

Welcome



City of Flagstaff

Downtown Mile Safety and Connectivity Improvement Project

Public Meeting
June 14, 2023
Flagstaff City Hall

Agenda



- **Introductions**
- **Presentation**
- **Question and Answer Session**
- **Open House**

Project Team and Partners

- Project Team
 - Christine Cameron – City of Flagstaff Senior Project Manager
 - Sarah Langley – City of Flagstaff Public Affairs Director
 - Jason Carlaftes – Consultant Project Manager
 - Alexandra Albert – Consultant Public Involvement Manager
- Partners
 - Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
 - Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
 - Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)
 - United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
 - Mountain Line – Downtown Connection Center

Project Map

1. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Rail Alignment
2. Florence-Walnut Pedestrian Underpass
3. Milton Roadway Improvements
4. Milton Bridge Reconstruction/Underpass
5. Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS) Underpass
6. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)/Rio de Flag Drainage Crossing
7. Amtrak Platform Improvements*



**Improvements also include Rail and Corridor Safety Upgrades in the Downtown Area*

Project Funding

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 - \$32.5 million
- City of Flagstaff
 - \$12.8 million
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe
 - \$11 million
- Arizona Department of Transportation
 - \$3 million (Smart Funds Program)
 - Reduces City of Flagstaff committed funding

The screenshot shows a news article from Cronkite News Arizona PBS. The article title is "Flagstaff gets \$32.5 million in latest release of infrastructure act funds" by Haley Smilow, dated Sept. 15, 2022. The article features a photograph of a street scene in Flagstaff, Arizona, with a "Sweet Shoppe" sign in the foreground and the "HOTEL MONTE VIS" sign in the background. The article text states that federal officials announced Thursday that Flagstaff would be getting almost \$32.5 million for the Downtown Mile project, which will add pedestrian underpasses and gates for railroad tracks that run through town, along with other projects. The photo is credited to Conrad Romero/Cronkite News.

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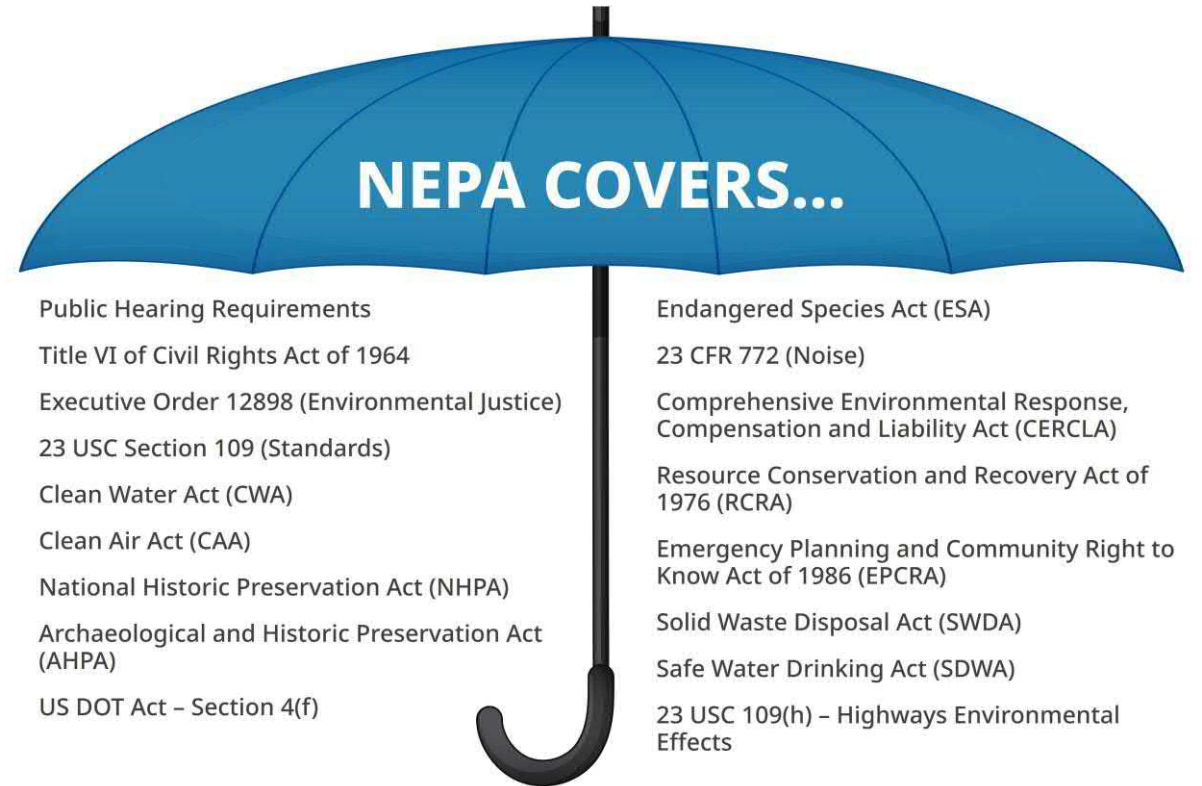
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- June 1, 2023 newscast
- Doctors, shelters stitch medical care help for El Paso migrants
- Girls Ranch group home provides safe haven for teen moms

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- What is NEPA?
 - Act signed into law in 1970
 - Established Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
 - National policy that requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of proposed major federal actions prior to making decisions.*



