



DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Public Meeting Open House

Project Location: Interstate 29 (Exit 15) & Main Street Elk Point, SD
Interchange Reconstruction, Resurfacing & ADA Improvements in Elk Point, SD
Project Number: P 029L(01)6 PCN 092V & P 029L(02)6 PCN 08Y0
Date: Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026

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Mission Statement

We provide a safe and efficient public transportation system.

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Purpose of the Meeting

Involve the public in
the planning and
design process

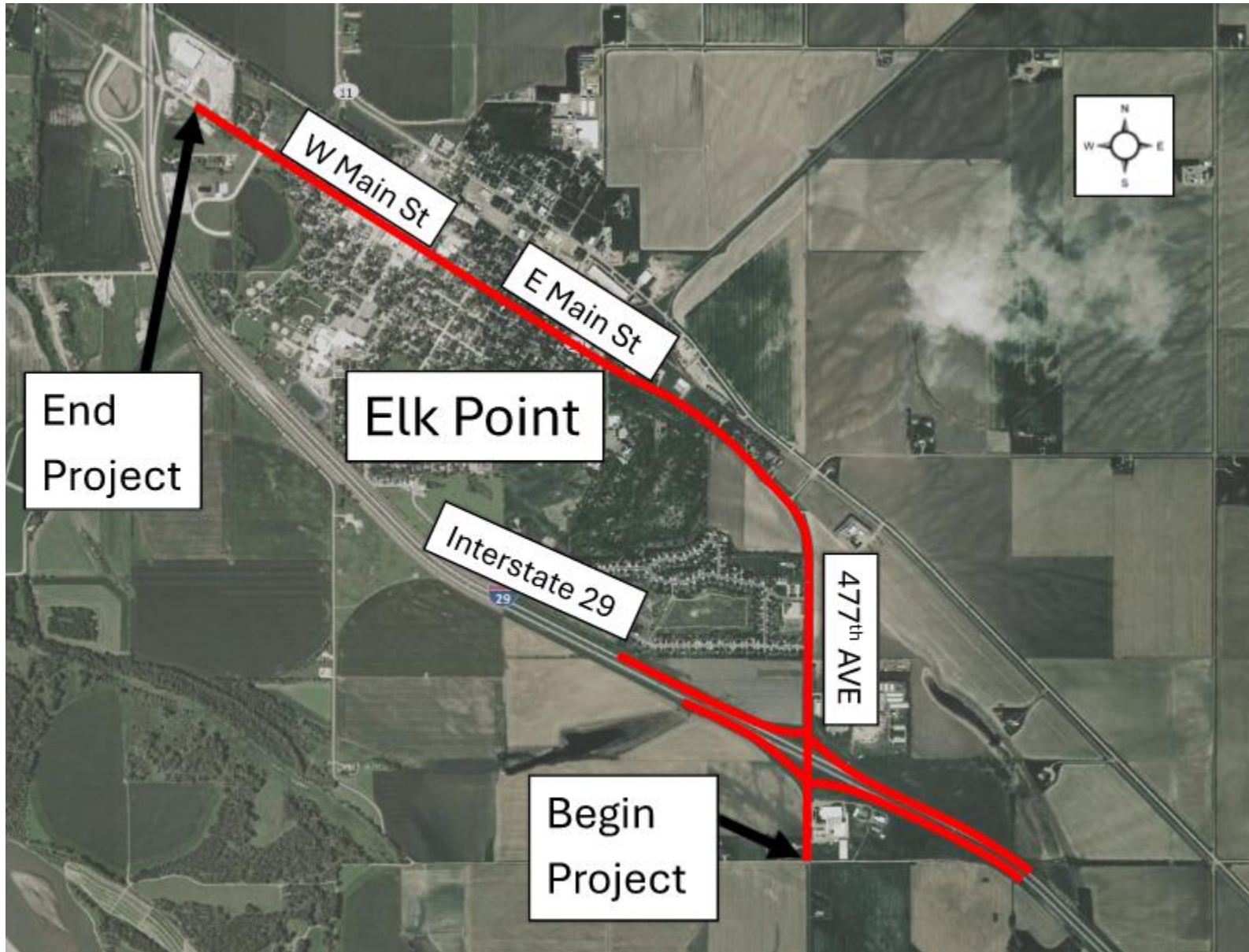
Provide a project
overview

Gather input and
comments



- ✓ **Background information**
- ✓ **Proposed project**
- ✓ **Project schedule**

Project Limits



Background Information

Structure in 1960

**Grading Main Street in Elk Point
1966**

**Resurfacing and Reconstruction of
2 blocks downtown Elk Point 2010**

Traffic Data and Information

2025 Average daily traffic (ADT): 2,305

2045 Projected ADT: 3,550

2.6% Average truck traffic

Crash History (Exit 15)

