

# CITY OF BILLINGS

## CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

**“THE MAGIC CITY: A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”**

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### WORK SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

July 15, 2019

5:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

- 1. MDOT - Project Updates**  
- Public Comment
- 2. Human Relations Commission**  
- Public Comment
- 3. King Avenue East Project Update**  
- Public Comment

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-AGENDA ITEMS”.** **Speaker Sign-in required.** *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

**ADJOURN:**

Note:

- This meeting is an “informal” meeting of the City Council. The content of the Agenda is subject to change at the meeting.
- In the event there is a Closed Executive Session at the end of a Work Session, the sole purpose is to discuss litigation strategy. The other parties to the case(s) discussed are not public bodies or associations as described in Section 2-3-203(1) and (2), MCA. The meeting is closed, as allowed by Section 2-3-203(4)(a), MCA, “to discuss a strategy to be followed with respect to litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position” of the City of Billings.

**Council Work Session**

**1.**

**Meeting Date:** 07/15/2019

**TITLE:** MDOT Project Updates

**Department:** Planning & Community Services

**Presentation:** Yes

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**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT**

Rod Nelson, Billings District 5 Administrator for MDT will provide a presentation. He was named to the position earlier this spring but has been working in our MDT District for many years.

He will provide updates on a variety of projects MDT is working on, including, but not limited to:

- 27<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements from I-90 to the Airport Road intersection .
- A Study of the 27<sup>th</sup> Street Railroad Crossing for options to mitigate vehicle/train conflicts and travel delays.
- Billings Bypass Project between Lockwood and Billing Heights

He will be using some of MDT's project website resources to provide updates on the projects and show the Council how to access the information available to the public.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No Council action is required at this time.

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**Council Work Session**

**2.**

**Meeting Date:** 07/15/2019

**TITLE:** Human Relations Commission Annual Report

**Department:** City Hall Administration

**Presentation:** Yes

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**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT**

Ms. Denise Smith, Chairperson of the City of Billings Human Relations Commission, will present the commission's annual report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action required.

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**Council Work Session**

**3.**

**Meeting Date:** 07/15/2019

**TITLE:** WO 19-22; King Avenue East - Orchard Lane to Jackson Street - Design Presentation

**Department:** Public Works

**Presentation:** Yes

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**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT**

W.O. 19-22 will construct road widening and utility improvements to King Avenue East from Orchard Lane to Jackson Street. This project is funded by SBURD TIF funds and is anticipated to be constructed in the spring/summer of 2020. At this time, it is planned to construct a roadway section similar in concept to the section that exists on King Avenue East just west of Orchard Lane. However, design constraints as noted within the presentation are being evaluated so a preferred roadway section and multiuse trail alignment can be selected.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an informational item for Council and no action is needed at this time.

