

Cut Bank - Urban

Main Street (U.S. Highway 2) Reconstruction Project

Public Meeting No. 1
February 12th, 2013



[Introduction]

- Introduction of local officials
- MDT
- Consultant
 - Public involvement

[Outline of this Evening's Meeting]

- Purpose and need for project
- Project site map
- Project schedule
- Project issues and constraints
- Project opportunities
- How to be involved
- Next steps & conclusion



Purpose and Need for Project

Functional Classification

- U.S. Highway 2 (N-1) is functionally classified as an Urban Principal Arterial
 - Definition: serves major metropolitan centers, corridors with the highest traffic volume, and those with the longest trip lengths
 - Carries most trips entering and leaving urban areas, and provides continuity for all rural arterials that intercept urban boundaries

Purpose and Need for Project

- Purpose and need for this project is to:
 - Rehabilitate the roadway surfacing
 - Widen the usable and finished top widths to improve safety for both vehicles and pedestrians
 - Provide ADA compliant access for pedestrians throughout the urban section
 - Design an improved travel way for vehicle and pedestrian traffic

Purpose of Project

- The proposed work includes:
 - New asphalt surfacing
 - New curb and gutter
 - New sidewalk & ADA ramps
 - Lighting
 - Utilities
 - Storm drainage
 - Signing and pavement markings.

Right-of-Way Considerations

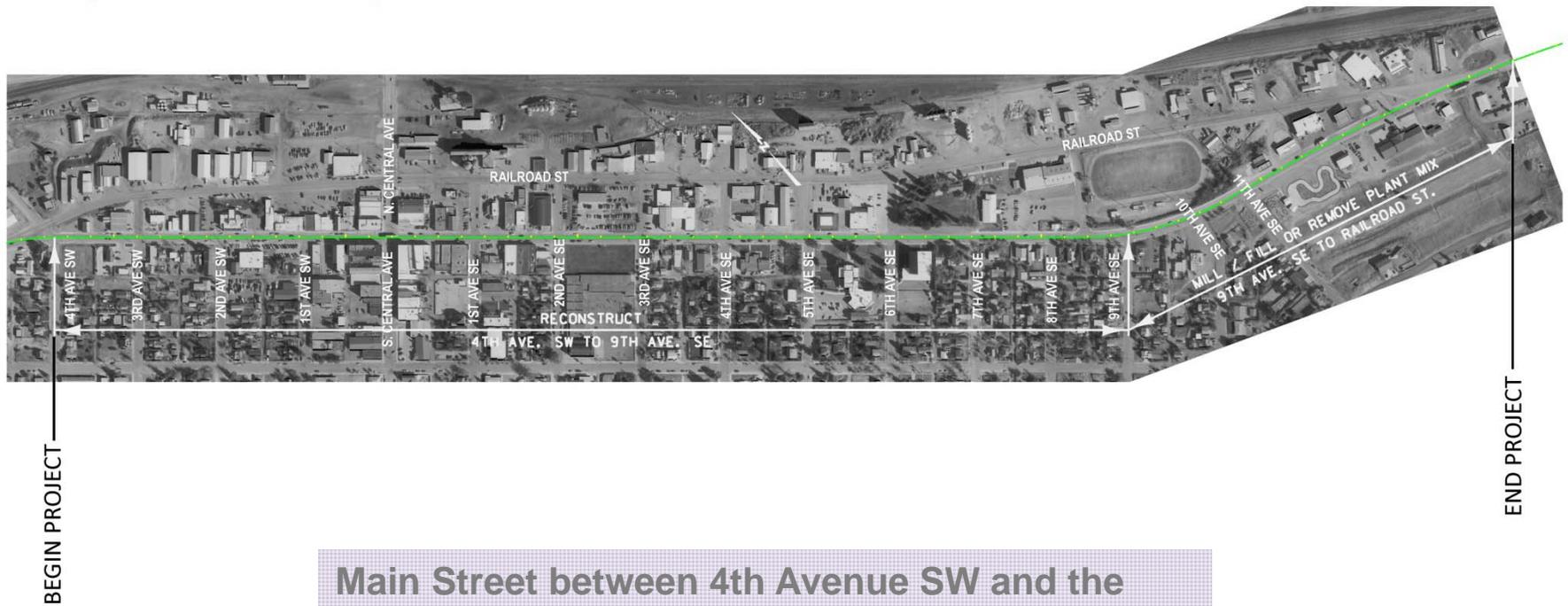
- The project may require minor right-of-way (R/W) acquisition or construction permits for:
 - Constructing ADA ramps or sidewalk
 - Relocation of utilities
- Existing R/W is @ 60 feet wide in the downtown (to building face)
- Existing R/W is @ 60 feet wide on the side streets (to building face or back of sidewalk)
- Central Avenue is 70 feet



