

# EAST MISSOULA HIGHWAY 200 CORRIDOR PLAN



# INTRODUCTIONS

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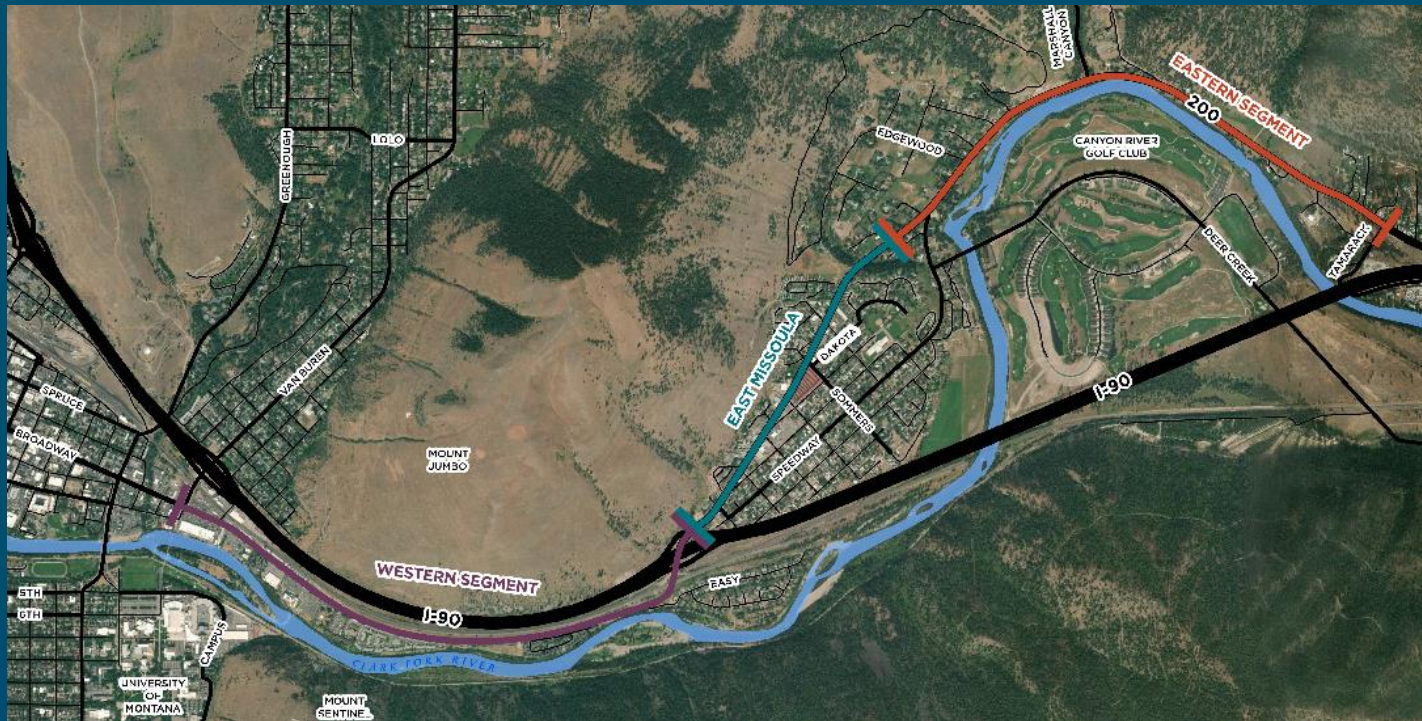


## Advisory Committee Members



# WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

- Corridor plan from Van Buren Street to Tamarack Road



# WHAT IS A CORRIDOR PLAN?

- Coordination of transportation and land uses along a roadway
- Provides an overall vision for infrastructure and steps to implement the vision