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**Attachments**

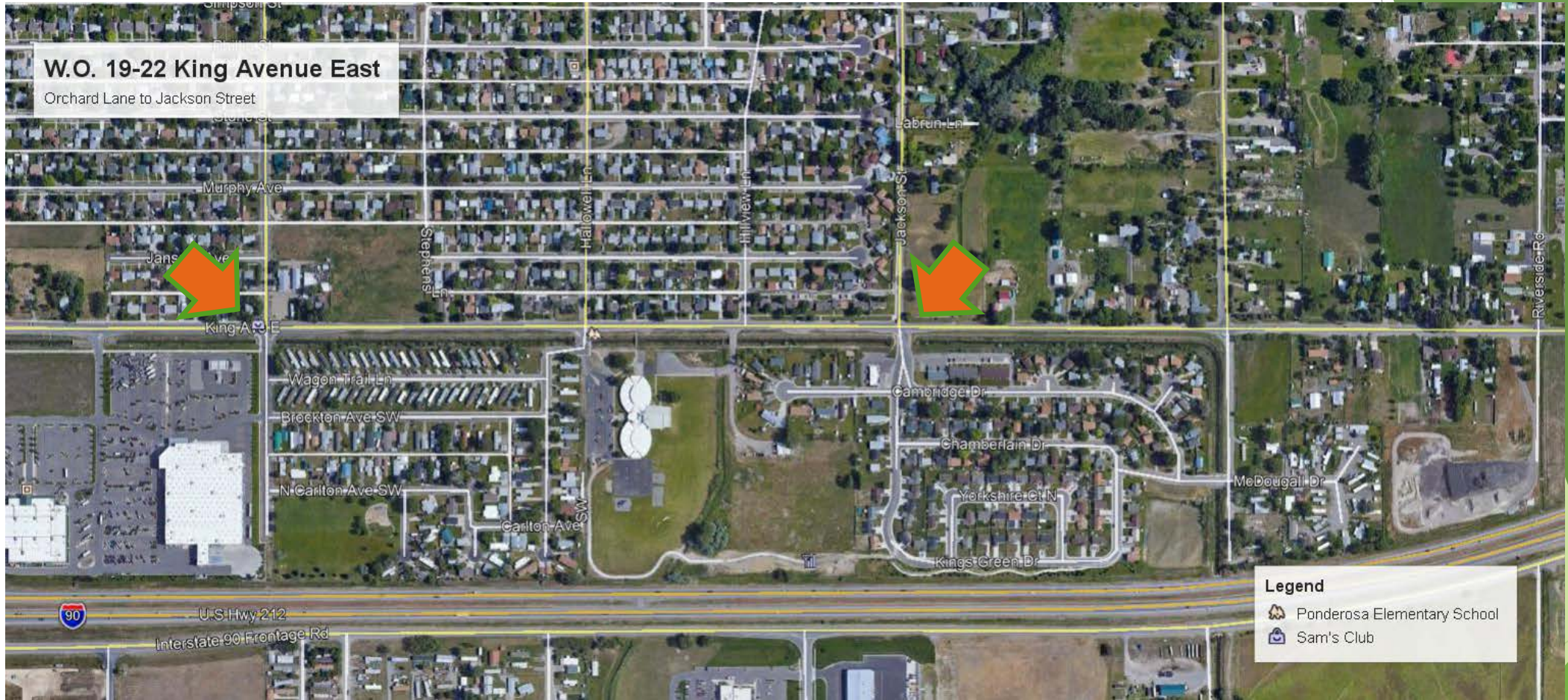
WO 19-22 King East Design Presentation

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# King Avenue East Reconstruction Project

Orchard Lane to Jackson Street  
A South Billings Urban Renewal District Project



Project Limits: Orchard Lane to Jackson Street

# Arterial Street Section Determination

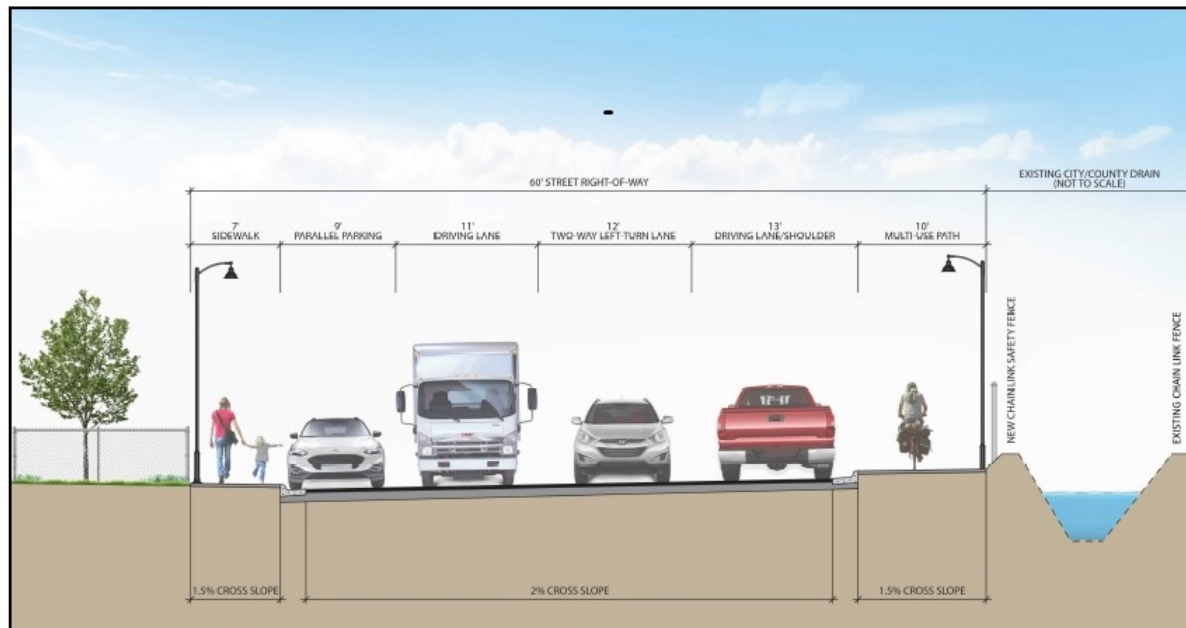
- ▶ Start With Facts - Limited ROW and Funding
- ▶ The Basic Components
  - ▶ Travel Lanes
  - ▶ Safety - TWLTL, turn lanes, access control, street lights
  - ▶ Multimodal users - sidewalk, path, bike lane, bus users
  - ▶ Parking - provided for local roads; very limited for arterials and collectors
  - ▶ Intersections

Ideal ROW width is 80-feet. This project has 60-feet of ROW.