Project Site Map

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Main Street between 4th Avenue SW and the intersection with Railway Street - for a total length of approximately 1.2 miles



Project Schedule

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- Tentatively scheduled for construction in 2017
- Dependent on:
 - Completion of all project development activities
 - Availability of funding
- Envisions one season of construction
 - Staged construction (i.e. close 2 to 4 blocks at a time)
 - Detour to Railway Street
 - Pedestrian traffic maintained to businesses at all times (from streets or alleys)

Public Outreach (Year 2013)

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE - CALENDAR YEAR 2013

WORK TASKS AND DESCRIPTIONS	JAN-13	FEB-13	MAR-13	APR-13	MAY-13	JUNE-13	JULY-13	AUG-13	SEP-13	OCT-13	NOV-13	DEC-13
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Task 2: Interactive Project Evaluation (Scope and Budget)	█											
Task 3: Project Management and Accounting	█											
Task 4: Public Involvement Plan	█											
Task 5: Project Website	█											
Task 6: Monthly Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings				★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Task 7: City Council Presentations		★						★				
Task 8: Public Informational Meeting No. 1		★										
Task 9: Public Informational Meeting No. 2												
Task 10: Public Informational Meeting No. 3												
Task 11: Other Considerations / Comment Matrix	█											
MISCELLANEOUS												
Project Website	█											
Public Involvement Plan (PIP)	█											
Project Newsletters		█										
Press Releases		●										
Comment Matrix Summarizing Comments/Concerns by Public	█											
Meeting Agendas and Minutes (as applicable)	█											

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Public Outreach (Year 2015)

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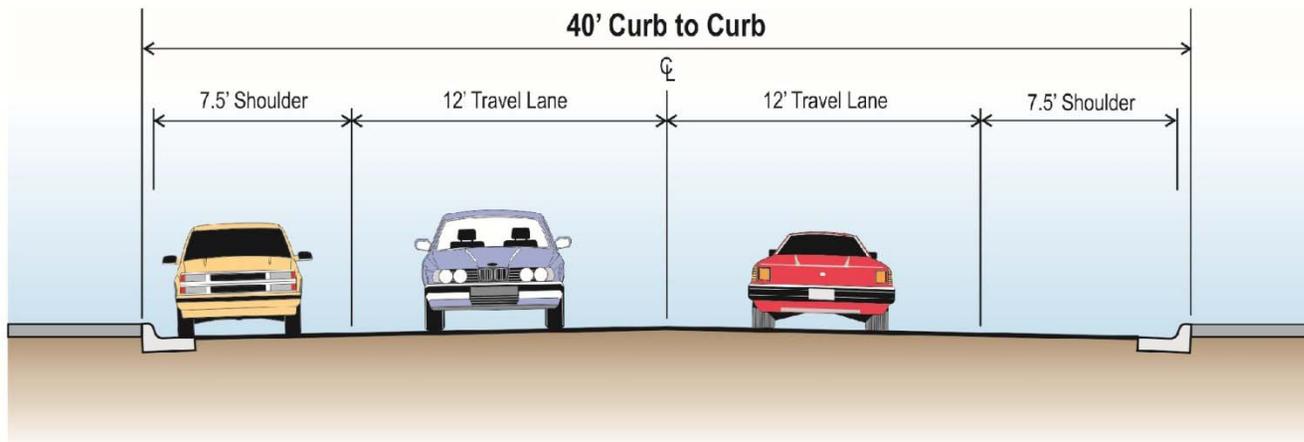


