



Delta Highway to River Road Improvements

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #1

November 28, 2018

Overview

Project Overview



Building on the **2014 Beltline Highway Facility Plan**, the Oregon Department of Transportation is working to improve safety and travel times on the Randy Papé Beltline Highway by constructing a project at Delta Highway/Beltline Highway and finalizing improvement concepts from Delta Highway to River Road.

Project Area



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Why this project?

- Beltline Highway between Delta Highway and River Road is one of the **most congested places in the Eugene/Springfield area**.
- The roadway within the project area has four through travel lanes carrying between **55,000** and **90,000** cars and trucks each day. The roadway was not designed to carry this volume of traffic, resulting in congestion, especially at peak periods.
- This congestion, along with short merge and diverge areas, **contributes to a higher frequency of crashes than other similar facilities in the state**. As north and west Eugene and surrounding areas continue to develop, traffic congestion is expected to get worse.

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Improvement Concepts

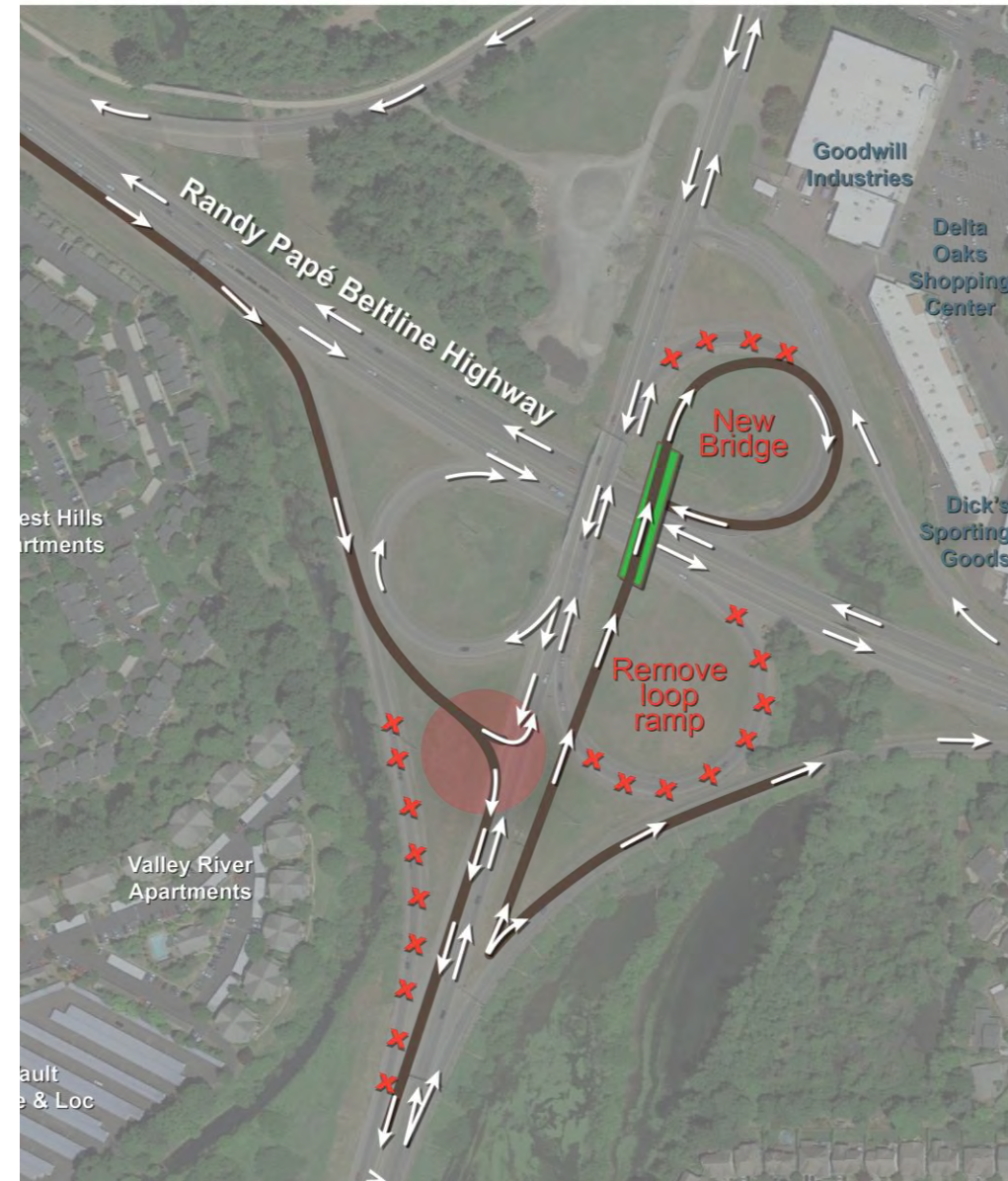
- The 2014 Beltline Highway Facility Plan recommends several projects to improve safety and to reduce delays on Beltline Highway:
 - Constructing an auxiliary lane in each direction on Beltline Highway from River Road to Delta Highway to better accommodate merging and weaving. This includes reconstructing the Beltline Highway bridge over the Willamette River.
 - Adding a new local bridge over the Willamette River just north of the highway.
 - Improvements to the River Avenue/Division Avenue and River Road interchanges.