# King Avenue East Proposed Section

- ▶ Travel Lanes
  - ▶ 6,760 vpd - current      10,000 vpd - 20 year projection
  - ▶ Two needed (one east bound, one west bound)
- ▶ Safety
  - ▶ TWLTL throughout or intersection turn lanes at Orchard, Hallowell and Jackson
  - ▶ Street lights throughout
- ▶ Multimodal users
  - ▶ Sidewalk on north - 5 foot boulevard walk and 7 foot curbside (desired)
  - ▶ Multiuse path on south - 10 foot asphalt (see exhibit)
  - ▶ No on-street bike lanes - high speeds, high traffic volume, limited ROW
  - ▶ MET bus pads will be provided
  - ▶ ADA compliant throughout
- ▶ Parking
  - ▶ On-street parking will be maintained where property is developed
- ▶ Intersections
  - ▶ Existing Signal at Orchard
  - ▶ Flashing beacons at Hallowell and Jackson

# King Avenue East Proposed: Orchard to Hallowell



If conditions preclude desired section, options include:

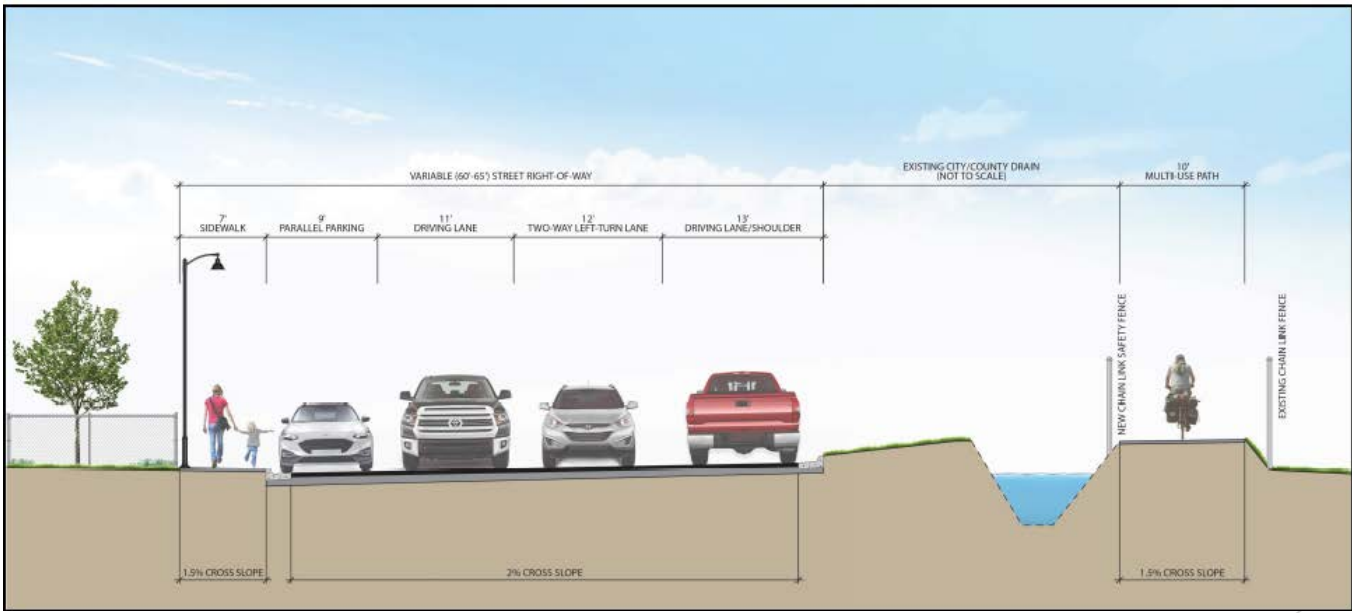
1. Removing parking
2. Removing TWLTL
3. Relocating trail

