



Harney Street Viaduct

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Appendix D - Scoping Report and Agency Coordination



Scoping Report



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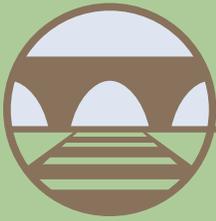
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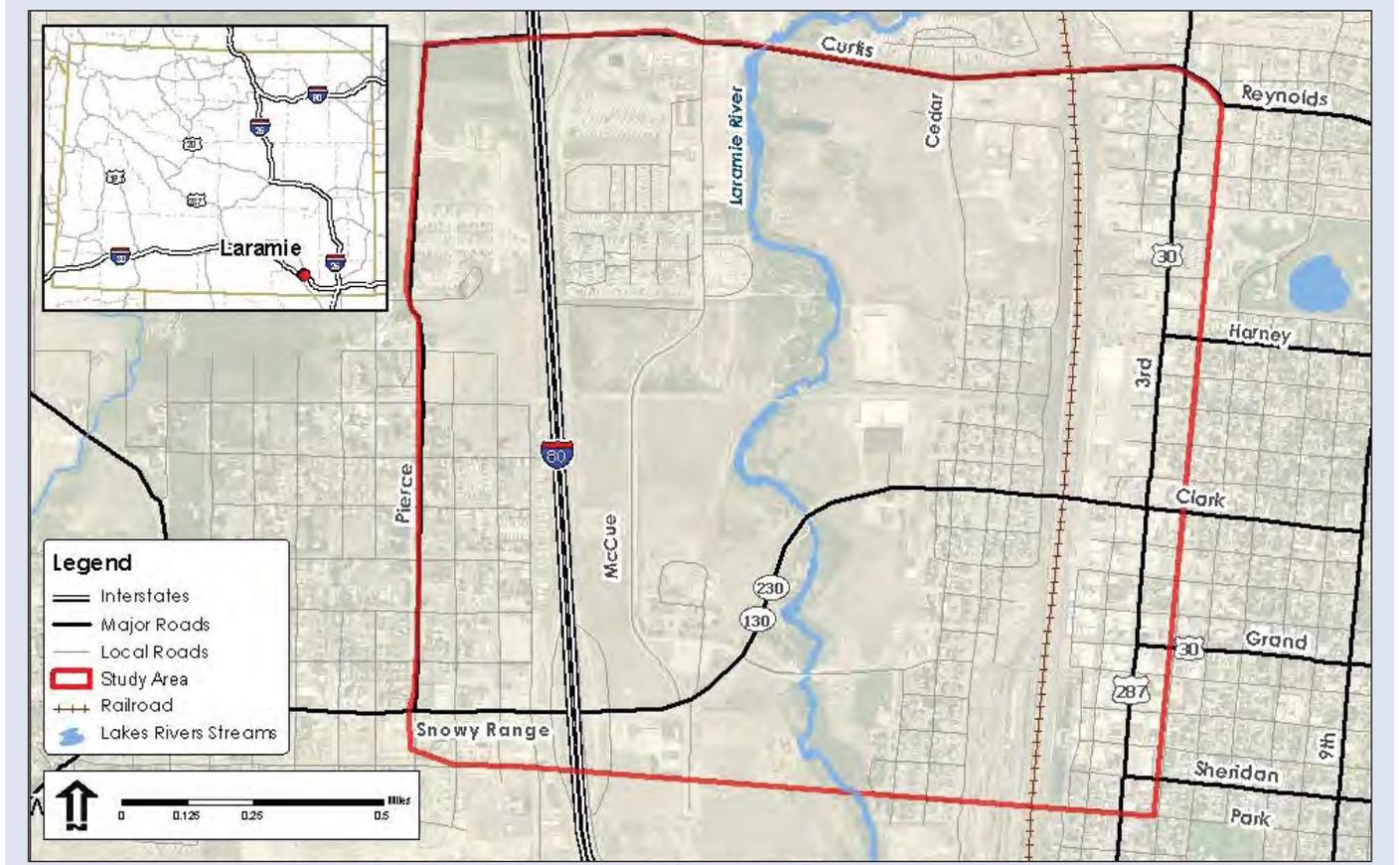
Introduction



The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) are proposing to construct a new viaduct and associated connecting roadway over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to replace the aging Clark Street viaduct in Laramie, Wyoming. The study area stretches from Park Avenue north to Curtis Street, and from Pierce Street east to 4th Street (Figure 1).