Project Issues and Constraints

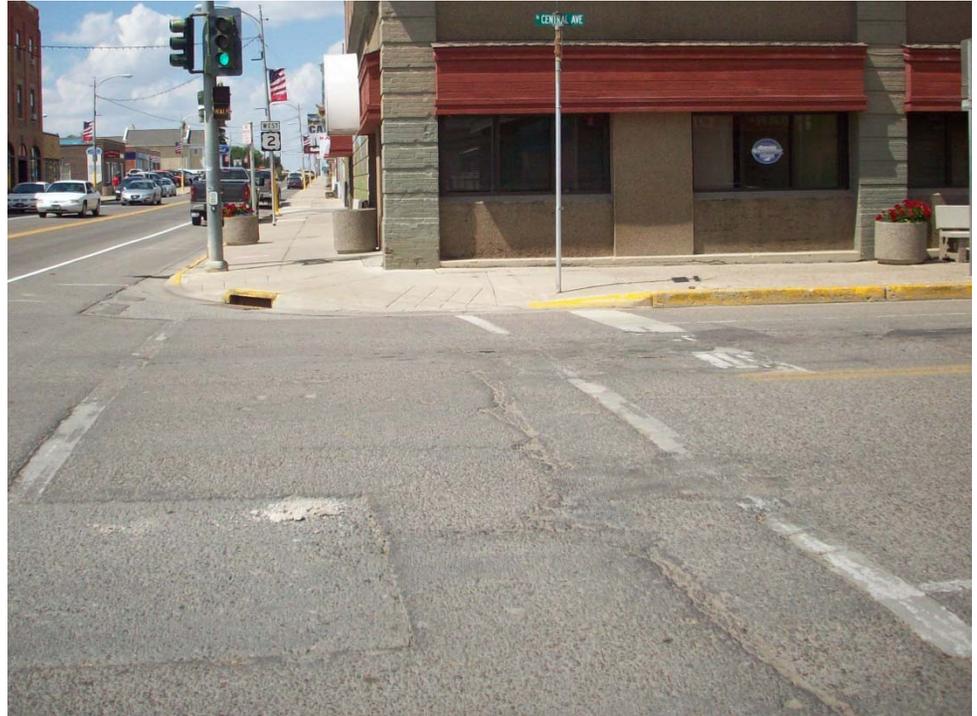
Widths

- Usable surface widths vary
- Narrow shoulder/parking in downtown
- Varying sidewalk widths

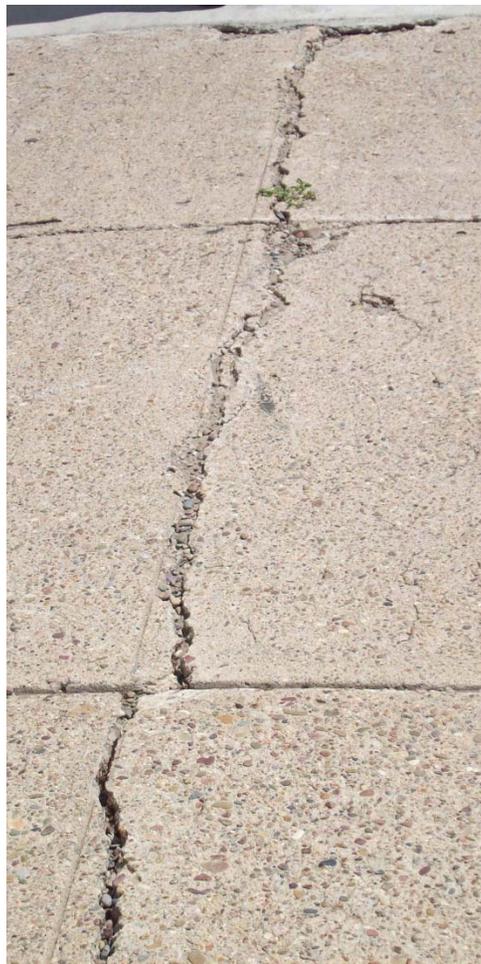
EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION



[Surfacing]



[Sidewalks / ADA Ramps]



[Utilities]



