AGENDA
CITY OF SHERIDAN
FEBRUARY 9, 2026
STUDY SESSION COUNCIL MEETING START 5:30 P.M.

1. Discussion of Resolution 03-26 - Supporting the Ballot Proposition for the Implementation of a 2% County-Wide Lodging Tax on the November 2026 General Election - Travel and Tourism Director Shawn Parker

2. Discussion of Bid Award to Fremont Motor Company for One (1) 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD Vehicle in the Amount of $40,417.00 - Fleet & Administrative Coordinator Heather Czaplinski

3. Discussion of Bid Award to LJS Concrete & Excavating LLC for the South Downtown Phase I Project in the Amount of $2,660,588.23 - City Engineer Thomas Morneau

4. Discussion of Resolution 04-26, Authorizing a WWDC Level II Study Joint Application - Utilities Director Dan Roberts

5. Discussion of a Revised Professional Service Agreement with Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Zach Leininger - City Attorney Brad Thimmesch

6. Discussion of Transportation Plan Update - City Engineer Thomas Morneau

7. General Discussion and Potential Future Agenda Items - City Administrator Stuart J. McRae
   A. Council Request for Future Agenda Items.

CITY OF SHERIDAN, WYOMING
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Clerk

MEMORANDUM

RE: Discussion of Resolution 03-26 - Supporting the Ballot Proposition for the Implementation of a 2% County-Wide Lodging Tax on the November 2026 General Election - Travel and Tourism Director Shawn Parker

From: Ashlee Foster, City Clerk

To: City Council

Date: 02/09/2026

Recommendation:

Sheridan County Travel and Tourism recommends that Mayor and Council approve Resolution 03-26 supporting the ballot proposition for the implementation of a 2% County-wide lodging tax on the November 2026 General Election Ballot.

Background:

Prior to 2020, Wyoming law authorized local governments to impose a lodging tax of up to four percent (4%), which the voters of the City of Sheridan approved and periodically reauthorized in that amount. In 2020, the Wyoming Legislature amended the statute to make two percent (2%) of the lodging tax permanent. *Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-104(h)(ii)* and requires voter approval for an additional two percent (2%) lodging tax, *Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-204(a)(ii).*

Discussion:

In order to place the County-wide lodging tax question on the ballot for this upcoming General Election in November 2026, two-thirds (2/3) of municipalities within Sheridan County will have to pass resolutions in support of this initiative. Each municipality will be presented with a similar resolution in support of placing the tax question on the ballot.

Attachments

Resolution 03-26

SCT&T Overview

Q1 Winter Industry Update

CITY OF SHERIDAN
RESOLUTION 03-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A 2% COUNTY-WIDE LODGING TAX AT THE NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Sheridan Travel & Tourism Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to pursue a county-wide lodging tax for the November 2026 General Election;

WHEREAS, the lodging tax is the sole means of funding for Sheridan Travel & Tourism;

WHEREAS, Wyoming law established the framework for a local-option lodging tax in 1989, and the voters of the City of Sheridan approved the City's local-option lodging tax in 1992, with collections commencing in Fiscal year 1993;

WHEREAS, prior to 2020, Wyoming law authorized local governments to impose a lodging tax of up to four percent (4%), which the voters of the City of Sheridan approved and periodically reauthorized in that amount;

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Wyoming Legislature amended the statute to make two percent (2%) of the lodging tax permanent, Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-104(h)(ii) and require voter approval an additional two percent (2%) lodging tax, Wyo. Stat. § 39-15-204(a)(ii); and

WHEREAS, the revenue received from the county-wide lodging tax will be used for Sheridan Travel & Tourism and allocated to further promote Sheridan County as a whole.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SHERIDAN, WYOMING:

That the Governing Body of the City of Sheridan hereby endorses the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at the November 2026 General Election proposing the adoption of a two percent (2%) county-wide lodging tax within Sheridan County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2026.

City of Sheridan

_____

Richard Bridger, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlee Foster, City Clerk

SHERIDAN COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM

Sheridan
COUNTY, WYOMING, USA.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sheridan County voters first voted in favor of the Lodging Tax in 1992. In 2018, Sheridan County voters approved a County-Wide Lodging Tax that has allowed Sheridan County Travel & Tourism to continue marketing, promoting, and advertising the community and its attractions and events to potential visitors from domestic and international markets. The Lodging Tax Board includes industry representation from across Sheridan County, the City of Sheridan, Ranchester, Clearmont, and Dayton.

The Lodging Tax is paid by visitors staying overnight in hotels, motels, RV parks, campgrounds, guest ranches, vacation homes, and B&Bs. 2% of the local Lodging Tax is codified by state legislation. The other 2% is voted on by citizens every four years. The 4% total has been the same in Sheridan since 2005.

Sheridan County Travel & Tourism leverages funds to provide economic opportunities through marketing and promotion, supporting businesses and organizations directly and indirectly across our community. Tourism is critical to Sheridan County's economic vitality, and Sheridan County Travel & Tourism's board and staff work with local partners on promotional activities, events, and much more.

TRAVEL-GENERATED SPENDING

$165.3 MILLION IN 2024
$160.4 MILLION IN 2023

VISITOR SPENDING - SUMMER 2025

61% OF RETAIL AND 31% OF RESTAURANT SPENDING WAS BY VISITORS

TRAVEL-GENERATED JOBS

1,000+ DIRECTLY EMPLOYED LOCAL RESIDENTS

SHERIDAN COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE APPROVED THE LODGING TAX EACH TIME IT HAS APPEARED ON THE BALLOT, INCLUDING IN 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2018, AND 2022.

AVERAGE SPENDING PER TRIP

$263 PER PERSON
$631 PER GROUP

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

2.8 NIGHTS PER VISIT PER TRAVELER

LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL

53% OF VISITORS COME FROM MORE THAN 400 MILES AWAY

TRAVEL-GENERATED TAXES

$3.8 MILLION LOCAL
$5.4 MILLION STATE
IN 2024

SPLITS OF OVERNIGHT VISITORS

51% HOTELS/MOTELS
30% CAMPGROUND/OTHER
19% VACATION RENTAL

TRAVEL & TOURISM SUPPORTS SHERIDAN COUNTY

- Sheridan County Travel & Tourism supports dozens of events, conferences, and meetings, including the WYO Rodeo, Dead Swede, 3rd Thursday, Karz Showcase, Christmas Stroll, Big Horn Soccer Cup, Hoop Jam, Wyoming Chess Championship, WYO Film Festival, Winter Rodeo, Ranchester 4th of July, and many more. Tourism funding supports events large and small, new and old.
- Sporting events, cultural activities, and scholastic programs all receive support.
- SCTT works in tandem with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to recruit and sustain many conferences, meetings and events.
- SCTT is an integral economic development tool and is frequently approached by businesses interested in expanding or relocating and creating new jobs.
- Sheridan County Travel & Tourism's marketing and promotional campaigns are shared across more than 50 national and international outlets each year in a mix of print, digital, radio and other media with initiatives dedicated to increasing length of stay; broadening geographic markets; and increasing visitor spending.
- Trade partners (tour operators, travel planners, etc.) help to increase reach and spread the word about Sheridan County as a destination beyond where our reach or budget would typically allow.

THE VISITOR ECONOMY IN SHERIDAN COUNTY

- In 2024 Sheridan County welcomed more than 460,000 overnight visitors.
- Despite regional competition from the likes of Billings, Red Lodge, Bozeman, and Rapid City, and in-state destinations such as Cody and Buffalo, Sheridan County's visitor economy continues to attract travelers from across the globe.
- Since 2014 tax collections on travel spending has totaled $77.4 million; funds support local infrastructure, public services, amenities and more across all of Sheridan County.
- More than 80% of visitors to Sheridan County come from out of state; all visitors, including those from Wyoming, benefit from the activities and services generated by the visitor economy.
- More than 10% of visitors come from markets outside the US and Canada; the top three are the UK, Germany, and France.

DATA SOURCES:

Dean Runyan Associates, Travel Impact Report, 2024; US Bureau of Economic Analysis; DataFy HQ; AirDNA; US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

OUTPUT AND IMPACT

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS, AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

SCTT'S WORK IS FOCUSED ON THREE KEY LEVERAGE POINTS

HISTORY & HERITAGE | **WESTERN CULTURE** | **THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

RECENT PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- A 2025 digital ad campaign generated 11,268 trips and $2.2 million in economic impact to local businesses from a spend of $42,000 - a return on investment of 66:1.
- A 2025 Great American West international co-operative campaign generated 3,841 room nights and $2.2 million in economic impact from a spend of $7,500, an ROI of 293:1. Travelers came from the UK, Nordics, Germany, France, Italy, and Australia. We work directly with more than 200 tour operators in these markets each year.
- SCTT produces an annual marketing and promotions toolkit that is available to all community businesses, organizations, and entities - not only those in hospitality.
- Promo efforts encourage experiential travel, leveraging the visitor economy for the benefit of Sheridan County residents.

SHERIDANWYOMING.ORG

CENTER OF THE SCTT MEDIA ECOSYSTEM

2025 WEBSITE STATS

239.4K ACTIVE USERS
106K NEWSLETTERS SENT

2025 MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

400+ MEETINGS WITH TRAVEL AGENTS, MEETING PLANNERS, ETC

LODGING TAX FUNDS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHERIDAN COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD, NINE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS ARE REPRESENTED FAIRLY.

- SCTT operates the Sheridan Information Center, welcoming roughly 100,000 people through the doors each year. SCTT has also operated the Burgess Junction Visitor Center since May 2023. Burgess welcomed nearly 30,000 visitors in summer 2025.
- SCTT's community media archive, available to local entities, includes more than 26,000 images and hundreds of hours of video footage.
- In 2025 SCTT produced economic impact studies for SCSD2's proposed community center; a downtown hotel developer; a manufacturing technology company; the Sheridan County Fairgrounds; and other businesses interested in expanding or relocating - and creating new jobs.
- SCTT builds new opportunities. Programs include ***The Backyard***, ***Women of Sheridan, Wyo.***, ***Icons and Outlaws***, and ***Craft is King*** media campaigns; and more.
- The WYO Winter Rodeo and annual skijoring races draws thousands of spectators to the community at a time of year when economic impacts are typically very low.
- Promotional campaigns are designed to encourage visitation year-round. SCTT has developed material to promote arts events and attractions in the spring; snowmobiling, fat biking and skiing activities in the winter; and outdoor recreation activities in the fall. Summer campaigns feature road trips, western lifestyle, cowboy heritage, historic attractions, and much more.

2025 FACEBOOK STATS

5.1 MILLION VIEWS
72.1K INTERACTIONS

2025 TO-DATE INSTAGRAM STATS

485.1K VIEWS
11.9K INTERACTIONS

2025 TO-DATE YOUTUBE STATS

264.8K VIEWS
2.9K HOURS WATCHED

2025-TO DATE PHOTO ARCHIVE

2.1 MILLION VIEWS
26,914 PHOTOS

COUNTY AIRPORT PASSENGERS

2025: 60,339
2024: 58,030
2023: 51,359
2022: 48,512

ADDITIONAL OUTREACH

- A partnership with Price Travel Mexico resulted in an increase in inbound Wyoming passengers from 114 to 387, and room bookings from 19 to 204, from 2023 to 2024. This is an example of just one operator partnership.
- Partnerships include the Wyoming Office of Tourism, Brand USA, local tourism and lodging tax boards across the region, local businesses and organizations, and national brands.
- SCTT staff travel to domestic and international trade shows, consumer travel and tourism events, and sales conventions to develop partner relationships and broaden exposure to the community.
- SCTT coordinates the distribution of resources for community partners, including the distribution of more than 50,000 visitor guides and brochures each year, in physical and digital formats.

Sheridan
COUNTY, WYOMING, USA.

SHERIDAN COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM
QUARTERLY INDUSTRY UPDATE
JANUARY 2026



BLACK FRIDAY
CHRISTMAS STROLL

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES + FORECAST

I have had many meetings over the last few months with businesses and event organizers about what to expect for 2026, and the sense I get is that optimism abounds. Visitors are truly viewing Sheridan County as a destination, as evidenced by increases in the average length of stay. We are still receiving regular inquiries from businesses looking to expand or relocate, an element of the industry that's always important given that this can lead to growth in the jobs market. From a visitation standpoint our community saw solid numbers through September, and we continue to pace ahead of many regional competitors. We did see a decline in hotel occupancy in October and November, but part of that is due to the fact that we saw a massive jump in overnight stays in October 2024 with Elk Fire firefighters in town. If we ever get this exceptional winter weather that we've been told to expect for months, our winter recreation industry, including snowmobiling, alpine and Nordic skiing, etc., should take care of early winter dips.

We kicked off the holiday season by publishing our annual Gift Guide in early November, a project that not only allows us to help promote many of the amazing local businesses in our community, but also gives us plenty of great ideas for future projects, whether they be Craft is King features, episodes of The Backyard, or social media promo concepts. As we roll into the new year there are many exciting events to look forward to, including First Day Hikes, The Lake DeSmet Polar Plunge, and one of my personal favorites, the Black Mountain Nordic Club's Moonlight Ski event at Sibley Lake on January 3rd. After that, I hope that you'll come out for the start of USA Semiquincentennial Celebrations when the Sheridan Hawks take on the Bozeman Icedogs on January 16th at 730pm. As for other Semiquincentennial/USA 250 activations, keep an eye on sheridancounty250.org.

Our winter campaigns are running in many markets, with a push on activities surrounding the Sheridan WYO Winter Rodeo, as well as winter recreation opportunities that should draw people to Sheridan County into the early spring. We are also wrapping up work on a new series of itineraries that will roll out late this winter as people begin planning spring and summer road trips. Speaking of the Winter Rodeo, I want to acknowledge our partners and sponsors that make this possible year after year! Sponsor funds go directly into the purse to help draw competitors from across the country, while partners and volunteers help us make skijoring magic happen at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds each year.

One of the many things that we're excited about is the launch of Season 3 of The Backyard, our streaming series about Bighorn Mountain Country experiences; we thought it appropriate to kick things off with a health and wellness episode on January 1st, and I want to thank Kula Yoga Studio, Prizm Health, Eatons' Ranch, and all people that helped us put this one together. You can find the full episode, images, and story on sheridanwyoming.org - along with every episode from Season 1 and Season 2. Over the next several months we'll release episodes featuring golf; hiking and backpacking; snowmobiling; culinary adventures; hands-on arts experiences; and much more.

In this report I've included the most recent info on Burgess Junction; updates to our Icons and Outlaws, and Craft is King campaigns; visitor data comparing 2024 to 2025; information on our community-wide Trip Advisor updates that any local business can still take advantage of; media and industry news; updates to our Photography and Video Archive (now housing a staggering 26,914 images!); and some general updates on our output and impact that we hope will inspire you as you craft your own messaging throughout 2026. We're also eagerly anticipating the arrival of our 2026 Visitor Guide, fresh Winter Rodeo promo material, and more - some of which I am previewing for you here.

Happy New Year!

Shawn Parker
Executive Director
Sheridan County Travel & Tourism

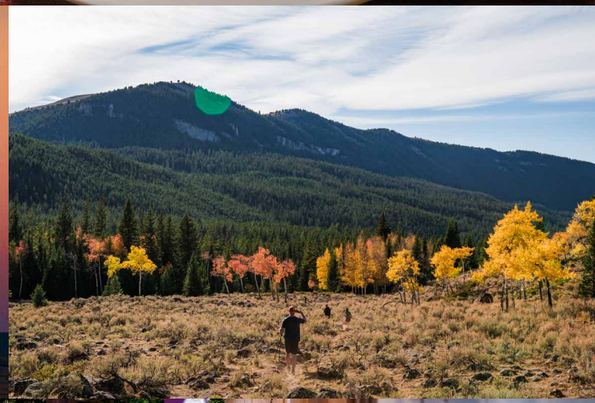


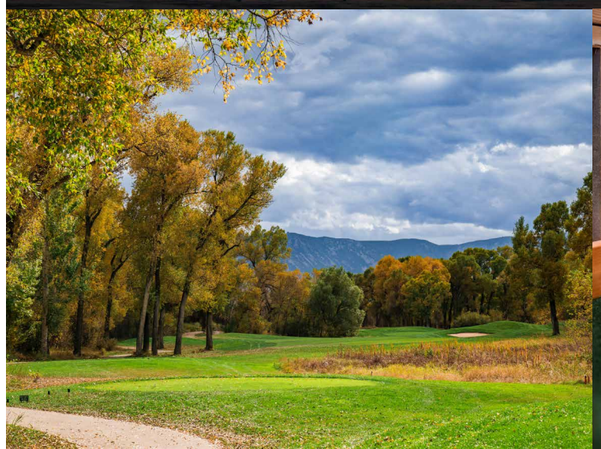












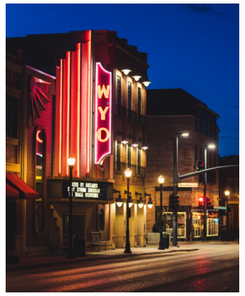


Fall 2025 / Sheridan County in Focus.
Christmas Stroll / Kendrick Golf Course / Trail End State Historic Site / Open Range at the Sheridan Inn / Sunset from Hidden Bridge Golf Course / Adelaide Lake Trail / The Powder Horn / Solitude Golf



















WESTERN HISTORY. COWBOY HERITAGE. CRAFT CULTURE. THE GREAT OUTDOORS.

The world comes out west expecting to see cowboys driving horses through the streets of downtown; pronghorn butting heads on windswept bluffs; clouds encircling the towering pinnacles of the Cloud Peak Wilderness; and endless expanses of wild, open country. These are some of the fibers that have been stitched together over time to create the patchwork quilt of Sheridan County's identity, each part and parcel to the Wyoming experience. Toss in a historic downtown district, with western allure, hospitality and good graces to spare; a vibrant art scene; bombastic craft culture; a robust festival and events calendar; small town charm from one historic outpost to the next; living history on every corner; and you have a golden ticket to the adventure of a lifetime.

YOUR GOLDEN TICKET TO THE WILD WEST.

SHERIDANWYOMING.ORG

For our hotel and restaurant directories, travel guides, itineraries, and more.

#VISITSHERIDAN

For our Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube and the icons and outlaws of Sheridan, Wyo.

PLAN YOUR TRIP

THE NATURE OF THE WEST
An example of a print ad running in several national publications.

CALENDAR AND COVERAGE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You can find our calendar of events at sheridanwyoming.org
Our staff routinely updates listings and event details on the calendar and our website, but make sure to let us know if you see something that needs to be edited our updated. The community calendar is now fully interactive, and there are handy tabs to assist you in adding your own events.

MEDIA + INDUSTRY NEWS

Sheridan County continues to feature in articles, stories, and news releases across a variety of media. We do our best to collect and feature these stories across our social media channels and throughout our network. Check out a few from 2025:

AARP: Small Town Cool in the Bighorn Mountains
USA Today: These 8 Hidden Gem US Road Trips are Perfect for Families Year-Round
My Family Travels: 10 Ways to Experience Cowboy Culture in Wyoming Ranch Country
True West Magazine: Cultural Wyoming
Christian Post: In Sheridan, Cowboys Still Walk Main Street
MSN: In Sheridan, Cowboys Still Walk Main Street
Road Trips for Families: Why a Dude Ranch Vacation is the Ultimate Family Getaway
AMA Travel: The Fascinating History of Sheridan County
Brand USA: Korea Q2 Quarterly Newsletter Release
USA Today 10Best: Eatons' Ranch, No. 1 Best Dude Ranch
USA Today 10Best: What is the Best Rodeo for 2025?
Howdy Neighbor: The REAL Cowboy Experience
PBS: Racing for Honor: The World Championship of Indian Relay
Lonely Planet: 12 US Towns for a Cowboy Core Getaway
ArcaMax: Taking the kids: Fall getaways for new empty nesters

And these stories and features from 2024:
Travel + Leisure - This Underrated Northern Wyoming Town
America's Golfing Couple - Cody, Yellowstone, and Yonder
Matador Network - Solo Wyoming Road Trip
Wyoming PBS - The Astonishing Winter Sport Attracting Thousands
Matador Network - Solo Wyoming Road Trip
Come On Aileen Blog - Road Trip Sheridan
Roadbook - The Dude Ranch Revival
Ride Apart - This Was the Best Motorcycle Rally I've Ever Done, Don't Do It
WRN - Riding a BMW Motorcycle on the 2024 DevilStone Run through Wyoming

Shout out to The Mint Bar - featured in RFD-TV's "From the Heart of America" series profiling inspiring characters across the West!

The Wyoming Office of Tourism invited us to a June event in Chicago where we had the opportunity to meet with journalists and content creators from outlets like Food & Wine; Forbes; Fodor's; Matador Network; Robb Report; Travel + Leisure; and more. We hosted tour operators and travel planners from England, France, Italy, Germany, Benelux, Nordic nations, and Canada in 2025. These visits allow operators and planners to get to know Sheridan County and Wyoming on a deeper level, which results in more authentic sales pitches to their clients across the globe.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026
SIBLEY LAKE NORDIC TRAILS --- MOONLIGHT SKI --- DUSK-9PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026
THE WYO THEATER --- SHIMMER: WINTER CIRQUE REVIEW --- BUY TICKETS --- 630PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026
WHITNEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS --- THE TWO TRACKS --- BUY TICKETS --- 7PM

SAT & SUN, JAN 31 & FEB 1, 2026
ANTELOPE BUTTE --- SKI AND BOARD --- UNDER 18 FREE --- LIFTS 930AM-4PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026
THE WYO THEATER --- VITAMIN STRING QUARTET --- BUY TICKETS --- 7PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026
ANTELOPE BUTTE --- SKI AND BOARD --- UNDER 18 FREE --- LIFTS 930AM-4PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026
ANTELOPE BUTTE --- SKI AND BOARD --- UNDER 18 FREE --- LIFTS 930AM-4PM
WHITNEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS --- YIELD: KIMBERLY ENGLISH --- 4PM-6PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026
ANTELOPE BUTTE --- SKI AND BOARD --- UNDER 18 FREE --- LIFTS 930AM-4PM
SKIJORING REGISTRATION --- BLACK TOOTH BREWING CO --- 12PM-7PM
THE WYO THEATER --- REPERTORY DANCE THEATER --- TICKETED --- 7PM
SHERIDAN HAWKS HOCKEY --- WHITNEY RINK AT M&MS CENTER --- 730PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026
ANTELOPE BUTTE --- SKI AND BOARD --- UNDER 18 FREE --- LIFTS 930AM-4PM
SKIJORING RACES --- SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS --- FREE --- 11AM
WHITNEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS --- DR ROBERT PSURNY RECITAL --- BUY TICKETS --- 7PM
SHERIDAN HAWKS HOCKEY --- WHITNEY RINK AT M&MS CENTER --- 730PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026
STORY CENTENNIAL PARK --- LEARN TO NORDIC SKI --- FREE --- 10AM-2PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
CUTLER HILL NORDIC TRAILS --- CHILI FEED --- FREE --- 11AM-2PM

FOR WHERE TO EAT, STAY, SHOP AND PLAY VISIT
WWW.SHERIDANWYOMING.ORG



SHERIDAN COUNTY SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Shawn Parker | Chairman
sheridancounty250.org

GET INVOLVED TO CELEBRATE #SHERIDANCOUNTY250!

MORE INFO AT SHERIDANCOUNTY250.ORG

The Sheridan County Semiquincentennial Committee is working on a year of community-wide celebrations marking America's Semiquincentennial in 2026. From signature events to grassroots creative projects, this initiative invites residents and visitors to engage in a vibrant journey through western heritage, culture, and civic pride. And if you have a great idea, or you're already working on something exciting, please reach out to any member of the group to share it and to get involved!

Festivities include tie-ins and celebrations with signature events like the Sheridan WYO Rodeo, Ranchester 4th of July, skijoring, a celebratory launch event during the first Sheridan Hawks home game of 2026, and much more. Committee members will be on the lookout all year long for items to "seal" in a time capsule—the proposed location for the capsule, which will be dedicated on July 4th and sealed on December 31st, is the Sheridan Fulmer Public Library.

In addition to Ranchester's fantastic 4th of July celebrations, the committee is working with the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Sheridan, and Trail End State Historic Site on a special 4th of July event at Kendrick Park. The committee and the Downtown Sheridan Association are working on displays for each of the community's downtown areas; each of Sheridan County's school districts, the Whitney Rink, Sheridan County Fairgrounds and Bridges are working with CraftCo on a special memorial project; and annual events like Clearmont Day, Story Days, Dayton Days, Parkman Daze, and events in Big Horn are being incorporated into the celebratory mix.

Several cultural programs have been developed, including projects by the Museum at the Bighorns, Brinton Museum, SAGE Community Arts, Sheridan Fulmer Public Library, The WYO Theater, and others.

A Flag Design Contest, spearheaded by SAGE, invites residents of all ages to submit original flag designs that capture the unique culture, history, landscapes, and values of Sheridan County's communities. You can submit your flag at sheridancounty250.org – winning designs will be unveiled ahead of the July 4,2026 community celebrations.

Visit the official site at sheridancounty250.org for event listings, updates, and volunteer opportunities. Share ideas for community projects and programming and what you'd love to see in our community in 2026.

The 250th anniversary is fueling a nationwide surge in heritage tourism, and with so many meaningful, history-rich experiences right here in our backyard, and nationally-known assets like the Bozeman Trail, Fort Phil Kearny, the Sheridan Inn, Eatons', Spear-O, and Canyon Ranch -to name a few- as well as the cultural allure of our historic downtown, we expect Sheridan County to feature on many western journeys as travelers explore the landscapes where the frontier, Native cultures, and America's westward expansion intersect.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE





THE BACKYARD

Season 3 Streaming Now

ADVENTURES, EVENTS, EXPERIENCES—CELEBRATING THE PLACES AND MOMENTS THAT MAKE OUR HOME WORTH EXPLORING

THIS IS BIGHORN MOUNTAIN COUNTRY

The Backyard is a multimedia campaign with a streaming web series as the fulcrum of our outreach efforts. In addition to the streaming series, we also produce companion stories and articles; podcast episodes; photo journals; and advertising collateral that is distributed via dozens of partners and outlets across many of our channels.

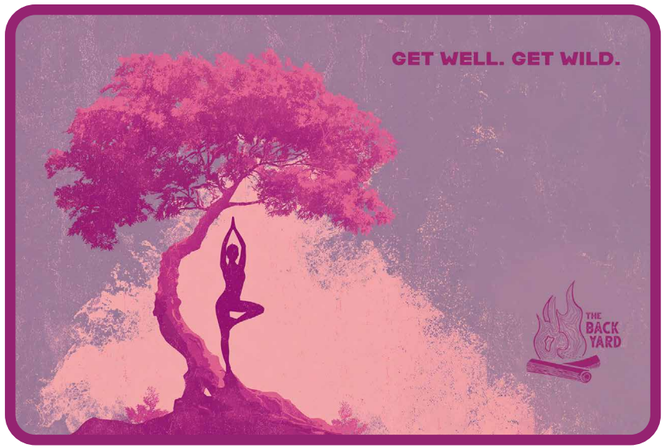
Our goal is to showcase why the Bighorns are the ultimate playground for those who choose to go outside and play, and why Sheridan County is among the most authentic, spirited, and unique travel destinations in the American West. We feature art, cowboy culture, history, the outdoors, and so much more.

Since its debut in 2020 as a pandemic recovery program The Backyard has served as a showcase for authentic travel experiences and has generated millions of views and impressions, along the way helping to boost interest in longer, more immersive stays in our community.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Season 3 kicked off on January 1st with a special episode dedicated to wellness - not a bad way to ring in the new year! Over the next few months we will air episodes that feature adventures in Wyoming's Golf Capital; backcountry hiking; mountain biking; fly fishing; chasing fall colors; and more. So much more.

Every episode of The Backyard can be found at sheridanwyoming.org



SEASON 3 EPISODE 1

GET WELL. GET WILD.

BURGESS JUNCTION VISITOR CENTER

Open Memorial Day Weekend to October

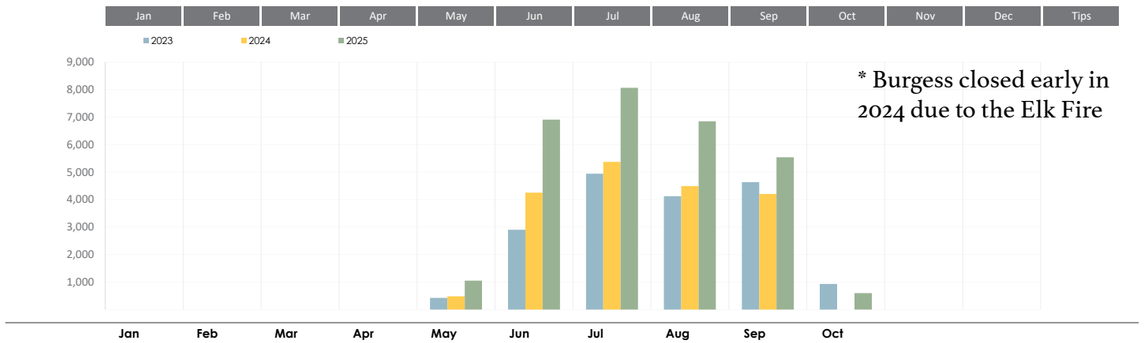
Our staff opened Burgess Junction over Memorial Day Weekend and closed for the season on Sunday, October 6th. We welcomed 29,344 people through the doors this year - a 42.69% increase over 2024.

Our most requested item of 2025?
Maps of the Bighorn National Forest.



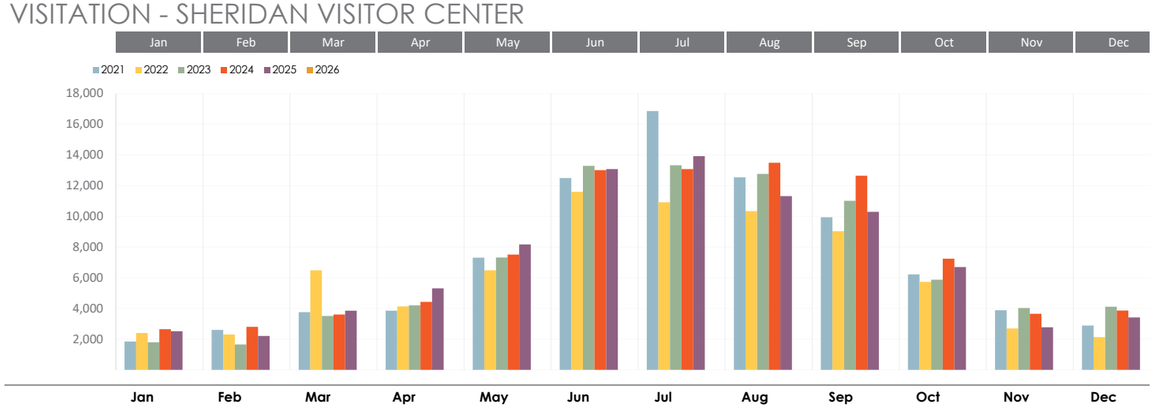
Father-son duo Kip and Piper Steinmetz kept Burgess open 7 days a week this season and found time to install beautiful new flooring. The Forest Service refreshed the exterior of the building with new paint, patches, and additional repairs.

VISITATION - BURGESS JUNCTION



* Burgess closed early in 2024 due to the Elk Fire

VISITATION - SHERIDAN VISITOR CENTER



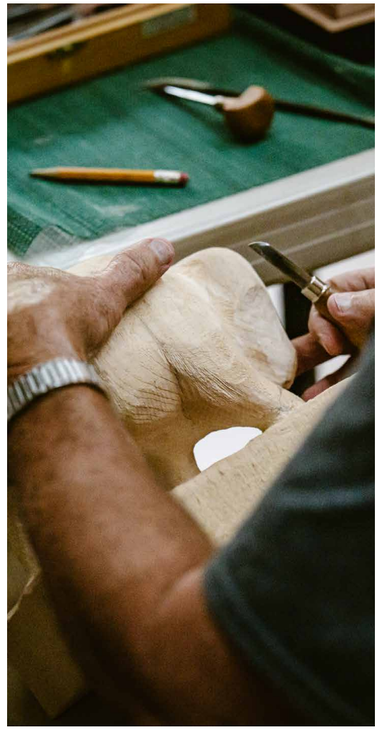
CRAFT IS KING

Highlighting Sheridan County's Makers, Artists, Crafters and Creators

Our film team - Max Brown and Lance Roth - continues to produce our Craft is King series. This year's spotlights include King's Saddlery; Red Bison Studios; The Parkman Bar; VONSUSS Hats; SAGE Community Arts and the Sheridan Public Arts statue program; the Wood Carvers of the Bighorns; Le Reve; Bo Joe Jewelry, and more.

These are designed specifically for social media, and they are released in a vertical format for mobile phones. They've been a hit so far - viewership on the VONSUSS piece has hit 77,997 since release.







You'll find these and all future "Craft is King" videos on the Visit Sheridan Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube channels.

#VisitSheridan #CraftisKing #ThatsWY

2025 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

SHOPPING LOCAL

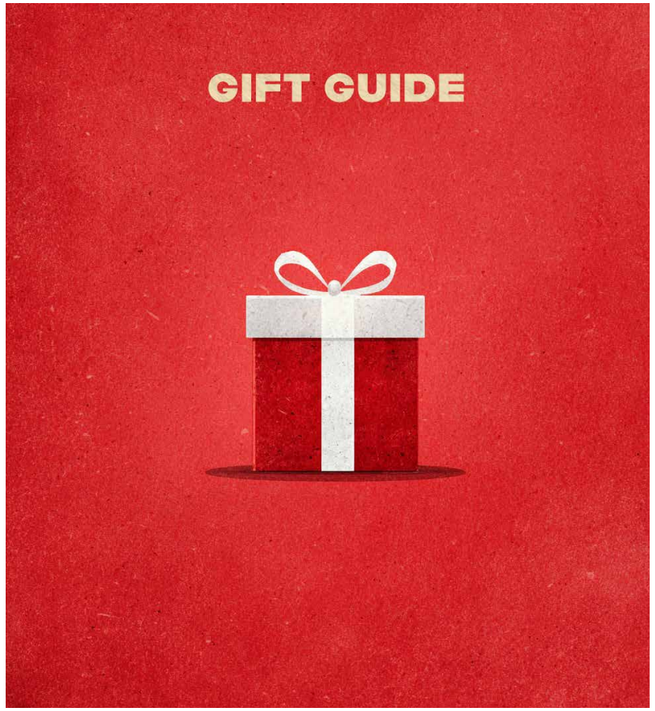
We created our annual Holiday Gift Guide to encourage holiday shopping at local businesses throughout Sheridan County. The guide highlights a wide selection of shops, boutiques, galleries, outfitters, and artisan maker spaces where residents and visitors can find unique, locally made gifts.

It serves as a curated resource that makes it easier for people to find thoughtful and distinctive gifts while showcasing the variety and quality of products available in the community.

We highlight dozens and dozens of gift ideas; if there's something you think we missed in 2025, please let us know so that we can include it in our 2026 edition!

2025 CATEGORIES

HOME DECOR
A TASTE OF SHERIDAN COUNTY
ART
APPAREL
FOR THE LITTLE ONES & PETS
JEWELS AND GEMS
MADE BY HAND
BOOKS
SELF-CARE AND WELLNESS
THE ADVENTURER
EXPERIENCES OVER THINGS
HOBBY
STOCKING STUFFERS



FIND THE COMPLETE GUIDE AT SHERIDANWYOMING.ORG

ICONS AND OUTLAWS

BRADFORD BRINTON

One of our most popular campaigns to date continues with the story of Bradford Brinton.

"To stand on the rolling fields of the Quarter Circle A Ranch, just south of Sheridan, is to feel the West operating at two speeds at once. The land moves slowly—grass bending under wind, cottonwoods marking the quiet course of Little Goose Creek—while history moves fast, layered and restless beneath your feet. It was this tension, between stillness and ambition, that drew Bradford Brinton west and ultimately anchored his legacy in Sheridan County, Wyoming.

Brinton arrived not as a pioneer scraping out survival, but as a man already shaped by industry and privilege. Born in 1880 in Tuscola, Illinois, he was the heir to a family deeply involved in agricultural manufacturing. Educated at Yale's Sheffield Scientific School, Brinton came of age during a period when American industry was transforming the nation. By his early adulthood, he held leadership roles within the family business and later at J.I. Case, navigating the demands of modern enterprise with skill and confidence. Yet success in the East never fully satisfied him. Like many men of his era, Brinton felt the magnetic pull of the American West—a place that promised space, authenticity, and a deeper connection to land. Wyoming, and particularly Sheridan County, offered him something rare: a setting where work, art, and landscape could exist in meaningful balance...."

Visit sheridanwyoming.org for the complete story, videos, photos, and all of our Icons and Outlaws features.

DR. WILL FRACKELTON



QUEEN ELIZABETH II



BRADFORD BRINTON



PRINCE



BUFFALO BILL CODY



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COMING SOON





I AM ONLY A CRAFTSMAN

Leather Craft Documentary Film

THE HISTORY OF LEATHER CRAFT AND COWBOY CULTURE IN SHERIDAN COUNTY

A GLOBAL STORY TOLD IN TWO PARTS

Our Film and Digital Production Coordinator and Film Director Salvatore Brown wrapped editing on our feature-length documentary, ***I Am Only A Craftsman***, earlier this spring. We had the opportunity to showcase the film during a preview screening at the 30th annual Rocky Mountain Leather Trade Show; more than 400 people came out to watch the film in Kinnison Hall at the Whitney Center for the Arts.

We have moved into the marketing and distribution phase of this project; the film was recently selected for film festivals in France and Brazil, and we continue to pitch to major streaming services to get this project in front of as many people as possible (we have plans for future Sheridan screenings, too).

As part of this marketing roll-out, we were able to showcase trailers for the film, as well as the story of western art and leather craft, during a major media event in Chicago in June 2025; this took place at IPW, the U.S. Travel Association's leading international inbound travel trade show that annually brings together thousands of tour operators, travel planners, media, and other industry professionals.

The film is a look at the history of leather craft and cowboy culture in Sheridan County, and how the likes of James F Jackson, the King Family, the Hap Family, Don Butler, Bill Gardner, and many others have impacted the art of leather craft here in the United States and also Japan, where the predominant style of leather craft has become the "Sheridan Style."

WHY JAPAN?

- Japan is the 4th largest inbound travel market to the USA and travelers have an incredible affinity for western experiences.

- With more direct flights to our region from Japan (Denver and Salt Lake) both Brand USA and the Wyoming Office of Tourism are working to capitalize on inbound traffic.

- With a cultural hook like leather craft/cowboy culture we're working to make sure we capture a slice of that market.

- Japanese travelers have been coming to Sheridan for years for the Leather Trade Show, and the 2025 contingent was the largest yet.

CLICK FOR TEASER #1

CLICK FOR TEASER #2

DATA AND INSIGHTS

Profile includes out-of-state visitors and in-state visitors coming from 50+ miles

RANGE: Jan 1, 2025 - Dec 6, 2025

TOTAL TRIPS
774,599 Trips

VISITOR DAYS
2,155,595 Days

AVG LENGTH OF STAY
2.8 Days

RANGE: Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 6, 2024

TOTAL TRIPS
781,026 Trips

VISITOR DAYS
2,108,812 Days

AVG LENGTH OF STAY
2.7 Days

2025 VISITOR DAYS
2,155,595
↘ 3.23% vs 2024

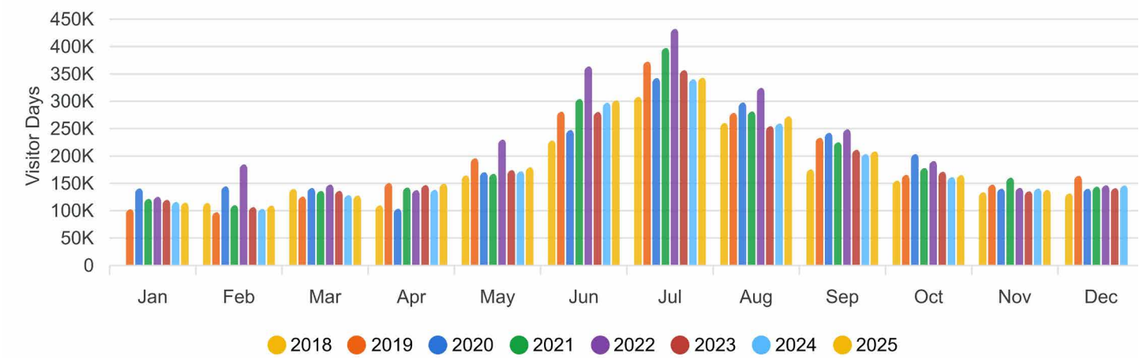
2024 VISITOR DAYS
2,227,565
↗ 5.68% vs 2023

2023 VISITOR DAYS
2,107,816
↘ 19.6% vs 2022

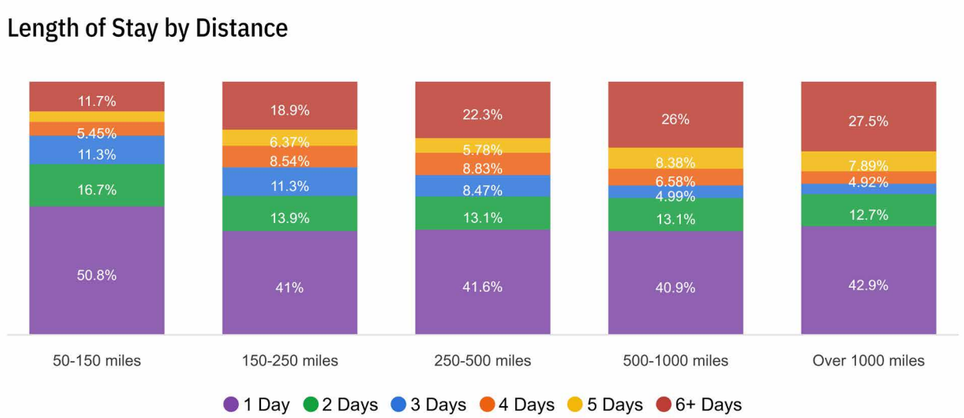
2022 VISITOR DAYS
2,622,432
↗ 7.12% vs 2021

Monthly Volume by Visitor Days

What is my visitation over time?

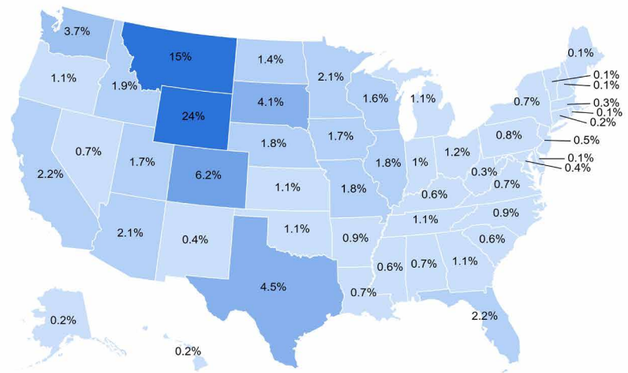


Length of Stay by Distance

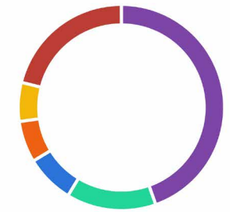


Share of Trips by State

RANGE: January 1, 2025 - December 6, 2025



Visitor Days by Length of Stay

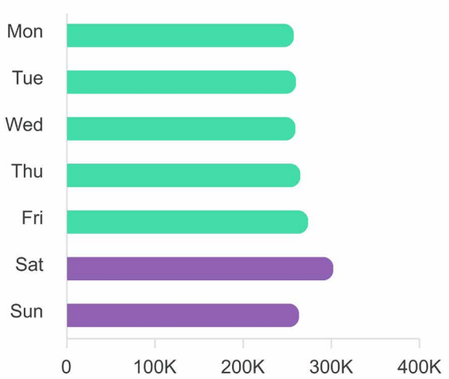


1 Day	44.6%	2 Days	14.1%
3 Days	7.63%	4 Days	6.52%
5 Days	6.11%	6+ Days	21.1%

DMA Visitation

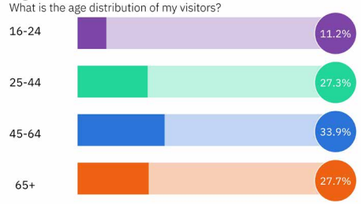
DMA	Visitor Days
Denver	12.7%
Billings	9.96%
Casper-Riverton	6.39%
Rapid City	4.55%
Cheyenne-Scottsbluff	3.48%
Salt Lake City	3.31%
Seattle-Tacoma	1.83%
Phoenix -Prescott	1.76%
Spokane	1.41%

Visitors by Day



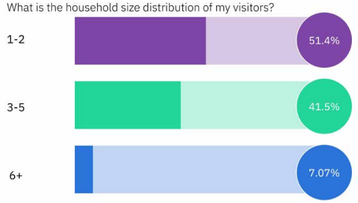
Age

What is the age distribution of my visitors?



Household

What is the household size distribution of my visitors?

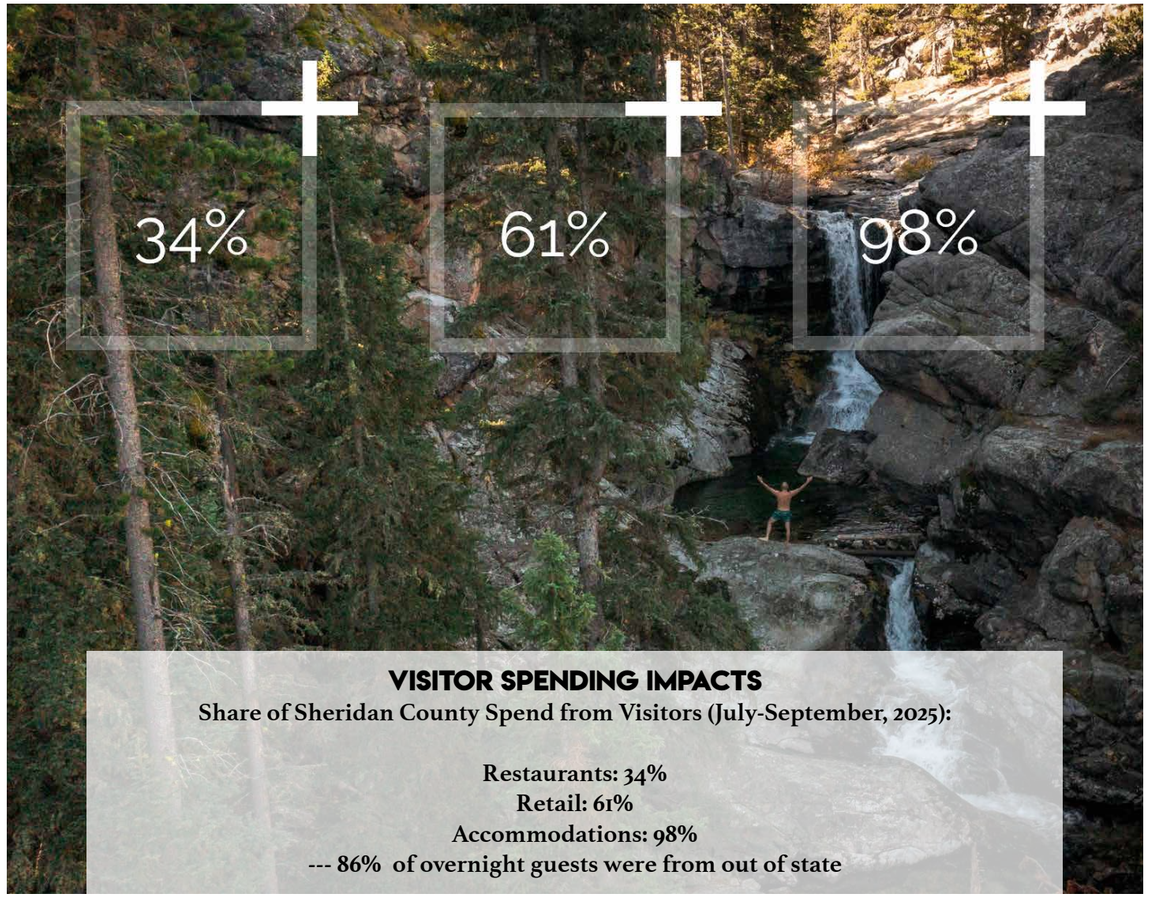


HOW IMPORTANT IS THE VISITOR ECONOMY?

Tourism is a major engine of economic activity

VISITOR IMPACTS - DATA AND INSIGHTS

Wyoming's Second Largest Industry – $4.9 Billion in state-wide spending impacts in 2024
Wyoming's Largest Private Sector Employer – 33,850 jobs in 2024
Travel Spending in Sheridan County in 2024 – $165.3 million
Sheridan County Direct Industry Employment – 1,020



VISITOR SPENDING IMPACTS

Share of Sheridan County Spend from Visitors (July-September, 2025):

Restaurants: 34%
Retail: 61%
Accommodations: 98%
--- 86% of overnight guests were from out of state

Sheridan County welcomed more than 460,000 overnight visitors to hotels, motels, RV Parks, Campgrounds and vacation rental properties in 2024.

Wyoming

DEMYSTIFYING TRIPADVISOR'S POPULARITY RANKING

Grow your business with Tripadvisor, the leading travel website in the US. Join us in our mission to help our partners gain visibility online through training and dedicated one-on-one support.

Watch this training video to take a deeper dive!

Learn how to attract more guests to your profile and keep travelers engaged.
This video covers navigating the management center, managing reviews, and more.

Truth: Popularity Index is re-calculated daily based on all published reviews

Myth: Having a commercial relationship with Tripadvisor improves your ranking

Tripadvisor Popularity Ranking - DID YOU KNOW?

Tripadvisor is a review-driven travel guidance platform. Your business' visibility on Tripadvisor is based on a unique system called the "Popularity Ranking." The recipe for ranking higher than your competitors is based on three factors that are all related to reviews and ratings.

1. Quality

First and foremost, you need to provide an excellent experience to your customers. Your business' bubble rating is a direct measure of customer feedback. A consistent flow of "excellent" and "very good" ratings is critical to your rank.

2. Quantity

Travelers typically look for multiple perspectives, so the quantity of reviews is also an important factor. While a listing with more reviews than its competitor won't automatically rank higher, having a high number of quality reviews gives the algorithm more reliable insight on customer satisfaction.

3. Recency

Travelers want to learn from the recent experiences of others, which is why Tripadvisor places higher value on newer reviews. Encourage high-quality reviews regularly to inspire confidence in potential customers and improve rank.

Three FREE Opportunities to Increase Traveler Engagement

1. Claim & Update Your Listing

First, visit Tripadvisor.com/Owners. Make sure you've claimed your free Tripadvisor listing.

Help travelers connect with your business by updating your business hours, website, phone, and email. Publish a business description; tell customers your story. Next, make your business discoverable by adding additional business categories (up to five), amenities and attributes.

2. Keep Content Fresh

According to Tripadvisor, businesses with 30 or more photos have 41% more traveler engagement than those with 10 or fewer. In fact, "number of photos" is one of four factors Tripadvisor identifies as influencing traveler engagement, so add great new photos regularly.

3. Respond to Your Customers

Engagement is also influenced by both the quantity of reviews you have received and your responses from management. Show customers you care. Respond to both positive and negative reviews regularly and consider prioritizing responses to detailed, long-form reviews.

Truth: Your rank is relative to nearby businesses in your category - rank can change based on both your and your competitors' performance

Myth: Management responses to reviews are calculated in ranking

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DESTINATION MARKETING
Developing Our Strategic Framework

PLANNING, DEVELOPING, LAUNCHING, AND MEASURING

In our work we consider a range of factors when developing new projects, including target audiences, seasonal travel patterns, available attractions and experiences, lodging and infrastructure capacity, and the needs of local stakeholders. We balance marketing goals with responsible tourism, sustainability, community impact, safety, and economic return - all while using data, storytelling, and partnerships to communicate Sheridan County's identity and to drive visitation in ways that benefit both residents and visitors. It's our hope that by showcasing elements of our methodology and process that we might inspire you or help you generate ideas as you develop your own marketing campaigns for now and in the future. We are always willing to share what we've found to be successful and impactful, what resonates with visitors and what doesn't, and any data that may be pertinent to your own organization.

PLANNING AND STRATEGY

- Industry Engagement
- Regional and National Partnerships
- Event Development + Coordination
- Trade Partnerships + Consumer Shows
- Responsible Travel Initiatives
- Community Toolkits
- Market Research and Analysis
- Target Audience Segmentation
- Unique Selling Propositions

BRANDING AND CONTENT CREATION

- Brand Identity
- Storytelling
- Content Production
- User Generated Content

MARKETING CHANNELS AND PROMOTIONS

- Advertising Campaigns
- Brand and Media Partnerships
- Email Marketing
- Experiential Marketing
- Regional and National Collaboration
- Content Marketing
- Social Media Marketing
- SEO

EXPERIENCE AND ANALYSIS

- Performance Measurement
- Visitor Services
- Visitor Center Operations
- Industry Development Partnerships and Event Support
- Feedback and Monitoring

UNDERSTANDING OUR TARGET MARKETS
Developing Quality Marketing Content

EXAMPLES OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL

How do we leverage travel to increase spending impacts in our local communities, provide jobs, diversify our economy, and spur economic opportunities?

Before we launch a campaign we consider that we must be: Creative. Intentional. Sustainable. Collaborative. Innovative. Authentic. And Data Driven. We assess our strengths and weaknesses. We analyze demographic information. We leverage insights to craft targeted multi-channel promo campaigns that mix digital, video, print, podcast, radio, and more. Perhaps most importantly, we feature authentic attractions, organizations, and businesses.



SHERIDAN COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM

Sheridan
COUNTY, WYOMING, USA.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sheridan County voters first voted in favor of the Lodging Tax in 1992. In 2018, Sheridan County voters approved a County-Wide Lodging Tax that has allowed Sheridan County Travel & Tourism to continue marketing, promoting, and advertising the community and its attractions and events to potential visitors from domestic and international markets. The Lodging Tax Board includes industry representation from across Sheridan County, the City of Sheridan, Ranchester, Clearmont, and Dayton.

The Lodging Tax is paid by visitors staying overnight in hotels, motels, RV parks, campgrounds, guest ranches, vacation homes, and B&Bs. 2% of the local Lodging Tax is codified by state legislation. The other 2% is voted on by citizens every four years. The 4% total has been the same in Sheridan since 2005.

Sheridan County Travel & Tourism leverages funds to provide economic opportunities through marketing and promotion, supporting businesses and organizations directly and indirectly across our community. Tourism is critical to Sheridan County's economic vitality, and Sheridan County Travel & Tourism's board and staff work with local partners on promotional activities, events, and much more.

TRAVEL-GENERATED SPENDING
$165.3 MILLION IN 2024
$160.4 MILLION IN 2023

VISITOR SPENDING - SUMMER 2025
61% OF RETAIL AND 31% OF RESTAURANT SPENDING WAS BY VISITORS

TRAVEL-GENERATED JOBS
1,000+ DIRECTLY EMPLOYED LOCAL RESIDENTS

SHERIDAN COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE APPROVED THE LODGING TAX EACH TIME IT HAS APPEARED ON THE BALLOT, INCLUDING IN 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2018, AND 2022.

AVERAGE SPENDING PER TRIP
$263 PER PERSON
$631 PER GROUP

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
2.8 NIGHTS PER VISIT PER TRAVELER

LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL
53% OF VISITORS COME FROM MORE THAN 400 MILES AWAY

TRAVEL-GENERATED TAXES
$3.8 MILLION LOCAL
$5.4 MILLION STATE
IN 2024

SPLITS OF OVERNIGHT VISITORS
51% HOTELS/MOTELS
30% CAMPGROUND/OTHER
19% VACATION RENTAL

TRAVEL & TOURISM SUPPORTS SHERIDAN COUNTY

- Sheridan County Travel & Tourism supports dozens of events, conferences, and meetings, including the WYO Rodeo, Dead Swede, 3rd Thursday, Karz Showcase, Christmas Stroll, Big Horn Soccer Cup, Hoop Jam, Wyoming Chess Championship, WYO Film Festival, Winter Rodeo, Ranchester 4th of July, and many more. Tourism funding supports events large and small, new and old.
- Sporting events, cultural activities, and scholastic programs all receive support.
- SCTT works in tandem with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to recruit and sustain many conferences, meetings and events.
- SCTT is an integral economic development tool and is frequently approached by businesses interested in expanding or relocating and creating new jobs.
- Sheridan County Travel & Tourism's marketing and promotional campaigns are shared across more than 50 national and international outlets each year in a mix of print, digital, radio and other media with initiatives dedicated to increasing length of stay; broadening geographic markets; and increasing visitor spending.
- Trade partners (tour operators, travel planners, etc.) help to increase reach and spread the word about Sheridan County as a destination beyond where our reach or budget would typically allow.

THE VISITOR ECONOMY IN SHERIDAN COUNTY

- In 2024 Sheridan County welcomed more than 460,000 overnight visitors.
- Despite regional competition from the likes of Billings, Red Lodge, Bozeman, and Rapid City, and in-state destinations such as Cody and Buffalo, Sheridan County's visitor economy continues to attract travelers from across the globe.
- Since 2014 tax collections on travel spending has totaled $77.4 million; funds support local infrastructure, public services, amenities and more across all of Sheridan County.
- More than 80% of visitors to Sheridan County come from out of state; all visitors, including those from Wyoming, benefit from the activities and services generated by the visitor economy.
- More than 10% of visitors come from markets outside the US and Canada; the top three are the UK, Germany, and France.

DATA SOURCES:
Dean Runyan Associates, Travel Impact Report, 2024; US Bureau of Economic Analysis; DataFy HQ; AirDNA; US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

OUTPUT AND IMPACT

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS, AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

SCTT'S WORK IS FOCUSED ON THREE KEY LEVERAGE POINTS

HISTORY & HERITAGE | **WESTERN CULTURE** | **THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

RECENT PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- A 2025 digital ad campaign generated 11,268 trips and $2.2 million in economic impact to local businesses from a spend of $42,000 - a return on investment of 66:1.
- A 2025 Great American West international co-operative campaign generated 3,841 room nights and $2.2 million in economic impact from a spend of $7,500, an ROI of 293:1. Travelers came from the UK, Nordics, Germany, France, Italy, and Australia. We work directly with more than 200 tour operators in these markets each year.
- SCTT produces an annual marketing and promotions toolkit that is available to all community businesses, organizations, and entities - not only those in hospitality.
- Promo efforts encourage experiential travel, leveraging the visitor economy for the benefit of Sheridan County residents.

SHERIDANWYOMING.ORG
CENTER OF THE SCTT MEDIA ECOSYSTEM

2025 WEBSITE STATS
239.4K ACTIVE USERS
106K NEWSLETTERS SENT

2025 MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES
400+ MEETINGS WITH TRAVEL AGENTS, MEETING PLANNERS, ETC

LODGING TAX FUNDS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHERIDAN COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD, NINE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS ARE REPRESENTED FAIRLY.

- SCTT operates the Sheridan Information Center, welcoming roughly 100,000 people through the doors each year. SCTT has also operated the Burgess Junction Visitor Center since May 2023. Burgess welcomed nearly 30,000 visitors in summer 2025.
- SCTT's community media archive, available to local entities, includes more than 26,000 images and hundreds of hours of video footage.
- In 2025 SCTT produced economic impact studies for SCSD2's proposed community center; a downtown hotel developer; a manufacturing technology company; the Sheridan County Fairgrounds; and other businesses interested in expanding or relocating - and creating new jobs.
- SCTT builds new opportunities. Programs include ***The Backyard***, ***Women of Sheridan, Wyo.***, ***Icons and Outlaws***, and ***Craft is King*** media campaigns; and more.
- The WYO Winter Rodeo and annual skijoring races draws thousands of spectators to the community at a time of year when economic impacts are typically very low.
- Promotional campaigns are designed to encourage visitation year-round. SCTT has developed material to promote arts events and attractions in the spring; snowmobiling, fat biking and skiing activities in the winter; and outdoor recreation activities in the fall. Summer campaigns feature road trips, western lifestyle, cowboy heritage, historic attractions, and much more.