Want to learn more? Visit NEPA.gov

*Source: NEPA.gov website

NEPA Process

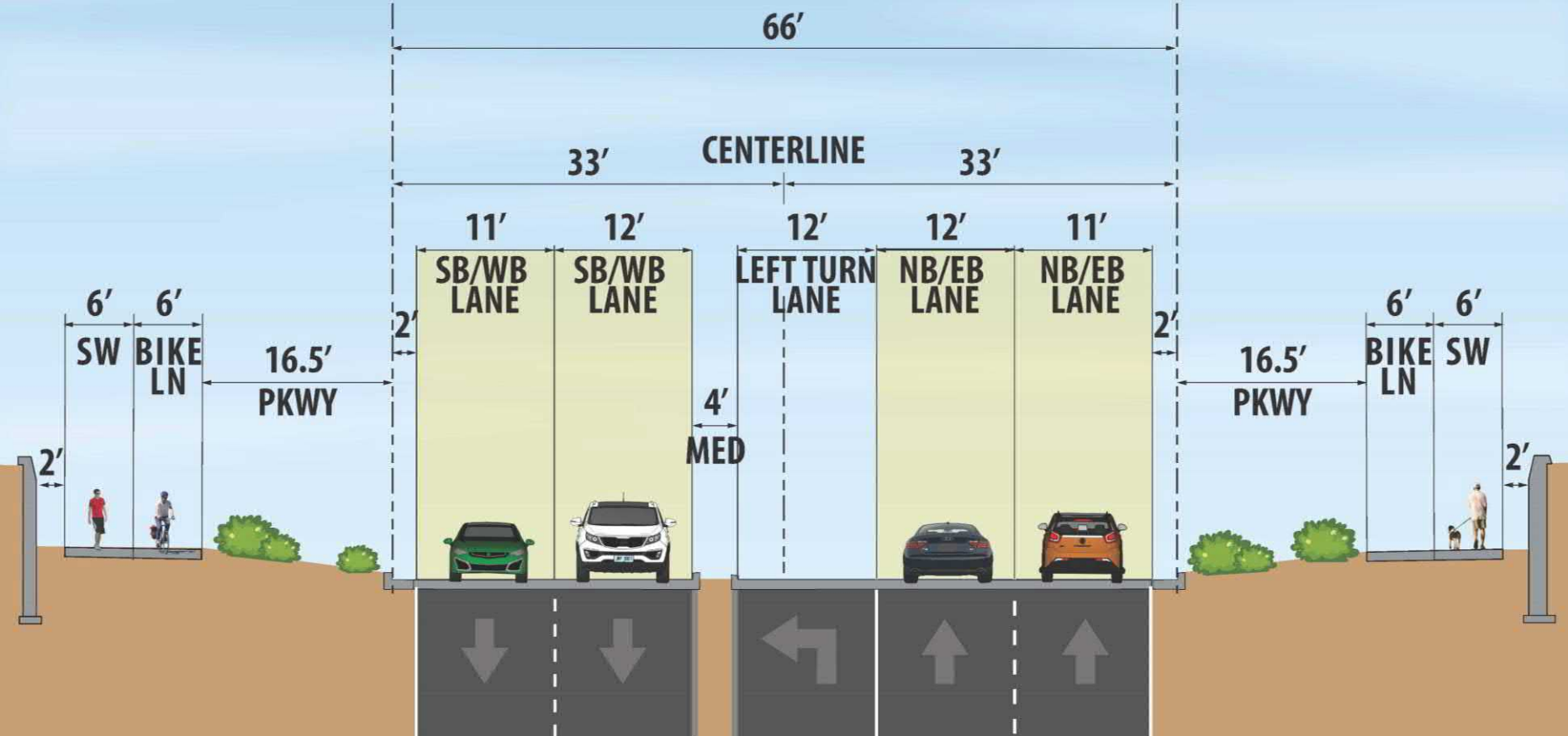
Purpose and Need

- *Improvements and additions are planned for:*
 - *Pedestrian and bicycle facilities*
 - *Freight rail infrastructure*
 - *AMTRAK station platforms*
 - *Street and Highway network along and across the BNSF Railway*
- *NEPA ensures evaluation of project impact to environmental, cultural, and local improvements.*

- **Anticipated Class of Action - Categorical Exclusion (CE)**
 - FRA determines Class of Action
 - Categorical Exclusion is based on minimal anticipated impacts – well developed corridor

