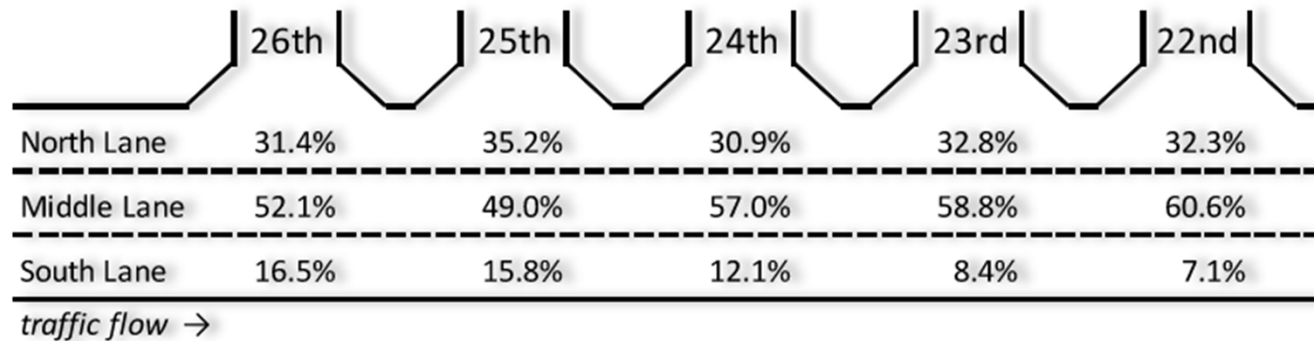


# Montana Ave Road Diet Update

City Council Work Session - February 17, 2026

# Montana Avenue Road Diet - 27th Street to 21st Street


- Montana Avenue: NHS Non-Interstate route → MDT Jurisdiction → MDT planning to resurface Montana Ave
- Traffic calming on Montana Avenue has been discussed since at least 2004
- Traffic analysis and design of a road diet included in Downtown Two-Way Conversion scope of work
- Found the intersection of N 27th St & Montana Ave will operate with additional delay but at an acceptable level



**Figure 5. Lane Distribution**

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- Existing Condition: 3 travel lanes, parallel parking
- MDT Proposed Improvements: maintain 3 travel lanes, parallel parking
  - Pavement preservation (chip seal)
  - Repair of some sections of curb and gutter, some concrete sidewalks
  - New pavements markings
  - Resurfacing existing crosswalks
    - RRFBs added to crosswalks in 2025 → 5 total