2025 FACEBOOK STATS
5.1 MILLION VIEWS
72.1K INTERACTIONS

2025 TO-DATE INSTAGRAM STATS
485.1K VIEWS
11.9K INTERACTIONS

2025 TO-DATE YOUTUBE STATS
264.8K VIEWS
2.9K HOURS WATCHED

2025-TO DATE PHOTO ARCHIVE
2.1 MILLION VIEWS
26,914 PHOTOS

COUNTY AIRPORT PASSENGERS
2025: 60,339
2024: 58,030
2023: 51,359
2022: 48,512

ADDITIONAL OUTREACH

- A partnership with Price Travel Mexico resulted in an increase in inbound Wyoming passengers from 114 to 387, and room bookings from 19 to 204, from 2023 to 2024. This is an example of just one operator partnership.
- Partnerships include the Wyoming Office of Tourism, Brand USA, local tourism and lodging tax boards across the region, local businesses and organizations, and national brands.
- SCTT staff travel to domestic and international trade shows, consumer travel and tourism events, and sales conventions to develop partner relationships and broaden exposure to the community.
- SCTT coordinates the distribution of resources for community partners, including the distribution of more than 50,000 visitor guides and brochures each year, in physical and digital formats.


Sheridan
COUNTY, WYOMING, USA.

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Public Works

MEMORANDUM

RE: Discussion of Bid Award to Fremont Motor Company for One (1) 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD Vehicle in the Amount of $40,417.00 - Fleet & Administrative Coordinator Heather Czaplinski

From: Heather Czaplinski, PW Administrative Coordinator

To: City Council

Date: 01/12/2026

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the purchase of one (1) 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD Vehicle from Fremont Motor Company in the amount of $40,417.00.

Background:

A Request for Bids was advertised on January 8 and 17, with a bid opening on January 27. The City of Sheridan received 3 bids:

- **Fremont Motor Company, Lander, WY $40,417.00**
- Billion Auto Group, Bozeman, MT $40,822.00
- Sheridan Motors, Sheridan, WY $40,899.00

Discussion:

Before issuing the Request for Bids, the Fleet Coordinator confirmed the specifications with the Chief of Police, Travis Koltiska. The timeline for receiving the new vehicle is estimated to be 45–90 days, at which time the vehicle will be outfitted with the necessary PD accessories, camera system, and radio. This vehicle is an addition to the PD fleet, as they currently do not have any spares, and there are vacant positions.

Funding:

The Dodge Durango is being funded with GPET funds, which were approved in the FY26 Budget Amendment #1 at the January 5, 2026, Council Meeting.

CITY OF SHERIDAN, WYOMING
55 Grinnell Plaza, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801
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Public Works

MEMORANDUM

RE: Discussion of Bid Award to LJS Concrete & Excavating LLC for the South Downtown Phase I Project in the Amount of $2,660,588.23 - City Engineer Thomas Morneau

From: Thomas Morneau, City Engineer

To: City Council

Date: 01/12/2026

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council award the South Downtown Phase I Project to LJS Concrete & Excavating LLC, the lowest qualified bid, in the amount of $2,660,588.23.

Staff requests that for the South Downtown Phase I Project, the Mayor and City Council authorize the Public Works Director, Hanns Mercer, to act on behalf of the Council and Mayor on all matters related to this project.

Background:

The South Downtown Phase I Project base bid includes reconstruction of the pavement, sidewalks, curb, and gutter, water, storm, and sanitary utilities on Whitney St. from Tschirgi St. to Main St. and Tschirgi St. from Whitney St. to College Ave. Items include approximately 5,170 SY of bituminous pavement, approximately 1,142 SY of concrete pavement, approximately 1,944 SY of sidewalk, approximately 2,819 LF of curb and gutter, approximately 1,498 LF of storm sewer, approximately 1,769 LF of PVC waterline, approximately 1,614 LF of sanitary sewer pipe, landscaping enhancements, and other miscellaneous items.

This project was advertised in the Sheridan Press on December 30, 2025, January 6 and 14, 2026, and bids were due on January 29, 2026. A pre-bid conference was held on January 7, 2026.

Bids Received:

- **LJS Concrete & Excavating LLC** **$2,660,588.23**
- Wagner Ranch Services $2,913.038.25
- Western Municipal Construction $3,667,551.00
- Northern Underground $3,829,089.88
- Oftedal Construction $4,343,242.90

Funding:

This project is funded by CAP TAX, GPET, SRF loans, and Water and Sewer funds.

Attachments

Letter of Recommendation

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www.cdgengineers.com

February 2, 2026

Mr. Nathan Rager, P.E.
Assistant City Engineer
City of Sheridan
55 Grinnell Plaza
Sheridan, Wyoming 82801

RE: City of Sheridan
South Downtown Project (PH I)
Engineers Recommendation for Selection
CDG Project No. 23206

Dear Mr. Rager:

The Bid Tabulation of bids received at the public bid opening on January 29, 2026 for Phase I of the South Downtown Project is attached. As indicated, the apparent low bidder is LJS Concrete & Excavating, LLC with a bid of $2,660,588.23. The firm has 4+ years of recent experience in civil construction work with the City of Sheridan. In addition to submitting the low bid, LJS Concrete & Excavating, LLC provided the following information:

Anticipated Subcontractors:	
Asphalt	Simon Contractors PO Box 2469 Gillette, WY 82717
Surveying	Civil Engineering Professionals, Inc 6080 Enterprise Dr. Casper, WY 82609
Concrete	McMac, LLC PO Box 425 Worland, WY 82401
Boring & Sleeving	MCM General Contractors PO Box 3563 Gillette, WY 82717
Electrical	Mike Electric Inc (MEI) 2555 Heartland Dr Sheridan, WY 82801

Landscaping	Rocky Mountain Reclamation PO Box 1695 Laramie, WY 82073
Striping & Traffic Control	S&L Industrial PO Box 126 Cowley, WY 82420
Quality Control & Testing	Rotech 2058 Dana Ave Sheridan, WY 82801
Tree Removal	Lieuallen Tree Service 1800 Bender Lane Sheridan, WY 82801

We have reviewed the completion of their bid package, and all required documents have been submitted, including:

- Signed Bid Form w/ Acknowledgement of Addendum 2 dated 01/26/2026
- Bid Bond/Security to the minimum sum of 5% of the Amount Bid.
- Equipment and Labor Hourly Rate Schedule
- Wyoming Residency Certification
- SAM.gov Registration
- Signed SRF Special Conditions
- Signed Certification Regarding Lobbying (EPA Form 6606-06)
- DBA Good Faith Effort Documentation
- A Completed Bidders List
- DBE Performance Form (EPA Form 6100-3)
- DBE Subcontractor Utilization Form (EPA Form 6100-4)

In consideration of the above requirements, and our review of the prepared low bids by the submitting bidders in the enclosed Bid Tabulation, CDG Engineers recommends awarding the project to LJS Concrete & Excavating, LLC.

Sincerely,

CDG Engineers, Inc.

Stephen Hildebrand, PE
Project Manager

MAS/jl

Enclosure(s): Received Bids Tabulation

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Utilities

MEMORANDUM

RE: Discussion of Resolution 04-26, Authorizing a WWDC Level II Study Joint Application - Utilities Director Dan Roberts

From: Dan Roberts, Utilities Director

To: City Council

Date: 02/04/2026

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve Resolution 04-26 authorizing the City to submit an application, jointly with the Sheridan Area Water Supply Joint Powers Board (SAWSJPB), to the Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) for a Level II Study of Lake DeSmet Reservoir.

Background:

Master Plans are essential to the proper management and planning of a water system. Their planning horizon is typically 30 years for a water system but may plan well beyond (50 to 100 yrs) in projecting water supply needs and identifying potential sources.

The Sheridan Water System's most recent, comprehensive water system master plan was completed in 2019 as a Level I study funded by the WWDC. The recommendations in this 2019 master plan are intended to guide system operations, system operational improvements, capital improvement plans, and capital planning decisions to accommodate the future growth and development needs of the community.

In 2023, the City Council approved Resolution 11-23 authorizing the City to submit a WWDC Level II Study application to study Lake DeSmet as a potential water supply for the City and SAWSJPB. The application did not have the complete support of the Director of the Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO) citing a preference toward the scope of a Level II Study of Lake DeSmet be more comprehensive than just focused on the interests of the City and the SAWSJPB.

Over the past year (May 2025-March 2026) the City of Sheridan commissioned a project to perform an unbiased assessment of entities with interest in Lake DeSmet as a water resource, with the goal of the project being to identify a scope of work for a WWDC Level II application to Study Lake DeSmet as a water supply to defined stakeholders of interest. The City, as well as SAWSJPB, were participants in the project, but did not directly steer the process or the conclusions that arose. The Director of the WWDO and his staff were included in the process and directly involved in the project along with all the other stakeholders identified by the project consultant. The overall goal was to produce a culminating scope of work that was to be defined and developed to the approval of the Director of the WWDO thus assuring his support of a commensurate WWDC application for a Level II Study of Lake DeSmet Reservoir.

The sought after scope of work has been developed by the consultant and is reflected in the proposed WWDC Level II Study application the City Council and SAWSJPB are considering submitting as a joint application.

The process the project consultant used to define all stakeholders and capture their interests in Lake DeSmet as a potential water supply, discovered that the City of Buffalo and Johnson County do not have interest in Lake

DeSmet as a water supply. As such, Johnson County was not interested in sponsoring a Level II Study of Lake DeSmet. In addition, Johnson County expressed in writing that they have no opposition to such a project/study, but would not be offering a letter of support either. Johnson County did express a willingness to support others in their water supply quest by stating, in a letter to the project consultant, a willingness to sell or lease their stored water rights to potential buyers such as Sheridan and Sheridan County for its constituents.

In consideration of Johnson County's lack of interest in sponsoring a Level II Study of Lake DeSmet Reservoir, the project consultant, in consultation with the WWDO, concluded that the City of Sheridan and SAWSJPB, as stakeholders with the most significant interest in Lake DeSmet water, would be the preferred sponsors of the WWDC Level II Study of Lake DeSmet Reservoir. Preference by the WWDO is that a joint sponsorship by the City and SAWSJPB with one application be submitted.

Discussion:

Presented for City Council consideration is Resolution 04-26 authorizing the City of Sheridan to submit a joint application, with the SAWSJPB, for a WWDC Level II Study of Lake DeSmet Reservoir.

Attachments

Resolution 04-26

CITY OF SHERIDAN
RESOLUTION 04-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A JOINT APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BY THE CITY OF SHERIDAN AND THE SHERIDAN AREA WATER SUPPLY JOINT POWERS BOARD FOR A LEVEL II STUDY OF LAKE DESMET RESERVOIR TO SERVE AS A POSSIBLE WATER SOURCE FOR THE CITY OF SHERIDAN, THE SHERIDAN AREA WATER SUPPLY JOINT BOARD AND POTENTIALLY SURROUNDING ENVIRONS.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) has conducted several Level I and II studies over the years on which either the City of Sheridan (City) and Sheridan Area Water Supply Joint Powers Board (SAWSJPB), or both, have acted as sponsors, including planning studies such as the Sheridan Water System Master Plan Level I Study (Master Plan) funded by the WWDC and completed in 2019; and

WHEREAS, previous Level I and II studies considered several possible future additional water supply sources and options for the City and the SAWSJPB, and these studies determined that Lake DeSmet Reservoir (Lake DeSmet), and possibly the water sources for Lake DeSmet, are viable water supply sources for these two governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Master Plan identified Lake DeSmet as the most favorable water source to be considered for the City's and SAWSJPB's long-term water supply needs; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City and the SAWSJPB desire to further explore, in more detail, the viability of acquiring and delivering water from Lake DeSmet, and possibly the water sources for Lake Desmet, to the City and the SAWSJPB water systems; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City and the SAWSJPB acknowledge the interests of others, as defined in a Level II Study Scoping Project conducted throughout 2025, to have Lake DeSmet evaluated as a water supply that could meet the needs of environs containing the defined stakeholders; and desire that the Level II Study of Lake DeSmet evaluate their interests and needs as well as those of the City's and SAWSJPB's water system;

WHEREAS, a Level II study of the Lake DeSmet water supply is the next step in the WWDC's process towards evaluating the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of a potential construction project that would deliver water to the City's and the SAWSJPB's water systems and possibly surrounding environs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SHERIDAN, WYOMING:

1. That a joint application be submitted to the WWDC by the City and the SAWSJPB for the above-described Level II study of Lake DeSmet; and

2. That Dan Roberts, City Utilities Director, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City and the SAWSJPB to act on behalf of these two governing bodies on all matters relating to this joint application that pertain to the City and the SAWSJPB.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of ___, 2026.

City of Sheridan

_____

Richard Bridger, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

Ashlee Foster, City Clerk

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Attorney

MEMORANDUM

RE: Discussion of a Revised Professional Service Agreement with Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Zach Leininger - City Attorney Brad Thimmesch

From: Brad Thimmesch, City Attorney

To: City Council

Date: 02/09/2026

Recommendation:

It is recommended by City staff that the Governing Body approve the attached proposed Professional Services Agreement for Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Zach Leiniger, transitioning compensation from an hourly rate to a fixed monthly rate of $5,500.

Background:

The City contracts with Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Zach Leininger through a Professional Services Agreement that began in February 2024. The current agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2025. Mr. Leininger has served the City as a reliable resource, consistently demonstrating professionalism, providing dependable support to court staff, and fulfilling his responsibilities to the City. He has rarely missed Municipal Court proceedings and, when unable to attend, has ensured appropriate coverage, further demonstrating his commitment to City matters.

The following is a table of the monthly invoiced amounts from March 2025 through December 2025.

Month (2025)	**Invoice Amount**
March	$5,874.75
April	$5,573.75
May	$5,810.00
June	$5,706.75
July	$5,563.25
August	$6,079.50
September	$5,975.75
October	$5,701.50
November	$4,819.50
December	$5,708.50
Average over 10 months: $5,681.33	
Average during FY26 Months: $5,641.33	

Discussion:

The primary difference between the current agreement and the proposed revised agreement is the transition from an hourly billing structure to a fixed monthly fee of $5,500. Under the current contract, the average monthly invoice amount during FY26 is approximately $5,681.33, making the proposed rate comparable while providing greater predictability for budgeting and invoicing purposes.

Additionally, the proposed Professional Services Agreement includes a provision for a reduction in the monthly fee if Mr. Leininger is unable to attend Municipal Court. For each day he is unable to attend, the monthly fee would be reduced by $550. This structure provides greater flexibility in court operations, supports more efficient coordination and communication between parties, and eliminates unpredictable monthly expenses.

The proposed fees align with the City's approved FY26 budget and present no concerns regarding the financial standing of the Municipal Court. As such, it is recommended by City staff that the Governing Body approve the revised contract, as proposed.

Attachments

PROPOSED Contract
CURRENT Contract

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
CITY OF SHERIDAN PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

This Agreement is made by and between the City of Sheridan, Wyoming, a Municipal Corporation, (hereinafter the "City") and Zachary Leininger, and for mutual consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:** The Mayor, with the consent of City Council, hereby appoints and designates Zachary Leininger as the Prosecuting Attorney for the City (hereinafter the "Prosecutor").

2. **SERVICES:** The Prosecutor shall provide all of the professional legal services required of a prosecuting attorney for the Municipal Court of the City. The Prosecutor shall, in accordance with Wyoming Statute, City Code, and Rules of Professional Conduct, prosecute criminal citations issued for the Municipal Court. Additionally, the City Prosecutor shall meet with relevant City staff regarding the enforcement of City Code, provide legal analysis and research regarding the enforcement of City Code, and such other services as may be requested.

The Services will be provided on a part-time only basis without a fixed or definite schedule. The Prosecutor shall serve at all scheduled Municipal Court dates unless the Prosecutor is unavailable or unable to serve. The Prosecutor shall provide notice to the Municipal Court Clerk of all scheduled Municipal Court dates that he is unavailable or unable to serve as soon as the Prosecutor has knowledge of his unavailability. It shall be the responsibility of the Prosecutor to engage the services of another attorney, who is approved by the City, to provide these Services at any scheduled Municipal Court date that he is unavailable or unable to serve.

Nothing in this Contract will be deemed to prohibit the Prosecutor from performing other private legal services.

3. **TERM:** The term of this Agreement shall be two (2) years commencing with the effective date of March 1, 2026, and ending on the two (2) year anniversary date thereafter, unless sooner terminated by the parties. If a new or extension agreement has not been executed prior to expiration of the term and the parties nonetheless continue the relationship after the term, then this Agreement shall be automatically extended on a month-to-month basis until a new agreement is executed or this Agreement is expressly terminated.

The appointment of the Prosecutor and this Agreement may be terminated by the Mayor if the Mayor reasonably believes that the Prosecutor is not complying with the law or City Code; not competently, promptly, efficiently, and diligently performing his duties and services; or not being cooperative, dignified, and courteous to the individuals the Prosecutor deals with during his services.

The Prosecutor may terminate his appointment and this Agreement only after providing thirty (30) days written notice to the City Clerk. Such written notice is required to provide the City adequate time to find another prosecuting attorney.

The parties hereby terminate any other prior professional services appointment agreement between them that is still binding, if any.

4. **COMPENSATION:** The Prosecutor agrees to accept and the City agrees to pay a flat fee of $5,500.00 per month as compensation for the services provided herein. However, if the Prosecutor is unavailable or unable to serve for scheduled Municipal Court dates, then the Prosecutor agrees to and the City shall withhold $550.00 per day the Prosecutor was unavailable or unable to serve at a scheduled Court date from that month's flat fee.

Additionally, the City shall supply the following supplies and equipment: an official copy of the adopted City Code, technical codes, regulations, and policies necessary for prosecution. The City will also provide a City email address.

5. **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES:** The Prosecutor shall perform the services as an independent contractor and **not** as an employee of the City, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. Except as otherwise provided herein, the City shall not make any withholdings as compensation is paid to the Prosecutor. The Prosecutor agrees to pay all taxes, insurance, and other expenses as should arise in the day-to-day fulfillment of this Agreement, as would be consistent with a non-employment/independent contractor relationship. The relationship with the Prosecutor is nonexclusive. The Prosecutor may perform other jobs as the Prosecutor deems appropriate and not in conflict with the services herein. However, the Prosecutor shall not represent any party in the Municipal Court of the City and shall not represent any party in any matter or lawsuit filed in Circuit Court, District Court, or Federal Court adverse to the City.

6. **GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; INSURANCE:** To the maximum extent permitted by the law, the Prosecutor shall share in the governmental immunity provided to the City for all the services provided by the Prosecutor pursuant to this Agreement. Likewise, to the maximum extent permitted by the City's insurance coverage, the Prosecutor shall share in the insurance coverage provided to the City for all of the services provided by the Prosecutor pursuant to the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this appointment is dated the _____ of February 2026.

City of Sheridan:

_____
Mayor, Richard Bridger

City Prosecutor:

_____
Zachary Leininger

Attest:

_____
City Clerk, Ashlee Foster

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Professional Services Appointment

City of Sheridan Prosecuting Attorney

This Appointment is made by the City of Sheridan (hereinafter the "City") and accepted by Zachary Leininger (referred to herein as the "City Prosecutor"), who, for mutual consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. Services. The City Prosecutor shall provide all of the professional legal services required of the municipal court of the City of Sheridan. The City Prosecutor shall, in accordance with Wyoming Statute, City Code and Rules of Professional Conduct, prosecute criminal citations issued for the City Municipal Court. Additionally, the City Prosecutor shall meet with relevant City staff regarding the enforcement of City Code, provide legal analysis and research regarding the enforcement of City Code and such other Services as may be requested. The Services will be provided on a Part-Time only basis, without a fixed or definite schedule at the time of this Appointment. The Services required of the City Prosecutor will change from time to time as may be needed. Nothing in this Contract will be deemed to prohibit the City Prosecutor from performing other private legal services.

2. Prosecuting Attorney. Beginning on February 1, 2024, City Prosecutor is duly appointed and designated as the primary provider of the Services required as the City Prosecutor by the Mayor of the City of Sheridan and was approved by the Sheridan City Council as provided under Wyoming law and that appointment is continuing in nature. If the City Prosecutor is unavailable from time to time or identifies a conflict of interest, he will engage the services of another attorney acceptable to the City of Sheridan, to provide such Services as their alternate.

3. Term: Appointment. The initial term of this Appointment shall be two (2) years, commencing with the effective date of February 1, 2024 (unless mutually agreed by the City and the City Prosecutor to commence earlier), and ending on June 30, 2026. The City Prosecutor is appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Sheridan City Council.

4. Compensation. The City Prosecutor agrees to accept, and the City agrees to pay the City Prosecutor for the Services provided hereunder at the rate of $175 per hour billed in 15 minute increments. The City Prosecutor shall invoice the City for Services at the end of each calendar month during the term of this Appointment. The City will pay within 45 days, subject to the City's voucher procedures. Expenses incurred for the purposes of prosecution shall only be paid by the City if said cost is preapproved by the City. Expenses incurred by the City Prosecutor will be included in the monthly fee, unless otherwise agreed in advance by the parties.

a. The City Prosecutor shall provide his own copy of the Wyoming Rules of Evidence and Wyoming Statute.

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b. The City shall provide an official copy of the adopted City Code, technical codes, adopted regulations and policies and any other adopted City policies or procedures necessary for prosecution. The City shall also provide a City email address.

5. Relationship Between Parties. The City Prosecutor shall perform the Services as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the City, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. The City shall not make any withholdings as compensation. The City Prosecutor agrees to pay all employment taxes, insurance, and other expenses as should arise in the day to day fulfillment of this Appointment, as is consistent with an independent contractor relationship. The relationship with the City Prosecutor is nonexclusive – City Prosecutor may perform other jobs and duties for other clients as City Prosecutor shall, in their discretion, deem appropriate.

a. The Contract Manager for the City shall be the City Clerk unless otherwise directed by the City Administrator.

6. Termination. Should this Agreement not be renewed, the Agreement shall continue per its terms and conditions on a month-to-month basis until such time that either party provides notice of termination.

a. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon providing written notice to the other 90 days prior to termination. Notice may be given in writing by email or mail. The City shall not terminate this Agreement without consent of the City Council.

7. Governmental Immunity; Insurance. To the maximum extent permitted by the law, the City Prosecutor shall share in the governmental immunity provided to the City of Sheridan for all the Services provided by the City Prosecutor pursuant to this Appointment. Likewise, to the maximum extent permitted by the City of Sheridan insurance coverage, the City Prosecutor shall share in the insurance coverage provided to the City of Sheridan for all of the Services provided by the City Prosecutor pursuant to the Appointment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Appointment is dated the 15th day of January, 2024.

City of Sheridan:

Richard Bridger

Mayor Richard Bridger

City Prosecutor:

Zachary Leininger

Zachary Leininger

Attest:

City Clerk

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Public Works

MEMORANDUM

RE: Discussion of Transportation Plan Update - City Engineer Thomas Morneau
From: Thomas Morneau, City Engineer
To: City Council
Date: 01/29/2026

Background:
On April 15, 2024, the City awarded the Transportation Plan Update to DOWL. The purpose of this project was to advance the next steps identified in the 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan by developing a clear, implementable framework for transportation improvements.

The update focuses on establishing a defined list of transportation projects and improvement locations that can be used to inform the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Key deliverables include a map identifying desired improvement areas, associated cost estimates, and project prioritization to guide future investment and implementation decisions.

Discussion:
To identify transportation needs and establish project locations, a steering committee was formed to guide the development of the Transportation Plan. The committee included representatives from City departments and key community stakeholders, including The Hub on Smith, Whitney Benefits, Sheridan County Planning and Engineering, WYDOT, Sheridan County School District No. 2, the Downtown Sheridan Association (DSA), Sheridan Fire Rescue and EMS, and the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce.

Public engagement was a central component of the planning process. Three public meetings were held to gather community input and feedback on transportation needs and potential project areas for consideration by the steering committee. In addition, the City launched an interactive online map that allowed the public to submit comments on project locations and needs over a five-month period.

Following the close of public input, the draft Transportation Plan was posted on the City's website for a 30-day public comment period. Comments received during this time were reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated into the final draft of the plan.

WYDOT has reviewed the Transportation Plan and supports adoption of the Master Plan.

Staff will present an informational update on the Transportation Plan to the Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. The plan will then proceed to the Sheridan Planning Commission for comment and a recommendation for adoption, before returning to the City Council for final consideration.

Attachments

Transportation Master Plan 2026

Condensed Transportation Master Plan 2026

SUMMARY REPORT

Sheridan Transportation Master Plan 2026

City of Sheridan

Prepared for:
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Prepared by:

DOWL

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan (STPP) serves as a policy guide for transportation decision making in the City of Sheridan. It was shaped by community vision and values gathered during an extensive public process. The goals and policies laid out in this plan were derived directly from community input. Therefore, the 2009 document stands as a clear tool for evaluating how future transportation projects meet and achieve the community vision and values.

As specific transportation projects are developed, the 2009 plan should serve as the basis to determine how each project meets (or doesn't meet) the transportation values held by the community. Controversial decisions should be informed by those values as specific projects are reviewed.

The purpose of this Sheridan Transportation Plan Update is to build upon the 2009 STPP and implement the recommended next steps. DOWL was retained by the City of Sheridan to perform the Sheridan Transportation Plan Update 2024 project, also referred to as the Sheridan Transportation Master Plan in this document, with the following general scope of work:

- review prior studies,
- document data collected since the past transportation plan,
- review the existing conditions and transportation and traffic issues,
- develop a steering committee to provide input and "steer" the project,
- obtain public input on the traffic and transportation issues, and
- establish a specific list of projects and improvement locations in the form of a Capital Improvements Plan.

The results of the work completed in the tasks above are documented in this summary report.

2.0 REVIEW OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Since 2009, several plans and projects have been developed or built within the City of Sheridan transportation system. Appendix 1 includes a memorandum written in July, 2024 near the start of the project to document changes in existing conditions of the traffic network, studies completed, major land development, existing crash data and existing traffic count data. The memorandum was used in communications with the Steering Committee for their input on transportation related issues and to steer the direction of the project.

A summary of the review of existing conditions is as follows:

- Multiple planning studies have been conducted since 2009, ranging from land use plans, corridor studies, and pathways plans.

- Considerable growth has taken place in and around the City of Sheridan since 2009 including growth on the north side of Sheridan and around existing street corridors.
    - Wrench Ranch development and area north of the new north I-90 interchange near mile marker 20.
    - Sheridan High Tech Business Park Development and area around the new north I-90 interchange.
    - Continued development of the Cloud Peak development area west of and around Mydland Road, including development of the old Country Club golf course into residential development.
    - Continued development of the area east of I-90 along East Ridge Road.
    - Proposed development of the area north of 5th Street and East of I-90.
    - Continued development in outlying areas adjacent to the City in Sheridan County, including subdivisions along the Big Goose Highway, south of Sheridan along Big Horn Avenue and Coffeen Avenue in the Little Goose Valley, along the Decker Highway north of Sheridan, east of Sheridan on E. 5th Street and E. Brundage Lane and west of Sheridan along Soldier Creek Road.
    - Significant growth in the communities of Ranchester and Dayton.

- The following major projects, since 2009, have impactedtraffic flow and the transportation network:
    - Location of I-90 and Main Street interchange moved west on I-90.
    - Main Street reduced from two lanes each direction to one lane each direction with a center turn lane.
    - E. 5th Street Improvements – Added sidewalks, ADA ramps, landscaping
    - Traffic signal at E. 5th Street and Sheridan Avenue.
    - Traffic signal at Sugarland Drive and Brundage Lane.
    - Train warning system (notifies drivers of trains blocking tracks so drivers can take other routes prior to being stopped at the 5th Street railroad crossing.
    - Removal of one block of Brooks Street south of Burkitt Street, adjacent to the County Courthouse.
    - Significant improvement in the pathways around the City of Sheridan.

- The following travel patterns and barriers to travel exist:
    - The Little Goose Creek and Big Goose Creek drainages have topographical constraints funneling traffic on a few major roadways.
    - The interstate and railroad corridors are physical barriers and concentrate east-west traffic movements to a few arterials.
    - The interstate is used as an arterial connection between Brundage Lane and 5th Street.
    - External trip generators are located in Big Horn, Story, the south end of Sheridan, Ranchester and Dayton. These areas are mainly residential areas, and residents living in these areas generally work, shop, and do business in Sheridan.
    - The current pattern of development in the Sheridan area is concentrated on commercial and employment activity in a group of "centers" (districts) where a large proportion of trips are attracted. The main activity centers are as follows:
        - The downtown area attracts travel from the external employment centers and residential developments.
        - A major commercial center exists on the southeast side of town (Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Sheridan College area).
        - There is an activity center at the existing hospital/medical and high school area.
        - A new activity center has recently been created on the north side of Sheridan around the new north interchange including industrial facilities, a truck stop, and auto dealer. Additional industrial development is planned in this area as part of the High-Tech Business Park Phase II project.

- Due to the barriers to travel, and the pattern of development in Sheridan, the transportation network has the following challenges:
    - Limited options for travel to and from external areas. As the external areas grow, the current roadways will become progressively more congested.
    - Limited travel options to get around or bypass downtown.
    - Discontinuous arterial and minor arterial network.
    - Increased travel through residential neighborhoods due to the lack of an arterial network. One example is the Sparrowhawk subdivision near Mydland Road.

3.0 STEERING COMMITTEE GUIDANCE

This project engaged a steering committee composed mostly of the same entities on the steering committee for the 2009 study. The entities include city administrators and representatives from the public works, engineering, and planning departments as well as representatives from Sheridan County, Sheridan County School District #2, and emergency service providers.

Two steering committee meetings were held:

1. Steering Committee Meeting 1 was held at the Council Chambers at the City of Sheridan City Hall on July 30, 2024. At this meeting the project team introduced the project, reviewed the existing information, and obtained input from the steering committee on transportation related issues. The memo discussed at this meeting can be found in Appendix 1. Presentation materials are located in Appendix 2.
2. Steering Committee Meeting 2 was held at the City of Sheridan Council Chambers on March 26, 2025. The steering committee reviewed the input received from the public, proposed transportation improvements and provided feedback on the process to get projects from the transportation plan onto an official map of recommendations or into the CIP. At this meeting the steering committee was encouraged to provide input on the proposed projects. Meeting minutes from Steering Committee Meeting 2 and comments gathered afterwards are summarized in Appendix 2.

4.0 PUBLIC INPUT

During the first steering committee, the committee recommended re-engaging the public to verify the goals and next steps of the 2009 Transportation plan were still applicable and generally accepted by the community. The City of Sheridan then hosted a series of public meetings to inform the public and gather input on transportation issues in the City of Sheridan. These public meetings included the following:

- September 26, 2024 – Sheridan Memorial Hospital Primary Care Facility
- October 22, 2024 – Sheridan County Library
- December 5, 2024 – Sheridan Senior Center – West Corridor

The first two meetings were held to gather input from the public on the Transportation Plan Update. After an introductory presentation by City of Sheridan staff, meeting attendees were asked to provide input on specific transportation issues.

The third meeting was held to gather input on the West Corridor project. Although not directly associated with the Transportation Plan Update, the West Corridor project generated significant public input.

In addition to the meetings above, a website was developed to solicit public input. The website allowed comments to be submitted online and allowed website users to place the comments on an interactive map.

Public meeting sign-in sheets and comments received are shown in Appendix 3. These comments include several maps and a cross-referenced table of comments from the public meetings and website.

4.1 Incorporating Public Input into the Project List

All public comments were reviewed to determine whether project suggestions should be included in or excluded from the proposed project list. Comments suggesting improvements aligning with available data or fitting within the defined projects were added to the list. A few examples of comments incorporated into the proposed project list are provided below:

1. Extend Highland Ave north to Fort Rd (project 4)
2. Intersection at 5th St and Val Vista St (project 43)
3. Connection between Lewis St and S Sheridan Ave (projects 18 & 20)
4. Extend Mydland Rd to W Loucks St (project 11)
5. Intersection improvements at Big Horn Ave and Edwards Dr (project 47)
6. Connection between the Osprey Hill Subdivision and the West Corridor (project 10)

Many additional comments were incorporated into the project list. Several submissions addressed topics including vehicle speed, traffic signage, street lighting, walking paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, and other similar access or safety issues. While these comments are valuable for the City's consideration, they fell outside the scope of the categories evaluated as part of this master plan. The City recently received a grant for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) where these comments can be considered during development of a comprehensive safety action plan.

Numerous comments were received regarding the West Corridor, with both support and opposition expressed. All feedback was carefully reviewed by the project team and steering committee. Alternative routes were discussed; however, no options were identified warranting changes to the current alignment shown on the map, particularly north of W Loucks Street. West Corridor specific studies and projects may still consider alternative routes for the final road alignment.

A draft of this report was published in 2025 and public input was solicited from the steering committee as well as the general public. The report was made available on the project and City website and several comments from the public were received. In summary, the major points from these 18 comments were as follows:

- 5 Against Bluebird Lane Project
- 7 Against Airport Road Project(s)
- 2 Against West Corridor Project
- 1 for West Corridor Project
- 2 general comments
- And 1 for improving congestion in south Sheridan neighborhoods.

These comments can be found at the end of Appendix C.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

After review of existing traffic data, recommendations from past studies, traffic patterns, transportation network issues, and public input, the following recommendations are proposed for specific areas of transportation in the City of Sheridan.

5.1 Transportation Network Recommendations

A list of transportation improvement projects was developed. These projects are shown and numbered on Figure 5.1 Transportation Master Plan Map. The project number corresponds to the project description and individual project maps in Appendix D. Project priorities are described in Section 6.0.

It should be noted, most of the transportation improvement projects include conceptual roadways that go through private property and right-of-way has not been obtained for these

projects at the time of this study. Future studies and coordination with landowners and developers is needed to finalize alignments and obtain this right-of-way.

5.2 School Zones

The 2009 STPP recommended review of existing school zones and evaluation of impacts caused by future transportation improvement projects. This Transportation Plan Update supports the Policy Plan recommendation. Several school zones are located on or near existing major collector or minor arterials with pedestrian traffic adjacent to or crossing these roadways. These include the following locations:

1. Sheridan Avenue at Coffeen School. This school has revised their bus loop and parent pick-up and drop-off traffic in the past few years, improving the traffic circulation.
2. Mydland Drive at Highland Park School. Providing alternate routes to Mydland Drive and Sparrowhawk Drive should help reduce traffic in this school zone.
3. Pedestrians traveling to Woodland Park School adjacent to and crossing Coffeen Avenue. A pedestrian crossing of Coffeen Avenue at Woodland Park Road should be considered by WYDOT.
4. Pedestrians traveling to Meadowlark School adjacent to and crossing Big Horn Avenue. A pedestrian crossing (or crossings) should be considered versus a school zone on Big Horn Avenue.
5. Lewis Street at Sheridan Junior High School.
6. Long Drive and West 5th Street and Sheridan High School.

5.3 Railroad Crossings

The transportation network discussion identified the railroad as a barrier to east-west traffic flow. Converting two existing crossings (First Street and Fifth Street) to grade separated crossings were identified as projects in Section 5.1. These projects have been studied multiple times and present significant challenges for preserving continuity of the existing street network adjacent to the railroad and not impacting businesses and historic properties near the existing railroad crossings, whether the crossing is over or under the railroad. However, a new grade separated crossing is proposed north of the two existing crossings near Fort Road. This crossing would connect to Fort Road at Main Street on the west and Kittering Road on the east side of the railroad. A crossing at this location will require coordination with BNSF and Sheridan County since Kittering Road is under the jurisdiction of the county.

The Fort Road railroad crossing takes priority over the First Street or Fifth Street crossing projects because it may offer the following benefits:

1. This crossing will offload some traffic from other railroad crossings.

2. Future increases in traffic on these crossings will likely be from development north of Sheridan, both on the west and east of the railroad. This crossing will provide a good east-west arterial connection on the north side of Sheridan to help distribute this traffic.

3. Constructing an overpass of the railroad and connecting to the existing street network will be easier at this location than the other existing railroad crossings.

5.4 Downtown Sheridan

Prior studies and public comments have identified a need to provide alternate ways for traffic to traverse from one end of Sheridan to the other without going through the Historic Downtown. Several improvements in the past years have been made to improve the safety of the Historic Downtown which make it a tourism destination and community hub with shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums.

This Transportation Plan Update doesn't propose projects within the Historic Downtown Sheridan area due to other recent and planned improvements. However, the proposed projects should help improve the transportation network to provide alternate routes for traffic which will alleviate downtown congestion and allow the downtown to function more as a destination than a thoroughfare.

5.5 Pedestrian and Pathway Facilities

Several of the comments received from the steering committee and public input were associated with the pedestrian network.

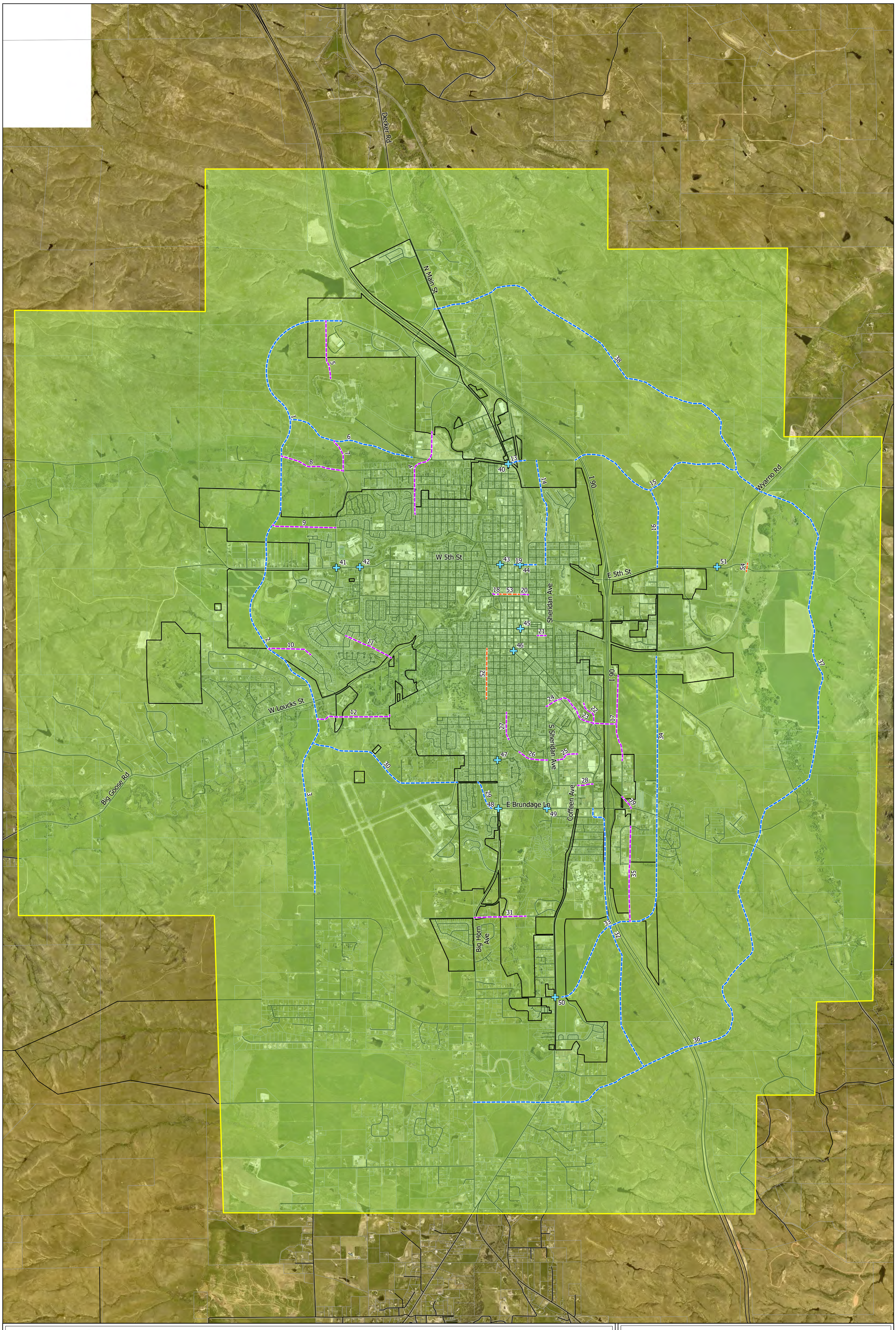
Updating the Pedestrian and Pathway network was not included in the scope of work for this project. However, this Transportation Plan Update generally recommends the following items related to pedestrian and pathway networks:

1. The existing sidewalk network is discontinuous and inaccessible (from an ADA standpoint). The City of Sheridan should continue to look for opportunities to establish ADA compliant corridors and accessible routes throughout the network.

2. The pathway network is highly used, and many comments were received about additional routes which could improve the continuity of the pathway network. The City of Sheridan should continue to develop the pathway network and provide bicycle facilities to connect the existing pathway network through town.

3. Bicycle lanes should be considered when feasible. Bicycle lanes offer potential benefits including a reduction in car traffic volume and overall congestion.

4. As discussed in the 2009 Transportation Policy Plan, future roadway projects should incorporate pedestrian and bicycle elements in a "complete street" design. The City of Sheridan provided an update to the Pathways Master Plan in 2019 and should continue to update the plan on a regular basis to reestablish current priorities.



Legend

- City Limits
- Sheridan City/County JPA Boundary
- Existing Roads
- Parcels
- Future Arterial
- Future Collector
- Rehabilitation
- Intersection Projects

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6.0 PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

The numbered projects in the project list below, and described in Appendix D, are prioritized based on the expected benefits they provide and existing or future traffic issues they will address. The primary challenges and most pressing project needs are located where the City of Sheridan and Sheridan County are experiencing growth. The Sheridan transportation network has the following primary challenges:

- Limited options for travel to and from external areas. As external areas grow, the current roadways will become progressively more congested.
- Limited travel options to get around or bypass downtown.
- Discontinuous arterial and minor arterial network.
- Increased travel through residential neighborhoods due to the lack of an arterial network.

Therefore, projects addressing the challenges above are the highest priority. The top dozen high priority projects based on addressing the challenges above are:

1. West Corridor from West 5th Street to West Loucks (project 2) and Bluebird Lane connection (project 10). This project provides an alternate route to Mydland Road, improves the arterial network, and decreases travel through residential neighborhoods.
2. West Corridor from West Loucks Street to Upper Road (project 3) with connections to Leopard Street and West Brundage Lane (projects 12, 29 and 30). These projects provide an alternate route west of Sheridan around downtown, improve the arterial network, and provide an alternate route to Girl's School Road and Coffeen Avenue for development south of Sheridan.
3. Mydland Road from Dome Drive to West Loucks Street (project 11). This project provides a minor arterial connection to Loucks Street and should reduce traffic through Sparrowhawk neighborhood.
4. West Corridor from Yellowtail Drive to West 5th Street (project 1) and Hill Pond, 17th Street and Fort Road Connections (projects 6,8, and 9). Completes connection to north end of Sheridan/I-90 and west Sheridan.
5. Fort Road from Main Street to Kittering Road (project 13) This project provides a grade separated crossing of the railroad and a east-west arterial connection on the north end of Sheridan. Completing this connection may reduce the need to build a grade-separated crossing at First or Fifth Streets.
6. Loucks Street to Sheridan Avenue (project 21). This project connects Loucks Street to Sheridan Avenue and should offload traffic from Brundage Street, improving the arterial network.
7. Sugarland Drive south extension (project 32). This project provides a parallel arterial to Coffeen Avenue and could be constructed in phases. The first extension south of Brundage Lane will connect several existing dead end streets and allow an alternate route to Coffeen Avenue. Phases further south will connect existing and future developments east of Coffeen Avenue to Brundage Lane.
8. Frank Street from Gillette Street to Sugarview Drive (project 22). This project provides a connection for the area between Water Street and I-90 to the commercial area around Sugarland Drive and would reduce out-of-direction travel for this area of town and offload some traffic from Coffeen Avenue and Sheridan Avenue.
9. North Sheridan Avenue from 8th Street to Kittering Road (project 14). This project improves the arterial network, especially once project 13 is completed. This will help reduce the increase in traffic on Skeels Street, which currently goes through a residential

area from 5th Street to 8th Street.

10. Commercial Avenue to East Ridge Road (project 17). This project provides an arterial roadway from the existing Commercial Avenue to East Ridge Road, and will be needed as the area east of I-90 develops. In conjunction with project 39, which aligns the intersection at East Brundage Lane with Dry Ranch Road, this will provide improvements to the arterial network.
11. Colorado Street from Coffeen Avenue to Commercial Avenue (project 23). This project provides a connection east under I-90, and also provides access to Coffeen Avenue for the commercial area east of Coffeen Avenue and north of Little Goose Creek. Combined with project 22 and project 24, this connection provides an alternate route to Coffeen Avenue for this area's traffic.
12. Turner Lane from Sheridan Avenue to Coffeen Avenue (project 25). This project provides an east-west arterial connection between the commercial area on Sheridan Avenue and Coffeen Avenue. The intersection of this project with Coffeen Avenue would be a likely future location of a traffic signal on Coffeen Avenue based on spacing and traffic volumes from the Walmart area.

Although the projects above are listed as high priority, other projects not listed may become high priority based on timing of land development, funding availability or other factors.

7.0 SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

The Sheridan Transportation Plan Update continued the next steps recommended in the 2009 Transportation Policy Plan. The next steps included:

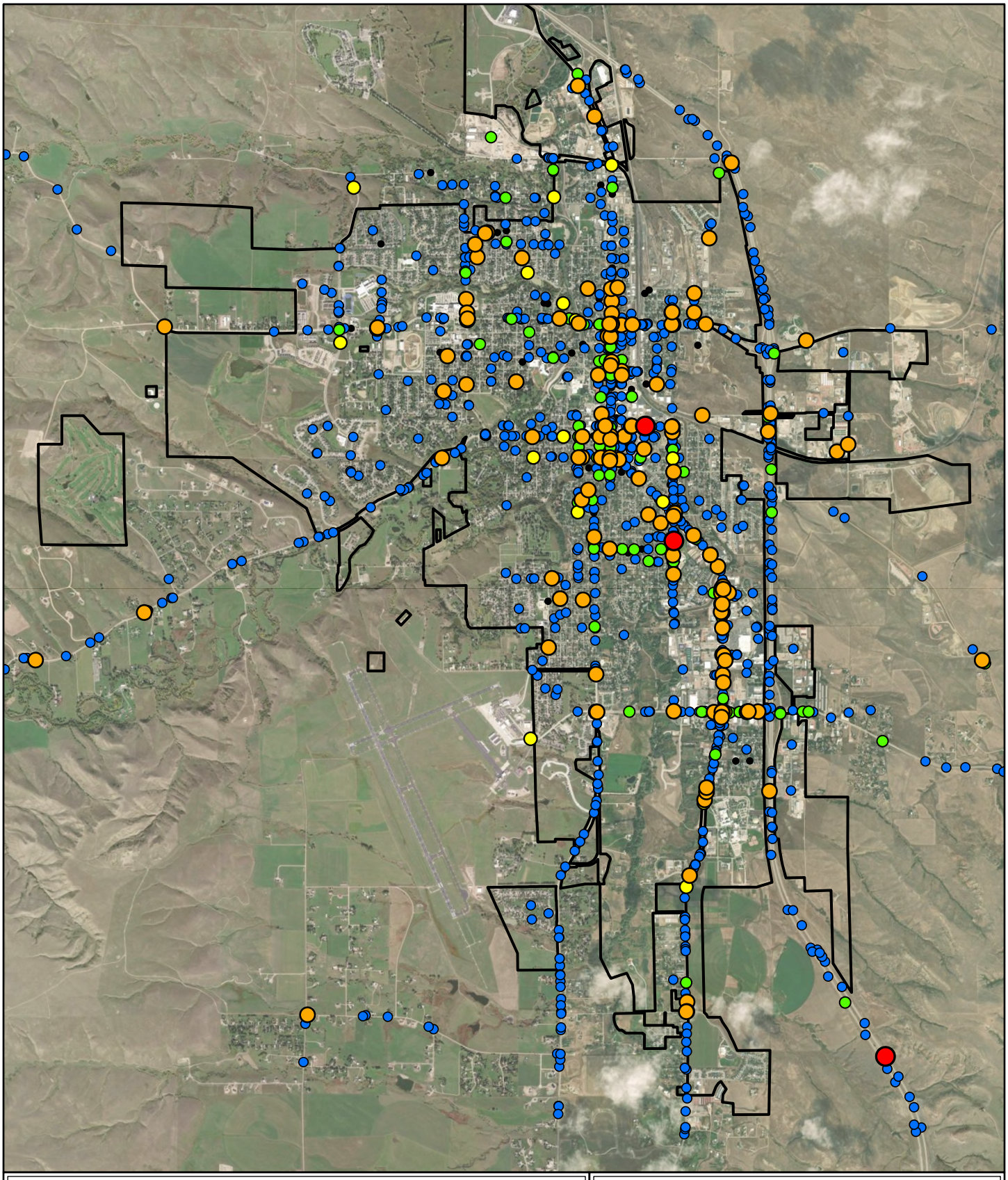
- reviewing prior studies,
- documenting data collected since the past transportation plan,
- reviewing the existing conditions and transportation and traffic issues,
- developing a steering committee to provide input and "steer" the project,
- obtaining public input on the traffic and transportation issues, and
- establishing a specific list of projects and improvement locations in the form of Capital Improvements Plan projects.

This Transportation Plan Update outlines actionable improvements and sets the stage for future transportation planning with a clear vision for the City of Sheridan. Future planning efforts should include the following steps:

1. Obtain consensus from Sheridan County and WYDOT on the proposed projects.
2. Obtain additional public input on the proposed projects.
3. Recommend the Sheridan Urban Systems Advisory Committee (SUSAC) review this Transportation Master Plan and recommend updates to the Functional Classification Map.

APPENDIX A:
EXISTING CONDITIONS MEMO

Figure A.1	Total Crash Count
Figure A.2	Crashes Involving Parked Vehicles
Figure A.3	Crashes by Intersection Type
Figure A.4	Crashes in Downtown
Figure A.5	Crashes on Coffeen Ave
Figure A.6	Crashes by Year
Figure A.7	Top 10 Highest Street Crashes
Figure A.8	Crashes Involving Deer
Figure A.9	Historic Traffic Counts
Figure A.10	Traffic Counts and Crashes



Historic Crash Data 2019-2024

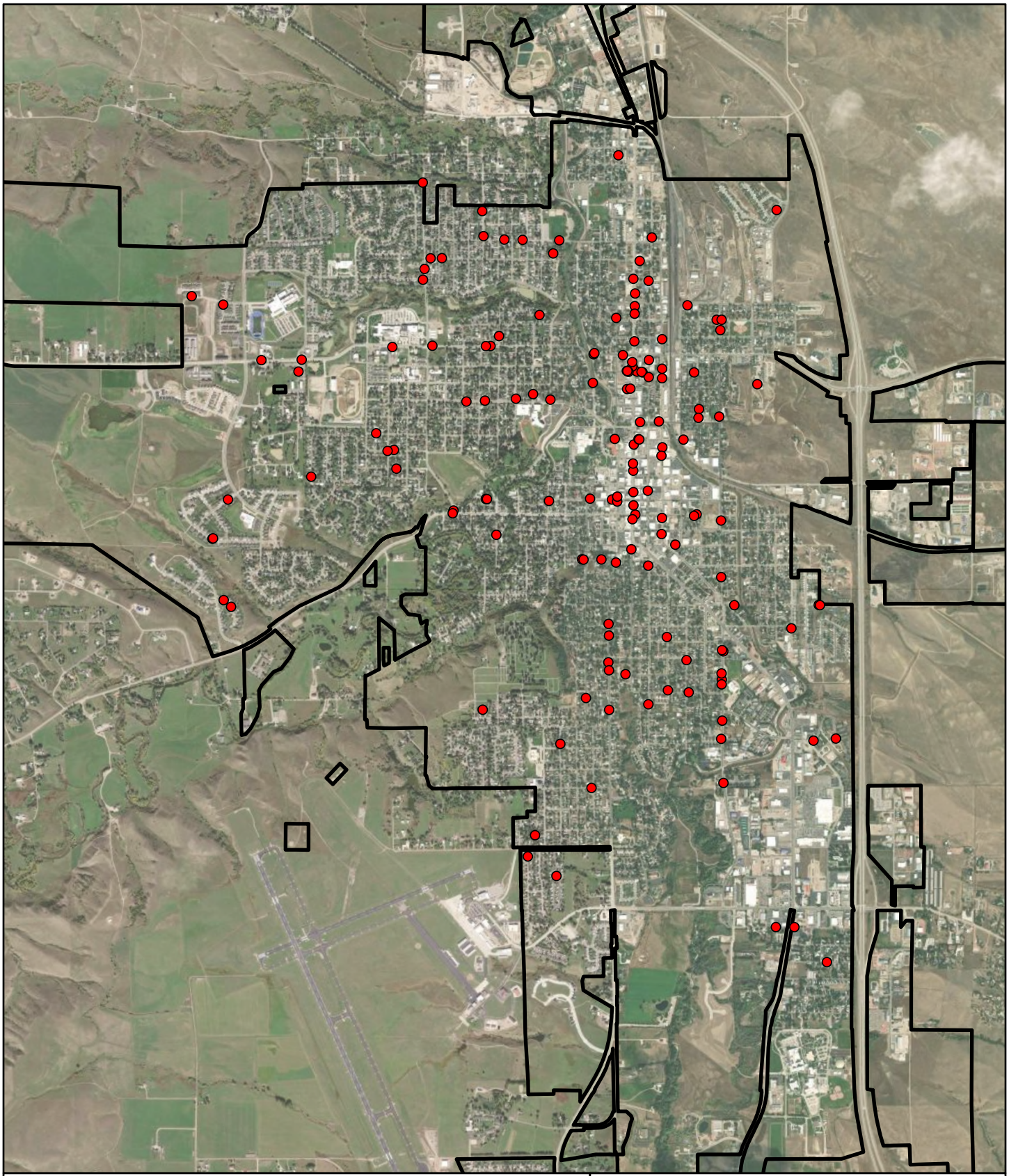
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Parked Car Crashes 2019-2024

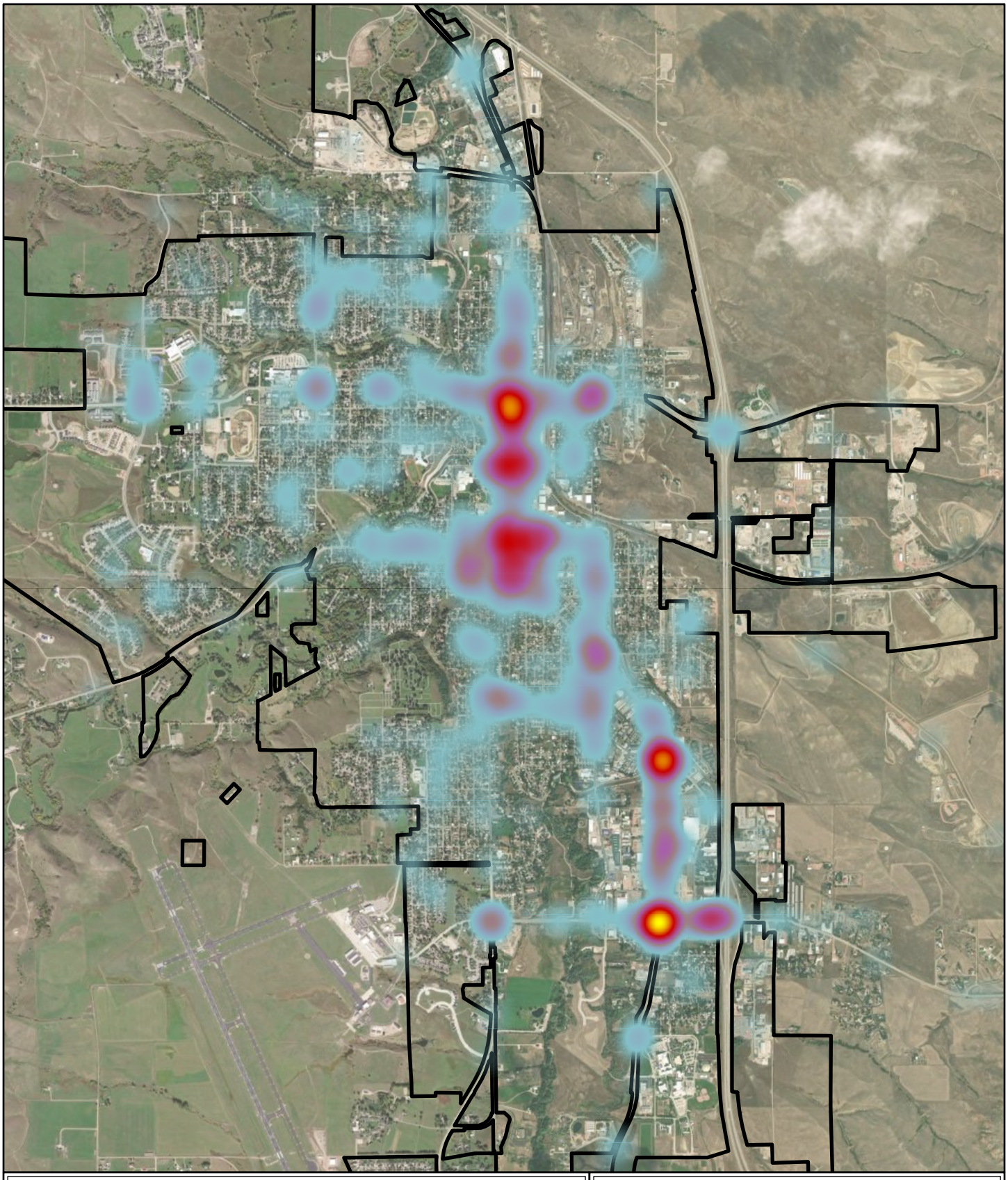
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Intersection Crashes 2019-2025

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Downtown Crashes 2019-2024

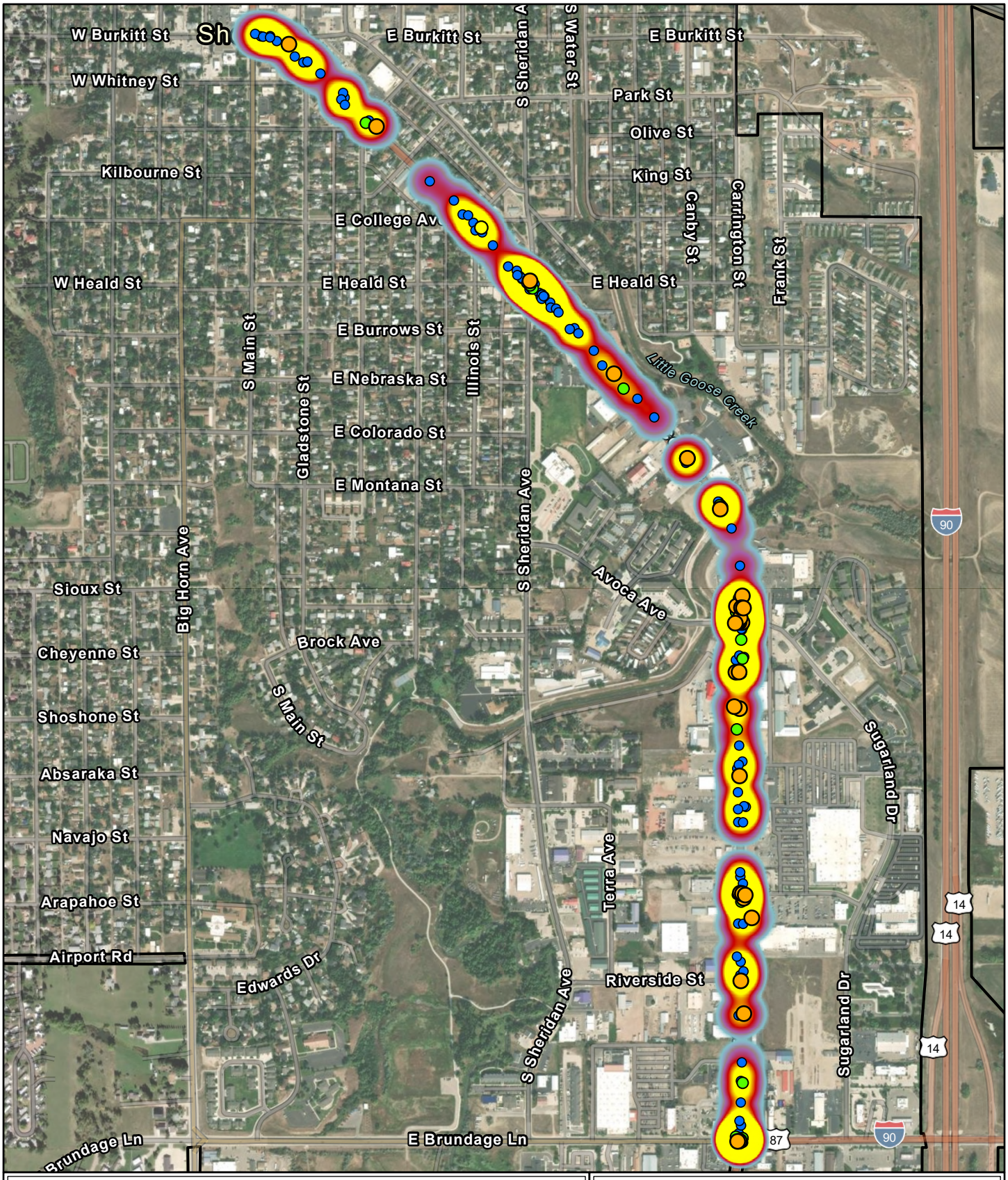
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Crash Severity

