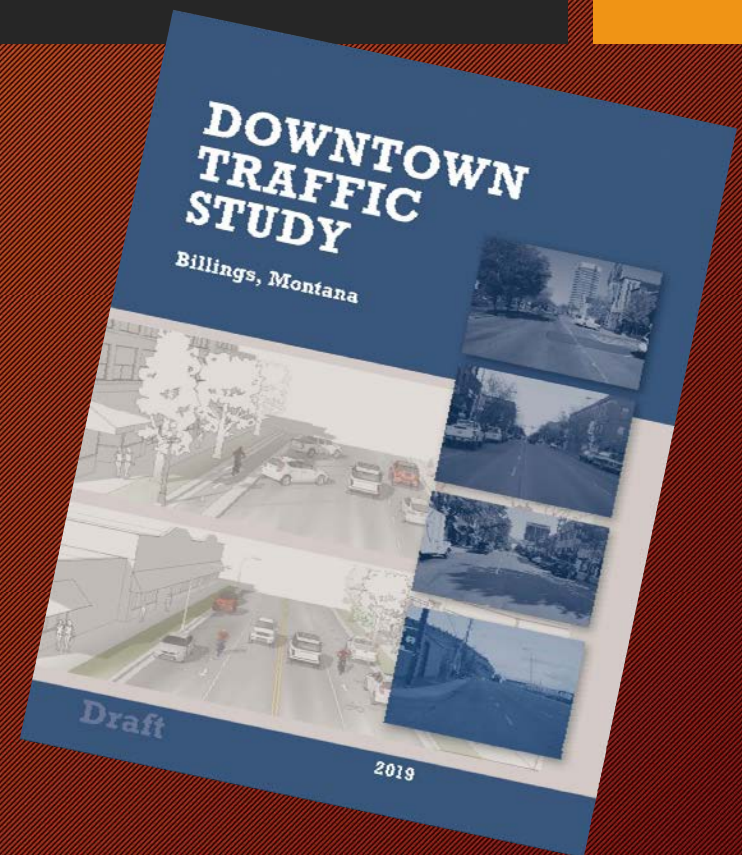


# Downtown Traffic Study

City Council Work Session  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

# Agenda

- Project History
- Project Team
- Alternatives Analyzed
- Next Steps



# Project History

- Pre-2012 to Present: Various requests for lane closures, angled parking, bike lanes, road diets, closures, etc.
- 2012: City sends letter to MDT regarding Montana Avenue traffic speeds
- 2016: CC tasks staff with studying pedestrian and traffic safety in Downtown
- 2018: Start contract with Kittelson & Associates for Downtown Traffic Study
- 2019: Finalize report, take to public