Work is ongoing to lay the groundwork for these construction improvements to be ready when funding is available.

DELTA / BELTLINE INTERCHANGE PROJECT

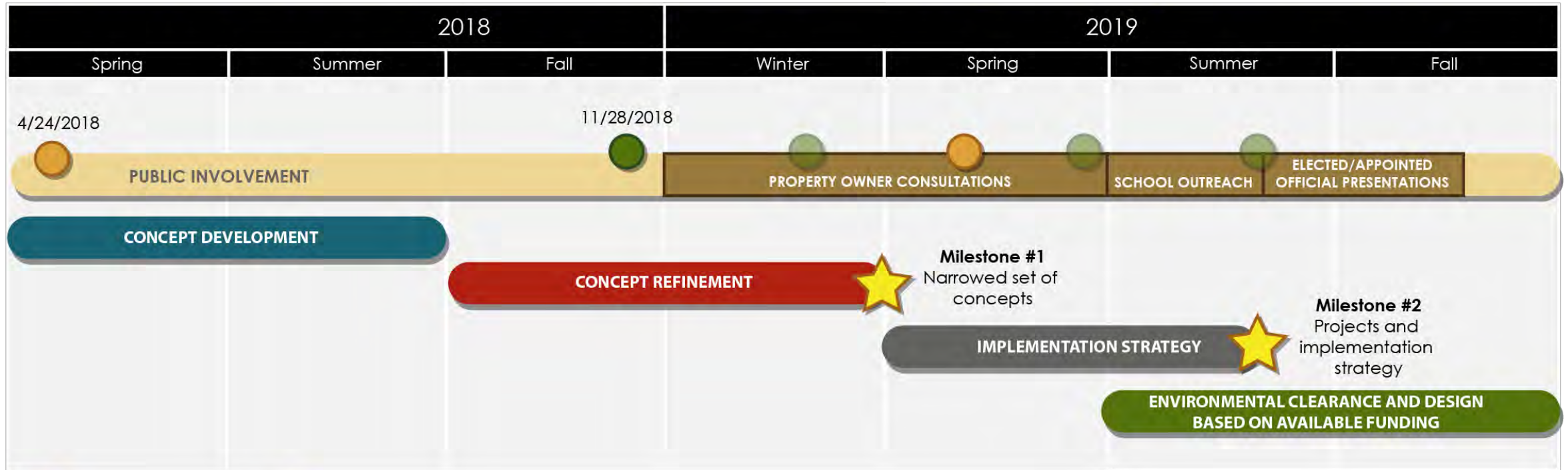
Ramps to be removed or reconfigured

- The project will remove some existing ramps and replace them with new ramps, changing the way drivers travel through this interchange.
- Loop ramp from eastbound Beltline to northbound Delta (removed)
- Off-ramp from eastbound Beltline to southbound Delta (reconfigured)
- Loop ramp from northbound Delta to westbound Beltline (reconstructed)
- Northbound on-ramp from Goodpasture Island Road to northbound Delta (reconfigured)
- To be constructed in 2019 / 2020



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Beltline: River Road to Delta Highway Timeline

