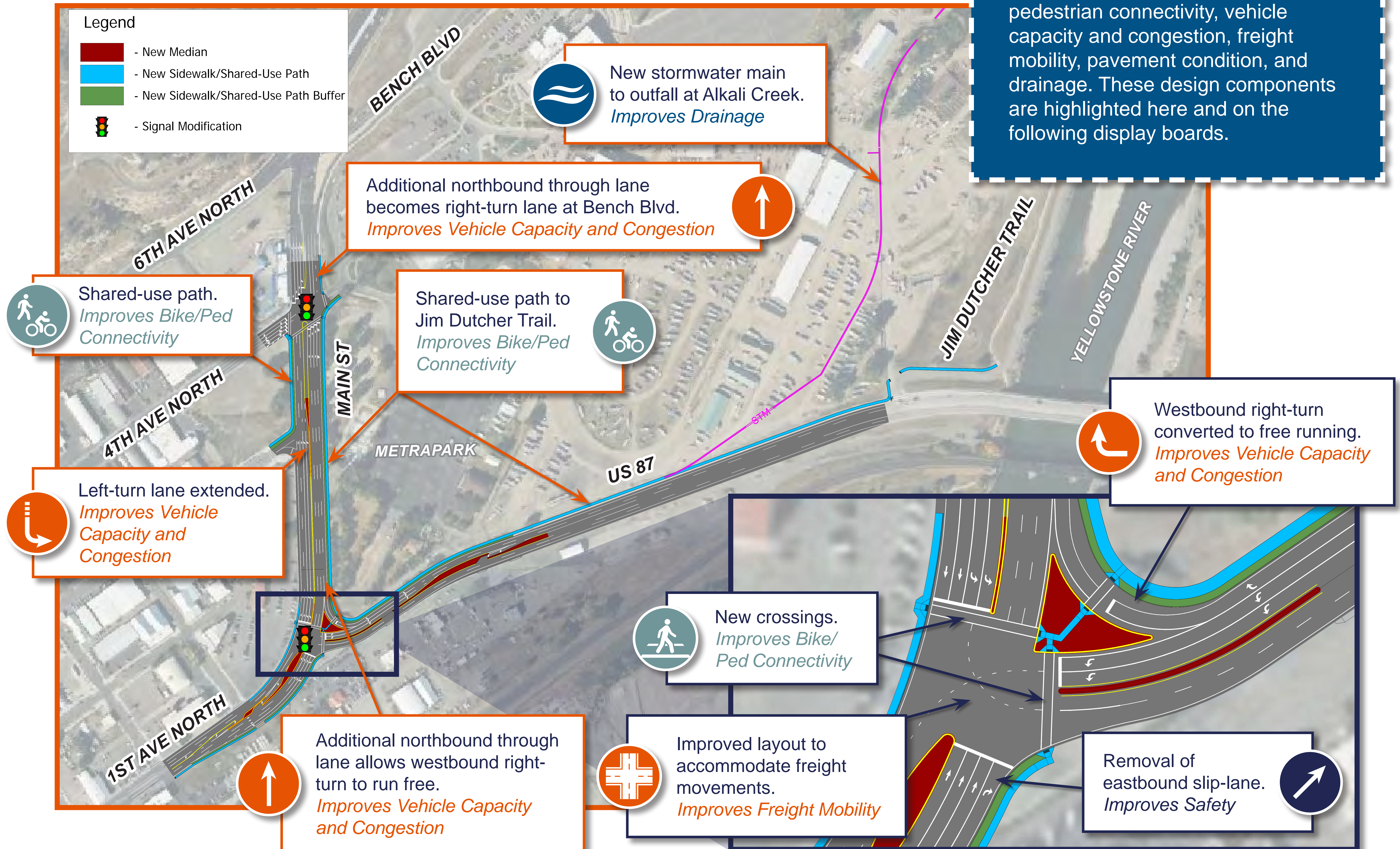
Lockwood Interchange Reconstruction & I-90 Widening

Re-construct the Lockwood Interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange configuration. Widen I-90 to three lanes per direction between Johnson Lane and the Lockwood interchange.