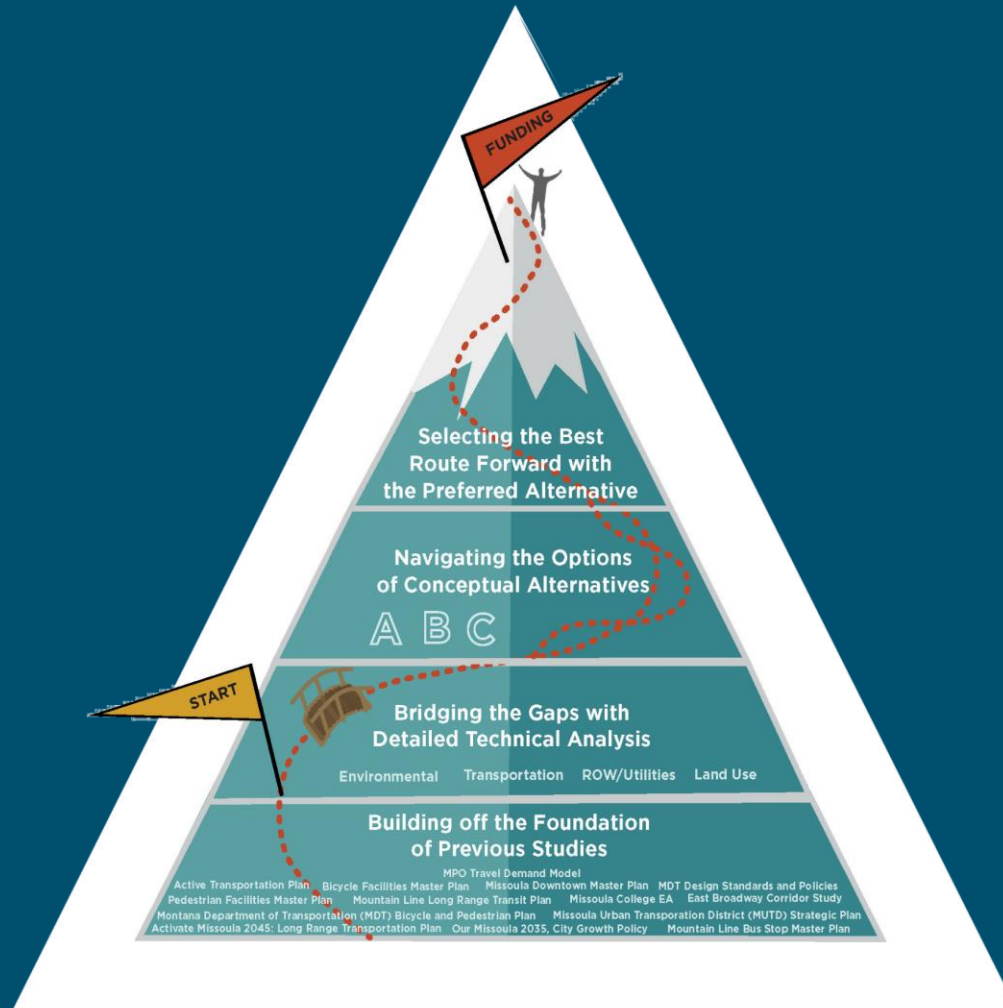


# WHY ARE WE DOING ANOTHER PLAN?

- Building on existing plans
- Providing more detailed information so projects are eligible for state and federal highway funding
- Identifying specific projects



