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TOWNHALL MEETING

DISTRICT 2 — KETTLEMAN CITY

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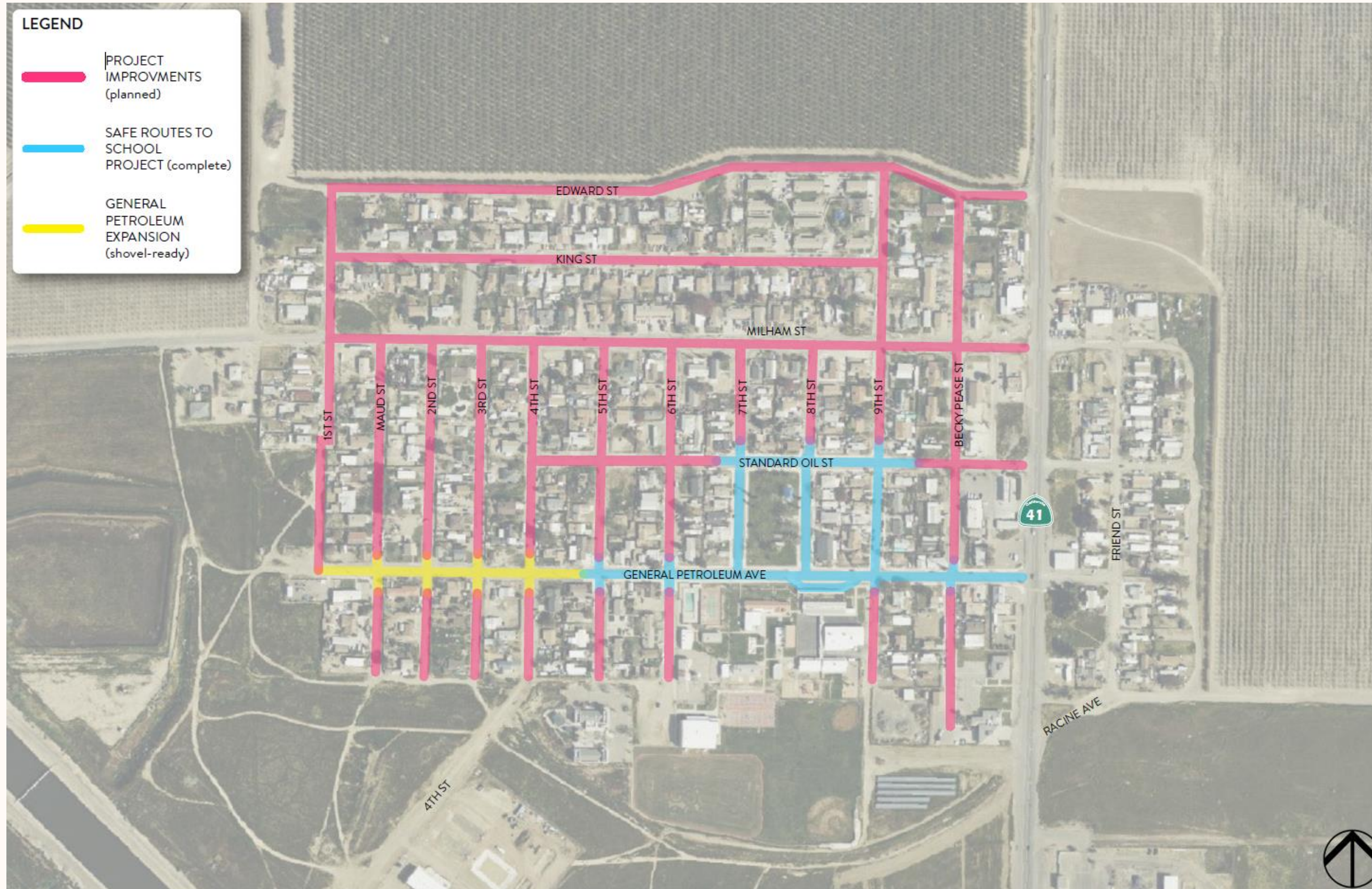
Welcome



Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk Project Funding



Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk Project Funding



- Initial investment of \$500k in FY 18/19
- \$100k annually thereafter
- Through FY 24/25, contributed \$1.1m (Hazardous Waste Revenue)

Water Assistance



Water Assistance



Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Trust Fund → Hazardous Waste Revenue