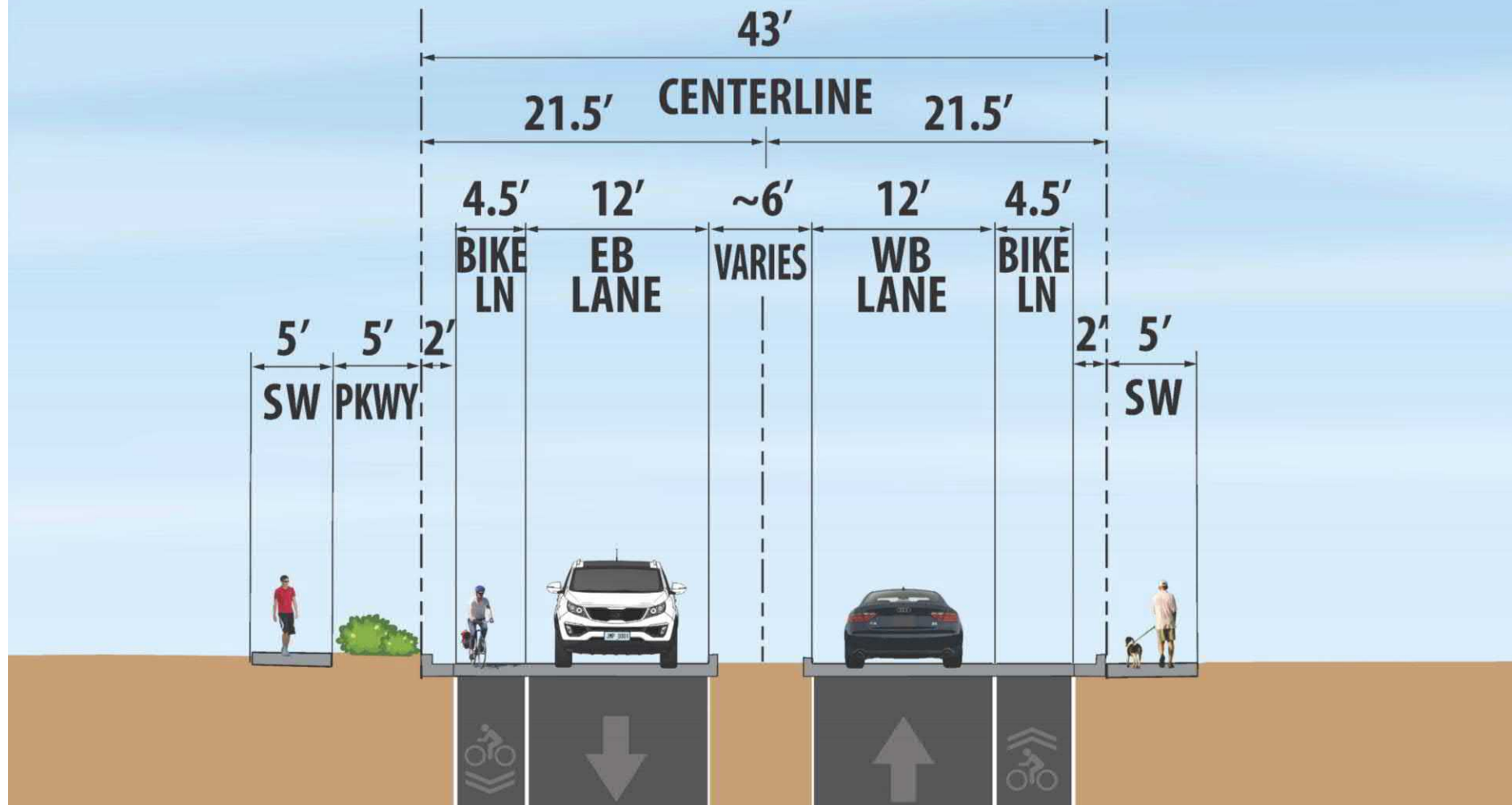
Milton Road / Route 66

DOWNTOWN MILE PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTIONS Milton Rd/Rte 66 Proposed 4-Lane Section



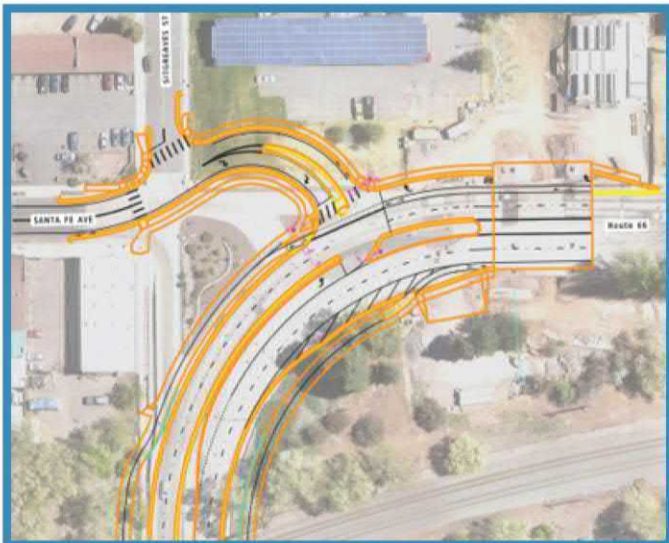
Santa Fe – Near Route 66

DOWNTOWN MILE SANTA FE TYPICAL SECTION Santa Fe Street Section Near Route 66



Intersection Concepts

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Florida T
(Current Design)



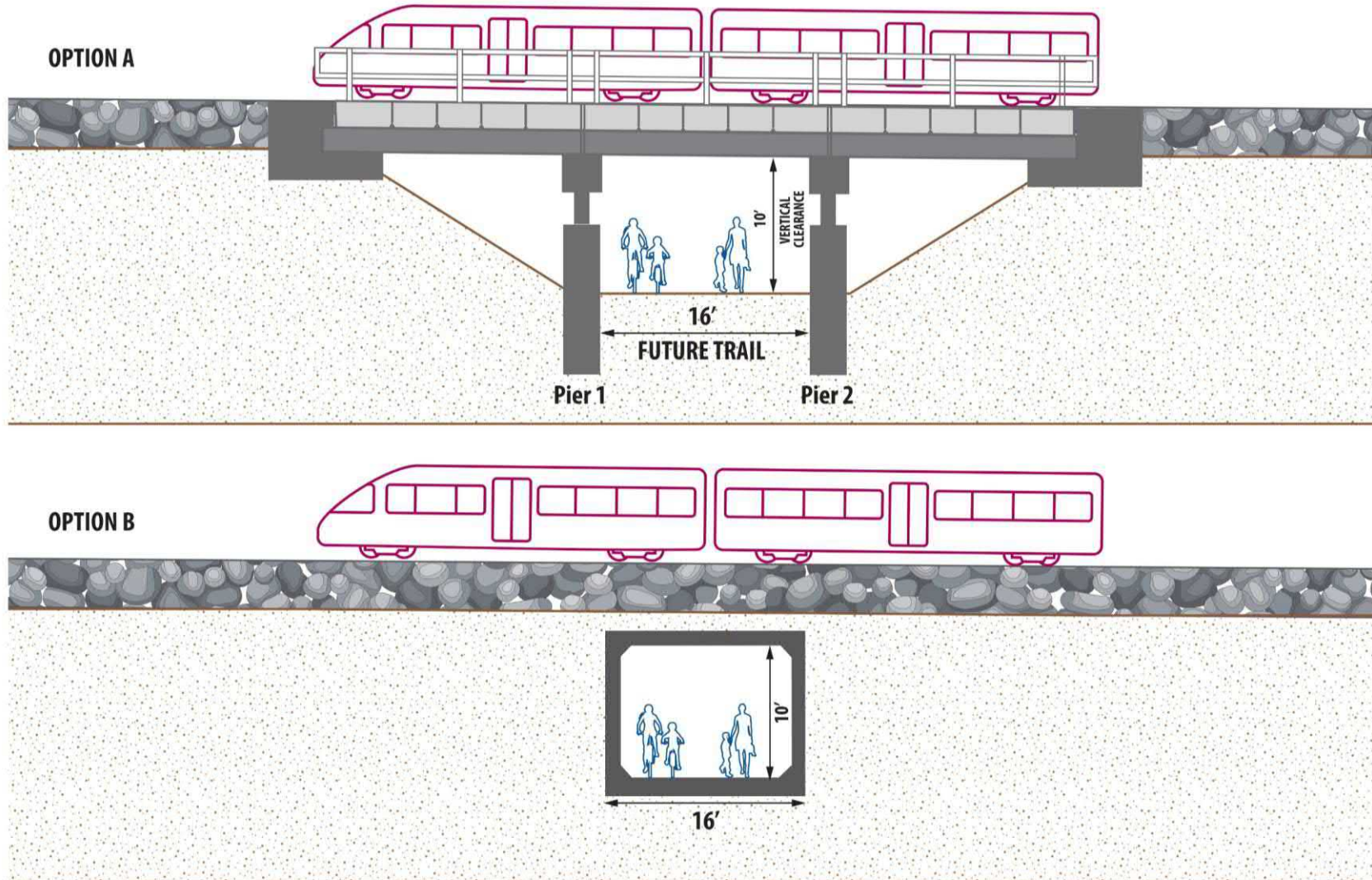
ALTERNATIVE 2
Florida T & Traffic Circle



