

CITY OF BILLINGS

CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

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

WORK SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

September 16, 2019

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

- 1. Inner Belt Loop Corridor Study - Update**
- Public Comment
- 2. Council Holiday Schedule**
- 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: 09/16/2019

TITLE: Inner Belt Loop Corridor Study

Department: Planning & Community Services

Presentation: Yes

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

The City-County Planning Division contracted with Sanderson Stewart in April 2019 to complete a study of the Inner Belt Loop transportation corridor. This study will evaluate the development challenges of the roadway corridor, develop an access plan for the roadway that will include bike/pedestrian infrastructure, storm water management, overall safety, and evaluate future impacts to the corridor by new land use development.

Future land use development in this area will have the biggest impact on how the corridor functions. However, current unknowns exist based on how or when infrastructure (water/sewer) and other elements like public safety services would be available. Since these questions impact the type and timing of development, Sanderson Stewart is seeking additional input from the City on how to model future land use development impacts to the roadway.

This presentation and discussion will map out the challenges with respect to building the infrastructure beyond the roadway itself that would seem to be necessary to spur annexation and urban development in the City. Sanderson Stewart will present the Council with the analysis approach for completing the study and take input and questions from the Council.

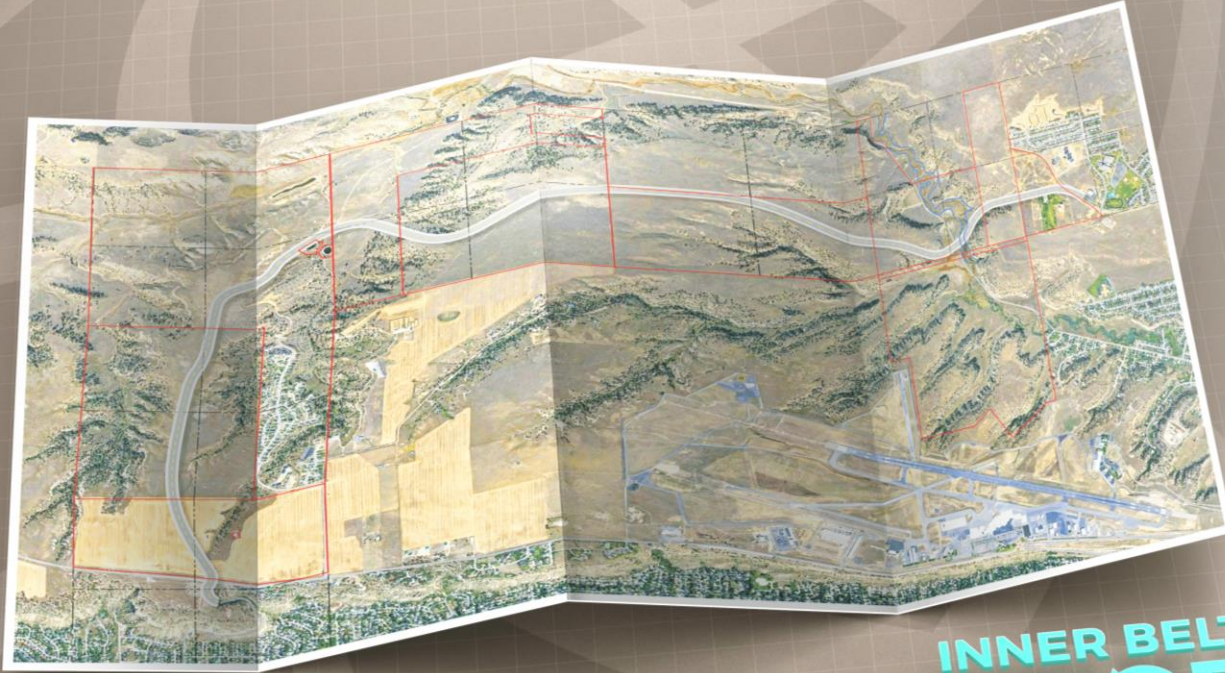
RECOMMENDATION

No formal action is required at this time, but Council will be asked to provide the consultant and staff with input on modeling land use development and long range planning for infrastructure along this corridor.

