



Bennet

SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Welcome to the Public Open House



Thanks for checking out the second Bennet Public Open House. The following pages includes recommendations for transportation safety projects to be included in the Transportation Safety Plan. Look for the green light bulb for more insight on each page.

Plan on a Board



Below is an overview of the Bennet Transportation Safety Plan. This plan will serve as a guide for safety improvements including projects and policy recommendations.



Vision

Create safe spaces and streets for all road users in our community to prevent severe crashes.



Goals

Safer Intersections: Design crossings that are visible, direct, and predictable.

Safer Crossings for People Walking & Biking: Fill critical sidewalk/trail gaps and upgrade markings and lighting.

Connected and Comfortable Walking & Biking: Provide low-stress links to schools, parks, and city destinations.

Safer Speeds: Calm operating speeds with self-enforcing street designs and consistent school-zone treatments.

Current Safety Snapshot

In the last five years, 0 fatalities; 1 serious injuries (small-numbers context calls for proactive, systemic risk reduction).



Priority Focus Areas

School areas (arrival/dismissal safety, walking/biking routes).

Key pedestrian crossings (Hwy 43, access to parks and Fir Street).

Gateways & corridors (context-appropriate design and vehicle speeds).

Maintenance & visibility (markings, signs, night visibility).



How We'll Measure Progress

Outcome: fatalities and serious injuries (target: remain at/be at 0).

Behavior: % of drivers at/under posted speed in focus areas.

Infrastructure: # of crossings upgraded; sidewalk/trail constructed.

Engagement: # of participants; safety campaign outreach.

Transparency: post an annual Safety Report.



Funding & Partnerships

SS4A Implementation Grants (USDOT) for priority crossings/calmings.

HSIP (through NDOT), TAP/SRTS for small-scale active transportation.

Leverage maintenance budgets and private partnerships. Utilize quick-build materials for pilots.

OVERALL MAP

LEGEND/KEY:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Cottonwood & Tyler St. Paving | 5 Hwy 43 Narrow & Streetscape Option |
| 2 Neighborhood Greenway | 6 Hwy 43 Narrow & Parking Option |
| 3 Shared Use Paths | 7 Shared Street Conversion |
| 4 Dogwood Redesign | 8 Hwy 43 RR Crossing |



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This map highlights the recommended safety improvements across Bennet.

Neighborhood Greenways (shown in yellow) are residential streets with low vehicle traffic designed to prioritize walking and biking using signage.

