

RAILROAD STREET

PATH & WALKS - COLUMBIA FALLS

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OPEN HOUSE!



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project includes:

- Constructing approximately three-fourths mile of an eight-foot-wide shared-use path that will head north along the east side of 4th Avenue West from 3rd Street West, turn east and continue along the south side of Railroad Street to 4th Avenue East North.
- Constructing a five-foot-wide sidewalk that continues another 1,400 feet east from 4th Avenue East North, connecting to the existing shared-use path at the 8th Avenue East North intersection.

PROJECT MAP





SHARED-USE PATH LOCATION

Why is the shared-use path being constructed on the south side of Railroad Street?



SAFETY.

By placing the shared-use path on the south side of Railroad Street, residents of northern Columbia Falls can have direct access without the need to cross the busy road.



ACCESSIBILITY.

The planned shared-use path and sidewalk will enable people to travel to important destinations in Columbia Falls, mostly located towards the southern part of the town.



CONNECTIVITY.

Allows for direct connection to the existing sidewalks on Nucleus Avenue, the existing shared-use path on Railroad Street east of 8th Avenue East North, as well as Railroad Park and Depot Park.



EXISTING CONDITIONS.

There is a clear, well-worn dirt path on the south side of Railroad Street currently, indicating pedestrian preference.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



Engineering Completed:
December 2023



Construction:
Summer/Fall 2024

This schedule is subject to change due to design complications, funding availability, availability of contractors, weather, and other unforeseen circumstances.



PROJECT COST & FUNDING



ESTIMATED COST

Approximately \$800,000.

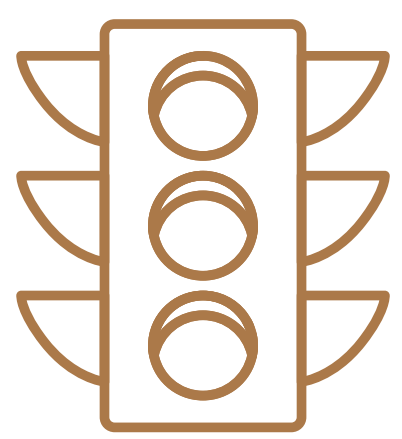


FUNDING

The project is funded through Transportation Alternatives funding and local matching funds provided by the City of Columbia Falls. Once construction is complete, the City will maintain the path and sidewalks.



CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS



Traffic control will be in place.



Speed will be reduced.



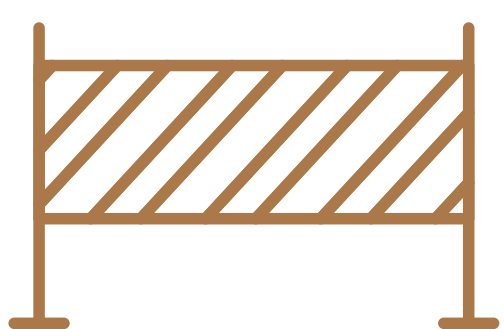
Single-lane closures may be necessary, possibly controlled by a stoplight or flaggers.



Short travel time delays due to traffic control measures.



Construction permits and/or sidewalk agreements may be required in some locations.



Minor impacts to private driveways where the shared-use path and sidewalk cross.

During construction, the public will be regularly kept up to date on the project's progress and any traffic impacts via social media, email, web updates, and more.

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Questions or Concerns?