CRASH SEVERITY

- FATAL INJURY
- SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY
- SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY
- POSSIBLE INJURY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY
- UNKNOWN
- Low
- High
- CityLimits

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Coffeen Ave Crashes 2019-2024

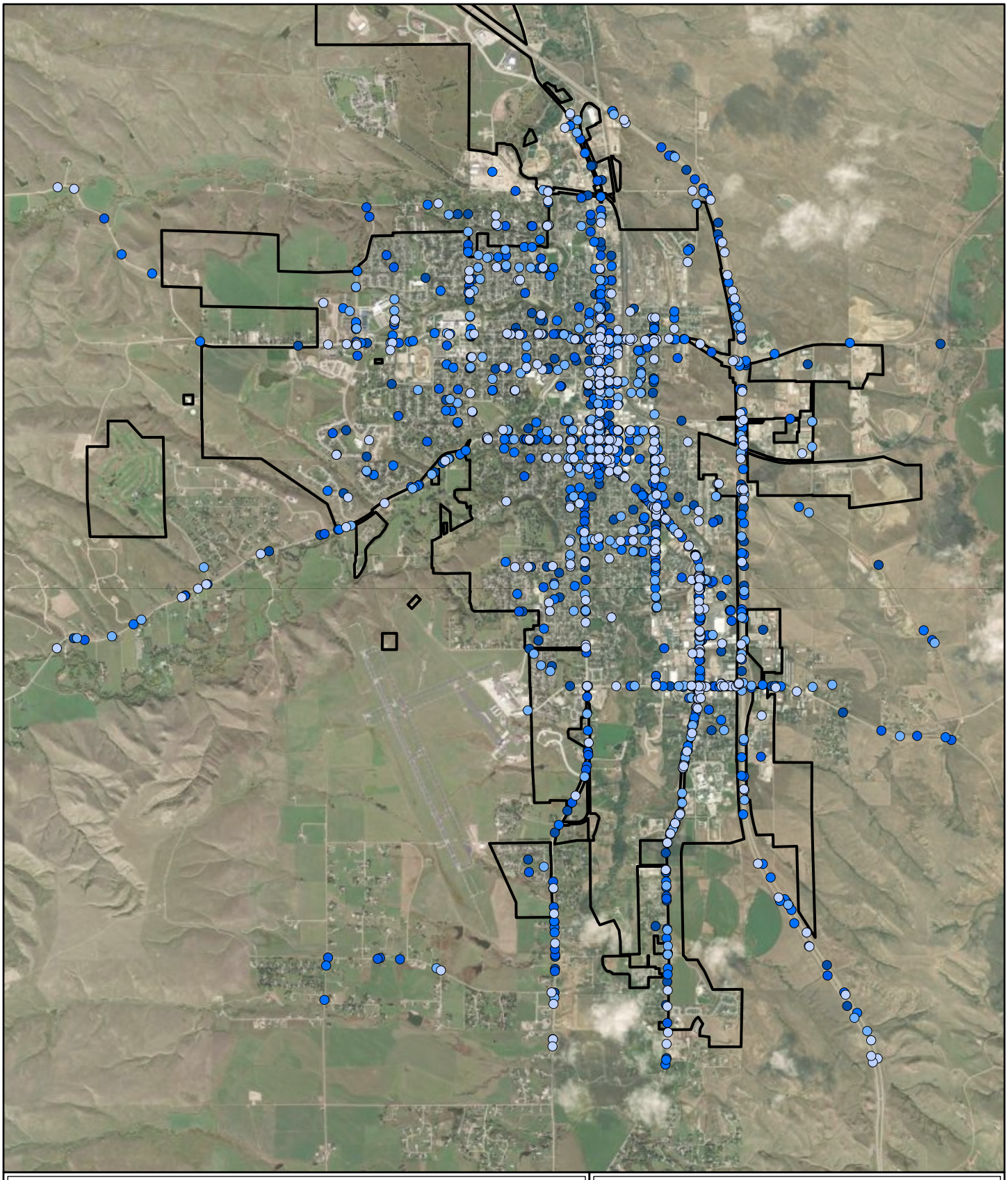
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Crashes Based on Year 2019-2024

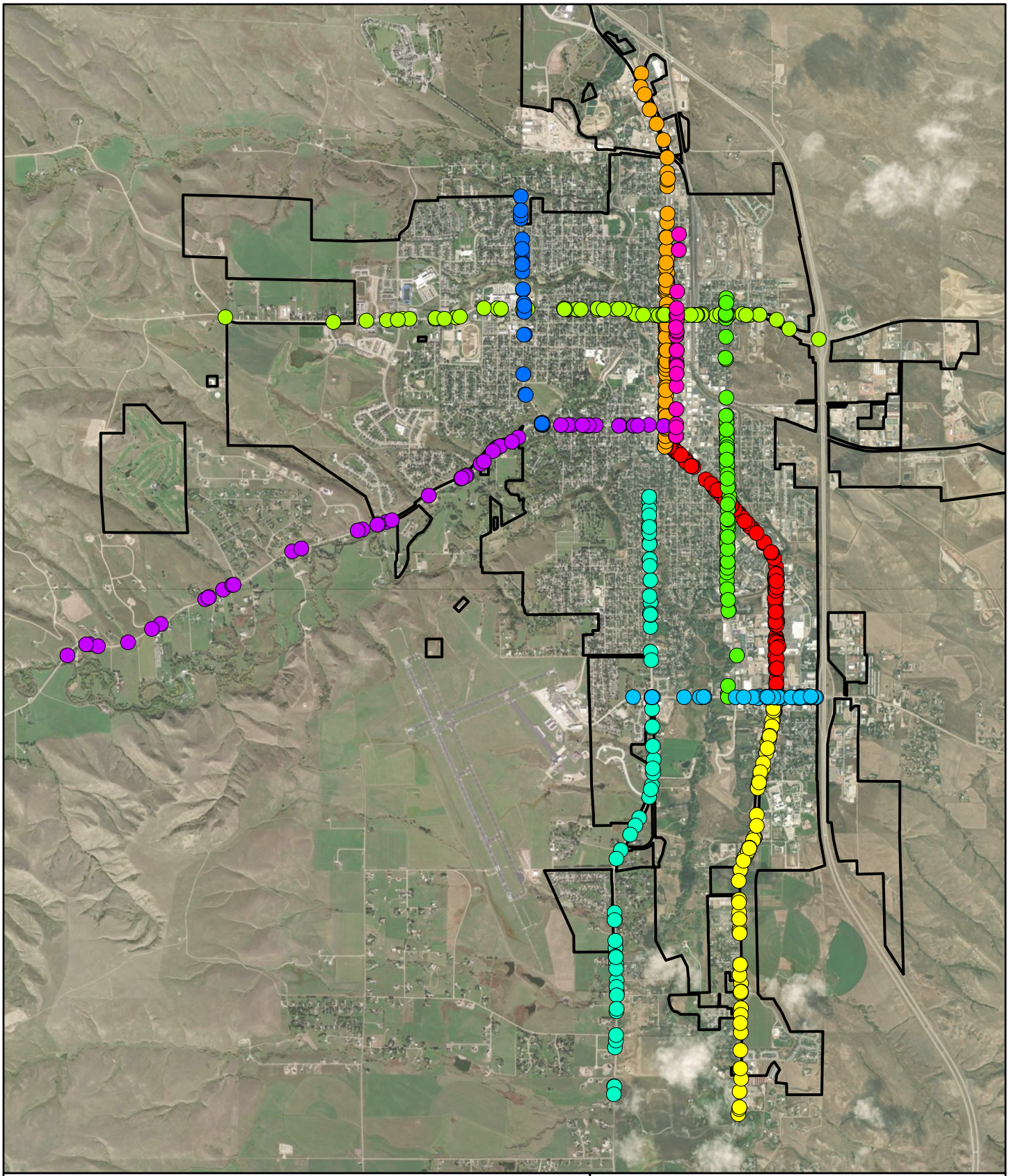
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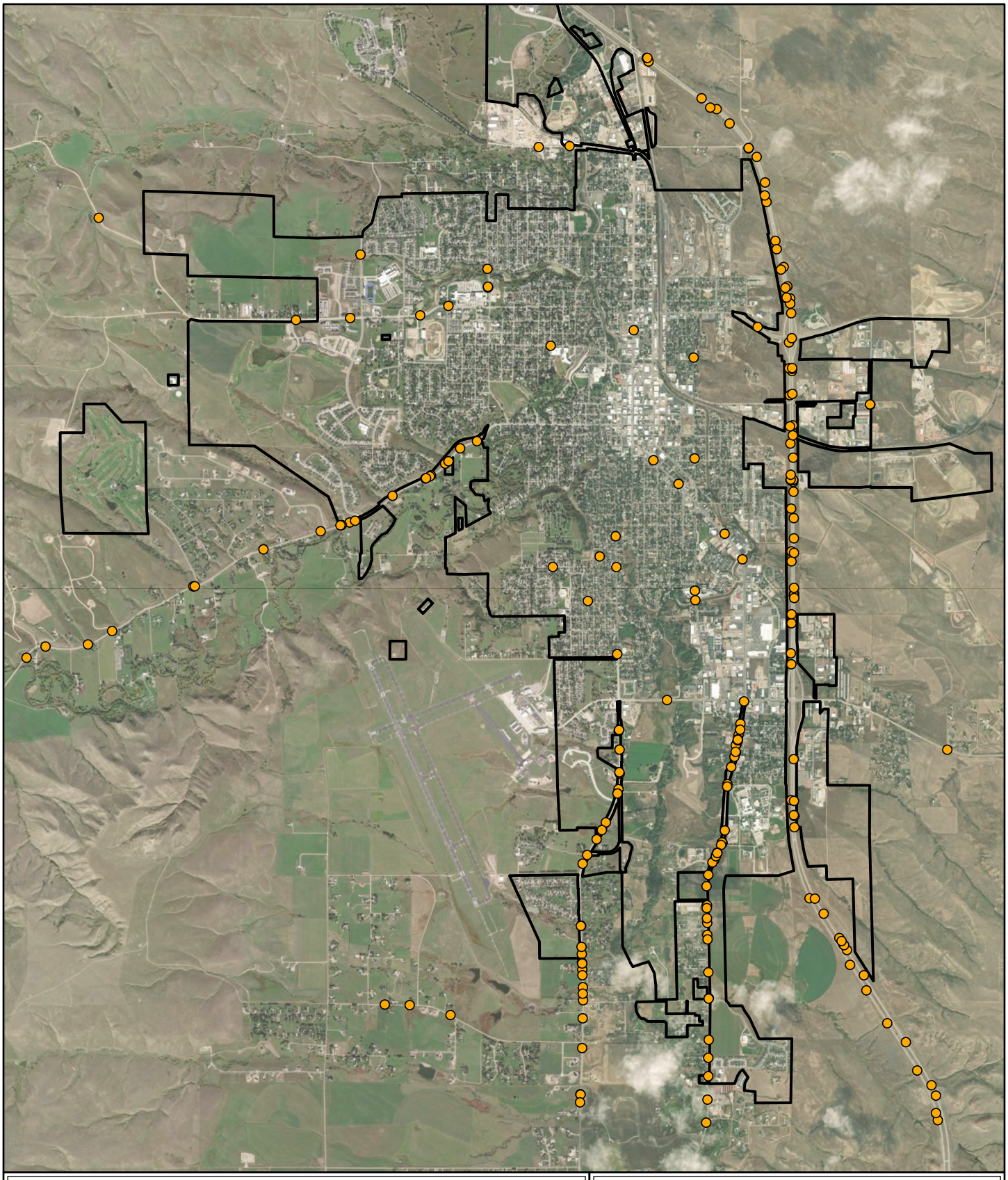
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Deer Crashes 2019-2024

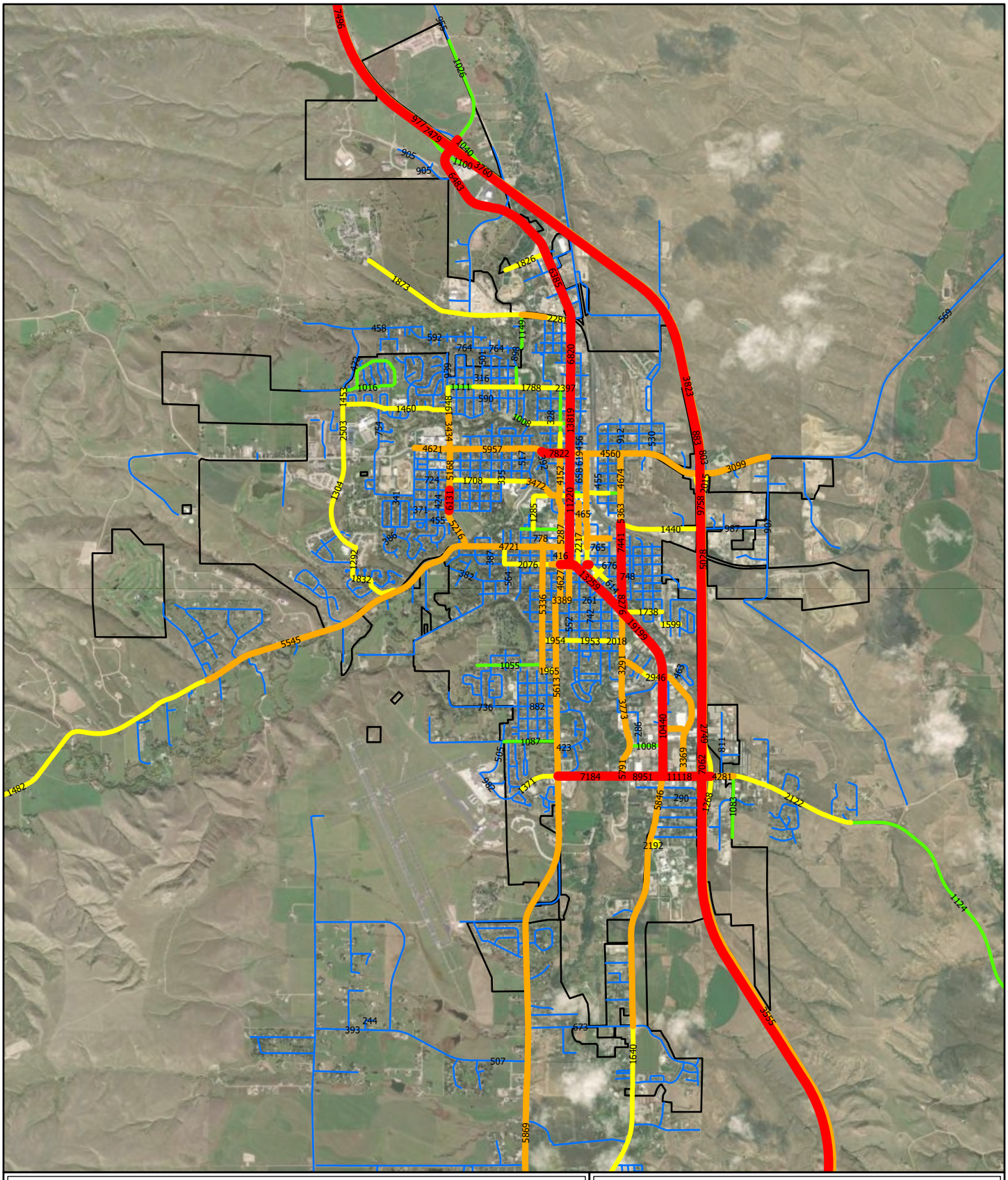
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Historic Traffic Counts 2019-2024

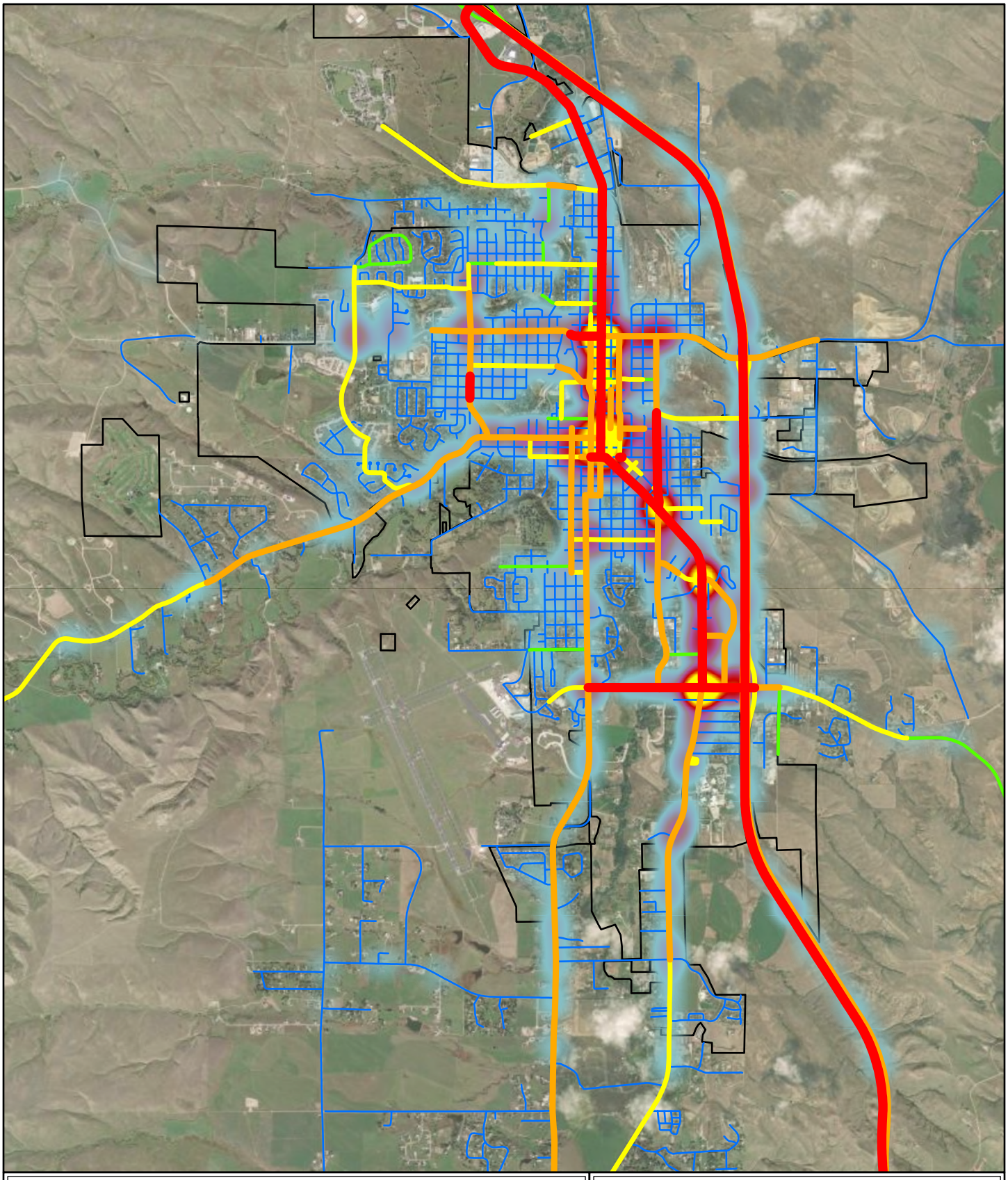
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Historic Traffic Counts and Crashes 2019-2024

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APPENDIX B:
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION

Steering Committee Meeting #1 Slides
Steering Committee Meeting #1 Discussion
Steering Committee Meeting #1 Sign-in sheet

Steering Committee Meeting #2 Slides
Steering Committee Meeting #2 Discussion
Steering Committee Meeting #2 Sign-in sheet

Contractor Meeting

PO Box 7010, Sheridan, WY 82801-7001

PROJECT	Sheridan Transportation Plan Update 5071.28038.01	DATE	7/23/2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
ORGANIZER	Jeffrey Rosenlund	SUBJECT	2024 Sheridan Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting
LOCATION	Sheridan City Council Chambers - 3rd Floor City Hall, 55 E. Grinnell		
INVITEES	Teresa Detimore, David Ford, Derek Hall, Gary Harnish, Erin Kilbride, Ryan Landis, Bev Leichtnam, Ryan Levanen, Stuart Mcrae, Hanns Mercer, michelle.edwards@wyo.gov, Thomas Morneau, Ken Muller, Zoila Perry, Nathan Rager, Mark Reid, Carmen Rideout, Jeffrey Rosenlund, Kelly Schroeder, Shawn Stevens, Benjamin Wetzel		
ATTENDEES			
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MEETING COMMENTS

The City of Sheridan is kicking off a transportation planning effort and would like to invite you to the first steering committee meeting to be held July 23rd at noon at City Council Chambers on 3rd floor of City Hall, 55 E. Grinnell. Lunch will be provided.

This transportation planning effort builds upon the 2009 Transportation Policy Plan that many of you were a part of. This plan continues with the recommended “next steps” of the 2009 plan and would like to develop a specific list of transportation improvements in the form of a Capital Improvements Plan and Official Map of the desired improvements.

Please RSVP for a headcount for lunch and verify if you are able to be on this steering committee. We will send materials for the first steering committee out in the next week.

The City of Sheridan is excited to continue improving transportation in and around Sheridan. Thank you in advance for your participation.”

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Review of prior 2009 Transportation Policy Plan and recommended "next steps"
3. Review scope of this project - develop list of transportation improvements
4. Summary of data collected and existing conditions.
5. Input on transportation issues

Contractor Meeting

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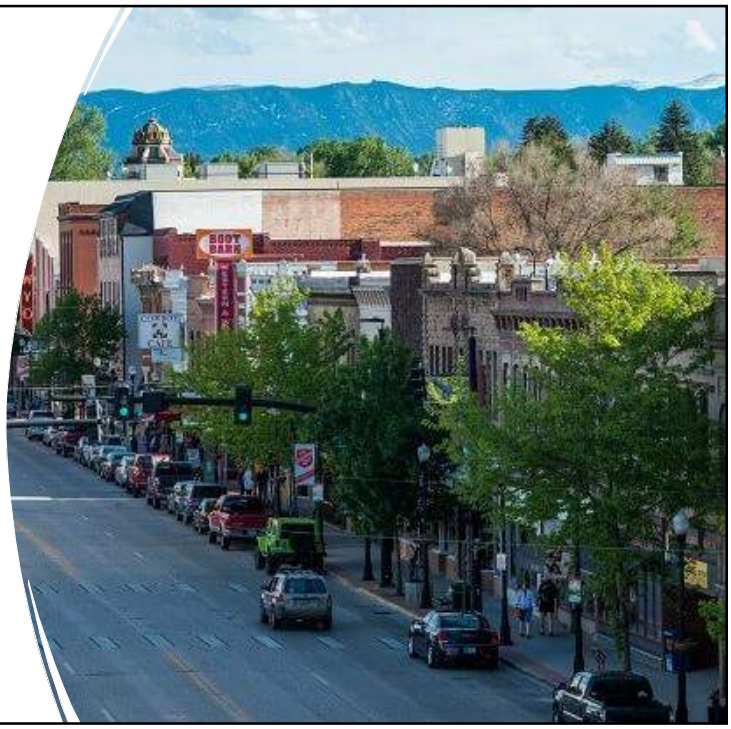
AGENDA

6. Input on improvement alternatives for the following areas
   6.1. Transportation Network
   6.2. Local street classification/neighborhood impacts
   6.3. School zones
   6.4. Downtown Sheridan
   6.5. Railroad Crossing
7. Project schedule and next meeting.

SHERIDAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 30, 2024



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Review of prior 2009 Transportation Policy Plan and recommended “next steps”
- Review this project scope
- Summary of data collected
- Input on transportation issues
- Input on improvement alternatives for the following areas
  - Overall Transportation Network
  - School Zones
  - Downtown Sheridan
  - Railroad Crossing
- Project schedule and next meeting

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2009 Transportation Policy

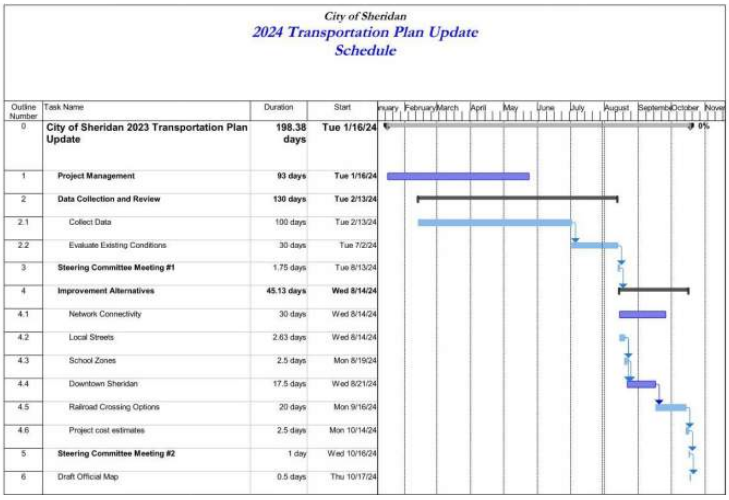
Next Steps from 2009 Policy Plan

1. Work with neighborhoods to understand how the Policy Plan translates into neighborhood improvements (ongoing)
2. Prioritize Transportation Projects
3. Apply the Policy Plan to develop an Official Map of desired improvements (Major Streets Plan)
4. Approve the CIP and Major Streets Plan
5. Complete the Downtown Master Plan

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Scope of this Project

- Collect and review data
- Public involvement, Steering Committee #1
- Improvement Alternatives
- Steering Committee #2
- Draft Official Map



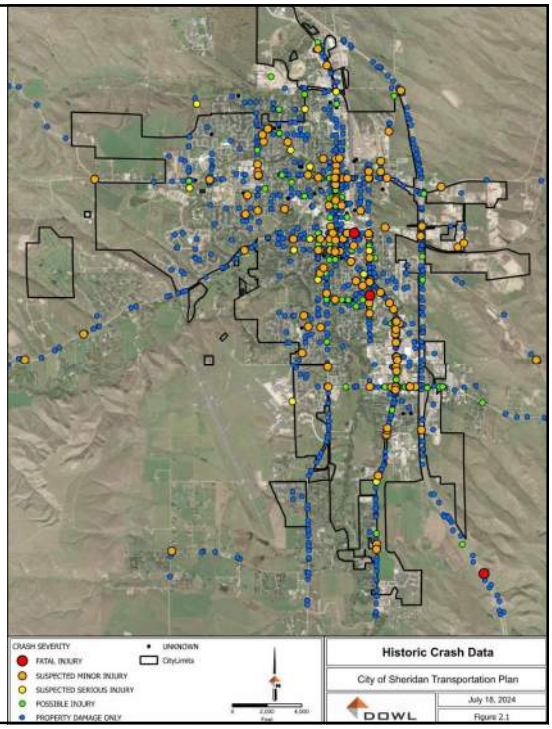
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Summary of Data Collected

- 2009 Transportation Policy Plan
- 2017 JPA Land Use Plan
- 2019 Pathway Master Plan
- 2019 Capital Improvements Plan
- WYDOT - crash data and counts
- WYDOT Functional Classification Map(s)

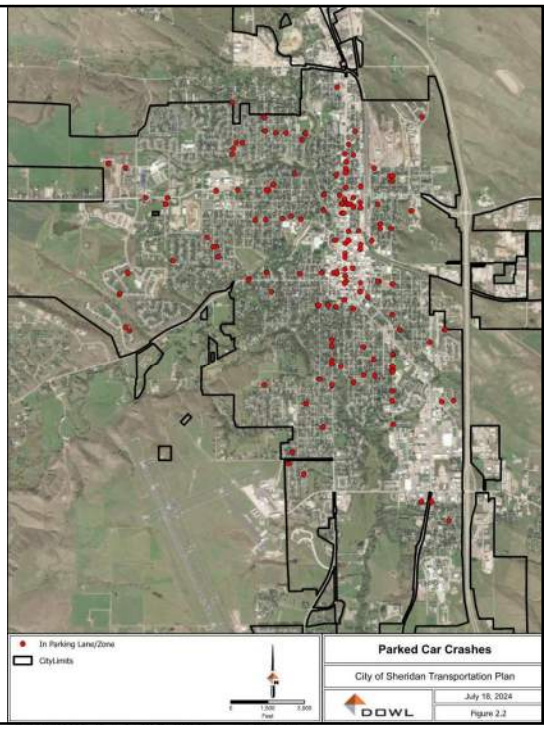
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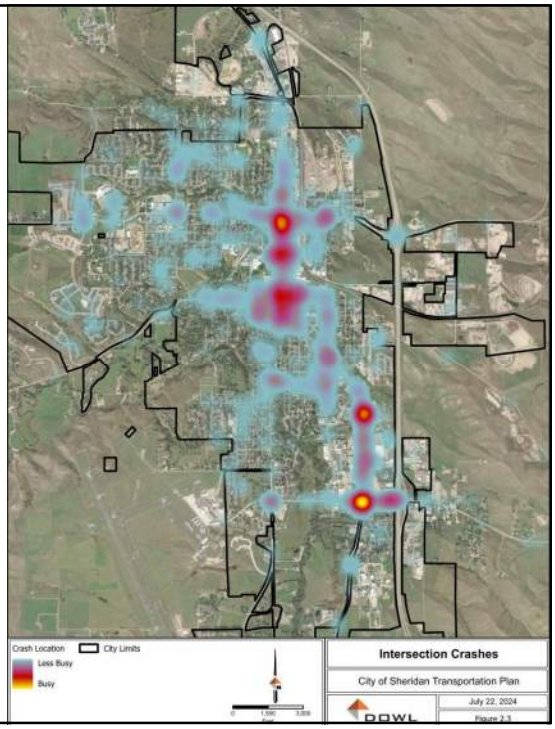
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Parked Car Crashes



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Intersection Crashes



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Downtown Crashes



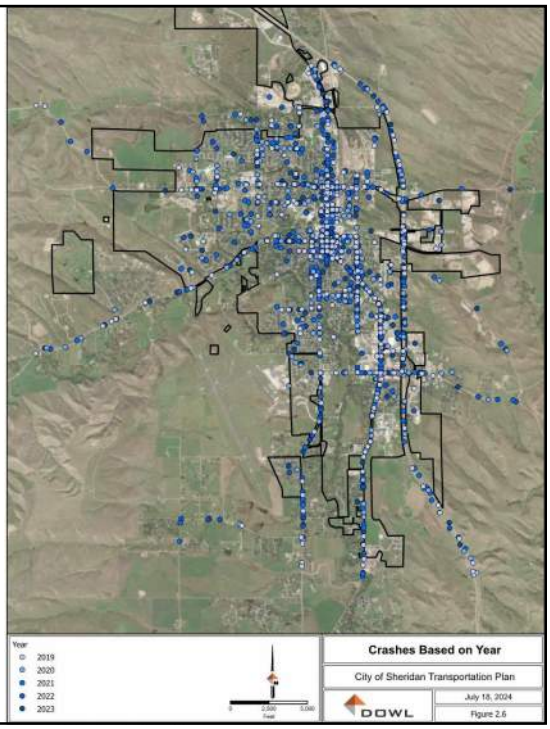
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Coffeen Ave Crashes



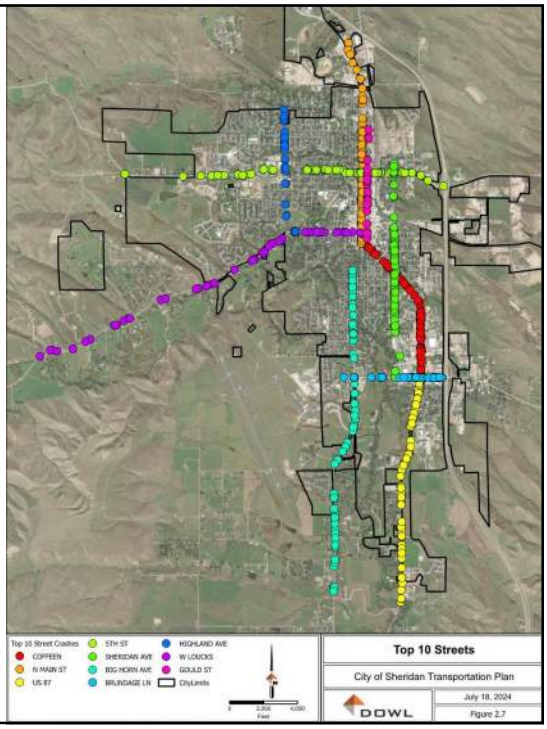
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Crashes Based on Year



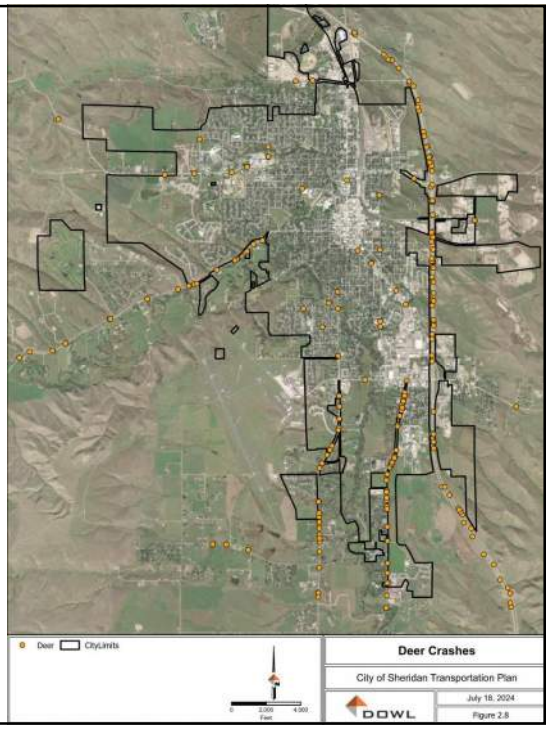
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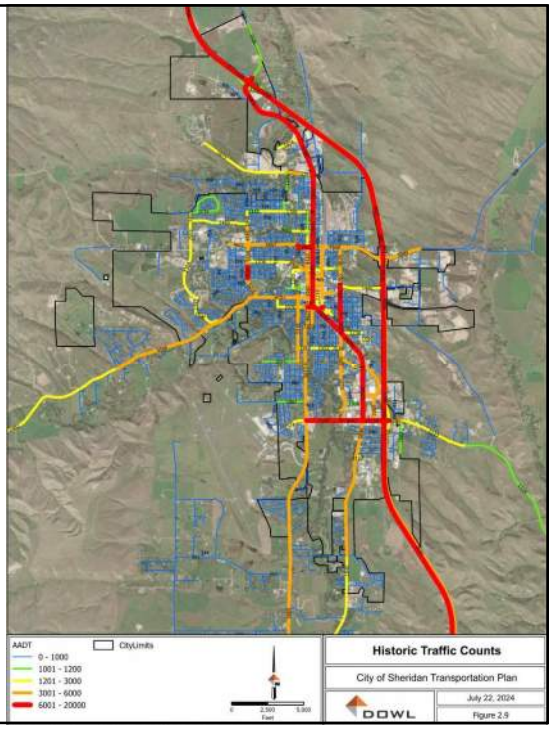
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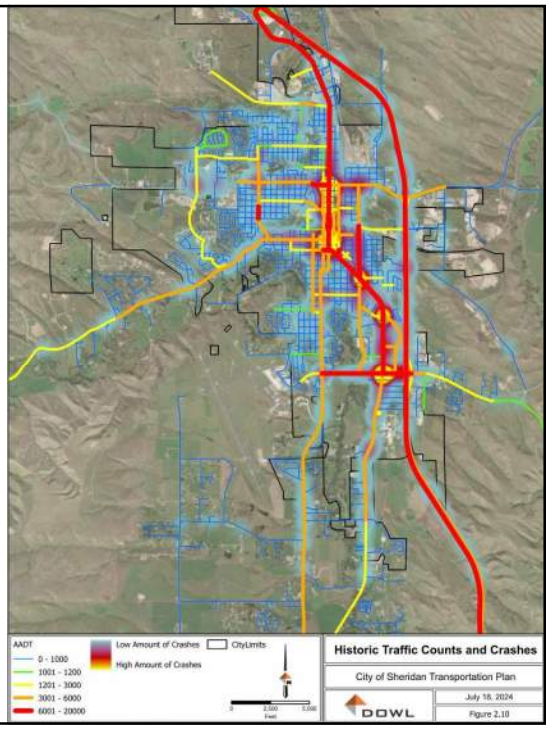
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Historic Traffic Counts and Crashes



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Major transportation changes since 2009

- North Interchange Project and associated development
- Main Street road diet
- E. 5th Street Improvements
- Traffic Signal at 5th and Sheridan
- Traffic Signal at Sugarland and Brundage Lane
- Train Warning System
- Removal of Brooks Street adjacent to Courthouse
- Significant investment in Pathways
- Continued development in most all directions and externals

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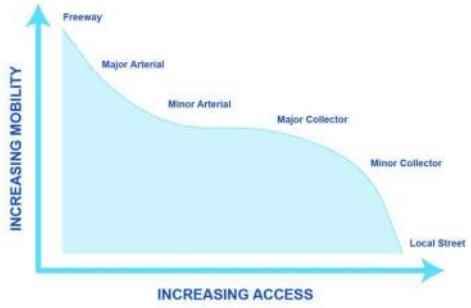
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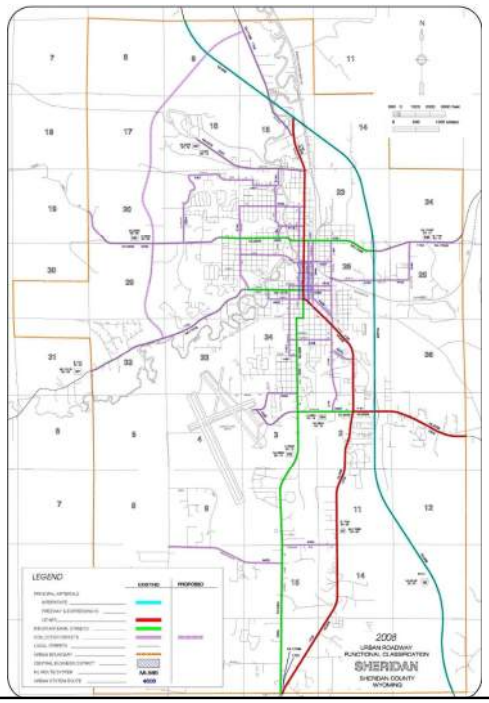
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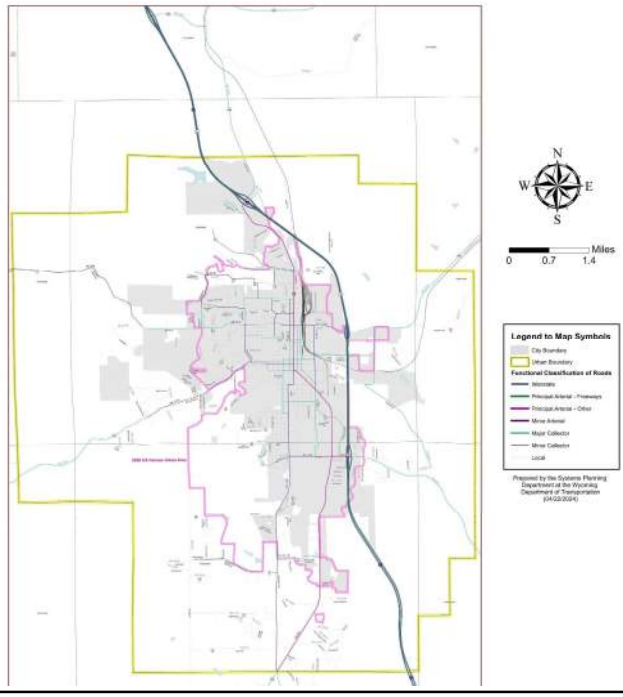
Input on Improvement Alternatives

- Transportation Network
- Local Street Classification/Neighborhood Impacts
- School Zones
- Downtown Sheridan
- Railroad Crossing

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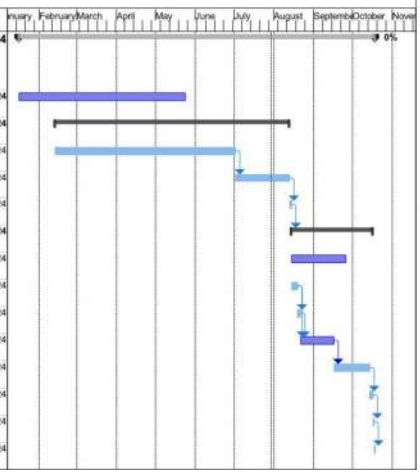


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Project Schedule and Next Meeting

City of Sheridan
2024 Transportation Plan Update
Schedule

Outline Number	Task Name	Duration	Start
0	**City of Sheridan 2023 Transportation Plan Update**	**198.38 days**	**Tue 1/16/24**
1	**Project Management**	**93 days**	**Tue 1/16/24**
2	**Data Collection and Review**	**130 days**	**Tue 2/13/24**
2.1	Collect Data	100 days	Tue 2/13/24
2.2	Evaluate Existing Conditions	30 days	Tue 7/2/24
3	**Steering Committee Meeting #1**	1.75 days	Tue 8/13/24
4	**Improvement Alternatives**	**45.13 days**	**Wed 8/14/24**
4.1	Network Connectivity	30 days	Wed 8/14/24
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4.3	School Zones	2.5 days	Mon 8/19/24
4.4	Downtown Sheridan	17.5 days	Wed 8/21/24
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4.6	Project cost estimates	2.5 days	Mon 10/14/24
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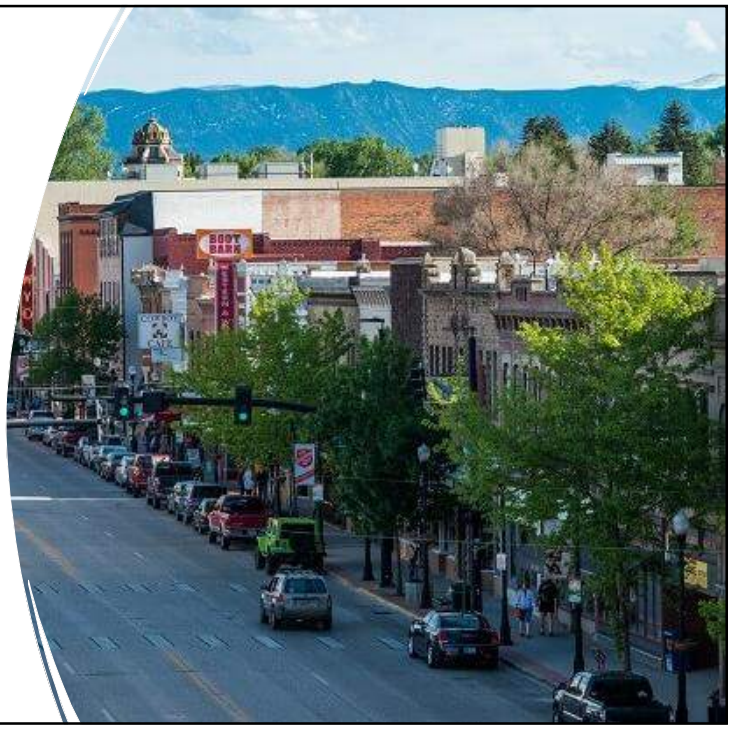
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Sheridan Transportation Plan 2024
July 30, 2024 Attendance List

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SHERIDAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 26, 2025



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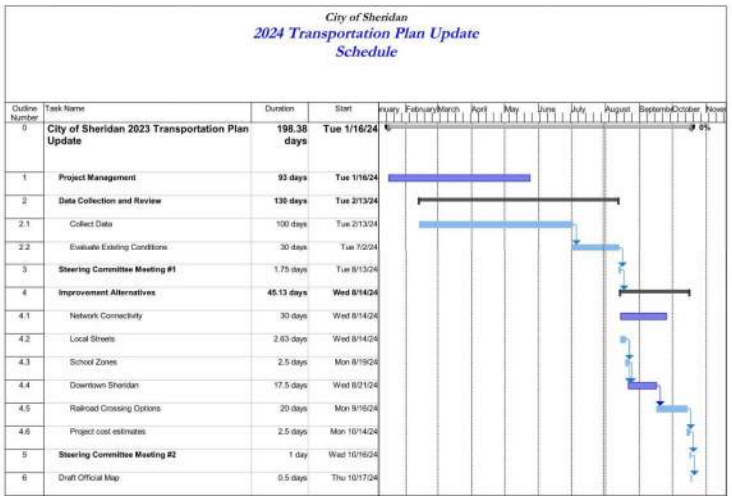
Agenda

- Introductions
- Review project scope
- Public Involvement/comments
- Example Sheridan transportation planning and projects
- Current transportation issues
- Draft Official Map
- Capital Improvement Plan template
- Input on Draft Official Map/Projects
- Review of prior 2009 Transportation Policy Plan and recommended “next steps”
- Next steps

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Scope of this Project

- Collect and review data
- Steering Committee #1
- Improvement Alternatives
- Steering Committee #2
- Draft Official Map



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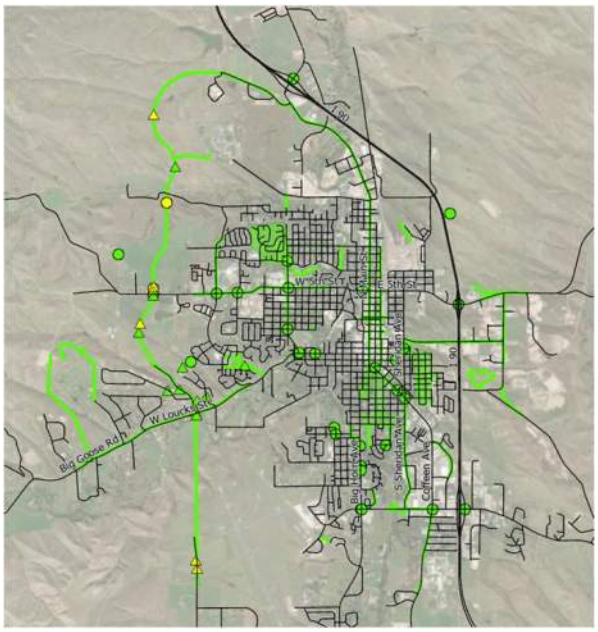
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Public Comments Received

- Interactive online maps
- Physical maps at public meetings
  - Two Transportation Plan Update Meetings
  - West Corridor Public Meeting
- Email comments
- Mail-in comments
- 125 individual comments



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Previous City of Sheridan Transportation Project Examples

- S Sheridan Ave Extension
- Avoca Ave Re-Route
- I-90 North Interchange
- Mydland Rd



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South Sheridan Ave

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Avoca Ave

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I-90 North Interchange

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Mydland Road

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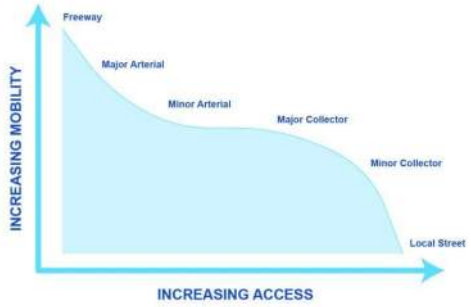
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Draft Official Map

- Preliminary projects based on:
  - public comments,
  - network connectivity,
  - traffic and crash data,
  - steering committee comments,
  - and past studies.



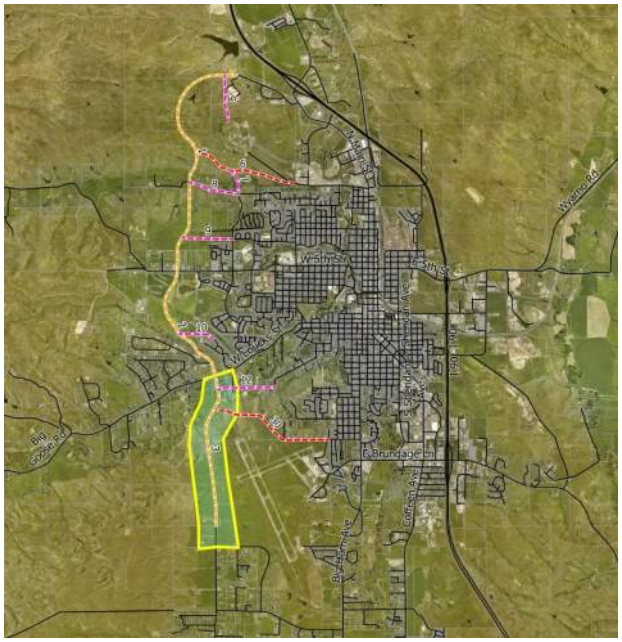
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Draft West Corridor Map

West Corridor and connections

Projects:

1. West Corridor – Yellowtail Dr to 5th St
2. West Corridor - 5th St to W Loucks St
3. West Corridor - W Loucks St to Upper Rd
5. VA - West Corridor North Entrance
6. Fort Rd - Highland Ave to West Corridor
7. Mydland Rd - 17th St to Fort Rd
8. 17th Street to West Corridor
9. Hill Pond Dr - Mydland Rd to West Corridor
10. Bluebird Ln - Kingfisher Ave to West Corridor
12. Leopard Street to West Corridor
30. Airport Rd - Chapek Dr to West Corridor



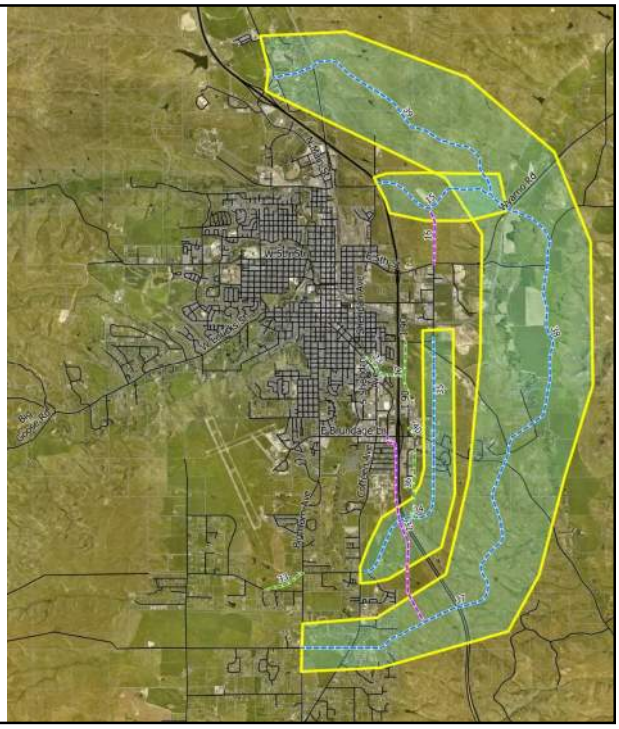
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Draft East Corridor Map

East Corridor with proposed connections

Projects:

15. Kittering Rd - Gulch Rd to East Corridor
16. East Ridge Rd - E 5th St to Kittering Rd
17. Commercial Ave to East Ridge Rd
23. Coffeen Ave to Commercial Ave
32. Sugarland Dr - E Brundage Ln to East Corridor
33. Paradise Park Rd to Woodland Park Rd
34. Middle East Corridor - Coffeen Ave to E Brundange Ln
35. Middle East Corridor - E Brundage Ln to E Ridge Rd
36. Dry Ranch Rd - Solutions Way to Middle East Corridor
37. East Corridor - Big Horn Ave to E Brundage
38. East Corridor - E Brundage to E 5th St
39. East Corridor - E 5th St to Decker Rd
40. Dry Ranch Rd - E Brundage to Commerical Ave



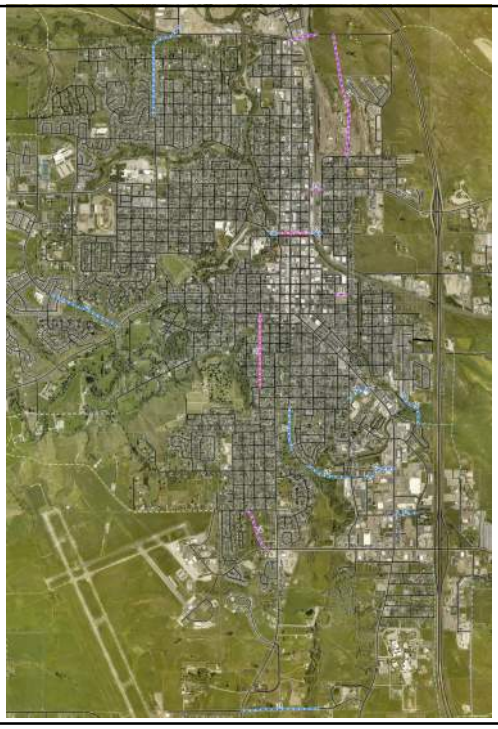
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Draft Connections & Rehab Map

Connection and rehab projects within existing network

Projects:

4. Highland Ave - 11th St to Industrial Road
11. Mydland Rd - Dome Dr to W Loucks St
13. Fort Rd - N Main St to Kittering Rd
14. N Sheridan Ave - 8th St to Kittering Rd
18. Lewis St to 1st St Bridge
19. 5th St Grade Separated Crossing
20. 1st St Grade Separated Crossing
21. E Loucks St - Custer St to Sheridan Ave
22. Frank St - Gillette St to Sugarview Dr
24. Colorado St - S Sheridan Ave to Coffeen Ave
25. Turner Ln - S Sheridan Ave to Coffeen Ave
26. S Main St - Kurtz Pl to S Sheridan Ave
27. S Main St - E Montana St to Brock Ave
28. Riverside St - Coffeen Ave to Sugarland Dr
29. W Brundage Ln - Big Horn Ave to Airport Rd
31. Short Rd - Big Horn Ave to College Meadow Dr
52. S Thurmond Reconstruction
53. First Street Ecosystem Restoration



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Draft Intersection Map

Intersection improvement projects

Projects:

41. Main St & Fort Rd
42. 5th St & Mydland Rd
43. 5th St & Long Dr
44. 5th St & Val Vista St
45. 5th St & Broadway St
46. Main St & Burkitt St
47. Coffeen Ave & Gould St
48. Big Horn Ave & Edwards Dr
49. Big Horn Ave & Brundage Ln
50. S Sheridan Ave & Brundage Ln
51. Woodland Park Rd & Coffeen Ave



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Capital Improvement Plan Template

- A capital improvement plan (CIP) will be developed for each project included on the draft official map
- Cost estimates will be provided for high-priority projects (projects likely to occur in the near future)

Mydland Rd – Dome Dr to W Loucks St

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Mydland Rd and Dome Dr extending southeasterly to intersect W Loucks St.

Description: Proposed 2-lane "complete street" roadway extension spanning approximately 0.5-miles that may include a pathway which would connect to the existing pathway along W Loucks St. A new intersection on Loucks St would be required that best suits forecasted traffic patterns. The existing school zone for Highland Park Elementary along Mydland Rd will need to be assessed.

Purpose and Need: The connection of Mydland Rd to W Loucks St would allow traffic between 5th St and Loucks St to avoid congesting neighborhood roads primarily within the Sparrow Hawk Cloud Peak Ranch subdivisions. As more development occurs along the 5th St and Mydland Rd corridors, local streets will become more congested.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Functional Classification, Roadway Connectivity, School Zone, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: 4

Previous Study References: *(1 Total)* 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $3,490,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W.



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Input on Draft Official Map

Questions and Comments



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2009 Transportation Policy

Next Steps from 2009 Policy Plan

1. Work with neighborhoods to understand how the Policy Plan translates into neighborhood improvements (ongoing)
2. Prioritize Transportation Projects
3. Apply the Policy Plan to develop an Official Map of desired improvements (Major Streets Plan)
4. Approve the CIP and Major Streets Plan
5. Complete the Downtown Master Plan

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Next Steps

This project:

- Post map on Sheridan Transportation Plan website and solicit input
- Finalize Draft Official Map
- Capital Improvement Plans for each project

After this project:

- Adopt Official Map/Major Streets Plan
- Preserve corridors
- Individual project studies, funding and public involvement
- Updated plans for downtown, pathways, pedestrians, parking, transit, and other recommendations from Policy Plan

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MEETING SUMMARY

PROJECT:	Sheridan Transportation Plan Update	DATE:	3/26/2025
PROJECT NUMBER:	5071.28038.01	TIME:	12:00 p.m.
ORGANIZER:	DOWL/City of Sheridan	SUBJECT:	Steering Committee #2

ATTENDEES:	ORGANIZATION:
Jeffrey Rosenlund	DOWL
Jake Curtis	DOWL
Thomas Morneau	City of Sheridan
David Ford	City of Sheridan
Kelly Schroeder	City of Sheridan
Stuart McRae	City of Sheridan
Richard Bridger	City of Sheridan
Bev Leichtnam	City of Sheridan
Jack Wood	City of Sheridan
Nathan Rager	City of Sheridan
Michelle Edwards	WYDOT
Scott Taylor	WYDOT
Mark Reid	Sheridan County
Ken Muller	Sheridan County
Teresa Detimore	Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce
Zoila Perry	Downtown Sheridan Association
Shane Kirsch	Wyoming Regional EMS

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1. Jeffrey Rosenlund began the meeting by going through introductions and the agenda. He then gave a presentation regarding the scope of this project, public input/comments, previous Sheridan Transportation projects, current transportation issues, and the draft official map.

2. Thomas mentioned that showing future corridors, such as the middle east and east corridors, allows the city to engage with developers at the time projects occur in these areas. It also allows the city to visit with various landowners within the polygonal shapes shown on the map to best guide the actual corridors.

3. Jeffrey mentioned that the presentation did not reference downtown and emphasized that addressing key projects around downtown's perimeter could significantly alleviate congestion. By creating alternative routes for those who prefer to bypass downtown entirely, traffic congestion would naturally decrease.

4. Jeffrey showed an example CIP (capital improvement project) template that would be prepared for the projects included on the draft official map.

5. Thomas clarified that these CIPs would not be automatically included in the city's next round of capital improvement projects. Instead, they would serve as a foundation for potential inclusion in the CIP program in the future.

6. Jeffrey and Thomas explained that the draft official map is needed to preserve future corridors legally as development occurs. The map will allow the city to include public right-of-way in future development projects that occur where the official map includes streets/roadways.

7. Thomas opened the room for questions regarding the projects shown on the draft official map. He added that the goal was to have the steering committee's support before rolling it out to the public and that each project would be further studied before becoming a reality. There should be an understanding that this is a long process and that this map has been a missing piece to transportation planning within the city and joint planning area.

8. Shane emphasized that increased access and additional routes benefit patients during emergency responses. He also inquired whether discussions had been held with the airport regarding its future expansion plans, as they could affect the route for the southern section of the west corridor.

9. Thomas explained that showing the southern portion of the west corridor within the polygonal shape gives the map flexibility when dealing with unknown future conflicts, such as an expansion of the county airport.

10. Jack stated that the problem Sheridan has seen in the past is there haven't been roads available for development to grow around, such as the subdivisions around Sparrow Hawk Rd and Osprey Boulevard. Having roads defined and constructed prior to development would be beneficial to avoid discontinuous, sporadic roads.

11. Thomas explained that this is the reason the city needs the official map, to be granted a seat at the table for guiding development around these key roads. He also added that in the past, WYDOT functional classification maps were used to show future projects.

12. Michelle stated that the WYDOT functional classification maps currently only show existing roads.

13. Ken added that SUSAC (Sheridan Urban Systems Advisory Committee) used to develop these functional classification maps with WYDOT to show future corridors for urban systems funding. The South Sheridan Ave and Avoca Ave projects were a product of this funding and had a strong purpose and need.