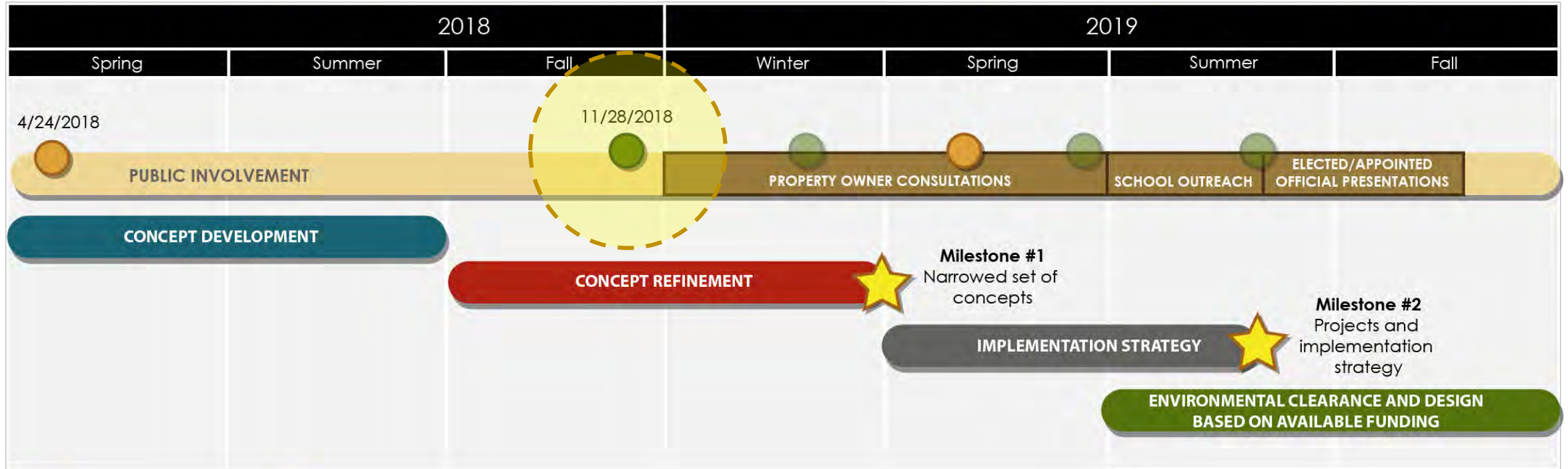


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Project Funding



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- **Beltline/Delta interchange project**
 - \$20M in project funding
 - Construction will begin in 2019
- **Beltline: River Road to Delta Highway project**
 - Only funded through environmental phase (NEPA)
 - ODOT and City will continue to work together to identify funding for construction
 - Would likely be constructed as smaller projects over time
 - Only the local bridge is included in the City's 20 year transportation plan as a funding priority