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DESIGN OVERVIEW



DESIGN ELEMENTS

LOOKING EAST FROM 1ST AVENUE N



DESIGN ELEMENTS

LOOKING NORTH FROM 1ST AVENUE N



DESIGN ELEMENTS

LOOKING WEST FROM 1ST AVENUE N (US 87)



DESIGN ELEMENTS

LOOKING NORTH FROM MAIN ST



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FOR DRAINAGE, LIGHTING, AND UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

The project will include improvements to utilities within the project area, including the following:



Improved storm-drain system to address flooding and drainage issues in east downtown Billings



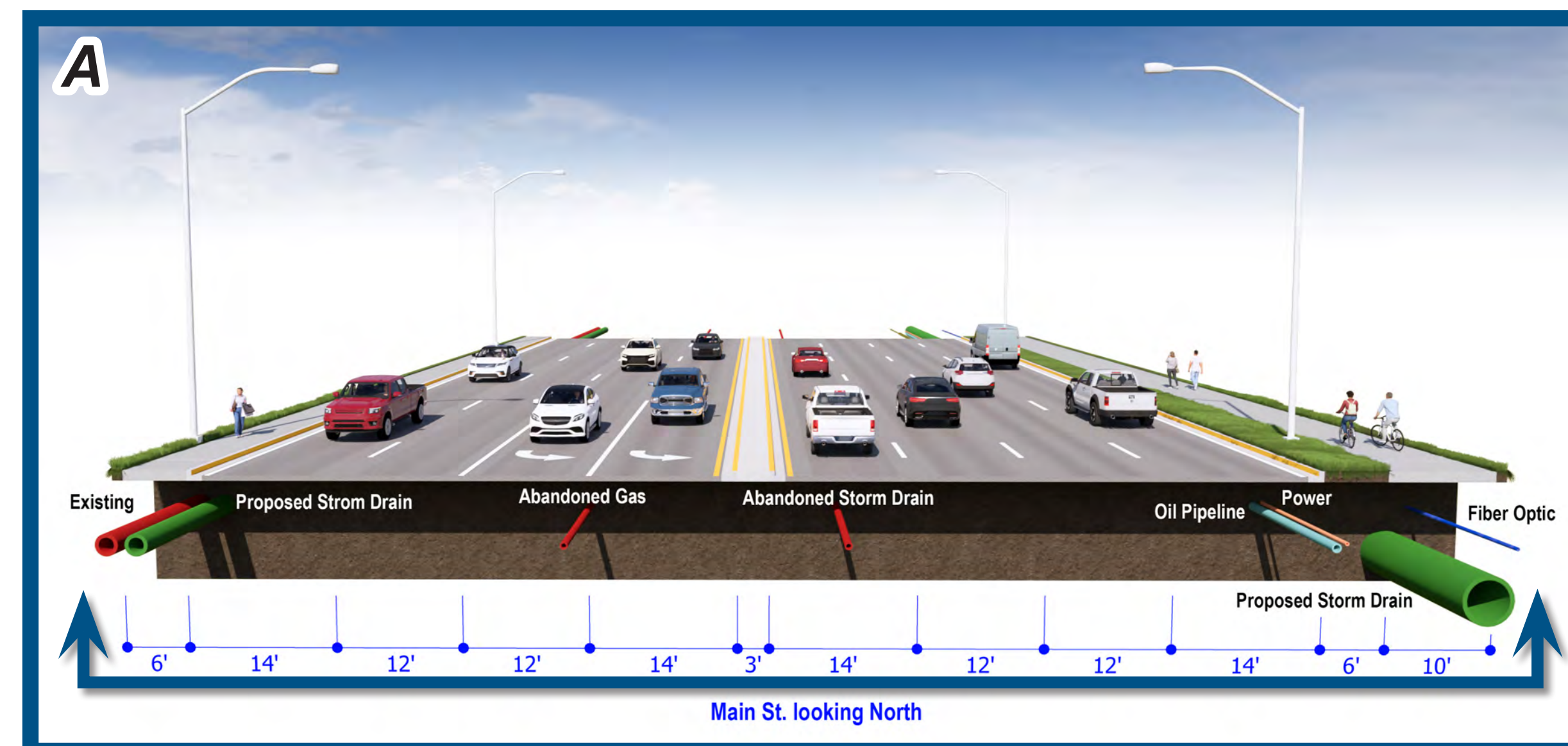
New storm water main with outfall to Alkali Creek



