



# WELCOME TO THE OPEN HOUSE





# PROJECT AREA MAP

MONTANA

35

**ICE BOX CANYON**  
Rural  
Reconstruction

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End Project

Chapman Hill Road

Peaceful Drive

Begin Project

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Holt Drive

**FLATHEAD LAKE**

**BIGFORK**

# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The purpose of this project is to enhance roadway safety features for all transportation modes on Montana Highway 35 (MT 35). To achieve this, the project will include:

**1**

**One 12-foot-wide travel lane in each direction.**

**2**

**Curb and gutter from the project start (south of Peaceful Drive) north through Ice Box Canyon.**

**3**

**8-foot-wide paved shoulders north of Ice Box Canyon.**

**4**

**A center left-turn lane from south of Peaceful Drive to Branding Iron Station.**

**5**

**Raised median and improved roadway alignment through Ice Box Canyon.**

**6**

**Dedicated northbound left-turn lane at Chapman Hill Road.**

**7**

**Drainage improvements.**

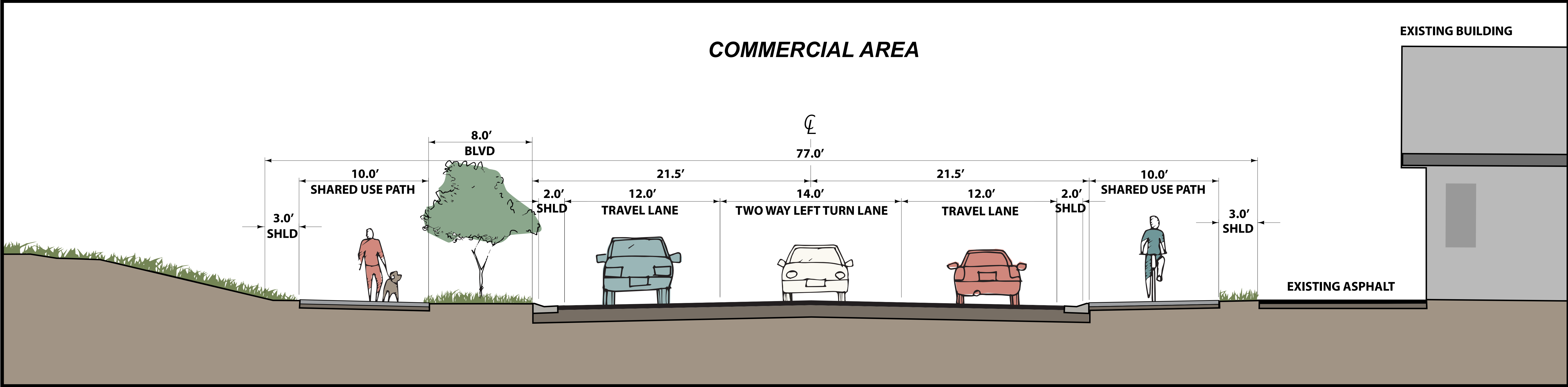
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**10-foot-wide shared-use path.**

- A shared-use path will be installed on the east and west sides of MT 35, extending from the project start south of Peaceful Drive to approximately Branding Iron Station.
- From Branding Iron Station to Chapman Hill Road, a shared-use path may be added on the east side of MT 35 if a maintenance funding solution can be found.