14. David mentioned that it is hard to reserve right-of-way when there is no plan for development, which is what many of these projects seem like. An example is the story house development, which nobody would've predicted 10 years ago. This is an example of why certain corridors that seems far-fetched are important to show on the map.

15. Jack added that if the road exists prior to development, it will drive where roads go versus reacting at the time of development planning.

16. Thomas stated that the public will wonder why the roads shown to the east are on the map. The point is that it reserves the right for the city to be involved in the event there is a plan for development in that area. It may turn out that development does not continue spreading east and some of those corridors will never be needed.

17. Ken suggested that only polygons should be shown versus a distinct, fixed line. This may cause unneeded push-back if the road does not end up following the alignment shown. Thomas stated that the city and DOWL will re-visit how the projects are shown.

18. Nathan asked if there should be a project “trigger” component added. This would set a certain set of criteria for which a project would need, such as a development on a specific parcel or a certain number of new homes constructed in an area.

19. Thomas added that we could explore noting a project will be triggered when development or traffic warrants it.

20. Stuart mentioned that a different trigger could be used to re-visit the map, such as physical barriers discovered when surveying for a specific project. The city should have flexibility to revise the map when certain criteria force other options to be evaluated.

21. Thomas explained that including a polygonal shape with the project gives the city flexibility when defining an actual corridor in the future.

22. Thomas then explained that the city opted not to present a “further west” corridor to prevent public scrutiny and attachment to an alternative that would undermine the progress made on the current west corridor. Ken then added that the topography only gets more extreme the further west you go.

23. David expressed there has been a lot thought that has gone into the projects that are currently shown on the map.

24. Stuart again emphasized the need for council to have flexibility with what is shown on the map.

25. Thomas added that there will be an extensive amount of studies and public involvement with the larger projects that will likely break them into phases.

26. A discussion commenced regarding setting a “renewal” period to revisit and amend the official map. Nathan suggested that caution should be taken when setting a set timeline to update the map. If the map becomes outdated, the legitimacy could be questioned. Jeffrey added that it is a good idea to keep the map and other city plans updated.

27. Shane asked if there were any major street re-construction projects scheduled that could justify starting some of these projects. This could be a way to further justify the projects since it would alleviate the impact and congestion caused by construction. This tactic could be seen south of Gillette when Highway 59 was under construction.

28. Shane also inquired about a new I-90 interchange between Brundage Ln and 5th St. Michelle and Scott noted that there are barriers due to FHWA spacing and geometry requirements.

29. David added that though it may be challenging to build new interchanges, certain projects (such as extending Sugarland Dr south) could act as interstate frontage roads.

30. Stuart noted that presenting alternatives, such as a further west corridor, would provide the council with more options and flexibility when approving routes. He also emphasized that council would make the right decisions despite opposition from a small group of dissatisfied residents.

31. Thomas explained that he would engage with the public works director regarding showing an alternative west corridor.

32. Richard added that a forward-thinking plan is a good approach.

33. Mark explained that cooperation between the City of Sheridan and Sheridan County is needed for planning purposes. Currently, the county uses the Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan when making decisions regarding development and planning. If this is going to supersede JPA Land Use Plan, cooperation and a clear agreement is needed.

34. Mark also added that most of these projects lie outside of the city limits and therefore within the county. The county has been proactive in the past by acquiring public right-of-way for the west corridor and other projects. For this to continue, the city and the county need to work together.

35. Bev sated that lots of work has been done to re-vitalize downtown Sheridan. Incorporating additional north-south routes to minimize congestion downtown is favorable.

36. Thomas stated this is more than a City of Sheridan project and that there needs to be cooperation and synchronicity between the city, county, and WYDOT.

37. Thomas and Jeffrey adjourned the meeting by stating additional comments from the steering committee will need to be gathered before revising the draft official map. Jeffrey would follow-up with an email setting a timeline for submitting any additional comments.

APPENDIX C:
PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Public Meeting 1 Attendees
- Public Meeting 1 Minutes

- Public Meeting 2 Attendees
- Public Meeting 2 Minutes

- Map of Comments Received
- Table of Comments

PUBLIC MEETING - TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
September 26, 2024 S:30 PM
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September 26, 2024

Transportation Plan Public Meeting Minutes

Meeting Began: 5:31 PM

City Engineer, Thomas Morneau, gave a presentation.

It was stated this was the first of two meetings, the second meeting will take place in mid-October.

The November 2009 Transportation Plan is a policy plan created to evaluate needed projects and detailed next steps.

The 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a document primarily used by Public Works & Engineering as a guide for the process of choosing the next big projects the City will undertake in the next 5-10 years, a budgetary & financial tool, and was built on previous planning efforts and documents.

The different funding sources for projects were explained. There is special revenue/General Purpose Excise tax (Optional One Cent) at approx. $1.8M, Public Benefit at approx. $1M, and Cap Tax at $4.6M annually.

The background regarding Cap Tax, it is the primary way of funding CIPs, was last approved in November of 2020 for $40M, can only be spent on CIPs, expires once funding has been collected, and will be on ballet again this year.

Showed projects that have been completed in the last five years, bridges, Rotomill & Overlay, pavement preservation, pathways, etc.

The policies identified in the 2009 Transportation Plan are still applicable today and help develop the next steps and provide recommendations for projects for the next CIP.

In working with DOWL, the firm chosen to lead the efforts in updating the Transportation Plan, aided in reforming the Steering Committee, laying out projects to consider, and using community engagement to compare the goals and objectives to lay out the framework going forward.

City Planner, Kelly Schroeder, explained the community engagement exercise. There are 4 tables with maps to focus on ideas and suggestions for walking, biking, mobility for the future, and driving. There are pens at each table and we encourage everyone to write their ideas, suggestions, and concerns on the maps for the City, Steering Committee, and DOWL to use.

Q: It was said the 2009 Plan laid out the next steps; what were the next steps that were taken?

A: The policy plan unfortunately did not happen as intended. Development and corridor management did come into play and areas of growth were discussed when focusing on which projects were important. Efforts were made but the CIP was not fully developed in relation to the 2009 Plan.

Q: As it relates to new streets or beltways, how will they fit into the new plan?

A: When it comes to larger projects, it's not just the streets to consider, but the utilities as well. Most of that is Developer-driven. The City doesn't just lay out new roads, but we do reference planning documents to help drive the projects. Those larger projects do go through great public involvement.

Q: What are the citizens supposed to do when they read the 2009 Plan, but the values laid out are not followed? For example, the west corridor?

A: There is a study that was done on the West Corridor and is available on the City's website. Future public involvement will help explain the process, what the project entails, and what it will take to come to fruition. The City is still collecting a lot of information.

Q: Is there a timeline on the beltway?

A: No, there is currently not a timeline, but will be coming forth in the next few months. Advertisements will happen regarding the different steps along the way where public involvement is crucial.

Q: Who is on the Steering Committee?

A: Teresa Detimore, David Ford, Derek Hall, Gary Harnish, Erin Kilbride, Ryan Landis, Bev Leichtnam, Ryan Levanen, Stuart McRae, Hanns Mercer, Michelle Edwards, Thomas Morneau, Ken Muller, Zoila Perry, Nathan Rager, Mark Reid, Carmen Rideout, Jeffery Rosenlund, Kelly Schroeder, Shawn Stevens, and Benjamin Wetzel – who consist of City staff, Chamber Members, The Hub, WYDOT, Sheridan County staff, and other Firm and Association members.

Q: Are all those members from government agencies or are there non-government members?

A: There are members from the school district, bus barn, EMS, etc. We tried to use active members/entities when forming the Committee and did not mean to cut anyone out. All the information we receive will go to the Steering Committee for review.

Ron Patterson offered his time to volunteer to give his expertise and experience to the Committee.

Q: Is the City aware of all the issues at 5th St. & Long Dr?

A: Yes, and we are evaluating and beginning to plan.

Q: Has the City reached out to the City of Casper or the City of Gilette on their traffic plans?

A: No, the City has not, but we certainly can.

Q: Who is the Traffic Engineer on the project?

A: WYDOT, and they are present here tonight and on the Committee.

Participants disbursed to view maps and give input. Individual Q&A at each table was not captured.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 PM

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downtown "sidewalk" bumpouts are great for pedestrians crossing Main. And Main's turn lane.

- Highland's crossing over Hume Draw is awful for bikes & pedestrians, esp: parents with stroller
- Angled parking at Blacktooth Brewery is v. dangerous for bicyclists. (Broadway?)
- Making roads wider should not be a priority, it has been shown that it increases speed of vehicles

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- Coffeen intersection @ Lowell - College - Illinois awkward/disfunctional?
- Advance West Corridor construction.
- Intersection control (lights/roundabout?) @ Brundage & BighornAve.
- Access conflicts to businesses along Brundage
- Pedestrian safety concerns along Coffeen @ multiple intersections

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Need

(2) Cross WALK(S) needed on BADGER ST

Crossing Loucks into City PARK (Kendrick)

* Current Crosswalk is down 4 block across BIG Goose Creek - that is fine but more foot traffic & runners Cross Badger ST

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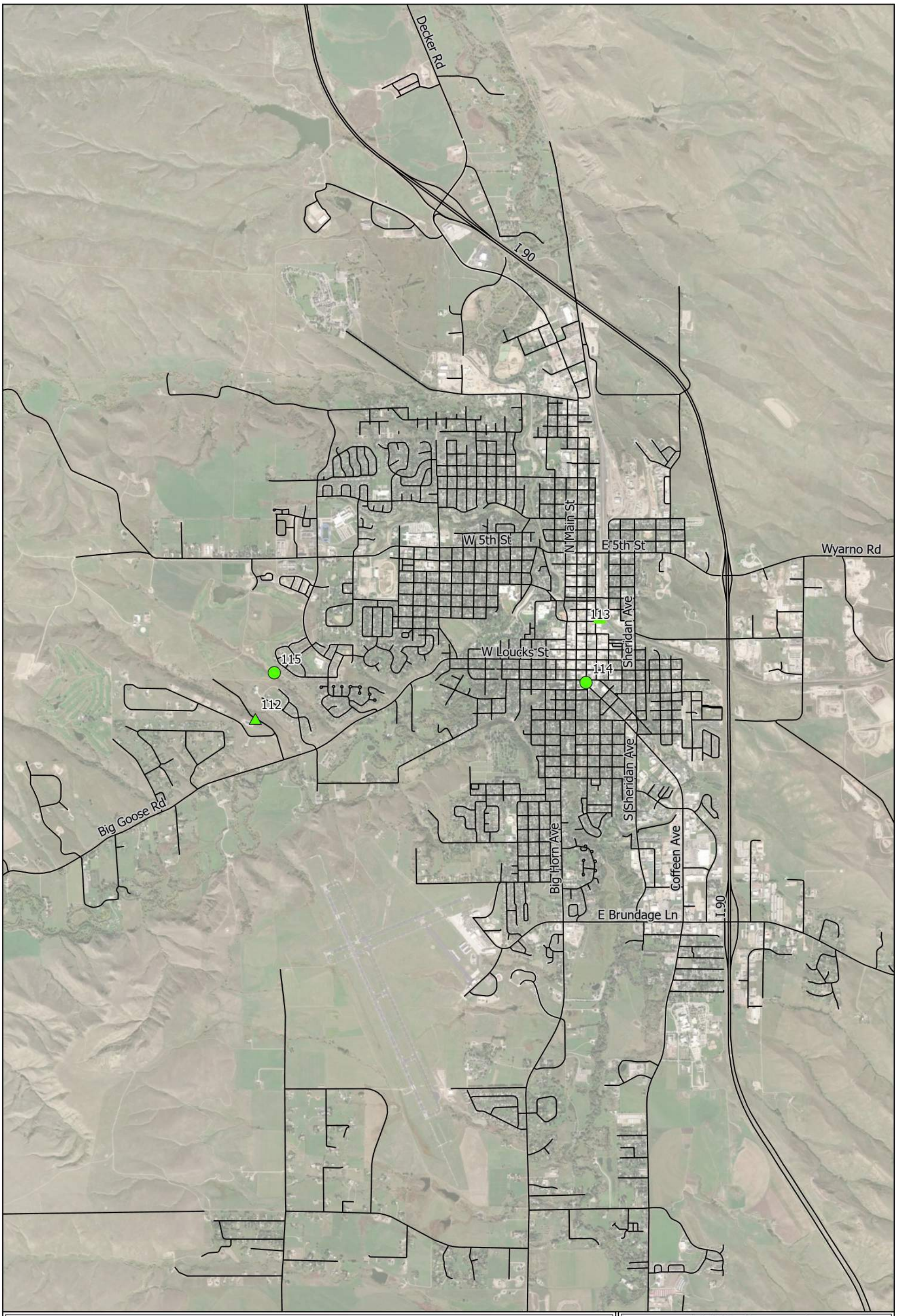
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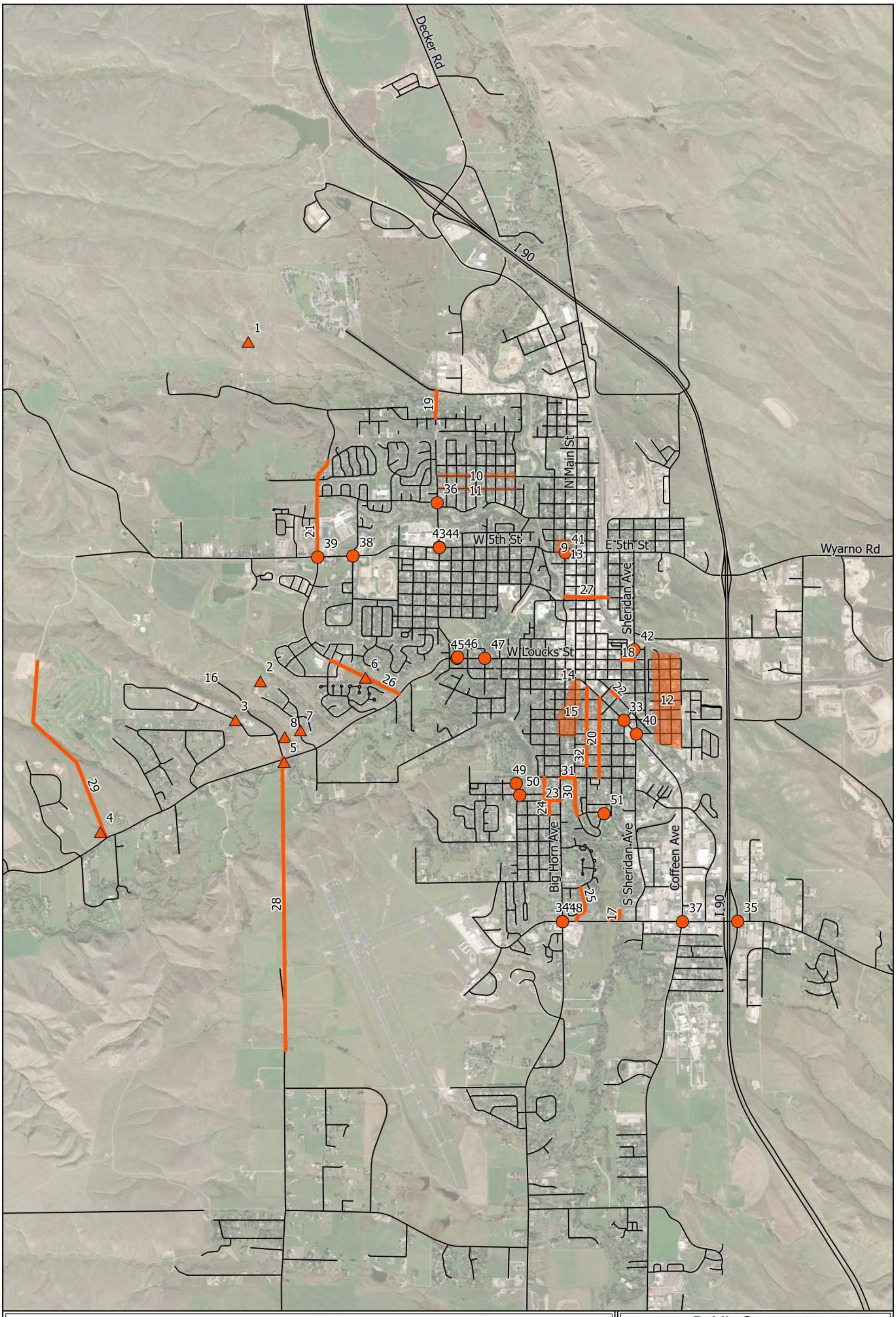
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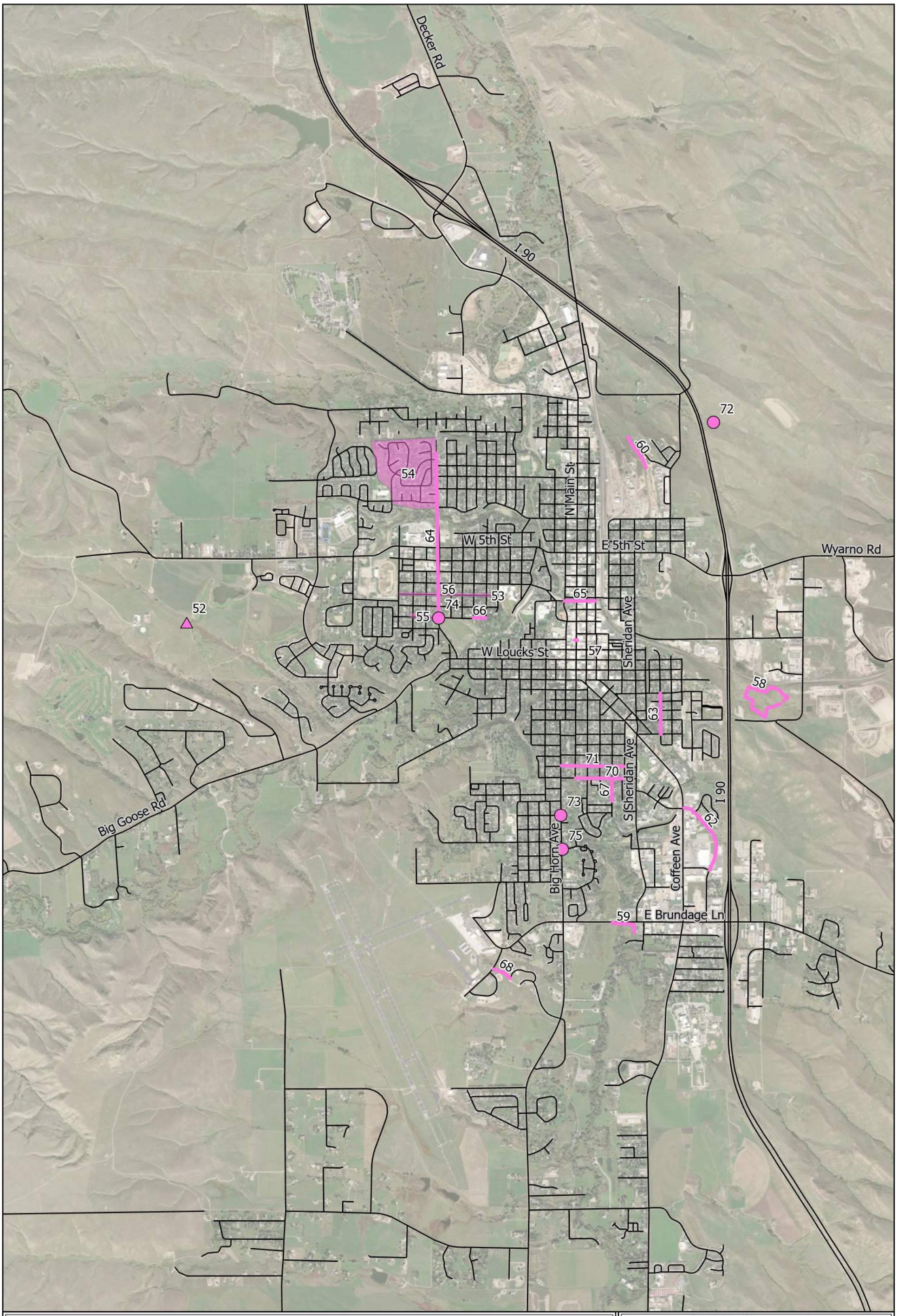
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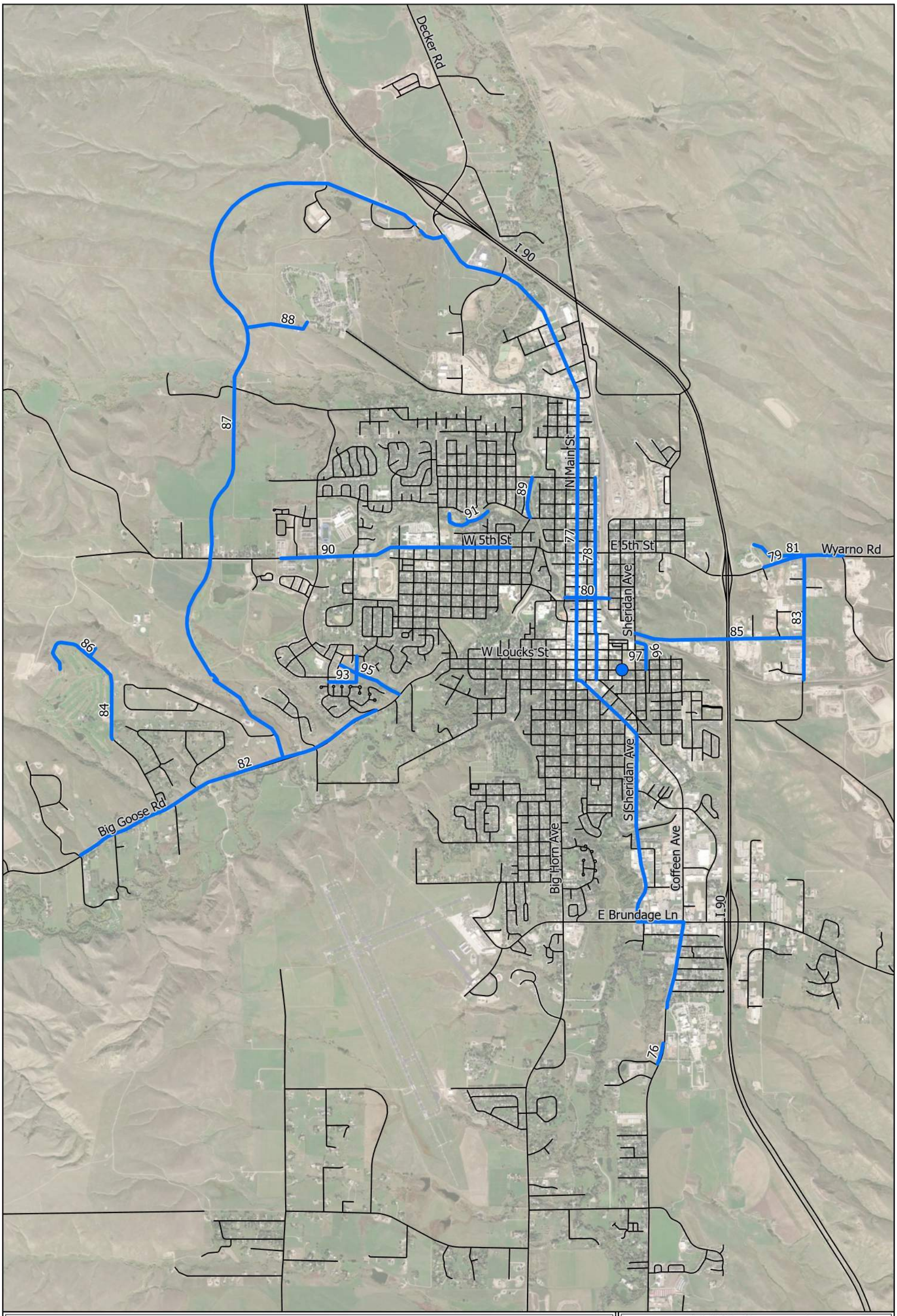
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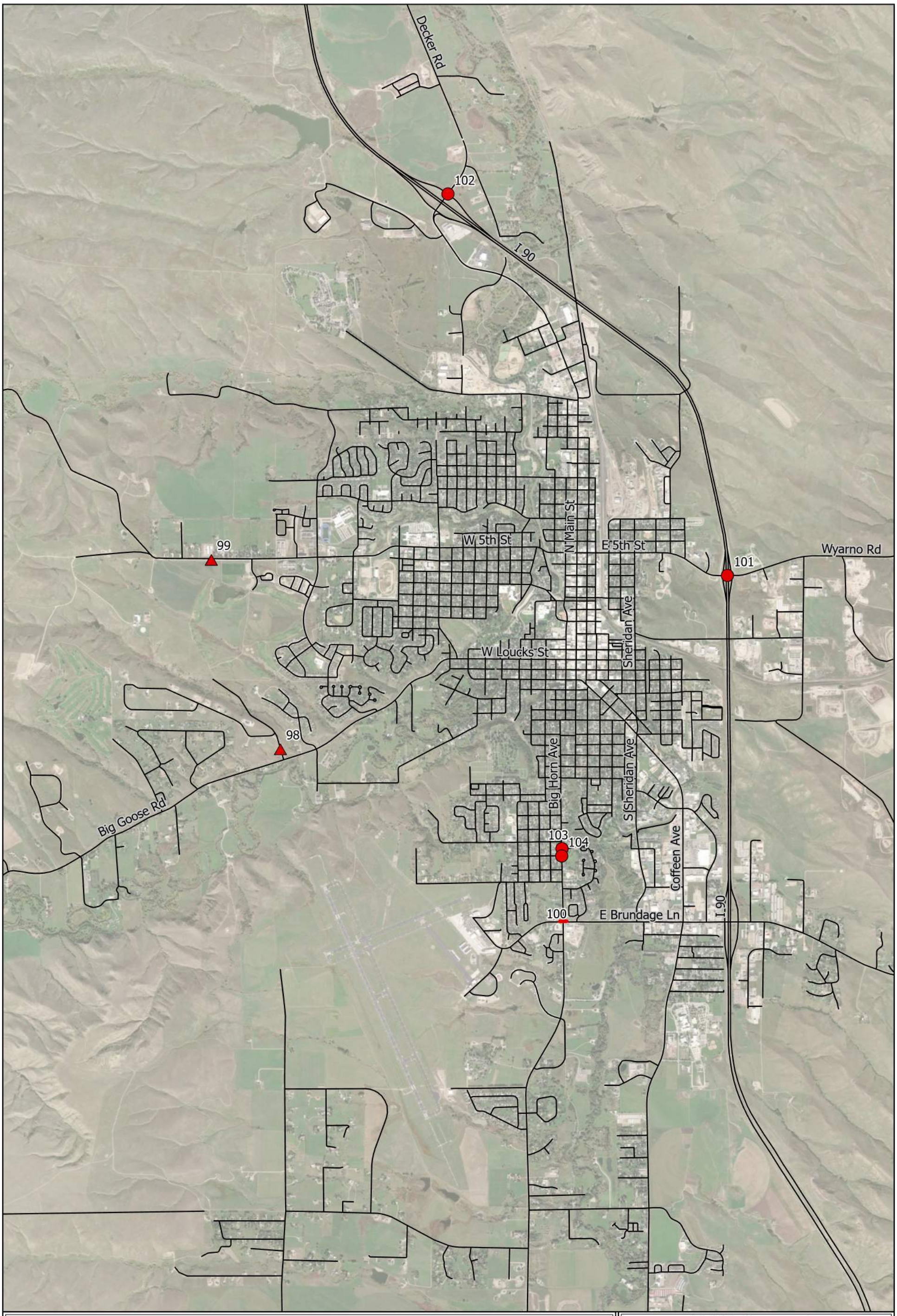
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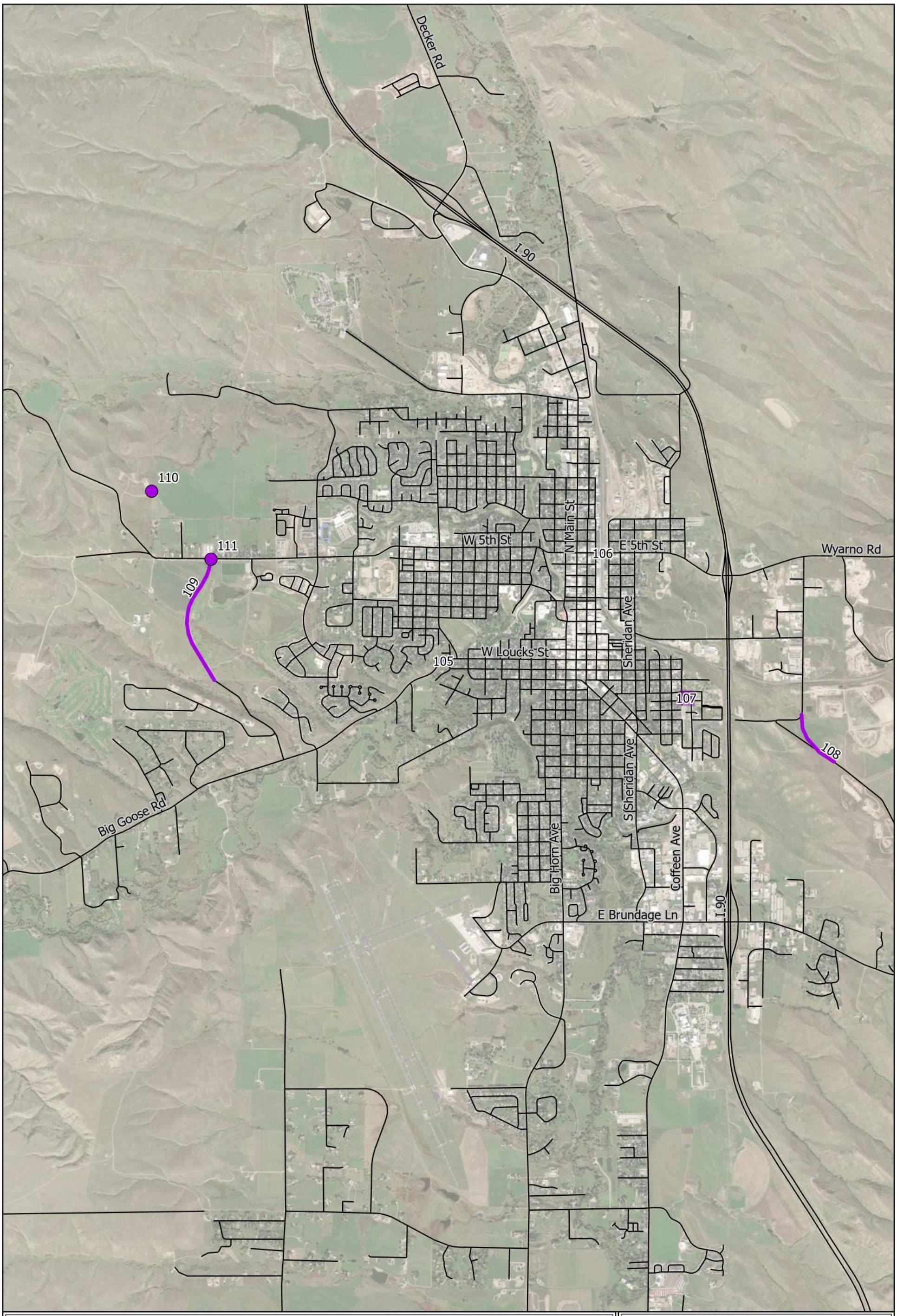
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Driving Comments	
Comment #	**Comment**
1	Will there be a Fort Road connection?
2	Will there be a secondary access for Osprey connecting to the West Corridor?
3	Could the West Corridor use the existing Saddlecrest Drive and
4	move it further west away from neighborhoods? West of the Kendrick Golf Course and tie into the gravel road north of Kendrick Golf Course.
5	How does this line up with a southern portion of the beltway? People and animals live on this property.
6	Could Mydland be extended and become the corridor?
7	Could Osprey be used at the new road?
8	This parcel is owned by Saddlecrest LLC, Coucl the Corridor be moved back down into the draw?
9	Add turn lane
10	Remove Stop Signs
11	Remove stop signs
12	Uncontrolled intersections
13	Enlarge intersection for truck traffic
14	Potholes
15	Difficult to move through city from bighorn
16	Trailhead parking
17	Pave this
18	Punch this through
19	Extend?
20	Reduce speed
21	Street Lights
22	Driving Improvement Needed
23	Airport traffic and odd flow
24	Airport traffic and odd flow
25	Lots of fast through traffic, no snow removal. Consider speed control bumps to reduce traffic on this residential road.
26	Extend Mydland Road to Loucks/Big Goose
27	Direction Connection to Sheridan Ave from Lewis Street
28	Big Goose/Loucks to Upper Road Connection
29	maybe another option for a beltway, away from neighborhoods
30	South Main connection
31	Montana Street Connection
32	Establish 2-way traffic on Gladstone.
33	Traffic Circle
34	Round about!!
35	Round about
36	Driving Improvements Needed
37	Left turn Brundage onto Coffeen- congested south or north bound
38	Stop Light
39	Stop Light
40	Congested
41	Odd Signal
42	Round about
43	5th street to 4 lanes?
44	Left turn arrow for 13
45	Difficult to get through town coming from the west.
46	? No right on red
47	Crosswalk
48	Super busy and dangerous intersection. Please consider putting traffic light arms on the existing light poles.
49	No good turnaround here
50	Add stop sign here
51	90 degree tie in, or stop sign

Walking Comments	
Comment #	**Comment**
52	What improvements would be made to preserve the Hidden Hoot Trail?
53	Needs crosswalk and handicap
54	No sidewalks, problems for kids walking down the streets to get to school.
55	No sidewalks
56	Traffic calming X-walks. X-walk rrfb
57	With all the parking lots here, walking feels extremely dangerous. Could use some wider sidewalks/less access points for vehicles
58	Shelter trail
59	Obvious path
60	Walking Improvements Needed
61	Walking Improvements Needed
62	Intermittent sidewalk
63	Pathway in conflict with traffic (LOTS!)
64	Sidewalk connectivity
65	Better bike/walk path from Broadway to Brooks (YES!)
66	Walking Improvement Needed
67	Sidewalk needed on at least one side of the street
68	Connect with walking path.
69	Opportunity for cool mid-block crossing at Smith Alley. Painted crosswalk?
70	Install sidewalks on Montana Ave
71	Install sidewalks on Colorado Ave
72	(Behind hospital, other too) Walking paths have spots where dirt has sloughed down the hill, so parts of the pathway are, or soon will be, compromised.
73	RRFB
74	Ped x-ing
75	Pedestrian Crosswalk across Bighorn Avenue here would be a benefit to the community. It's dangerous to have to cross the road anywhere along this section and many kids would use the park more if they could cross safely.

Bicycle Comments	
Comment #	**Comment**
76	Needs to be safer for bikes etc
77	Bike lane
78	Bike lane
79	Bike Path
80	Bike lane
81	Bike Path
82	Bike path
83	Bike Path
84	Bike path
85	Bike Path
86	Bike path
87	Bike path to go in with West Corridor
88	Bike path
89	Dirt Path
90	Bike lane
91	Dirt Path
92	Bike Path
93	Bike Path
94	Bike Bath
95	Bike Path
96	extend walking/bike path
97	Improve biking in this area

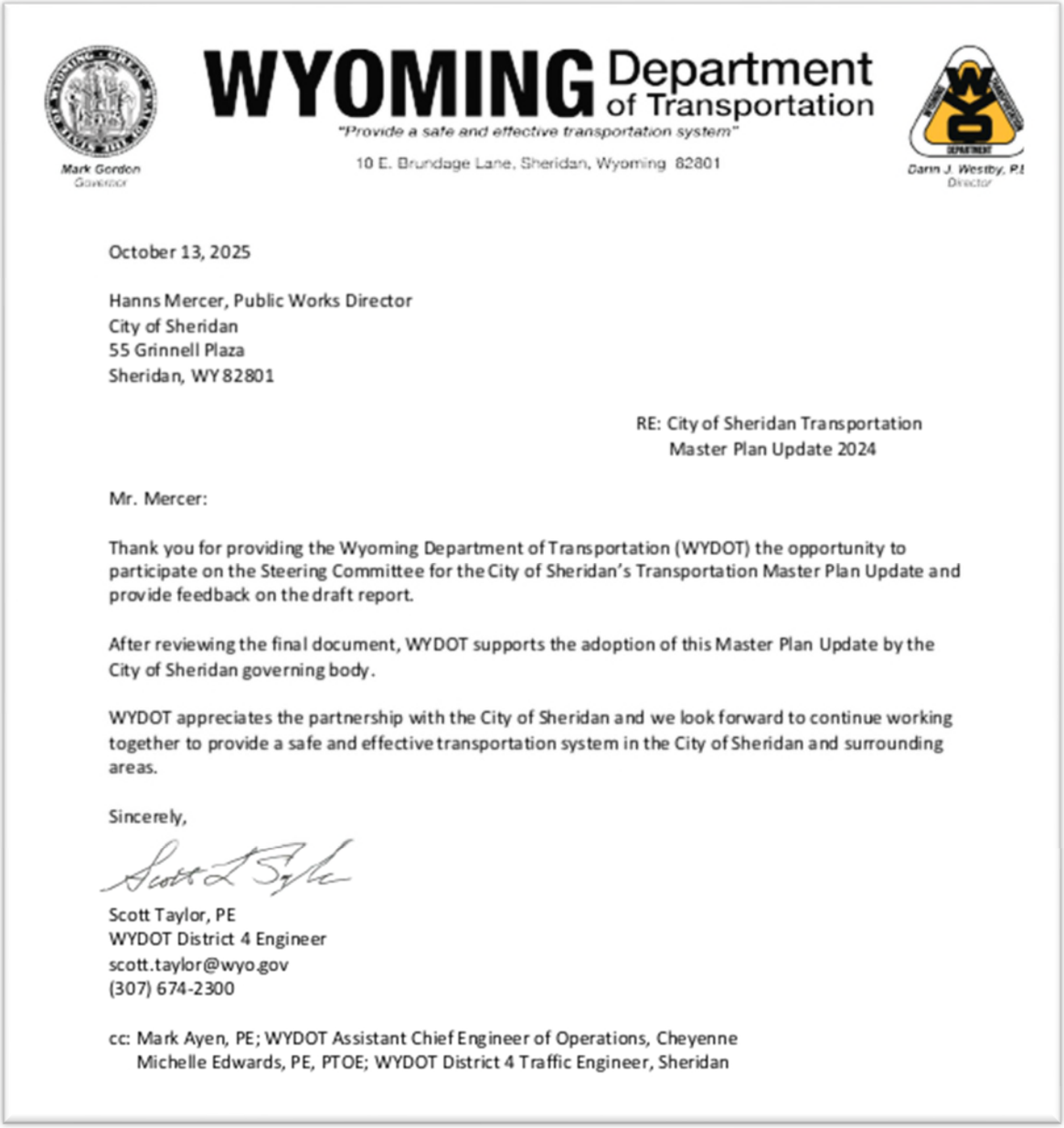
Safety Comments	
Comment #	**Comment**
98	What is the exact grade of Saddlecrest Dr.? If Highland Ave is too steep for trucks, how is Saddlecrest Dr. any better?
99	Will this intersection be signalized or stop controlled?
100	Crosswalk desperately needed here to connect sidewalks and running trails
101	Underpass scary for for bikers and joggers
102	Visibility issues
103	Crosswalk for neighborhoods and park across Bighorn Ave. Dangerous for kids and families to walk.
104	RRFB

Mobility Comments	
Comment #	**Comment**
105	No transition from pathway to street
106	Rail crossing improvements
107	Mobility Improvements Needed
108	Future realignment and paving
109	Mobility Improvement Needed
110	More North-South Connections
111	North-South connection

Other Comments	
Comment #	**Comment**
112	Steep side of what is most likely an unstable Gillespie Draw. Seems like an expensive place to build an industrial beltway
113	Opportunity for better/clearer connection to Pathway system
114	This intersection is particularly dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. Cars coming down Coffeen and turning onto Gould are using this more as an off-ramp and not slowing down to look for bikes or pedestrians.
115	Pave the pathway in and out of the Hidden Bridge. Safety concerns from the continuing erosion holes at the bridge. Also will help with water quality of the stream.

Miscellaneous Comments From Public Meetings & Online Form					
Category	Location	Author	Phone #	Email	Comment
Driving	Saddlecrest Subdivision	Brian Wilson	406-640-1163	N/A	We are strongly opposed to the current location of the West Side Corridor. We have not been involved in the city's proposed impact on our county subdivision. You never build neighborhoods before the infrastructure is in. Please look farther out Big Goose Rd for its location.
Walking/Safety	Kendrick Park	Scott Adell	307-620-0979	scott.adell@abbott.com	(2) Crosswalk(s) needed on Badger St. crossing Loucks into City Park (Kendrick). Current crosswalk is down a block across Big Goose Creek – that is fine but more foot traffic & runners cross Badger St.
Multiple	Multiple	N/A	N/A	N/A	The feedback raises concerns about traffic flow, intersection safety, and infrastructure. Suggestions include evaluating two-way traffic on Gladstone and College Ave., improving the Coffeen-Lowell-College-Illinois intersection, and advancing West Corridor construction. Additionally, there are calls for better intersection control at Brundage & Big Horn, addressing business access conflicts on Brundage, and improving pedestrian safety along Coffeen.
Multiple	Multiple	Edith Heyward	307-672-7832	ejheyward@hotmail.com	The feedback highlights pedestrian and cyclist safety concerns. Downtown sidewalk bump-outs and Main Street's turn lane are praised for improving crossings on Main Street. However, Highland's crossing over Hume Draw is problematic for bikes and strollers, and angled parking at Blacktooth Brewery poses a danger to cyclists. Additionally, widening roads is discouraged, as it is believed to increase vehicle speeds.
Driving	2930 W 17th St	Abigail Turnbough	N/A	abi.turnbough@gmail.com	I bought a home in July and discovered today that the proposed west corridor plan would place the new road right on our property line. My family is opposed to the destruction of our solitude by a large road as we bought this house to enjoy peace and quiet close to town. We also do not feel it is necessary to spend more city funds or taxpayer money to expand access to subdivisions or to encourage growth that would encourage building more subdivisions in Sheridan. Sheridan and Bighorn already cater enough to out of state land grabbers who move here with enough money to corrupt the small town we all know and love. Not to mention ruining the Bighorn mountains with side by sides and bad manners/ littering. I would like to know who I can speak to about this in order to ensure my voice is heard.
Mobility	Multiple	Shelley Anderson	N/A	customflames@bresnan.net	I believe we need better traffic control at 5th and Mydland and 5th and Long. SO many new houses and apartment complexes. Trying to get out of these intersections is so dangerous! Been numerous accidents! Between residents, high school traffic and buses, it's a nightmare! Also Brundage and Bighorn! Come on city....
Driving	N/A	Jack Landon Jr	N/A	jlandon@fiberpipe.net	Establishing a West Corridor seems a necessity if Sheridan is to prosper as an efficient city. Doing nothing continues growing travel inconvenience, delay and congestion. The first phase connecting Loucks to 5th St., Fort Rd. and the Interstate will do more than divert gravel truck traffic. Residents from Big Goose valley will have a route to the Interstate and destinations north without having to travel through downtown Sheridan or high-density residential areas. It is a more efficient route to access the hospital, High School, fairgrounds and recreational parks. It is important to start planning the extension of the outer loop to the South as well. Connecting the Corridor to Airport Rd. and West Brundage Lane again provides access for Big Goose valley residents to Sheridan College, the Interstate and the retail areas of south Sheridan. A southern extension would enable residents (and service providers) in the Little Goose valley to avoid traveling through downtown or residential areas to more efficiently access the hospital and High School. For this convenience those of us on Metz, Sweem, Paradise Park and Upper roads would be impacted by more traffic. Two consequences of this Corridor extension would be more efficient fuel expenditure and less travel time. Unintended consequences could be greater subdivision activity, need for extension of waste-water lines and other services.
Driving	Don Ena Estates	Edgar Fack	307-751-2118	edrfack@gmail.com	Living in Sheridan since 1980 and living in the Don Ena Estates since 1991 I have heard about the Corridor Bi-Pass many times. With the the approval of the Gravel Pit operations and the moving of these materials through residential areas, this has raised this issue of transportation in and around Sheridan. 1. The Corridor Bi-Pass Plan always was discussed as moving vehicles around the outside of Sheridan including South of Loucks, the airport area. During the meeting on December 5 at the HUB, it was mentioned that the area south of Loucks won't be affected for 50-100 yrs. What is being purposed is not a Corridor By-Pass Plan but a way to appease "The Gravel Pit Operation". 2. The purposed location of routes is to late for the growth that has happened in Sheridan, especially between 5th street and W. Loucks. Squeezing the Corridor down or near Gillispie Draw, between two subdivisions Osprey and Saddlecrest, is not a good idea. Just 5 or 6 yrs ago the City of Sheridan was looking at damming up Gillispie Draw for a Water Reservoir to serve Sheridan, now we want to build a road there?? Moving the Corridor West was mentioned. I served on the Wild Rose Water Irrigation & Improvement Service District Board for over 10yrs. One item discovered was when the Kendrick Family gave the land to the City of Sheridan for the Municipal Golf Course a stipulation was agreed upon, that the road (Golf Course Road) leading to the Golf Course Area would not be used as a "throughway" or passageway to other locations. 3. Suggestions for a resolution: City Council should get with the County Commissioners and Mullinax Inc. and do a land swap. Find land that is suitable for there operation, City Council should develop with County Commissioners and require a Transportation Plan for future operations that could have impact on City and County roads plus residential areas. Please consider the above suggestions and please contact me if need be. I believe this is a matter of "The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease"
Mobility	Sheridan Public Library	N/A	N/A	N/A	My wife has one more suggestion in planning since she travels quite often to the Sheridan Library quite often. And would like to discuss how to correct the dead end turn around.
Mobility	Loucks & Thurmond	Dave Engels	307-673-1542		One area that I forgot to bring up during last Tuesday night's meeting on the Transportation Plan Update was the Loucks-Thurmond intersection. For 20 years, our family lived on Residence Hill near the top of Thurmond, and our kids had to go through that intersection on their way to the high school. At that time, during the morning "rush hour," traffic backed up on Thurmond all the way to and into the Thurmond-Burkitt intersection. It's interesting that when EnTech did the Loucks Street Reconstruction Project, our traffic subconsultants, Fehr and Peers, looked at this intersection and stated that it didn't warrant a traffic light.

The Draft Transportation Plan was provided to WYDOT for their review. After some revisions were made at WYDOT's request, WYDOT provided the following letter of support.



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October 13, 2025

Hanns Mercer, Public Works Director
City of Sheridan
55 Grinnell Plaza
Sheridan, WY 82801

RE: City of Sheridan Transportation
Master Plan Update 2024

Mr. Mercer:

Thank you for providing the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) the opportunity to participate on the Steering Committee for the City of Sheridan's Transportation Master Plan Update and provide feedback on the draft report.

After reviewing the final document, WYDOT supports the adoption of this Master Plan Update by the City of Sheridan governing body.

WYDOT appreciates the partnership with the City of Sheridan and we look forward to continue working together to provide a safe and effective transportation system in the City of Sheridan and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Scott Taylor, PE
WYDOT District 4 Engineer
scott.taylor@wyo.gov
(307) 674-2300

cc: Mark Ayen, PE; WYDOT Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations, Cheyenne
Michelle Edwards, PE, PTOE; WYDOT District 4 Traffic Engineer, Sheridan

The Draft was provided to the Steering Committee via the following email, and a similar message was posted on the project website:

Greetings, All.

A DRAFT of the Sheridan Transportation Master Plan Update is available for review on the City of Sheridan Website. Please send comments to Thomas Morneau at *tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov*.

Here's a link to the document: *Microsoft Word - STP_Update_Memo.docx*

The public comment period will be open from October 23 through November 22 (approximately 30 days). Notices regarding the draft plan will be published in *The Sheridan Press* on October 23 and November 12.

In addition to the City website, a notice was posted on the Chamber of Commerce Community Calendar. This is also an item that will be brought up during the general discussion at upcoming City Council meetings.

Once the public review and comment period concludes, the plan will be brought forward to the City Planning Commission, County Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), and City Council for adoption.

WYDOT has reviewed this final draft document and provided a letter of support.

Thank you for all your help on this important project!

Jeffrey Rosenlund, PE, PTP
Senior Water Resources Engineer

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The following comments were received after the Draft Transportation Plan Update Memo was published and made available to the steering committee and general public via the City of Sheridan's Website.

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Sheldon and Sara Bartel** <ssohbartel@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 22, 2025 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Sheridan Transportation Plan comments
To: tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov <tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov>

Hello, after reviewing the Transportation Plan:

We have a free rider problem - all the traffic originating outside (south) of the City. It appears to me that most of the population and housing growth is occurring outside the City. The County's "free for all" development policy is at the root of the City Transportation issues. How is Sheridan County working with the City to improve the traffic/transportation situation?

Keep traffic out (make it difficult and inconvenient) of the South Sheridan neighborhood. On the interactive map, someone commented it is difficult to move thru the City (their polygon highlights the south sheridan neighborhood) from Bighorn Ave to Main Street. South Sheridan neighborhood street infrastructure is a disgrace as it is. Not ADA compliant, intersections flood regularly, pot holes everywhere, no marked crosswalks or bulb outs, unmoved junk vehicles etc. As it is, it is not safe for pedestrians (given the amount of vehicles trying to get around the traffic on Thurmond and Bighorn and South Main) as drivers frequently speed, ignore traffic signage, and make lots of noise (all things they don't live with in the County).

Allowing more vehicular travel thru south sheridan neighborhood will likely negatively impact our property values and ability to sell. Please do not allow more traffic thru our neighborhood.. Commuters from south of Sheridan must be made to avoid Big Horn and Thurmond (and streets linking these roads), they can use Coffeen and the interstate to commute to the City. These are corridors designed to handle large volumes of traffic.

Thank you.

Sheldon Bartel

532 South Tschirgi Street

Name
Sheldon Bartel

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ssohbartel@gmail.com

Message
Its clear that the increasing traffic originating south of Sheridan (outside of the City limits in the County) has to be diverted away from Big Horn Ave, Thurmond etc for safety reasons (we live between Big Horn and Thurmond so we deal with this regularly - we experience vehicles speeding through narrow side streets, ignoring traffic signs, noise, not stopping for pedestrians, etc). These people choose to live outside of Sheridan to escape the speeding, noise etc, so why should City residents have to live with what they are escaping? Please consider diverting traffic from the south to Coffeen Ave or the interstate so we can live in peace and quiet like the out of City commuters do. Do not make it easier for commuters to use neighborhoods as their escape routes, they are creating the traffic and must therefore deal with it. Where does the County stand on improving access and egress into the City of Sheridan? The County can make changes to commuting patterns outside of the City. All the City's transportation plans will be for naught if the County does not help deal with their creation - 100's if not 1000s of McMansions on acreage away from the City. Sheridan County offers country lifestyle with City amenities (at no cost). The County development patterns are the root of City traffic problems. Maybe consider a toll for people living outside the City but using its road infrastructure daily, that may help mitigate the "free rider" problem.

From: **Lauren Nieves** <lauren.nieves@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, Nov 2, 2025 at 12:01 AM
Subject: Bluebird lane and the Osprey Hill Corridor Review
To: tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov <tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov>

To Thomas Morneau and the Esteemed City of Sheridan Officials and City Council-

Subject: Formal and Immediate Opposition to the Proposed West Corridor Extension via Bluebird Lane and the Osprey Hill Corridor

We, the Steinert family, are writing to you today not only as concerned homeowners and active members of the community, but specifically as a medical family and parents of young children whose lives and livelihoods will be catastrophically impacted by the proposed West Corridor extension through the Bluebird Lane and Osprey Hill area. We must emphatically state our disagreement with moving forward on this alignment.

The plan to transform our quiet, residential streets into a high-volume transportation artery is deeply misguided, posing irreversible risks to public health, safety, and the financial stability of our neighborhood.

The Unacceptable Cost to Public Health and Safety:

The true cost of this corridor cannot be measured only in asphalt and concrete; it must be measured in human well-being. From our perspective as a medical professional family, the increase in noise pollution is not a minor inconvenience—it is a critical public health hazard.

Healthcare Provider Fatigue and Risk:

Many residents in this neighborhood are frontline healthcare providers (surgeons, physicians, pharmacist, critical care nurses, lab directors and more) serving Sheridan. Consistent, high-volume traffic noise will severely impact the overall quality of sleep. Poor sleep is directly linked to impaired judgment, slower reaction times, and increased stress, which translates to a higher potential for accidents, both on the road and, critically, within the medical settings we serve. Not to mention, poor sleep quality also increases mortality in professionals of these high-stress careers. We implore you to consider the liability and risk this project introduces to the very providers who keep your city healthy.

Increased Accident Risk:

A dramatic increase in traffic volume and speed will inherently lead to a higher potential for neighborhood traffic accidents and serious injuries. As parents of young children, we are

terrified of the dangers posed to kids walking or biking- which are some of the most precious assets of Sheridan. Furthermore, accidents on this corridor will inevitably lead to road blockages, hindering emergency services and causing gridlock in the neighborhood.

Long-Term Health Risks:

The surge in vehicle emissions, brake dust, and traffic-related particulate matter presents significant health risks to our children and elderly residents, increasing exposure to respiratory issues and other chronic illnesses.

Irreversible Financial and Infrastructure Burden:

This proposal is fiscally irresponsible for both homeowners and the city at large.

Decrease in Property Value:

The establishment of a major corridor directly adjacent to our homes will cause an immediate and steep decrease in property value for every single home in the Osprey Hill subdivision. This project threatens the largest investment many of us have made in our lives and in this community. An investment that becomes more and more difficult to obtain, every single year.

Increased City Expense:

Directing heavy traffic, including industrial and commercial equipment, onto this route will accelerate the decay of the infrastructure. Which currently has the reputation of poor and unreliable maintenance from the city, due to the unique infrastructure underneath the pavement. This action guarantees an increased need for city road repair and maintenance, placing a constant, heavy, and unnecessary financial burden on Sheridan taxpayers for decades to come.

We understand the need for strategic transportation planning, but the selection of the Bluebird Lane and Osprey Hill corridor demonstrates a profound disregard for established residential neighborhoods and their families. This is a quiet, nature/outdoor enthusiast, family-oriented community that provides essential workers and stable property taxes for the City of Sheridan.

We urge you to uphold the quality of life, safety, and investment of your citizens. There are alternative routes that do not impose these extreme burdens on families and public safety.

We, The Steinert family, stand firmly opposed to moving forward with the Bluebird Lane corridor and demand that you seek a more responsible and equitable solution for the West Corridor Project.

Sincerely,

The Steinert Family

Osprey Hill Homeowners

(407) 802-7721

From: **Jane Johlman** <cobblej77@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Nov 2, 2025 at 4:59 PM
Subject: Transportation Plan comments
To: Thomas Morneau <tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov>

Thomas,
On the Draft Transportation Plan, in the top dozen high priority projects is a plan to connect Bluebird Lane to 5th Street, via the West Side Corridor. This is a very bad idea that will permanently affect the safety and cohesiveness of the Osprey Hill Community. That project would take a quiet dead-end road and turn it into a busy corridor. We object to this development.

Thank you for the opportunity to register my objection.

Janie Johlman

From: **Pam Standish** <pamstandish@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 6, 2025 at 9:33 AM
Subject: Transportation Plan maps idea
To: Thomas Morneau <tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov>

HI Thomas,

I was wondering if it would make sense to add a different color line or dotted line to proposed projects in the Transportation plan map that don't have the right of way.

I think when a landowner sees a road going through their property and has no idea
that the city has a plan to put a road through their property it creates some concern from the property owner.

Or, maybe in the write up after the map, it can be included that the city does not have the Right of Way for this road.

One of the roads that I know this has happened is the connector road on Derek Gilbert's land-it connects the West Corridor to Bluebird Lane in Osprey Hills subdivision.

This is just a thought on how the city can improve the relationship they have with the residents of Sheridan.

Best,
Pam

From: **Audrey Hirschman** <anhirschman@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 10, 2025 at 9:02 AM
Subject: Public Comment on Sheridan Transportation Plan - Western Corridor & Safety Considerations
To: <tmorneau@sheridanwy.gov>

Dear Mr. Morneau,

I grew up here in Sheridan, and since returning to Wyoming in recent years, it's been wonderful to see how much thought and care has gone into improving our community's transportation network. The new projects, especially the expanded pathways and corridor improvements, show real progress in making Sheridan safer, more connected, and more enjoyable to get around. I certainly take advantage of them daily! I'd like to provide a few comments on the current transportation plan and share my perspective as a local resident who uses many of these routes regularly.

I'm especially excited about the western corridor. This seems like a forward-thinking project that will help ease congestion through downtown and make travel between the west and north sides much smoother (and faster!). It's exciting to see Sheridan planning for long-term mobility and growth. My main concern is that completing only one section at a time could unintentionally shift traffic through Loucks Street neighborhoods, including multiple four-way stops and pedestrian areas near park entrances. That could make these areas less safe and more congested than they already are, which feels contrary to some of the goals of the corridor. I hope the City will focus on securing right-of-way and completing the corridor as a connected route to ensure traffic flows efficiently once it's open, as well as consider the impact on Loucks street and how to mitigate potential issues from increased traffic there.

Thurmond and Loucks street already carry quite a bit of traffic, and those four-way stops can easily back up. My vehicle was totaled at Loucks and Thurmond several years ago during rush-hour traffic, so I know firsthand how tricky that intersection can be. After this accident, I walked to work for a while (near the courthouse), but felt that I was unsafe crossing these intersections as a pedestrian during high-traffic hours. I'd love to see continued attention to improving safety and traffic flow along these two streets - especially at key intersections during peak hours. I know Thurmond is already mentioned in the plan,

and would love to see some focus on Loucks, as well.

Though outside the scope of this draft, it might also be a good time to revisit the Pathways Plan alongside this plan. Adding underpasses or other features to separate pedestrian and bicycle traffic from vehicles could make a big difference. As someone who walks and bikes Sheridan's pathways often, I really appreciate when routes stay connected and away from traffic. And as a driver, I'm grateful when pedestrians have a safe, dedicated path. Looking at how pathway connections align with these transportation updates could make travel safer and smoother for everyone, while further improving one of Sheridan's most distinctive and valued community features.

Lastly, I'd like to mention the intersections at College Ave. & Big Horn Ave. and College Ave. & Main St. They're not really high-traffic areas, but the existing blind corner and frequent turns from Main onto College make it difficult to anticipate vehicles, which can be dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross. Improving sightlines, crosswalks, or maybe signage here could enhance safety and visibility for both drivers and people walking in the area or to/from downtown. This is likely not a priority project, but hopefully an area to consider in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to take in my comments, and for the City's continued work to make Sheridan's transportation network better all around!

Sincerely,

Audrey Hirschman

You don't often get email from brady.white307@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

To the City of Sheridan, Sheridan County, Planning Commissioners, and Elected Officials:

I am writing as a resident of Airport Road, just below the Sheridan County Airport runway, to express my strong opposition to the City's proposal to take over this County Road and convert it into a major roadway as part of the West Side Corridor / Transportation Plan.

Airport Road is currently a quiet rural road with only a few homes along it. Families, children, and livestock all rely on its low-traffic, low-speed character. Reclassifying this short dirt County Road into a primary east-west connector would fundamentally change its purpose and would severely damage the safety, character, and quality of life of the people who already live here.

1. Airport Road is being treated as a "corridor" rather than a neighborhood street

In the draft Sheridan Transportation materials, "Airport Road – Zuni Drive to West Corridor" is listed as a defined project segment, showing it is being planned as part of a major through-route rather than a local rural road.

The West Side Corridor itself is described in public documents and interactive maps as a new route intended to provide a more direct transportation connection through Sheridan and relieve congestion elsewhere.

That may sound reasonable at a high level, but on-the-ground it means taking a very small, quiet County Road with a handful of homes and turning it into a busy city arterial that carries large volumes of fast-moving traffic between "one side of town and the other." This is a dramatic and inappropriate change in function for Airport Road and is not compatible with the existing land use and way of life along the road.