# WHAT IS THE PROCESS?



# WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?



# INTRODUCTORY FRAMEWORK



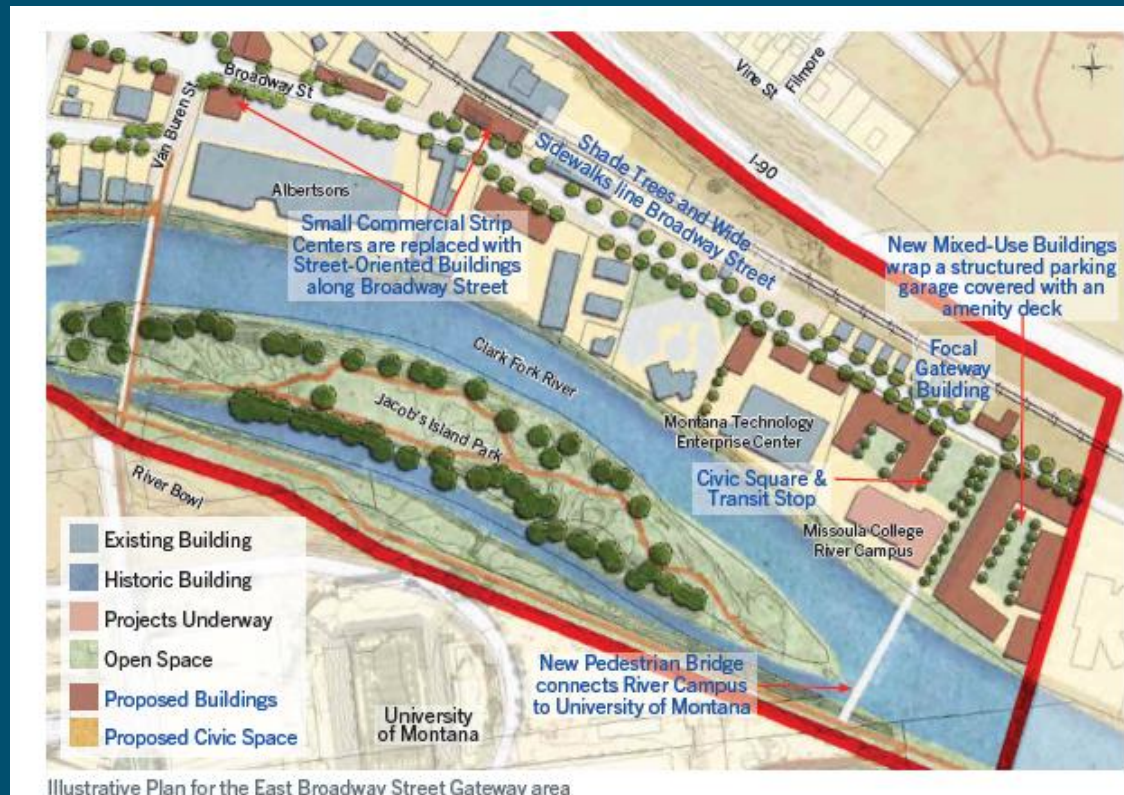
- Reviewed 16 existing documents
- Compiled findings from previous studies
- Evaluated existing plans for consistency
- Identified conflicting recommendations
- Evaluated existing plans on requirements for likely funding sources





# WHAT DID WE FIND OUT?

- Western Segment
  - Important gateway into Greater Downtown Missoula



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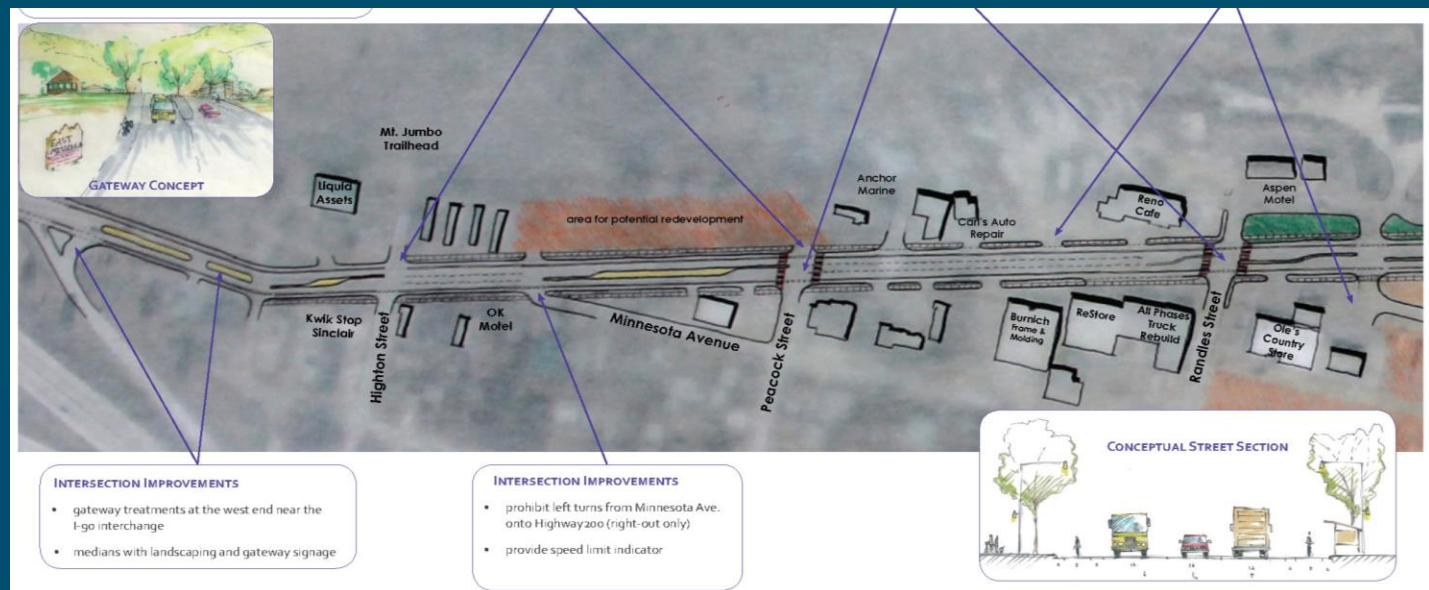
- Bicycle Facilities: Rated as “Not Comfortable”
- Pedestrian Facilities: Low to moderate priority for pedestrian needs, priority intersections are Van Buren and I-90 interchange
- Transit: U-Dash every 15 minutes between University and Missoula College, Mountain Line service every 60 minutes with long-term plans to increase service to every 30 minutes
- Railroad overpass is narrow and creates safety problems



