

# WELCOME

## US-26 & 25th East

### Public Hearing

MEETING  
PURPOSE



**The purpose of the hearing is to share planned improvements to the intersection of US-26 (Yellowstone Highway) and 25th East (Hitt Road).**

**The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will also improve the intersections of:**

- **25th East and Iona Road**
- **US-26 and Iona Road**

**The project team is seeking public testimony on the improvements.**



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# PROJECT OVERVIEW



ITD analyzed needed improvements to the intersection of US-26 (Yellowstone Highway) and 25th East (Hitt Road) in Bonneville County and has determined the design alternative that best serves the community by enhancing safety and mobility while accommodating current and projected growth. ITD will also improve the following intersections:

- » 25th East (Hitt Road) and Iona Road
- » US-26 (Yellowstone Highway) and Iona Road



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# TRAFFIC DATA

**Traffic numbers are increasing in the area.** The table shows Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) for 2021 and projected for 2045 if no improvements are made.

ROADWAY	LOCATION	2021 AADT		2045 AADT (NO BUILD)	
		TOTAL	LOS	TOTAL	LOS
US-26	West of Iona	13,300	B	22,400	C
	West of 25th E	10,200	A	18,500	B
	East of 25th E	12,700	B	18,700	C
25TH EAST	South of Iona	12,000	A	16,900	B
	South of US-26	9,600	B	19,600	F
	North of US-26	7,100	B	11,800	D
IONA ROAD	West of US-26	6,700	B	10,900	E
	West of 25th E	9,500	D	12,700	F
	East of 25th E	11,300	E	14,500	F