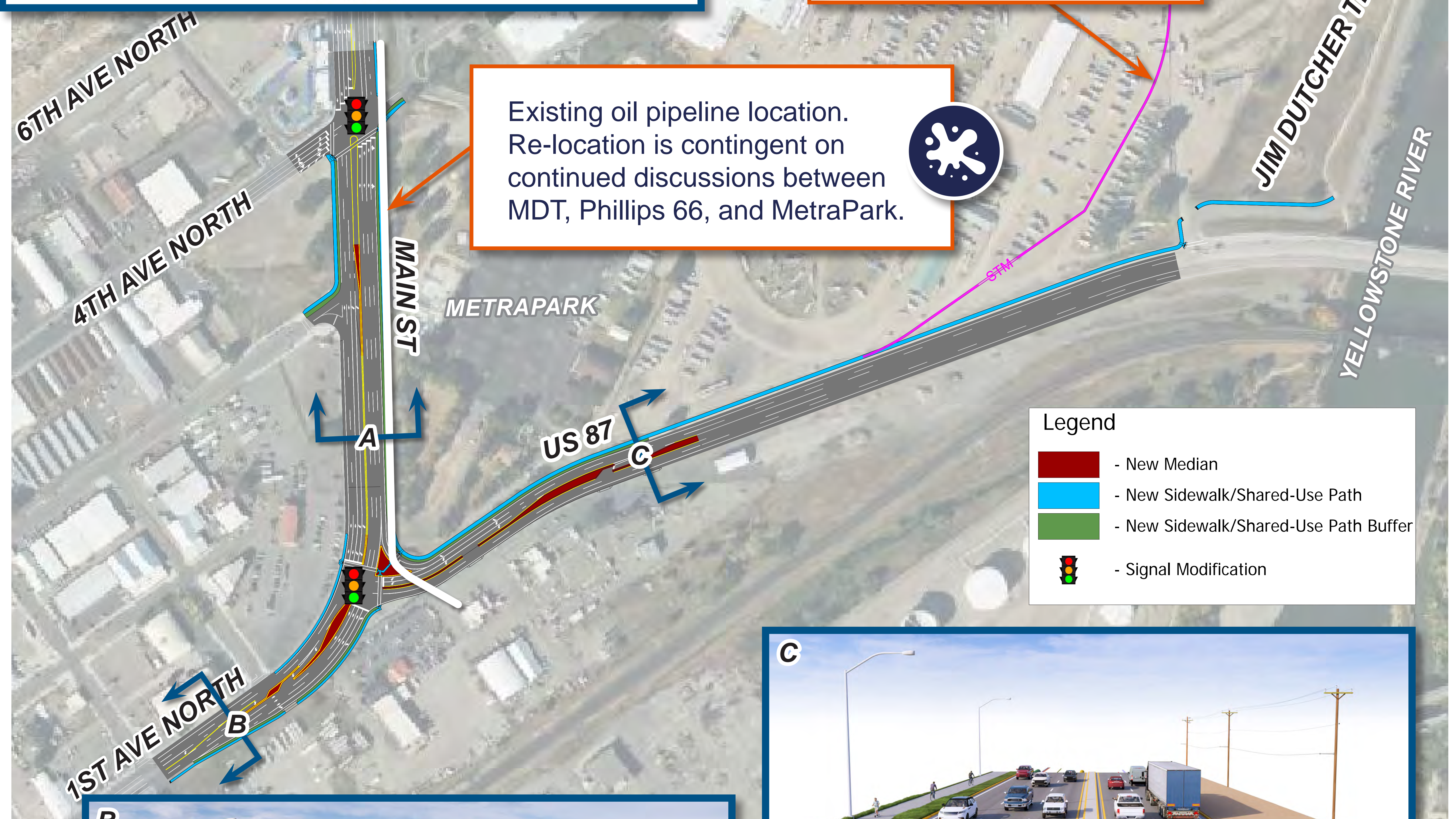
Re-location of existing Phillips 66 Oil Pipeline



