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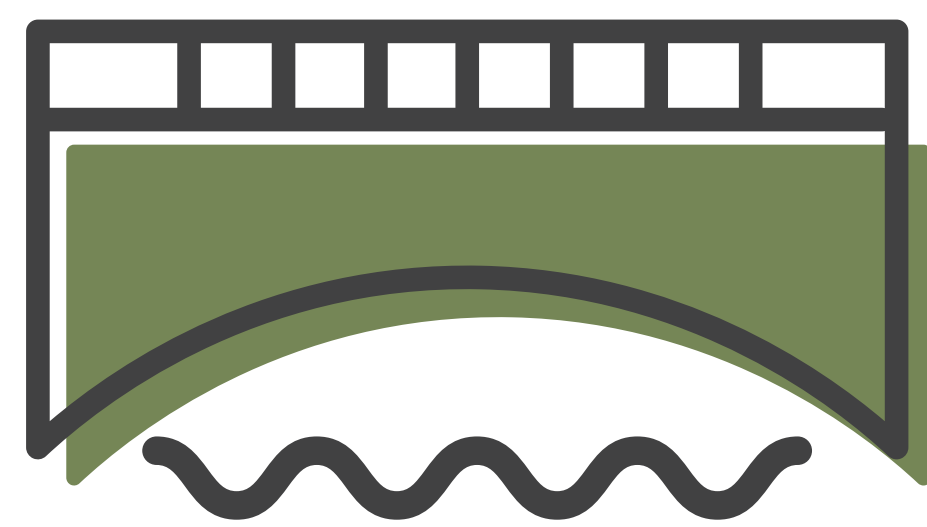
OPEN HOUSE

Join the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to learn more about proposed improvements to the Ash Street Bridge and pedestrian connectivity on Walnut Street.

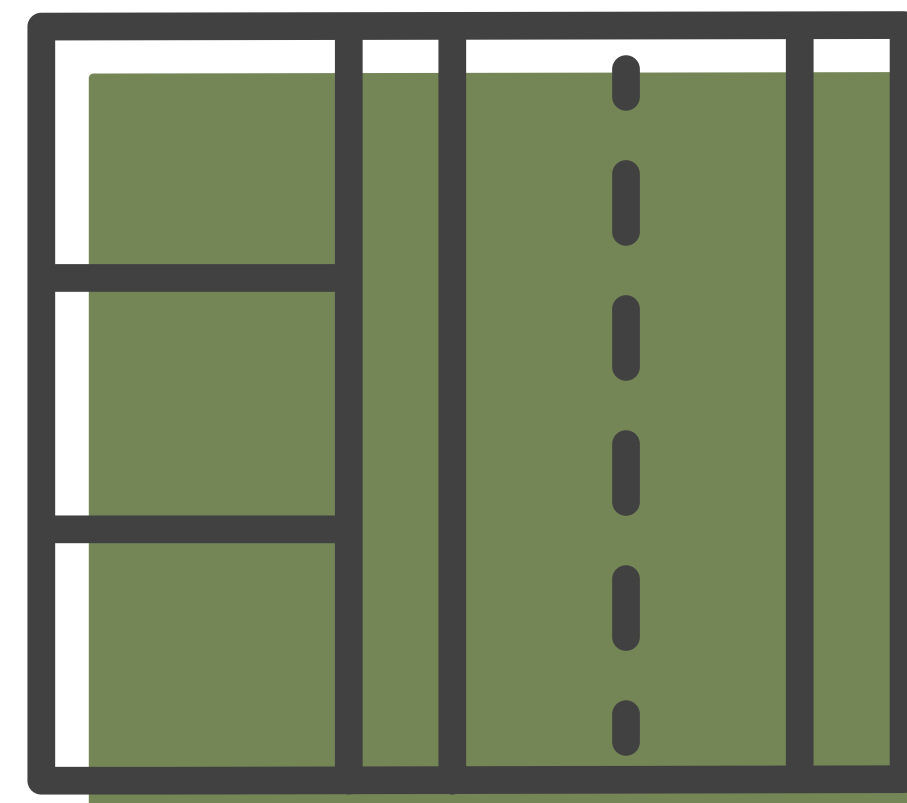
Project Overview

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) plans to improve the Ash Street Bridge over Big Spring Creek and add pedestrian connectivity along Walnut and Ash Streets through the *Walnut & Ash Improvements* project.