The project would respond to the findings presented in the Laramie Transportation Study Improvement Plan (HDR, 2007) which evaluated the regional transportation network and provided recommendations for alternative alignments for the replacement of the aging Clark Street viaduct. Additionally, the project would be consistent with goals identified in the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (August, 2005) and the Laramie Comprehensive Plan (August, 2007).

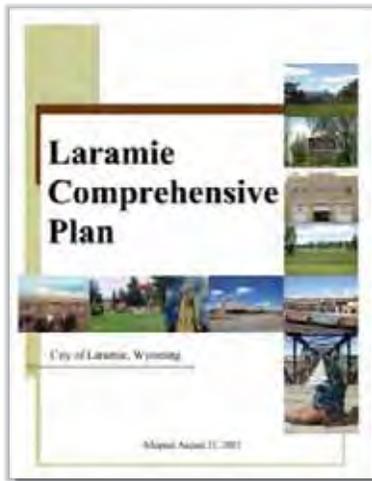
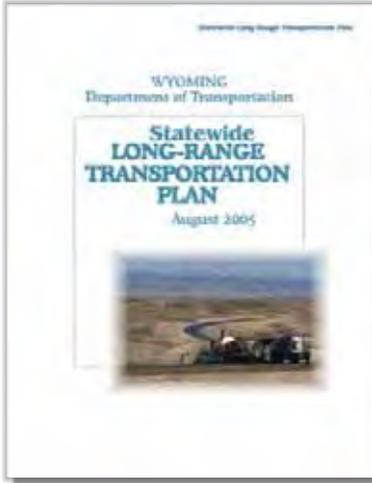
Figure 1 - Study Area





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Purpose and Need

The overall purpose of this project is to replace the aging and structurally deficient viaduct currently located at Clark Street with a structure and associated roadway that will provide a continuous east-west cross-town arterial to accommodate future transportation needs in the City of Laramie and Albany County. Thus, the implementation of the proposed action should address three needs:

- To provide for a direct east and west transportation system connection that will be needed to serve corridor traffic movements through the City of Laramie.
- To provide transportation service, increased capacity, and improved functionality that will be needed for the proposed project roadway network and land use for the future (2032).
- To improve operational efficiency for bridge, roadway, and intersections, and pavement and safety on the existing transportation system.

Recommended Improvements

As described in the Laramie Transportation Study Improvement Plan, existing roadway and traffic conditions along Clark Street and the viaduct are currently considered unsafe for motorists and pedestrians. The age and structural deficiency of the Clark Street viaduct prompted the City of Laramie (City) and WYDOT to investigate the replacement of the Clark Street viaduct structure with a structure that would support the