2. Serious safety conflicts with existing rural use (kids, livestock, walking, airport proximity)

Our families use Airport Road every day **as a shared rural space**:

- We walk with our children, family, and friends along the road because traffic is currently light and slow.
- We move and run livestock along or across the road as part of normal agricultural/rural operations.
- Pets and wildlife frequently cross the road.
- The road lies directly under the approach area of the Sheridan County Airport runway, making driver attention and safety especially important.

Converting this into a major connector route will:

- Put **children and pedestrians** directly next to much higher traffic volumes and higher-speed vehicles, with no realistic way to keep them safe at the current width and design.
- Make **livestock movement** along or across the road dangerous or impossible, effectively forcing out traditional rural practices.
- Increase **wildlife–vehicle collisions**, as traffic volumes and speeds rise in an area where open space and animal movement are common.
- Introduce more distraction and complexity right at the base of the airport runway, which already has special safety concerns and height/zoning regulations in place.

These are not hypothetical concerns; they are built into the daily life of those of us who live on Airport Road right now.

3. Loss of rural character, peace, and mountain views we intentionally chose for our families

Our families chose to live on Airport Road **because** it is a dirt County Road with very limited traffic and beautiful open views of the Bighorn Mountains and surrounding landscape. We raise our children here expecting a quiet, rural experience: open skies, livestock, wildlife, and a safe place to walk, ride, and gather.

A major city roadway would bring:

- Continuous traffic noise where there is now relative quiet.
- Headlights, truck traffic, and possible road lighting where it is now dark and peaceful at night.
- Visual clutter (wider pavement, turn lanes, possible signals, signage, and barriers) that would significantly reduce the scenic quality and mountain views that define this area.

This would permanently erase the character of the neighborhood and undermine the very reasons people invested in homes and property here.

4. Negative impacts on neighboring neighborhoods and "pass-through" communities

The West Side Corridor has been promoted for decades as a way to move traffic around town and relieve congestion in downtown and other pass-through neighborhoods.

However, routing that traffic onto Airport Road simply **shifts** those impacts from one group of residents to another:

Nearby neighborhoods and county residents would suddenly find their local streets feeding into a busy arterial they were never designed to support.

Traffic patterns would funnel vehicles through quiet residential and rural areas that currently function well with low volumes.

Noise, emissions, cut-through traffic, and safety concerns would spread outward from Airport Road into multiple surrounding neighborhoods.

The City's own transportation goals emphasize developing corridors that align with "community and infrastructure needs," not sacrificing existing communities to move cars more quickly across town.

5. Conflicts with existing pedestrian and pathway planning in the airport–Airport Road area

The Sheridan Pathways Master Plan and related documents already envision the airport–Airport Road area as a place for **non-motorized travel**, including pathway connections

between Sheridan County Airport and Airport Road and Safe Routes to School improvements.

Building a heavily traveled major roadway here would:

Work directly against the idea of creating safe, family-friendly walking and biking routes.

Make any future pathway along Airport Road far more expensive and complicated to design safely.

Turn what could be a key, scenic, low-stress walking corridor into a noisy, high-speed vehicle corridor.

In other words, the West Side Corridor concept as applied to Airport Road is in tension with Sheridan's own pathway and safety goals in this area.

6. Property value, equity, and fairness concerns

Homeowners along Airport Road made long-term financial and life decisions based on its current status: a low-traffic, rural County Road at the base of the airport, with open views and quiet surroundings.

Converting it into a major city roadway would likely:

Reduce property values due to higher noise, reduced privacy, loss of views, and increased safety risks.

Disproportionately burden a very small number of existing residents and families for a benefit (regional traffic movement) that primarily serves others.

Create a situation where those who have invested in a quiet rural setting are effectively "punished" for that choice by having a highway-like facility built in front of their homes.

If the City is committed to fairness, it should seriously weigh whether it is acceptable to impose these concentrated harms on so few families when other alignment options exist.

. Airport-related planning and safety must be honored

Sheridan County already has specialized planning and zoning around the Sheridan County Airport, including resolutions that restrict structure heights and recognize the unique safety and operational issues in the airport vicinity.

Any decision to significantly increase traffic volumes and speeds on a road that runs along the base of the runway should:

Be evaluated very carefully for compatibility with existing airport safety and zoning policies.

Consider potential conflicts between higher traffic volumes, aircraft operations, and emergency response.

Avoid placing a high-speed arterial in a location where driver distraction is already elevated by aircraft activity and open vistas.

8. Alternatives and a more balanced West Side Corridor solution

The West Side Corridor idea has been discussed since at least the 1960s and has evolved over time as Sheridan grows. That long history is exactly why **now** is the right time to reconsider whether using Airport Road as a major segment is truly the best option.

I respectfully request that the City and County:

Remove or significantly downgrade the concept of Airport Road as a major connector in the Transportation Plan ("Airport Road – Zuni Drive to West Corridor").

Evaluate alternative alignments for the West Side Corridor that avoid running a major arterial directly through an existing rural neighborhood below the airport.

If some improvements to Airport Road are truly necessary, limit them to **context-sensitive, low-speed rural roadway upgrades** that prioritize existing residents' safety and quality of life (e.g., modest surface improvements, clear signage, and traffic calming), rather than high-capacity corridor design.

9. Request to decision makers

Given the above concerns about safety, rural character, fairness, airport compatibility, and consistency with Sheridan's own pathways and planning goals, I respectfully ask:

1.That the City of Sheridan **not take over Airport Road from Sheridan County** for the purpose of turning it into a major east-west connector; and

2.That the segment labeled "Airport Road – Zuni Drive to West Corridor" be reconsidered or removed from the major streets / corridor plan; and

3.That any future planning for the West Side Corridor explicitly protect Airport Road residents, livestock operations, and neighboring neighborhoods from increased traffic, speed, and noise.

-The White Family

Dear Jeff Rosenlund:

We are writing in regard to the proposed Bluebird Lane connection to the proposed West side Corridor, described in the Sheridan Transportation Plan.

"6.0 Project Prioritization

Therefore, projects addressing the challenges above are the highest priority.

The top dozen high priority projects based on addressing the challenges above are:

1. West Corridor from West 5th Street to West Loucks (project 2) and Bluebird Lane connection (project 10). This project provides an alternate route to Mydland Road, improves the arterial network, and decreases travel through residential neighborhoods. ..."

W We are strongly in opposition to this proposal for several reasons:

1. First it does not accomplish the objectives stated above. Instead of DECREASING travel through a residential neighborhood, it would **significantly** INCREASE traffic through our very quiet residential street where little kids are on scooters and bicycles, etc. All of our friends up and down this street love the peace and quiet of this neighborhood.

Secondly, why do we need to spend $2,740,000 for less than half a mile new roadway, when vehicles coming from town can travel a little over 1,000 feet to turn onto the proposed West side Corridor bypass? This is very poor use of our taxpayer dollars!!

Additionally, the city does not have right-of-way access to the property needed for this proposed route.

This route is a complete waste of time and money in addition to ruining our quiet street. Please reconsider.

T Thank you,

Glenn and Carol Bredin

478 Bluebird Lane, Sheridan, WY 82801

Name
Robert Edwards

Email
robsaphire12@outlook.com

Message
I reside on Airport Road and was just notified by a fellow resident in the area of the city's intention of project 2.29 and project 30. I'm shocked how many residents in the area have no idea the city is about to destroy our quiet neighborhoods without any public comment! Does the city not have the obligation to notify residents of such a project? This seems borderline illegal that this did not happen. I'm getting in line to demand a dedicated public meeting for Airport Road residents. If this doesn't happen then the city could very well face a class action lawsuit!

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APPENDIX D: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

1.0 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The transportation improvement projects developed during this transportation plan update are described in this appendix. These projects were developed following the next steps outlined in the 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan.

2.0 PROJECT MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Descriptions and maps for several of the proposed transportation improvements were developed, following the template for the City of Sheridan Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Cost estimates were developed for higher priority projects based on road lengths and classifications. Cost estimates do not specifically include improvements to intersections that would be included for roadway projects. The project descriptions, maps and cost estimates are included as follows:

- 2.1 West Corridor – Yellowtail Drive to West 5th Street
- 2.2 West Corridor – West 5th Street to West Loucks Street
- 2.3 West Corridor – West Loucks Street to Upper Road
- 2.4 Highland Ave – 11th Street to Real Bird Way
- 2.5 VA – West Corridor North Entrance
- 2.6 Fort Road – Highland Avenue to West Corridor
- 2.7 Mydland Road – 17th Street to Fort Road

- 2.8 17th Street – Mydland Road to West Corridor
- 2.9 Hill Pond Drive – Mydland Road to West Corridor
- 2.10 Bluebird Lane – Kingfisher Avenue to West Corridor
- 2.11 Mydland Road – Dome Drive to West Loucks Street
- 2.12 Leopard Street to West Corridor
- 2.13 Fort Road – Main Street to Kittering Road
- 2.14 North Sheridan Avenue – 5th Street to Kittering Road
- 2.15 Kittering Rd – Gulch Rd to East Corridor
- 2.16 East Ridge Road – East 5th Street to Kittering Road
- 2.17 Commercial Avenue to East Ridge Road
- 2.18 Lewis Street to First Street Bridge
- 2.19 5th Street Grade Separated Crossing
- 2.20 1st Street Grade Separated Crossing
- 2.21 East Loucks Street – Custer Street to Sheridan Avenue
- 2.22 Frank Street – Gillette Street to Sugarview Drive
- 2.23 Colorado Street – Coffeen Avenue to Commercial Avenue
- 2.24 Colorado Street – Sheridan Avenue to Coffeen Avenue
- 2.25 Turner Lane – Sheridan Avenue to Coffeen Avenue
- 2.26 South Main Street – Gladstone Street to South Sheridan Avenue
- 2.27 South Main Street – Montana Street to Brock Avenue
- 2.28 Riverside Street – Coffeen Avenue to Sugarland Drive
- 2.29 Brundage Lane – Big Horn Avenue to Airport Road
- 2.30 Airport Road – Zuni Drive to West Corridor
- 2.31 Short Road – Big Horn Avenue to College Meadow Drive
- 2.32 Sugarland Drive – East Brundage Lane to East Corridor

- 2.33 Middle East Corridor – Coffeen Avenue to East Brundage Lane
- 2.34 Middle East Corridor – East Brundage Lane to East Ridge Road
- 2.35 Dry Ranch Road – Solutions Way to Middle East Corridor
- 2.36 East Corridor – Big Horn Avenue to East Brundage Lane
- 2.37 East Corridor – East Brundage Lane to Wyarno Road
- 2.38 East Corridor – Wyarno Road to Decker Road
- 2.39 Dry Ranch Road – East Brundage to Commercial Avenue
- 2.40 Intersection – Fort Road and Main Street
- 2.41 Intersection – 5th Street and Mydland Road
- 2.42 Intersection – 5th Street and Long Drive
- 2.43 Intersection – 5th Street and Val Vista Street
- 2.44 Intersection – 5th Street and Broadway Street
- 2.45 Intersection – Scott St and Brundage St
- 2.46 Intersection – Coffeen Avenue and Gould Street
- 2.47 Intersection – Big Horn Avenue and Edwards Drive
- 2.48 Intersection – Brundage Lane and Big Horn Avenue
- 2.49 Intersection – Sheridan Avenue and Brundage Lane
- 2.50 Intersection – Woodland Park Road and Coffeen Avenue
- 2.51 Intersection – Wildcat Road and Wyarno Road
- 2.52S. Thurmond Street Reconstruction
- 2.53 1st Street Eco Restoration
- 2.54 BNSF Overpass at Wildcat Road

2.1 West Corridor – Yellowtail Drive to West 5th Street

Project Location: Northwest of Sheridan extending from Yellowtail Drive north of the High-Tech Business Park and connecting to 5th Street west of Mydland Road and the new Black Tooth Park.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway with a detached pathway. Right-of-way has been acquired for approximately 2/3 of the corridor. This section spans approximately 3-miles. The existing intersection at Yellowtail Dr and N Main St will need an evaluation for safety and capacity during planning and design of the corridor. This project requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: The West Corridor will provide an additional north-south transportation route to accommodate increasing vehicular traffic within Sheridan's Joint Planning Area. Construction of this section of the West Corridor will provide a vital link in the transportation network on the north and west side of Sheridan. This connection will improve regional mobility between several important east-west routes such as 5th Street, Fort Road, 17th Street, and Hill Pond Drive. The following are other benefits this portion of the West Corridor would provide:

1. Improved public and emergency access to several key facilities in the west portion of Sheridan, such as schools, fairgrounds, the hospital, and the proposed 5th St community center.
2. Provides a route for heavy truck traffic to access southern destinations without passing through downtown bottlenecks.
3. Accommodate planned growth and recent developments on the west side of Sheridan.
4. Reduce traffic congestion downtown and improve future traffic operations in the city on primary roadways.
5. Reduce cut-through traffic in neighborhoods.

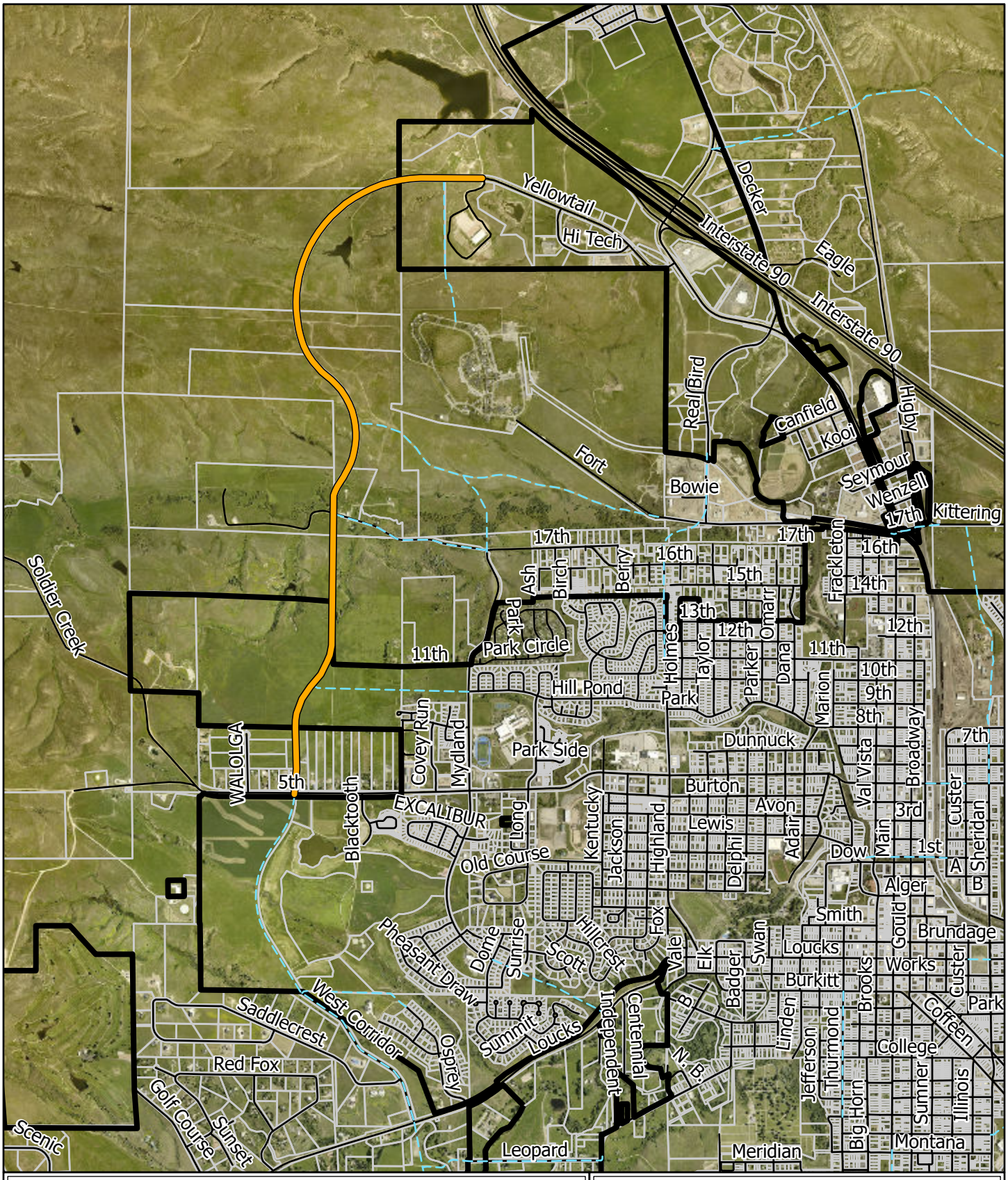
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Downtown Sheridan, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: 24

Previous Study References: *(17 Total)* 1965 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 1981 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 1982 West Sheridan Beltway Location Study, 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2001 Sheridan County Growth Management Plan, 2001 Sheridan Downtown Streetscape Master Plan, 2004 Phase 1 West Corridor Feasibility Study, 2006 Phase 2 West Corridor Feasibility Study, 2008 West Corridor Study Phase 1 & Phase 2, 2008 Sheridan West Side Corridor Report, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 2009 Draft West Corridor Environmental Assessment, 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan, 2013 Draft Reconnaissance Inspection Report, 2017 Sheridan Land Use Plan, 2017 Sheridan JPA Land Use Plan, 2020 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan.

Estimated 2025 Cost: $16,460,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with a detached pathway and a 120-foot R.O.W.



West Corridor - Yellowtail Dr to W 5th St

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2.2 West Corridor – West 5th Street to West Loucks Street

Project Location: West of Sheridan extending from 5th Street west of Mydland Road and the new Black Tooth Park to Loucks Street at the current intersection of Saddlecrest Drive.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway with a detached pathway. Right-of-way has been acquired for most of the corridor. This section spans approximately 1.5-miles. The existing intersection at W Loucks St and Saddlecrest Dr. will need to be re-evaluated during planning and design of this corridor. This project requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: The West Corridor will provide an additional north-south transportation route to accommodate increasing vehicular traffic within Sheridan's Joint Planning Area. Construction of this section of the West Corridor will provide a connection that will allow residents in the Big Goose Valley to access the interstate and key facilities such as schools, the fairgrounds, the hospital, and the proposed 5th St community center. This will also serve future developments and eventually residents south and west of the county airport. Providing this connection will help reduce traffic congestion downtown and cut-through traffic in neighborhoods.

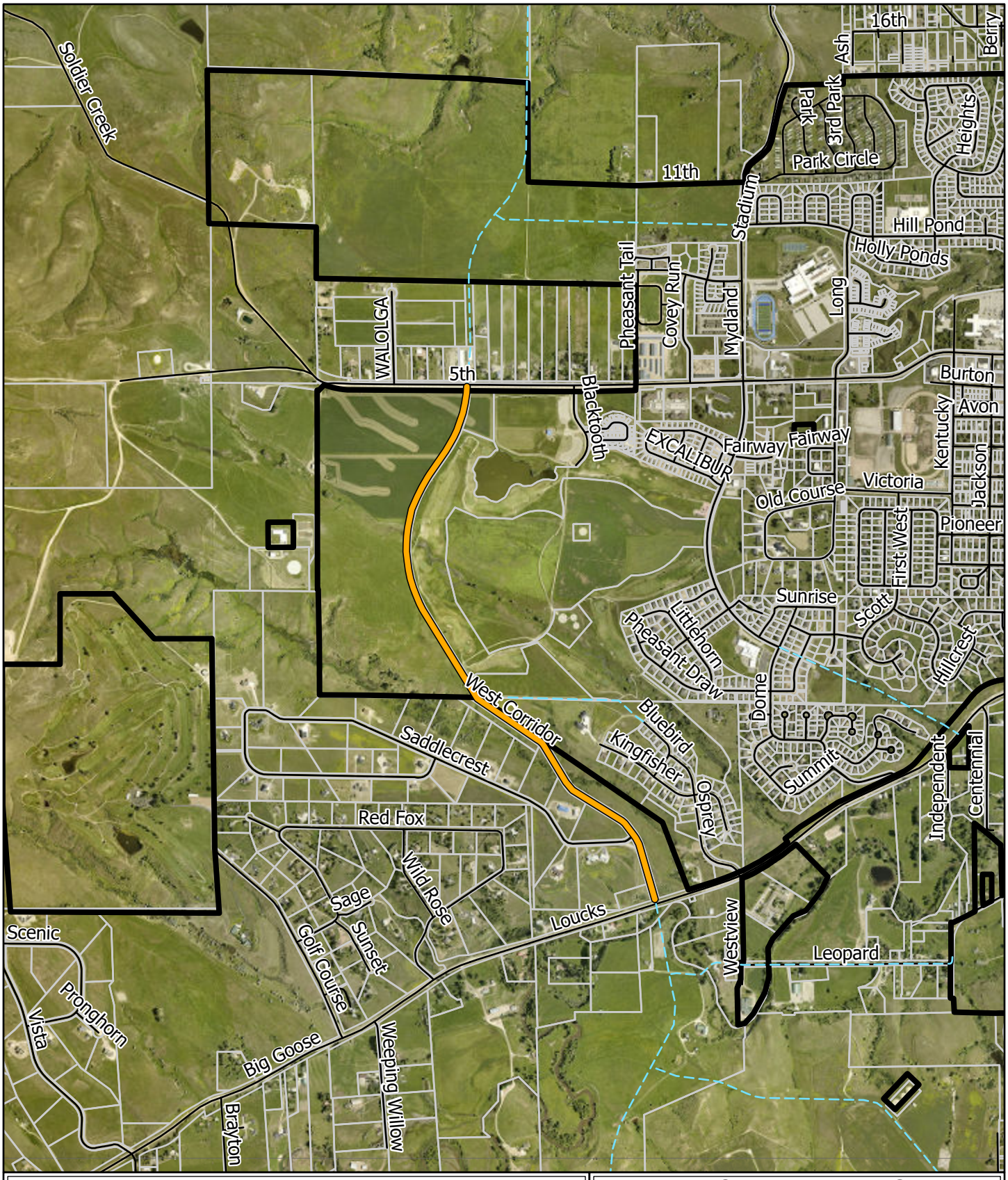
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Downtown Sheridan, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: 24

Previous Study References: *(17 Total)* 1965 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 1981 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 1982 West Sheridan Beltway Location Study, 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2001 Sheridan County Growth Management Plan, 2001 Sheridan Downtown Streetscape Master Plan, 2004 Phase 1 West Corridor Feasibility Study, 2006 Phase 2 West Corridor Feasibility Study, 2008 West Corridor Study Phase 1 & Phase 2, 2008 Sheridan West Side Corridor Report, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 2009 Draft West Corridor Environmental Assessment, 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan, 2013 Draft Reconnaissance Inspection Report, 2017 Sheridan Land Use Plan, 2017 Sheridan JPA Land Use Plan, 2020 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan.

Estimated 2025 Cost: $14,100,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with a detached pathway, bridge structure, and a 120-foot R.O.W.



West Corridor - 5th St to W Loucks St

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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West Corridor - W 5th St to W Loucks St

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2.3 West Corridor – West Loucks Street to Upper Road

Project Location: West of Sheridan extending from West Loucks Street at the current intersection of Saddlecrest Drive to Upper Road along the west edge of the county airport.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway with a detached pathway. Right-of-way has not been acquired for any portions of the corridor. This section spans approximately 1.8miles. The existing intersection at W Loucks St and Saddlecrest Dr will need to be re-evaluated during planning and design of this corridor. Any future plans for the Sheridan County Airport should be coordinated with the final placement of this corridor. This project requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: The West Corridor will provide an additional north-south transportation route to accommodate increasing vehicular traffic within Sheridan's Joint Planning Area. Construction of this section of the West Corridor will serve residents in the Little Goose Valley and provide an essential connection allowing access to key facilities to the north such as schools, the fairgrounds, the hospital, and the proposed 5th St community center. This connection will also allow north and west traffic to access southern destinations without passing through downtown bottlenecks.

A future connection of Airport Rd will provide a link to Brundage Ln and the activity centers in the southern portion of Sheridan. This connection will further alleviate downtown traffic congestion.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Downtown Sheridan, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: 24

Previous Study References: *(17 Total)* 1965 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 1981 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 1982 West Sheridan Beltway Location Study, 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2001 Sheridan County Growth Management Plan, 2001 Sheridan Downtown Streetscape Master Plan, 2004 Phase 1 West Corridor Feasibility Study, 2006 Phase 2 West Corridor Feasibility Study, 2008 West Corridor Study Phase 1 & Phase 2, 2008 Sheridan West Side Corridor Report, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 2009 Draft West Corridor Environmental Assessment, 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan, 2013 Draft Reconnaissance Inspection Report, 2017 Sheridan Land Use Plan, 2017 Sheridan JPA Land Use Plan, 2020 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan.

Estimated 2025 Cost: $13,850,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with a detached pathway, bridge structure, and a 120-foot R.O.W.



West Corridor - W Loucks St to Upper Rd
Proposed Projects
Existing Streets
Parcels
City Limits

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West Corridor - W Loucks St to Upper Rd

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2.4 Highland Ave – 11th Street to Real Bird Way

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of 11th St and Highland Ave extending northerly to the point where Industrial Rd turns into Real Bird Way.

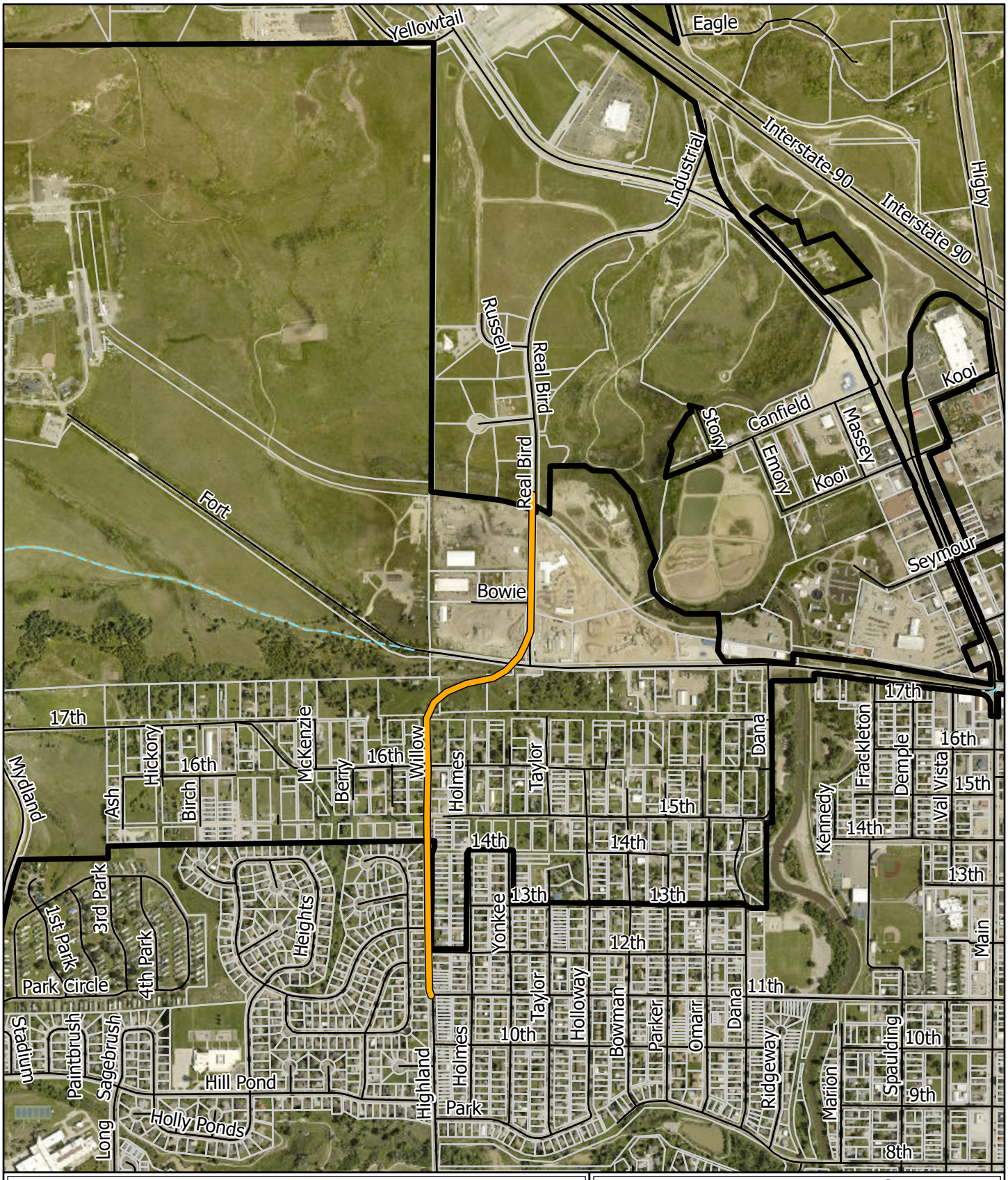
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway consisting of upgrading existing infrastructure and establishing new corridors. The portion of Highland Ave between 11th St and 15th St may need to be reconfigured to meet the functional classification of a collector roadway. New corridor meeting the collector functional classification would need to be established between 15th St and Fort Rd. Improvements to Industrial Rd may be necessary to meet the collector functional classification. A new intersection at Fort Rd would be necessary. Roadway improvements should incorporate complete streets where adequate right-of-way widths are available. This project includes approximately 0.87 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Highland Avenue is currently classified as an arterial between W Loucks St to W 5th St. It becomes a collector between W 5th St and 11th St and then a local street north of 11th St. Continuing Highland Avenue as a collector north of 11th St would create a new continuous north-south collector that directly connects the activity center around W 5th St to the developing activity center along N Main St near the new north I-90 interchange. This connection would also help re-distribute traffic that would normally use 5th St and 11th St as a route to Main St, relieving some unnecessary downtown traffic.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Functional Classification, Roadway Connectivity, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Downtown Sheridan

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: *(2 Total)* 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study & 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan



Highland Ave - 11th to Fort Road

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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Highland Ave - 11th St to Real Bird Way

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2.5 VA – West Corridor North Entrance

Project Location: Extending southerly from the proposed West Corridor to the north boundary of the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

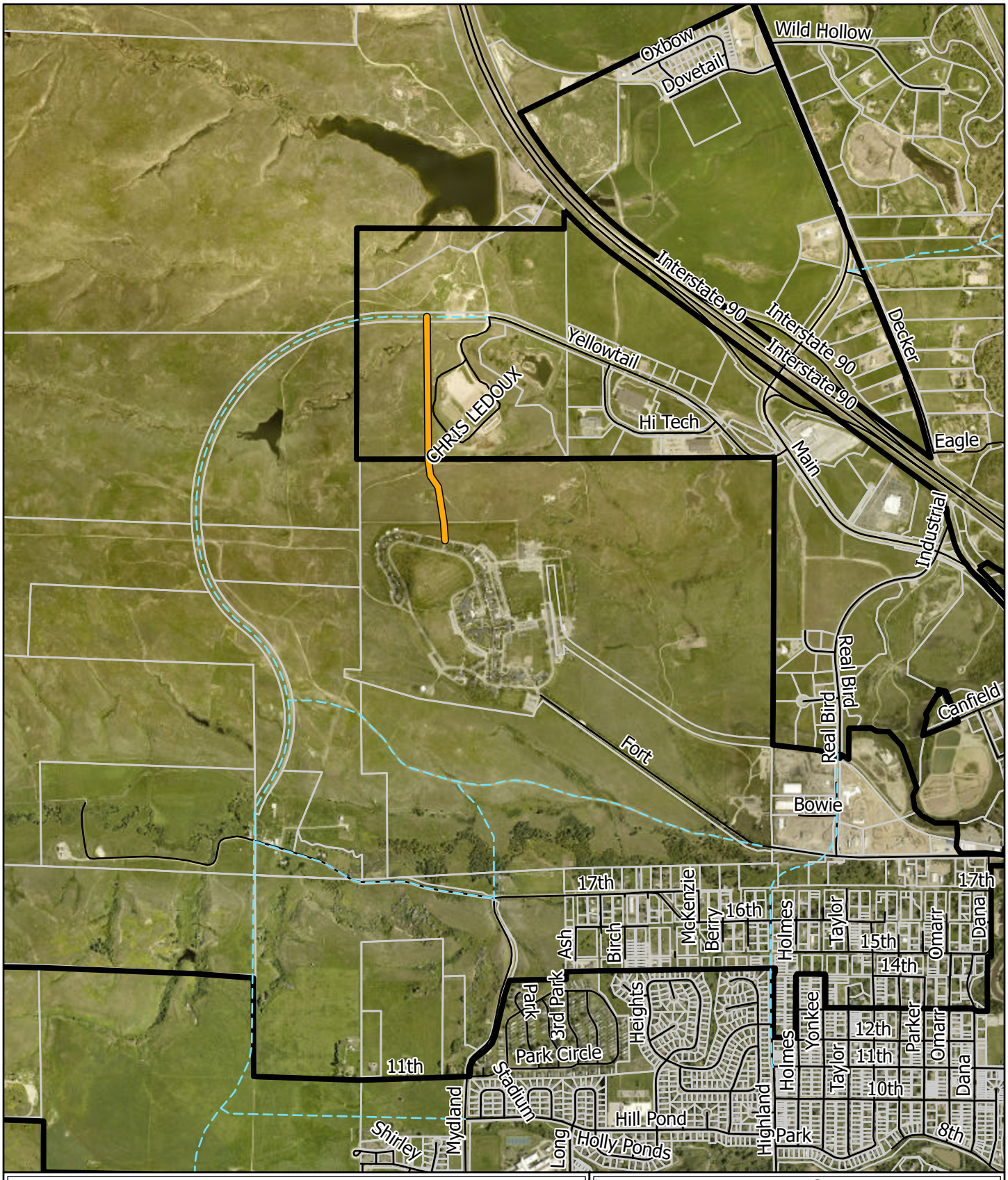
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway providing a north access to the Sheridan VA Medical Center. This project includes approximately 0.55 miles of roadway.

Purpose and Need: A north access to the VA was an original vision when the West Corridor right-of-way acquisition began. Providing a north access will re-distribute some traffic from Main St and Fort Rd as the means of access to the facility. Inclusion of pathways, sidewalks, and bike lanes will need to be coordinated with the facility and Sheridan County during planning and design to implement a “complete street” approach.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None



VA - West Corridor North Entrance

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2.6 Fort Road – Highland Avenue to West Corridor

Project Location: Beginning at the future intersection of Highland Ave and Fort Rd extending westerly to the future West Corridor.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway that will extend Fort Rd west to the future West Corridor. A “complete street” approach should be incorporated to connect existing pedestrian walkways between Fort Rd and the future West Corridor. This project includes approximately 1.25 miles of roadway. The project requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Fort Rd is currently classified as a collector from N Main St to the entrance of the Sheridan VA Medical Center and serves as the only access to the VA facility. Proposed future improvements would connect Fort Rd to Kittering Rd and create a continuous east-west arterial route on the north end of Sheridan. Eventually, Fort Rd/Kittering Rd would connect to the West Corridor and to East Ridge Rd (or future east corridor) to provide a complete east-West Corridor.

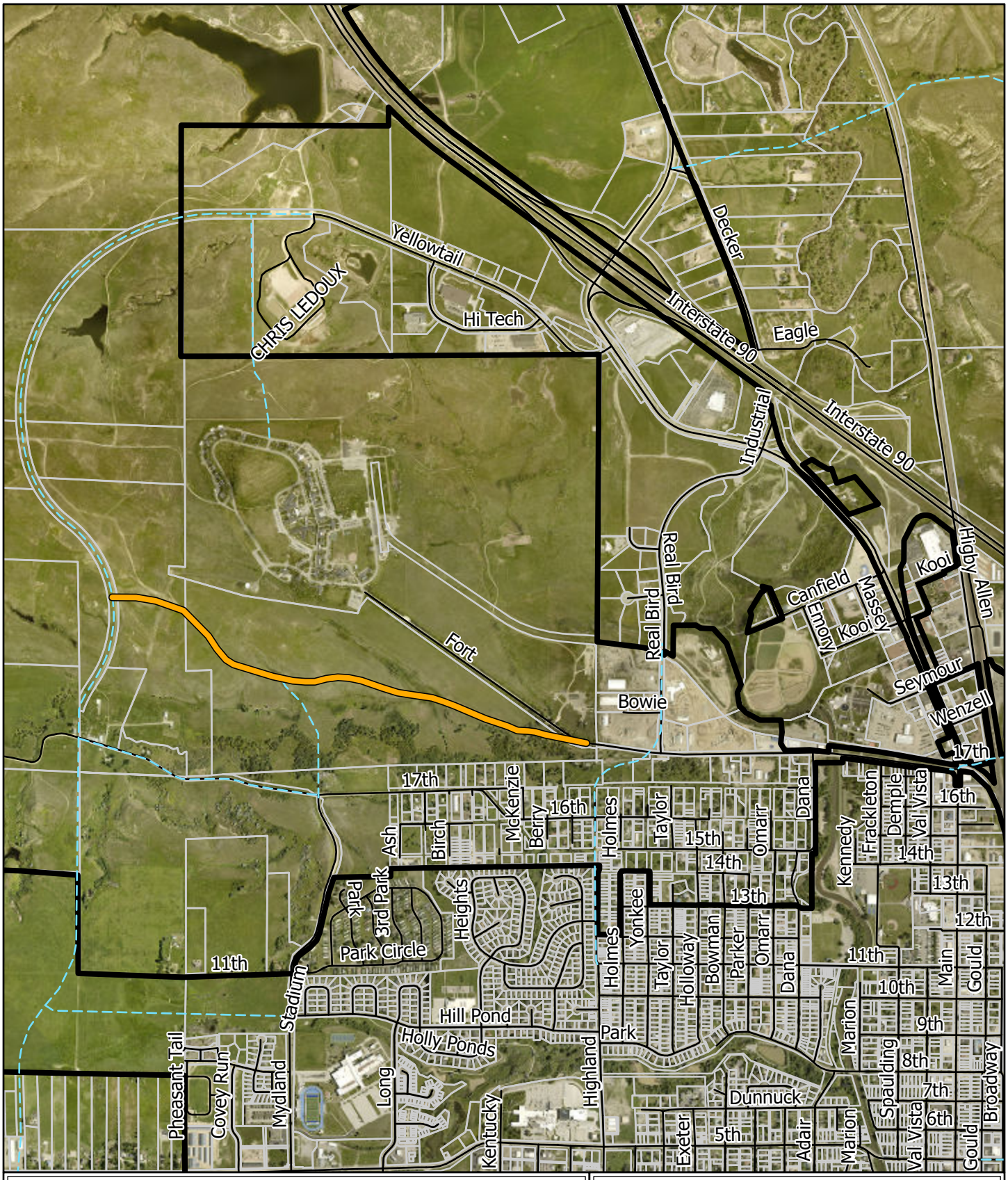
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: *(2 Total)* 2001 Sheridan Traffic Study & 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $8,890,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban arterial with an 80-foot R.O.W. including a retaining wall and several culverts.



Fort Rd - Highland Ave to West Corridor

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2.7 Mydland Road – 17th Street to Fort Road

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Mydland Rd and 17th St and extending northerly to the future west extension of Fort Rd.

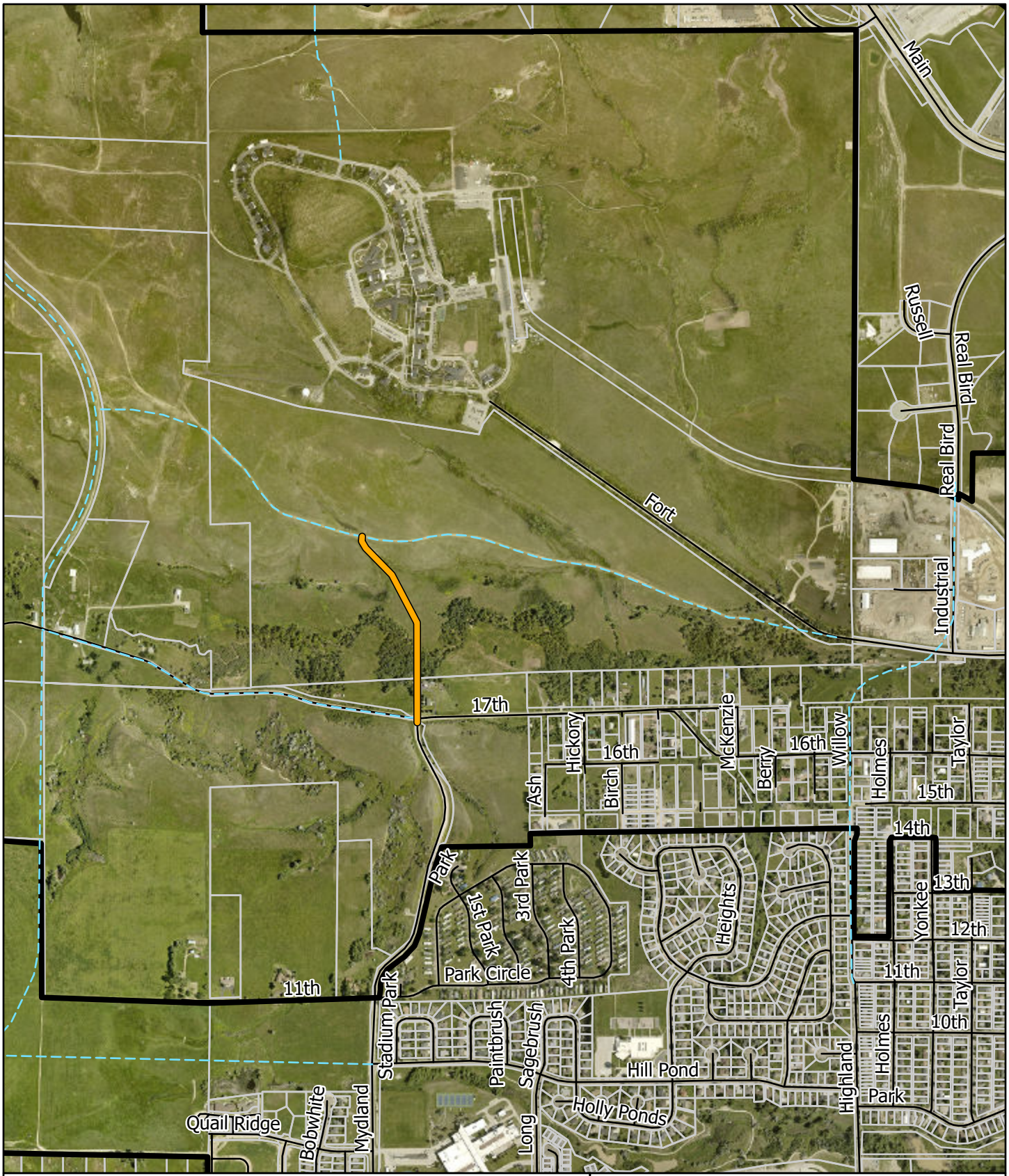
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that will extend Mydland Rd north to the future west extension of Fort Rd. This project includes approximately 0.32 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Mydland Rd is currently classified as a collector from W 5th St to 17th St. Extending Mydland Rd north would provide another continuous north-south collector to connect the 5th St activity center to the future east-west arterial. Other future improvements would allow Mydland Rd to be a continuous collector from W Loucks St to Fort Rd.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None



Mydland Rd - 17th St to Fort Rd

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2.8 17th Street – Mydland Road to West Corridor

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Mydland Rd and 17th St and extending westerly to the future West Corridor.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that will follow the existing 17th St west to the future West Corridor. Right-of-way is reserved for a portion of the existing gravel road. This project includes improving approximately 0.60 miles of roadway. Collaboration with Sheridan County will be needed.

Purpose and Need: 17th St is currently classified as a collector between Mydland Rd and 16th St and serves as a main access point to the Downer Addition. This roadway would provide an east-west collector connection to the future West Corridor.

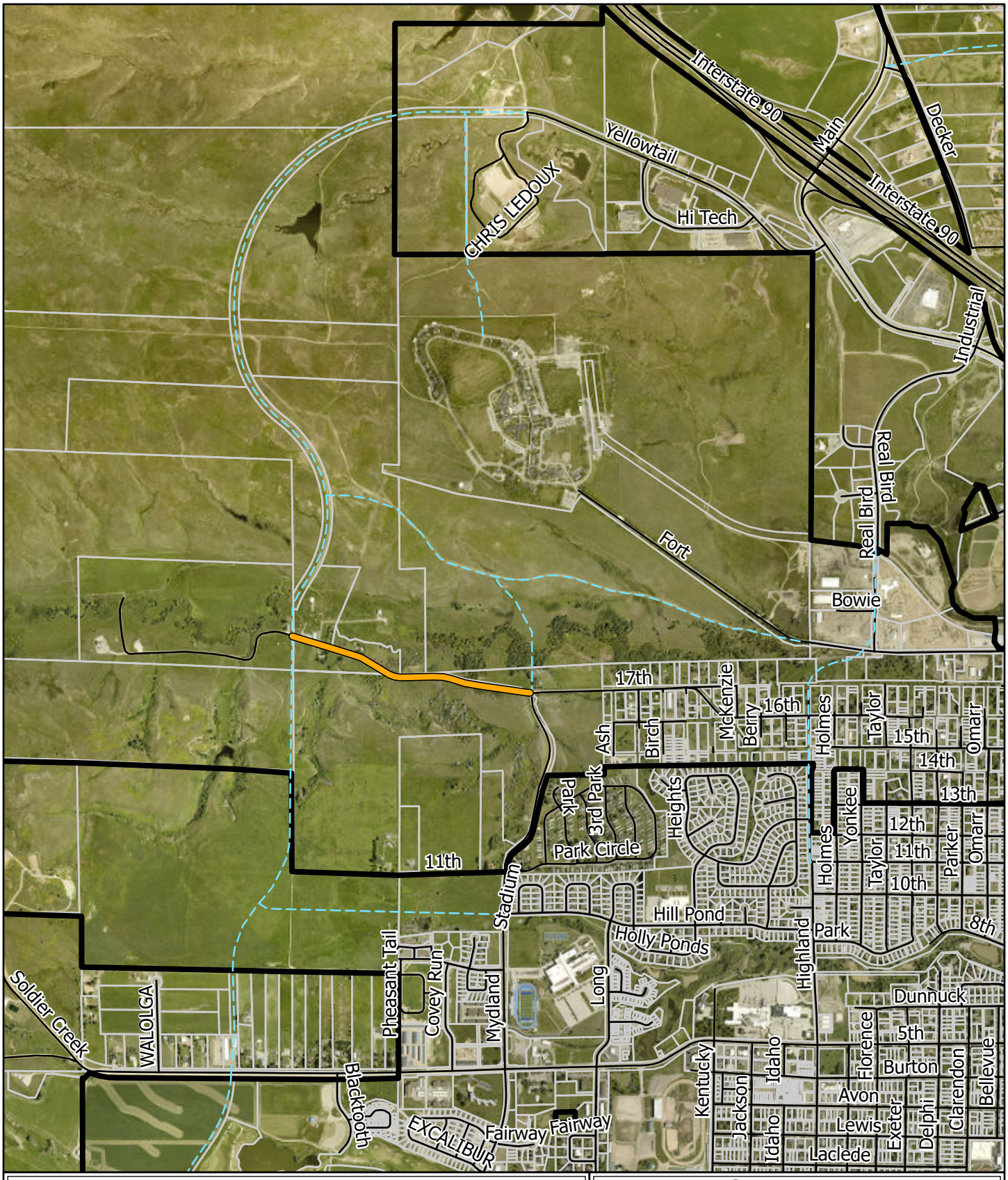
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total)* 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study

Estimated 2025 Cost: $2,770,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural collector with a 70-foot R.O.W. atop an already established gravel road. R.O.W already exists for a portion of the road.



17th Street to West Corridor
Proposed Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

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17th St - Mydland Rd to West Corridor

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2.9 Hill Pond Drive – Mydland Road to West Corridor

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Mydland Rd and Hill Pond Dr extending westerly to the future West Corridor.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that will extend Hill Pond Dr west to the future West Corridor. A “complete street” approach should be incorporated to connect existing pedestrian walkways between Hill Pond Dr and the future West Corridor. This project includes approximately 0.60 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Hill Pond Dr is currently classified as a collector in its entirety. This road serves as an access point to Sagebrush Elementary, Sheridan High School, and the North Heights Subdivision. Extending Hill Pond Dr west would provide another east-west collector to connect to the future West Corridor. Establishing this connection would provide a direct connection for residential areas to access the West Corridor without needing to utilize 5th St.

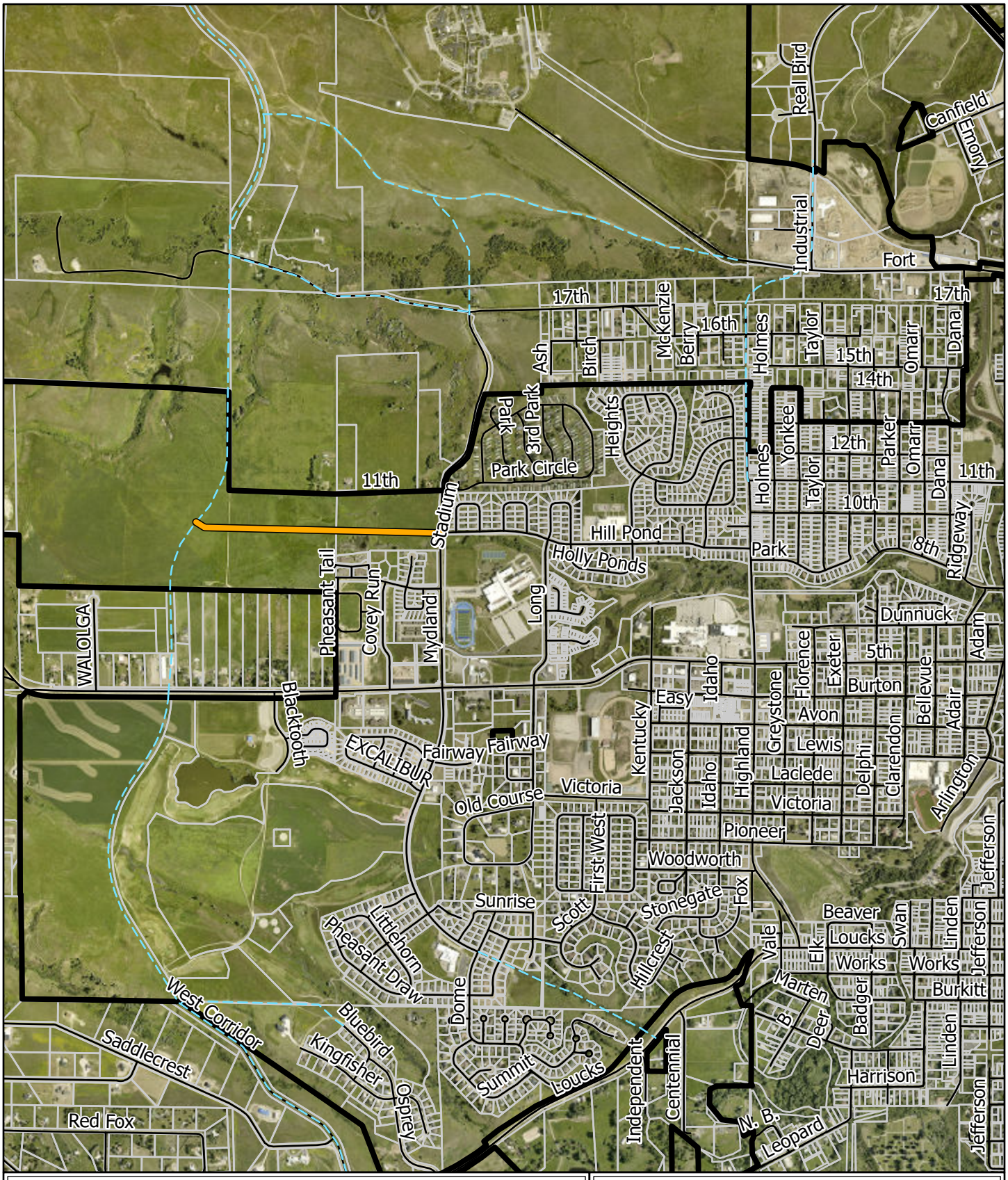
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total)* 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study

Estimated 2025 Cost: $3,290,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W.



Hill Pond Dr - Mydland Rd to West Corridor

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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Hill Pond Dr - Mydland Rd to West Corridor

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2.10 Bluebird Lane – Kingfisher Avenue to West Corridor

Project Location: Beginning at the north end of Bluebird Ln extending westerly towards the future West Corridor.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that will extend Bluebird Ln west to the future West Corridor. A “complete street” approach should be incorporated to connect existing pedestrian walkways between Bluebird Ln and the future West Corridor. This project includes approximately 0.42 miles of roadway.

Purpose and Need: Connecting Bluebird Ln to the West Corridor will provide the existing residential area with a second access point, which is typically required for a residential subdivision. Connections to existing and future pathways can be made to improve the pathways network.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None

Estimated 2025 Cost: $2,740,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W.



Bluebird Ln - Kingfisher Ave to West Corridor

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2.11 Mydland Road – Dome Drive to West Loucks Street

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Mydland Rd and Dome Dr extending southeasterly to intersect W Loucks St.

Description: Proposed 2-lane “complete street” roadway extension spanning approximately 0.5-miles that may include a pathway which would connect to the existing pathway along W Loucks St. A new intersection on Loucks St would be required that best suits forecasted traffic patterns and considers sight distance when locating the intersection. The existing school zone for Highland Park Elementary along Mydland Rd will need to be assessed. This project includes approximately 0.48 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: The connection of Mydland Rd to W Loucks St would allow traffic between 5th St and Loucks St to avoid congesting neighborhood roads primarily within the Sparrow Hawk Cloud Peak Ranch subdivisions. As more development occurs along the 5th St and Mydland Rd corridors, local streets will become more congested and collector streets are needed to get local street traffic to arterial roadways.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Functional Classification, Roadway Connectivity, School Zone, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: 4

Previous Study References: *(1 Total)* 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $3,240,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W.



Mydland Rd - Dome Dr to W Loucks St
Proposed Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

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Mydland Rd - Dome Dr to W Loucks St

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2.12 Leopard Street to West Corridor

Project Location: Beginning at the point along Leopard St where asphalt paving ends extending westerly towards the future West Corridor.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that will extend Leopard St west to the future West Corridor. Right-of-way is already reserved west of Leopard St to Westview Dr. This project includes approximately 0.70 miles of roadway and would require a new bridge structure and updates to an existing bridge structure. This project requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Connecting Leopard St to the West Corridor will provide the existing residential area with direct access to the future West Corridor and eliminate an existing long dead-end road. An access point along the West Corridor would be required in this area anyways to maintain access to existing residences. The existing roadway is classified as a local road. Improvements should be made to re-classify this road as a collector.

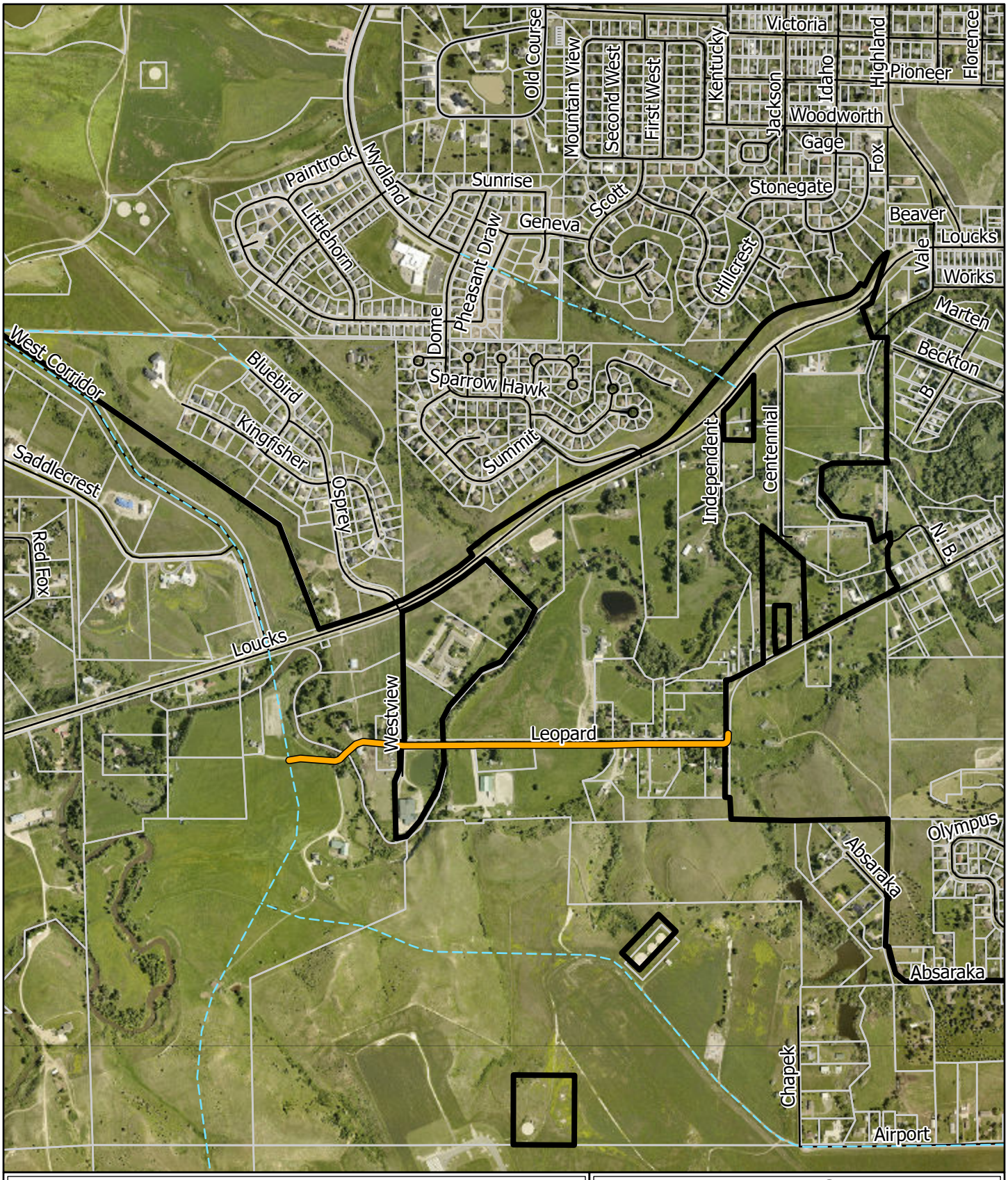
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total)* 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study

Estimated 2025 Cost: $3,100,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural collector with a 70-foot R.O.W. Also includes a new bridge structure and rehabilitation to an existing bridge. A gravel road with R.O.W. is already established for a portion of the corridor.



Leopard Street to West Corridor
Proposed Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

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Leopard St to West Corridor

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2.13 Fort Road – Main Street to Kittering Road

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Fort Rd and Main St extending easterly along E 17th St and across the railroad to Kittering Rd.

Description: Reconfiguration of E 17th St and a grade separated crossing at the railroad. Would also require intersection reconfiguration at Fort Rd and E 17th St (project #40). Collaboration with Sheridan County and BNSF will be needed.

Purpose and Need: Connecting Fort Road to Kittering Road would provide an additional railroad crossing and a good east-west arterial route on the north end of Sheridan. Eventually, Fort Rd/Kittering Rd would connect to the West Corridor and to East Ridge Rd (or future east corridor) to provide a complete east-West Corridor.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Functional Classification, Downtown Sheridan, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Safety, Railroad Crossing

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2001 Sheridan Traffic Study, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $24,720,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban arterial with a 60-foot R.O.W and bridge structure.



Fort Rd - N Main St to Kittering Rd

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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Fort Rd - Main St to Kittering Rd

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2.14 North Sheridan Avenue – 5th Street to Kittering Road

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of N Sheridan Ave and 5th St extending northerly to Kittering Rd.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway that will extend N Sheridan Ave north to Kittering Rd. This project includes approximately 1.0 miles of roadway and would include improvements to Sheridan Ave north of 5th St, the existing gravel portion of Sheridan Ave that provides access to Zowada Recycling and other businesses, as well as new corridor. A "complete street" approach should be taken during design to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. The project requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Sheridan Ave is classified as a collector south of Coffeen Ave, and as an arterial north of Coffeen Ave. North of 5th St, Sheridan Ave becomes a local road. Extending Sheridan Ave north to Kittering Rd would create a continuous north-south collector/arterial roadway east of Main St in Sheridan. This would give motorists an alternative north-south route to completely by-pass Main St. Future projects would create a continuous east-west arterial with Fort Rd and Kittering Rd for Sheridan Ave to intersect.