# WHAT DID WE FIND OUT?

## • East Missoula Segment

- Vision for a safe, walkable corridor with lighting, sidewalks and bicycle lanes...It is desired by the community that a variety of neighborhood oriented services locate here.



# WHAT DID WE FIND OUT?

- East Missoula Segment

- Bicycle Facilities: Rated as “Not Comfortable”, no existing bikeways
- Pedestrian Facilities: Moderate priority for pedestrian needs
- Transit: Mountain Line service every 60 minutes with long-term plans to increase service to every 30 minutes
- Access control and parking issues



# WHAT DID WE FIND OUT?


- Eastern Segment

- Transit: Mountain Line service every 60 minutes with long-term plans to increase service to every 30 minutes
- Safety concerns at Brickyard Hill and Speedway Avenue intersection





# WHAT ARE THE INFORMATION GAPS?

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- Access management
  - Mobility
  - Parking
  - Transit options
  - Safety
  - Multi-modal connections
  - Circulation & traffic volumes
  - Infrastructure and right-of-way
  - Environmental analysis



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS



- Additional detailed analysis specific to the corridor that identified key issues to be addressed during design alternative development
- Analysis focused on four key areas:
  - Transportation
  - Right-of-way & utilities
  - Pre-NEPA environmental analysis
  - Land Use



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Western Segment
  - Areas of unrestricted access, limited curb, gutter, and sidewalk
  - Lack of pedestrian crossings



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Western Segment
  - Informal parking lots that lack connectivity to housing and services



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Western Segment
  - Narrow railroad underpass limiting bicycle and pedestrian facilities
  - Safety concern at the I-90 eastbound ramp





# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- East Missoula Segment
  - Limited to no access control and unrestricted parking



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- East Missoula Segment
  - No striped pedestrian crossings
  - No bicycle and pedestrian facilities
  - Limited street lighting



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Eastern Segment
  - No non-motorized infrastructure
  - Lack of trail connectivity



# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Eastern Segment
  - Constrained width for improvements between Old Marshall Grade Road and Marshall Canyon Road
  - Potential for erosion, sedimentation, or disturbance from construction impacting surface water





# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Eastern Segment
  - Parking issues and congestion from recreational access





# OPEN HOUSE FORMAT



- 4 Stations
  - 1) Overview of the Project
  - 2) Western Segment
  - 3) East Missoula Segment
  - 4) Eastern Segment
- Tell us your concerns & ideas



# HOW DO I STAY INFORMED?



- Project Website:  
<https://www.missoulampo.com/east-missoula-highway-200-corridor->
- Social Pinpoint:  
<https://wgmggroup.mysocialpinpoint.com/highway-200-corridor-plan>



**THANK YOU!**