Attachments

Inner Belt Loop Corridor Study

INNER BELT LOOP CORRIDOR STUDY



Billings City Council
Project Update
September 16, 2019

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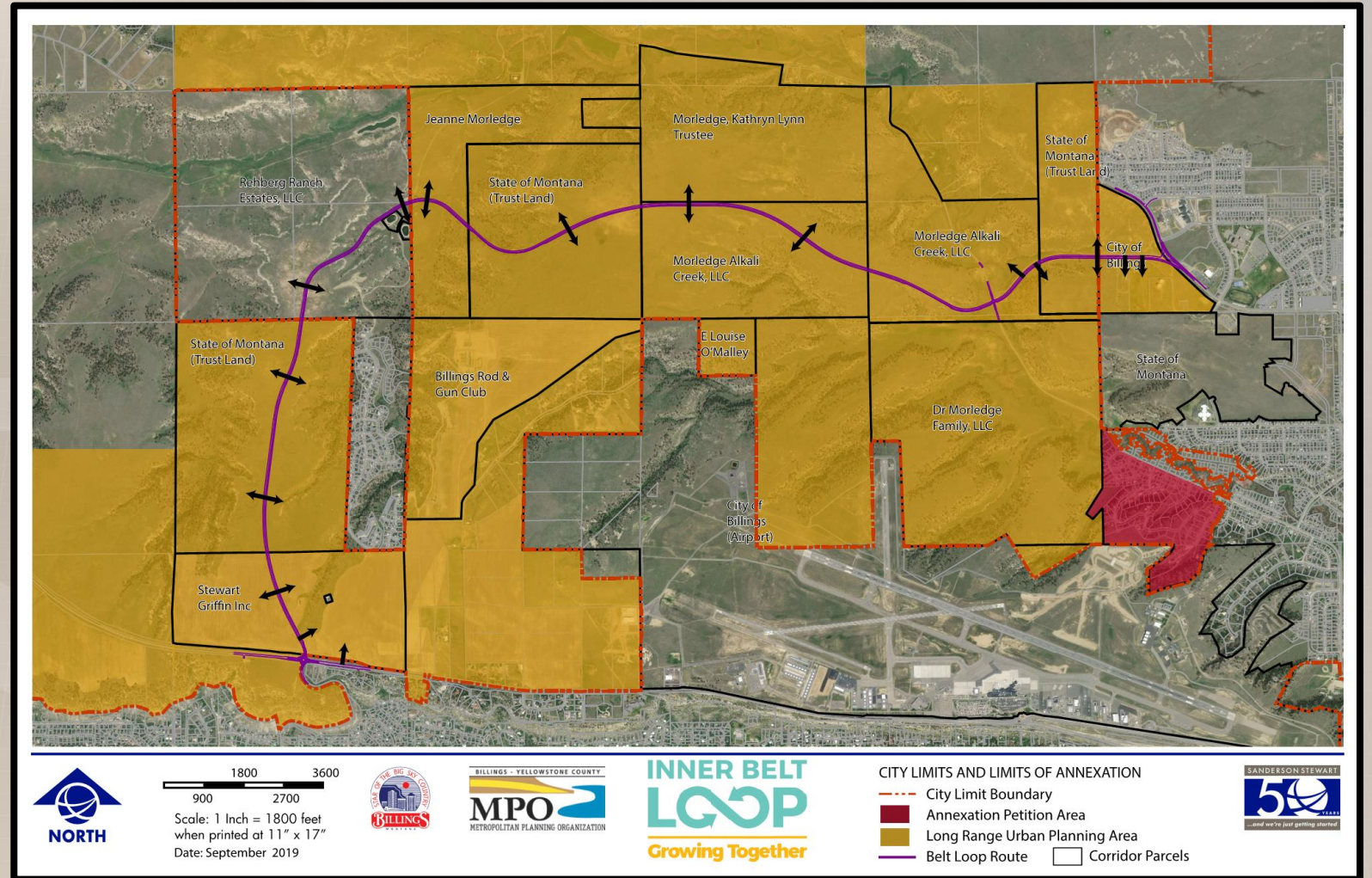
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Purpose Statement

To develop a comprehensive vision for the Inner Belt Loop roadway corridor that is based on stakeholder input, land use context, thoughtful planning, and sound technical analysis.