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PROJECT HOTLINE:

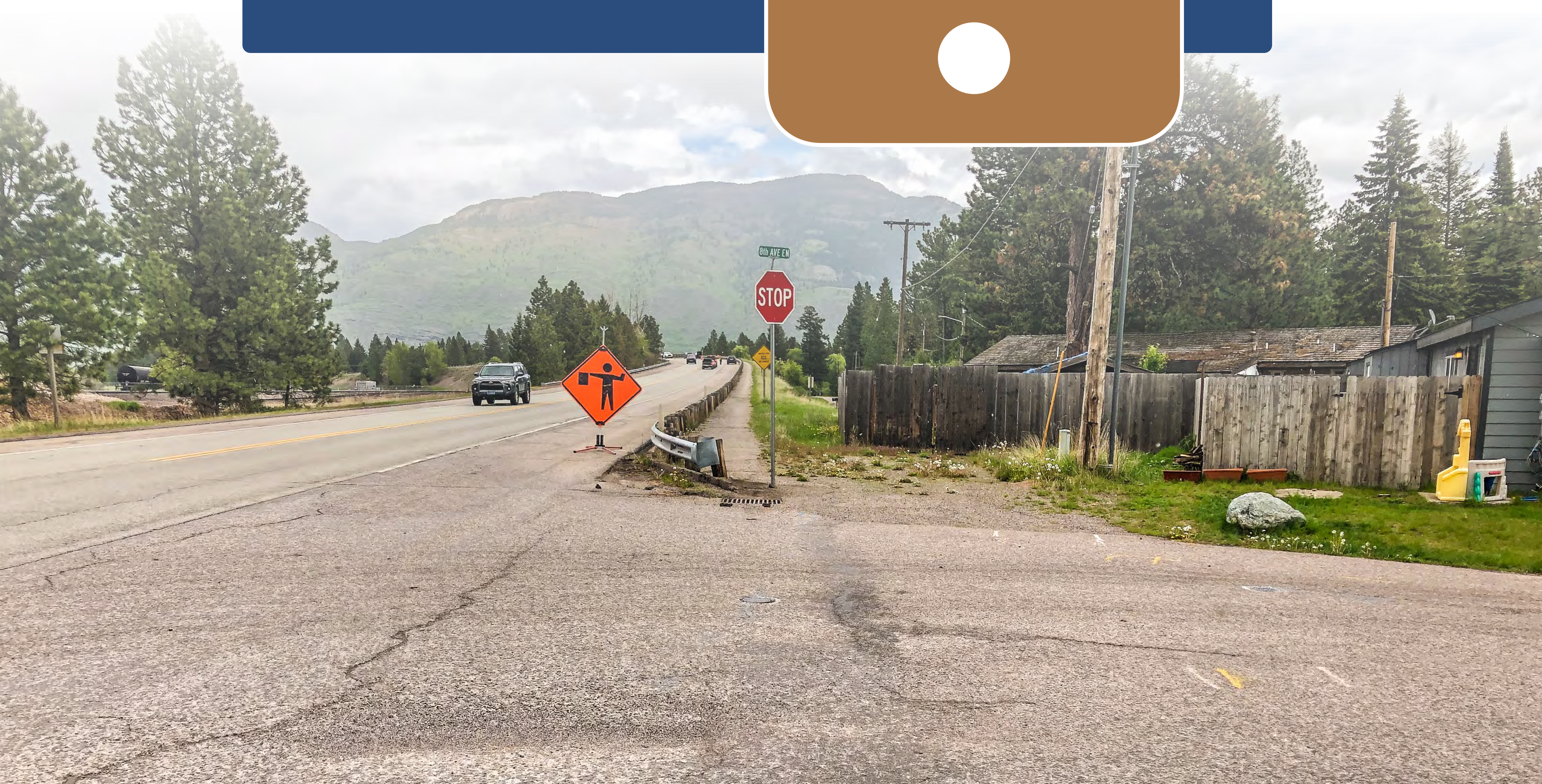
406-207-4484, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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HOW IS MDT WORKING TOWARDS THE VISION ZERO GOAL?

MDT’s approach to improving safety on our roadways is comprehensive and focuses on the five key elements of a Safe System:

- 1 SAFE ROAD USERS**
- 2 SAFE VEHICLES**
- 3 SAFE SPEEDS**
- 4 SAFE ROADS**
- 5 POST-CRASH CARE**