

# Downtown Mile Project Improvements



## Adjacent Projects

- A. Mountain Line Downtown Connection Center
- B. USACE Rio de Flag Project
- C. Lone Tree Overpass

## 1 BNSF Rail Realignment

The BNSF Railway Downtown Mile Safety and Connectivity Improvement Project in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona involves realignment of the two BNSF mainline tracks and addition of a third running track beginning west of West Clay Avenue and extending just east of South San Francisco Street.

## 2 Florence-Walnut Pedestrian Underpass

This new underpass is planned for west of downtown, beneath the BNSF railroad tracks between Walnut Street and Florence Street. It will enhance mobility and increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists in downtown Flagstaff and connect the Townsite and La Plaza Vieja neighborhoods.

## 3 Milton Roadway Improvements

These improvements involve a reconstruction of four lanes of Milton Avenue under the railroad bridge to increase vertical clearance between the roadway and the underpass structure, and reconstruction of Santa Fe Avenue / Sitgreaves Street. It includes reconstruction of the existing Santa

Fe Avenue / Sitgreaves Street / Milton Road intersection and remove the Sitgreaves Street ramp to Route 66. Modifications to the existing drainage system would require use of Colton Park, a City of Flagstaff Park on land leased from the BNSF Railway.

## 4 Milton Avenue Bridge Reconstruction/Underpass

Bridge work at Milton Avenue involves demolition of the existing bridge structure, construction of a new bridge substructure and placement of a new bridge superstructure. This reconstruction of the Milton Road BNSF Underpass will allow for the potential expansion of Milton Road from four lanes to six lanes as part of ADOT's Milton Road Corridor Master Plan.

## 5 Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS) Underpass

This pedestrian and bicycle underpass will enhance access and safety through central Flagstaff, as well as facilitate construction of the USACE Rio de Flag Flood Control project. This underpass will support expansion of the FUTS trail system and help provide safe crossing through one of Flagstaff's busiest

streets, as well as connection to the future Downtown Connection Center (DCC).

## 6 BNSF/Rio de Flag Drainage Crossing

The Rio de Flag Underpass involves modifying an existing BNSF three-span steel structure west of Beaver Street across the existing Rio de Flag channel.

## 7 Amtrak Platform Improvements

Platform improvements at the Amtrak train station are planned and potentially will be a part of this project. The existing passenger platform on the north side of the railroad may be reconstructed at a higher elevation to accommodate freight rail traffic. Additionally, a passenger boarding platform and sheltered waiting area will be constructed on the south side of the railroad to eliminate the need for Amtrak trains to switch to the northern track to allow passengers to board and alight. Passengers will be able to access the main station building via improved Beaver Street and San Francisco Street pedestrian crossings on either end of the platform.