ALTERNATIVE 3
Roundabout

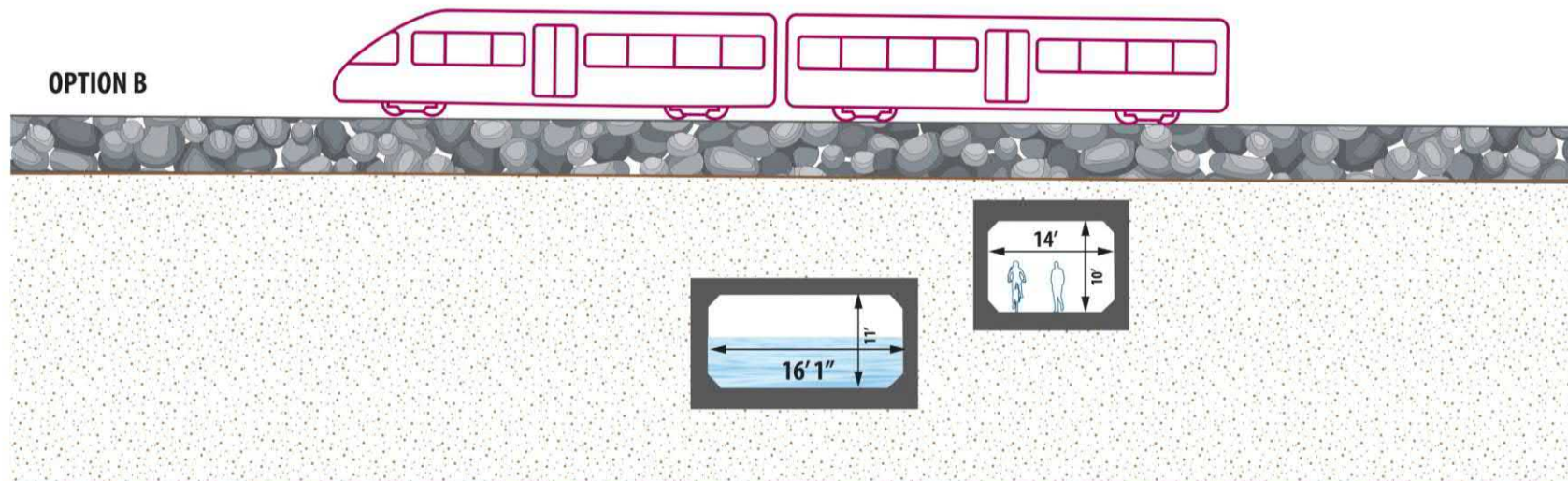
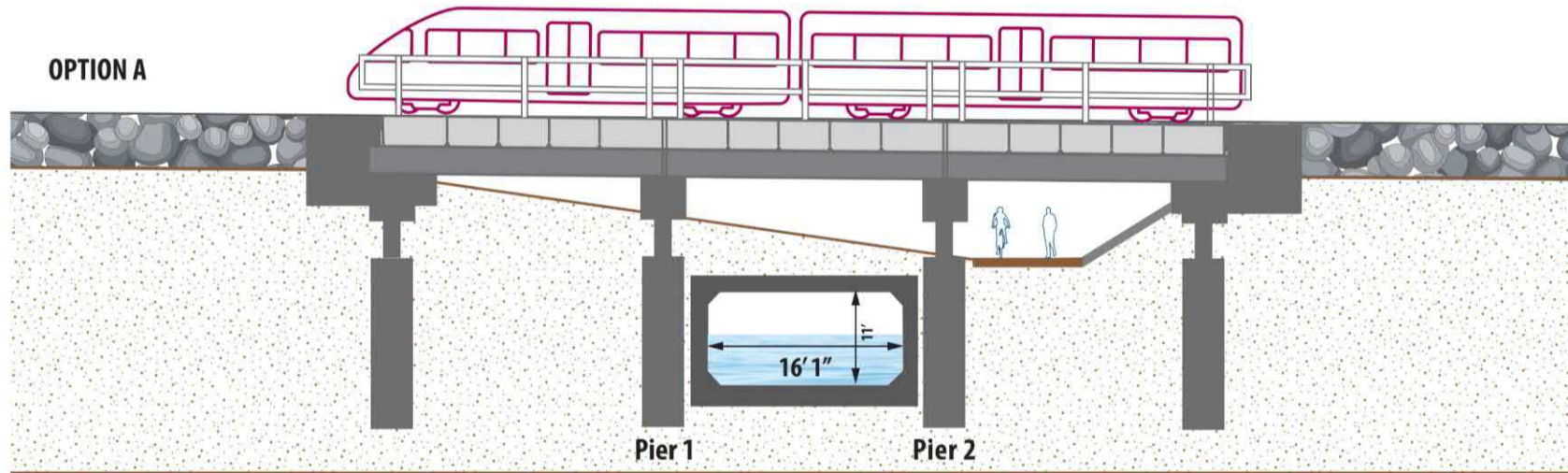