# Downtown Traffic Study

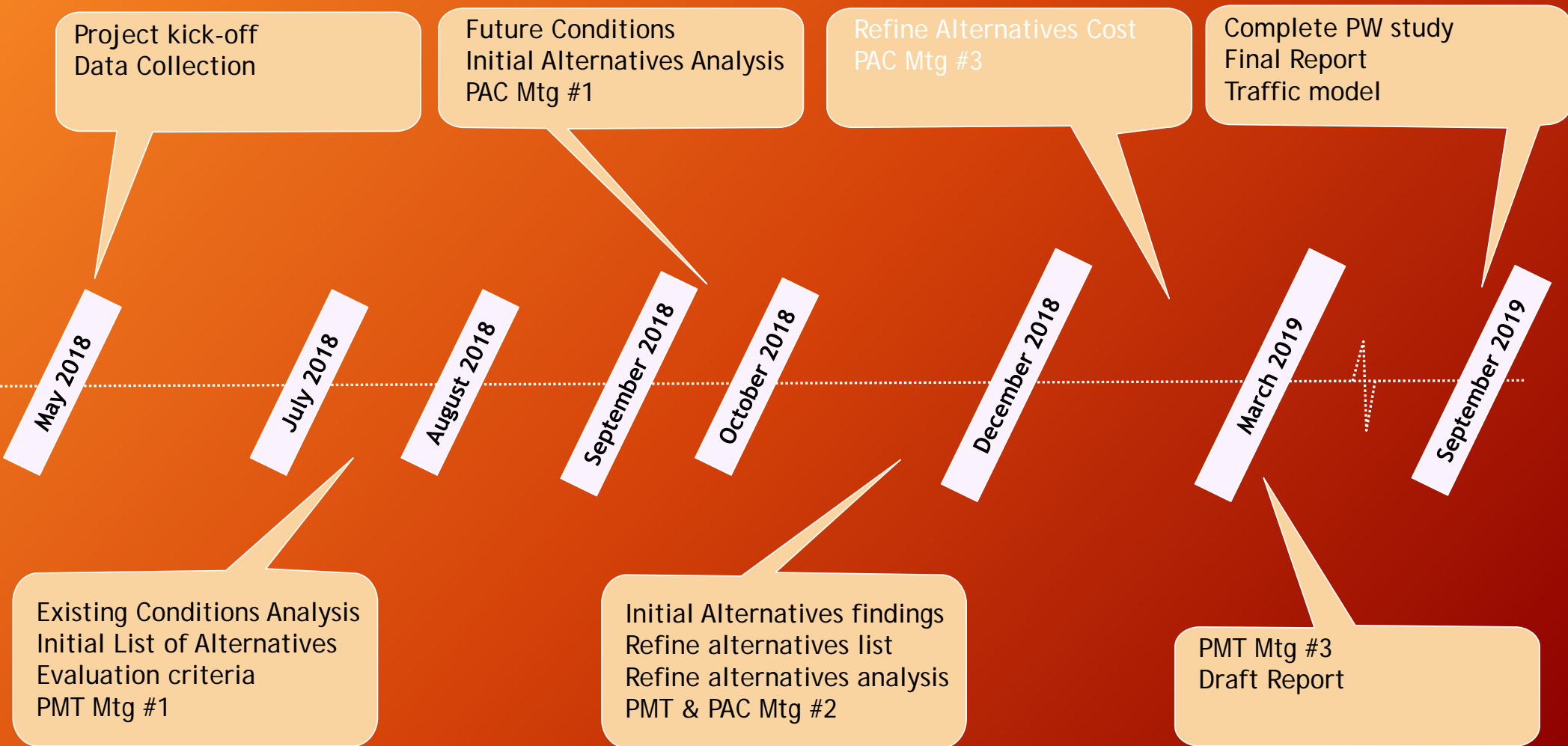
- Can't look at one alternative at a time
  - Road diet on Montana and 4<sup>th</sup>?
  - Two-way conversions on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>?
- PWE wanted list of alternatives that are feasible both individually, but also layered on top of one another.
- Study does not make recommendations on "preferred alternative", but acceptable alternatives

"What can we build?" Not "What will we build?"

# Downtown Traffic Study

- Project Management Team (PMT)
  - Public Works - Engineering (PWE)
  - Kittelson & Associates (KA)
  - DOWL
- Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
  - PWE
  - KA + DOWL
  - Planning
  - DBA
  - BSEDA
  - Billings Chamber
  - MET
  - CTA
  - BPD
  - MDT
  - MRL
  - EBURD