Background Info

- First identified as a key future link during development of 1990 transportation plan update
- Additional access into and out of and relief of congestion for the Heights region of Billings
- Provision of access to what is defined in the Growth Policy as a preferred future growth area
- BUILD Grant application

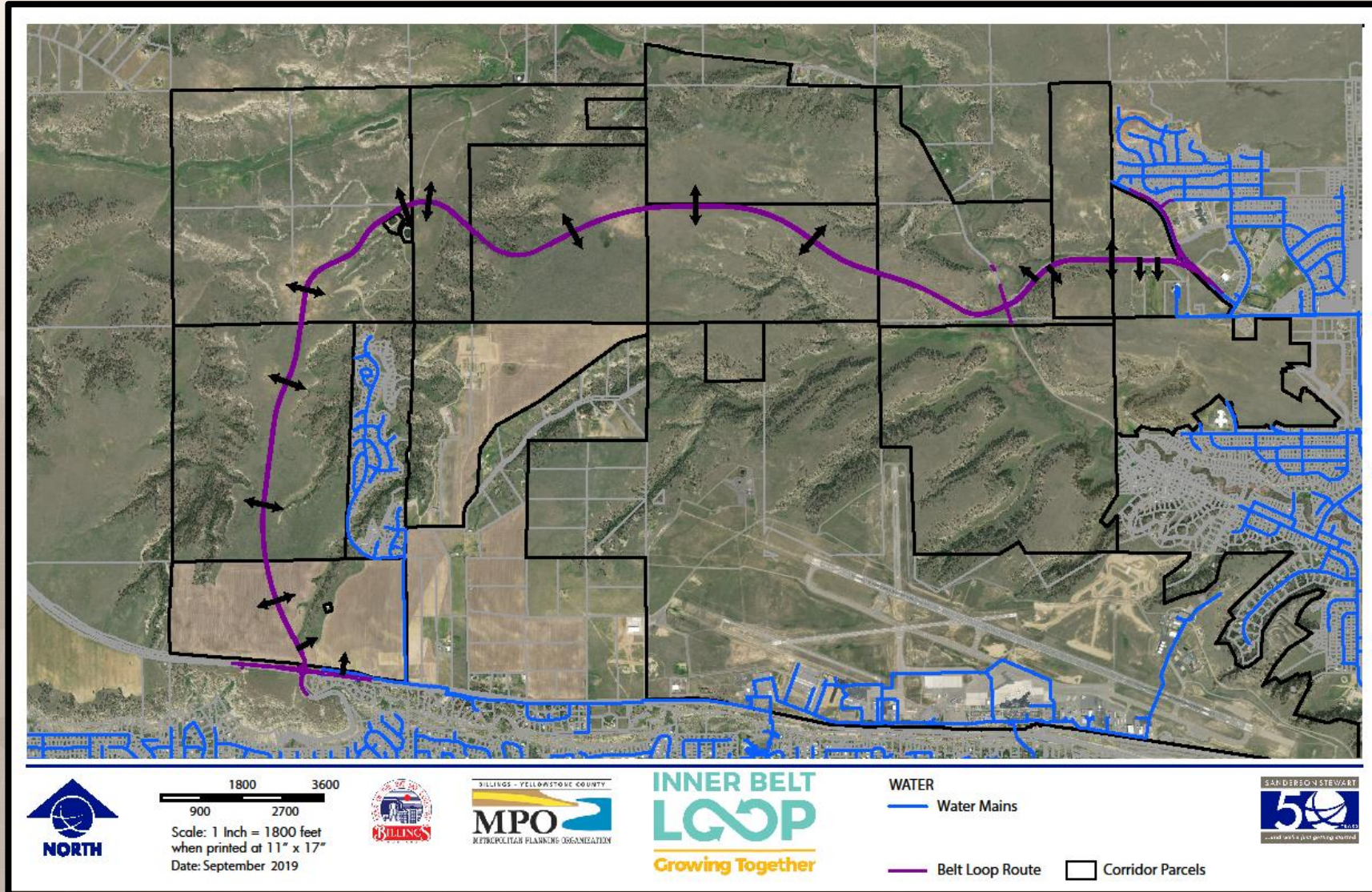


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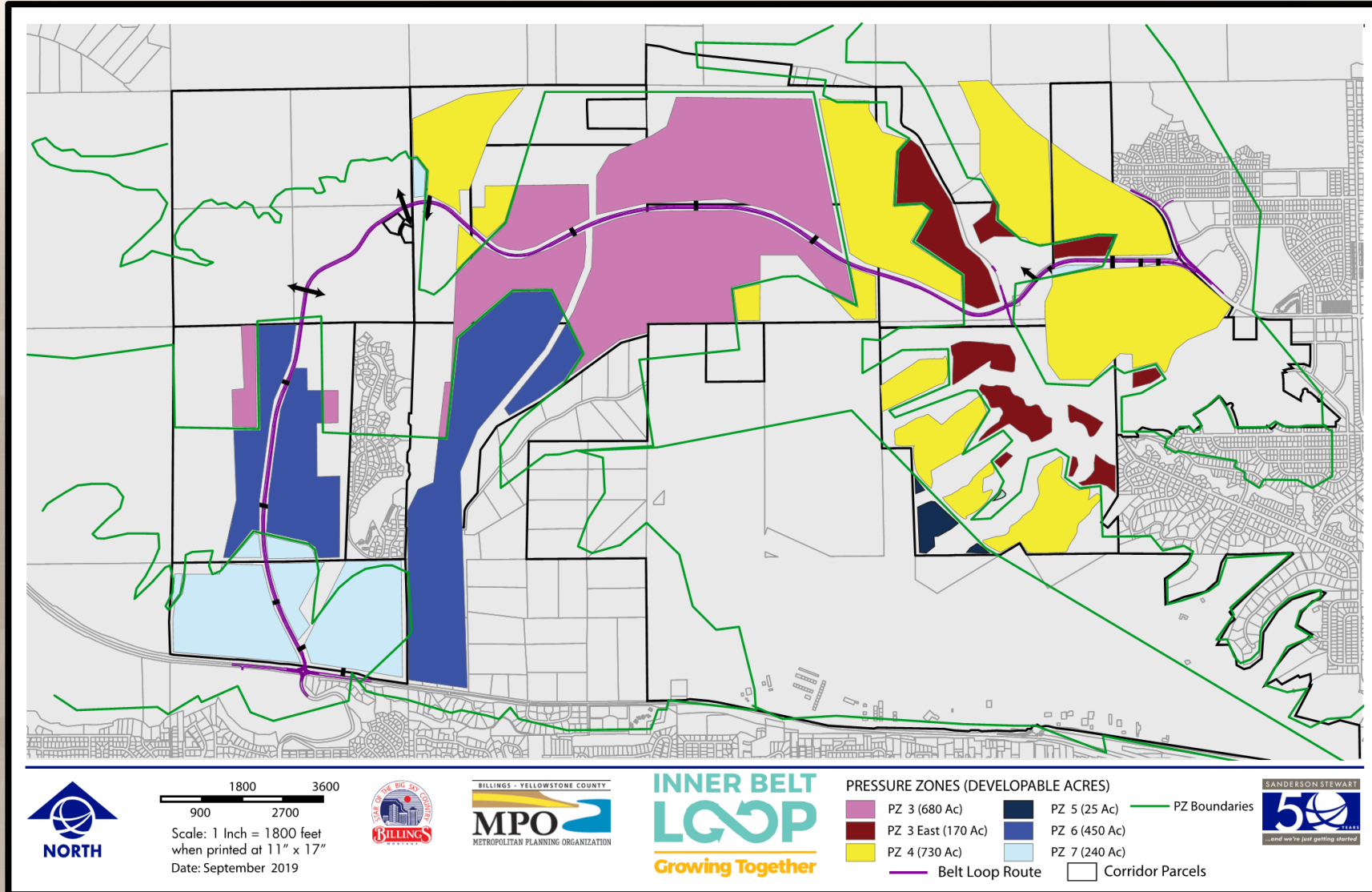
- Traffic Data Collection & Analysis
- Property Owner Meetings
- Public Works Coordination
- Misc. Stakeholder Meetings
- Land Development Feasibility Analysis
- Project Oversight Committee Meetings