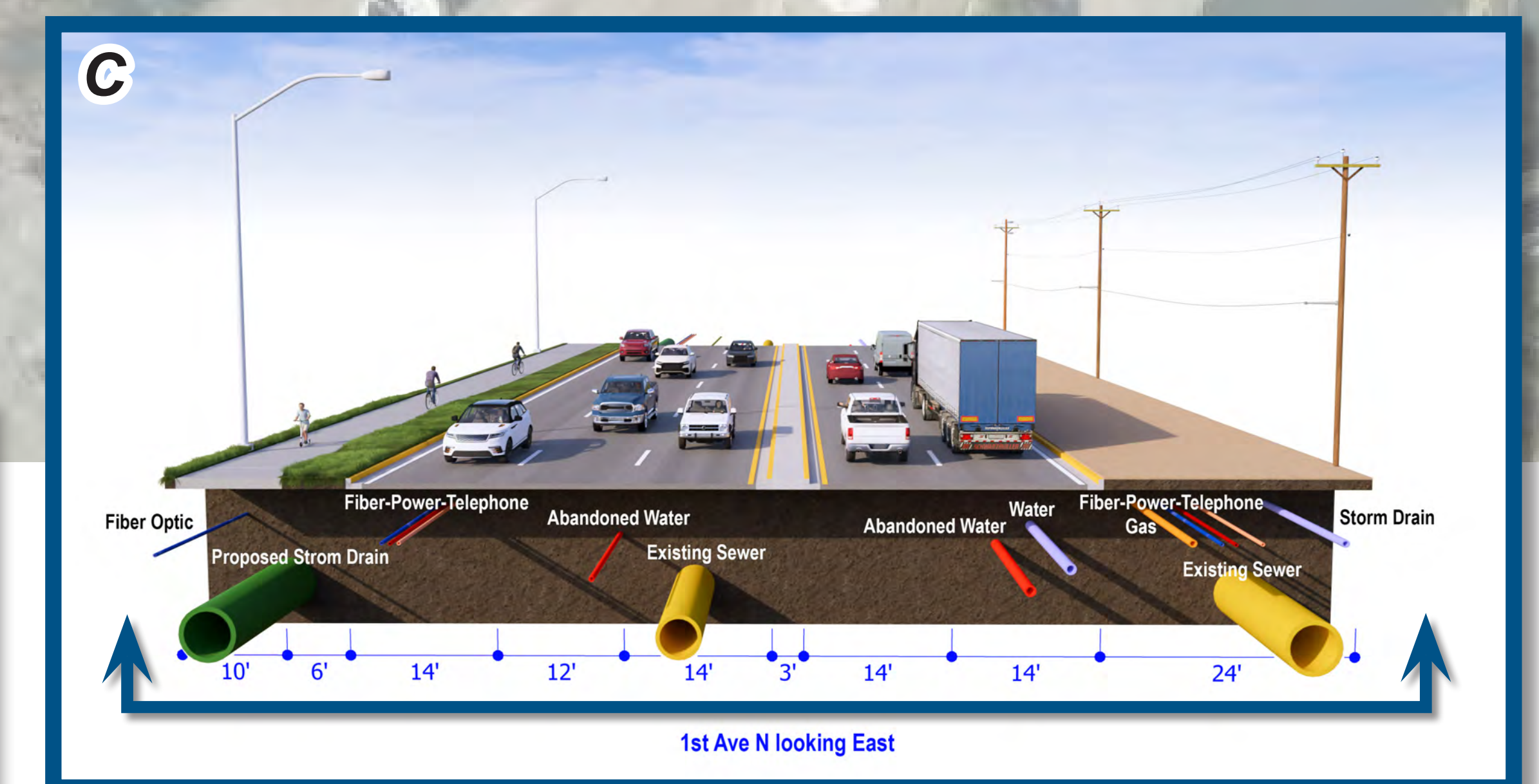
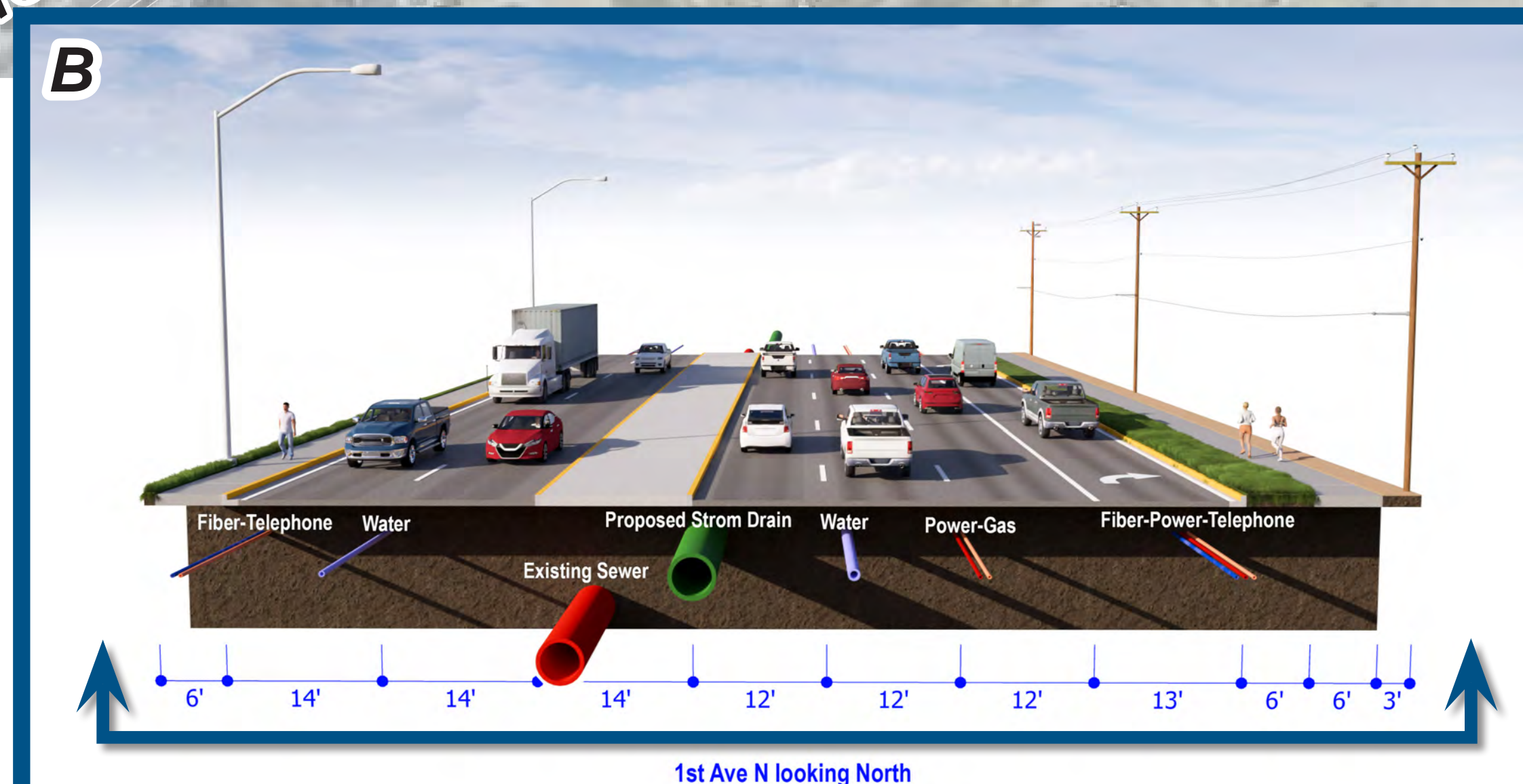
Improved roadway lighting on 1st Avenue North and Main Street