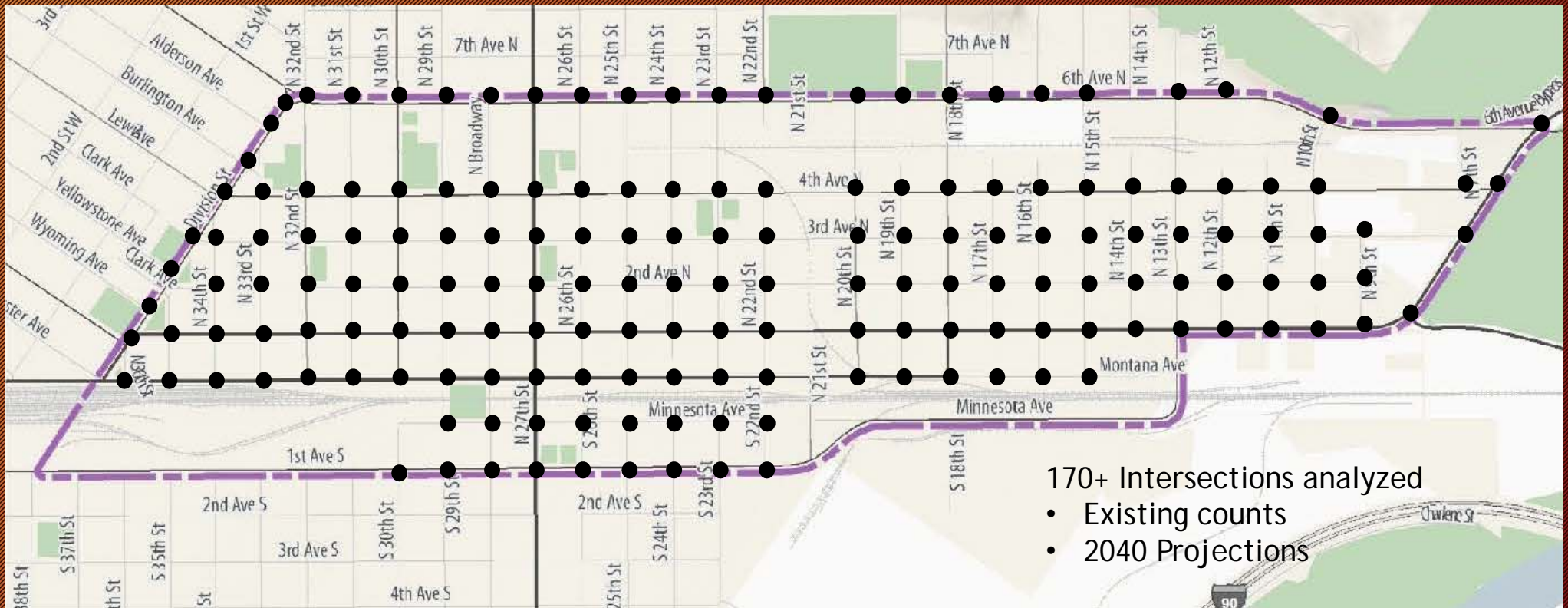
# Timeline of the Downtown Traffic Study - Ph.1