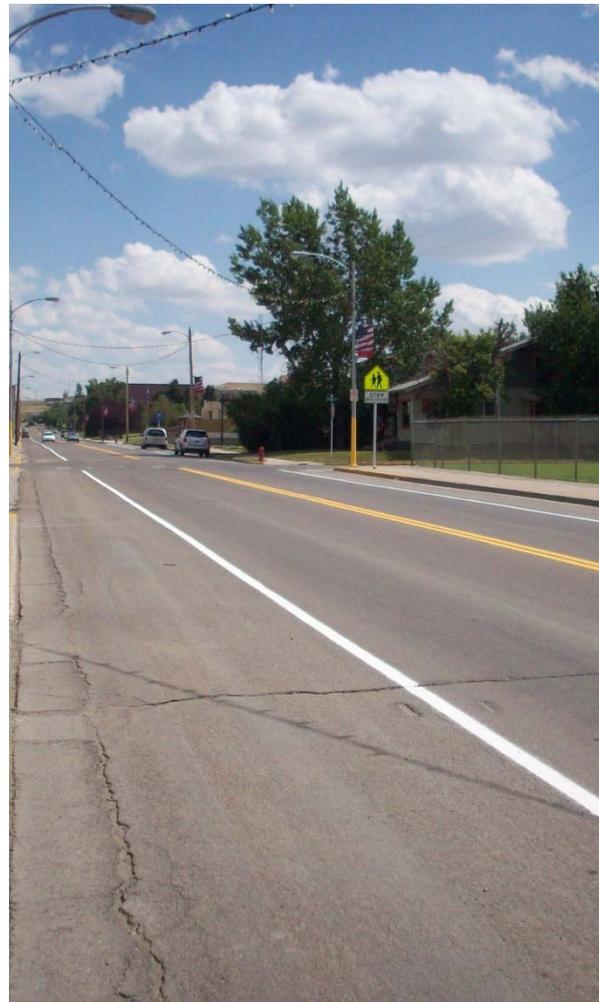
[Lighting]



Storm Drainage



Signing and Pavement Markings





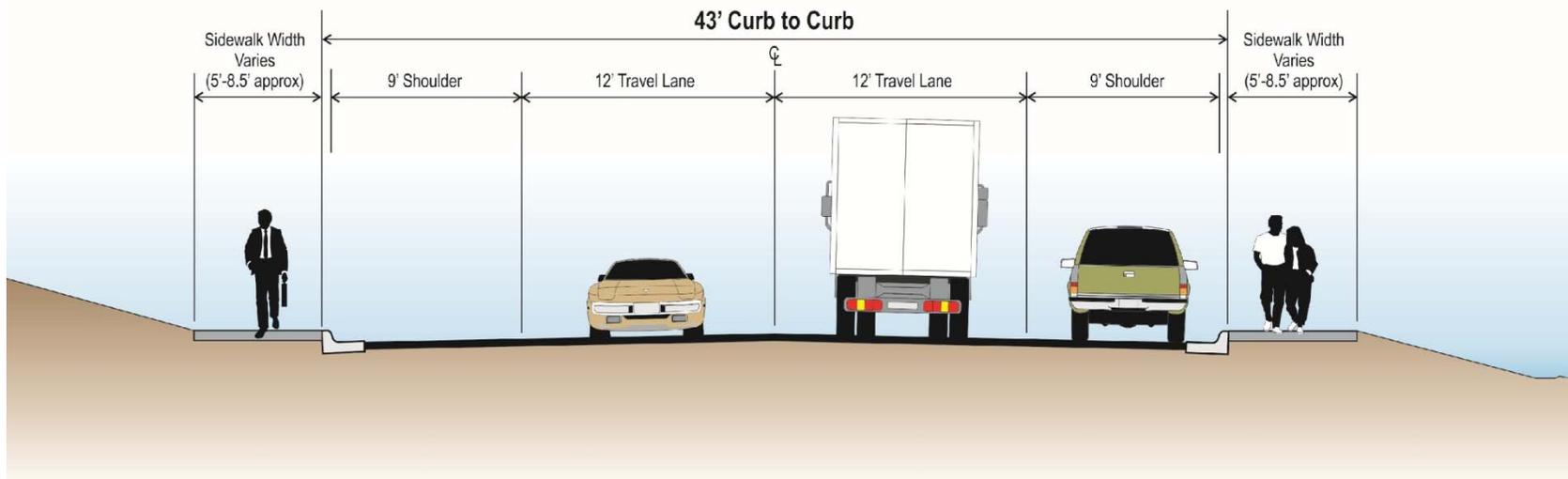
Project Opportunities

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- Modernize facility for multi-modal travel
- Wider shoulder for parking
- Improve safety for pedestrians and drivers
- Upgrade sidewalks & ramps to meet ADA
- Improve drainage and utility function