Florence / Walnut BNSF Pedestrian Underpass

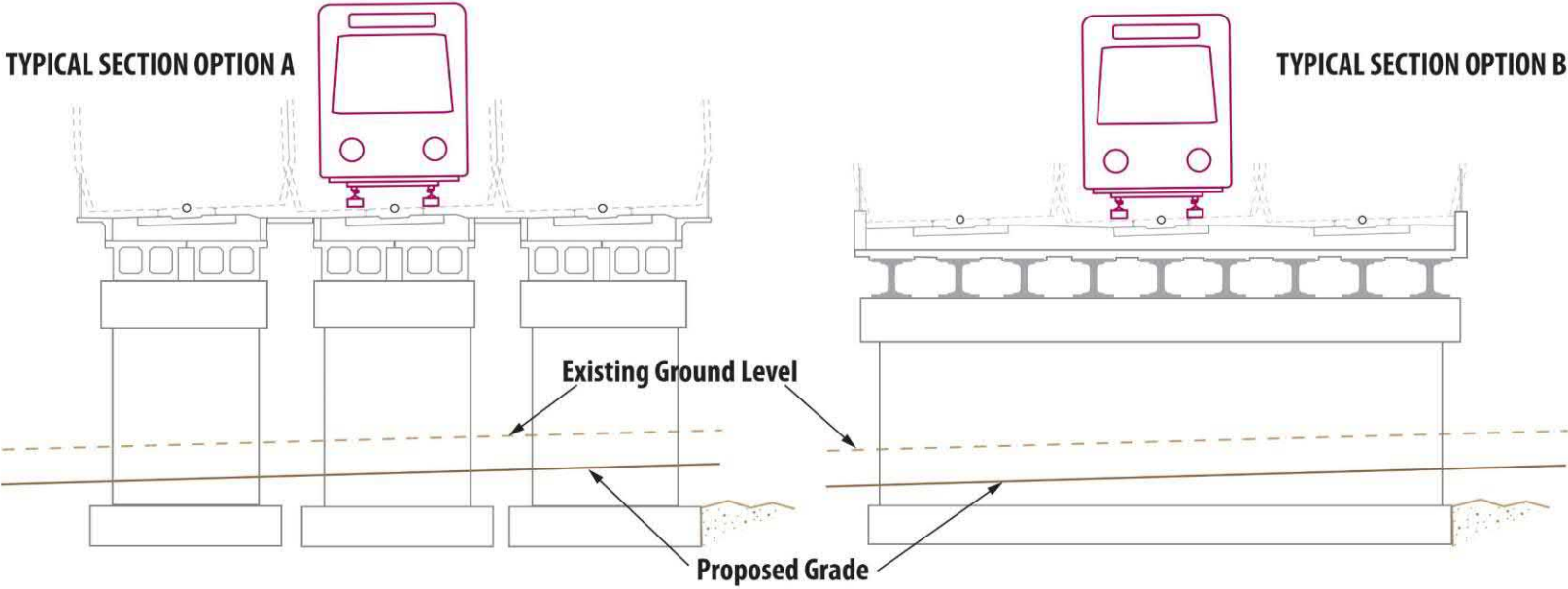
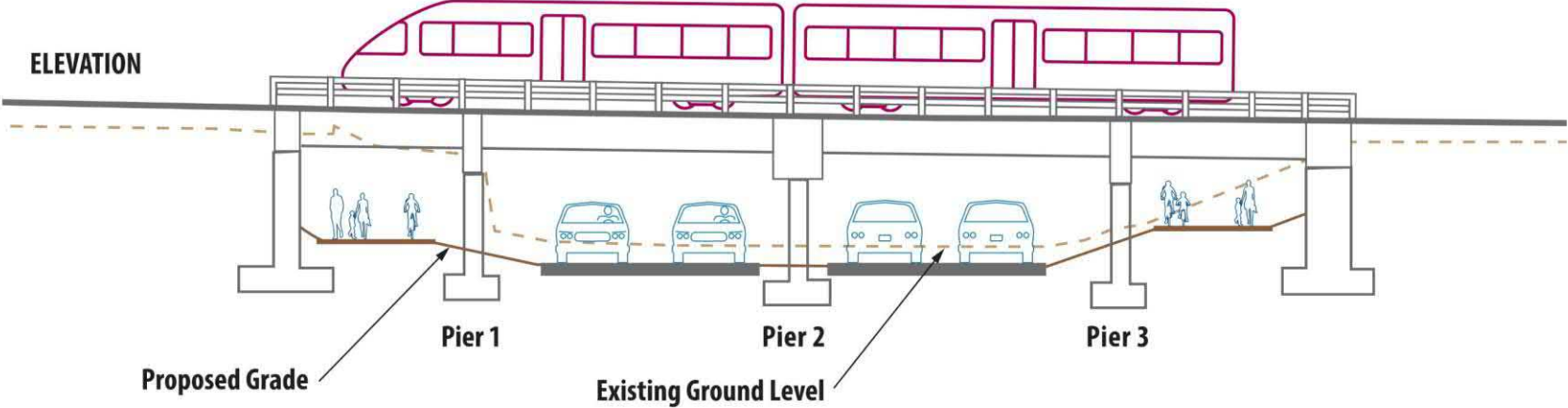