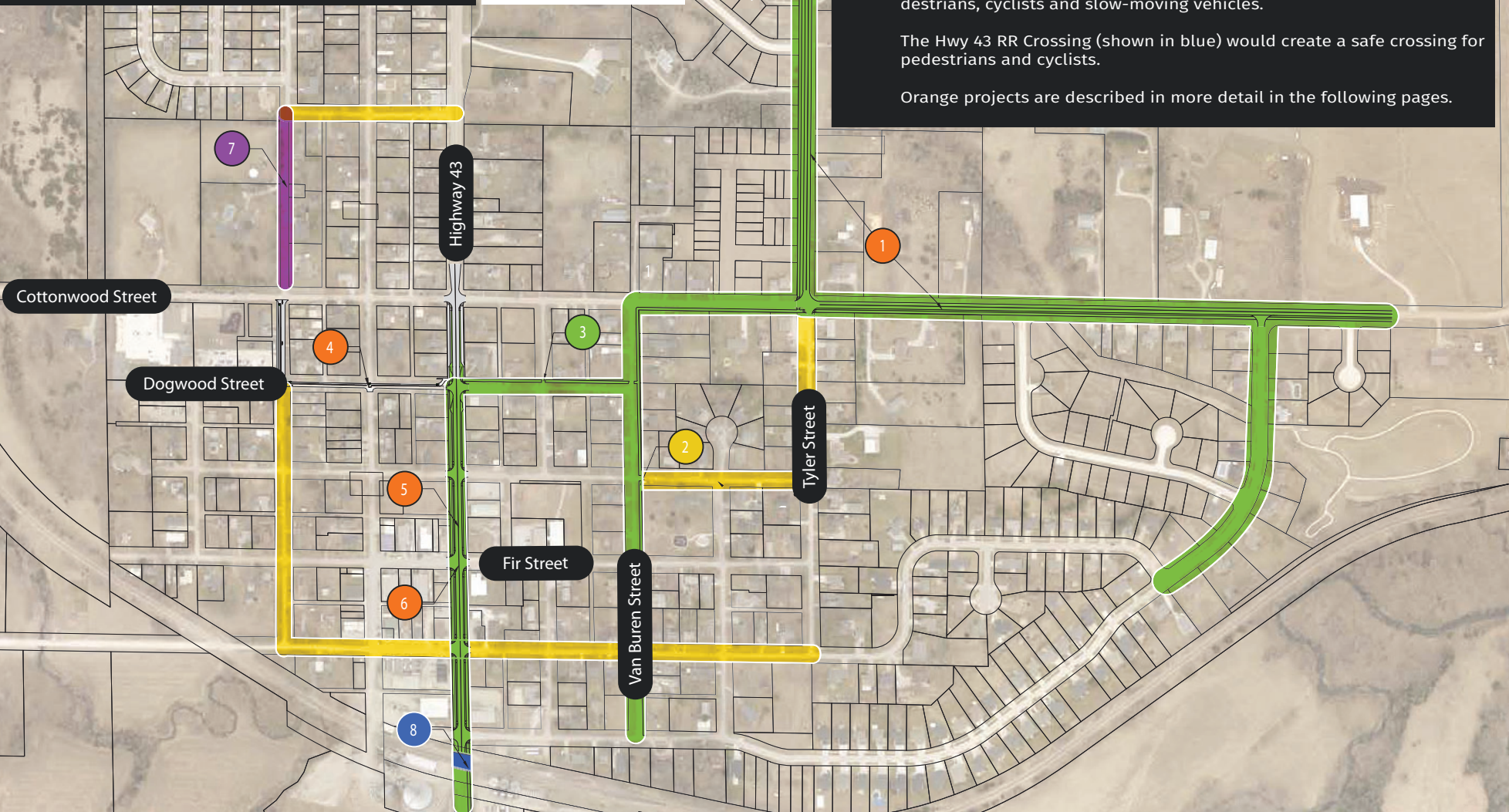


Shared Use Paths (shown in green) are paved trails separating pedestrians and cyclists from vehicle traffic.

The Shared Street Conversion (shown in purple) would convert Jefferson St. between Cottonwood and Apple streets to a multi-use street for pedestrians, cyclists and slow-moving vehicles.

The Hwy 43 RR Crossing (shown in blue) would create a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.

Orange projects are described in more detail in the following pages.





COTTONWOOD & TYLER PAVING

LEGEND/KEY:

- 1 (2) 12' Vehicle Lanes
- 2 10' Shared Use Path
- 3 Box Culvert Extension



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Paving Cottonwood and Tyler is a top priority for the city, as these are the last unpaved roads in town. Once completed, developers would be required to pave roads in all future Bennet developments.

Cottonwood St.

Switchgrass Ln.

Tyler St.

Cottonwood St.

Evergreen Rd.

Hackberry St.

DOGWOOD EAST

LEGEND/KEY:

- 1 10' Shared Use Path
- 2 Highway 43 Improved Crossing

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It is recommended that a signaled pedestrian crossing is added on Dogwood to cross Highway 43. This overhead signal would stop traffic on Highway 43 only when activated by a pedestrian. This project would be in conjunction with a proposed project by NDOT to narrow the highway at this intersection to slow traffic.

Highway 43

Dogwood Street

Cottonwood Street

Van Buren Street

DOGWOOD WEST

LEGEND/KEY:

- 1 Physical Lane Buffer
- 2 Shared Lane Striping
- 3 Bike & Walk Symbols
- 4 One Way Traffic Striping
- 5 Highway 43 Improved Crossing



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Dogwood and Jefferson streets would remain a one way. The design includes one-way vehicle lanes and a shared lane for pedestrians and cyclists.