- County secured ~\$10m from the state to build a WTP due to existing water supplies in Kettleman being contaminated with Arsenic
- County stepped in to provide ongoing funding on behalf of the District/Community
- County makes an annual contribution of \$150k into the Operations and Maintenance Trust Account — used to fund operations and maintenance of the WTP — \$3m contribution over 20 years
- With the FY 24/25 contribution, the County has invested \$1.85m
- Preparing for catastrophic events at the California Aqueduct that may impact the WTP, the County made an initial \$90k investment in FY 12/13. With interest, this account has grown to \$106k as of August 2025

Misc. Water Assistance (Outside of WTP)

- County paid \$329k to front the purchase of additional water supplies for Kettleman City CSD from Mojave Water Agency — FY 21/22

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocations

ARPA Allocations



- \$87,741 for the Kettleman City CSD Utility Arrear Payments to forgive outstanding residential utility bills
- \$371,500 for the Kettleman City Foundation
 - \$20,000 for the Small Business Grant
 - \$351,500 for facility repairs
- \$105k to the Mojave Water Agency to purchase 75 acre-feet of water for Kettleman City CSD



Pedestrian Bridge



Pedestrian Bridge



- District 2 Supervisor supportive party in securing \$8m to build a pedestrian bridge in Kettleman City

Pedestrian Bridge



• [KMPH FOX 26 Story](#)



Roundabouts



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THE PROJECT SCOPE

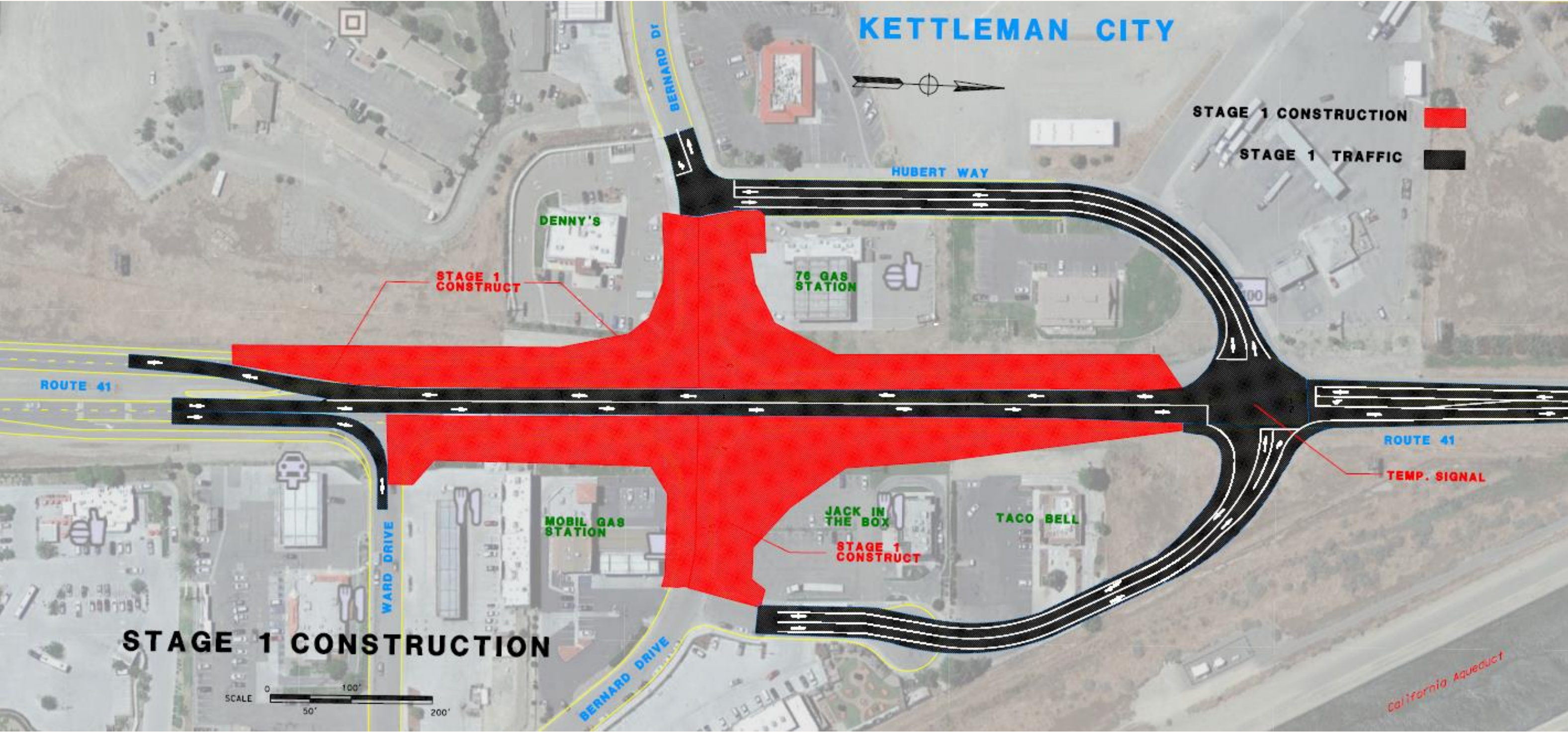
- Construct a double-lane roundabout
- ADA ramps
- Cross walks with refuge passage
- Driveways
- Sidewalks
- Roundabout lighting