FUTS / BNSF Pedestrian Underpass

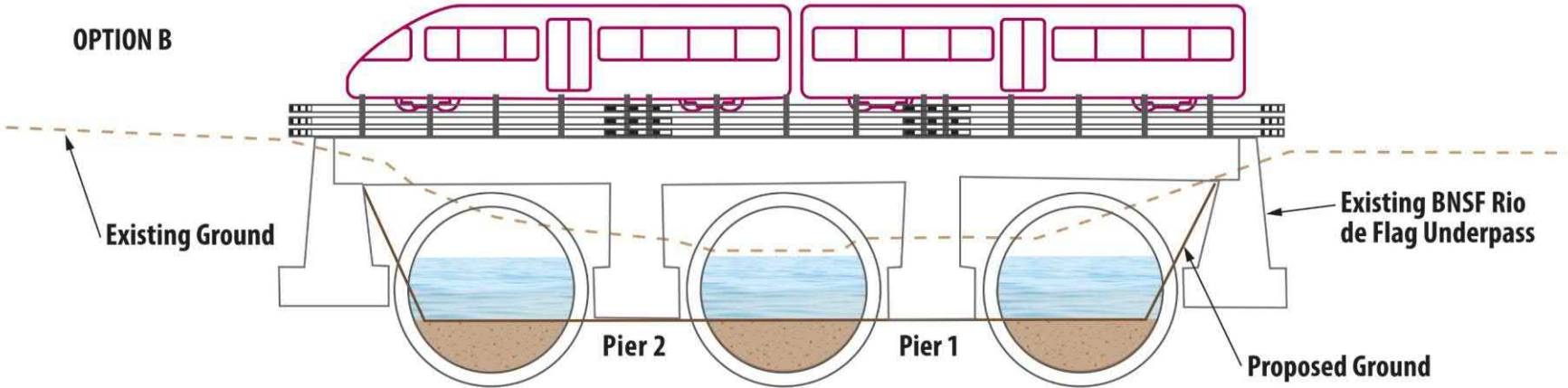
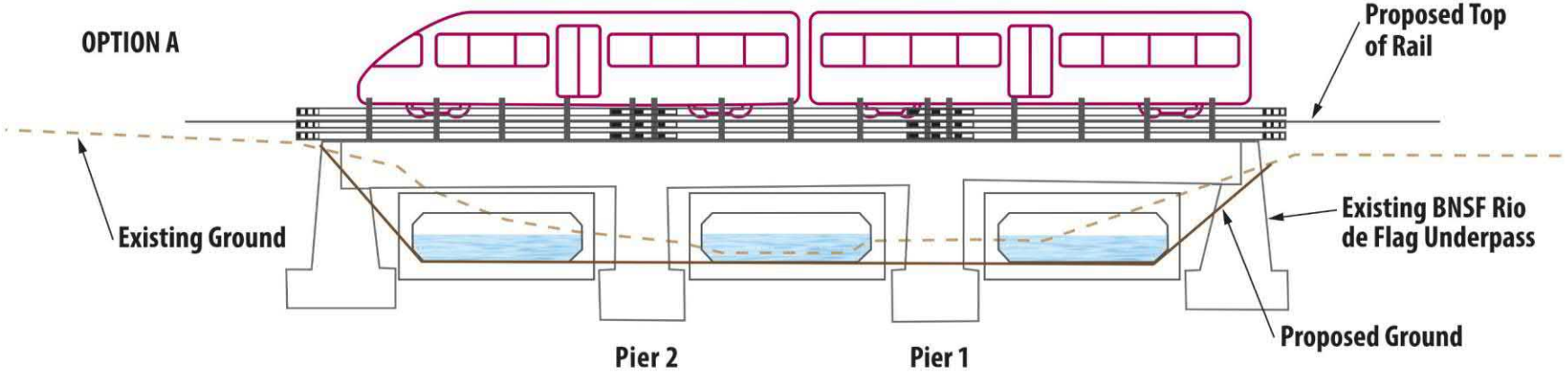
Rio de Flag / Karen Cooper FUTS