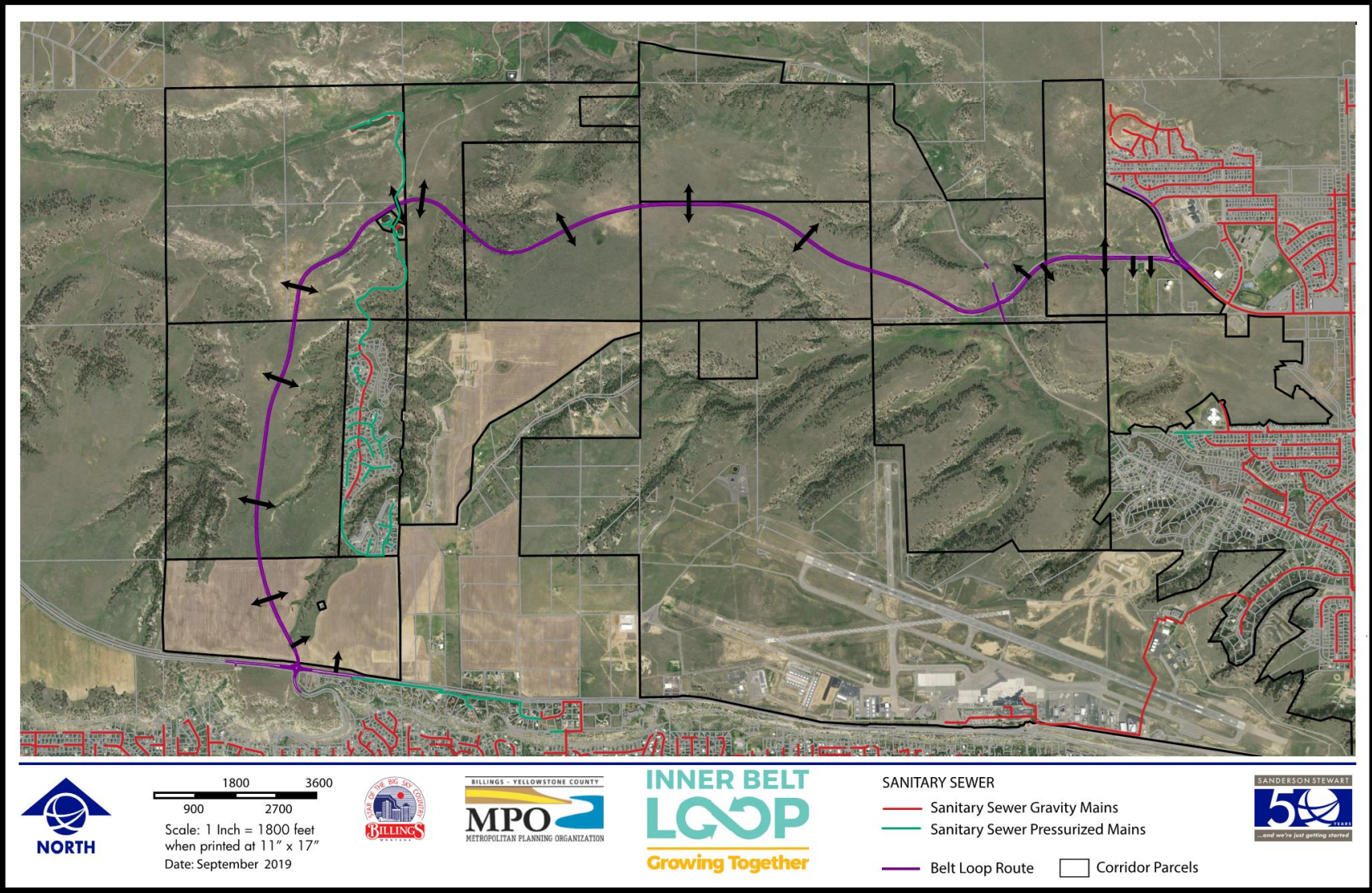
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APPROXIMATE PRESSURE ZONES

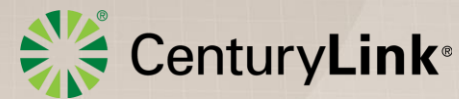


SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION POINTS



PRIVATE UTILITIES SERVICE

- Mixture of public and private investment required
- Other than funding, no major hurdles
- Service jurisdiction TBD in some cases



