



Montana Rail Link Park Neighborhood Planning Workshop

A Missoula Community Partnership

WITH LEADERSHIP FROM THE FRANKLIN TO THE FORT & SOUTHGATE TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Sovereign Hope Church, (1919 North Ave.)

Tuesday, August 1st, 2017

5:30 - 9 PM

Montana Rail Link Community Involvement

- This neighborhood park is made possible by the significant contribution of land value by Montana Rail Link (MRL) to the City of Missoula.
- MRL has allowed the lease of railroad right-of-way that makes possible an extension of the Bitterroot Trail, closing the last gap along the trail.
- MRL has allowed for a lease of railroad right-of-way for an at-grade pedestrian and bicycle crossing of the railroad at Central Avenue, increasing east-west connectivity across neighborhoods.

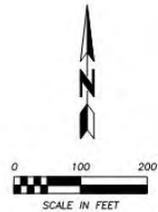
Montana Rail Link Community Involvement, continued

- MRL will remove two existing rail spurs on the site at their expense.
- MRL will participate in the creation of interpretive signage regarding historical railroad operations in the area.
- As part of the agreement and in recognition of their contribution, the park will be named "Montana Rail Link Park"

Proposed Bitterroot Trail Alignment



NOTE: TRAIL ALIGNMENT WORK STILL IN PROGRESS. FINAL ALIGNMENT EXPECTED BEFORE AUGUST 1ST.



Footnotes:

- 1/ Approximate offset distance as measured from the centerline of railroad tracks to the centerline of proposed Bitterroot Trail.
- 2/ Approximate offset distance as measured from the centerline of railroad tracks to the existing Montana Rail Link boundary.

BY	DATE	REVISION DESCRIPTION

DESIGN	KG	PROJ. NO.	6742
DRAWN	ML	DATE	5/2017
CHECKED	CA	SURVEYED	QJMA, PC

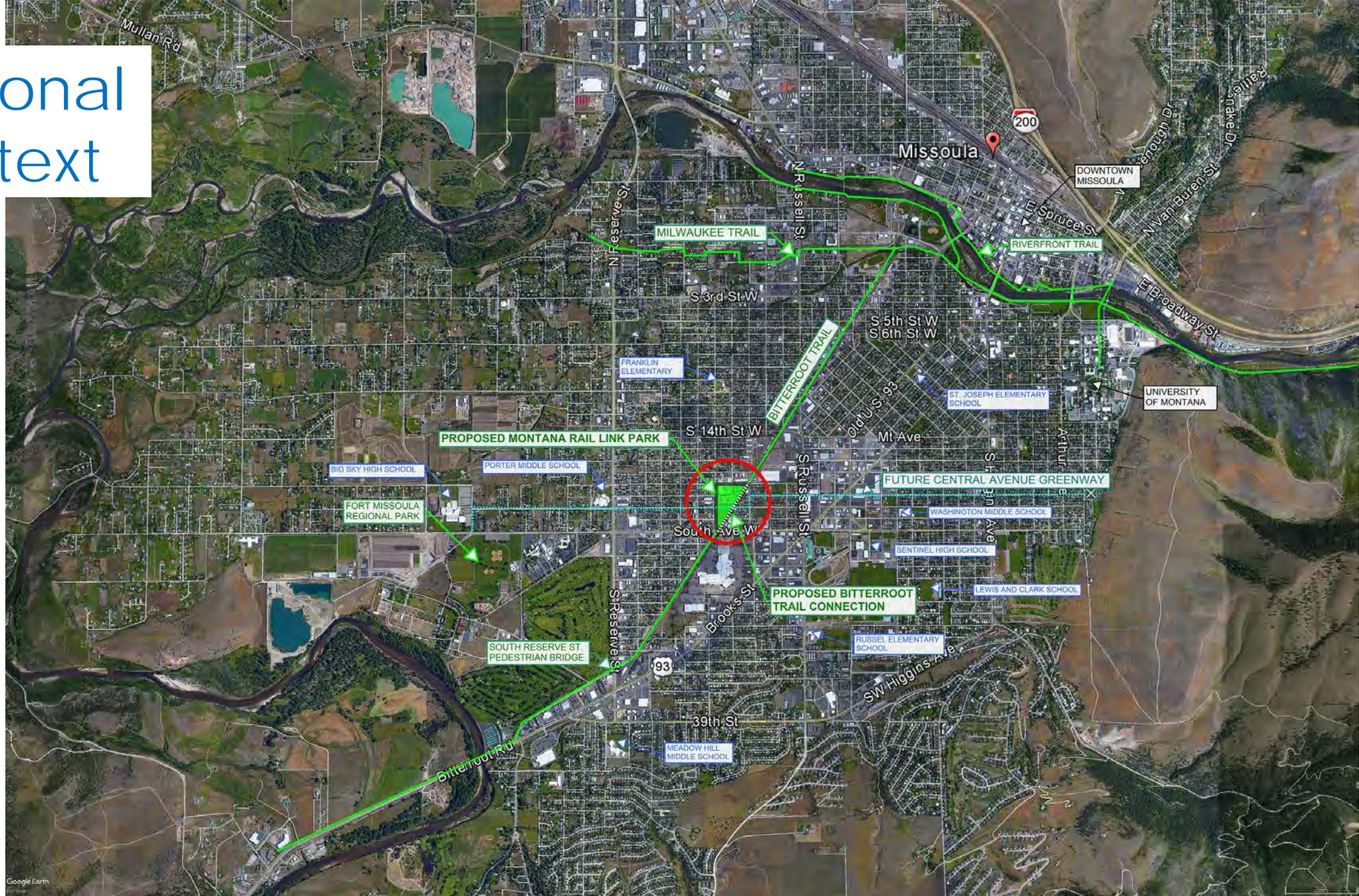


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URD III - BITTERROOT TRAIL
JOHNSON EXTENSION
PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Regional Context