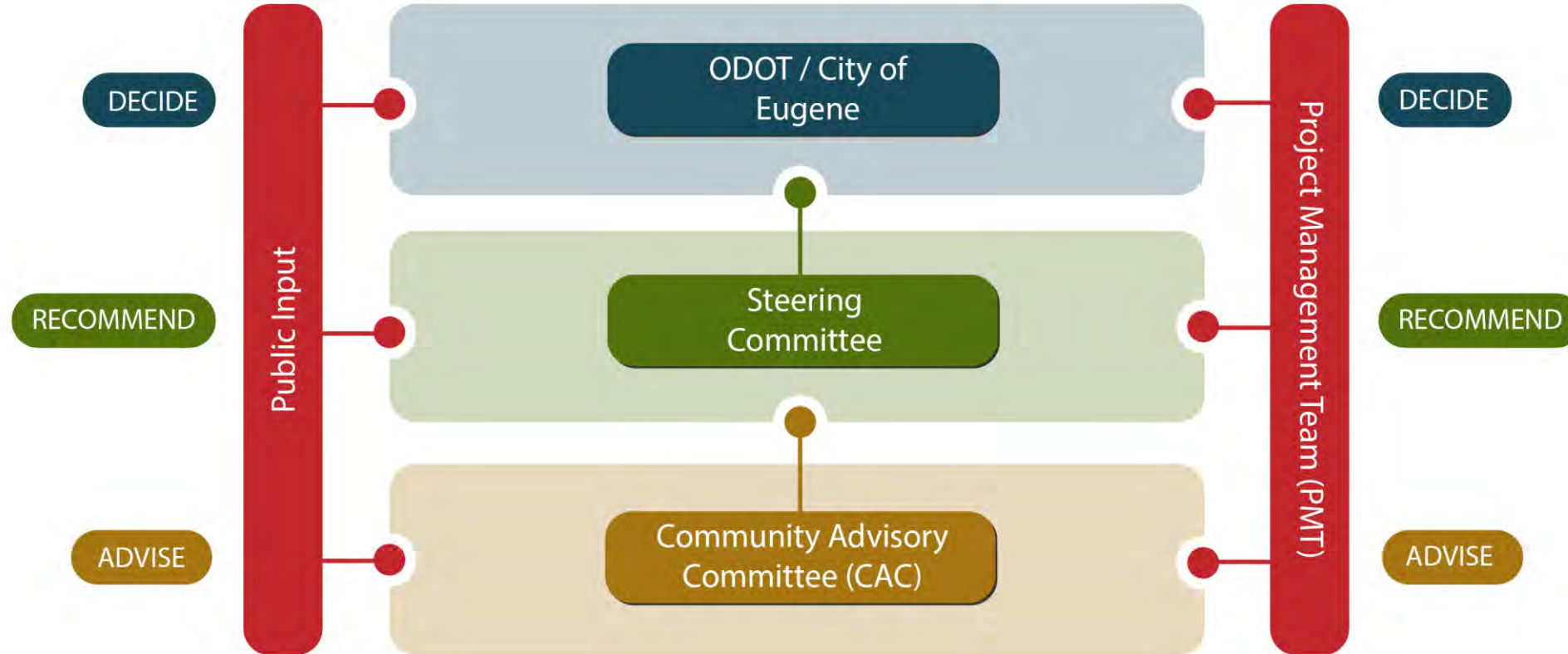
Protocols

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has been formed to provide “on the ground” guidance to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Steering Committee as ODOT refines design concepts and develops an implementation plan for the River Road to Delta Highway Project.

Purpose of committee

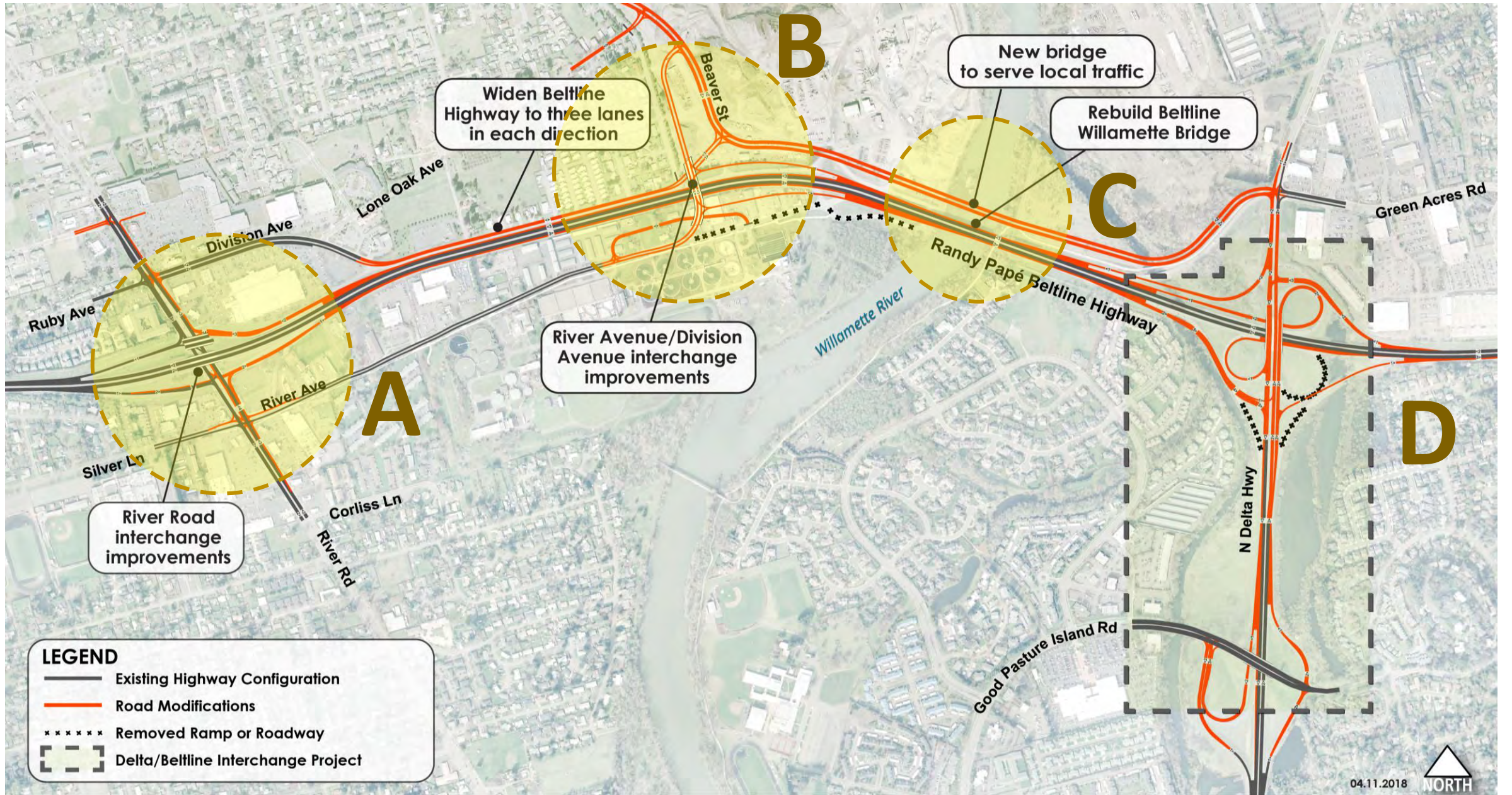
- Provide recommendations and advice as concepts are refined and an implementation plan is developed for the Beltline Highway Project.
- Serve as a forum to identify and build community consensus on alternatives that reflect a broad range of needs and interests.
- Serve as liaisons to constituents and represent community as a whole.
- Strive to reach consensus.