# Alternate Multi-Use Path: Orchard to Hallowell

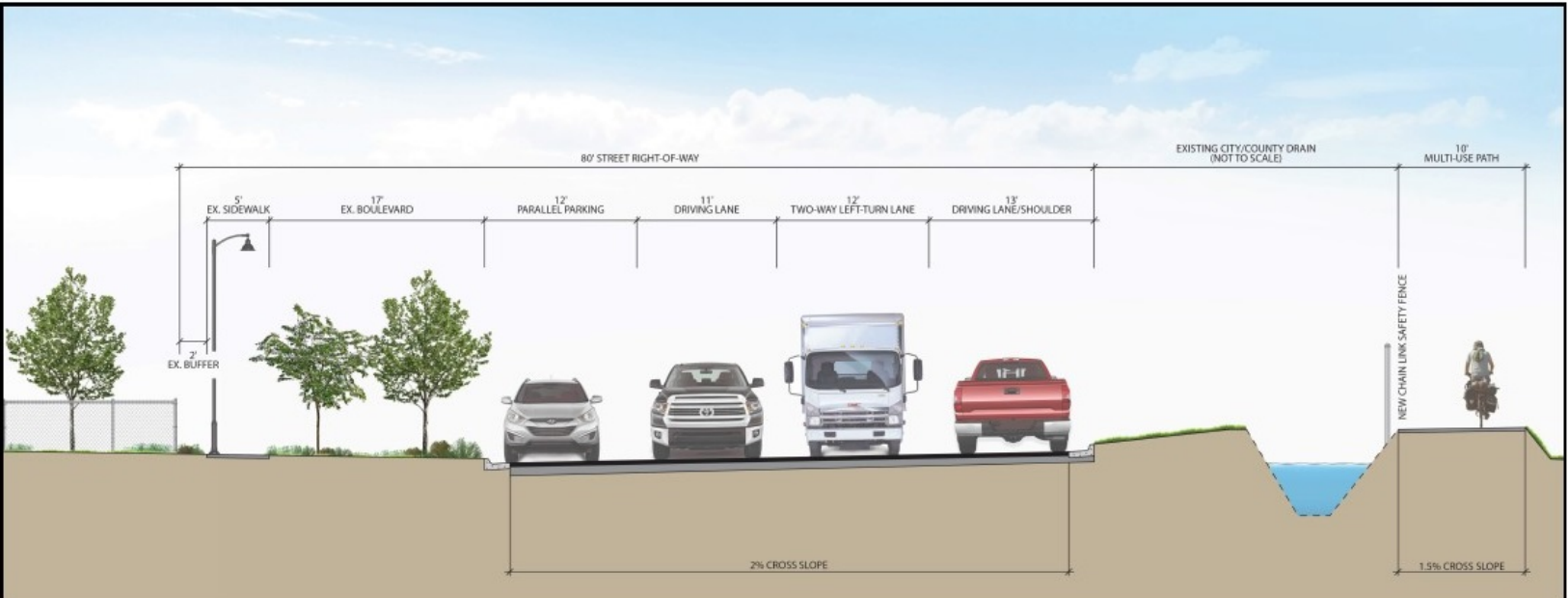
- ▶ Current design is to install trail on north side of City County Drain.
- ▶ Other alternates (blue and red paths) considered pending technical feasibility of current design
- ▶ Turn lanes instead of TWLTL
- ▶ Removal of parking



# King Avenue East Proposed: Hallowell to Hillview



# King Avenue East Proposed: Hillview to Jackson



# Complete Streets Checklist (Existing)

- ▶ Multimodal accommodations on existing?
  - ▶ Very little. Sidewalk on portions of north side only.
- ▶ If no multimodal facilities, how far are existing parallel?
  - ▶ Project will connect to existing facilities at Orchard Lane.
- ▶ Existing challenges that could be addressed?
  - ▶ No sidewalks/trails, no ADA access, no bus stops
- ▶ What trip generators are in the vicinity?
  - ▶ Ponderosa School and commercial development
- ▶ Pedestrian/Bike collisions potential options?
  - ▶ Separated trail and sidewalks
- ▶ Adopted plans?
  - ▶ Billings Area Bikeway and Trail Master Plan (2011), SBURD Master Plan (2012)

# Complete Streets Checklist (Project Scope)

- ▶ Accommodations for multimodal?
  - ▶ Trail, sidewalk, bus pads, ADA corners, rapid flashing beacons
- ▶ Reasons for not including multimodal facilities?
  - ▶ Multimodal facilities are being provided
- ▶ Cost of bike and ped improvements and proportion of overall cost?
  - ▶ Overall \$2.5M (construction only)
  - ▶ Multimodal \$325K (13% of overall project)
    - ▶ Multiuse trail \$120k
    - ▶ Sidewalk \$100k
    - ▶ Bus pads \$5k
    - ▶ ADA corners \$50k
    - ▶ Flashing Beacons \$50k
- ▶ Agency responsible for maintenance of multimodal and how budgeted?
  - ▶ City of Billings Street/Traffic
  - ▶ Street Maintenance Fees

# Project Considerations:

- ▶ Intersections
  - ▶ No new signals or roundabouts
  - ▶ Rapid Flashing signals at Hallowell and Jackson
- ▶ Installation of water main part of project
- ▶ Right of Way
  - ▶ Limited ROW needs anticipated
- ▶ SILMD is a part of this project (winter 2019 creation)
- ▶ Multi-use trail location still being determined
- ▶ South Billings Urban Renewal District Project
- ▶ Construction planned for spring/summer 2020