Site Context



Existing Conditions

View North



Existing Conditions

View East



Existing Conditions

View South

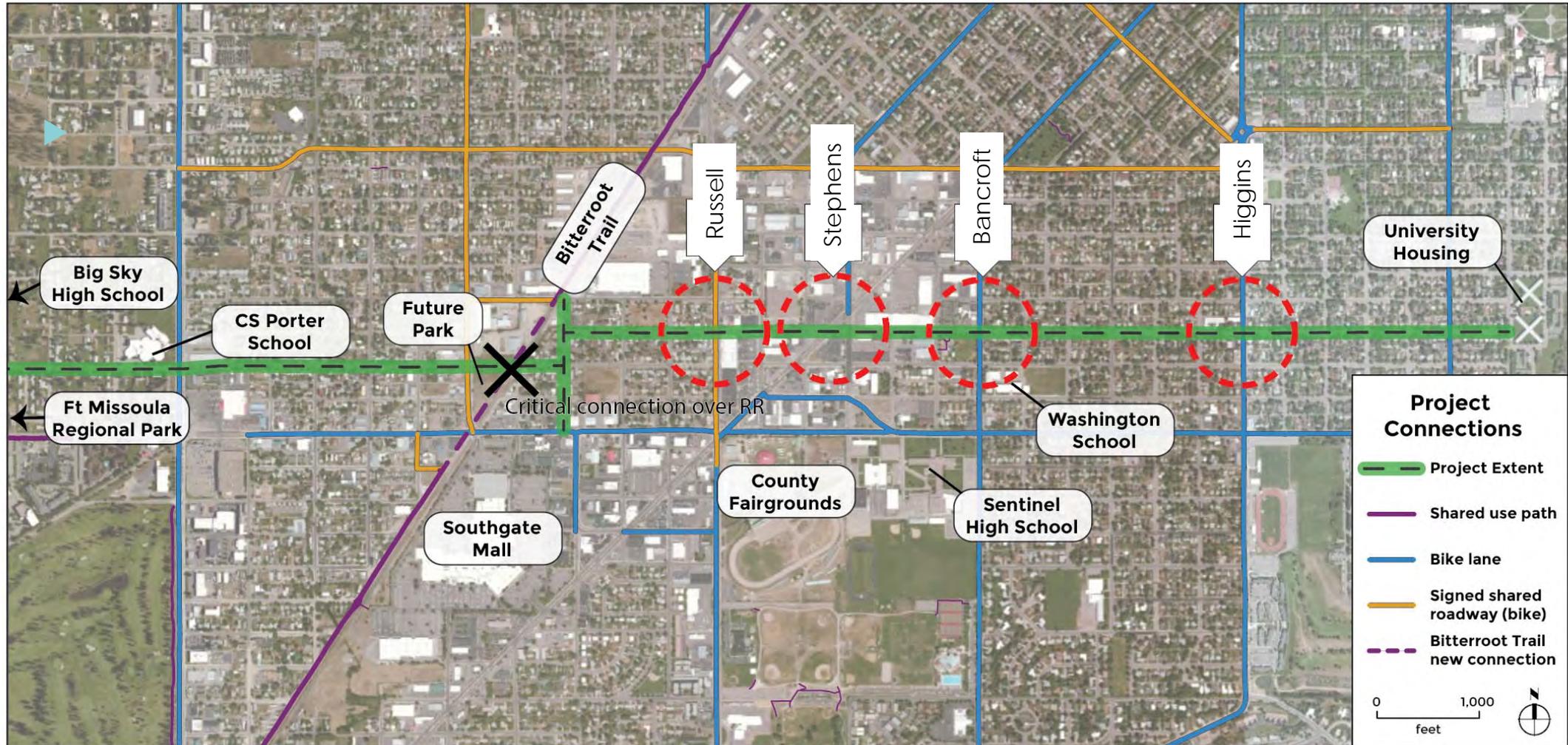


Existing Conditions

View West



Central Avenue Greenway Context (Bike/Ped Connection)



Community and Neighborhood Plans & Goals

- **Non-Motorized Transportation Plan 1993**
- **Comprehensive Master Park Plan 2004**
 - Neighborhood Level of Service (access of 10-12 minutes and 2.5 acres per 1000 residents)
 - Core Trail System and Connectivity

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- **Long Range Transportation Plan – Activate Missoula 2045**

- Mode Share
- Safety and Security
- Health and Equity
- Environment



- **Equity Health Study and Neighborhood Goals**

Next Steps

- Using the information gained, our design team will create a conceptual design.
- Public open house this fall to present the blending of your design work. Public will have the opportunity for comments and additional input on design.

Next Steps, continued

- Design updates as needed and projected costs and phasing
- Adoption by Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation Board.
- Development of Construction and Bid Documents, Construction upon successful bid.



Thank you!

The Franklin
to the Fort
Neighborhood

The Southgate
Triangle
Neighborhood



**Montana
Rail Link**