Project Decision Making



Current concepts

What do we need to know as we refine concepts?



Beltline Highway: Delta Highway to River Road

(A) River Road Interchange Improvements

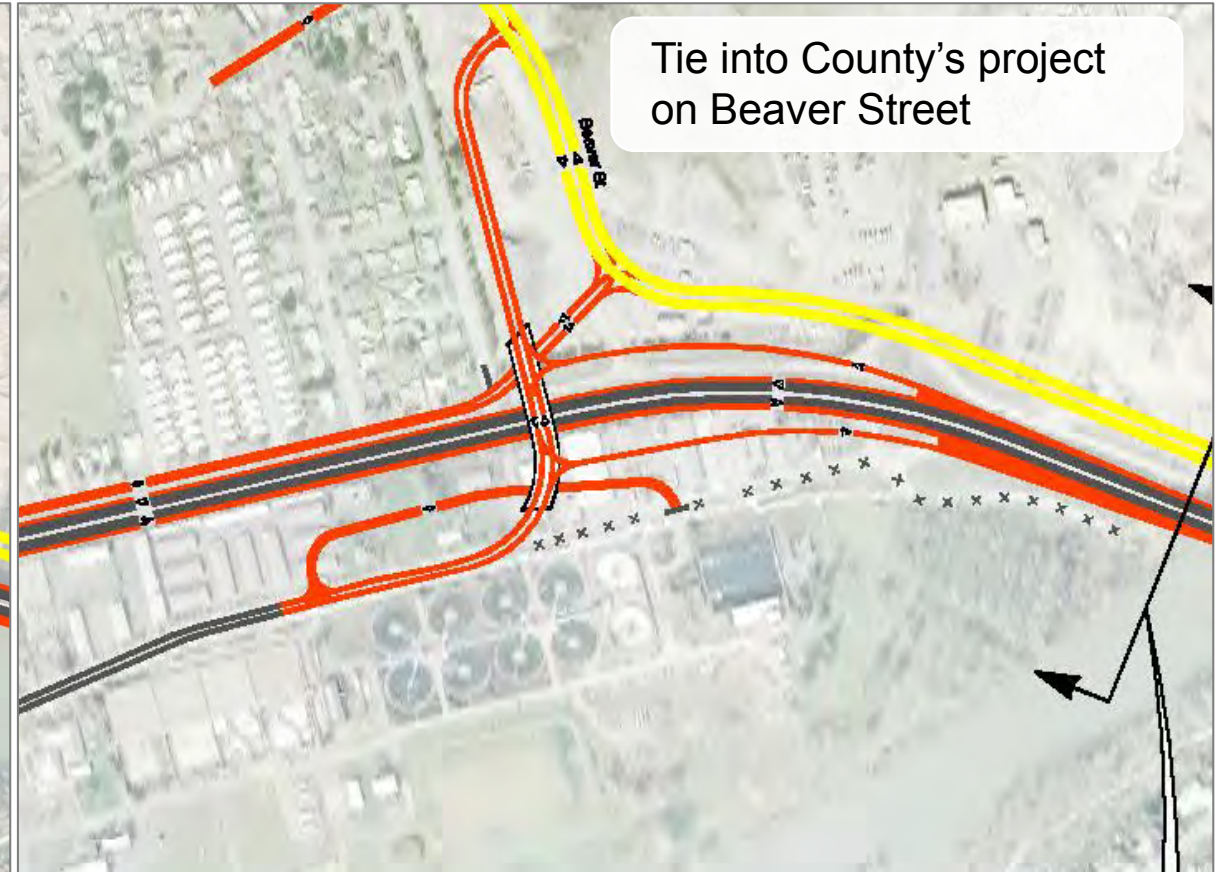
- Interchange design
- Local roadway intersection changes
- Integration with transit