New stormwater main to outfall at Alkali Creek.

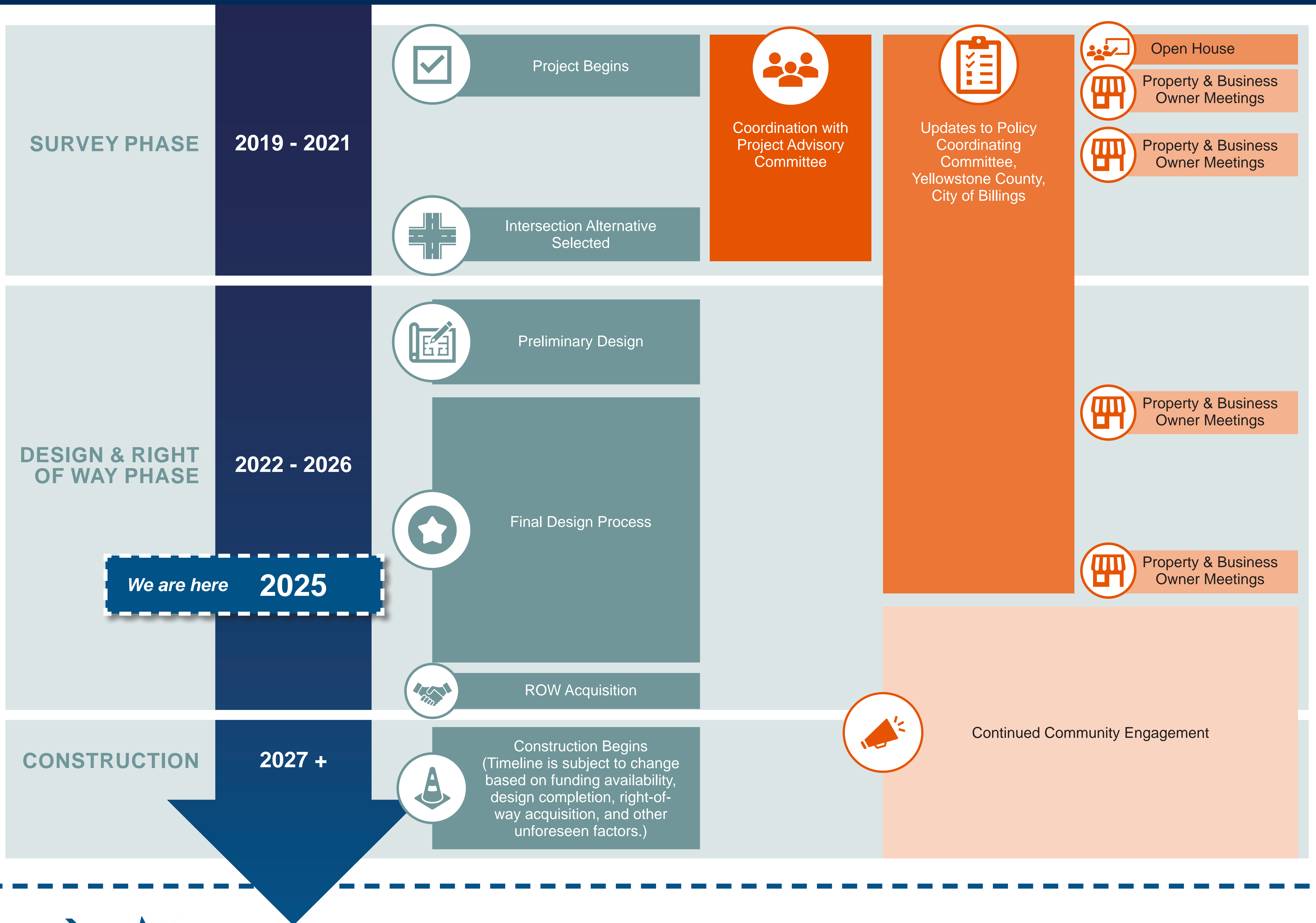


Existing oil pipeline location. Re-location is contingent on continued discussions between MDT, Phillips 66, and MetraPark.



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SCHEDULE



NEXT STEPS



Continue to refine project design
(now until Winter 2026)



On-going community engagement activities
(through construction)



Continued coordination with community partners and property and business owners
(through construction)

Thank you for attending today's open house!

Please return comment sheets by September 19th, 2025.

Want more information or have questions?

Learn more about the project or view material's from tonight's open house at:
mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/expofirst/