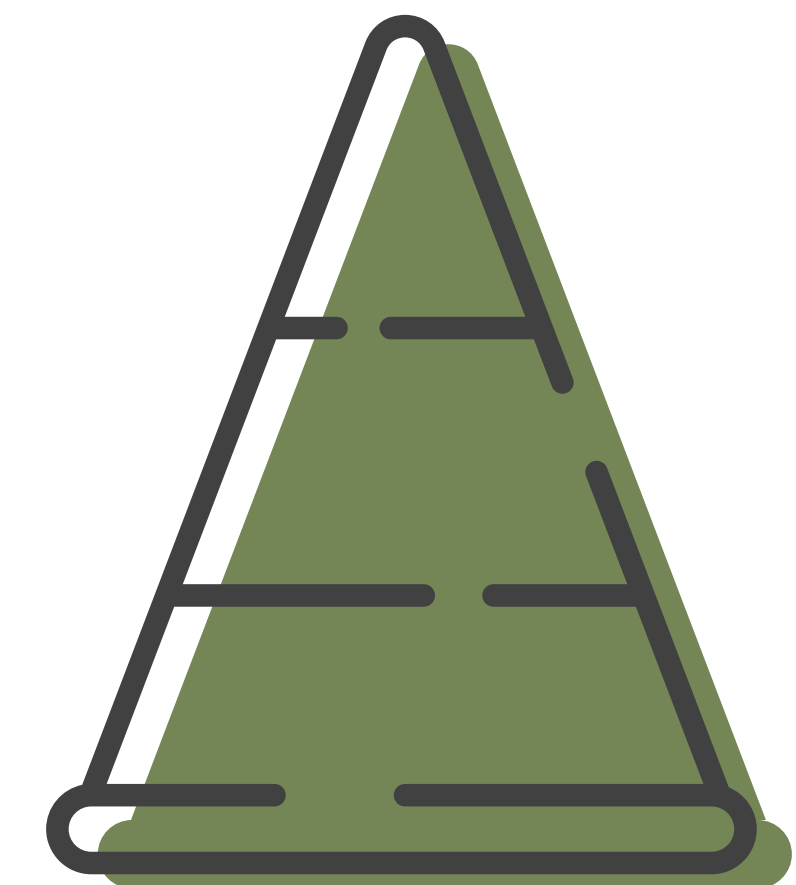
Proposed Improvements



Reconstruct and widen the Ash Street Bridge over Big Spring Creek, including the addition of a five-foot pedestrian walkway.