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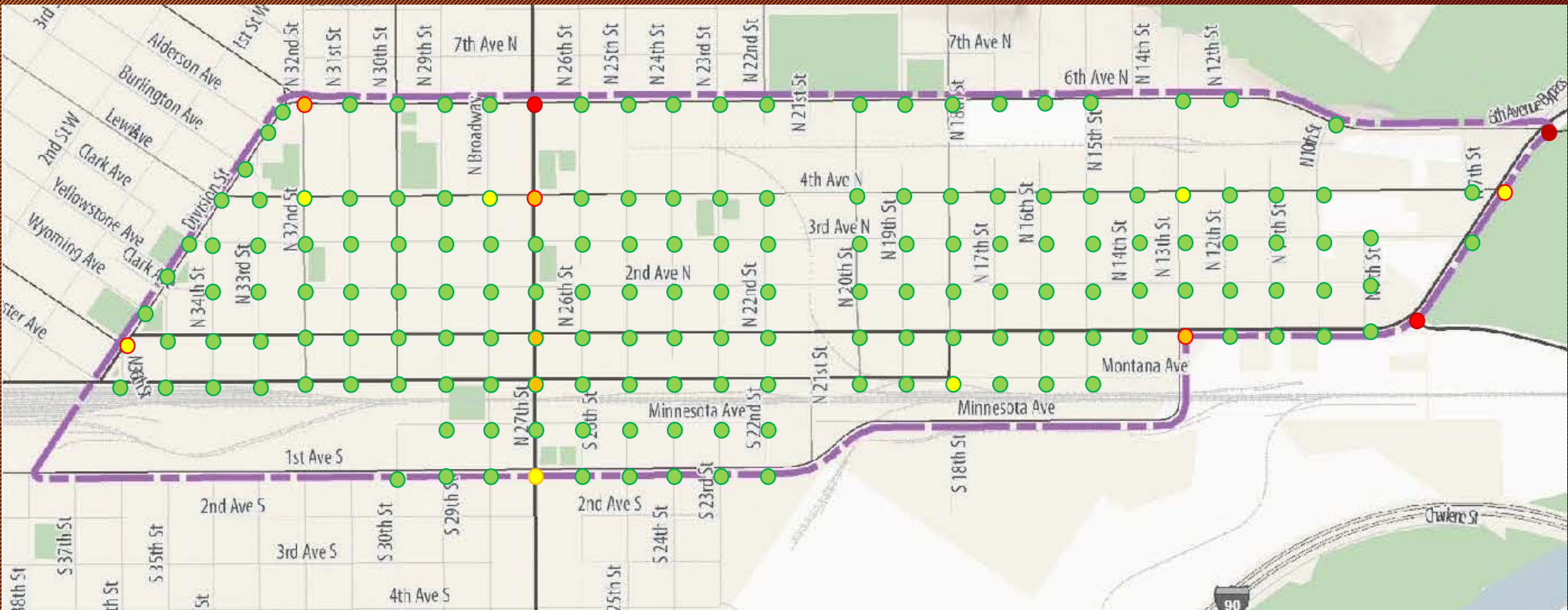