(B) River Avenue/Division Avenue Interchange Improvement Options



Improve Existing



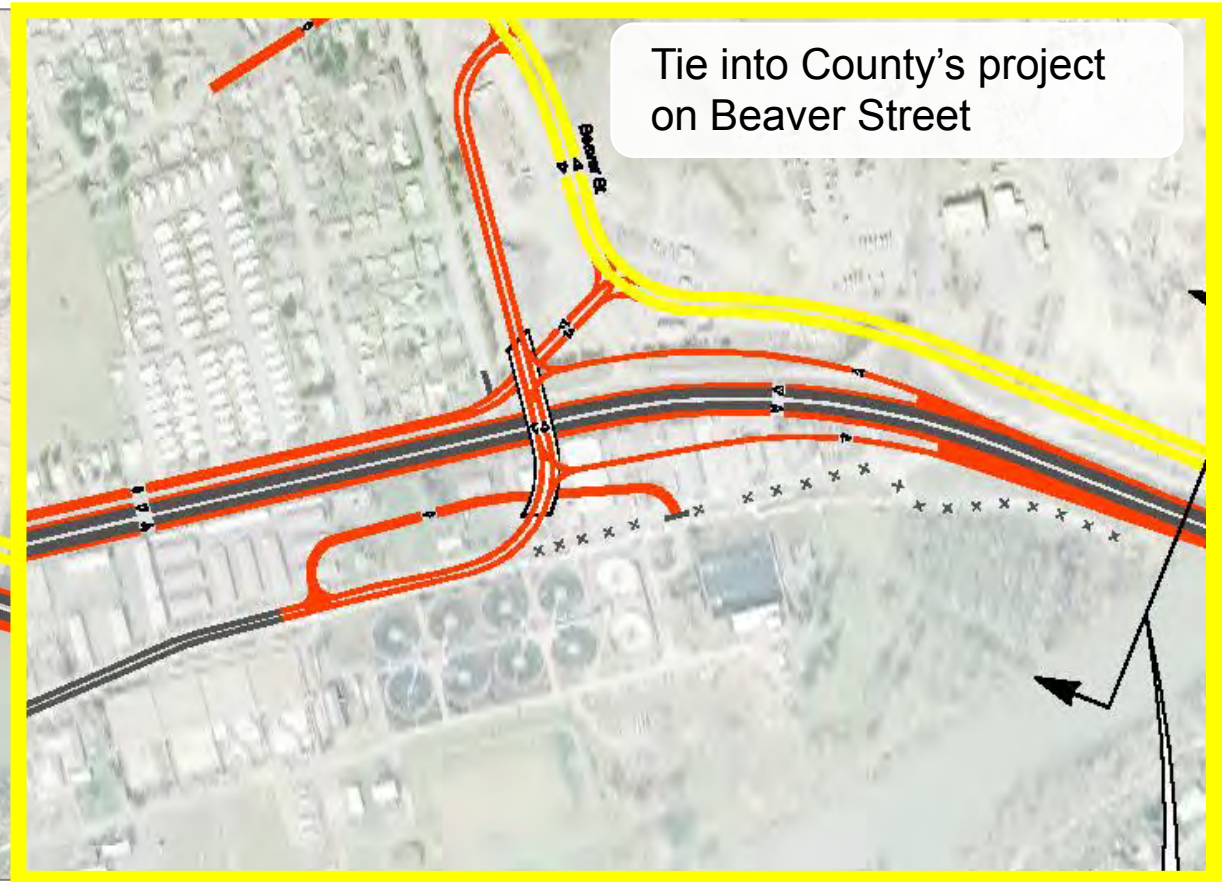
Overcrossing/diamond

(B) River Avenue/Division Avenue Interchange Improvement Options

Recommendation: Focus on “overcrossing/diamond” option