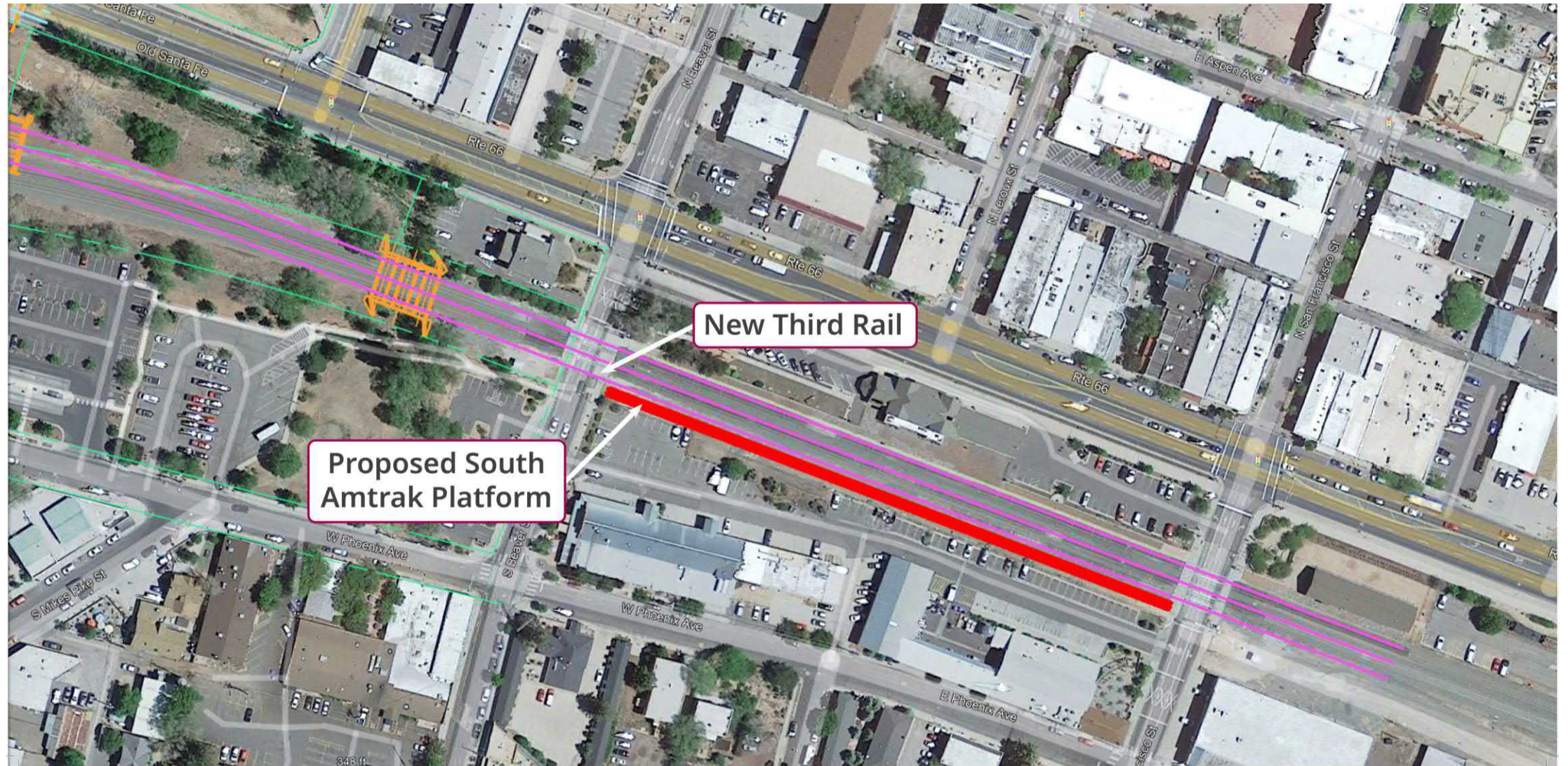
Milton Road Overpass



Rio de Flag Overpass



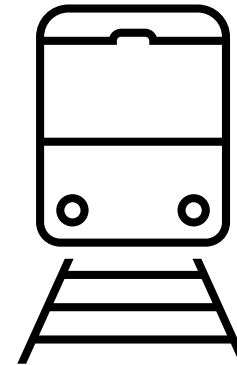
AMTRAK – Flagstaff Station Platform Improvements



Project funding notification – June 2023

Rail Safety Plan

- The Plan will include
 - Rail Safety Program Strategies
 - A methodology that evaluates risk across the community
 - Evaluation of intentional and unintentional activities (trespass, passenger vehicle and pedestrian interfaces)
 - Identification of solutions and mitigation measures to manage the risk (engineering, design, education, enforcement solutions)
 - An audit and assessment to confirm rail safety implementation
 - Communication and collaboration strategies
- The process to develop the plan includes
 - Data collection
 - Development of Risk Assessment Process
 - Draft Rail Safety Plan – with community review
 - Final Rail Safety Plan



Rail Safety Plan

Railroad Crossing Safety & Trespass Prevention Initiative

Although the railroad industry is significantly safer than it has ever been, unfortunately, still too many people lose their lives in preventable railroad crossing and trespassing incidents. In stark terms, in the last 5 years, there have been more than 10,525 railroad crossing incidents resulting in 1,279 deaths. During the same period, there were also more than 2,550 trespasser fatalities at railroad tracks.

As part of FRA's mission to improve safety, we are working to reduce railroad crossing and trespasser incidents through the 3 E framework: **E**ducation, **E**ngineering, and **E**nforcement, as well as through extensive analysis of rail safety **Data and Statistics**.



Education

Click [here](#)



Engineering

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Enforcement

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Another initiative FRA is undertaking is to host a series of **Railroad Trespass Prevention Summits**. Several summits will be planned across

the United States starting in the summer of 2021 to engage stakeholders and communities in discussions about the issues and solutions. [Click here](#) for information on the summits.