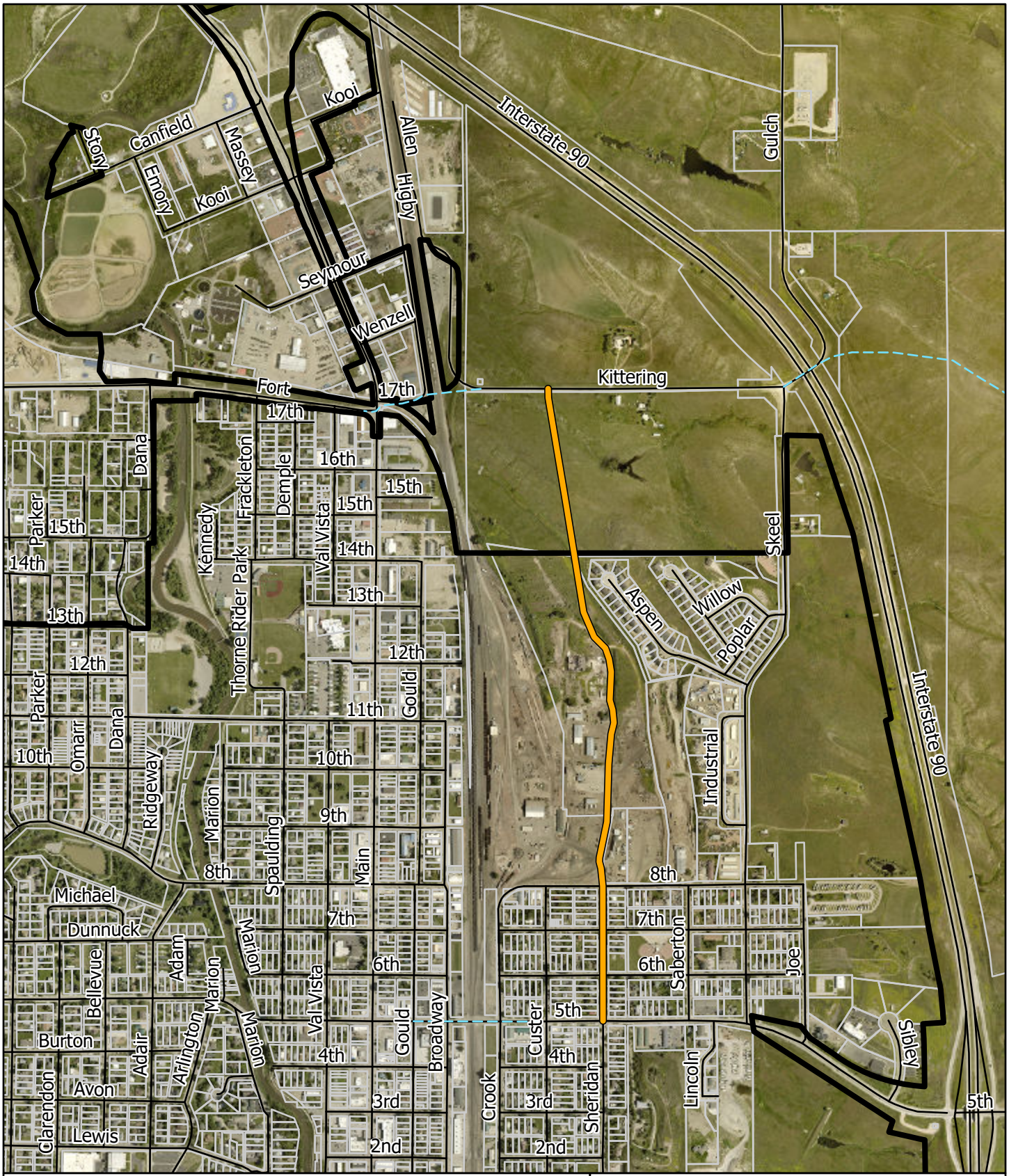
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification, Downtown Sheridan

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total)* 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study & 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $6,270,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban arterial with a 90-foot R.O.W.



N Sheridan Ave - 8th St to Kittering Rd

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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N Sheridan Ave - 5th St to Kittering Rd

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2.15 Kittering Rd – Gulch Rd to East Corridor

Project Location: From the intersection of Kittering Rd and Gulch Rd extending easterly towards the future east corridor.

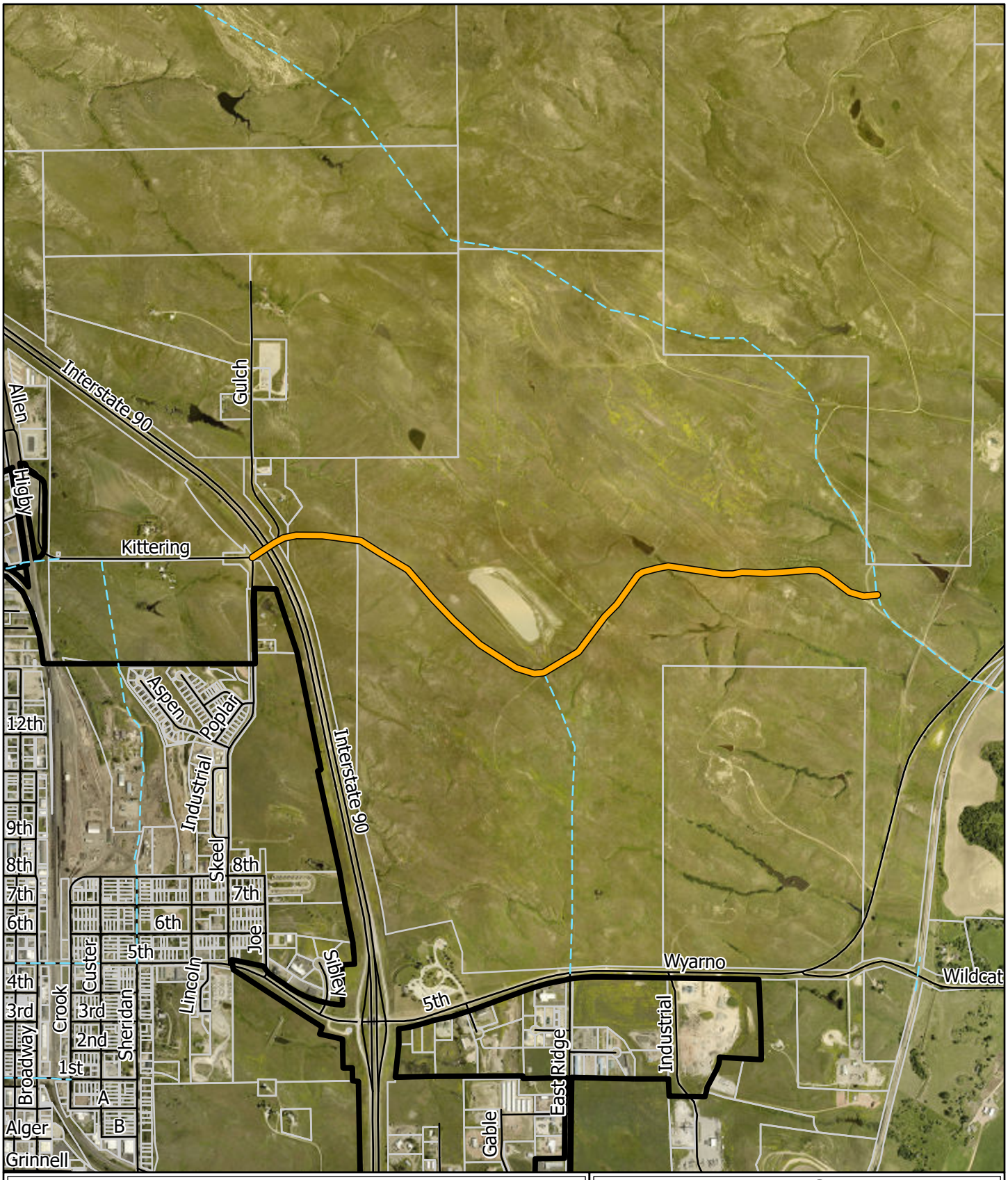
Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial extending from the intersection of Kittering Rd and Gulch Rd easterly towards the future east corridor. The existing I-90 bridge that spans across Gulch Rd would need to be evaluated during planning and design of this improvement. This project is approximately 1.8 miles in length and requires collaboration with Sheridan County and WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: This project, along with other improvement projects, would connect Kittering Rd and Fort Rd to create a continuous east-west arterial route on the north end of Sheridan. Eventually, Fort Rd/Kittering Rd would connect to the West Corridor and to the east corridor.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total)* 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan



Kittering Rd - Gulch Rd to East Corridor

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2.16 East Ridge Road – East 5th Street to Kittering Road

Project Location: From the intersection of E Brundage Ln and Skyline Dr northerly to East Ridge Rd.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial extending from the intersection of East Ridge Rd and E 5th St to a future easterly extension of Kittering Rd. This project is approximately 0.75 miles in length and requires collaboration with Sheridan County and WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: This proposed extension of East Ridge Rd provide a northerly connection to a future extension of Kittering Rd. Establishing a plan for a corridor in this area is critical with the increasing development in this area, such as the Story House Development and the Northeast Transmission Main water project. This corridor would also be a continuation of the corridor connecting E Brundage Ln to East Ridge Road and would provide a completely connected north-south transportation route east of I-90. A single, large parcel of undeveloped land encompasses the route for this corridor and is a likely area to be developed in the future.

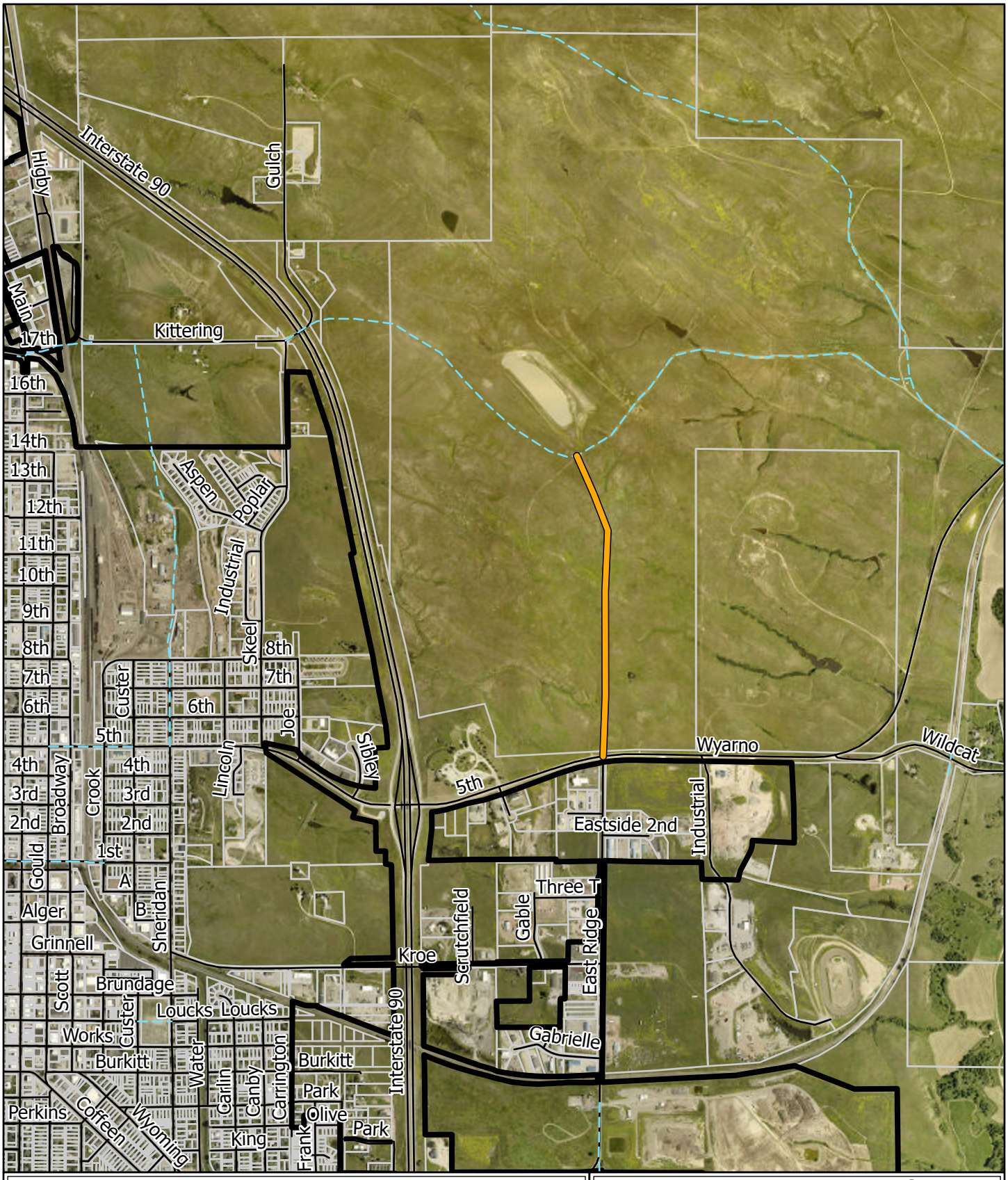
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $5,040,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with a detached pathway and a 100-foot R.O.W.



East Ridge - E 5th St to Kittering Rd

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 500 1,000

Feet

East Ridge Rd - E 5th St to Kittering Rd

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2.17 Commercial Avenue to East Ridge Road

Project Location: Beginning at the north end of Commercial Ave extending northerly to the gravel road that provides access to 114 East Ridge Rd.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that will extend Commercial Ave north. This project includes approximately 0.80 miles of roadway. The project requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Extending Commercial Ave north will ensure there is a dedicated north-south corridor when development occurs in this area for future local and collector roads to connect to. Other future projects would create a continuous north-south collector by connecting Commercial Ave and Dry Ranch Rd. Another future project would provide a connection to the west side of I-90 from this collector.

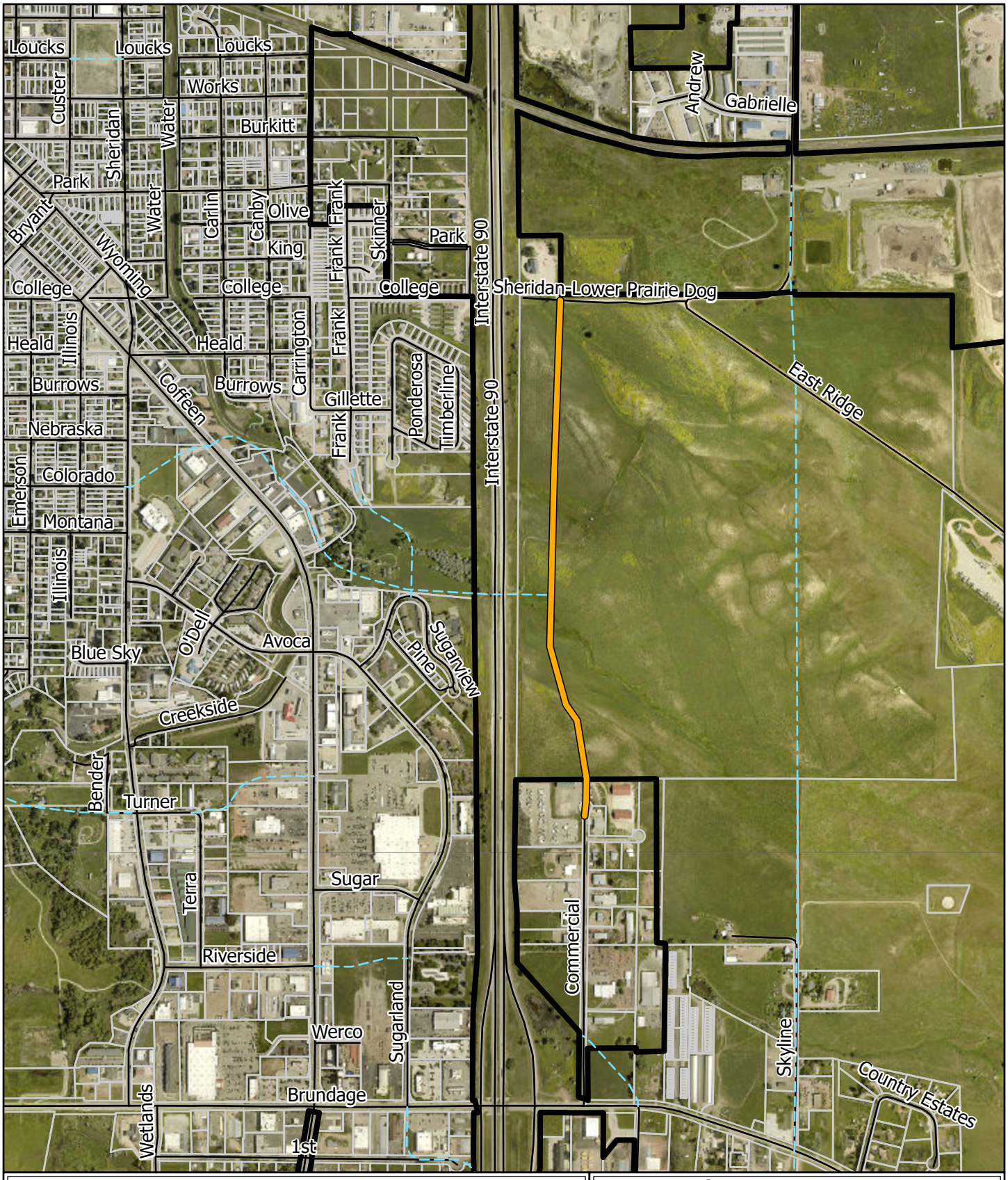
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None

Estimated 2025 Cost: $3,930,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural collector with a 50-foot R.O.W.



Commercial Ave to East Ridge Rd

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 500 1,000

Feet

Commercial Ave to East Ridge Rd

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2.18 Lewis Street to First Street Bridge

Project Location: Near the intersections of Dow St/ Lewis St and Val Vista St/1st St.

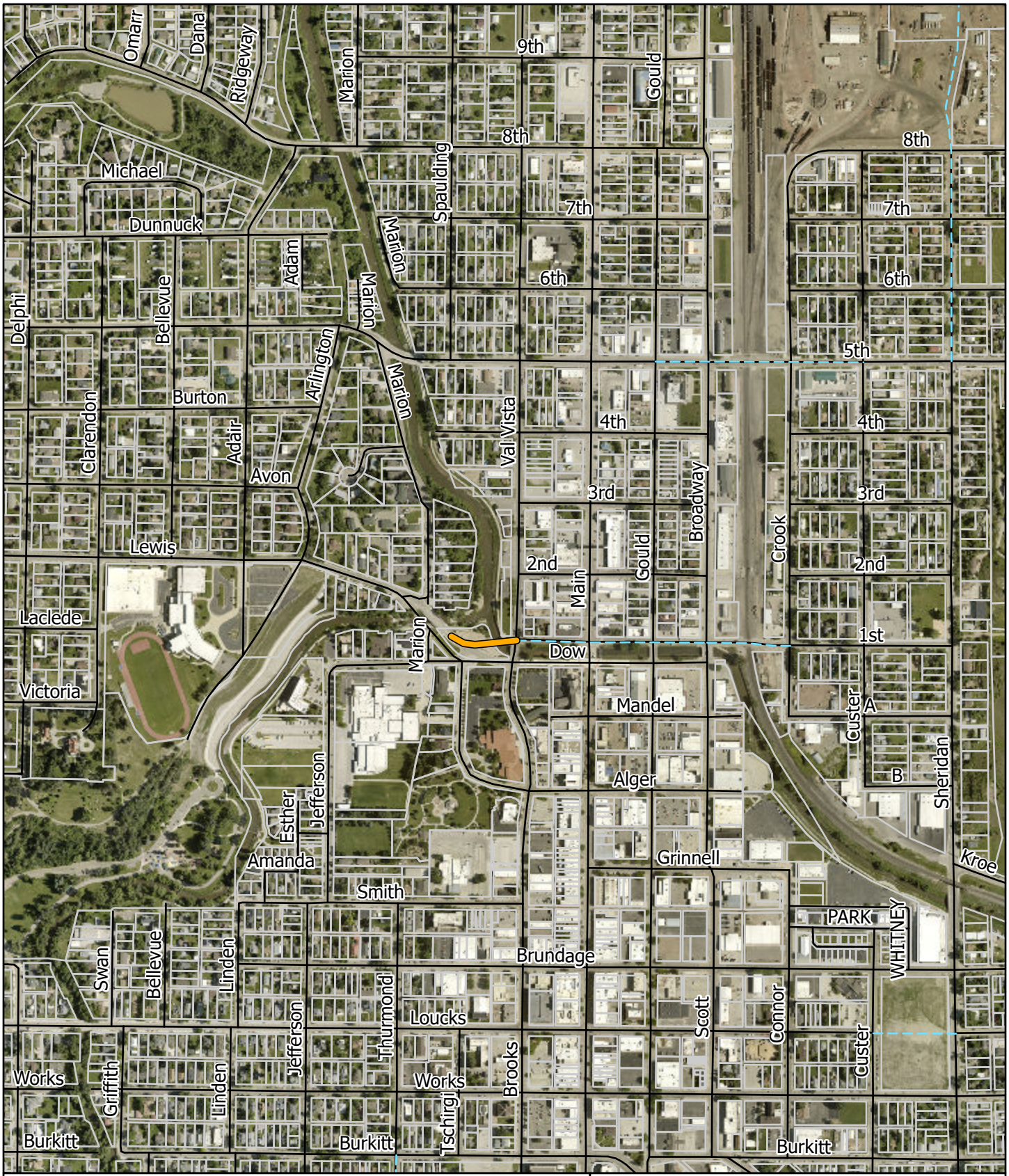
Description: Proposed overpass structure above Little Goose Creek to connect Lewis St and 1st St. Several intersections between Dow St, Lewis St, Brooks St, Val Vista St, and 1st St would need to be evaluated with this project to optimize traffic.

Purpose and Need: 1st St is classified as a collector from Sheridan Ave to Val Vista St where it dead ends. Connecting 1st St to Lewis St would create continuous east-west collector from Highland Ave to Sheridan Ave. Improvements in this area would directly impact downtown Sheridan traffic.

Improvement Categories: Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Downtown Sheridan

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: None



Lewis St to 1st St Bridge

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

Parcels

N

0 250 500

Feet

Lewis St to 1st St Bridge

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2.19 5th Street Grade Separated Crossing

Project Location: The intersection of 5th St and the BNSF railroad.

Description: Grade separated crossing to allow 5th St to bypass the at-grade crossing with the BNSF railroad. Both overpass and underpass structures have been studied in the past. Planning and design should incorporate improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project requires collaboration with WYDOT and BNSF.

Purpose and Need: Railroad crossings, downtown Sheridan, and pedestrian facilities were among the top values included in the 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan. This project involves each of these values and would address one of the largest transportation issues in Sheridan. 5th St is classified as an arterial and is one of the main entryway corridors into Sheridan. Recent projects have striven to improve the functionality and aesthetics of this corridor, but current at-grade crossing is a physical barrier that limits the full functionality of 5th St.

According to the East 5th Street Corridor Plan (2012), these tracks provide an average of 32 daily train movements that cause traffic delays. These delays slow response time for emergency vehicles and cause a trickle-down effect impacting adjacent intersections.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification, Downtown Sheridan, Railroad Crossing, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: *(6 Total)* 1981 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 1982 Railroad Grade Separation Feasibility Study, 2001 Sheridan County Growth Management Plan, 2006 BNSF Quiet Zone Study, 2012 Sheridan Railroad Historic District Master Plan, 2012 East 5th Street Corridor Plan



5th St Grade Separated Crossing
Proposed Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

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2.20 1st Street Grade Separated Crossing

Project Location: The intersection of 1st St and the BNSF railroad.

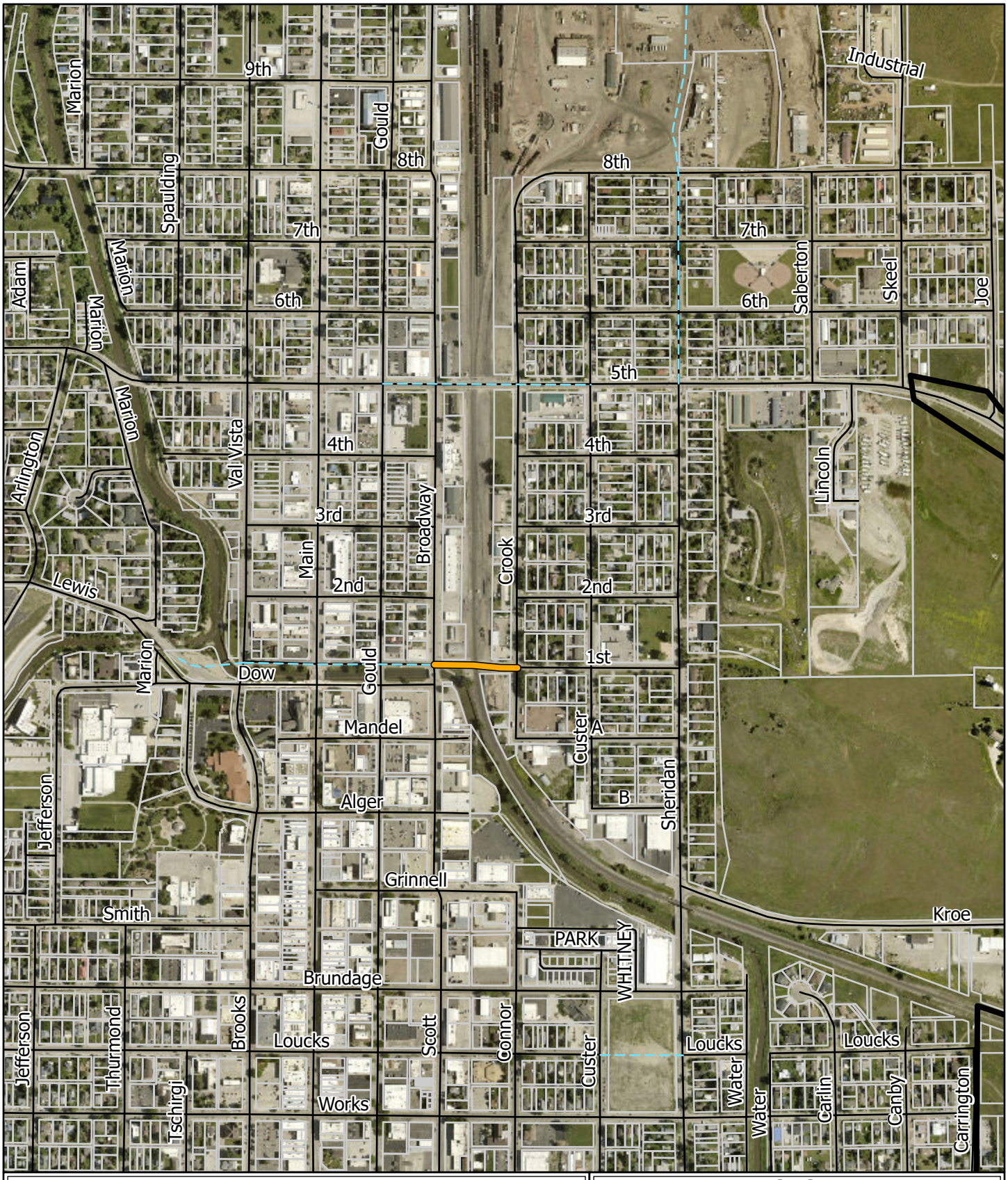
Description: Grade separated crossing to allow 1st St to bypass the at-grade crossing with the BNSF railroad. An overpass structure has been studied in the past. Planning and design should incorporate improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project requires collaboration with BNSF.

Purpose and Need: Railroad crossings, downtown Sheridan, and pedestrian facilities were among the top values included in the 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan. This project involves each of these values. 1st St is classified as a collector and is one of two roads that crosses the railroad in Sheridan.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification, Downtown Sheridan, Railroad Crossing, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: 2

Previous Study References: None



1st St Grade Separated Crossing

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 400 800

Feet

1st St Grade Separated Crossing

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2.21 East Loucks Street – Custer Street to Sheridan Avenue

Project Location: From the intersection of Loucks St and Custer St to the intersection of Loucks St and Sheridan Ave.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector that would connect E Loucks St from Custer St to Sheridan Ave. This project includes approximately 0.1 miles of new roadway.

Purpose and Need: Loucks St acts as a primary east-West Corridor and becomes discontinuous at Custer St. Traffic counts show a shift of east-west traffic departing Loucks St and entering Brundage St from Scott St to Sheridan Ave. This increased traffic loading onto Brundage St contributes to the high accident rate that occurs at the Scott St/Brundage St intersection. Connecting Loucks would create a continuous east-West Corridor and would likely help alleviate the increased traffic loading onto Brundage St and other issues noted with the Brundage St intersections.

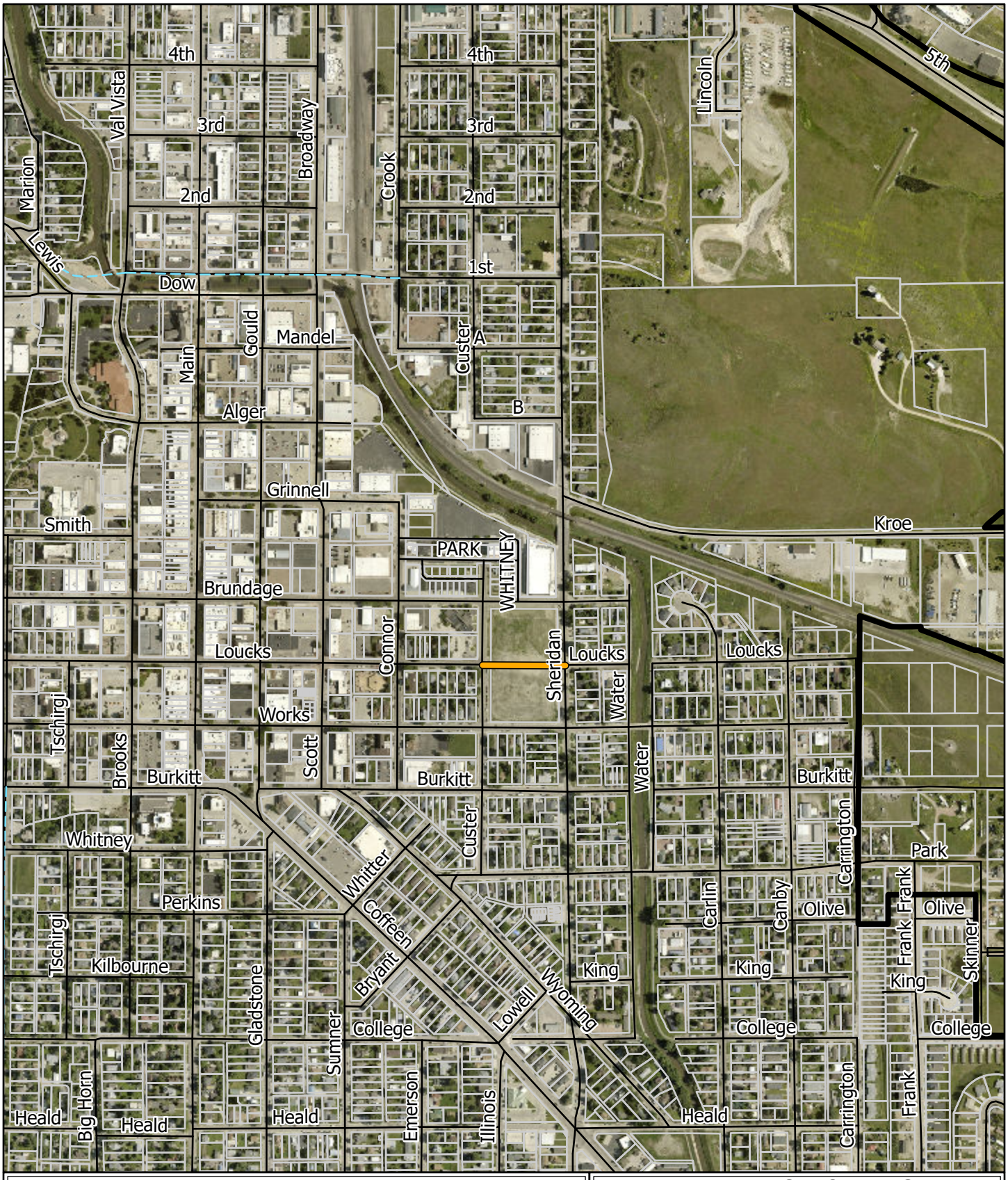
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Downtown Sheridan, Traffic Pattern, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: *(1 Total*) 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $790,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W.



E Loucks St - Custer St to Sheridan Ave

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 250 500

Feet

E Loucks St - Custer St to Sheridan Ave

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2.22 Frank Street – Gillette Street to Sugarview Drive

Project Location: Southern end of Frank St southerly to Sugarview Dr.

Description: Proposed 2-land collector roadway that would connect Frank St to Sugarview Dr. A new intersection at Sugarview Dr would be required. This project includes approximately 0.25 miles of roadway.

Purpose and Need: Access into the Mountain View Addition, Mountain View Estates, and Cottonwood Subdivision is difficult with no direct connection from the north or south. E Heald St and Gillette St, which serve as the primary route into this area from the south, were shown to be serving more as collectors than local streets based on recent traffic counts. Creating a new corridor from the south along Sugarview Dr would establish a secondary access point into this residential area and likely re-distribute some traffic that would normally concentrate along Coffeen Ave.

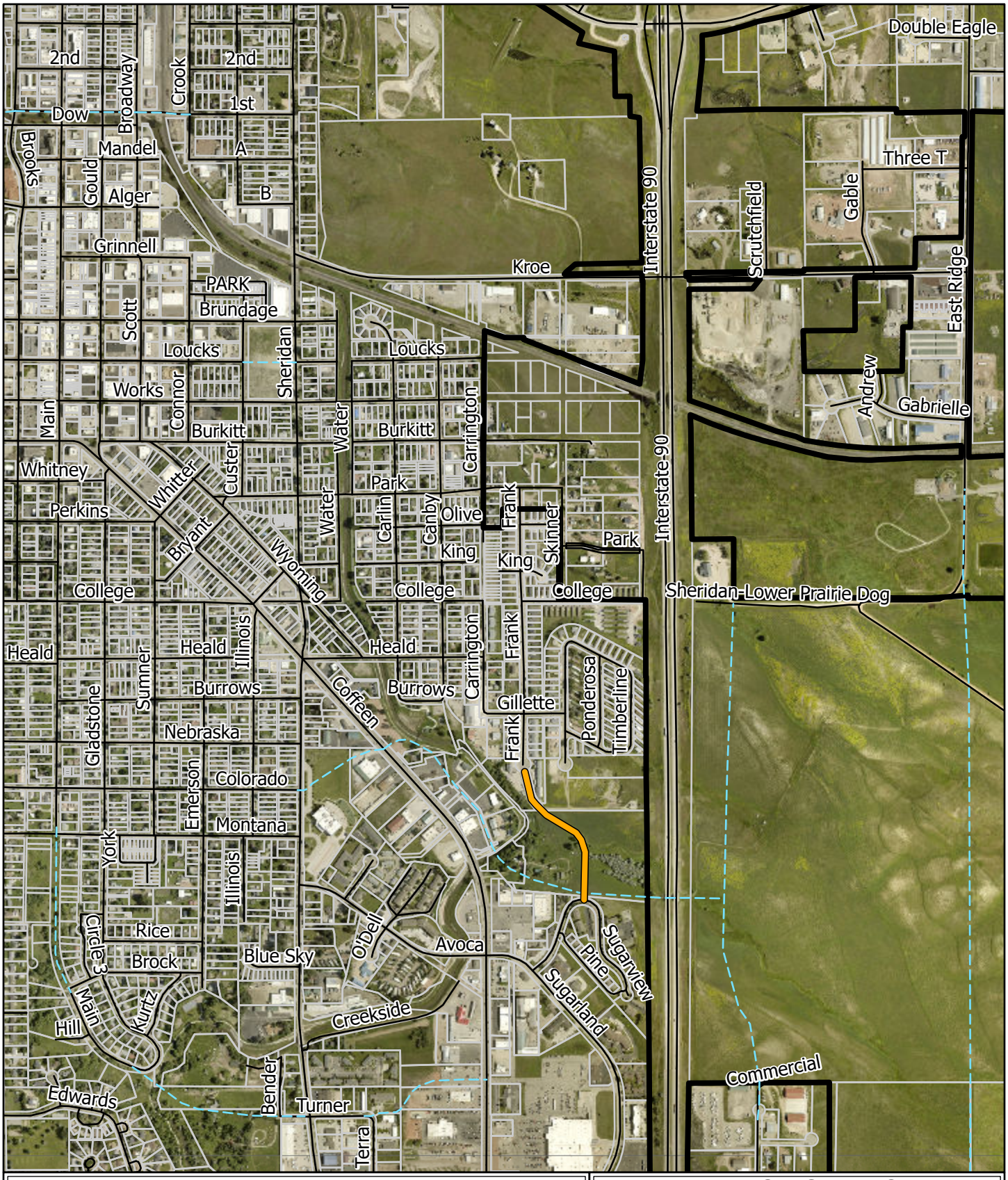
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification, Traffic Pattern, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $1,630,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 70-foot R.O.W.



Frank St - Gillette St to Sugarview Dr

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 500 1,000

Feet

Frank St - Gillette St to Sugarview Dr

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2.23 Colorado Street – Coffeen Avenue to Commercial Avenue

Project Location: Beginning at Coffeen Ave near Washington Park running southeasterly across I-90 to connect to a future extension of Commercial Ave.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would connect Coffeen Ave to the east side of I-90 via Commercial Ave. New intersections and a bridge structure would be included with the corridor. A “complete street” approach should be evaluated for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project includes approximately 0.65 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: A future extension of Colorado St would intersect Coffeen Ave near Washington Park. This intersection would serve as the beginning point for this future southeasterly extension of Colorado Ave and would create a continuous east-west collector from Thurmond St to Commercial Ave. This project would also give businesses around Washington Park access to a future signalized intersection. This could help traffic by eliminating multiple approaches along Coffeen and providing business access from the new roadway. Connections with the existing pathways in the area could be made.

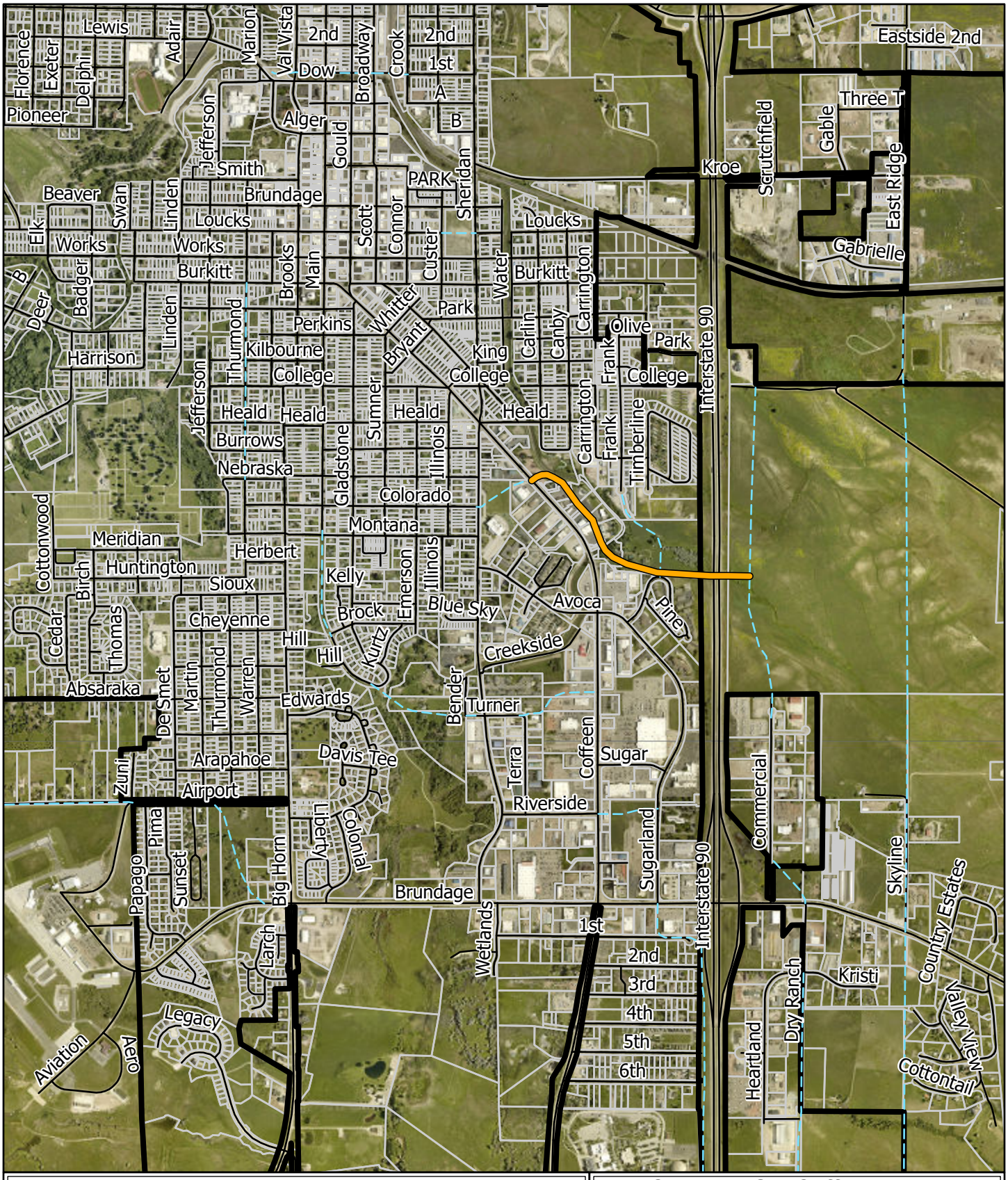
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification, Traffic Pattern, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $5,030,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W. Also includes a new bridge structure.



Coffeen Ave to Commercial Ave

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 500 1,000

Feet

Colorado St - Coffeen Ave to Commercial Ave

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2.24 Colorado Street – Sheridan Avenue to Coffeen Avenue

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Colorado St and S Sheridan Ave extending easterly to Coffeen Ave.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would extend Colorado St easterly to Coffeen Ave. This project includes approximately 0.15 miles of roadway. Collaboration with WYDOT would be needed.

Purpose and Need: This extension would create a continuous east-west collector from Thurmond St to Coffeen Ave and be a candidate for a future signalized intersection on Coffeen Ave. This would likely re-distribute some traffic away from the intersection at Sheridan Ave and Coffeen Ave, which has high traffic volumes and accident rates. This would also align with a future crossing of I-90 and connection to the roadway infrastructure east of I-90.

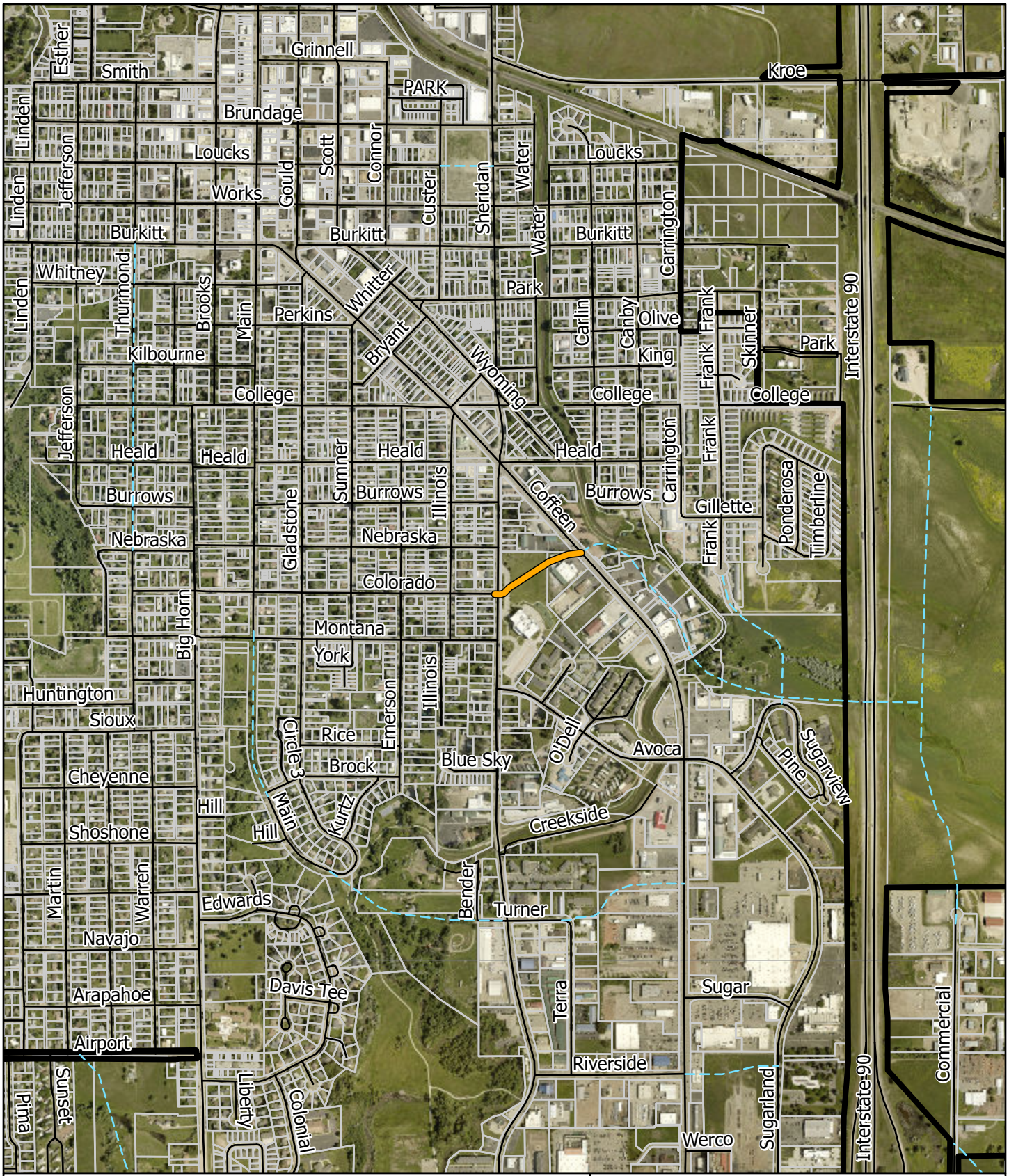
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, School Zone

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total*) 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $1,590,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W.



Colorado St - S Sheridan Ave to Coffeen Ave

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2.25 Turner Lane – Sheridan Avenue to Coffeen Avenue

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Turner Ln and Terra Ave extending easterly to Coffeen Ave.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would extend Turner Ln easterly to Coffeen Ave. This project includes approximately 0.20 miles of roadwayand requires collaboration with WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: Currently, only Avoca Ave and Riverside St provide east-west connectivity between Coffeen Ave and S Sheridan Ave. Extending Turner Ln east to Coffeen Ave would an additional east-west link between the two corridors approximately halfway between the existing east-west roads. This would also serve as a potential location for a new signalized intersection along Coffeen Ave that would serve businesses on both the east and west sides of Coffeen Ave. Turner Ln is currently classified as a local road. Other future projects would possibly connect S Main St to Turner Ln.

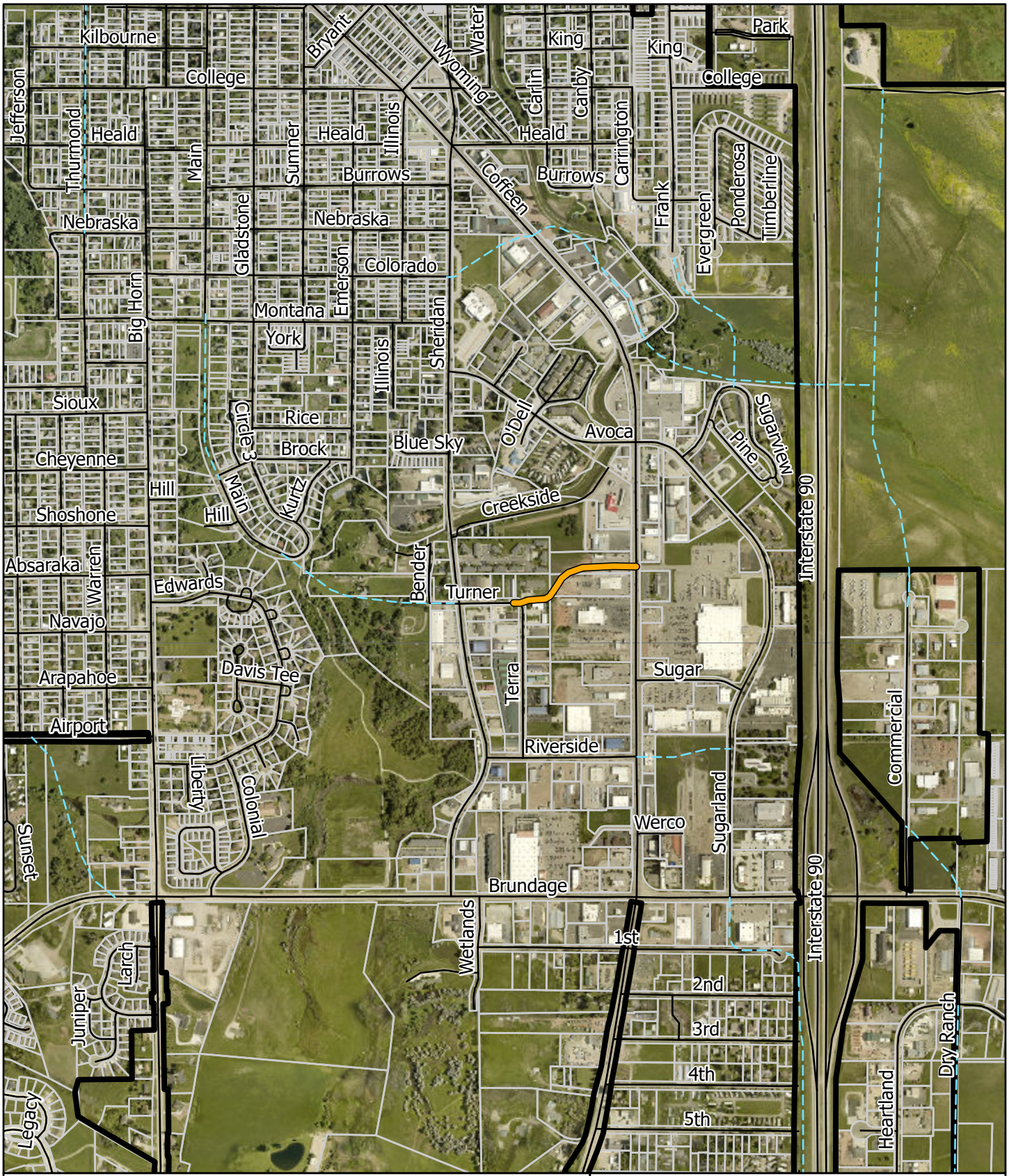
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None

Estimated 2025 Cost: $1,840,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban collector with a 60-foot R.O.W.



Turner Ln - S Sheridan Ave to Coffeen Ave

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 500 1,000

Feet

Turner Ln - S Sheridan Ave to Coffeen Ave

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2.26 South Main Street – Gladstone Street to South Sheridan Avenue

Project Location: Beginning at the south end of Main St extending southeasterly towards S Sheridan Ave.

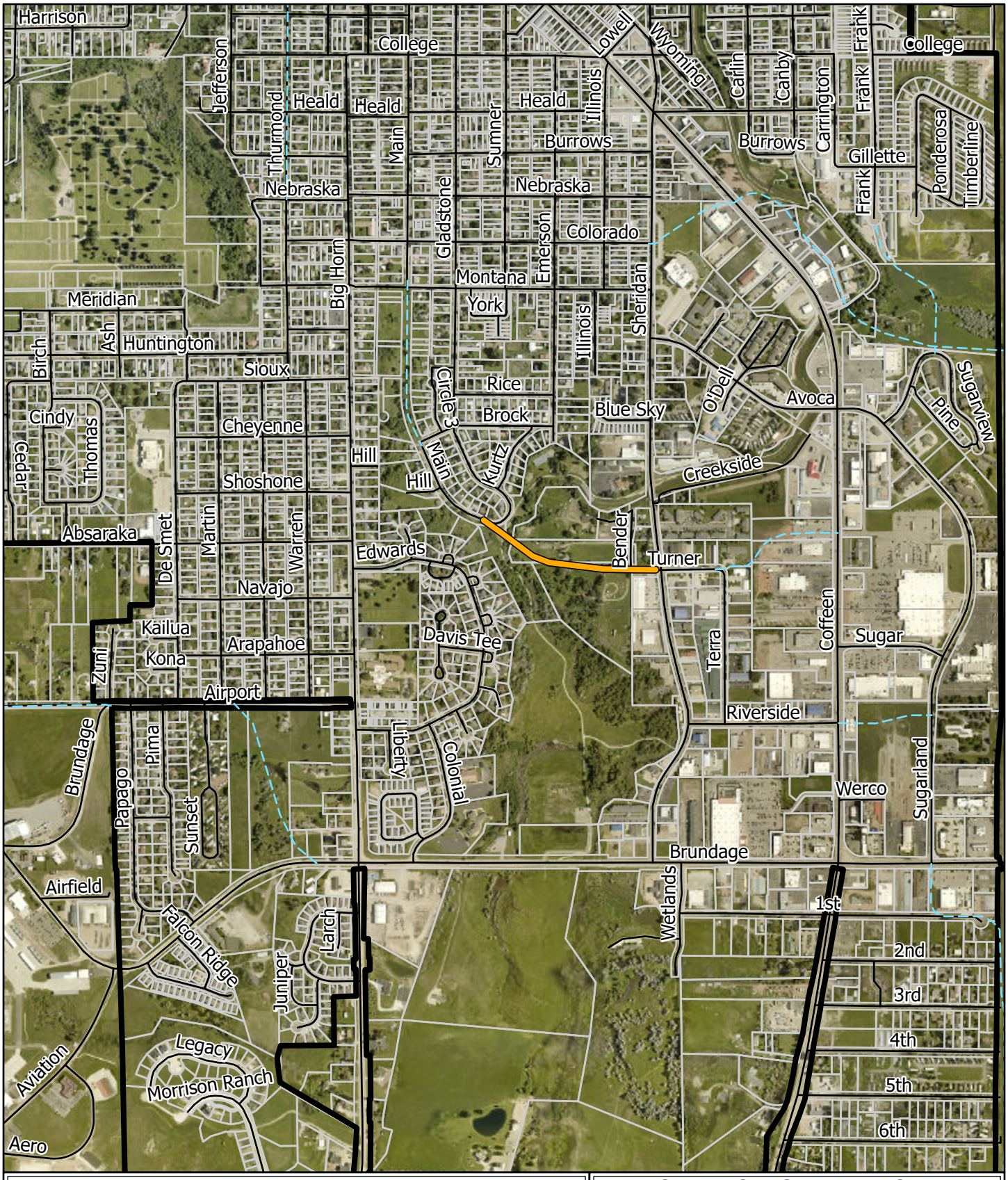
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would extend S Main St easterly to S Sheridan Ave. A bridge structure would be required over Little Goose Creek. A “complete street” approach should be considered with this project to improve the existing pathways in the area. This project includes approximately 0.30 miles of roadway.

Purpose and Need: S Main St is discontinuous between E Montana St and Brock Ave. In conjunction with another future project that would connect S Main St in this area, the roadway could be continued to connect with S Sheridan Ave at the Turner Ln intersection. The city has right-of-way at this intersection that serves Bender Ln. This roadway could serve as another east-west collector to distribute some traffic that would otherwise use Colorado St as a collector.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Pathways

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None



S Main St - Gladstone St to S Sheridan Ave

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2.27 South Main Street – Montana Street to Brock Avenue

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Main St and E Montana St extending southerly towards Brock Ave.

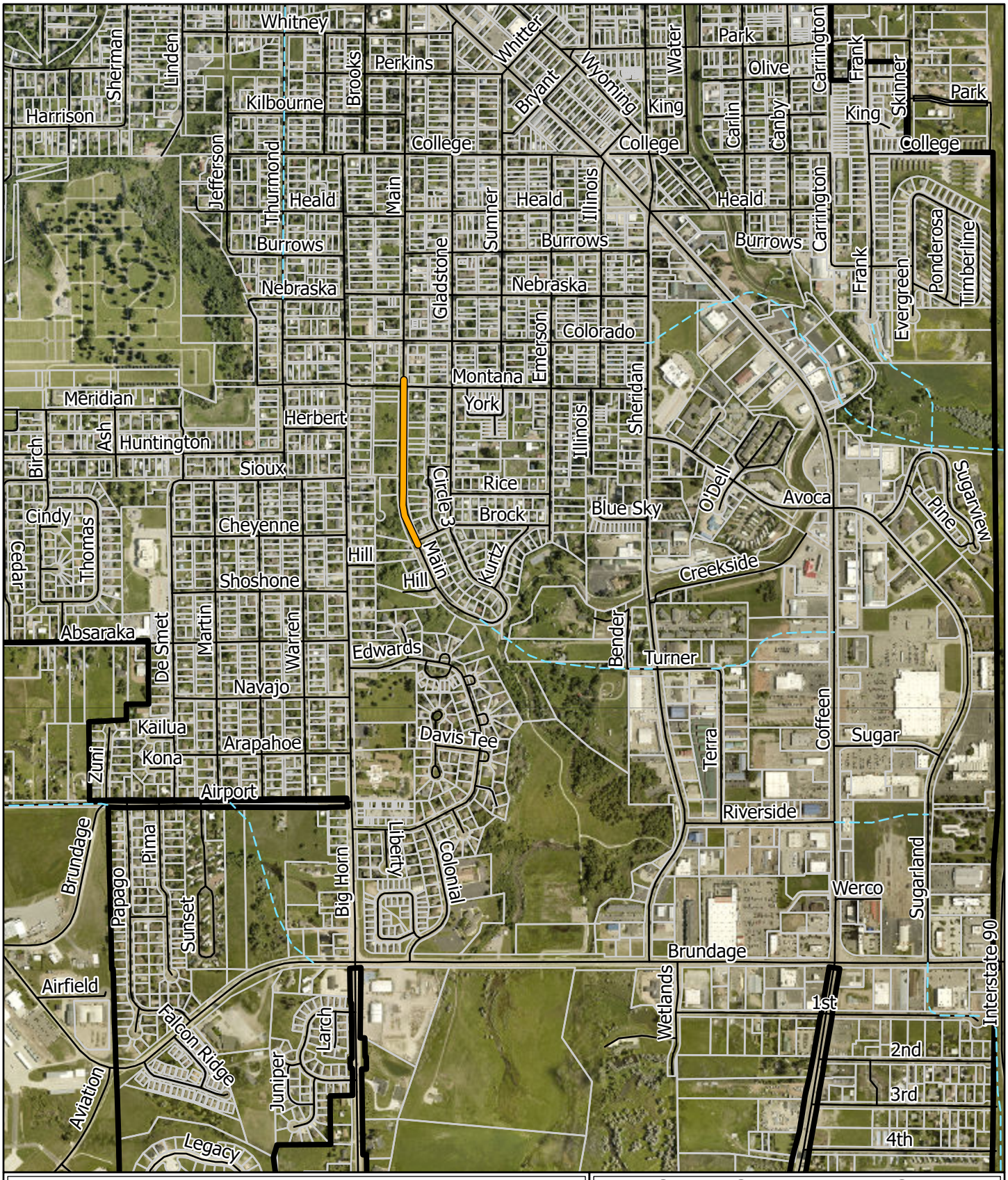
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would connect S Main St between E Montana St to Brock Ave. Steep hillsides would likely require retaining walls alongside the new roadway. This project includes approximately 0.25 miles of roadway.

Purpose and Need: S Main St is discontinuous between E Montana St and Brock Ave. The city has right-of-way already reserved for this corridor. Connecting this portion of S Main St would, in conjunction with other future projects, would create a continuous collector that would tie into S Sheridan Ave. This roadway could re-distribute traffic that would otherwise use Big Horn Ave and Colorado St as primary corridors.