EMERGENCY SERVICES



Billings Fire Department

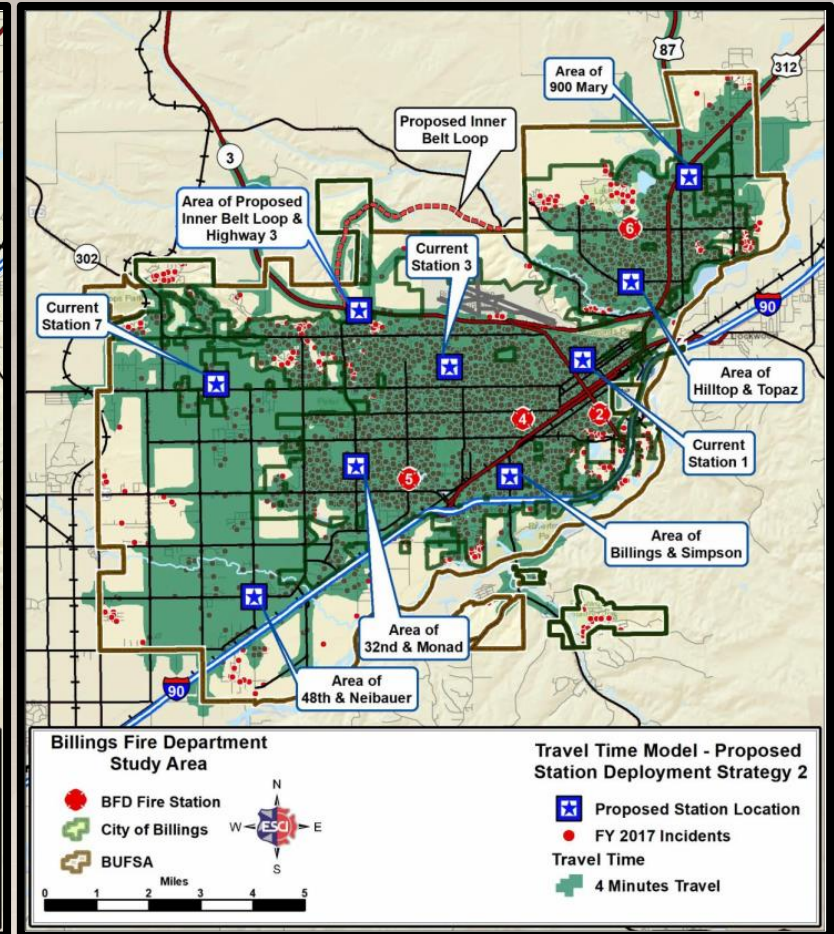
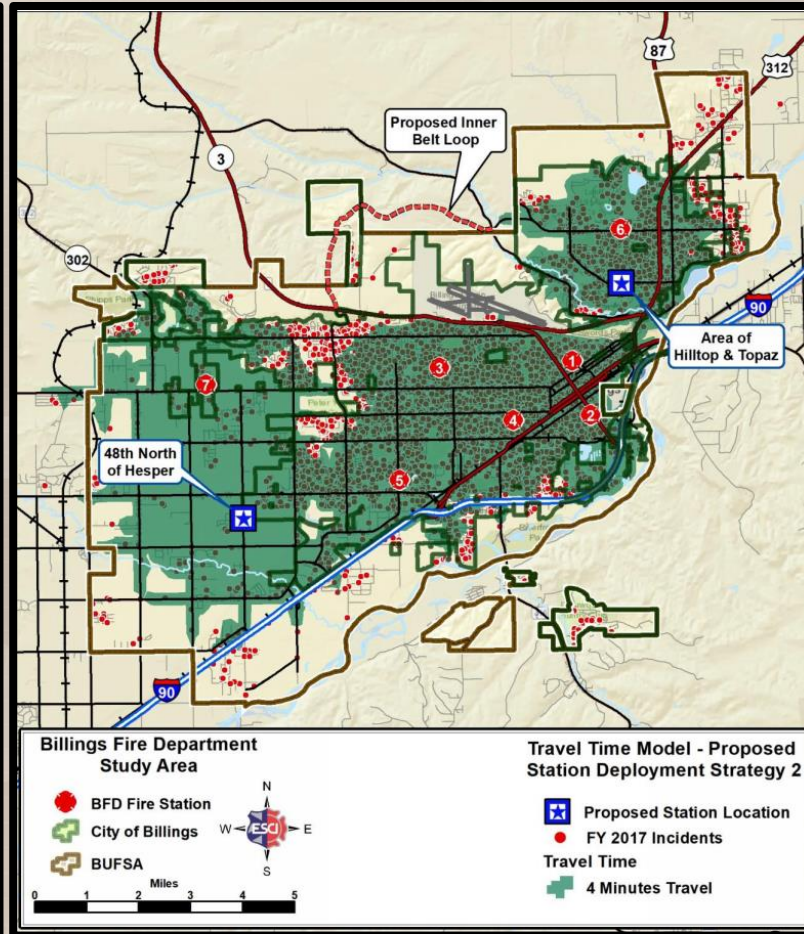
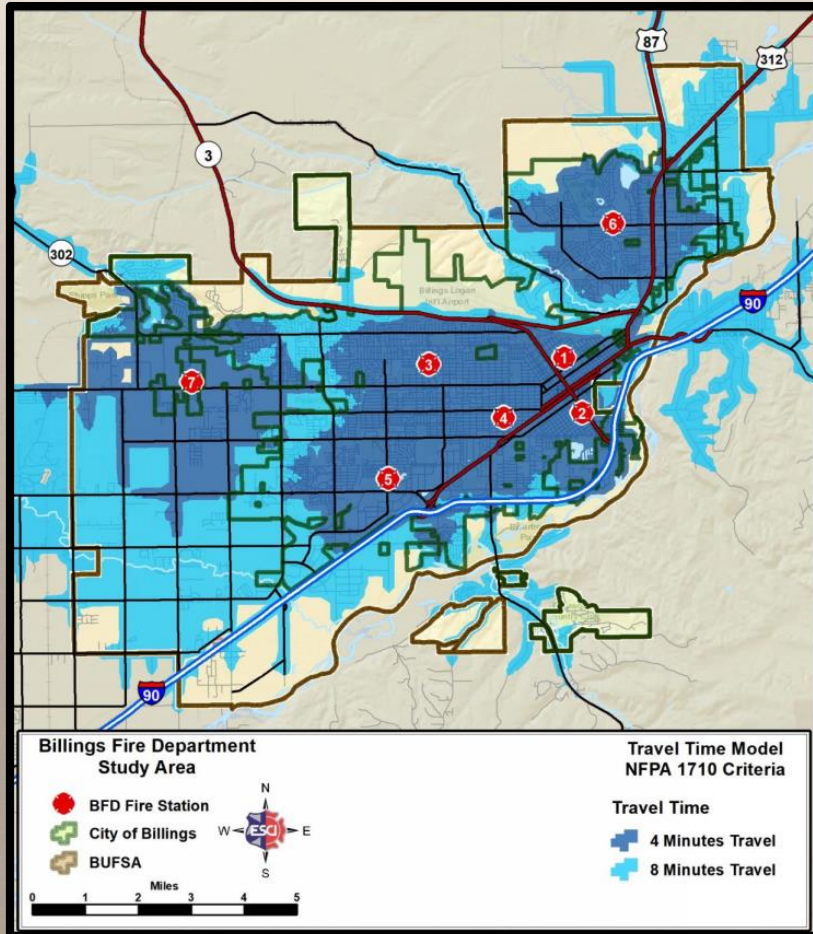
- ✓ Billings Urban Fire Service Area (BUFSA) – independent fire service district
- ✓ 2020 mill levy proposal – 2 new fire stations proposed
- ✓ Evaluation of an additional fire station in airport area to support significant IBL corridor development