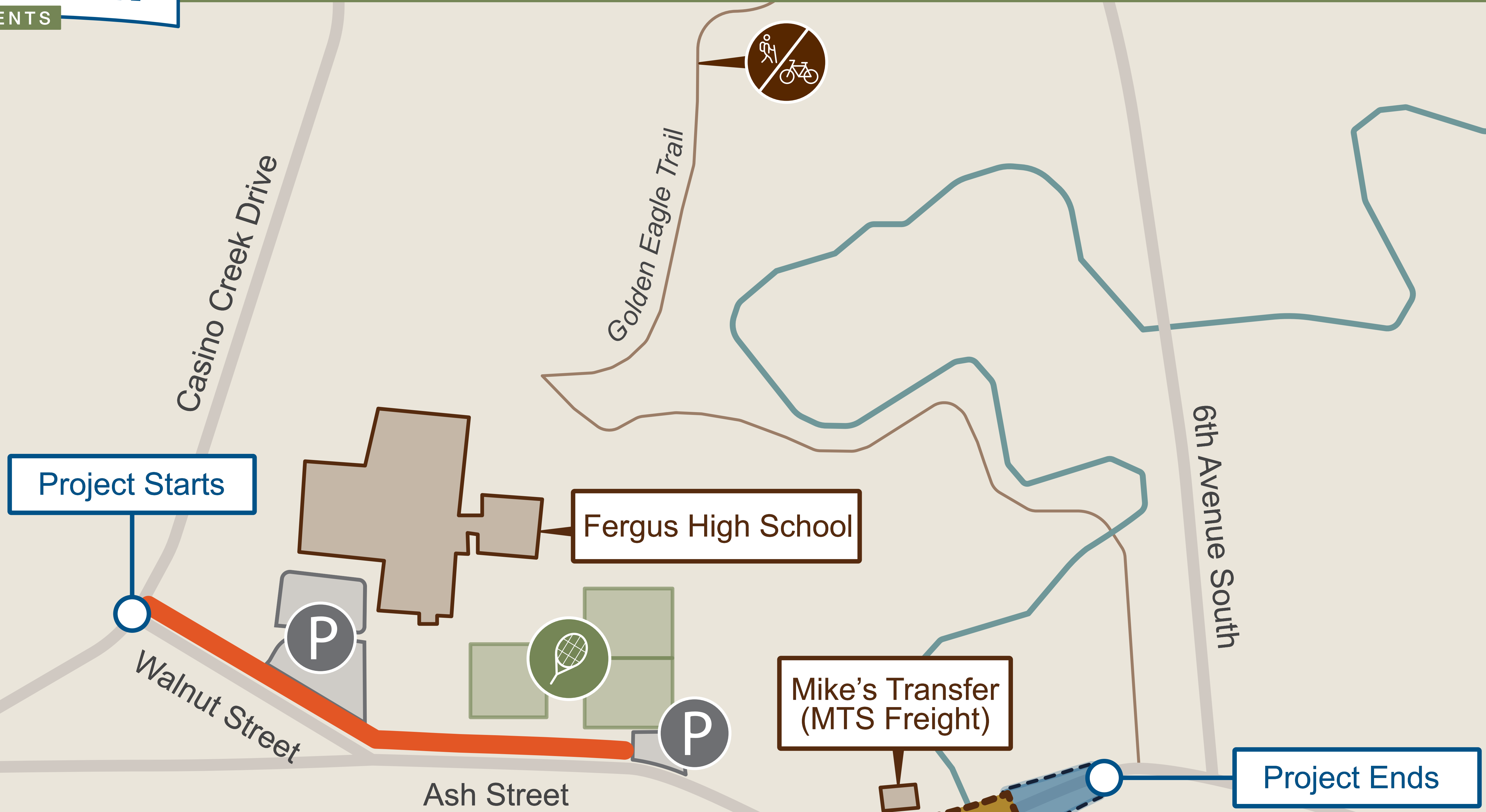
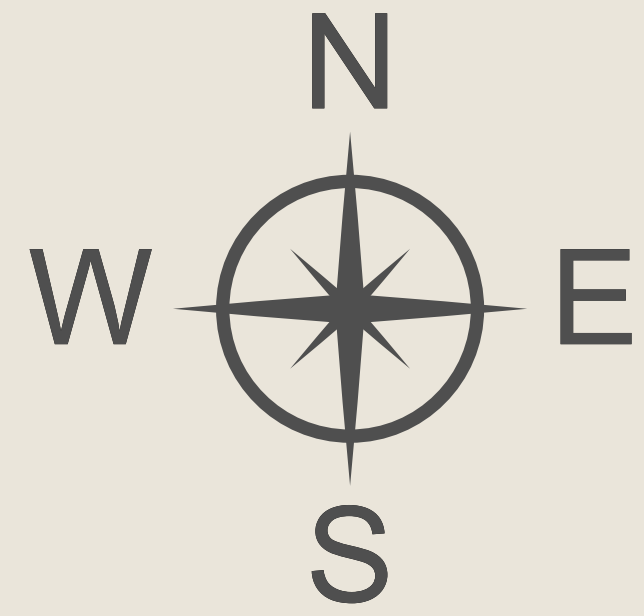
Construct a new sidewalk and curb and gutter on the north side of Walnut and Ash Streets between Casino Creek Drive and the tennis court parking lot.



Make minor roadway modifications to accommodate a roadside barrier and transition the widened shoulders and new bridge to the existing roadway.

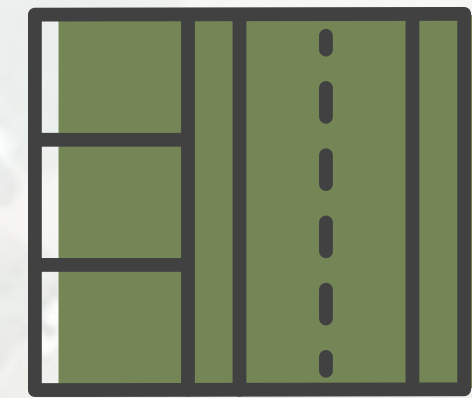
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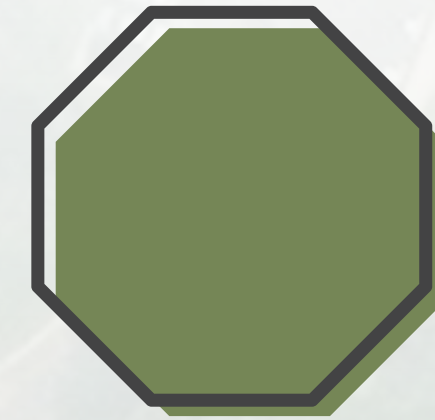


- Bridge Reconstruction
- Roadway Improvements
- New Sidewalk
- Parking Lots
- Tennis Courts
- Shared-Use Path

Additional Corridor Improvements



New sidewalk on the north side of Walnut and Ash Streets



Updated signage and roadway striping



Improved Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access



New Drainage Improvements



Bridge Improvements

1 Roadway Improvements

Roadway improvements on either side of the Ash Street Bridge are recommended to accommodate the increased height, width, and length of the new bridge and provide a smooth transition from the proposed improvements to the existing roadway.