Improvement Categories: Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: None



S Main St - E Montana St to Brock Ave

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2.28 Riverside Street – Coffeen Avenue to Sugarland Drive

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Riverside St and Coffeen Ave extending easterly to Sugarland Dr.

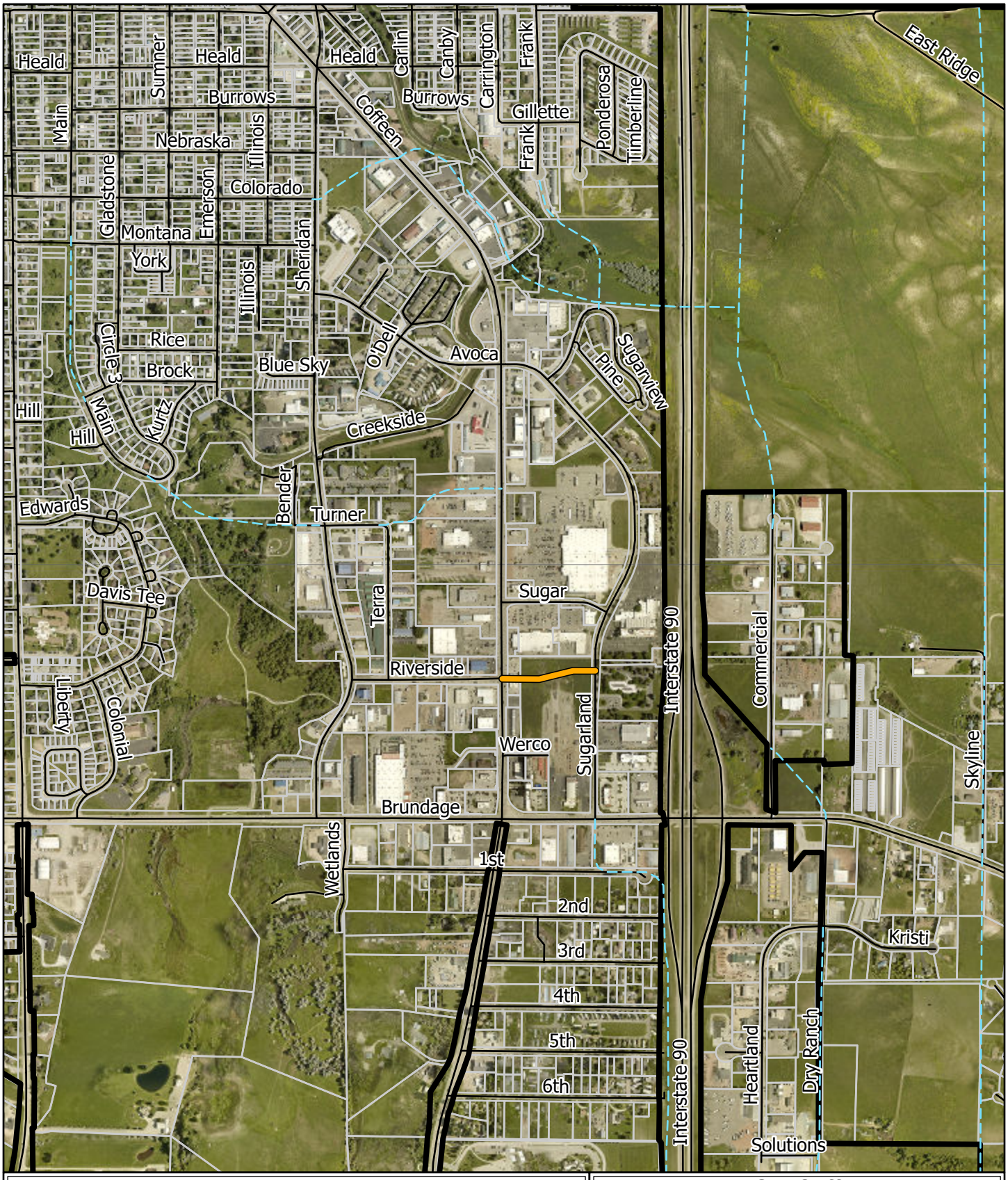
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would extend Riverside St from Coffeen Ave to Sugarland Dr. The intersection at Coffeen Ave could be a future location for a new traffic signal. This project includes approximately 0.15 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: Riverside St is currently classified as a local road. However, traffic counts suggest the road is utilized more as a collector. Additionally, it is one of two east-west links between S Sheridan Ave and Coffeen Ave. Extending this road east to Sugarland Dr would provide a new continuous collector that connects S Sheridan Ave to Sugarland Dr. This project would likely re-distribute traffic that contributes to the high volumes along Sugar Ln.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None



Riverside St - Coffeen Ave to Sugarland Dr

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 500 1,000

Feet

Riverside St - Coffeen Ave to Sugarland Dr

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2.29 Brundage Lane – Big Horn Avenue to Airport Road

Project Location: Beginning west of the intersection of Big Horn Ave and Brundage Ln extending northerly to Airport Rd.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway that would connect W Brundage Ln to Airport Rd. A “complete street” approach should be evaluated to accommodate heavy pedestrian traffic near the intersection of Brundage Ln and Big Horn Ave, along with any future pathways that may be incorporated with the West Corridor. This project includes approximately 0.30 miles of roadway.

Purpose and Need: Brundage Ln is currently classified as an arterial roadway. To continue the flow of traffic west towards the future West Corridor, a connection between Brundage Ln and Airport Rd would best accomplish this. This link also plays a vital role in connecting traffic along W Loucks St to the south end of Sheridan via the future West Corridor and Airport Rd. Airport Rd is currently classified as a local road and would need to be updated to accommodate future traffic.

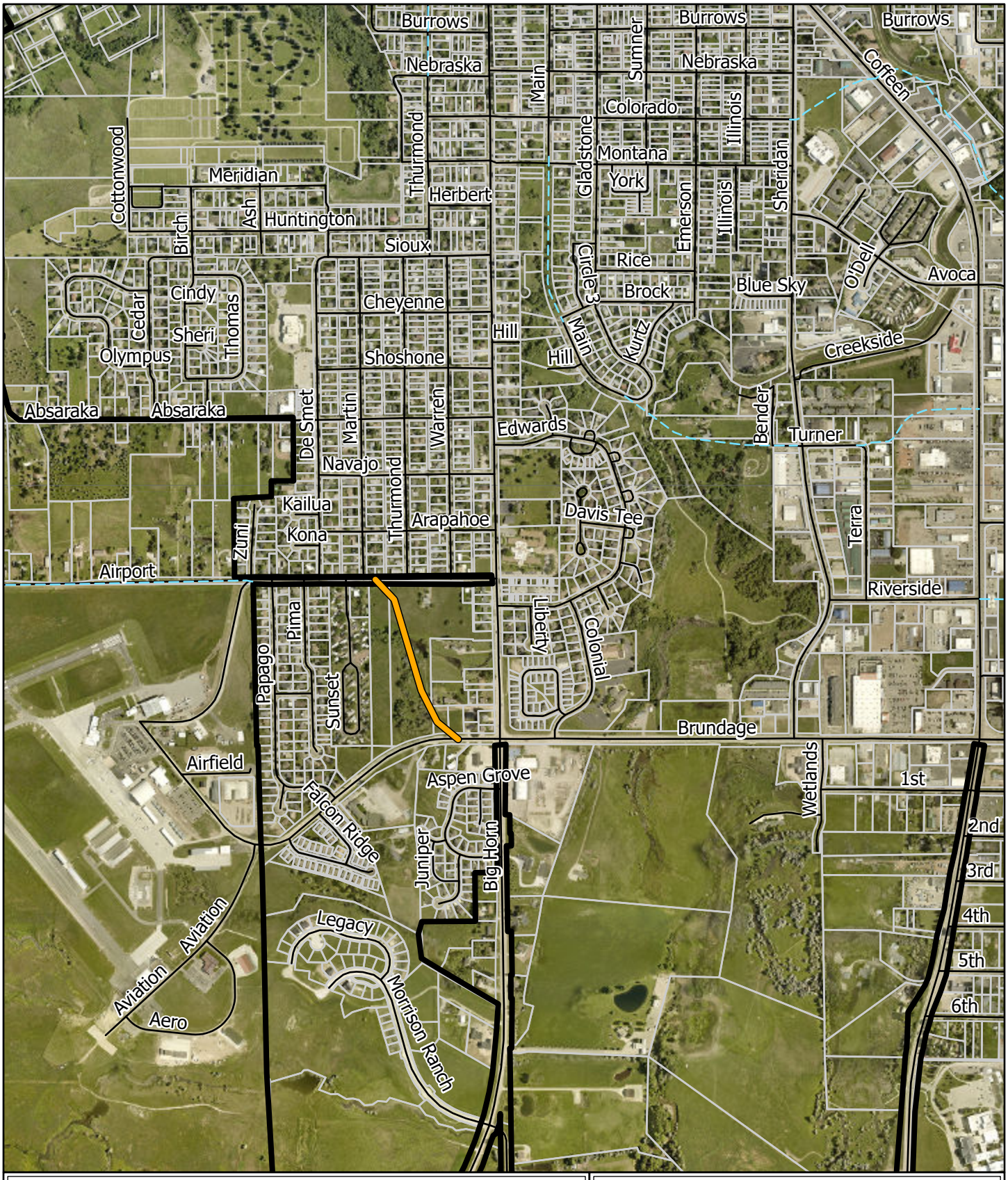
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $1,860,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban arterial with a 100-foot R.O.W.



W Brundage Ln - Big Horn Ave to Airport Rd

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2.30 Airport Road – Zuni Drive to West Corridor

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Airport Rd and Zuni Dr extending westerly towards the future West Corridor.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway that would extend Airport Rd to the future West Corridor. A “complete street” approach should be evaluated to accommodate any future pathways that may be incorporated with the West Corridor. Any future plans for the Sheridan County Airport should be coordinated with the final placement of this corridor. This project includes approximately 1.50 miles of roadway and would include re-construction of the segment of Airport Rd between Zuni Dr and Chapek Dr. The project requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Brundage Ln is currently classified as an arterial roadway. To continue the flow of traffic west towards the future West Corridor, an extension of Airport Rd would best accomplish this. A connection between the West Corridor and Brundage Ln would allow motorists from west of Sheridan to avoid the downtown area to get to the activity centers around the south end of Sheridan. Airport Rd is currently classified as a local road and would need to be updated to accommodate future traffic.

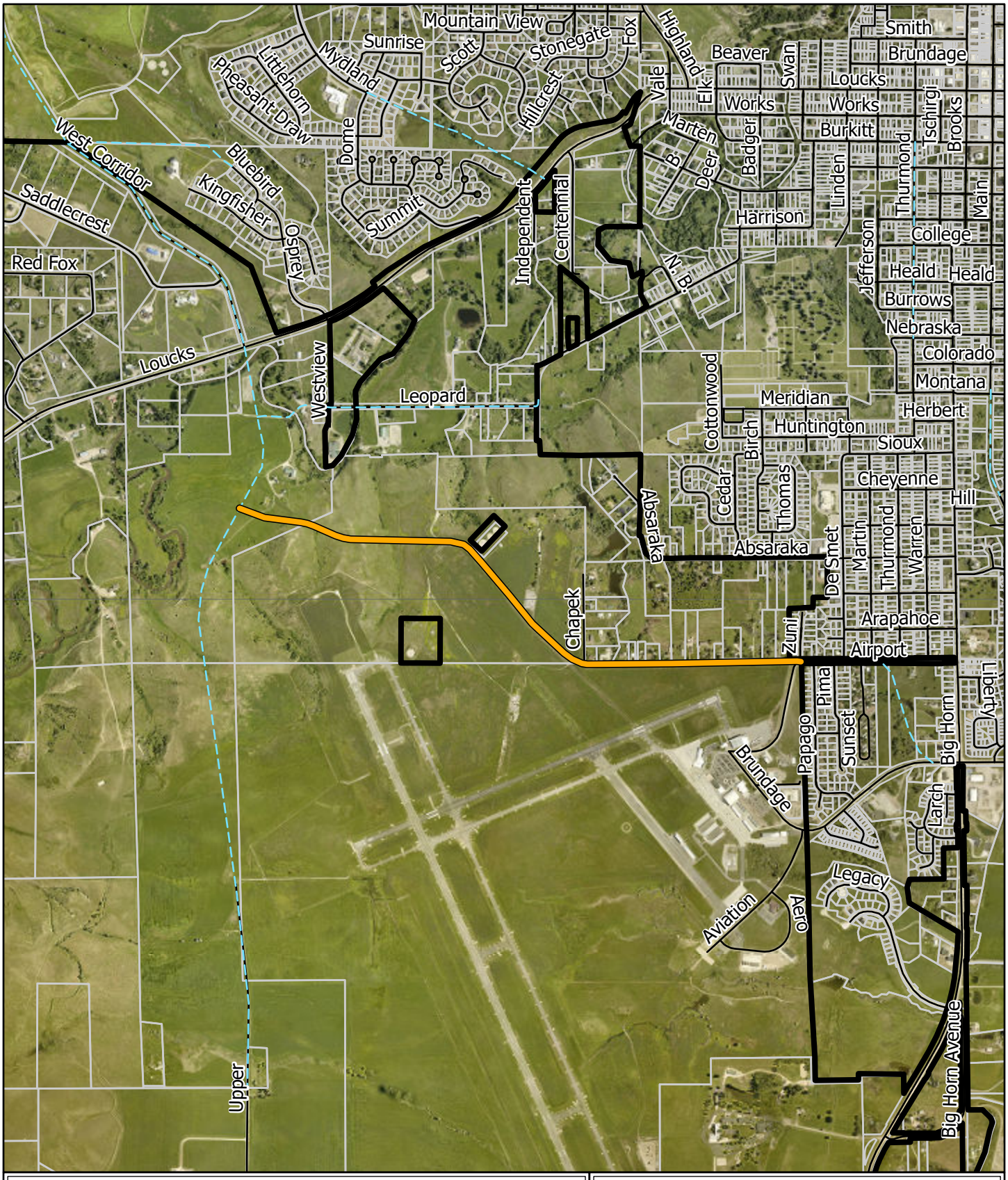
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification, Downtown Sheridan, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathways

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $11,020,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with a detached pathway, bridge structure, and a 100-foot R.O.W.



Airport Rd - Chapek Dr to West Corridor
Proposed Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

N

0 500 1,000
Feet

Airport Rd - Zuni Dr to West Corridor

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2.31 Short Road – Big Horn Avenue to College Meadow Drive

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Big Horn Ave and Short Rd extending easterly to the west end of College Meadow Dr.

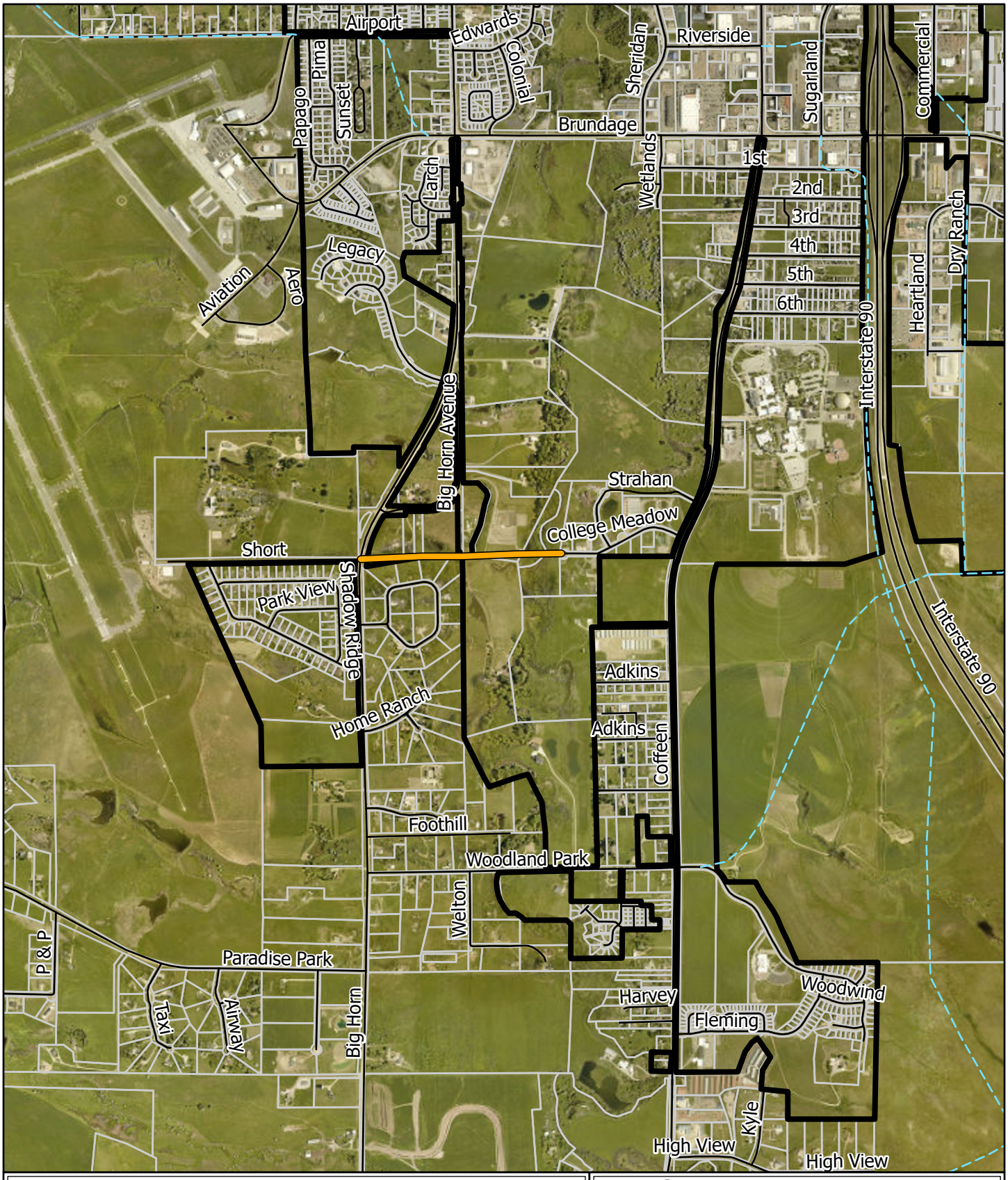
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would connect Short Rd to College Meadow Dr. A bridge structure would be required over Little Goose Creek. This project includes approximately 0.50 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: This connection would provide a link between two main arterials, Big Horn Ave and Coffeen Ave. The new road would be between Brundage Ln and Woodland Park Rd, which currently serve as the main routes between Big Horn Ave and Coffeen Ave. Short Rd and College Meadow Dr are both currently classified as local roads.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None



Short Rd - Big Horn Ave to College Meadow Dr

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2.32 Sugarland Drive – East Brundage Lane to East Corridor

Project Location: From the intersection of Sugarland Dr and E Brundage Ln southerly along the right-of-way for Interstate 90 to intersect a future “east corridor” between I-90 and High View Rd.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial roadway that would create a southern extension of Sugarland Dr to act as a frontage road for I-90 and serve Sheridan College, the planned development of the Whitney Benefits property, and other future development along the South Coffeen Ave corridor. This project is approximately 2.6 miles in length and requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Providing an additional north-south corridor adjacent to Coffeen Ave would help re-distribute traffic that would normally concentrate at the Coffeen Ave and Brundage Ln intersection. A signalized intersection is already in place and has room for a southern extension of Sugarland Dr. Much of the traffic heading towards the Sheridan College activity center and Woodland Park development would have an additional route to balance traffic loading.

Significant growth is happening along the South Coffeen Ave corridor and planning for this growth is essential as this development will add to the traffic along Coffeen Ave.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total*) 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost:

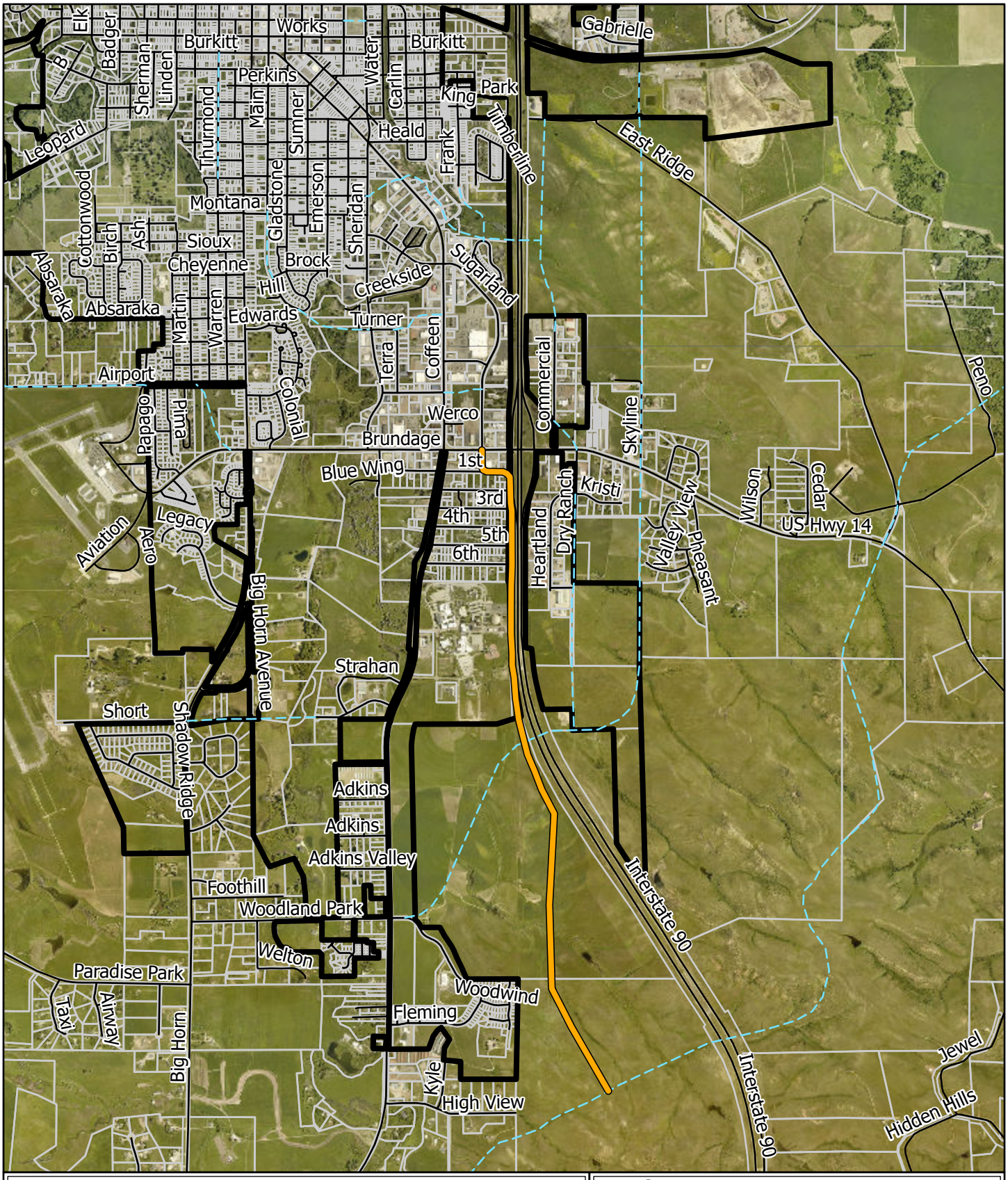
Segment 1 (Brundage Ln to Middle East Corridor): $6,770,000*

Segment 2 (Middle East Corridor to East Corridor): $7,380,000**

Total: $14,150,000

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved urban arterial with an 80-foot R.O.W.

**Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with an 80-foot R.O.W.



Sugarland Dr - E Brundage Ln to East Corridor

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 1,250 2,500

Feet

Sugarland Dr - E Brundage Ln to East Corridor

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2.33 Middle East Corridor – Coffeen Avenue to East Brundage Lane

Project Location: From the intersection of Coffeen Ave and Woodland Park Rd northeasterly across Interstate 90 and connecting to E Brundage Ln at the intersection of Skyline Dr.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial to provide access across I-90 in the form of a grade separated crossing. The existing intersections of Coffeen Ave/ Woodland Park Rd and E Brundage Ln/Skyline Dr would need to be assessed. This project includes approximately 2.2 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Providing a corridor that connects the activity centers along S Coffeen Ave to the activity centers east of I-90 would likely help alleviate the bottleneck along Brundage Ln west of I-90. Planning for this corridor is also important for the development of the Whitney Benefits property, along with any future development on either side of I-90. This corridor provides future connection opportunities for the southern extension of Sugarland Dr and a southern extension of Dry Ranch Rd.

Significant growth is planned and occurring around the activity centers of Sheridan College and the industrial development east of I-90. Planning for how transportation corridors serve and connect these areas is critical to ensure an efficient transportation network is provided.

The intersection of Woodland Park and Coffeen Ave was brought up during the first steering committee meeting for this project because of the vehicular and pedestrian traffic generated by the Woodland Park Elementary School.

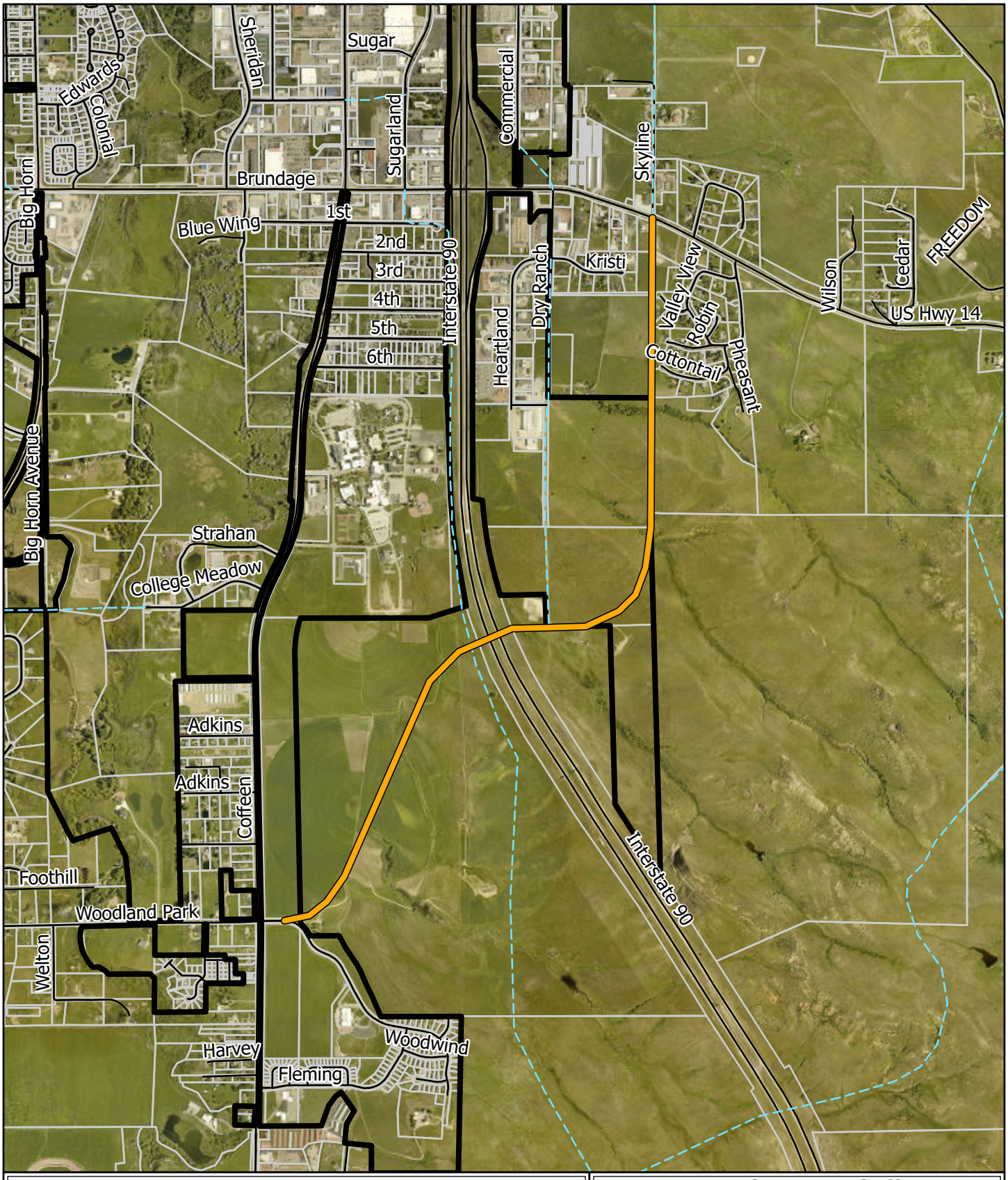
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern, School Zone, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total*) 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $24,500,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with a detached pathway, interstate overpass structure, and a 120-foot R.O.W.



Middle East Corridor - Coffeen Ave to E Brundage Ln

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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0 500 1,000

Feet

Middle East Corridor - Coffeen Ave to Brundage Ln

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2.34 Middle East Corridor – East Brundage Lane to East Ridge Road

Project Location: From the intersection of E Brundage Ln and Skyline Dr northerly to East Ridge Rd.

Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial extending from the intersection of Skyline Dr and E Brundage Ln northerly to connect to East Ridge Rd. This project is approximately 1.5 miles in length and includes improvements to existing gravel roads and new corridor. An intersection with the southern portion of East Ridge Rd will likely be necessary. This project requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: This corridor would more directly connect the activity centers east of I-90 along E Brundage Ln and E 5th St. The corridor would also be a continuation of the corridor connecting Woodland Park Rd to E Brundage Ln. Large parcels of undeveloped land that are prime candidates for future development lie on all sides of the corridor's conceptual alignment. Planning for major transportation corridors prior to the development of this vacant land is critical for ensuring a well-connected transportation network.

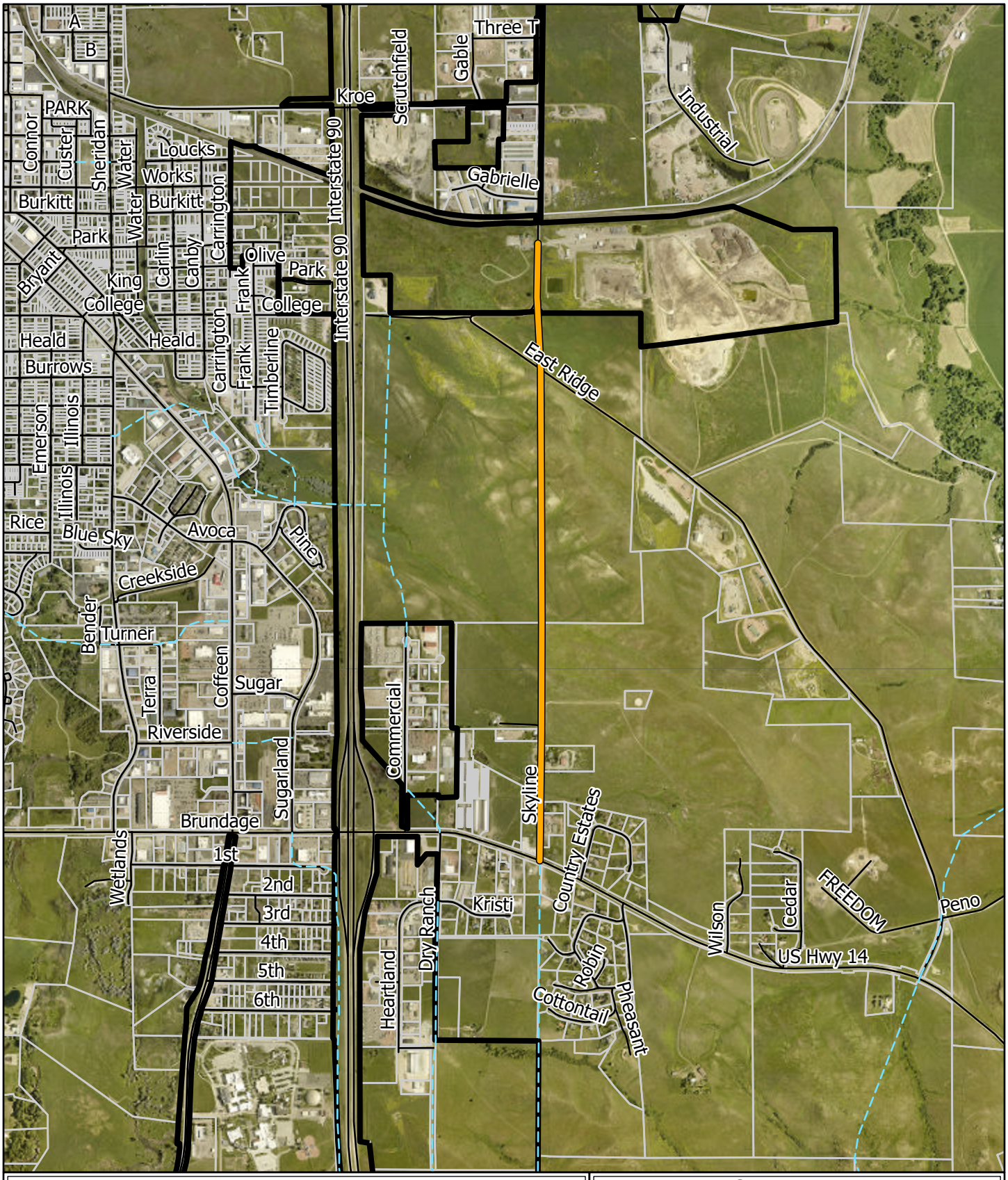
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study

Estimated 2025 Cost: $6,950,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural arterial with a 60-foot R.O.W.



Middle East Corridor - E Brundage Ln to E Ridge Rd

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 500 1,000

Feet

Middle East Corridor - E Brundage Ln to East Ridge Rd

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2.35 Dry Ranch Road – Solutions Way to Middle East Corridor

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Dry Ranch Rd and Heartland Dr extending southerly towards the future middle east corridor.

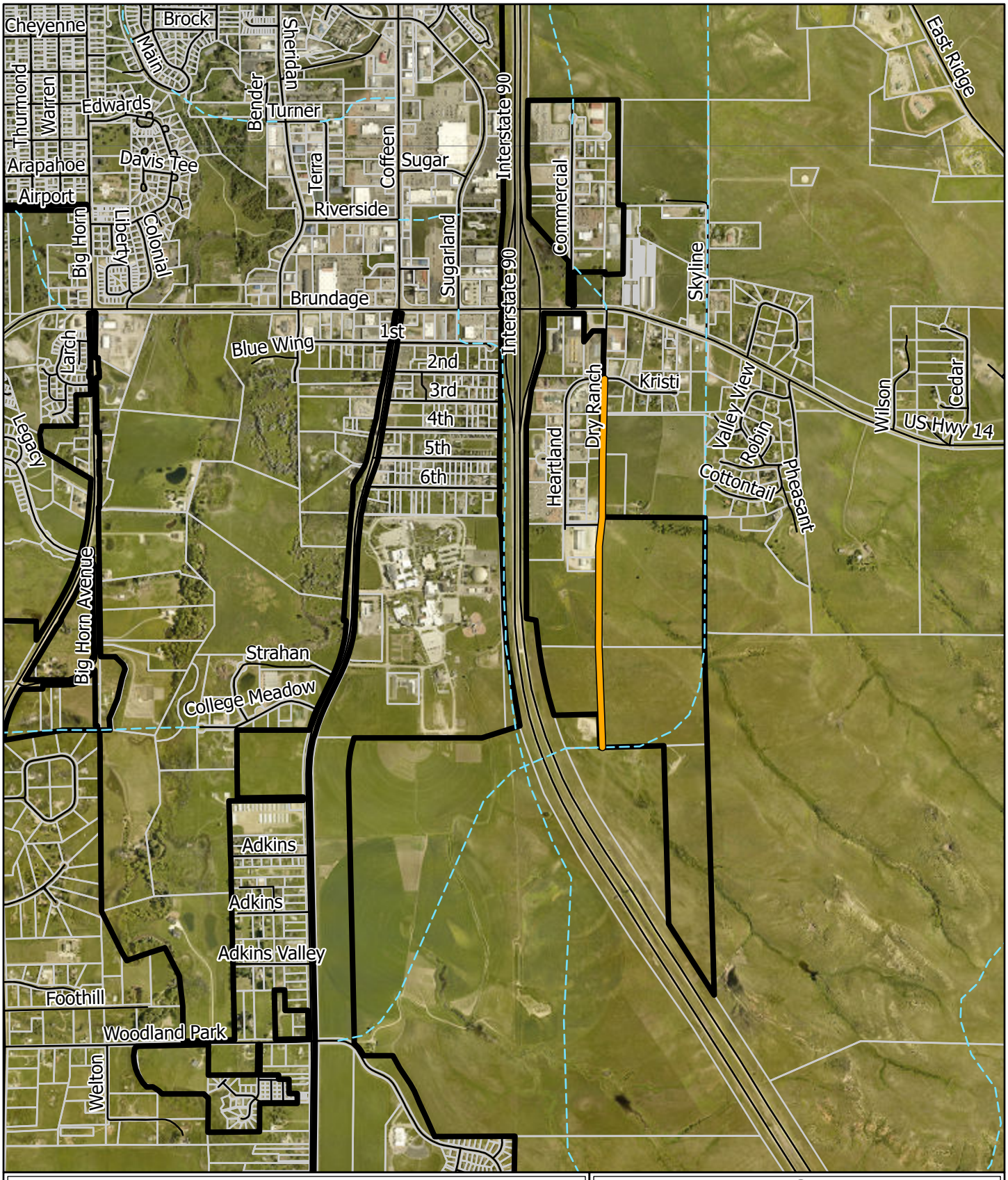
Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would improve and extend Dry Ranch Rd south to the future middle east corridor. This project includes approximately 0.90 miles of roadway. The project requires collaboration with Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Dry Ranch Road is currently classified as a local road but has the potential to function as an effective collector route to the future middle east corridor. It is surrounded by large, developable parcels and would support both current and future businesses as development in the area continues.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None



Dry Ranch Rd - Solutions Way to Middle East Corridor

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2.36 East Corridor – Big Horn Avenue to East Brundage Lane

Project Location: From the intersection of Big Horn Ave and Swaim Rd extending northeasterly towards the intersection of E Brundage Ln and East Ridge Rd.

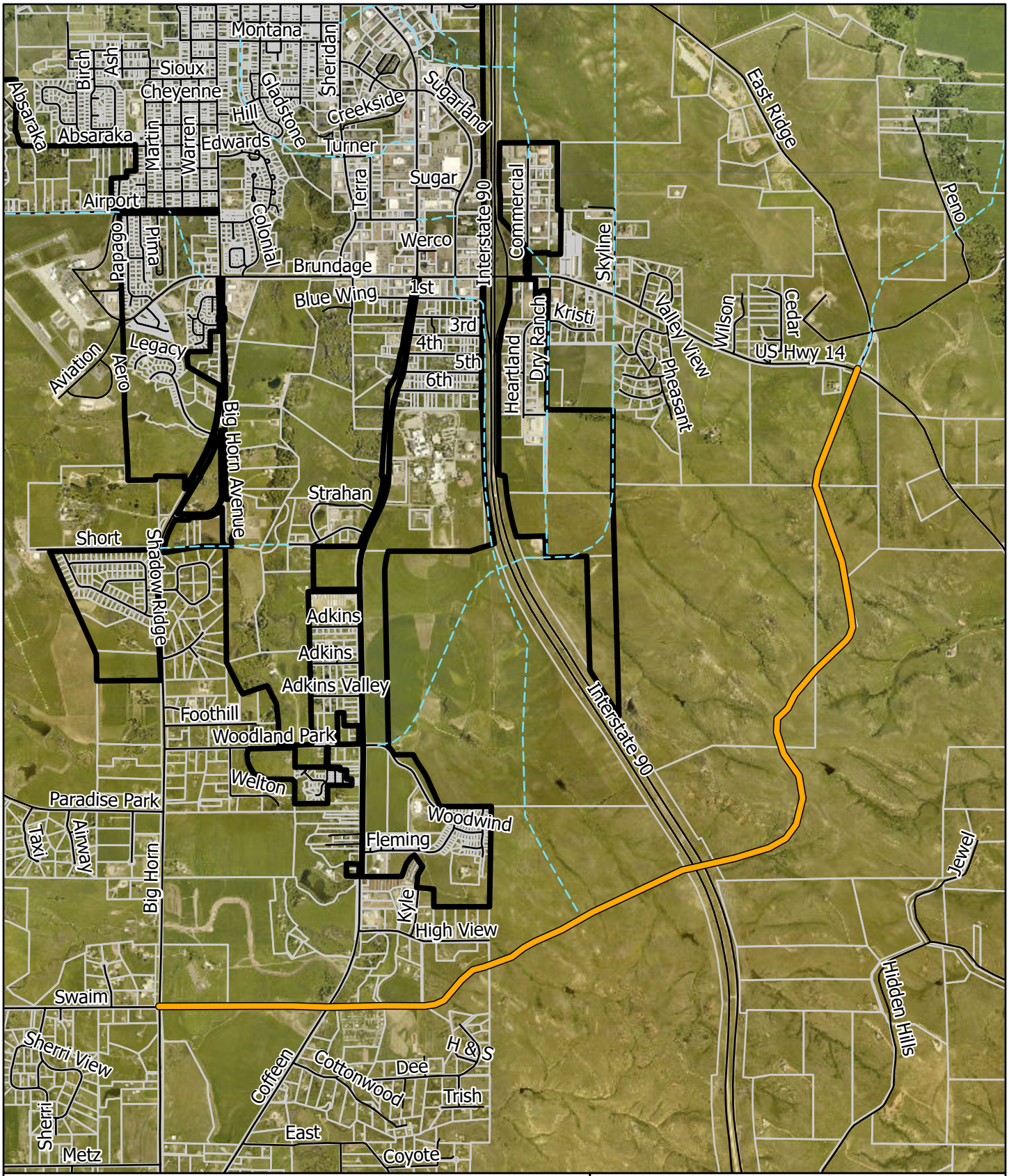
Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial to provide access across I-90. This could be a location for a new interchange in the future. Intersections at Big Horn Ave, Coffeen Ave, and E Brundage Ln would need to be evaluated in planning and design. Replacement of the bridge and roadway that serves the Woodland Park Village Mobile Home Park would be necessary. This project includes approximately 4.5 miles of roadway and requirescollaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: This corridor would provide a direct connection from I-90 to both the west and east corridors, allowing traffic to bypass downtown entirely when traveling to major activity centers located to the west, south, and east of the city. Planning for an additional interchange south of Brundage Ln is important as development continues on the south end of Sheridan.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2006 Sheridan West Corridor Feasibility Study Phase 2, 2017 Sheridan JPA Land Use Plan



East Corridor - Big Horn Ave to E Brundage

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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0 1,000 2,000

Feet

East Corridor - Big Horn Ave to E Brundage Ln

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2.37 East Corridor – East Brundage Lane to Wyarno Road

Project Location: From the intersection of E Brundage Ln (HWY 14) and East Ridge Rd extending northerly to Wyarno Rd.

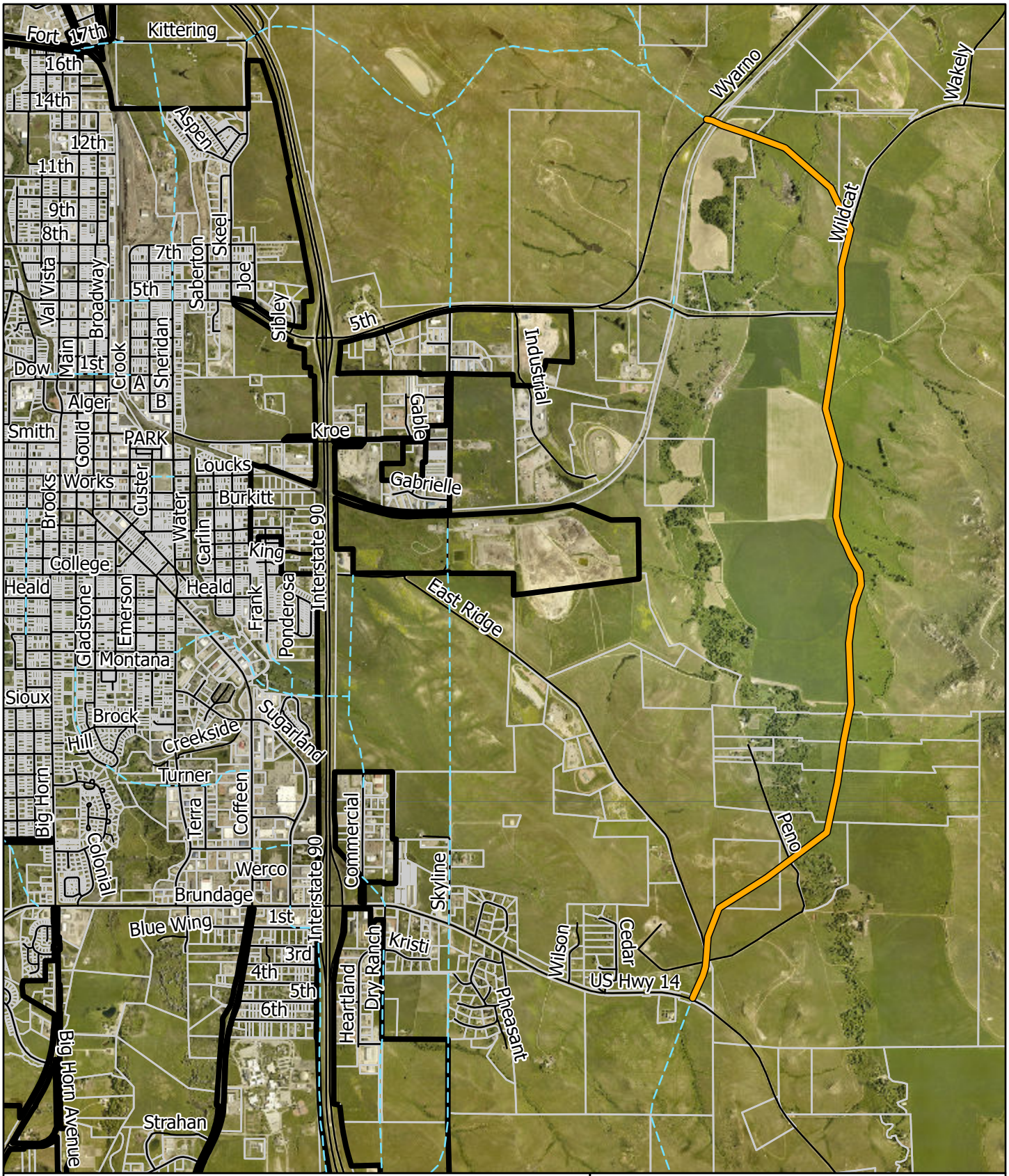
Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial to connect E Brundage Ln (HWY 14) to Wyarno Rd. Several bridge structures and a BNSF RR crossing would need to be evaluated. This project includes approximately 4 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT, Sheridan County, and BNSF.

Purpose and Need: This corridor would connect two existing highways and serve as a vital link in establishing a continuous east corridor. Ongoing development to the east, including the Story House Village, highlights the need to proactively plan for future roadway expansion in this area. This project would likely include the Wyarno Road and Wildcat Road intersection project and the Wildcat Road railroad crossing project.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan, 2017 Sheridan JPA Land Use Plan



East Corridor - E Brundage to E 5th St

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 1,000 2,000

Feet

East Corridor - E Brundage Ln to Wyarno Rd

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2.38 East Corridor – Wyarno Road to Decker Road

Project Location: From the intersection of the future east corridor and Wyarno Rd (WY 336) extending northwesterly towards the intersection of Decker Rd and N Main St (WY 338).

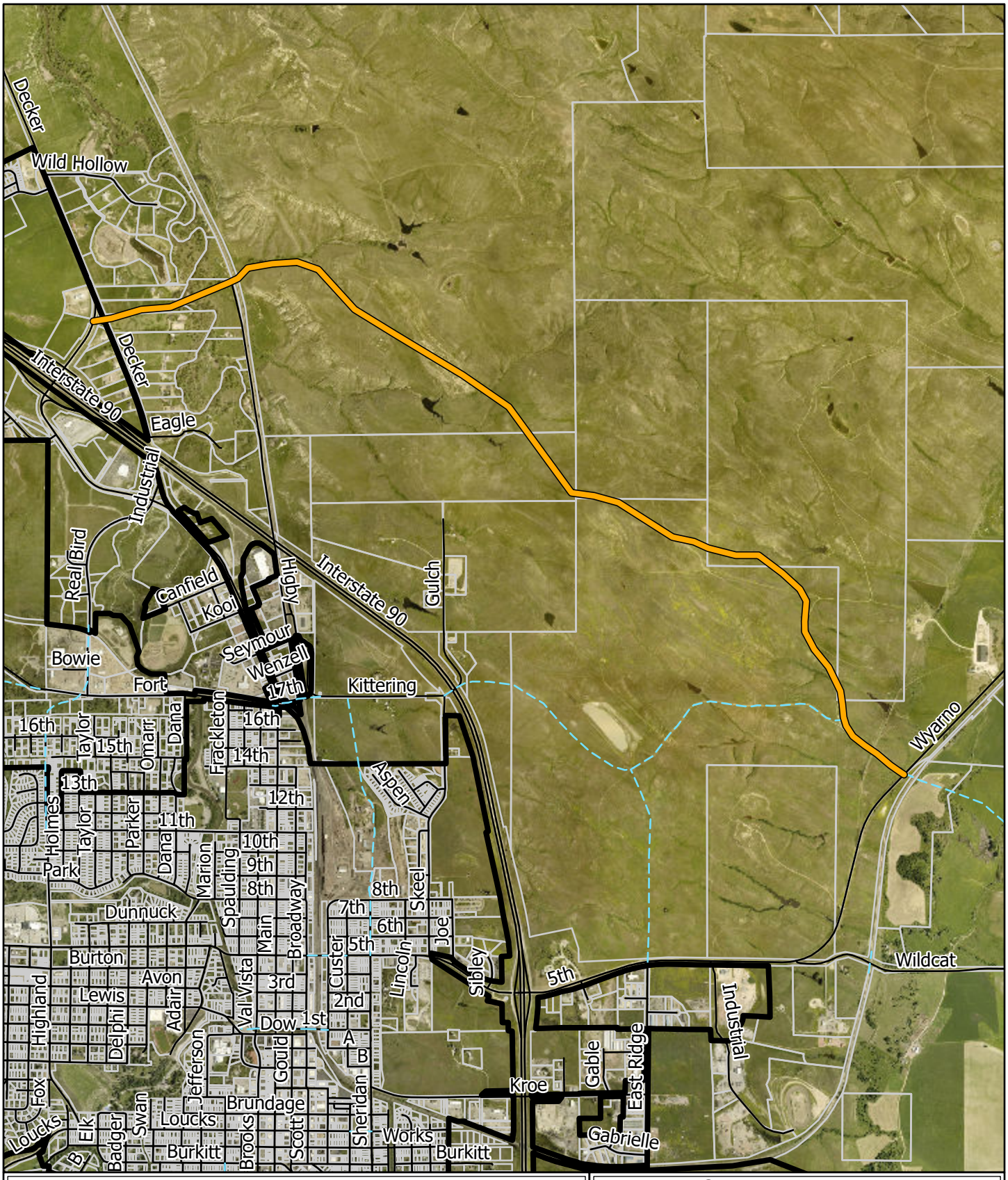
Description: Proposed 2-lane arterial to connect Wyarno Rd (WY 336) to N Main St (WY 338). Bridge structures and a BNSF RR crossing would need to be evaluated. This project includes approximately 4 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT, Sheridan County, and BNSF.

Purpose and Need: This corridor would connect two existing highways and serve future development northeast of Sheridan. Along with other future projects, this roadway would create a complete loop east of the city that is served by I-90 interchanges on the north and south ends. Ongoing development to the east, including the Story House Village, highlights the need to proactively plan for future roadway expansion in this area.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(1 Total*) 2017 Sheridan JPA Land Use Plan



East Corridor - E 5th St to Decker Rd

Proposed Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

East Corridor - Wyarno Rd to Decker Rd

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2.39 Dry Ranch Road – East Brundage to Commercial Avenue

Project Location: Beginning at the intersection of Dry Ranch Rd and E Brundage Ln (HWY 14) extending northwesterly towards Commercial Ave.

Description: Proposed 2-lane collector roadway that would connect Dry Ranch Rd to Commercial Ave. This project includes approximately 0.15 miles of roadway and requires collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County.

Purpose and Need: Connecting Dry Ranch Rd and Commercial Ave would allow the two roads to combine into one, continuous north-south collector. Other future projects extend Commercial Ave to the North and Dry Ranch Rd to the south. This project would also simplify the accesses from E Brundage Ln and move them to a common intersection.

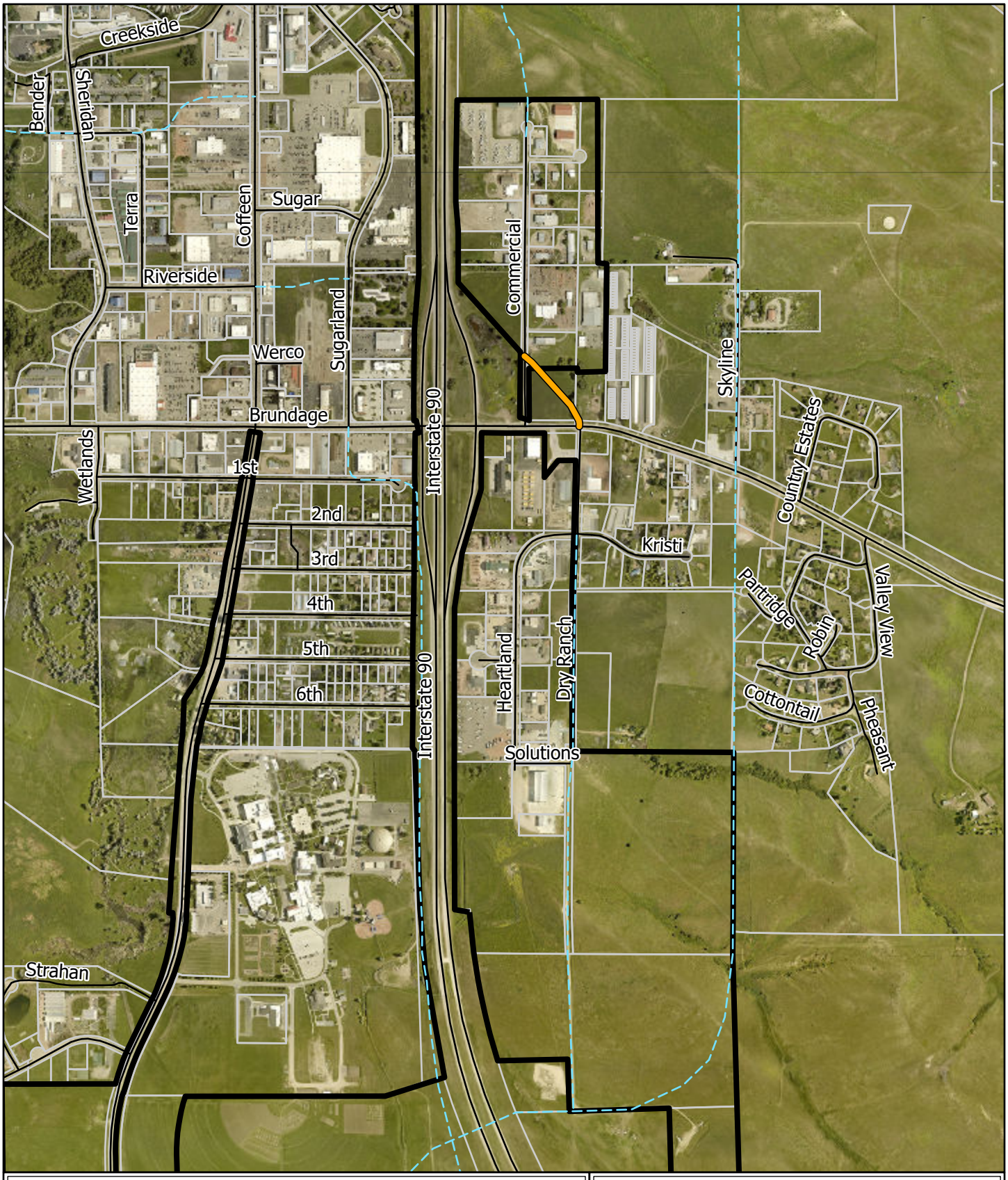
Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Traffic Pattern

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None

Estimated 2025 Cost: $880,000*

*Cost assumes a 2-lane asphalt paved rural collector with a 50-foot R.O.W.



Dry Ranch Rd - E Brundage to Commerical Ave
Proposed Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

N

0 500 1,000
Feet

Dry Ranch Rd - E Brundage Ln to Commercial Ave

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2.40 Intersection – Fort Road and Main Street

Project Location: Intersection of Fort Rd and Main St.

Description: Proposed intersection reconfiguration at Fort Rd and E 17th St that may include signalization. Collaboration with WYDOT would be needed.

Purpose and Need: The intersection at Fort Rd and Main St has been shown to have a high accident rate since 2001. Residents of the community have also contacted the City of Sheridan expressing concern about limited sight distance, functionality and safety of the intersection. Accommodating higher truck traffic at this intersection should be considered. The future extension of Fort Road to the east with a grade separated crossing over the railroad will affect this intersection design.

Improvement Categories: Downtown Sheridan, Traffic Pattern, Safety

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: *(3 Total*) 2001 Sheridan Traffic Study, 2001 Sheridan County Growth Management Plan, 2008 Sheridan County Comprehensive Plan

Estimated 2025 Cost: $1,200,000*

*Cost is estimated from a similar recent signalized intersection project.



Intersection - Fort Rd and Main St

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2.41 Intersection – 5th Street and Mydland Road

Project Location: Intersection of 5th St and Mydland Rd.

Description: Intersection improvements due to increased development and the nearby key facilities. Improvement alternatives include a roundabout or traffic signal with pedestrian crosswalks.

Purpose and Need: This intersection has become increasingly busy due to more development along the western portions of 5th St. Nearby key facilities such as schools, fairgrounds, hospital, and city parks generate a large amount of traffic in this area. Future plans for a community center along 5th St between Mydland Rd and Long Dr would further increase traffic at this intersection.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, School Zone, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: 2

Previous Study References: None



Intersection - 5th St & Mydland Rd

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2.42 Intersection – 5th Street and Long Drive

Project Location: The intersection of W 5th St and Long Dr.

Description: Intersection improvements due to increased development and the nearby key facilities. Improvements that have been discussed include a roundabout or signalized intersection with pedestrian crosswalks.

Purpose and Need: This intersection has been discussed for decades and has become increasingly busy due to more development along the western portions of 5th St. Nearby key facilities such as schools, fairgrounds, hospital, and city parks generate a large amount of traffic in this area. Future plans for a community center along 5th St between Mydland Rd and Long Dr would further increase traffic at this intersection.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, School Zone, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: 4

Previous Study References: *(2 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2019 Sheridan Capital Improvement Projects

Estimated 2025 Cost: $1,000,000*

*Cost is estimated from a similar recent signalized intersection project.



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2.43 Intersection – 5th Street and Val Vista Street

Project Location: Intersection of 5th St and Mydland Rd.