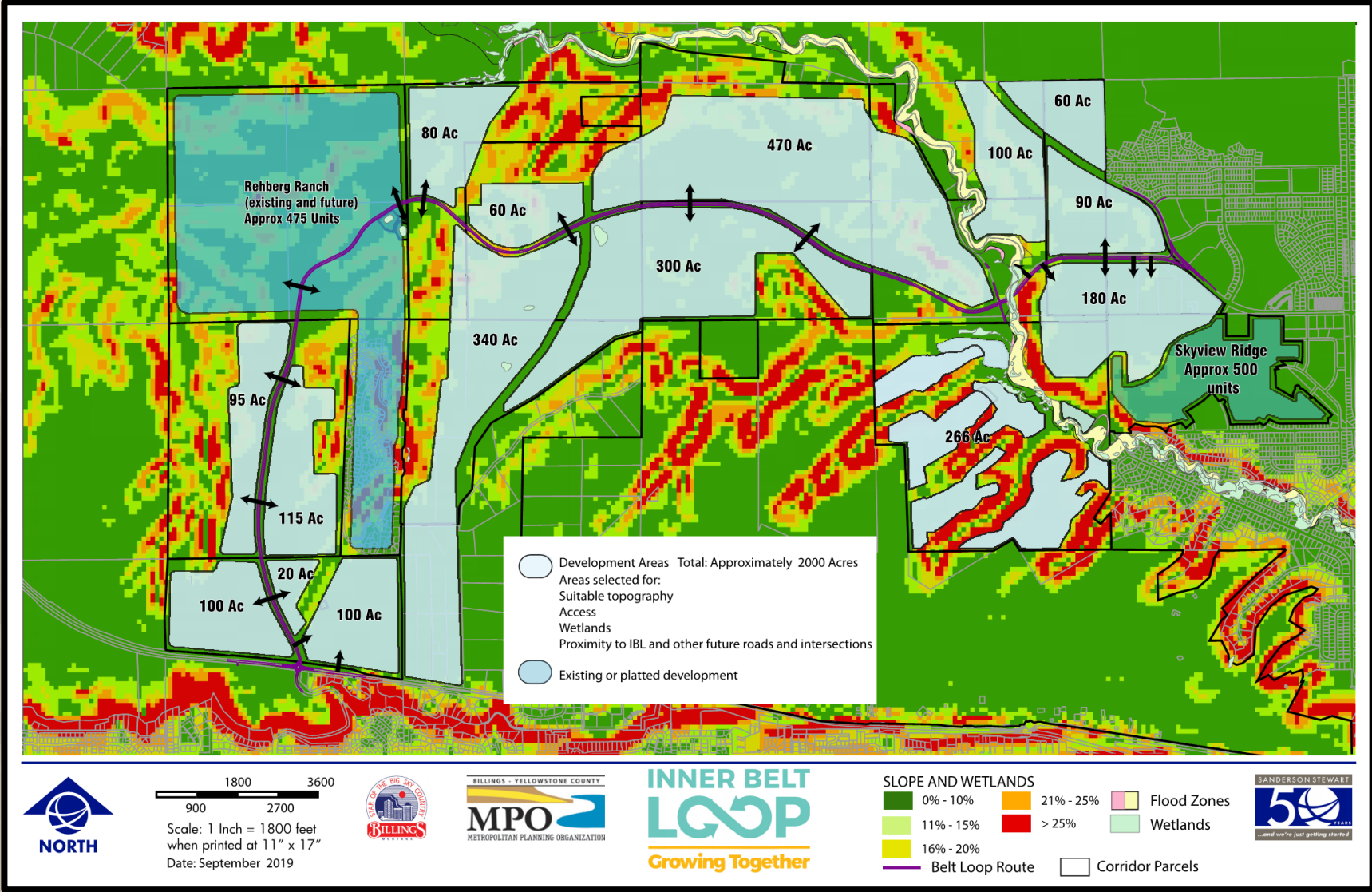
Billings Police Department

- ✓ Max of 4 officers patrolling Heights area at any one time
- ✓ Mil levy would also benefit BPD – needs are manpower-based
- ✓ Strategic co-location with fire stations

BFD RESPONSE/TRAVEL TIME



LAND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL



SUMMARY OF KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- **BUILD Grant application selection in December**
- **Sewer/water infrastructure challenges and costs**
- **Emergency services provisions – 2020 mil levy and beyond**
- **City vs. County development (densities)**
- **Urgency to develop property seems to be relatively low**



NEXT STEPS

- Additional Technical Analysis

- ✓ Land Development Feasibility
- ✓ Traffic Projections
- ✓ Future Conditions Traffic Operations Analysis
- ✓ Access Control
- ✓ Stormwater/Drainage Analysis

- Vision Development/Draft Report

- Public Meeting #1 (mid to late October)

- Draft Report (late 2019)

- Public Meeting #2 (January 2020)

- Final Report (first quarter 2020)

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QUESTIONS?

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Council Work Session

2.

Meeting Date: 09/16/2019

TITLE: Council Holiday Schedule

Department: City Hall Administration

Presentation: No

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

Per Billings, Montana City Code, Sec. 2-211, City Council shall hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, unless the meeting would fall on a day recognized as a holiday, then the meeting would be held on the following day (Tuesday). Any regular meeting may be canceled or rescheduled by majority vote of the Council at any time prior to the date scheduled for such meetings. Traditionally, during the month of December, Councilmembers and staff are on extended holiday leave during the week of Christmas. Therefore, the second work session meeting of the month (third Monday) is vacated in order to hold the second regular meeting.

This year Christmas is on Wednesday of the fourth week. Staff is asking for Council's direction whether to replace the second work session (December 16th) with the second regular meeting and vacate the December 23rd meeting date, or leave it as is.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council direct staff to replace the second work session of the month (December 16th) with the second regular meeting and vacate the December 23rd meeting date.