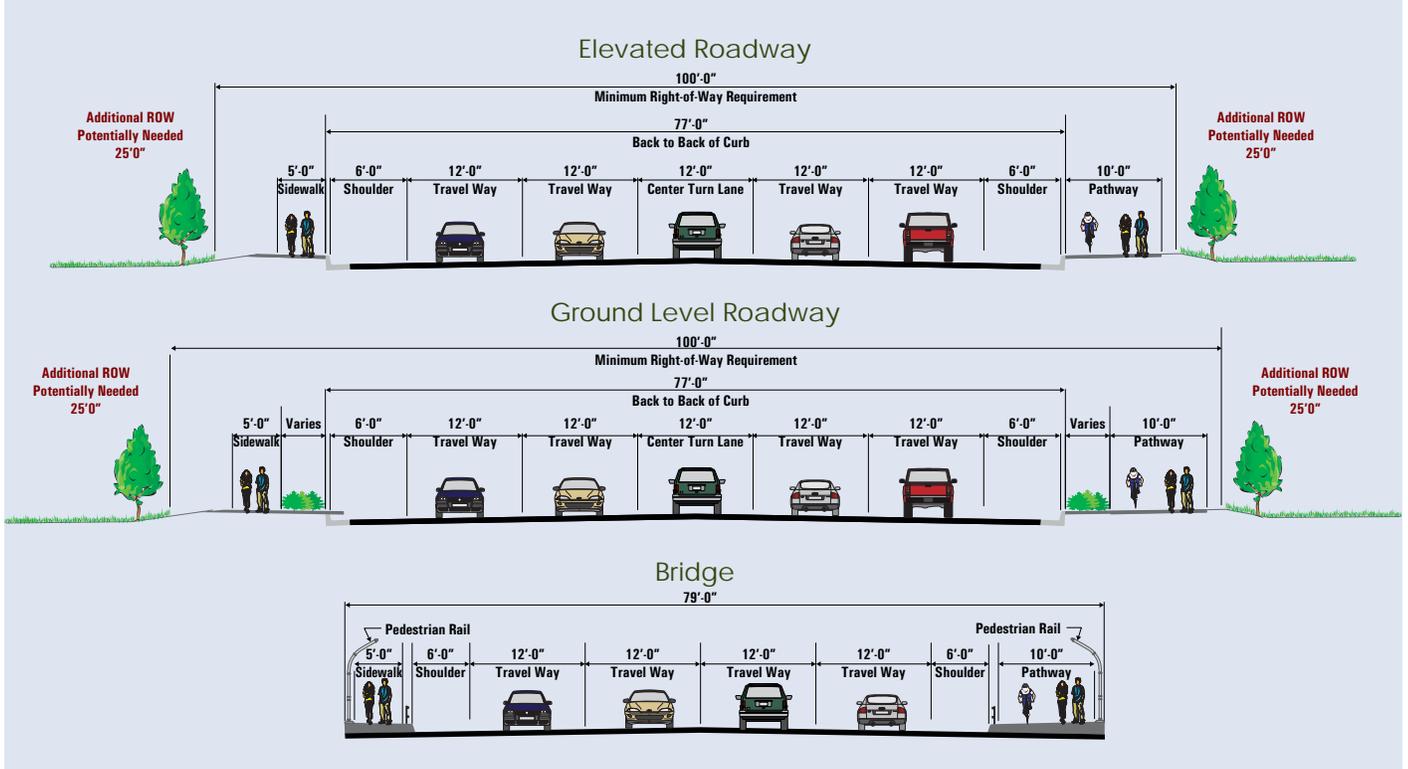
future transportation needs by providing an efficient connection between east and west Laramie and an important link to the overall local roadway network in Laramie and the regional roadway network in Albany County.

To meet the purpose and need of the proposed project, a range of alternatives/options was developed and evaluated for a viaduct crossing the UPRR and connecting with Harney Street at an improved intersection at 3rd Street and with State Highway 130/230 (Snowy Range Road). Figure 2 presents the recommended typical section for the bridge structure, elevated roadway and ground-level road for the Harney Street Viaduct project.

The removal of the existing Clark Street viaduct, which would eliminate an east-west crossing of the UPRR at this location, is included in all Harney Street viaduct alternatives and options.

The proposed project would extend from 3rd Street west crossing the UPRR, and then would connect with State Highway 130/230 before Interstate-80. Two general alternative corridors (Figures 3 and 4) were initially considered to connect the project roadway with State Highway 130/230; Alternative 1 would connect the roadway with State Highway 130/230 east of the existing Laramie River crossing, thus utilizing the existing Laramie River bridge. Alternative 2 would connect west of the existing crossing utilizing the McCue Street connection but requiring a new Laramie River crossing bridge.

Figure 2 - Recommended Typical Sections



Public Scoping

Public involvement was conducted throughout the development of this EA to ensure widespread public awareness of the project, to provide opportunities for timely public input to project decision makers, and to be responsive to input and demonstrate that ideas and opinions have been heard, considered, and addressed.