1 Reported crashes

(Five-year period from 2021-2025)

- One (1) rear end crash

Crash Rate Comparison: Corridor vs. Statewide Average

- **Statewide weighted crash rate** = 1.631 (crashes per million vehicle miles of travel)
- **Corridor crash rate** = 0.24
- Functional Class: Rural Minor Arterial

Crash History (Main Street Elk Point, SD)

7 Reported crashes

(Five-year period from 2021-2025)

- One (1) angle
- Two (2) rear end crashes
- One (1) head-on
- One (1) fixed object off Road
- One (1) animal
- One (1) parked vehicle

Crash Rate Comparison: Corridor vs. Statewide Average

- **Statewide weighted crash rate** = 1.631 (crashes per million vehicle miles of travel)
- **Corridor crash rate** = 1.25
- Functional Class: Rural Minor Arterial

Why This Project is Needed

Bridge Age

Pavement Condition

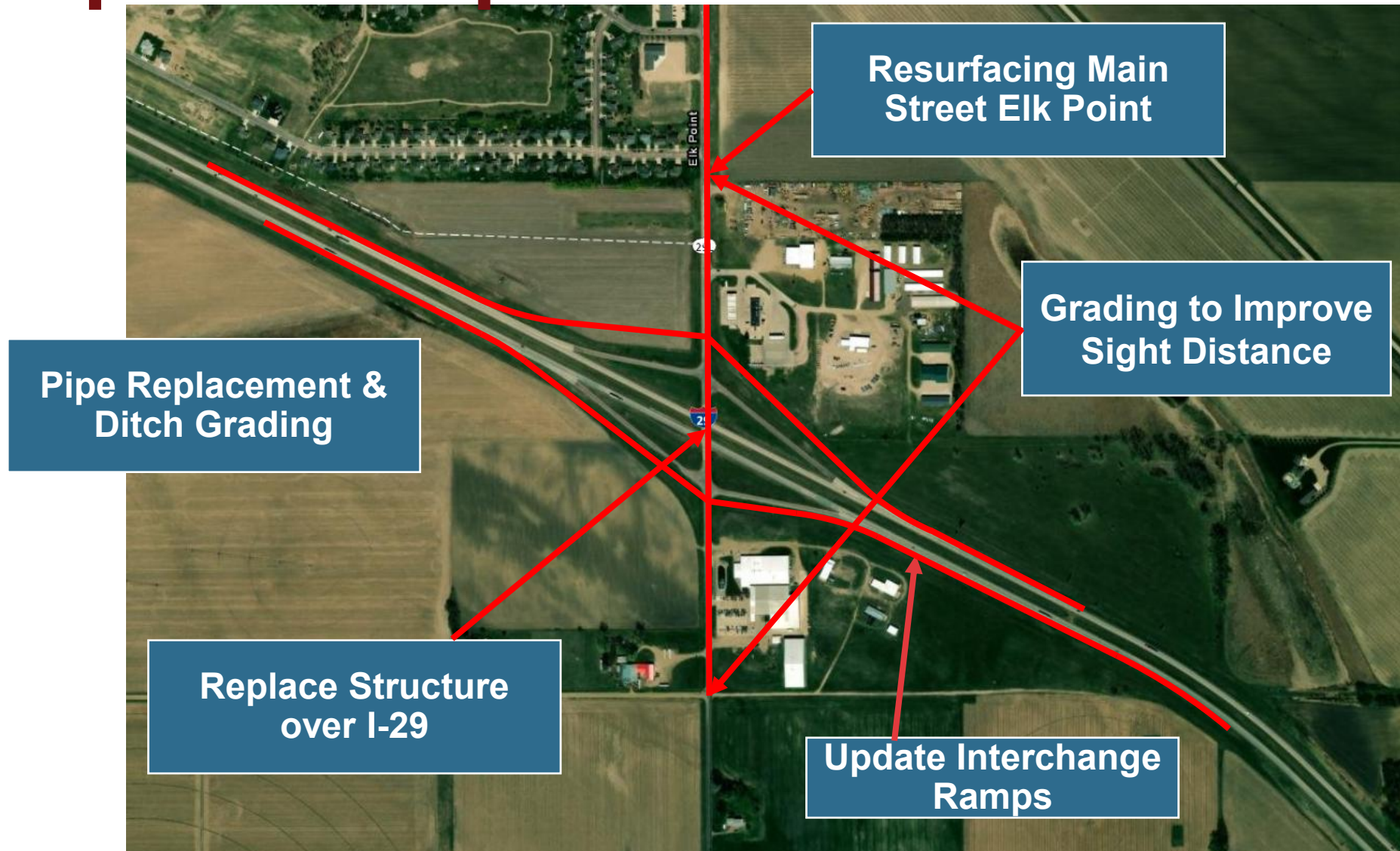
Improve Sight Distance

Update I-29 Ramp Design

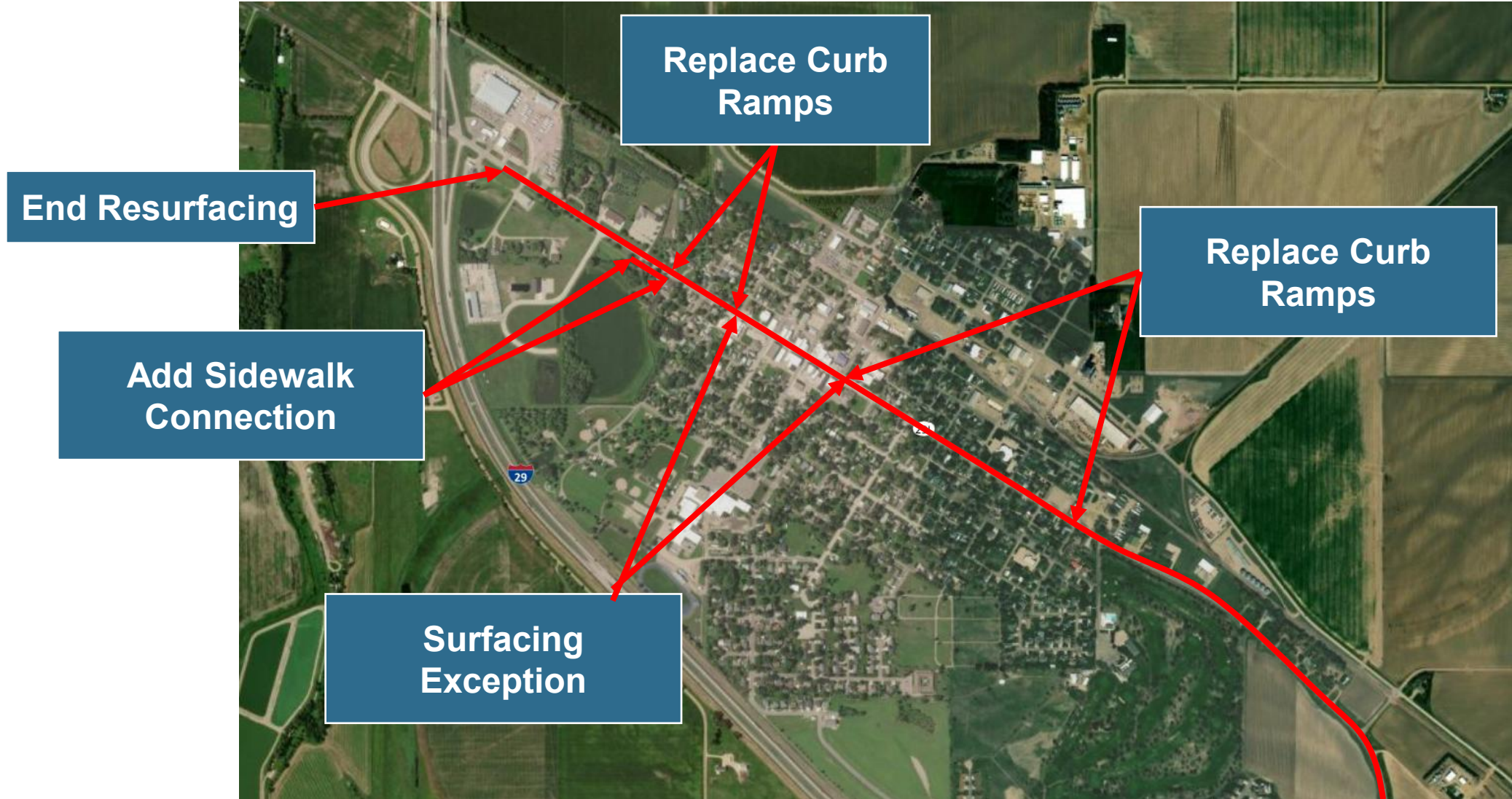
Update ADA Ramps in Elk Point



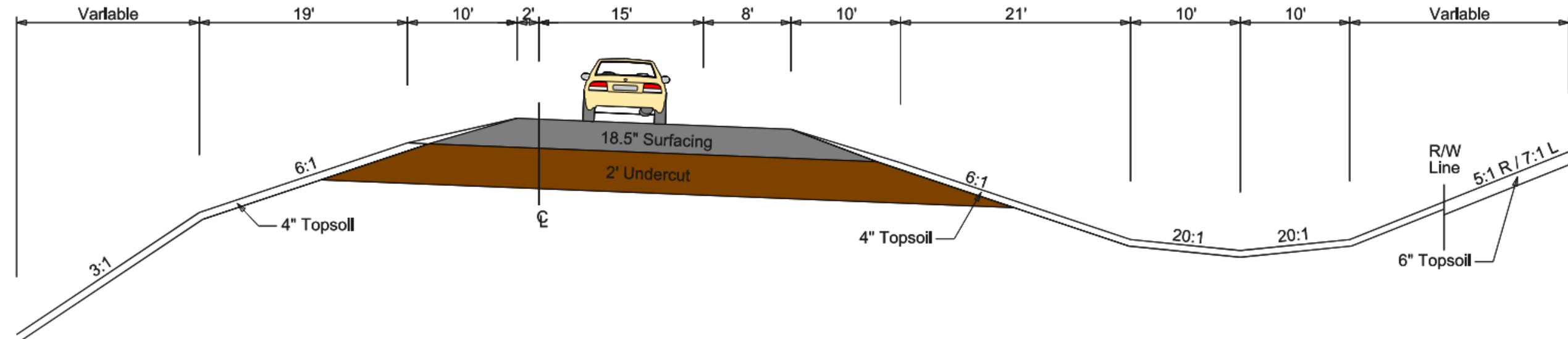
Proposed Improvements



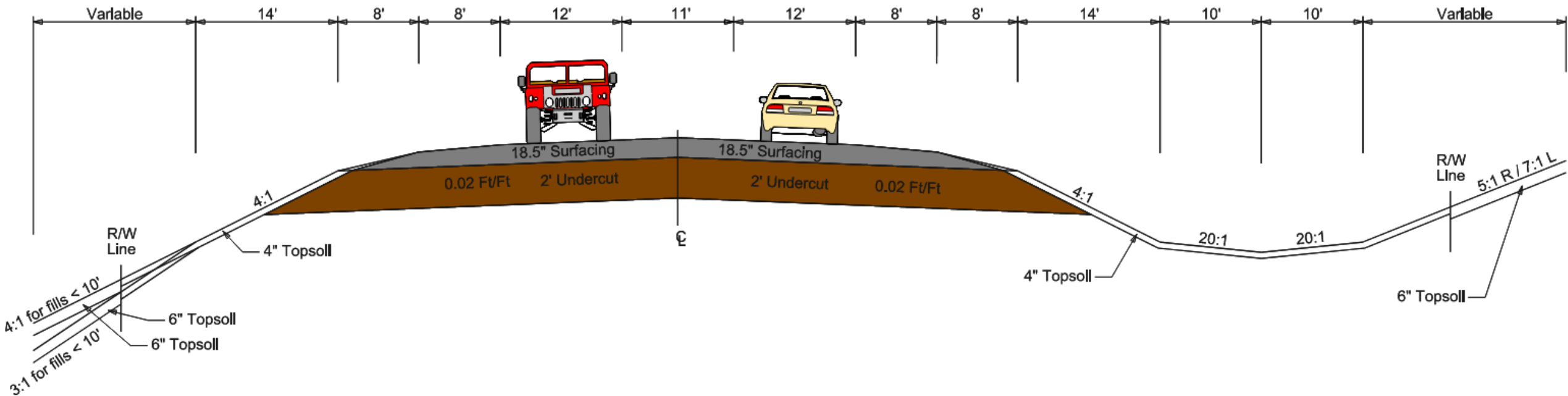
Proposed Improvements Continued



Proposed Typical Section Interchange Ramps



Proposed Typical Section Interstate 29 Exit 15 Crossroad



Access Management

Manage location and number of access points

Provide safe, efficient access to streets and highways by relocating, combining, and eliminating access points



✓ **See handout**

Right of Way (ROW)

Existing width varies 66-200 feet

Purchase additional ROW as needed

Temporary easements as needed

See handout

Encroachments

Private property in public ROW

Federal highway regulations for safety

Examples

- Signs
- Private use (parking)
- Landscaping

Notification

Owners of encroachments will be notified by the **Yankton Area Office.**

See handout

Utility Coordination

Some utilities may need to be relocated.