**NEW Flashing Crosswalk Beacons for Added Safety on Montana Ave** 

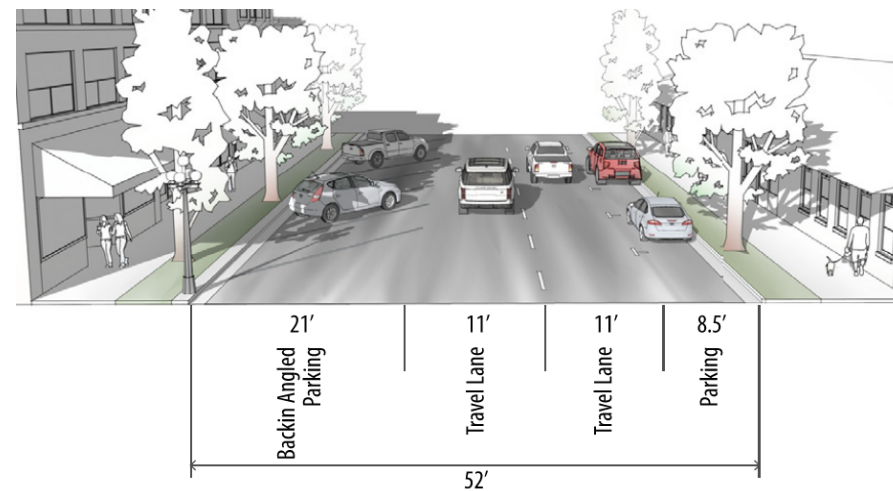


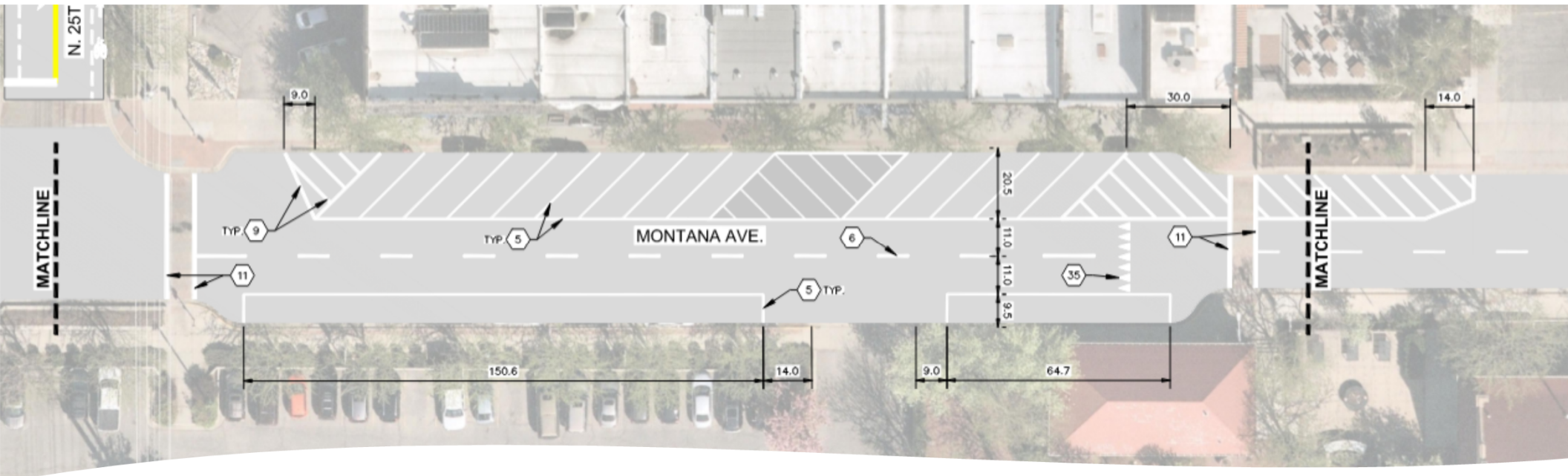
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## Road Diet Options:

- Back-In Angle Parking: 2 lanes of traffic, parallel and back-in angle parking
- MDT prefers back-in angle parking on the south side of the roadway
- Received community & business feedback on N 29th St and N 30th St
- Not Recommended

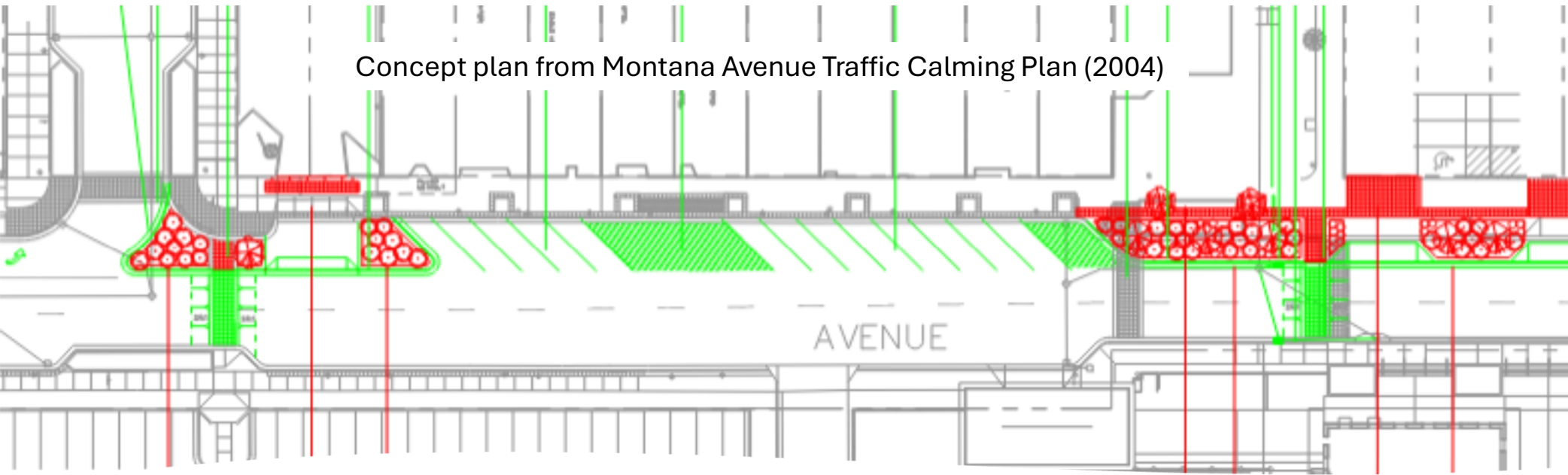




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## Road Diet Options Cont.

- Pull-In Angle Parking: 2 lanes of traffic, parallel, and pull-in angle parking
  - **No other roadways in Billings with angle parking that have similar volume & speed characteristics**
  - Not Recommended
- Parallel Parking & Lane Reduction:
  - Traffic calming unlikely to be achieved with only signing & striping
  - Not Recommended



## Montana Avenue Road Diet – 27th Street to 21st Street

**Takeaway: there does not appear to be a road diet & traffic calming solution that can be accomplished with signing and striping**

### Recommendations:

- Support MDT's current pavement marking plan for Montana Avenue → Summer 2027 construction
- Pursue a traffic calming solution on Montana Avenue that may incorporate curb extensions, sidewalk widening, etc. → CIP project



Questions?