# MT 35 IMPROVEMENTS

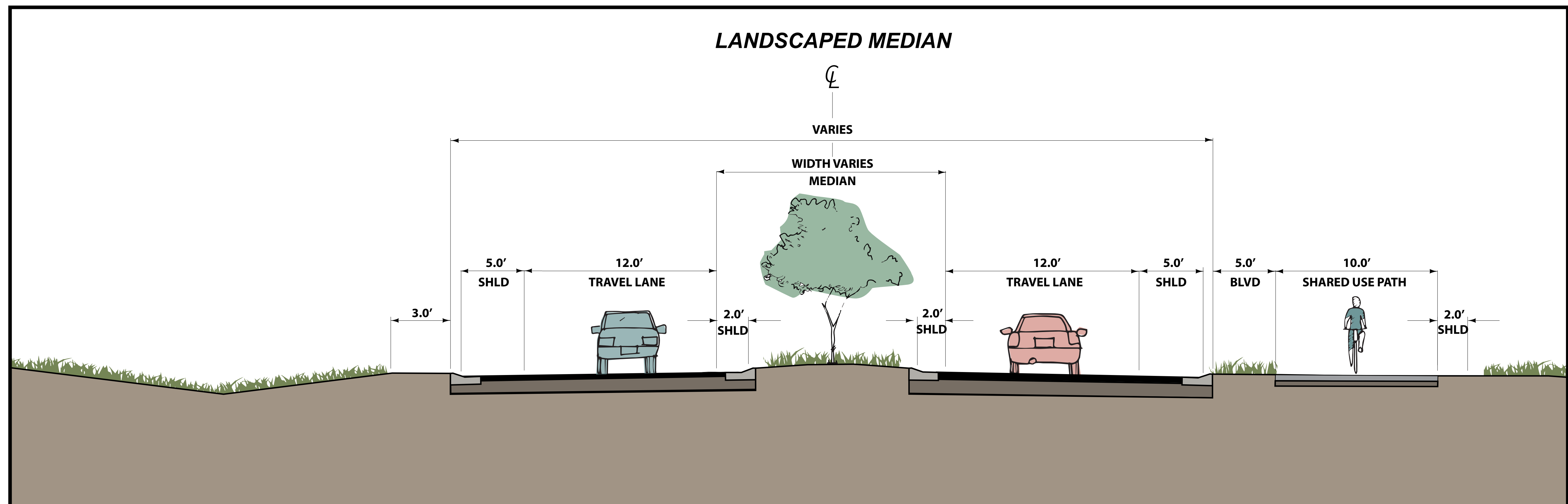
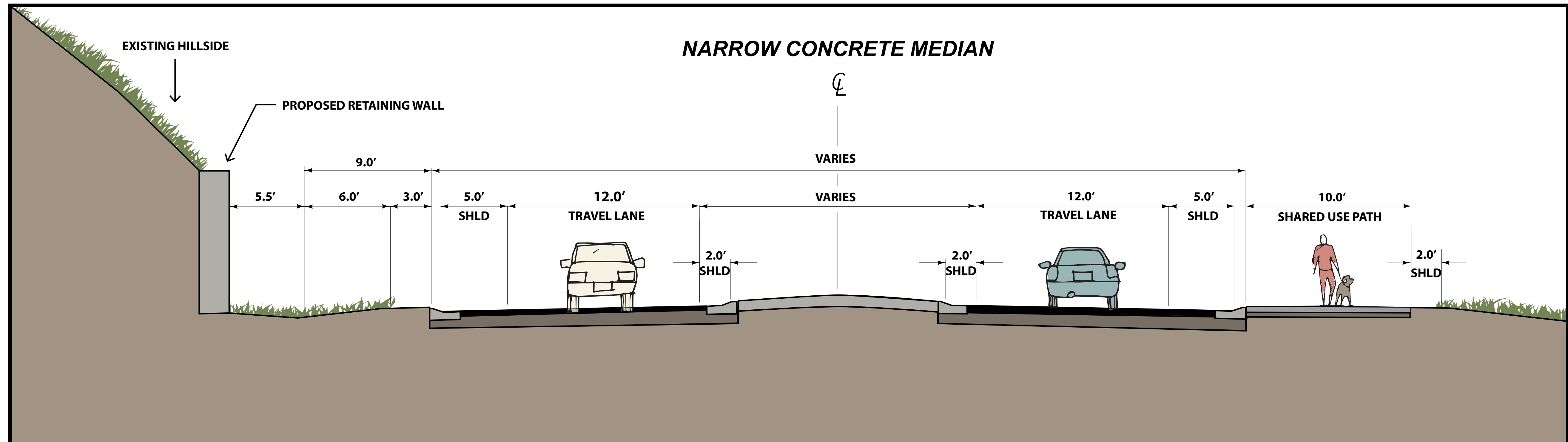
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# MT 35 IMPROVEMENTS

*Conrad Floral to South of Bear Hollow Drive*





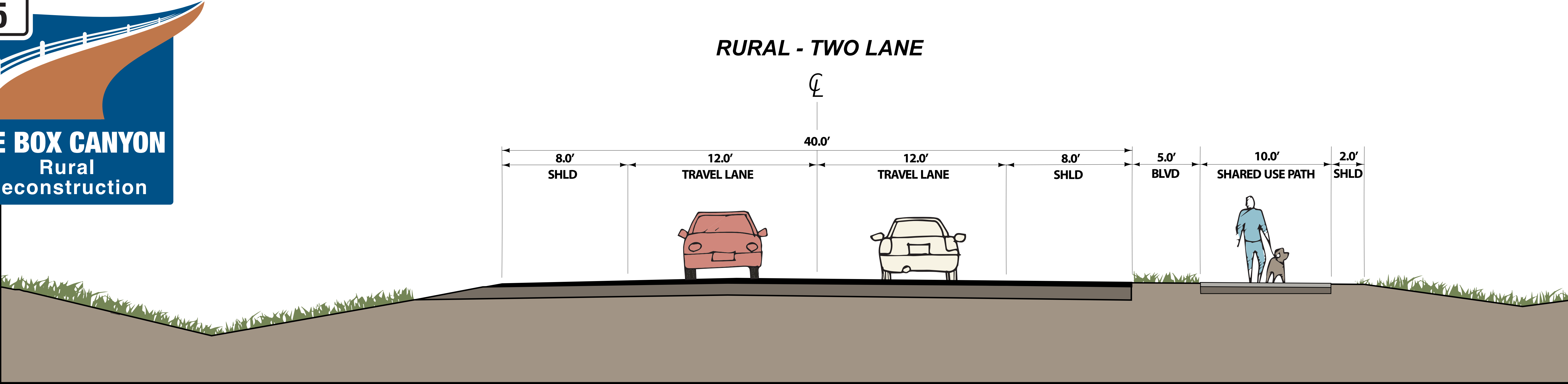
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South of Bear Hollow Drive to Chapman Hill Road