**LOS A**  
Free-flow



**LOS B**  
Reasonably Free-flow



**LOS C**  
Stable Operation



**LOS D**  
Borderline Unstable



**LOS E**  
Extremely Unstable



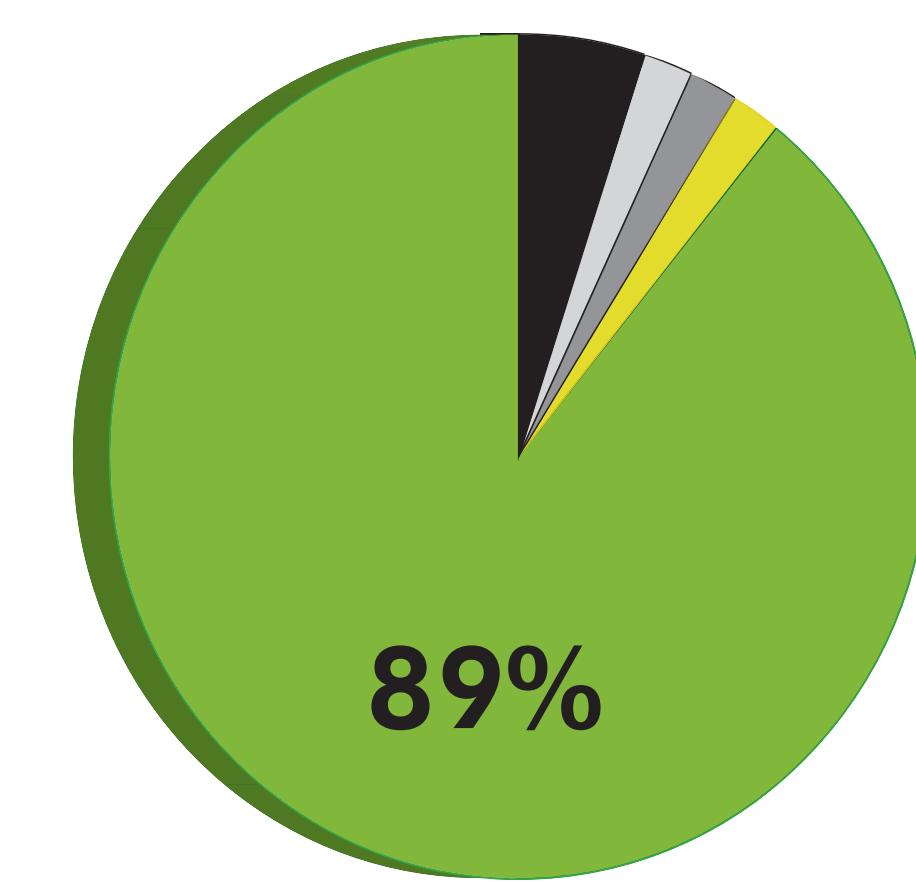
**LOS F**  
Breakdown



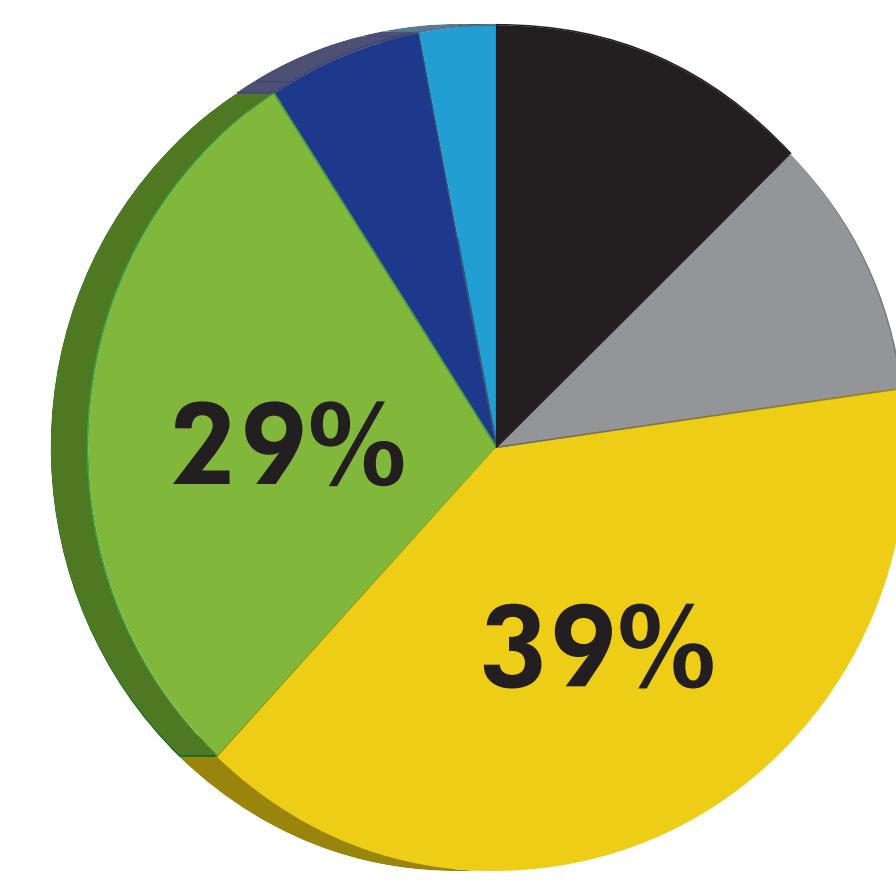
# TRAFFIC CRASHES

**Increasing traffic volumes and congestion are contributing to traffic crashes in the area.** This table presents the reported crashes at each intersection for the years 2016 to 2020.