THE PROJECT BENEFITS

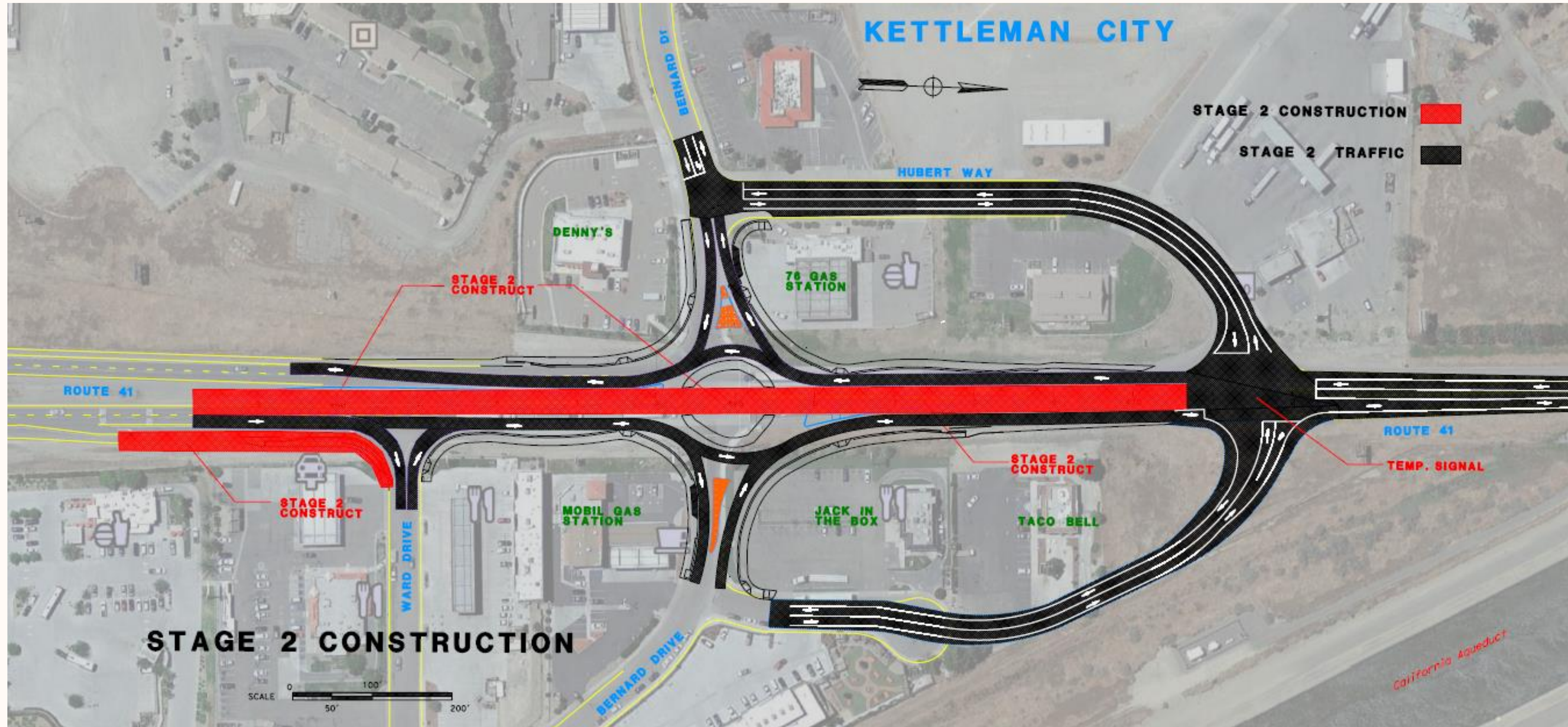
- Will improve safety of all forms of travel
- Calming
- Operations