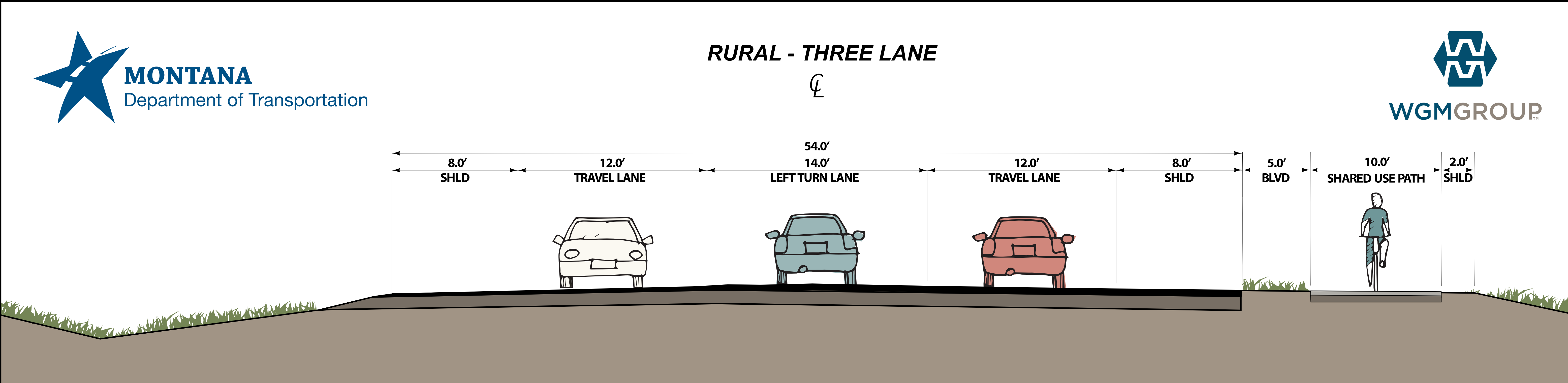
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### RURAL - TWO LANE



### RURAL - THREE LANE







# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RE-EVALUATION OVERVIEW

## **Why is an Environmental Assessment (EA) Re-Evaluation necessary?**

Feedback from previous public meetings resulted in design changes not included in the original EA. The changes are being evaluated now as part of the EA Re-Evaluation process.

## **What area does this Re-Evaluation impact?**

The current EA Re-Evaluation includes only the Ice Box Canyon project area and south to Grand Avenue/Holt Drive.

## **Why does the Re-Evaluation include parts of MT 35 that are not in the current design project?**

Design decisions being considered for the Ice Box Canyon project will affect future improvements to MT 35 in the Bigfork area.







# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RE-EVALUATION ITEMS

## Design Changes Under Consideration:

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- Reducing the overall width of the improvements by eliminating roadside drainage ditches and replacing them with curb and gutter.
- Eliminating a large, proposed entry feature in the MT 35 median at the south end of the Canyon at the present site of Branding Iron Station.
- Removing from consideration right-turn lanes on MT 35.
- Extending the shared-used path on the east side of the roadway to the north end of the project. \*

*\*The path extension can only be built if a maintenance funding solution can be found.*

**The accompanying graphic compares MT 35's current configuration; the roadway design originally included in the EA; and the design currently being considered in the Re-Evaluation.**