Utility companies negotiate easements with landowners.



- **Union County Electric Cooperative**
- **Midco, Blue Peak, Long Lines, Premier & Communications**
- **MidAmerican Energy, MDU, Northwestern Energy**
- **City of Elk Point**
- **Elk Point Sanitation District**

See handout

Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns

This project is being developed in accordance with applicable State and Federal environmental regulations.

- **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended.**
- **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal actions to take into account the effects of project undertakings on historic properties. The public is invited to provide information on any known historic properties (archaeological sites, historic buildings, historic bridges, etc.).

- No historic or archaeological sites are anticipated to be impacted by the project

Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns (Slide 2)

- **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act**

(No impacts)

- **Section 4(f) of the USDOT Transportation Act of 1966**

(No impacts)



Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns (Slide 3)

- **Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will review the project to determine if it will impact the following species that are known to occur in Union County:

- Birds: Least Tern, Piping Plover, Red Knot & Whooping Crane
- Mammals: Northern Long-Eared Bat
- Fish: Pallid Sturgeon
- Insects: Monarch Butterfly, Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee and Western Regal Fritillary
- Clams: Scaleshell Mussel
- Plants: Western Prairie Fringed Orchid

No impacts are anticipated to these species by the project.



Construction Traffic Control

One-year plan

Keep ramps open as much as possible.
Short, temporary ramp closures when needed.



**Use crossovers to shift
traffic around construction**

Landowner Meetings

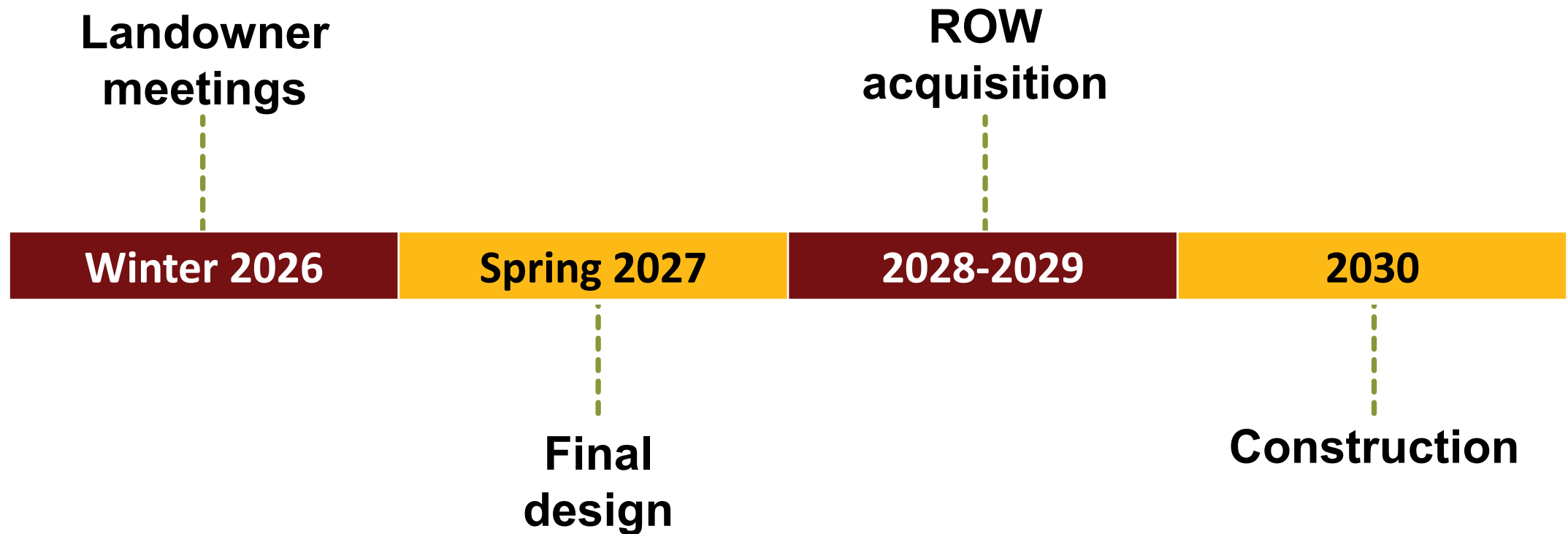
Discussion Items

- Driveway locations/widths
- Sidewalk and curb ramps
- Fences
- Drainage
- Trees
- Temporary easements or ROW acquisition

Tentative Project Schedule

Dependent on federal funding

Estimated cost: \$23.5 million



Questions or Comments?

- Written Comment Deadline:
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026
- Submit to:
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