Cottonwood Street

5' Sidewalk

Jefferson Street

Madison Street

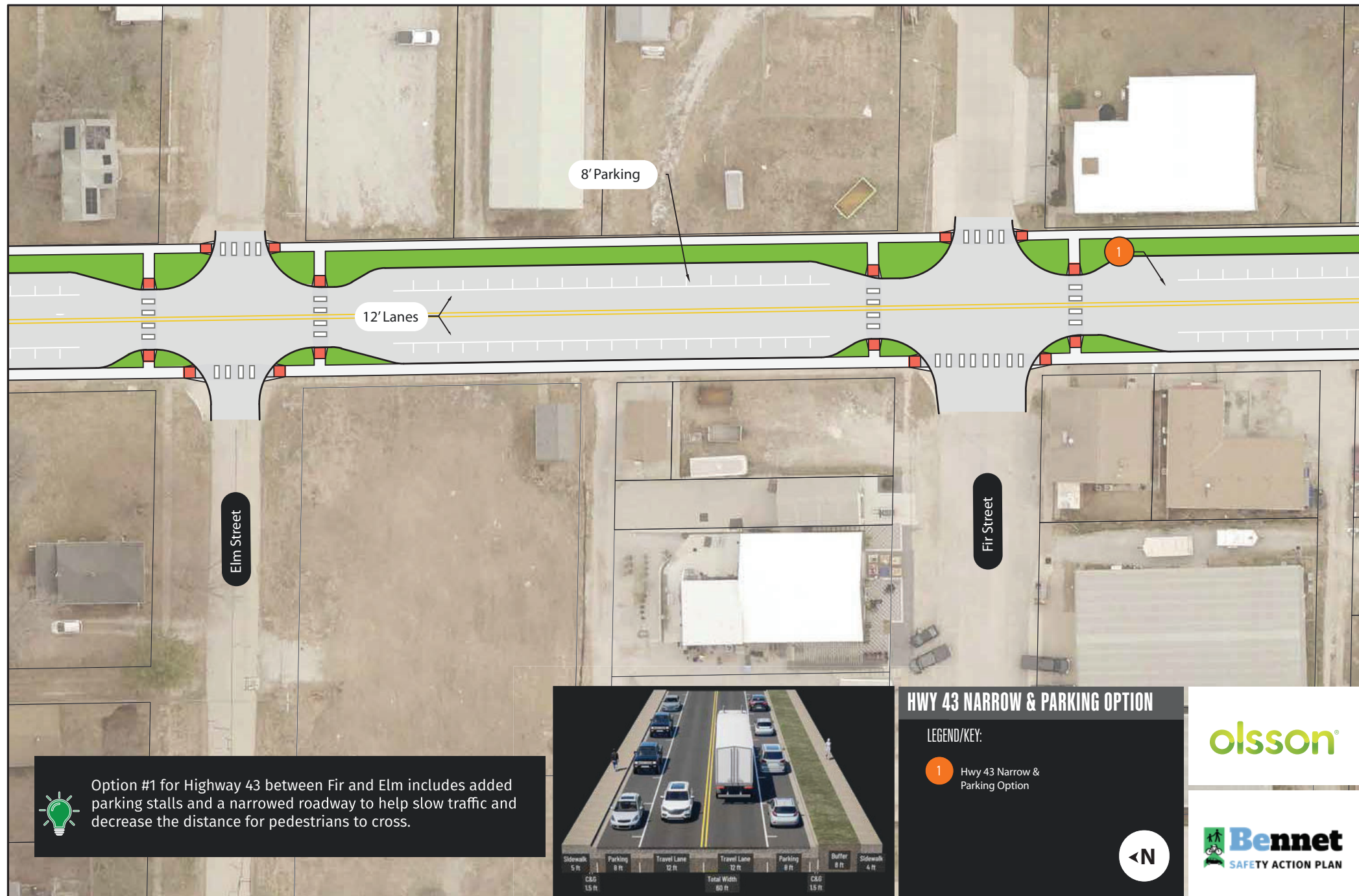
Highway 43

10' Shared Lane

2' Buffer

12' Lane

Dogwood Street





Option #2 for Highway 43 between Fir and Elm features a narrowed roadway and a streetscape buffer to enhance safety and aesthetics.



HWY 43 NARROW & STREETScape OPTION

LEGEND/KEY:

1 Hwy 43 Narrow & Streetscape Option

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Schedule and Next Steps



We welcome your feedback on any of the proposed recommendations. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/vhvJJGG8Ze> to share your thoughts. Thank you for participating!



**Spring-
Summer 2025**

Visioning and Safety Analysis

The initial phase will begin with a State of the System Analysis, which will include a review of existing plans, policies, and crash data. The project team will work with City staff and stakeholders to identify key features and concerns of Bennet's transportation network. This will assist the project team in developing the vision, goals and actions for the Bennet SAP.



Fall 2025

Draft Plan Development

The project team will begin drafting the implementation matrix of the Bennet SAP, including recommendations for roadway improvements, transportation projects, policies, and programs. The public will have the opportunity to review the goals, strategies, and the Measures of Effectiveness.



Winter 2025

Final Plan Development

The final plan will focus on further refining the SAP's content by asking City leaders, technical stakeholders, and the community to review the plan in its entirety. After this review, the SAP will be sent to City Council for approval.



Winter 2025

Implementation and Beyond

Although the project will be completed, the process will continue as the goals and strategies are implemented from the SAP as funding allows.

Stay Updated and Provide Feedback



Project Website



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