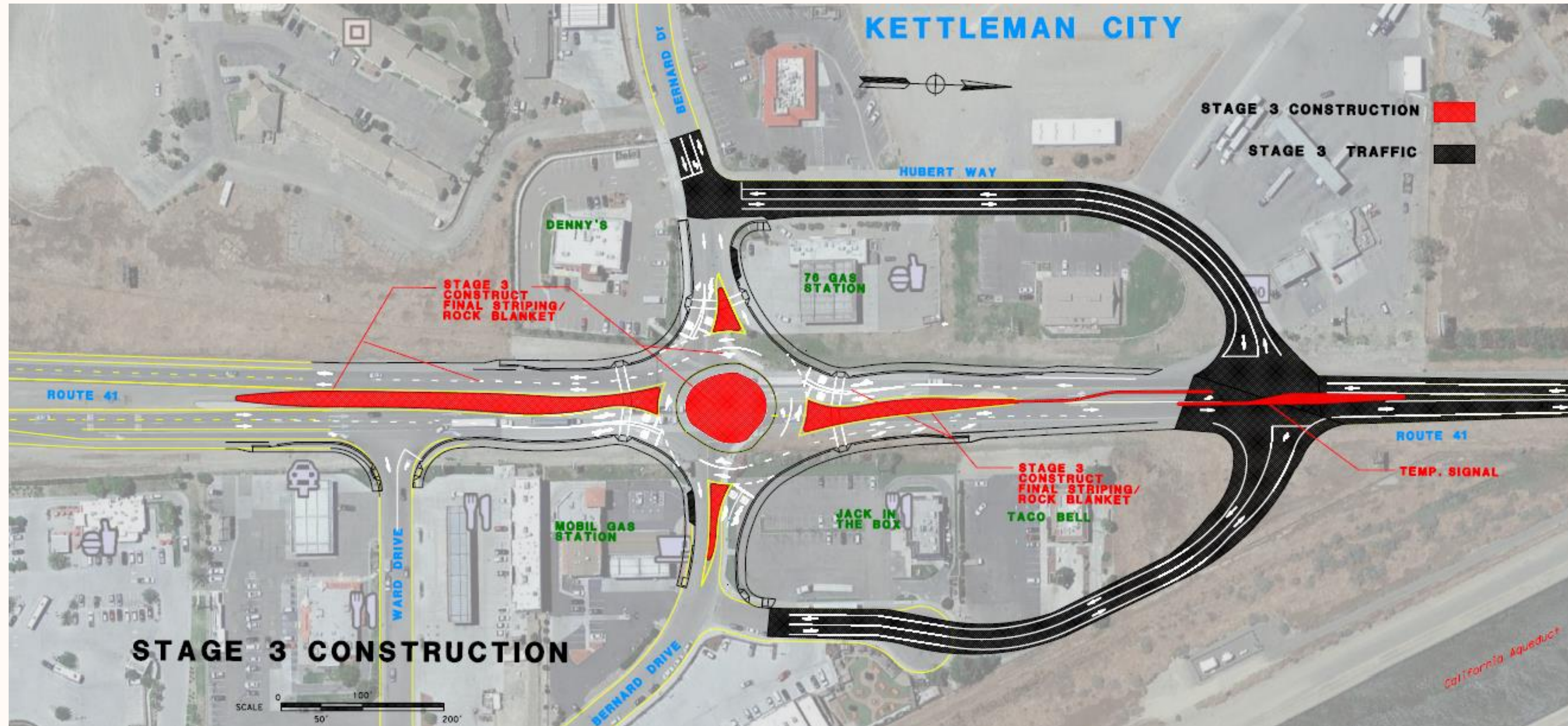
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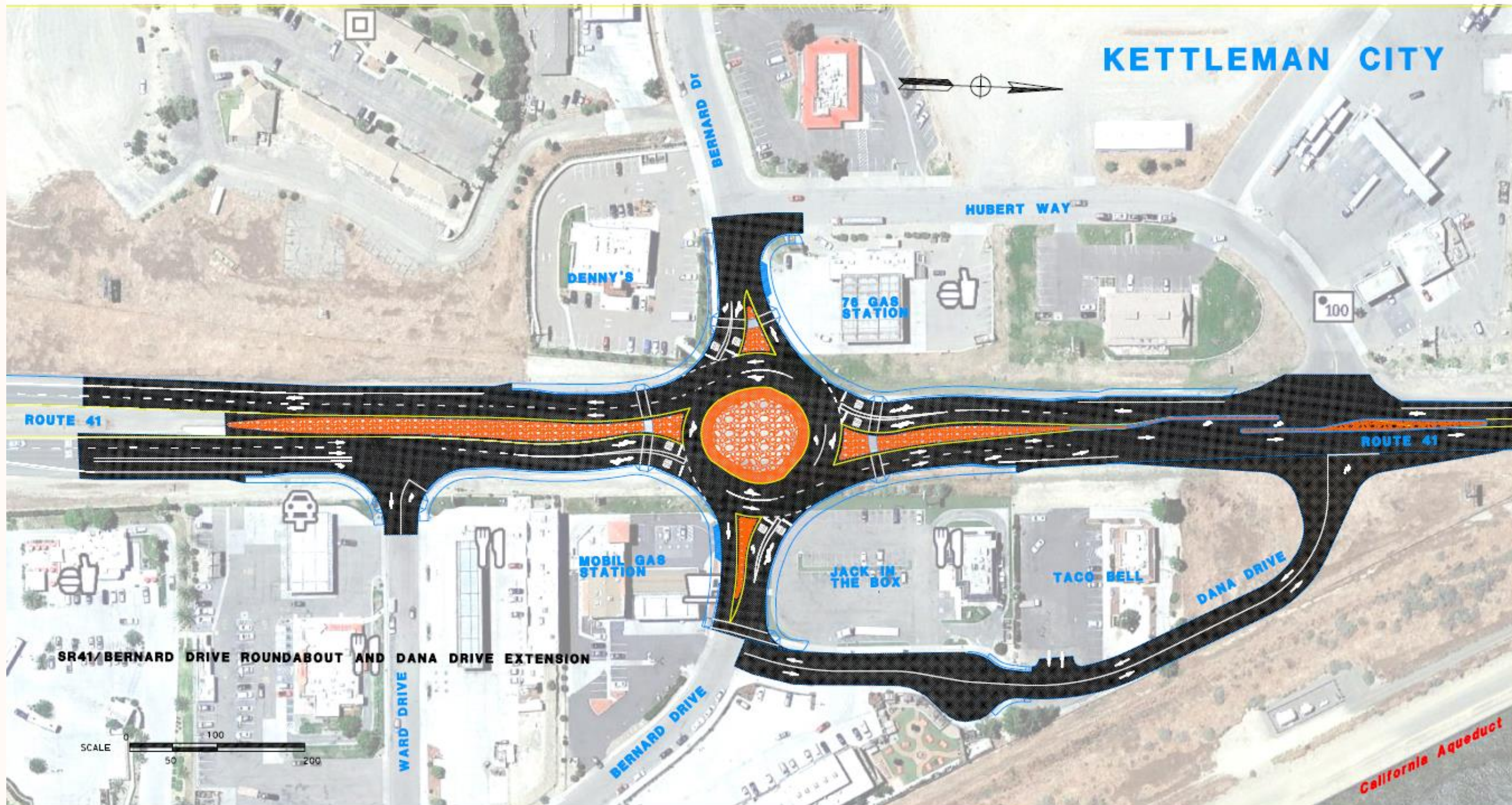
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	Target Date
Advertise	November 2026
Begin Construction	April 2026
End of Construction	March 2027