## **We want to hear from you!**

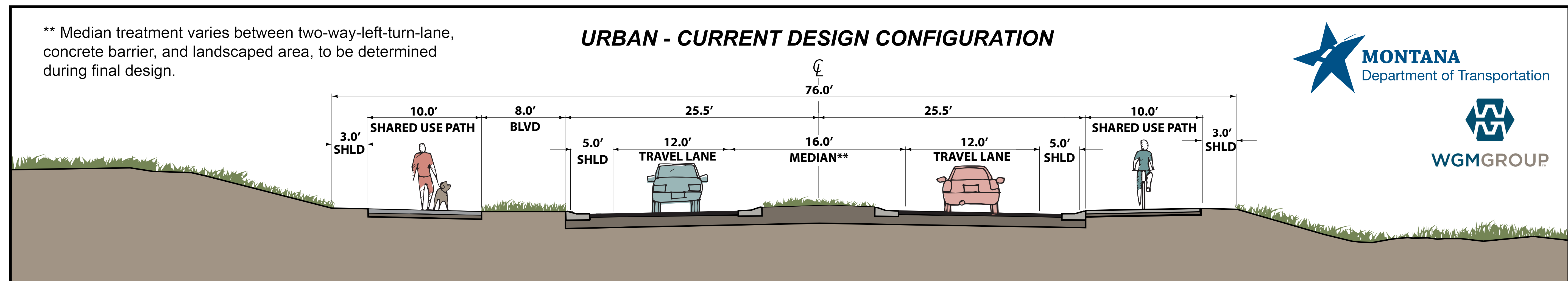
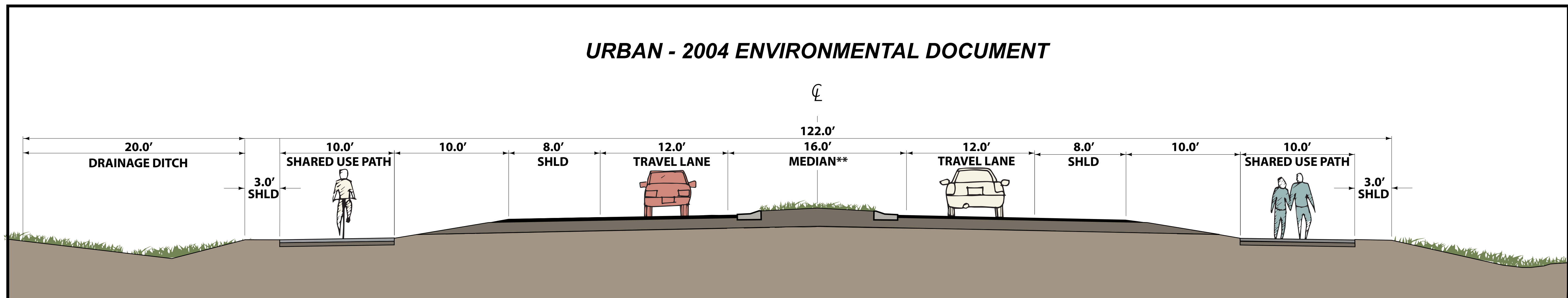
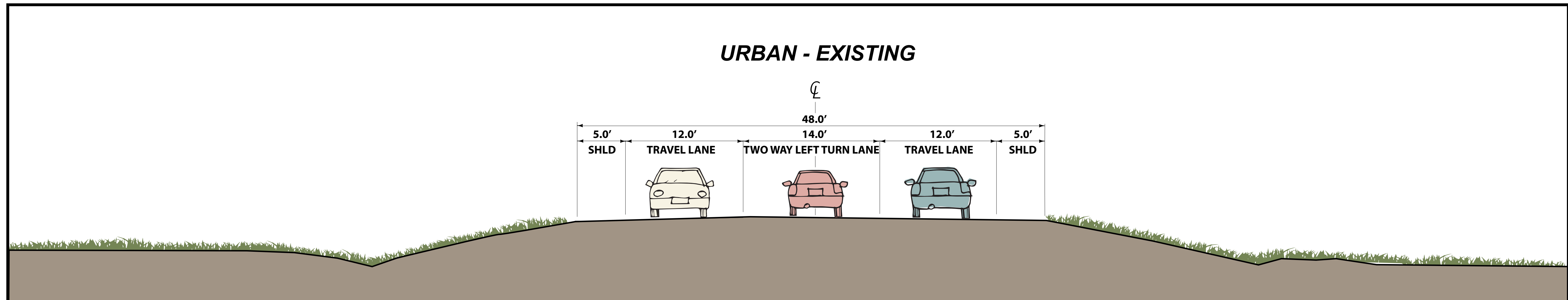
Please speak with us or use the comment cards to express your thoughts on the potential project changes listed above.

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# MT 35 IMPROVEMENTS

## Roadway Typical Cross-Sections for Environmental Assessment Re-Evaluation







# PROJECT SCHEDULE

<b>PHASE I Survey Phase</b>	Initial Environmental Assessment	2004-2011
<b>PHASE II Design Phase</b>	Preliminary Design	2018 - 2021
	Public Open House #1	May 2019
	Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	March 2021
	Individual Landowner Meetings	August 2021
	Environmental Re-Evaluation	September 2021 – December 2023
	Public Open House #2	August 2023
	Final Design	TBD
	Future Public Open House	TBD
<b>PHASE III Construction</b>	Construction	TBD