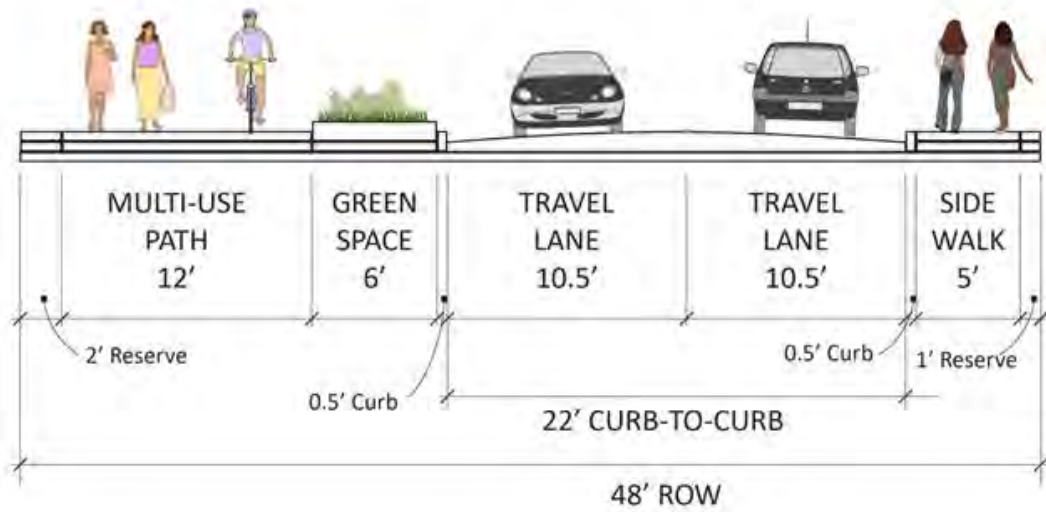


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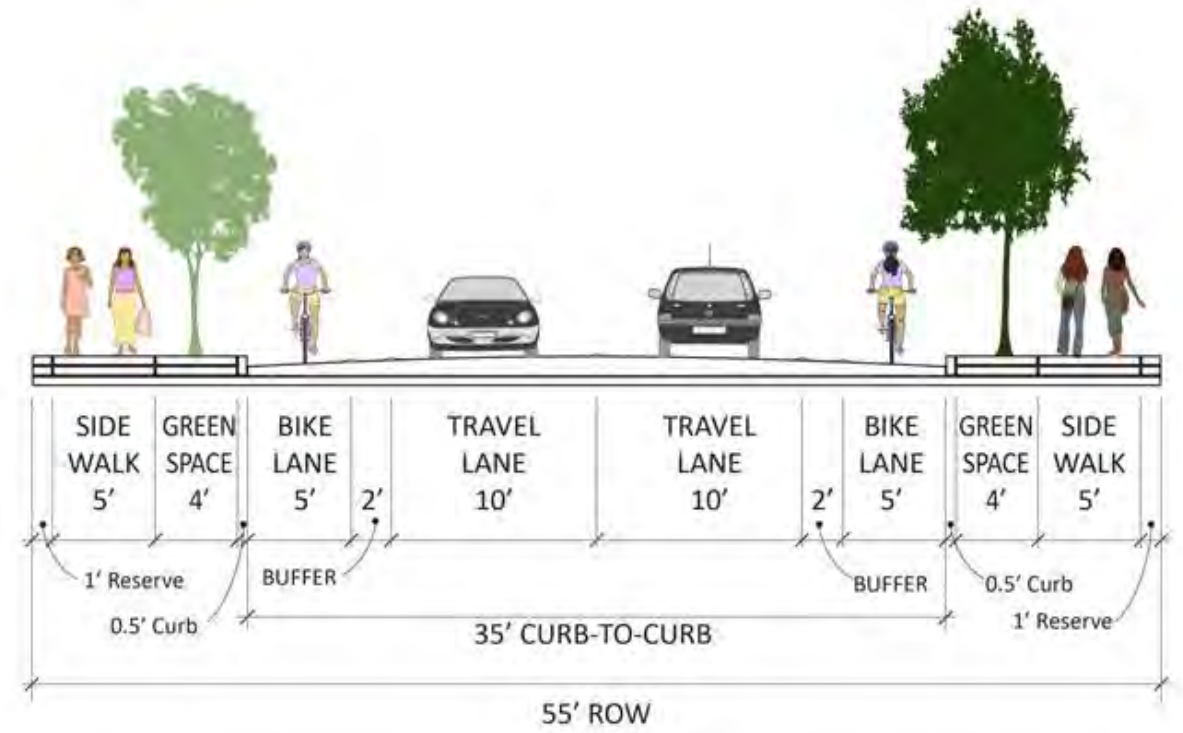


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(B) Lane County's Beaver/Hunsaker Project