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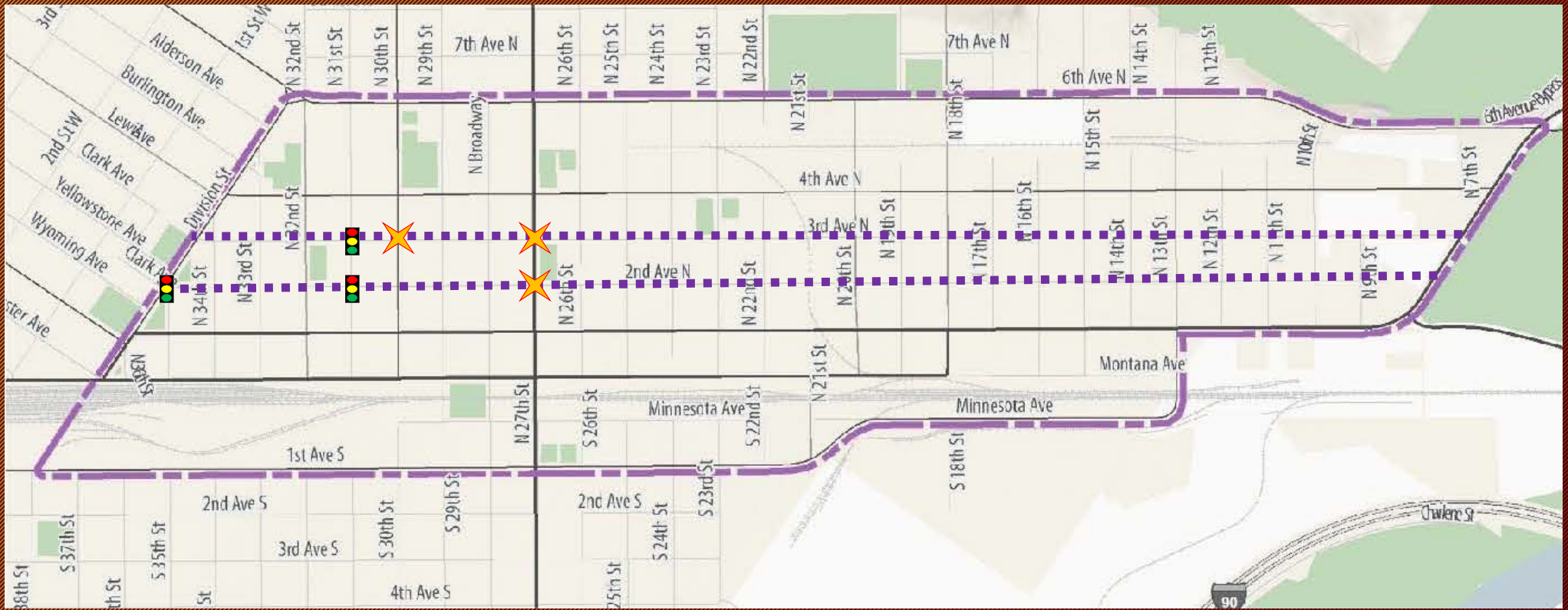
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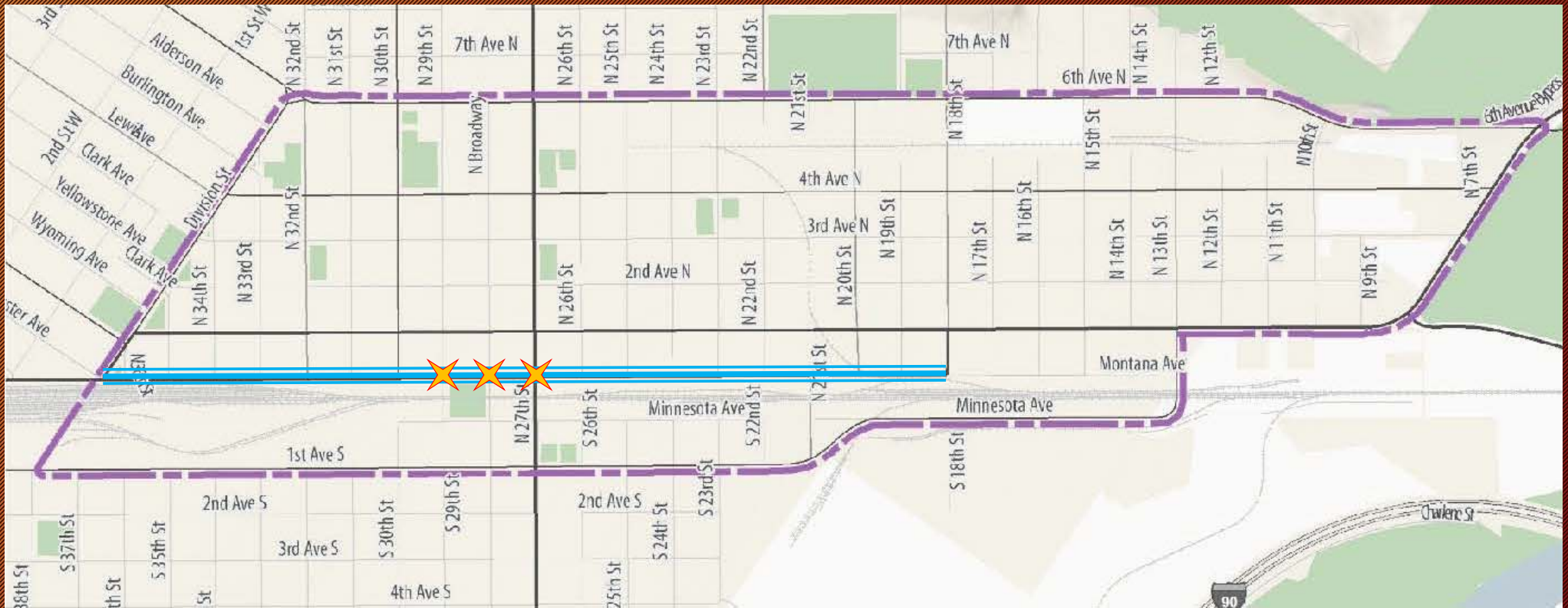