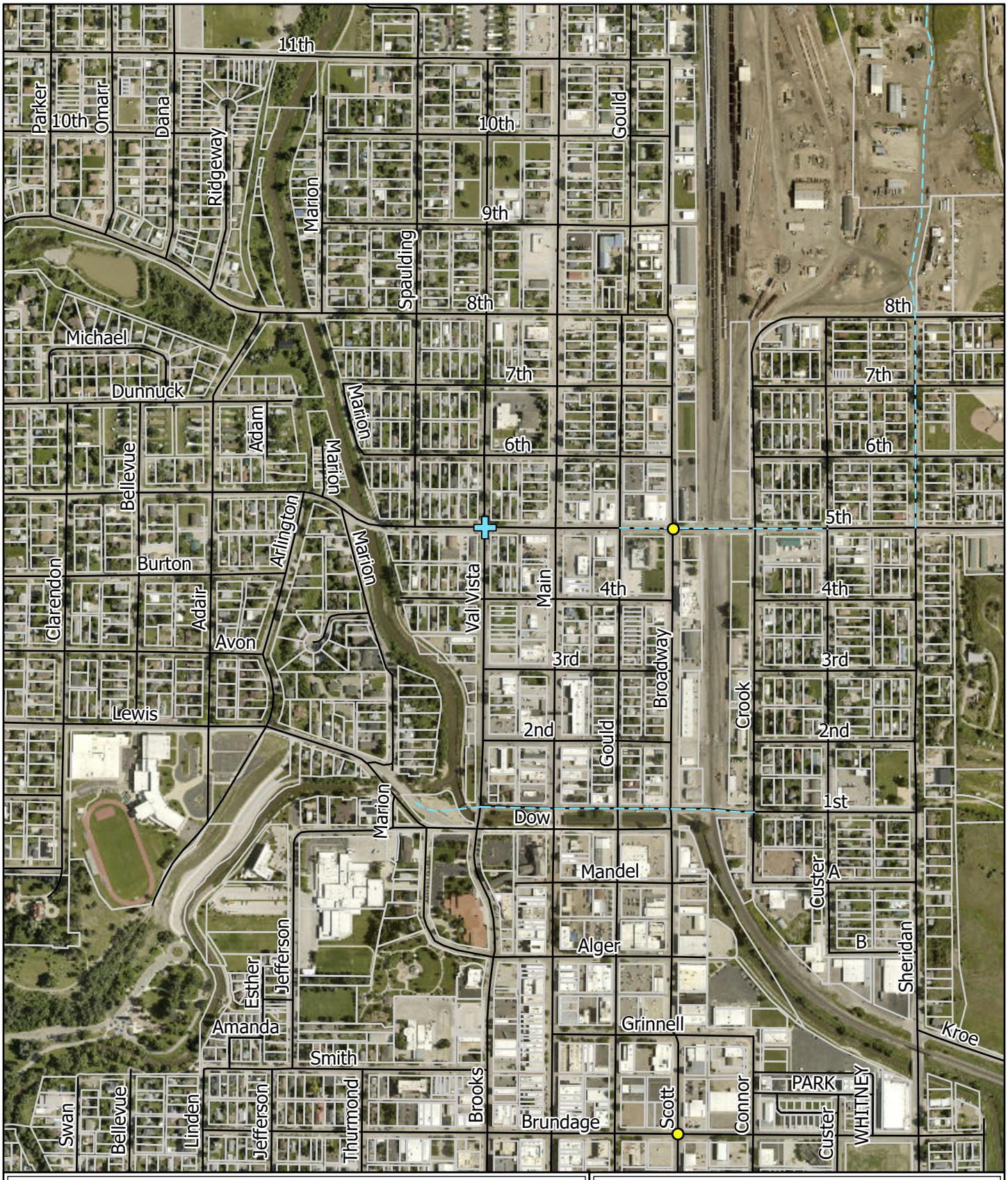
Description: Improvements to existing signalized intersection that could include the addition of turn lanes and synchronization with the traffic signal at 5th St and Main St.

Purpose and Need: Very little space exists between this collector-arterial intersection and the arterial-arterial intersection of 5th St and Main St. Traffic volumes along 5th St between Main St and Val Vista St are around 8,000 AADT, placing it in the highest volume category among roads in Sheridan. Queuing can back up traffic between the two traffic signals. No turn lanes along 5th St adds to the intersection's congestion.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Downtown Sheridan

Public Comments Received: 2

Previous Study References: None



5th St & Val Vista St

Proposed Intersection Projects

Proposed Road Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

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Feet

Intersection - 5th St & Val Vista St

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2.44 Intersection – 5th Street and Broadway Street

Project Location: Intersection of 5th St and Broadway St.

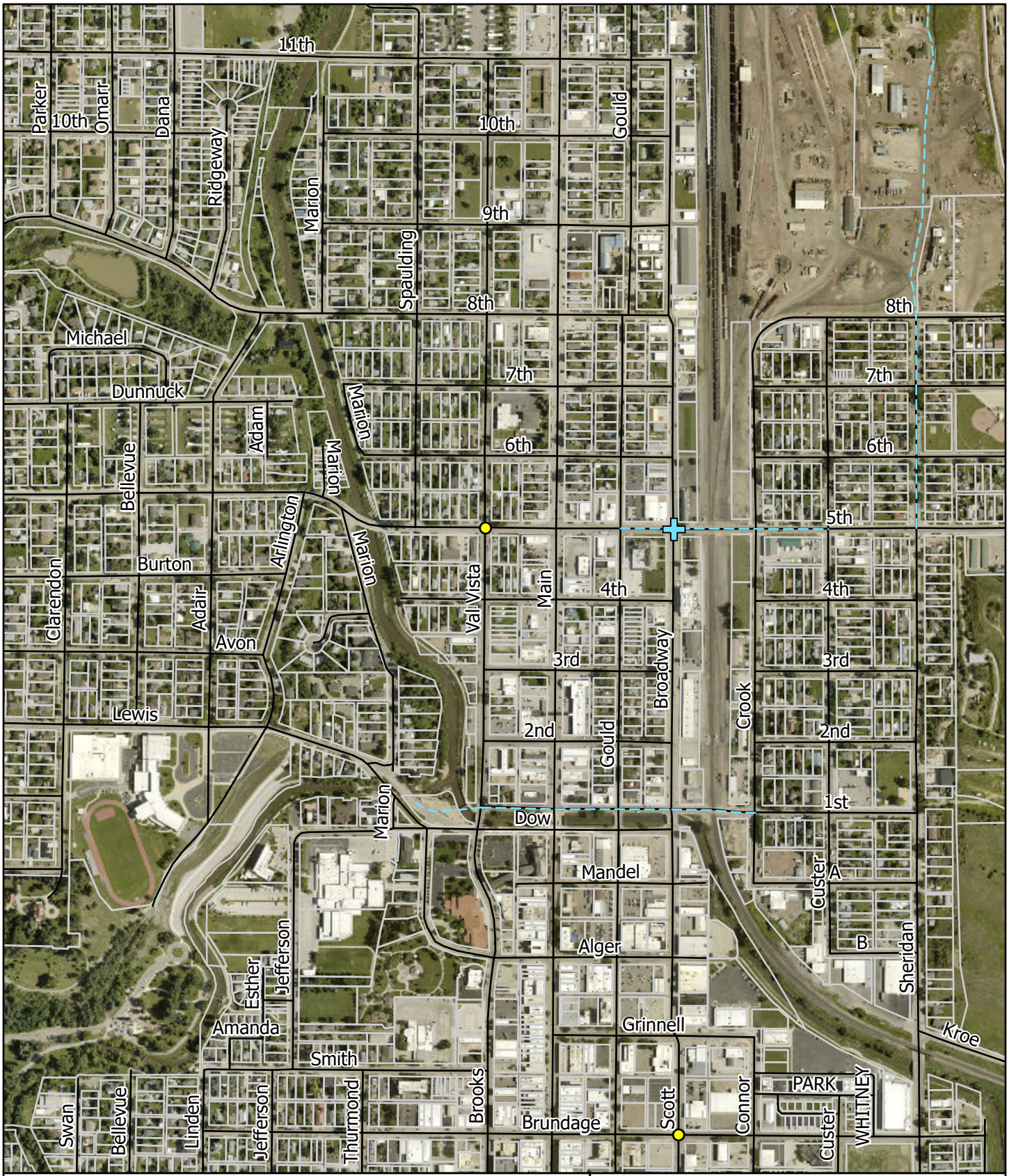
Description: Intersection improvements for a busy collector-arterial intersection.

Purpose and Need: This intersection experiences high traffic volumes (4,000–5,000 AADT per direction) and turning onto Broadway or 5th St is often difficult, especially during BNSF rail delays. While a traffic signal could help, its proximity to the tracks complicates implementation. Addressing rail-related congestion on 5th St, such as the train crossing warning system may create more flexibility for intersection improvements. A grade separated crossing of 5th St would affect this intersection project.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Downtown Sheridan, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: None, discussed during steering committee meetings.

Previous Study References: (1 Total) 2012 Sheridan Railroad Historic District Master Plan



5th St & Broadway St

Proposed Intersection Projects

Proposed Road Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

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Feet

Intersection - 5th St & Broadway St

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2.45 Intersection – Scott St and Brundage St

Project Location: Intersection of Scott St and Brundage St.

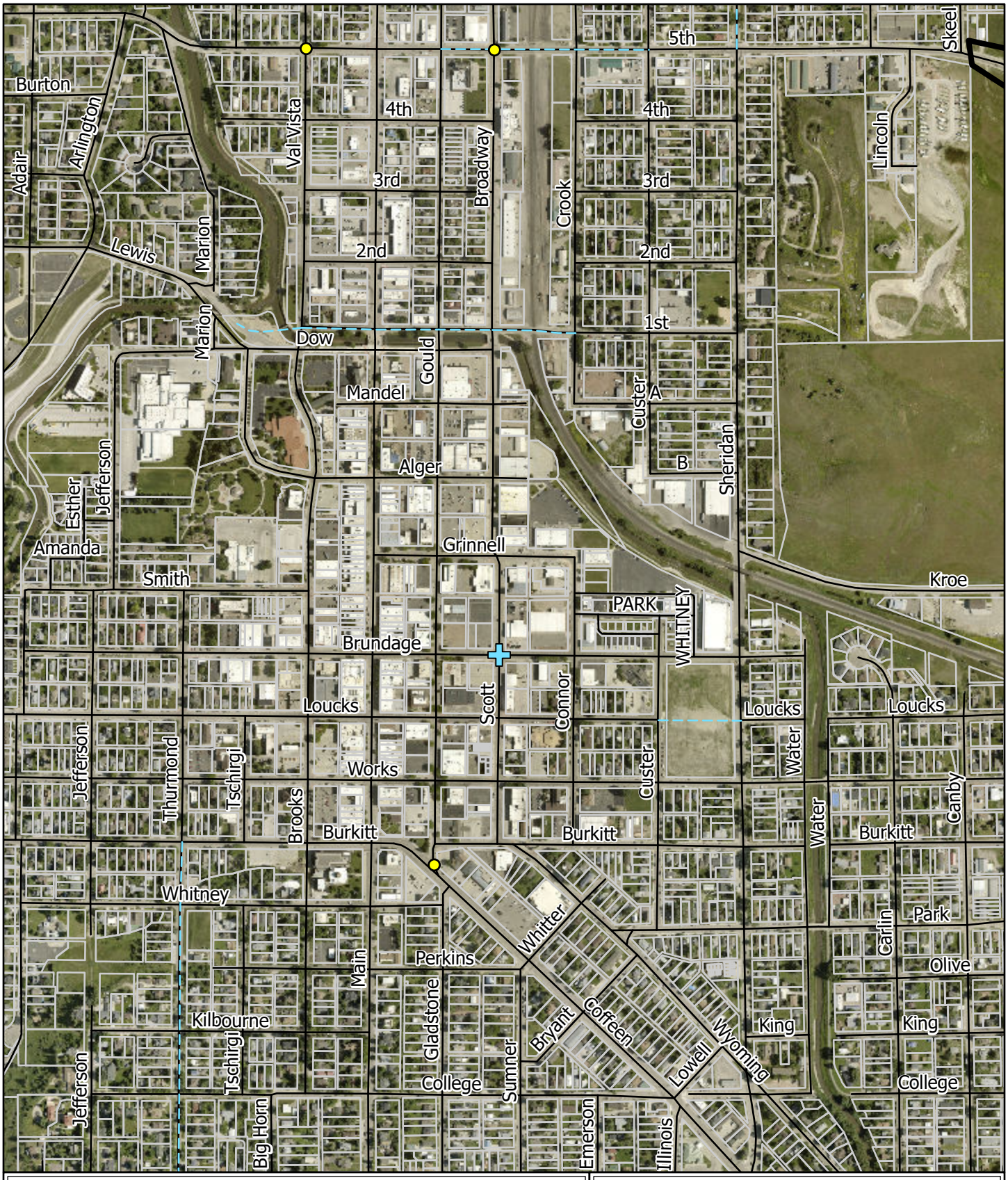
Description: Intersection improvements to improve safety for this busy collector-collector intersection.

Purpose and Need: The intersection of Scott St and Brundage St has one of the highest crash rates in the City of Sheridan, according to the recent crash data provided by WYDOT. Traffic counts show an increase volume entering Brundage St at this intersection. The current configuration includes a 2-way stop along Brundage St. Turning movements at this intersection are increased due to E. Loucks St not connecting to Sheridan Avenue. Connecting E. Loucks St to Sheridan Avenue may alleviate congestion at this intersection.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Downtown Sheridan, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: None



Scott St & Brundage St
Proposed Intersection Projects
Proposed Road Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

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Intersection - Scott St & Brundage St

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2.46 Intersection – Coffeen Avenue and Gould Street

Project Location: Intersection of Coffeen Ave and Gould St.

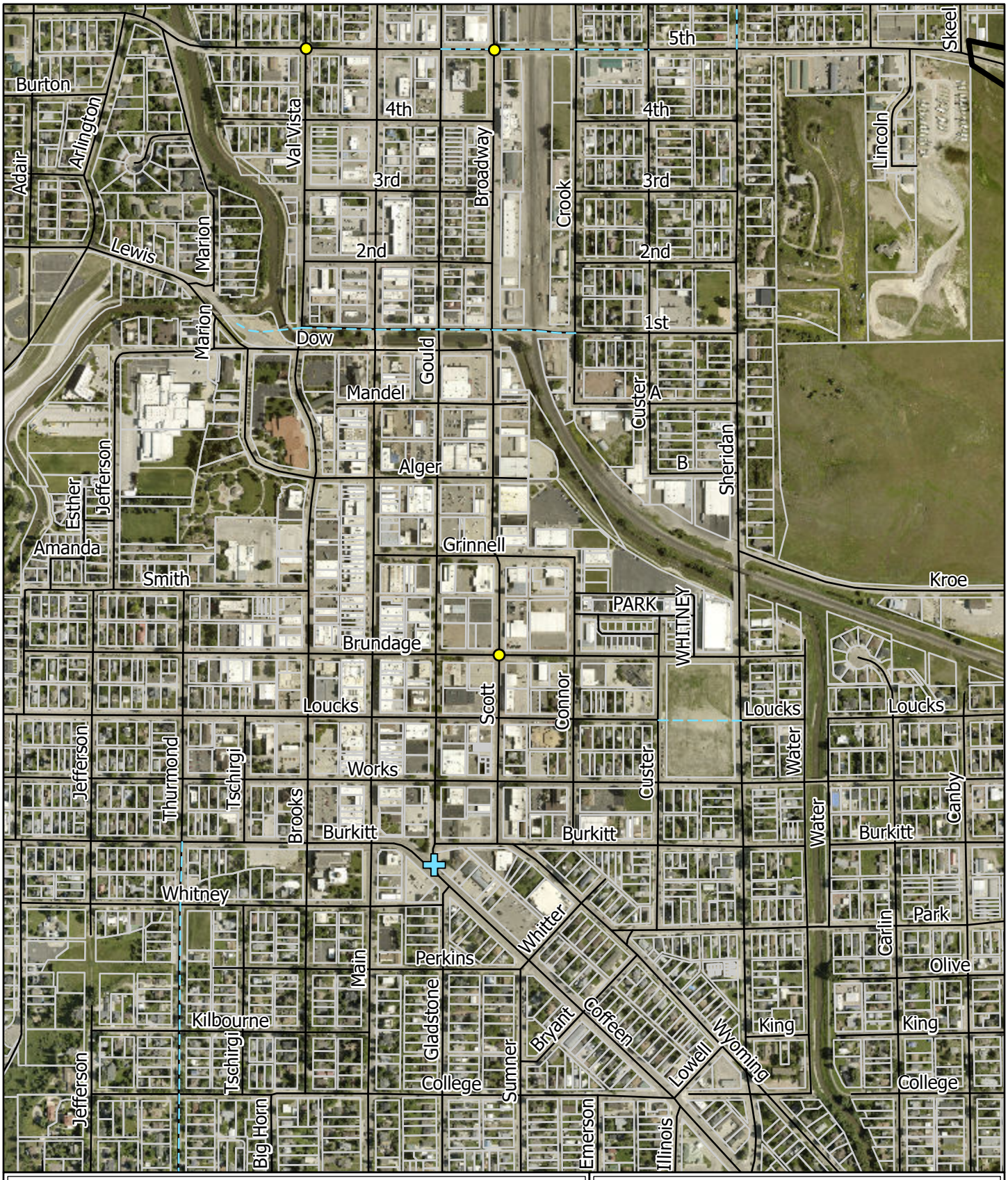
Description: Intersection improvements to improve pedestrian safety. Gould St does not intersect Coffeen Ave at a right angle and there are no pedestrian crosswalks across Gould St. Collaboration with WYDOT would be needed.

Purpose and Need: The current geometry at this intersection promotes fast turning maneuvers onto Gould St from Coffeen Ave. Pedestrian movement across Gould St can be challenging and dangerous as there are no curb ramps or crosswalks to alert drivers.

Improvement Categories: Downtown Sheridan, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: None



Coffeen Ave & Gould St
Proposed Intersection Projects
Proposed Road Projects
Existing Streets
City Limits
Parcels

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Feet

Intersection - Coffeen Ave & Gould St

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2.47 Intersection – Big Horn Avenue and Edwards Drive

Project Location: Intersection of Big Horn Ave and Edwards Dr.

Description: Intersection improvements to improve pedestrian safety and access to Marshall Park. Pedestrian crossing signals, crosswalks, and curb ramps could be a possible improvements. This project may require collaboration with WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: There are no crosswalks that allow pedestrians and bicyclists to cross Big Horn Ave in the vicinity of Marshall Park.

Improvement Categories: Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, School Zone

Public Comments Received: 2

Previous Study References: None



Big Horn Ave & Edwards Dr

Proposed Intersection Projects

Proposed Road Projects

Existing Streets

City Limits

Parcels

N

0 250 500

Feet

Intersection - Big Horn Ave & Edwards Dr

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2.48 Intersection – Brundage Lane and Big Horn Avenue

Project Location: The intersection of Brundage Ln and Big Horn Ave.

Description: Intersection improvements to better control traffic and safety at the intersection of two arterial roadways. WYDOT has begun design on this intersection and has indicated it is included in their FY-2027 projects.

Purpose and Need: This intersection serves two busy arterial roadways and distributes traffic to several activity centers throughout Sheridan. The city's South Park is nearby and attracts a large amount of bicycle and pedestrian traffic. This intersection is included in the 2019 City of Sheridan Capital Improvements Plan.

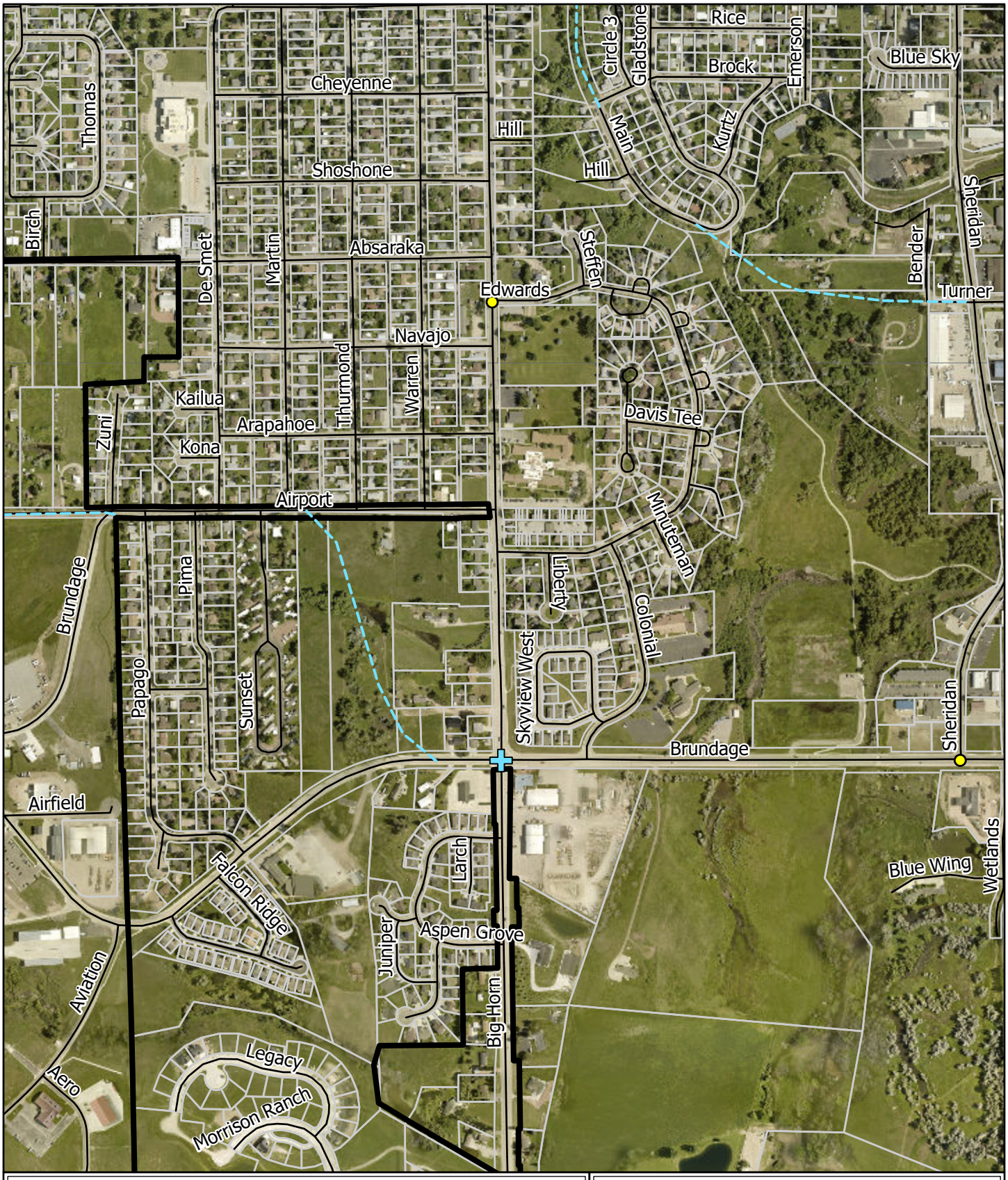
Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: 5

Previous Study References: *(1 Total*) 2001 City of Sheridan Traffic Study, 2019 Sheridan Capital Improvement Projects

Estimated 2025 Cost: $1,200,000*

*Cost is from WYDOT's estimate



Big Horn Ave & Brundage Ln
Proposed Intersection Projects
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Intersection - Big Horn Ave & Brundage Ln

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2.49 Intersection – Sheridan Avenue and Brundage Lane

Project Location: The intersection of S Sheridan Ave and West Brundage Ln.

Description: Improvements to better control traffic at a busy collector-arterial intersection. An intersection study could be conducted to identify whether traffic conditions warrant an improvement, and which alternatives could be considered. This project will require collaboration with WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: West Brundage Ln is currently classified as an arterial, and S Sheridan Ave is classified as a collector. Historic traffic counts show the highest volume of traffic along S Sheridan Ave occurs at this intersection. Development has steadily increased in this area along both roads. It can be difficult for the southbound traffic to turn left from Sheridan Avenue to West Brundage Lane during peak demand times.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: None

Previous Study References: None



S Sheridan Ave & Brundage Ln
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Intersection - S Sheridan Ave & E Brundage Ln

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2.50 Intersection – Woodland Park Road and Coffeen Avenue

Project Location: The intersection of Woodland Park Rd and Coffeen Ave.

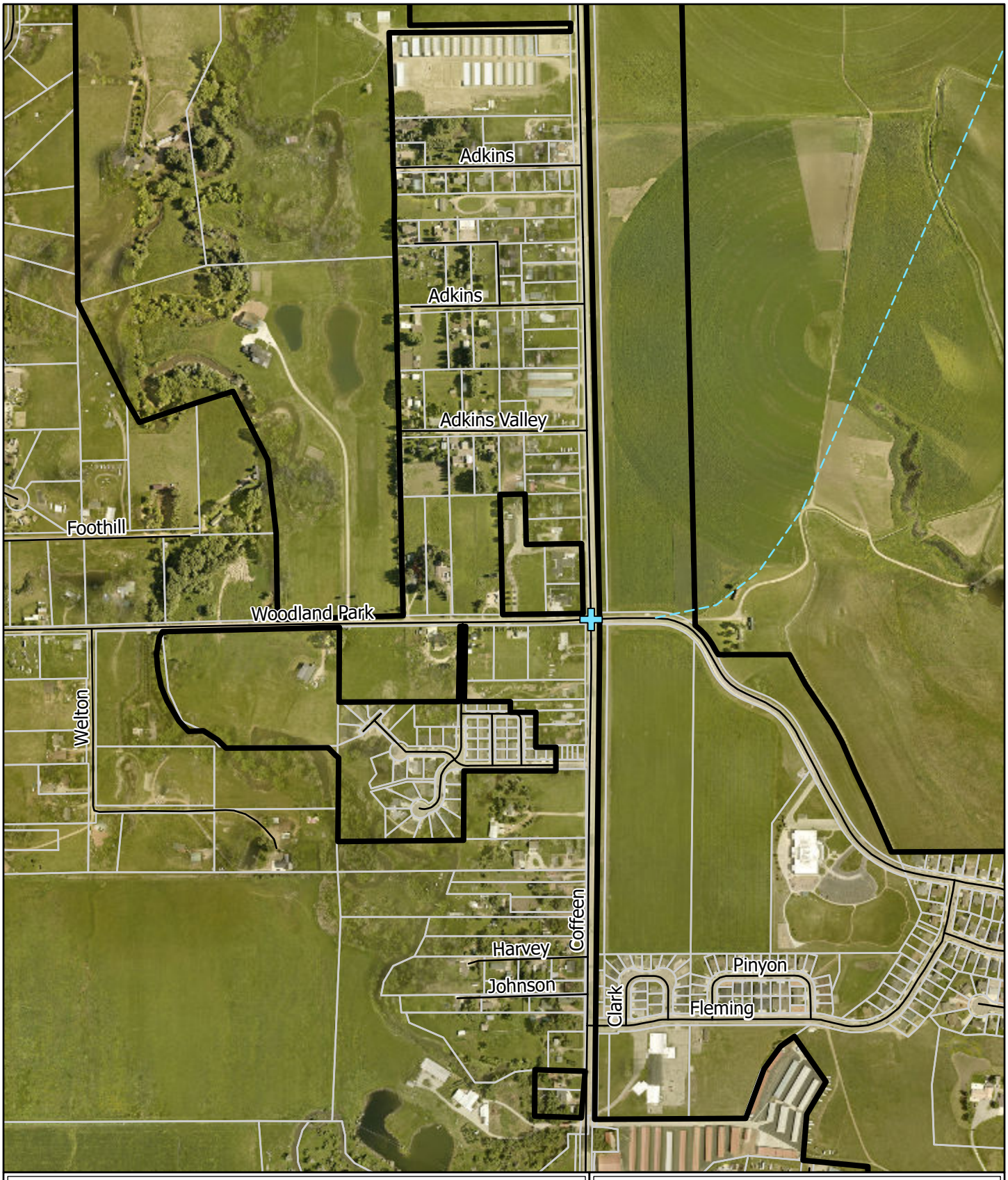
Description: Intersection and pedestrian crossing improvements for the intersection at Woodland Park Rd and Coffeen Ave. Future projects for the Sheridan Pathways along Coffeen Ave should be coordinated in the planning and design of this intersection. This project requires collaboration with WYDOT.

Purpose and Need: A large amount of traffic that utilizes this intersection for access to Woodland Park Elementary and the surrounding residential areas. There are currently no pedestrian crossing facilities of Coffeen Avenue for access to the existing school and the future pathways that are planned along Coffeen Ave in this area. Currently this intersection is two way stop control with Woodland Park Rd stopping for Coffeen Ave and delays during peak times can be experienced at this intersection.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, School Zone, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling

Public Comments Received: None, discussed during steering committee meetings.

Previous Study References: None



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Intersection - Woodland Park Rd & Coffeen Ave

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2.51 Intersection – Wildcat Road and Wyarno Road

Project Location: The intersection of Wildcat Rd (CR 84) and Wyarno Rd (WY 336).

Description: Options to improve the existing intersection of Wildcat Rd and Wyarno Rd should be evaluated to accommodate future traffic volumes and motorist safety. Collaboration with WYDOT and Sheridan County would be needed.

Purpose and Need: Development east of Sheridan continues to grow and will increase traffic volumes along Wyarno Rd. Currently, Wildcat Rd does not intersect Wyarno Rd at a right angle, which poses safety concerns. The future east corridor or development of the property north of Wyarno Rd may provide opportunities to re-align this intersection.

Improvement Categories: Traffic Pattern, Safety

Public Comments Received: None, discussed during steering committee meetings.

Previous Study References: None



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Intersection - Wildcat Rd & Wyarno Rd

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2.52 S. Thurmond Street Reconstruction

Project Location: S Thurmond St from Burkitt St to Nebraska St

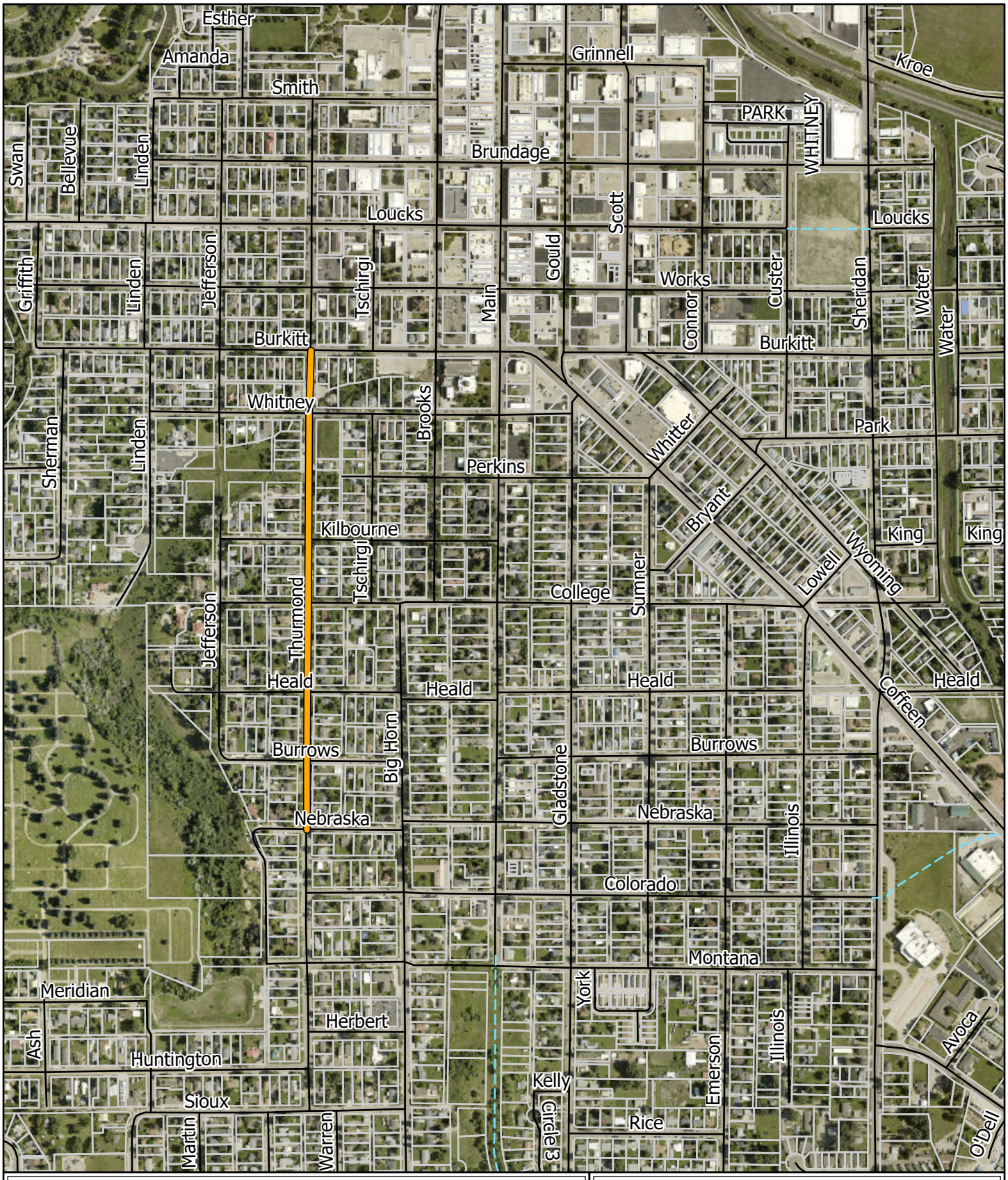
Description: This project was included in the 2019 Capital Improvements Program to replace aging utilities and reconstruct the roadway. Widening of the road and evaluating on-street parking and driveways should be evaluated.

Purpose and Need: This road is narrow, has on-street parking, and does not meet design standards for classification as a collector. At the time new utilities are being installed, the roadway should be re-designed to meet collector design standards.

Improvement Categories: Functional Classification

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: 2019 City of Sheridan's Capital Improvements Program



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2.53 1st Street Eco Restoration

Project Location: 1st St Between Broadway St & Val Vista St

Description: Proposed ecosystem improvements to Little Goose Creek adjacent to E 1st St and E Dow St. Preliminary design concepts would have a profound impact on E 1st St.

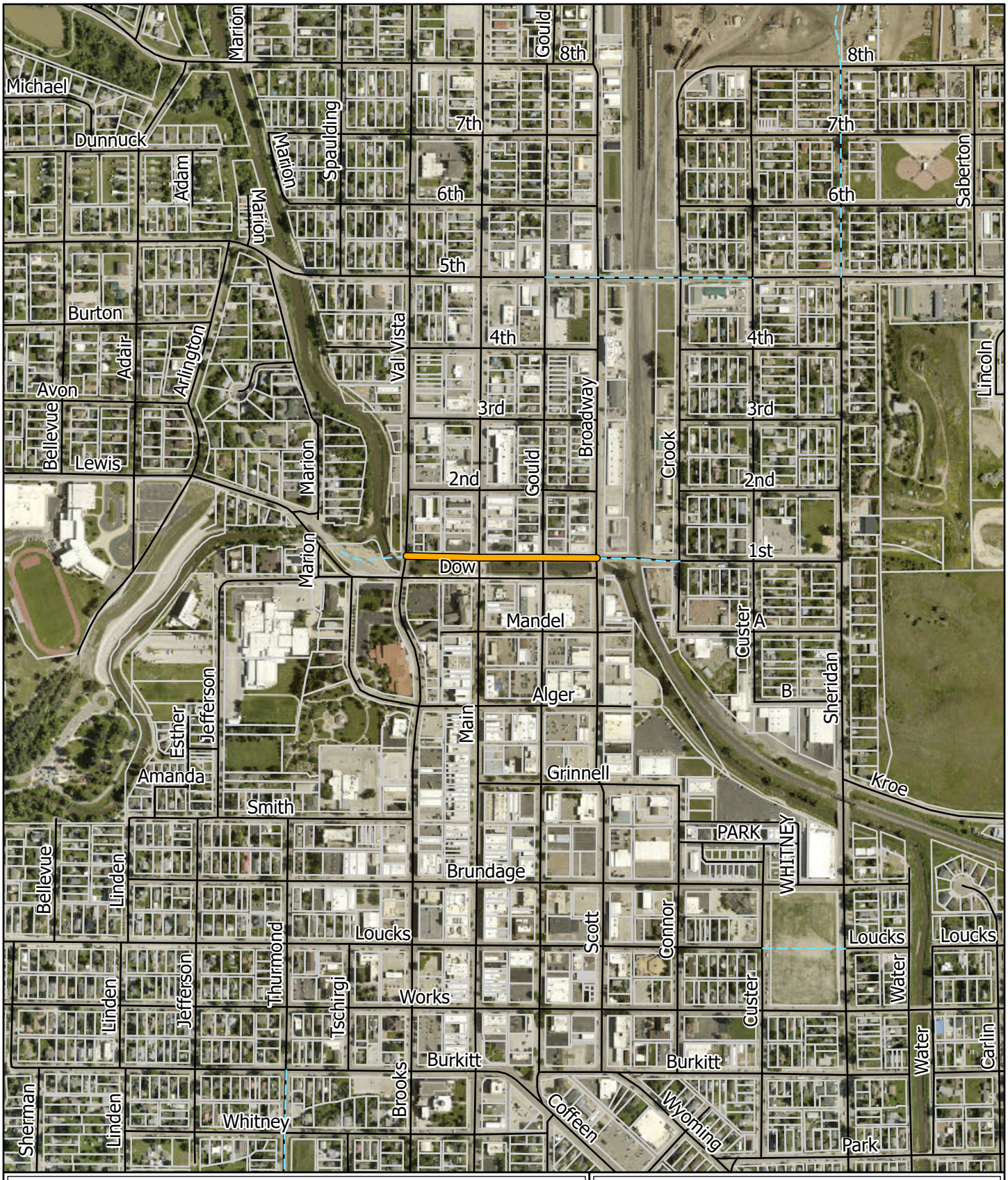
Purpose and Need: A Section 1135 study was conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers to re-design the channel for Little Goose Creek between E 1st St and E Dow St. Preliminary design concepts include the removal of E 1st St entirely in this area. Other future concepts for 1st St include a bridge connecting the west end of 1st St to Lewis St and a grade separated crossing for the railroad east of Broadway St. These improvements would require 1st St to remain an active collector and Dow St to be removed.

Additionally, design concepts to turn 1st St into a 1-way road with parking was presented in the 2018 Downtown Sheridan Streetscape Action Plan. A plan for this area needs to consider current and future traffic patterns and demands in this part of downtown.

Improvement Categories: Corridor Preservation, Roadway Connectivity, Downtown Sheridan, Traffic Pattern, Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycling, Pathway

Public Comments Received: 1

Previous Study References: *(3 Total*) Sheridan, Wyoming Section 1135 Ecosystem Restoration Study, 2018 Downtown Sheridan Streetscape Action Plan, 2019 City of Sheridan Capital Improvements Plan



First Street Ecosystem Restoration
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2.54 BNSF Overpass at Wildcat Road

Project Location: The intersection of the BNSF railroad and Wildcat Rd (CR 84).

Description: Replacement of the existing structure at the intersection of the BNSF railroad and Wildcat Rd. Collaboration with BNSF and Sheridan County would be needed.

Purpose and Need: The existing structure is functionally obsolete and poses safety concerns due to the restricted roadway width beneath the bridge. The future east corridor project may provide opportunity to realign Wildcat Rd in this area and improve both the railroad crossing and intersection of Wildcat Rd with Wyarno Rd.

Improvement Categories: Railroad Crossing, Safety

Public Comments Received: None, discussed during steering committee meetings.

Previous Study References: None



BNSF Overpass Structure - Wildcat Rd
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BNSF Overpass at Wildcat Rd

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2009 Sheridan Transportation Policy Plan (STPP) serves as a policy guide for transportation decision making in the City of Sheridan. It was shaped by community vision and values gathered during an extensive public process. The goals and policies laid out in this plan were derived directly from community input. Therefore, the 2009 document stands as a clear tool for evaluating how future transportation projects meet and achieve the community vision and values.

As specific transportation projects are developed, the 2009 plan should serve as the basis to determine how each project meets (or doesn't meet) the transportation values held by the community. Controversial decisions should be informed by those values as specific projects are reviewed.

The purpose of this Sheridan Transportation Plan Update is to build upon the 2009 STPP and implement the recommended next steps. DOWL was retained by the City of Sheridan to perform the Sheridan Transportation Plan Update 2024 project, also referred to as the Sheridan Transportation Master Plan in this document, with the following general scope of work:

- review prior studies,
- document data collected since the past transportation plan,
- review the existing conditions and transportation and traffic issues,
- develop a steering committee to provide input and "steer" the project,
- obtain public input on the traffic and transportation issues, and
- establish a specific list of projects and improvement locations in the form of a Capital Improvements Plan.

The results of the work completed in the tasks above are documented in this summary report.

2.0 REVIEW OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Since 2009, several plans and projects have been developed or built within the City of Sheridan transportation system. Appendix 1 includes a memorandum written in July, 2024 near the start of the project to document changes in existing conditions of the traffic network, studies completed, major land development, existing crash data and existing traffic count data. The memorandum was used in communications with the Steering Committee for their input on transportation related issues and to steer the direction of the project.

A summary of the review of existing conditions is as follows:

- Multiple planning studies have been conducted since 2009, ranging from land use plans, corridor studies, and pathways plans.

- Considerable growth has taken place in and around the City of Sheridan since 2009 including growth on the north side of Sheridan and around existing street corridors.
    - Wrench Ranch development and area north of the new north I-90 interchange near mile marker 20.
    - Sheridan High Tech Business Park Development and area around the new north I-90 interchange.
    - Continued development of the Cloud Peak development area west of and around Mydland Road, including development of the old Country Club golf course into residential development.
    - Continued development of the area east of I-90 along East Ridge Road.
    - Proposed development of the area north of 5th Street and East of I-90.
    - Continued development in outlying areas adjacent to the City in Sheridan County, including subdivisions along the Big Goose Highway, south of Sheridan along Big Horn Avenue and Coffeen Avenue in the Little Goose Valley, along the Decker Highway north of Sheridan, east of Sheridan on E. 5th Street and E. Brundage Lane and west of Sheridan along Soldier Creek Road.
    - Significant growth in the communities of Ranchester and Dayton.

- The following major projects, since 2009, have impactedtraffic flow and the transportation network:
    - Location of I-90 and Main Street interchange moved west on I-90.
    - Main Street reduced from two lanes each direction to one lane each direction with a center turn lane.
    - E. 5th Street Improvements – Added sidewalks, ADA ramps, landscaping
    - Traffic signal at E. 5th Street and Sheridan Avenue.
    - Traffic signal at Sugarland Drive and Brundage Lane.
    - Train warning system (notifies drivers of trains blocking tracks so drivers can take other routes prior to being stopped at the 5th Street railroad crossing.
    - Removal of one block of Brooks Street south of Burkitt Street, adjacent to the County Courthouse.
    - Significant improvement in the pathways around the City of Sheridan.

- The following travel patterns and barriers to travel exist:
    - The Little Goose Creek and Big Goose Creek drainages have topographical constraints funneling traffic on a few major roadways.
    - The interstate and railroad corridors are physical barriers and concentrate east-west traffic movements to a few arterials.
    - The interstate is used as an arterial connection between Brundage Lane and 5th Street.
    - External trip generators are located in Big Horn, Story, the south end of Sheridan, Ranchester and Dayton. These areas are mainly residential areas, and residents living in these areas generally work, shop, and do business in Sheridan.
    - The current pattern of development in the Sheridan area is concentrated on commercial and employment activity in a group of "centers" (districts) where a large proportion of trips are attracted. The main activity centers are as follows:
        - The downtown area attracts travel from the external employment centers and residential developments.
        - A major commercial center exists on the southeast side of town (Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Sheridan College area).
        - There is an activity center at the existing hospital/medical and high school area.
        - A new activity center has recently been created on the north side of Sheridan around the new north interchange including industrial facilities, a truck stop, and auto dealer. Additional industrial development is planned in this area as part of the High-Tech Business Park Phase II project.

- Due to the barriers to travel, and the pattern of development in Sheridan, the transportation network has the following challenges:
    - Limited options for travel to and from external areas. As the external areas grow, the current roadways will become progressively more congested.
    - Limited travel options to get around or bypass downtown.
    - Discontinuous arterial and minor arterial network.
    - Increased travel through residential neighborhoods due to the lack of an arterial network. One example is the Sparrowhawk subdivision near Mydland Road.

3.0 STEERING COMMITTEE GUIDANCE

This project engaged a steering committee composed mostly of the same entities on the steering committee for the 2009 study. The entities include city administrators and representatives from the public works, engineering, and planning departments as well as representatives from Sheridan County, Sheridan County School District #2, and emergency service providers.

Two steering committee meetings were held:

1. Steering Committee Meeting 1 was held at the Council Chambers at the City of Sheridan City Hall on July 30, 2024. At this meeting the project team introduced the project, reviewed the existing information, and obtained input from the steering committee on transportation related issues. The memo discussed at this meeting can be found in Appendix 1. Presentation materials are located in Appendix 2.
2. Steering Committee Meeting 2 was held at the City of Sheridan Council Chambers on March 26, 2025. The steering committee reviewed the input received from the public, proposed transportation improvements and provided feedback on the process to get projects from the transportation plan onto an official map of recommendations or into the CIP. At this meeting the steering committee was encouraged to provide input on the proposed projects. Meeting minutes from Steering Committee Meeting 2 and comments gathered afterwards are summarized in Appendix 2.

4.0 PUBLIC INPUT

During the first steering committee, the committee recommended re-engaging the public to verify the goals and next steps of the 2009 Transportation plan were still applicable and generally accepted by the community. The City of Sheridan then hosted a series of public meetings to inform the public and gather input on transportation issues in the City of Sheridan. These public meetings included the following:

- September 26, 2024 – Sheridan Memorial Hospital Primary Care Facility
- October 22, 2024 – Sheridan County Library
- December 5, 2024 – Sheridan Senior Center – West Corridor

The first two meetings were held to gather input from the public on the Transportation Plan Update. After an introductory presentation by City of Sheridan staff, meeting attendees were asked to provide input on specific transportation issues.

The third meeting was held to gather input on the West Corridor project. Although not directly associated with the Transportation Plan Update, the West Corridor project generated significant public input.

In addition to the meetings above, a website was developed to solicit public input. The website allowed comments to be submitted online and allowed website users to place the comments on an interactive map.

Public meeting sign-in sheets and comments received are shown in Appendix 3. These comments include several maps and a cross-referenced table of comments from the public meetings and website.

4.1 Incorporating Public Input into the Project List

All public comments were reviewed to determine whether project suggestions should be included in or excluded from the proposed project list. Comments suggesting improvements aligning with available data or fitting within the defined projects were added to the list. A few examples of comments incorporated into the proposed project list are provided below:

1. Extend Highland Ave north to Fort Rd (project 4)
2. Intersection at 5th St and Val Vista St (project 43)
3. Connection between Lewis St and S Sheridan Ave (projects 18 & 20)
4. Extend Mydland Rd to W Loucks St (project 11)
5. Intersection improvements at Big Horn Ave and Edwards Dr (project 47)
6. Connection between the Osprey Hill Subdivision and the West Corridor (project 10)

Many additional comments were incorporated into the project list. Several submissions addressed topics including vehicle speed, traffic signage, street lighting, walking paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, and other similar access or safety issues. While these comments are valuable for the City's consideration, they fell outside the scope of the categories evaluated as part of this master plan. The City recently received a grant for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) where these comments can be considered during development of a comprehensive safety action plan.

Numerous comments were received regarding the West Corridor, with both support and opposition expressed. All feedback was carefully reviewed by the project team and steering committee. Alternative routes were discussed; however, no options were identified warranting changes to the current alignment shown on the map, particularly north of W Loucks Street. West Corridor specific studies and projects may still consider alternative routes for the final road alignment.

A draft of this report was published in 2025 and public input was solicited from the steering committee as well as the general public. The report was made available on the project and City website and several comments from the public were received. In summary, the major points from these 18 comments were as follows:

- 5 Against Bluebird Lane Project
- 7 Against Airport Road Project(s)
- 2 Against West Corridor Project
- 1 for West Corridor Project
- 2 general comments
- And 1 for improving congestion in south Sheridan neighborhoods.

These comments can be found at the end of Appendix C.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

After review of existing traffic data, recommendations from past studies, traffic patterns, transportation network issues, and public input, the following recommendations are proposed for specific areas of transportation in the City of Sheridan.

5.1 Transportation Network Recommendations

A list of transportation improvement projects was developed. These projects are shown and numbered on Figure 5.1 Transportation Master Plan Map. The project number corresponds to the project description and individual project maps in Appendix D. Project priorities are described in Section 6.0.

It should be noted, most of the transportation improvement projects include conceptual roadways that go through private property and right-of-way has not been obtained for these

projects at the time of this study. Future studies and coordination with landowners and developers is needed to finalize alignments and obtain this right-of-way.

5.2 School Zones

The 2009 STPP recommended review of existing school zones and evaluation of impacts caused by future transportation improvement projects. This Transportation Plan Update supports the Policy Plan recommendation. Several school zones are located on or near existing major collector or minor arterials with pedestrian traffic adjacent to or crossing these roadways. These include the following locations:

1. Sheridan Avenue at Coffeen School. This school has revised their bus loop and parent pick-up and drop-off traffic in the past few years, improving the traffic circulation.
2. Mydland Drive at Highland Park School. Providing alternate routes to Mydland Drive and Sparrowhawk Drive should help reduce traffic in this school zone.
3. Pedestrians traveling to Woodland Park School adjacent to and crossing Coffeen Avenue. A pedestrian crossing of Coffeen Avenue at Woodland Park Road should be considered by WYDOT.
4. Pedestrians traveling to Meadowlark School adjacent to and crossing Big Horn Avenue. A pedestrian crossing (or crossings) should be considered versus a school zone on Big Horn Avenue.
5. Lewis Street at Sheridan Junior High School.
6. Long Drive and West 5th Street and Sheridan High School.

5.3 Railroad Crossings

The transportation network discussion identified the railroad as a barrier to east-west traffic flow. Converting two existing crossings (First Street and Fifth Street) to grade separated crossings were identified as projects in Section 5.1. These projects have been studied multiple times and present significant challenges for preserving continuity of the existing street network adjacent to the railroad and not impacting businesses and historic properties near the existing railroad crossings, whether the crossing is over or under the railroad. However, a new grade separated crossing is proposed north of the two existing crossings near Fort Road. This crossing would connect to Fort Road at Main Street on the west and Kittering Road on the east side of the railroad. A crossing at this location will require coordination with BNSF and Sheridan County since Kittering Road is under the jurisdiction of the county.

The Fort Road railroad crossing takes priority over the First Street or Fifth Street crossing projects because it may offer the following benefits:

1. This crossing will offload some traffic from other railroad crossings.

2. Future increases in traffic on these crossings will likely be from development north of Sheridan, both on the west and east of the railroad. This crossing will provide a good east-west arterial connection on the north side of Sheridan to help distribute this traffic.

3. Constructing an overpass of the railroad and connecting to the existing street network will be easier at this location than the other existing railroad crossings.

5.4 Downtown Sheridan

Prior studies and public comments have identified a need to provide alternate ways for traffic to traverse from one end of Sheridan to the other without going through the Historic Downtown. Several improvements in the past years have been made to improve the safety of the Historic Downtown which make it a tourism destination and community hub with shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums.

This Transportation Plan Update doesn't propose projects within the Historic Downtown Sheridan area due to other recent and planned improvements. However, the proposed projects should help improve the transportation network to provide alternate routes for traffic which will alleviate downtown congestion and allow the downtown to function more as a destination than a thoroughfare.

5.5 Pedestrian and Pathway Facilities

Several of the comments received from the steering committee and public input were associated with the pedestrian network.

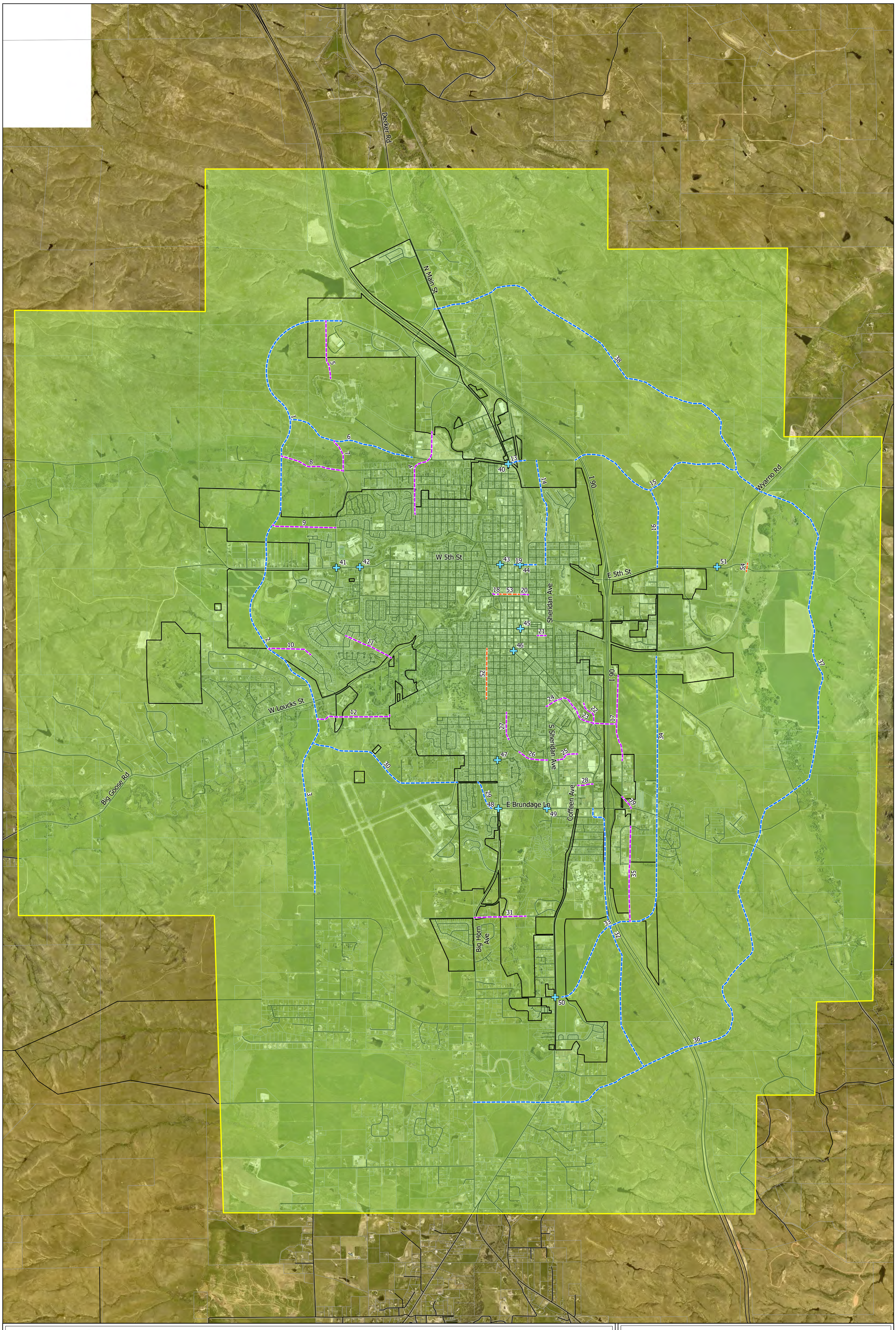
Updating the Pedestrian and Pathway network was not included in the scope of work for this project. However, this Transportation Plan Update generally recommends the following items related to pedestrian and pathway networks:

1. The existing sidewalk network is discontinuous and inaccessible (from an ADA standpoint). The City of Sheridan should continue to look for opportunities to establish ADA compliant corridors and accessible routes throughout the network.

2. The pathway network is highly used, and many comments were received about additional routes which could improve the continuity of the pathway network. The City of Sheridan should continue to develop the pathway network and provide bicycle facilities to connect the existing pathway network through town.

3. Bicycle lanes should be considered when feasible. Bicycle lanes offer potential benefits including a reduction in car traffic volume and overall congestion.

4. As discussed in the 2009 Transportation Policy Plan, future roadway projects should incorporate pedestrian and bicycle elements in a "complete street" design. The City of Sheridan provided an update to the Pathways Master Plan in 2019 and should continue to update the plan on a regular basis to reestablish current priorities.



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- City Limits
- Sheridan City/County JPA Boundary
- Existing Roads
- Parcels
- Future Arterial
- Future Collector
- Rehabilitation
- Intersection Projects

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Transportation Master Plan

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6.0 PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

The numbered projects in the project list below, and described in Appendix D, are prioritized based on the expected benefits they provide and existing or future traffic issues they will address. The primary challenges and most pressing project needs are located where the City of Sheridan and Sheridan County are experiencing growth. The Sheridan transportation network has the following primary challenges:

- Limited options for travel to and from external areas. As external areas grow, the current roadways will become progressively more congested.
- Limited travel options to get around or bypass downtown.
- Discontinuous arterial and minor arterial network.
- Increased travel through residential neighborhoods due to the lack of an arterial network.

Therefore, projects addressing the challenges above are the highest priority. The top dozen high priority projects based on addressing the challenges above are:

1. West Corridor from West 5th Street to West Loucks (project 2) and Bluebird Lane connection (project 10). This project provides an alternate route to Mydland Road, improves the arterial network, and decreases travel through residential neighborhoods.
2. West Corridor from West Loucks Street to Upper Road (project 3) with connections to Leopard Street and West Brundage Lane (projects 12, 29 and 30). These projects provide an alternate route west of Sheridan around downtown, improve the arterial network, and provide an alternate route to Girl's School Road and Coffeen Avenue for development south of Sheridan.
3. Mydland Road from Dome Drive to West Loucks Street (project 11). This project provides a minor arterial connection to Loucks Street and should reduce traffic through Sparrowhawk neighborhood.
4. West Corridor from Yellowtail Drive to West 5th Street (project 1) and Hill Pond, 17th Street and Fort Road Connections (projects 6,8, and 9). Completes connection to north end of Sheridan/I-90 and west Sheridan.
5. Fort Road from Main Street to Kittering Road (project 13) This project provides a grade separated crossing of the railroad and a east-west arterial connection on the north end of Sheridan. Completing this connection may reduce the need to build a grade-separated crossing at First or Fifth Streets.
6. Loucks Street to Sheridan Avenue (project 21). This project connects Loucks Street to Sheridan Avenue and should offload traffic from Brundage Street, improving the arterial network.
7. Sugarland Drive south extension (project 32). This project provides a parallel arterial to Coffeen Avenue and could be constructed in phases. The first extension south of Brundage Lane will connect several existing dead end streets and allow an alternate route to Coffeen Avenue. Phases further south will connect existing and future developments east of Coffeen Avenue to Brundage Lane.
8. Frank Street from Gillette Street to Sugarview Drive (project 22). This project provides a connection for the area between Water Street and I-90 to the commercial area around Sugarland Drive and would reduce out-of-direction travel for this area of town and offload some traffic from Coffeen Avenue and Sheridan Avenue.
9. North Sheridan Avenue from 8th Street to Kittering Road (project 14). This project improves the arterial network, especially once project 13 is completed. This will help reduce the increase in traffic on Skeels Street, which currently goes through a residential

area from 5th Street to 8th Street.

10. Commercial Avenue to East Ridge Road (project 17). This project provides an arterial roadway from the existing Commercial Avenue to East Ridge Road, and will be needed as the area east of I-90 develops. In conjunction with project 39, which aligns the intersection at East Brundage Lane with Dry Ranch Road, this will provide improvements to the arterial network.
11. Colorado Street from Coffeen Avenue to Commercial Avenue (project 23). This project provides a connection east under I-90, and also provides access to Coffeen Avenue for the commercial area east of Coffeen Avenue and north of Little Goose Creek. Combined with project 22 and project 24, this connection provides an alternate route to Coffeen Avenue for this area's traffic.
12. Turner Lane from Sheridan Avenue to Coffeen Avenue (project 25). This project provides an east-west arterial connection between the commercial area on Sheridan Avenue and Coffeen Avenue. The intersection of this project with Coffeen Avenue would be a likely future location of a traffic signal on Coffeen Avenue based on spacing and traffic volumes from the Walmart area.

Although the projects above are listed as high priority, other projects not listed may become high priority based on timing of land development, funding availability or other factors.

7.0 SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

The Sheridan Transportation Plan Update continued the next steps recommended in the 2009 Transportation Policy Plan. The next steps included:

- reviewing prior studies,
- documenting data collected since the past transportation plan,
- reviewing the existing conditions and transportation and traffic issues,
- developing a steering committee to provide input and "steer" the project,
- obtaining public input on the traffic and transportation issues, and
- establishing a specific list of projects and improvement locations in the form of Capital Improvements Plan projects.

This Transportation Plan Update outlines actionable improvements and sets the stage for future transportation planning with a clear vision for the City of Sheridan. Future planning efforts should include the following steps:

1. Obtain consensus from Sheridan County and WYDOT on the proposed projects.
2. Obtain additional public input on the proposed projects.
3. Recommend the Sheridan Urban Systems Advisory Committee (SUSAC) review this Transportation Master Plan and recommend updates to the Functional Classification Map.