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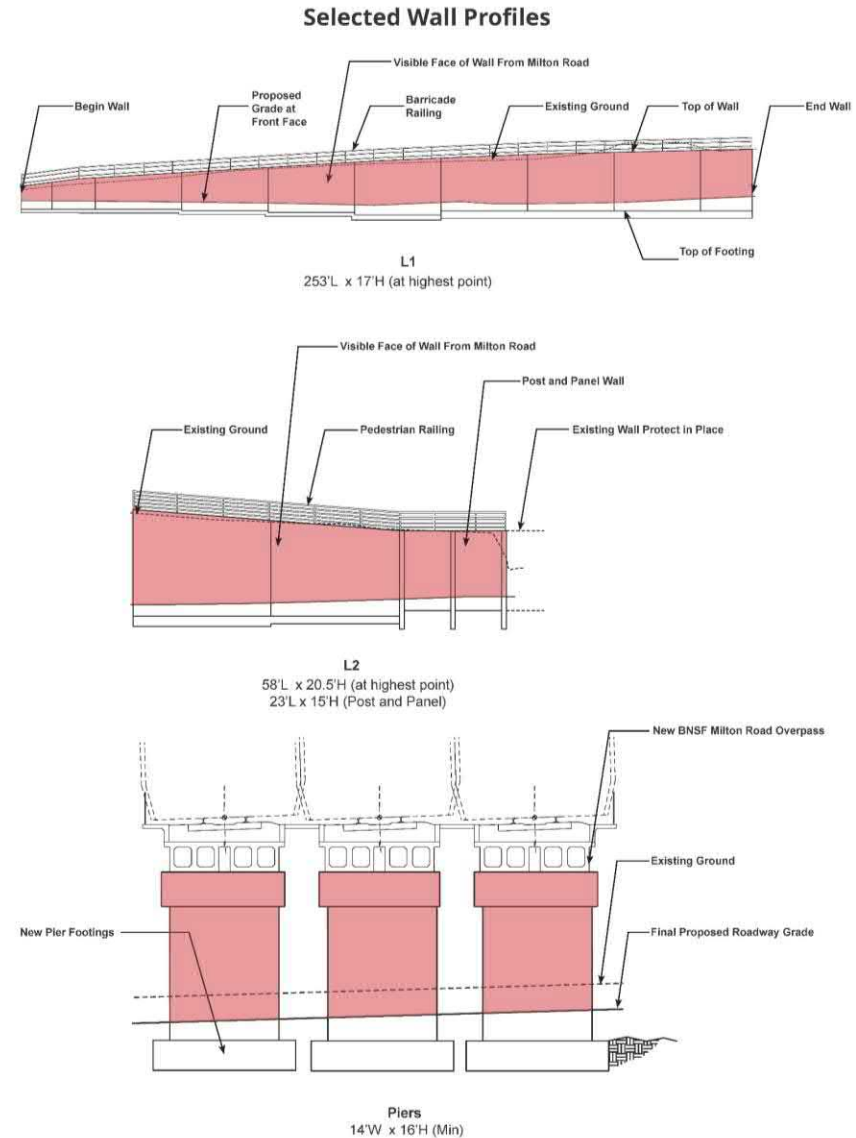
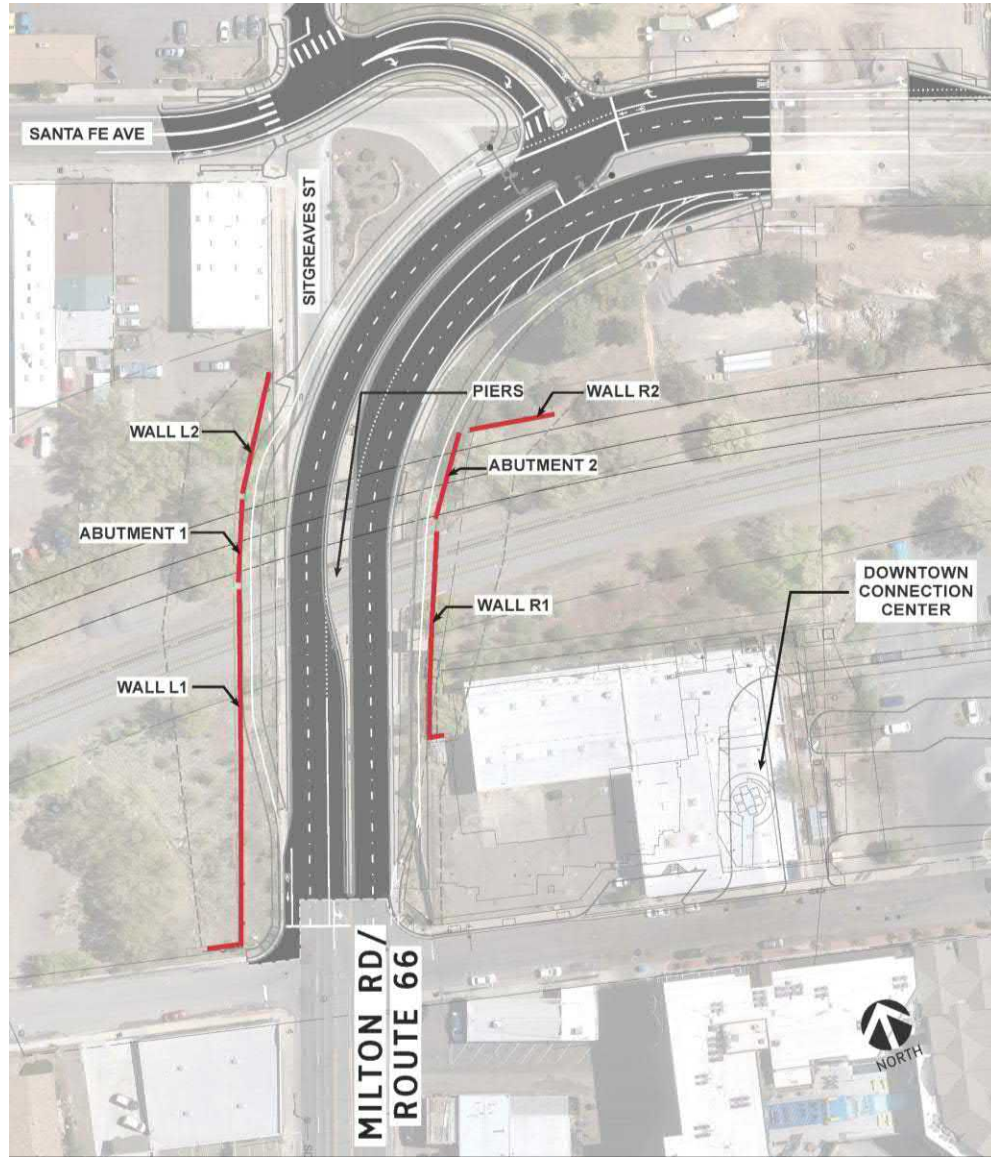
Data & Statistics

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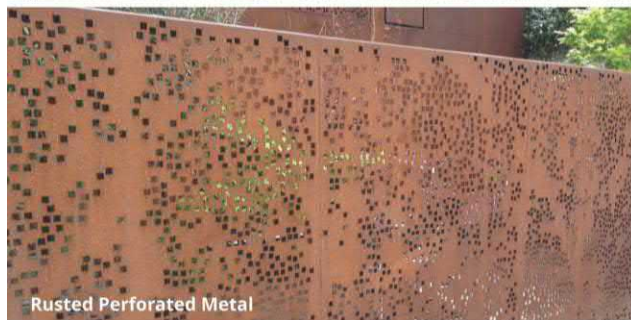
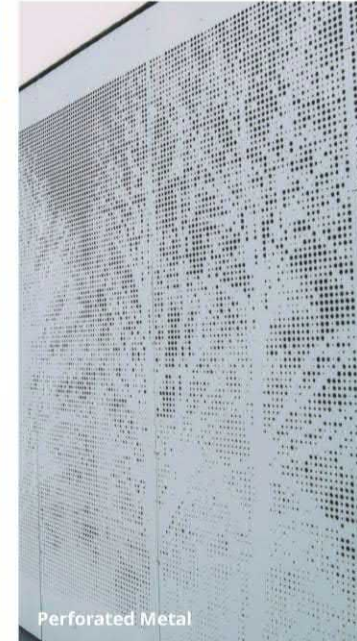
- Find out more at:

<https://railroads.dot.gov/highway-rail-crossing-and-trespasser-programs/railroad-crossing-safety/railroad-crossing-safety>

Opportunities for Public Art



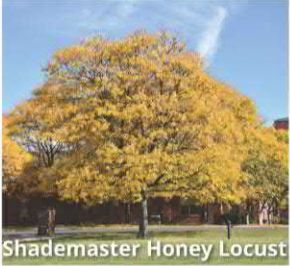
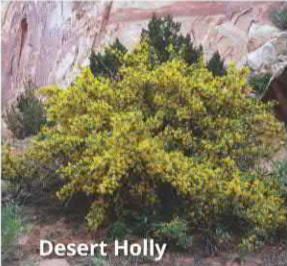
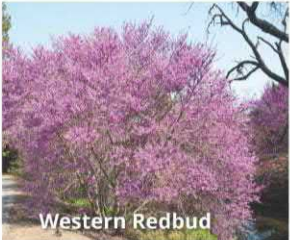
Aesthetic Examples



Landscaping



Potential Plant Palette



Project Schedule



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