A public mailing list was developed to disseminate information about the project and to advertise for project-associated meetings. To address public involvement objectives, activities included four public meetings, newspaper advertisements, and household delivery of meeting notices via postcards and flyers. Public participants included

Figure 3 - Alternative 1

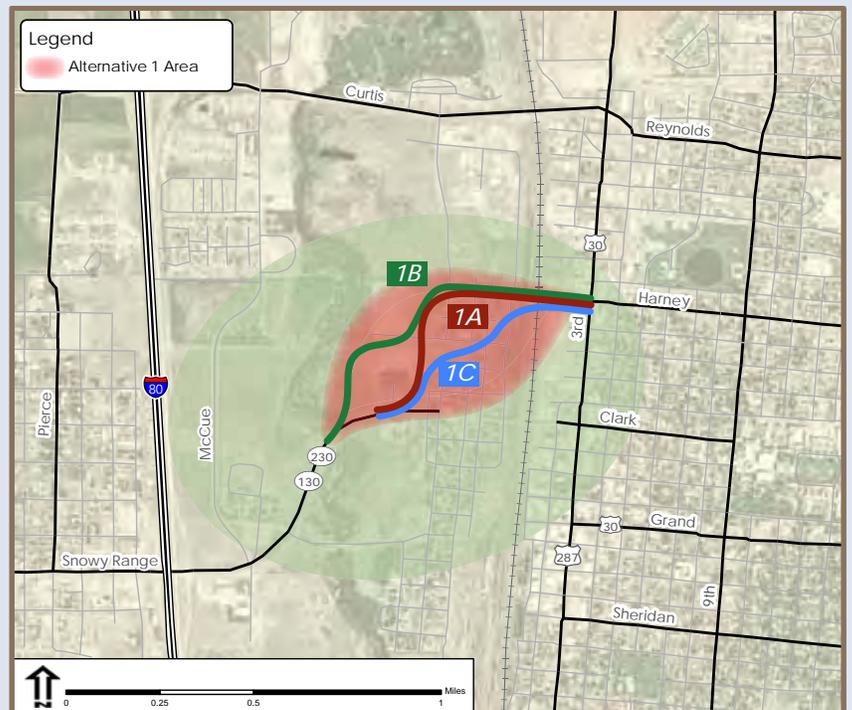
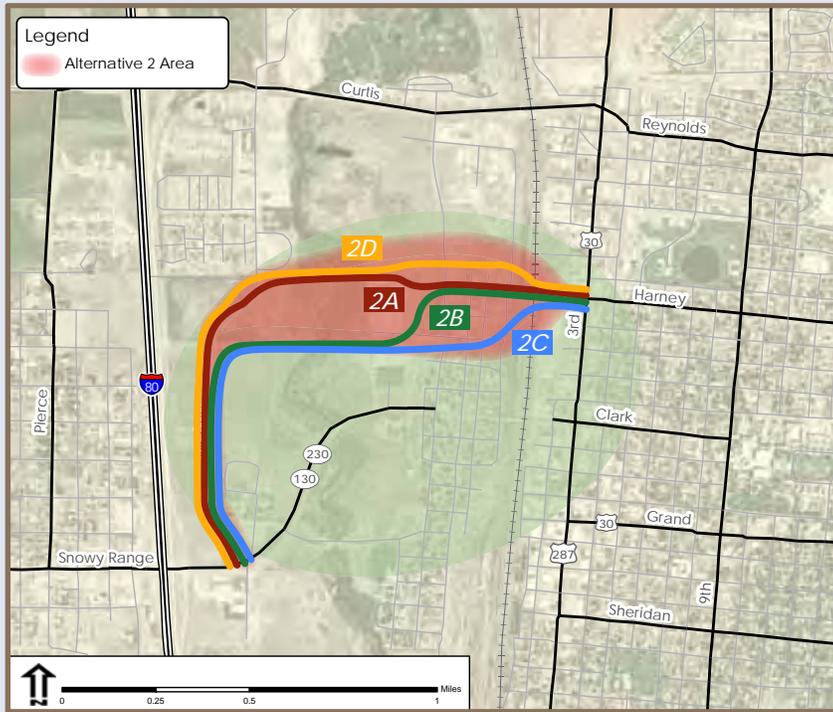




Figure 4 - Alternative 2



property owners, business owners and operators, and the general public.