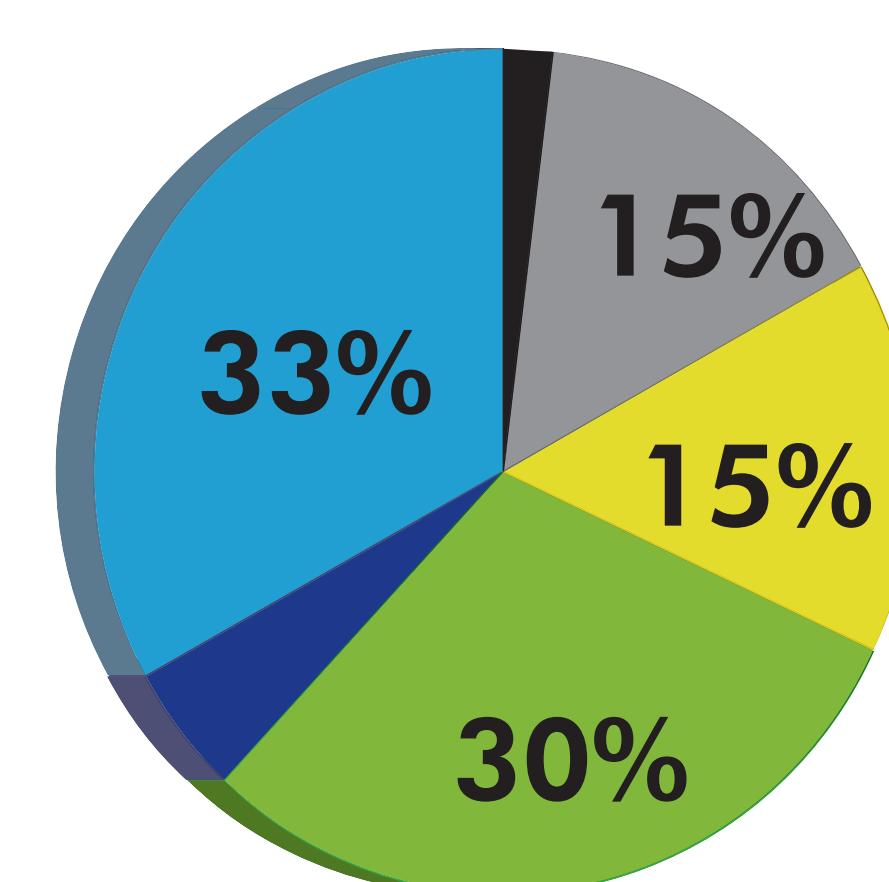
INTERSECTIONS	FATALITIES/INJURIES			# OF PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY (PDO) CRASHES
	TOTAL	# OF FATAL CRASHES	# OF INJURY CRASHES	
US-26/25TH EAST	31	1	14	16
US-26/IONA RD	57	0	25	32
IONA RD/25TH EAST	40	0	9	32
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>79</b>



US-26/IONA RD



US-26/25TH EAST



IONA RD/25TH EAST

## CRASH TYPE

- Struck Object
- Same Direction Turning
- Angle
- Rear-end
- Side Swipe Same
- Head-on turning
- Angle Turning



# PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

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Roadway Shifts East



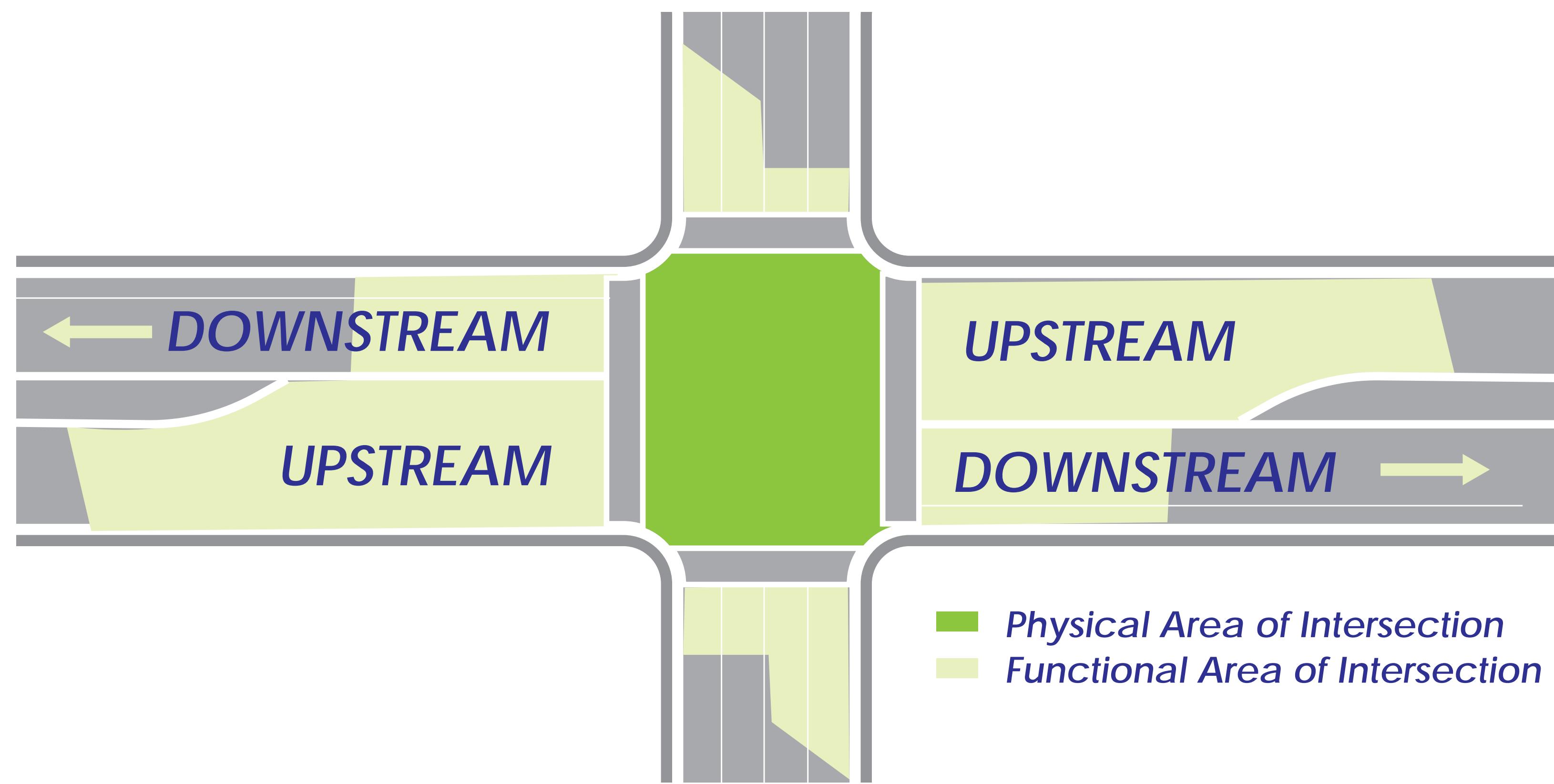
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# WHY ACCESS MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED?

- » Access Management reduces conflict points and promotes safety and mobility
- » Reduces or removes the highrisk crossing and turning maneuvers and substitutes for lowrisk merging and diverging maneuvers
- » Separates the drivers decisionmaking requirements when entering or crossing the roadway.
- » Removes the need for drivers to select gaps from two separate directions
- » Increases internal maneuverability within a parking lot or development
- » Provides opportunities to increase aesthetics and context sensitivity
- » Supports Bicycle and Pedestrian mobility and safety.

Research by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) in the last 50 years have consistently proven that access management has increased safety.