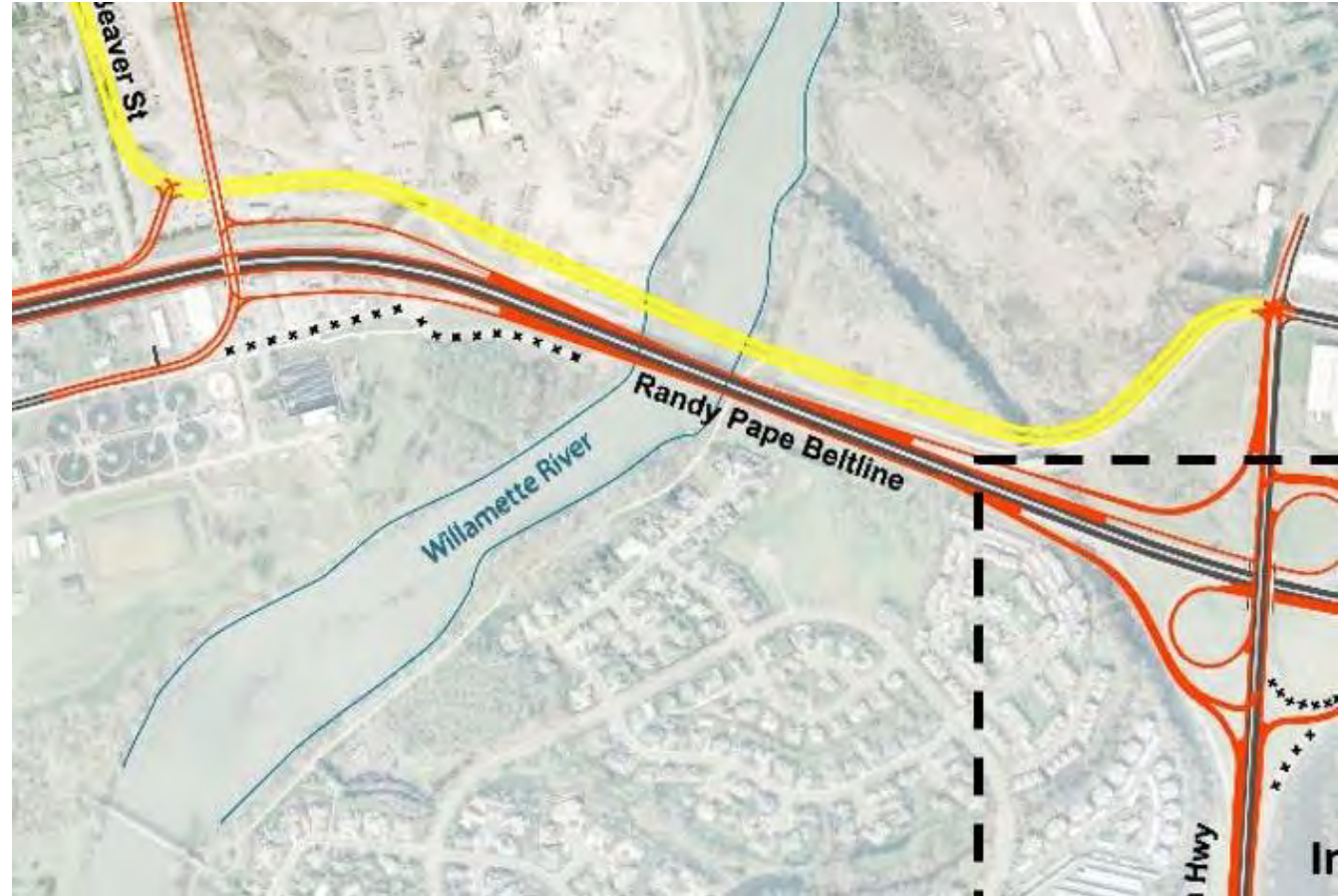
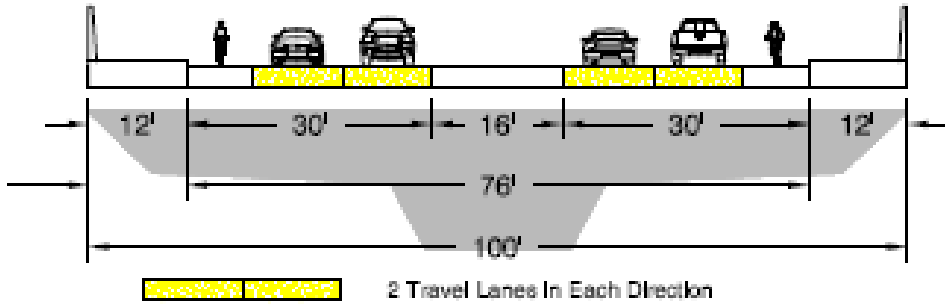


Beaver Street



Hunsaker Lane

(C) New Bridge to Serve Local Traffic





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Q&A / DISCUSSION

Next Steps



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Concept Refinement

- Project team will refine improvement concepts based on CAC feedback and ongoing feedback with other stakeholders
- Property owner consultations Winter 2019 through Summer 2019
- **Next CAC Meeting in Jan-Feb 2019**

Next Milestone – Spring 2019

- Narrowed set of concepts due in early Spring, will lead to development of Implementation Strategy
- Public Open House to share refined concepts in early-mid Spring

Next Steps

Next CAC Meeting - Jan-Feb 2019

- Topic: Review refined system concepts and concepts for design elements
- Exact date TBD

Thank you!