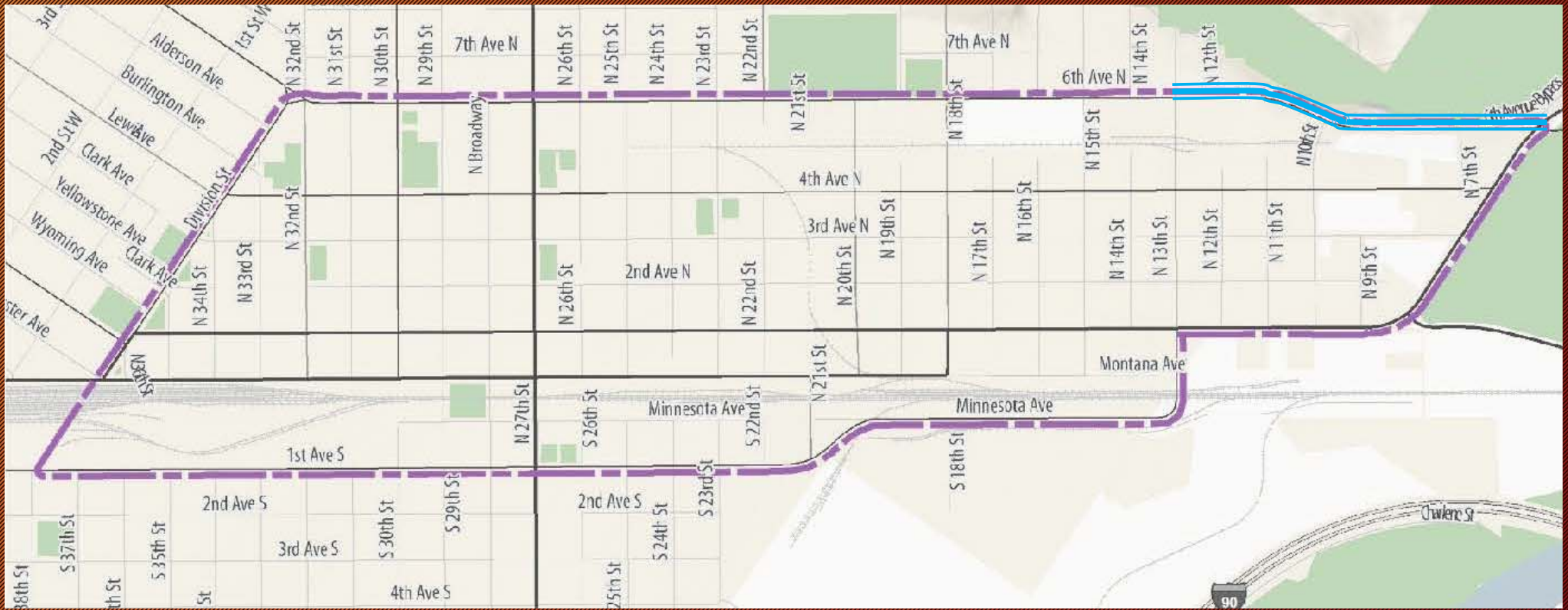
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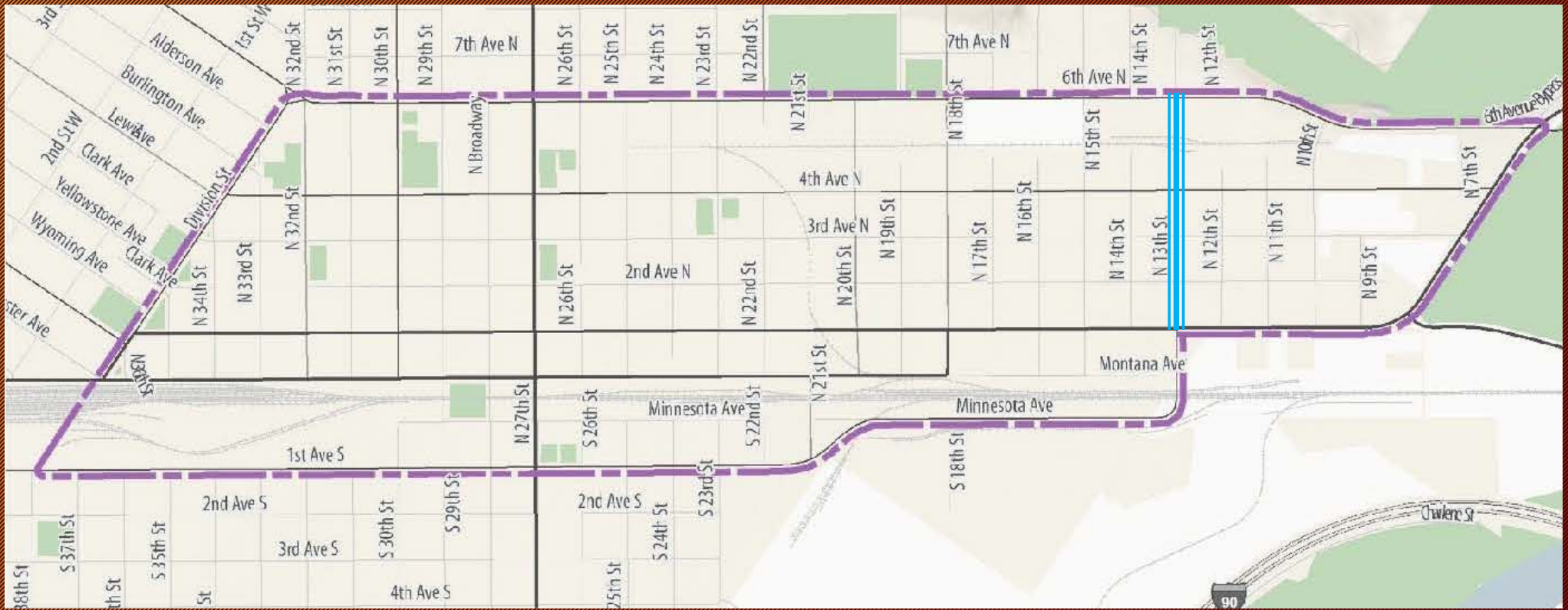
# Montana Avenue Road Diet