Roundabouts



Other Projects



Broadband

Project Overview

- AT&T is launching a major broadband infrastructure project in Kings County.
- The focus is on expanding high-speed internet throughout Kettleman City.
- This includes using existing infrastructure and building new fiber lines where necessary.

Geographic Scope

- The project isn't limited to just the city:
- South of Kettleman City near Highway 41 and Kettleman Station will also receive new fiber infrastructure.
- Fiber will be extended east of the city off Racine Avenue.
- Additional fiber will be laid southwest along Highway 41.

Project Timeline

- Construction is expected to begin Q1 of 2026

Why This Matters: Closing the Digital Divide

- This build-out is part of a public-private partnership aimed at expanding digital access.
- It's designed to help close the digital divide, especially in underserved rural communities like Kettleman City.



Broadband

Benefits for Residents

- High-speed internet access
- Improved educational opportunities
- Expanded economic opportunities
- Better access to Healthcare (Telehealth)
- Supports community growth and engagement

Benefits for Small Businesses

AT&T Fiber offers a wide range of benefits for small businesses:

- Faster internet speeds
- Reliability and consistency
- Enhanced productivity
- Better Customer Experience
- Support for Remote Work
- Scalability
- Security Features
- Business Technical Support



Chamber of Commerce



Closing Remarks



Q&A



Thank You

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