## Studies show that:

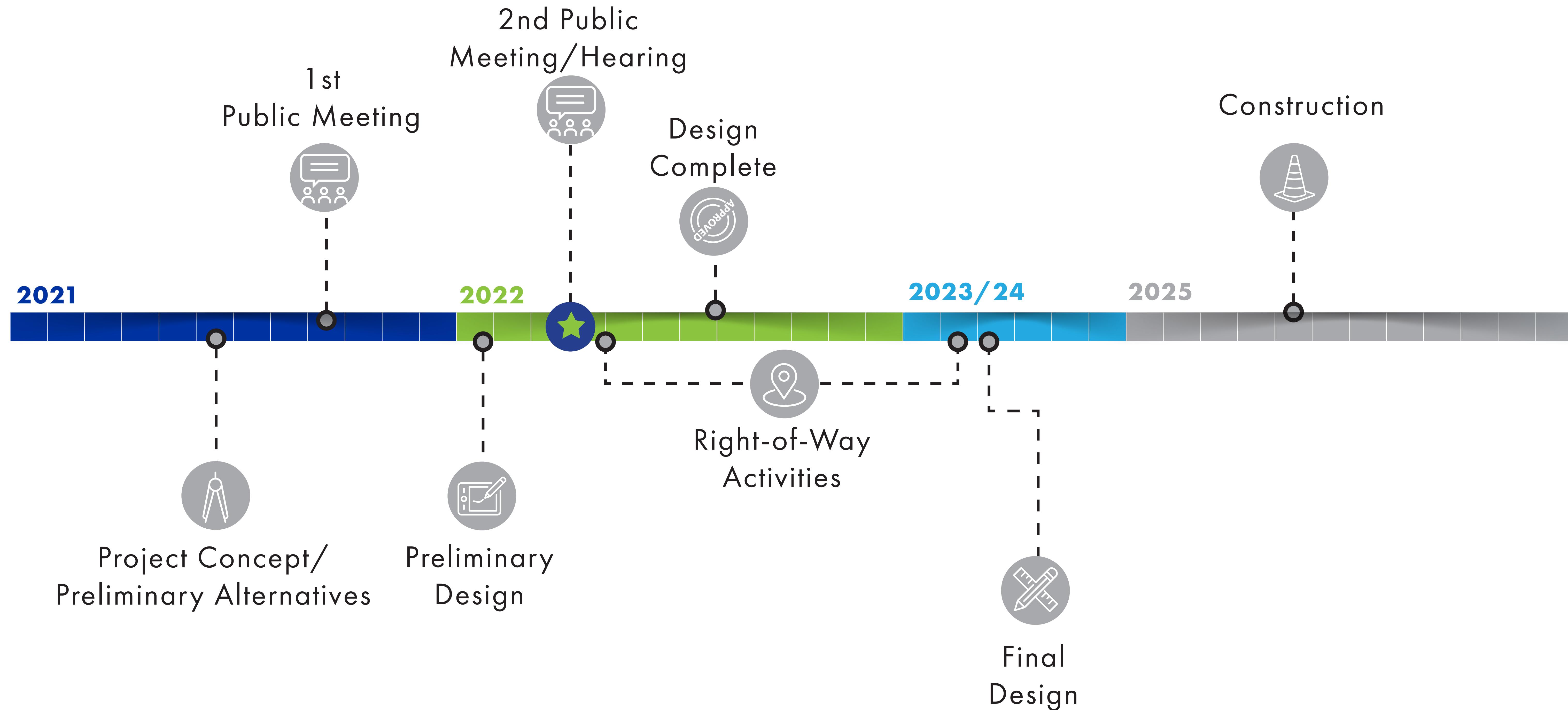
- » Reducing the access points will reduce the number of crashes up to 30%
- » Increase the capacity of the roadway up to 40%
- » Decrease emissions up to 35%
- » Provide refuge areas for pedestrians

## Possible Locations:

- » Raised median on US 26 at Iona Road
- » Remove access points on the east side of 25th East
- » Currently considering other access control along 25th East



# SCHEDULE



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# COMMENTS

ITD wants to hear what you think about planned improvements. You can submit public testimony several ways:



**Record your testimony with the hearing officer**



**Fill out a testimony form tonight and leave it with the project team**



**Mail comments to:**

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**Submit a comment form via web:**

[itdprojects.org/projects/us-26-25th-east](http://itdprojects.org/projects/us-26-25th-east)

**Comments must be postmarked by April 27, 2022, to be considered part of the official project record.**



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