# 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. Road Diet

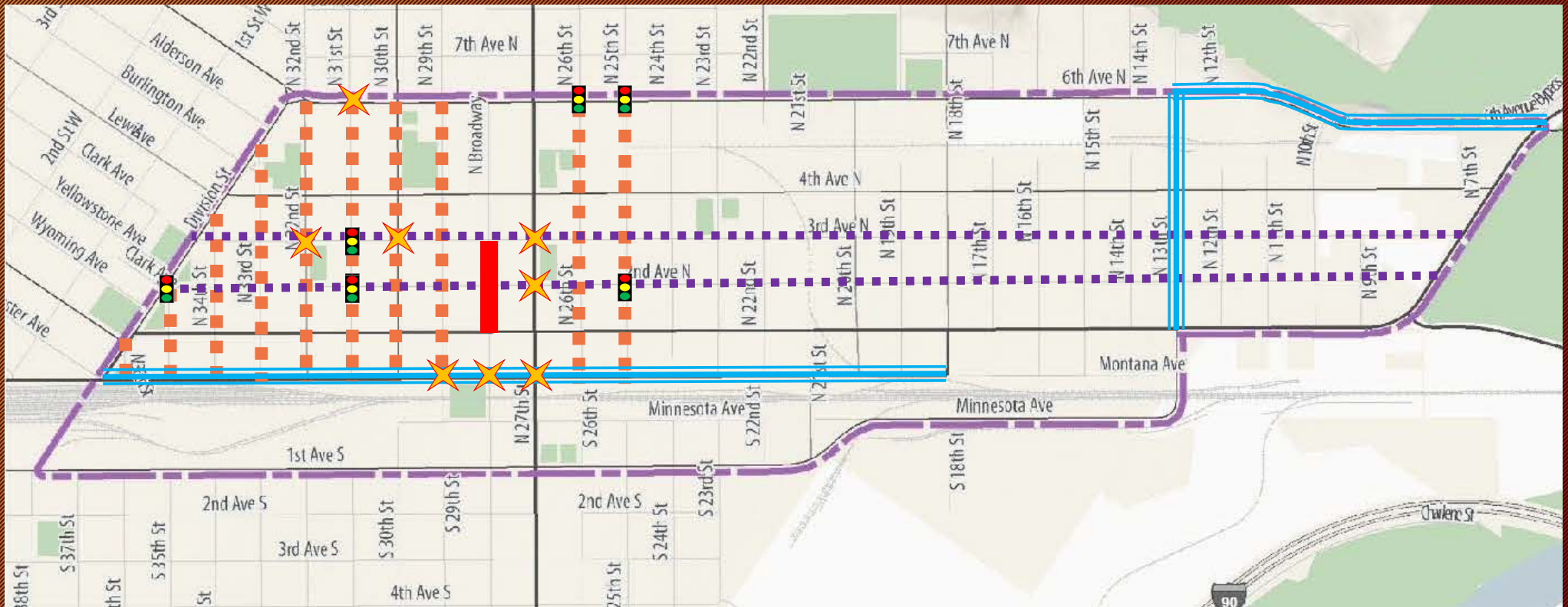


# N. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Road Diet





# All Alternatives



# Next Steps

- Remember the goal of the study:
  - “What can work?”
  - Not “What will we build?”
- Planning Department to start a Public Outreach