2 Pedestrian Safety

The current width of the Ash Street Bridge presents challenges for all modes of transportation, particularly pedestrians. The proposed design includes a 5-foot pedestrian walkway to enhance safety for those crossing the bridge.

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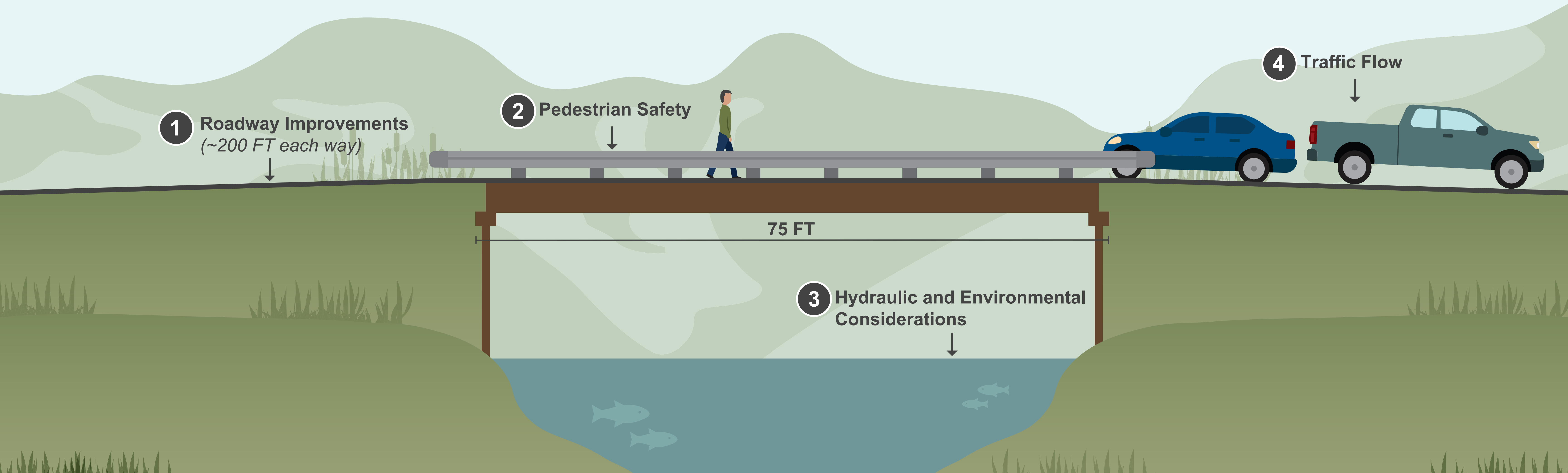
Hydraulic and Environmental Considerations

The new bridge will be raised to meet hydraulic requirements and provide adequate space for floodwaters to pass. The new bridge will also be lengthened to minimize creek impacts. The project team is working closely with Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) to minimize impacts on wetlands, wildlife, and other environmental resources.

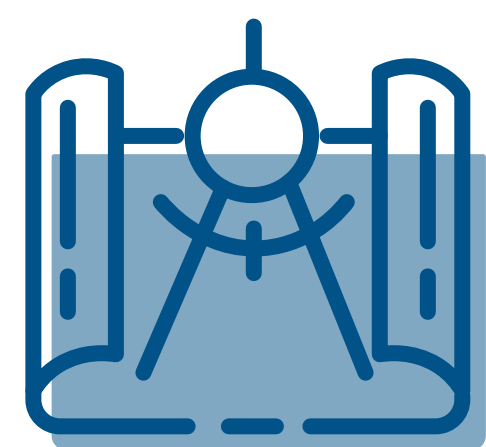
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Traffic Flow

The proposed bridge is 24 feet wide to better accommodate two-way traffic. This also includes shoulder widening with additional guardrail for roadside safety.



Project Timeline*



Spring 2024 - Winter 2025

..... Initial field work and preliminary design



Spring 2025

..... Submit preliminary design recommendations for review



Summer 2025

..... Open house #1 to inform the public about the project**



2025 - 2028

..... Finalize project design



2029

..... Bidding, contractor selection, and construction

**This is a tentative project timeline and subject to change*

***Public engagement will be ongoing throughout the project*

What's Next?

This project is in the early design phase. Construction is **anticipated in 2029**, depending on completion of design and availability of funding.

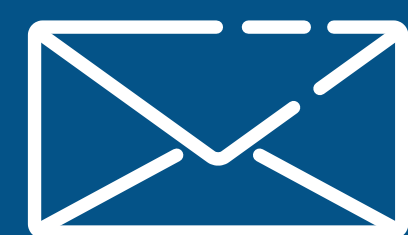
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