Typical Section - Reconstruct

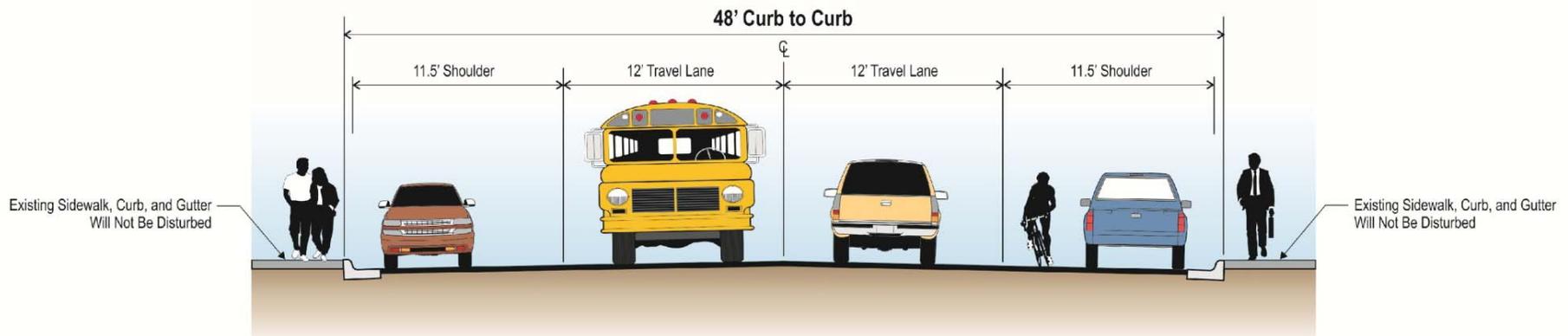
RECONSTRUCT TYPICAL SECTION



- From 4th Ave SW to 9th Ave SE
- Widen shoulder from 7.5 feet to 9.0 feet
- Extra width comes from sidewalk (width varies due to storefronts)

Typical Section - Rehabilitation

REHABILITATION TYPICAL SECTION



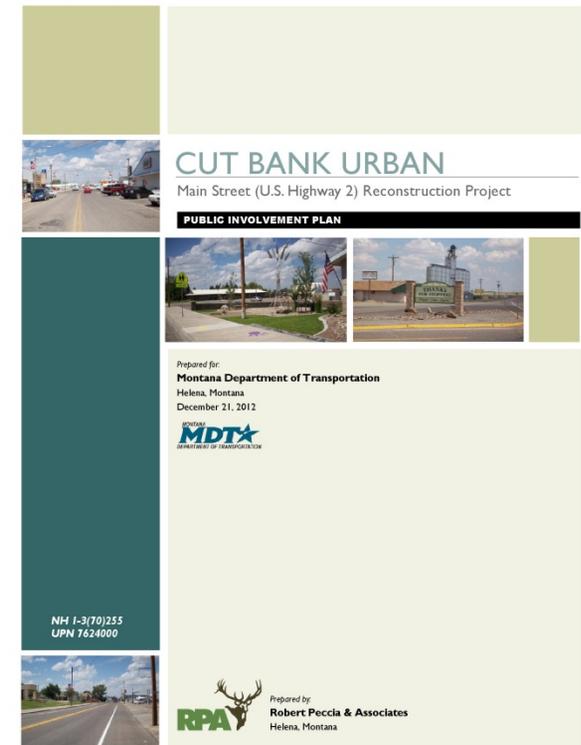
- 9th Ave SE to Railway Street
- Improve roadway surfacing and markings
- Existing curb and gutter / sidewalk to remain



How to be Involved

Public Involvement Plan / Project Website

- Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
 - Public meetings
 - Stakeholder outreach
 - Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Methods to obtain participation
 - Continuous outreach efforts
 - Involvement documentation requirements
- Project website



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will be formed to assist in the design development
- Composition is intended to offer a broad range of perspectives on transportation matters in the community
- Committee is expected to assist with the following items:
 - Help identify critical issues as they relate to the project
 - Represent the diverse interests of the Cut Bank community
 - Review project deliverables & comment as appropriate
 - Convey other citizen input that may be received to the project team

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

- The CAC is an advisory group
 - Not expected to formally “endorse” the design
- Viewed as a critical component of achieving public consensus for the project
- The CAC would be formed after the first public meeting is held on the project
- CAC may convene monthly (at first) over the course of the project
 - Meetings could be held less frequently

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

- Interested in being on this committee?
Contact Mayor Doug Embody to express interest at:
 - (406) 873-5526, or
 - mayor@cityofcutbank.org
- Interested citizens must make contact by February 26th
- A list of interested citizens will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at their March 4th meeting



Next Steps and Conclusion

[Next Steps]

- Form & convene Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Initiate field survey
- Develop “line and grade”
 - Horizontal alignment
 - Vertical profile
- Continue public outreach and coordination

Conclusion

- Questions, answers and/or comments?

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