# Timeline of the Downtown Traffic Study - Ph.2

Develop Scope  
Select Consultant

October 2019

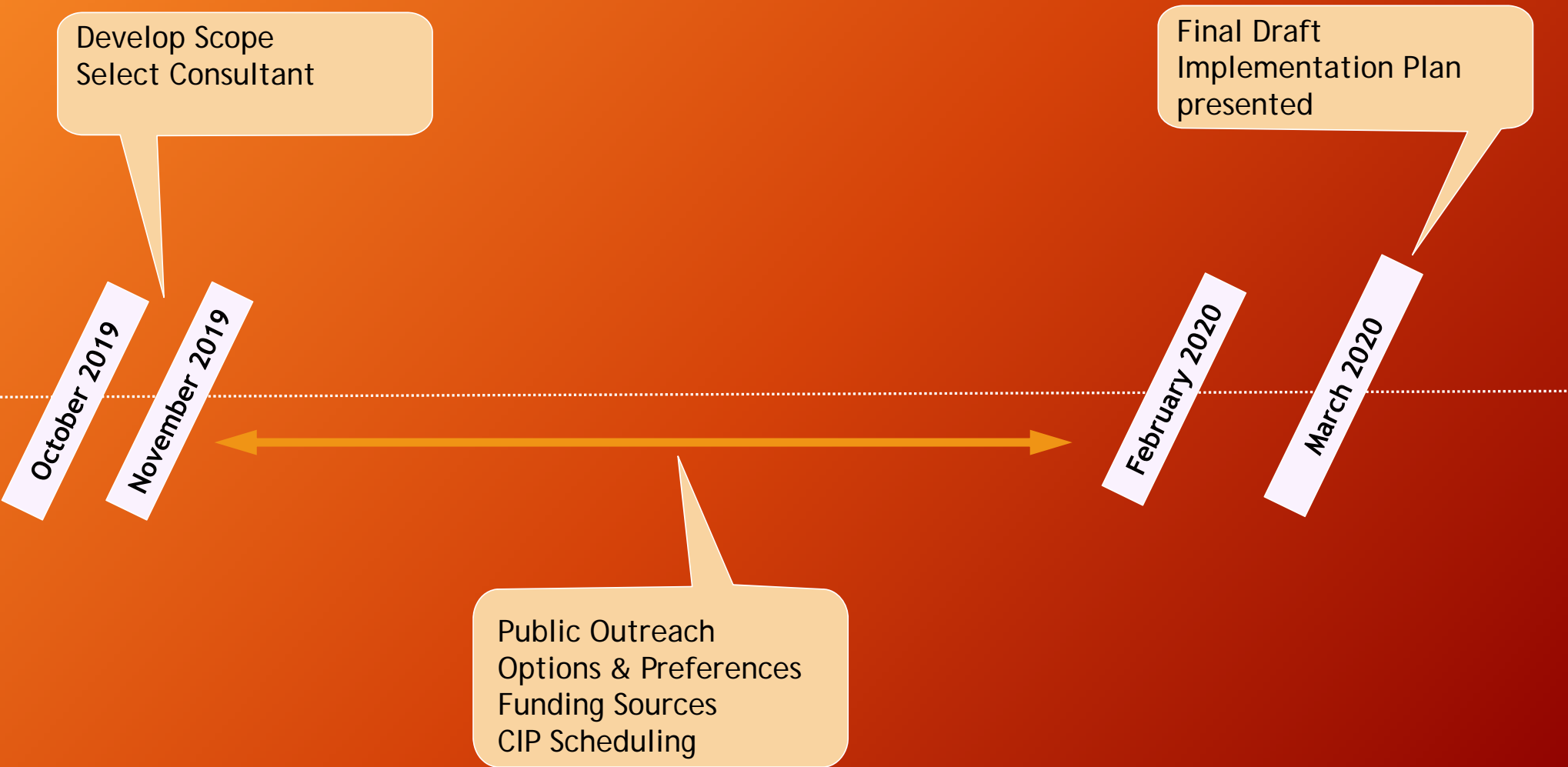
November 2019

Final Draft  
Implementation Plan  
presented

February 2020

March 2020

Public Outreach  
Options & Preferences  
Funding Sources  
CIP Scheduling



QUESTIONS?