Two public scoping meetings were held at the Lincoln Community Center in Laramie, Wyoming in early 2009 to inform the public of the project and receive comments and concerns regarding the project. These meetings consisted of a Neighborhood Open House Meeting on February 10 followed by a General Public Open House Meeting on February 11. The Neighborhood Open House Meeting was held prior to the General Public Open House Meeting in order to provide the local residents and businesses a first look at project information. Flyers were distributed to advertise the Neighborhood meeting and newspaper ads were published in the Laramie Boomerang newspaper to invite the general public to attend the

Open House (Appendix A).

Both meetings presented the same information in identical formats. They were held in an open house format with 14 informational boards on display (Appendix B). Project representatives from WYDOT and project consultants from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., were available to answer questions, discuss the project, and accept comments from the public. A total of 28 names were on the sign-in sheet for the Neighborhood Open House Meeting, and 43 names were on the sign-in sheet for the General Public Open House Meeting (Appendix C). Visitors were invited to review the informational boards and to discuss with the available project team their issues and concerns with the project.

Attendees were encouraged to submit written (or transcribed) comments at the meeting, or to submit comments via mail, fax, or email. Eight written comments and one transcribed comment were received at the Neighborhood Open House Meeting, and eight written comments and three transcribed comments were received at the General Public Open House Meeting. After the meetings, a total of 21 comments were received via mail, fax, telephone, or email. Copies of comments received from the public scoping meetings are provided Appendix C.

The Proposed Action was also presented to the Laramie City Council at a February 10, 2009 working session (See Appendix D for the PowerPoint presentation). The presentation in-

cluded information presented at the February 10 and 11 public open houses. Questions from the city council were answered during the presentation and written descriptions of issues/concerns and comments regarding the proposed action were asked of the city council.

Public Comments and Issues

Summaries of comments received at the Open House Meetings, as well as comments received via mail, fax, telephone, or email, are summarized below.

- Community impacts to Westside Neighborhood
- Safety of curved roads create
- Bicycle and pedestrian access
- Management of east-west traffic without diverting 18-wheeler traffic from I-80
- Impacts to wetlands and floodplains
- Displacement, compensation, and real estate values
- Integrity of the Territorial Prison
- Wildlife habitat along the Laramie River
- Disturbance of contaminated soils
- Visual impacts
- Access to businesses and residences
- Cost of alternatives.
- Connection to Snowy Range Road
- Impacts to the Laramie River Greenbelt
- Historic resources

- Speed limits
- Rail service for local industries
- School children safety

Agency Scoping

A list was compiled of relevant local, state, tribal, and federal agencies that would have an interest in the proposed Harney Street Viaduct project (Appendix E). A letter was sent to all agencies on the list requesting input regarding their issues and concerns with the project (Appendix E).

Agency Comments and Issues

Eight of the agencies responded to the scoping letter request (Appendix F). A summary of the issues and concerns of each is provided below.

- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality: While there are no known environmental resources in proximity to the viaduct, there are a few issues: the Union Pacific has a fueling platform enrolled in the Voluntary Remediation Program located just south of the project, and to the north is the former Amoco refinery location. Based on historical land uses, there is potential for contaminated soils in the area.
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality – Air Quality Division: Comments provided information regarding sections of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations that apply to the project and should be initiated.
- Environmental Protection Agency –



Ecosystems Protection and Remediation: Advised to consider the Clean Water Act Section 404, floodplain management, protection of wetlands, and runoff, when developing the Environmental Assessment for the project.

- Natural Resources Conservation Service: Based on the site location, it is determined that there would not be an adverse impact to prime farmland or rangeland producers in the area. However, because the site would be disturbed, it is recommended that the site be re-vegetated as quickly as possible to minimize soil erosion and/or weed infestation.
- Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office: Historic properties are being addressed for determination of eligibility and preliminary assessment of effects for the project.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service: Comments provided information pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. A list of species that could be present within or near the project area was provided.
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department: Wildlife resources within the project area were identified. Project developers were encouraged to minimize impacts to wildlife by realigning and extending Harney Street to tie into the Snowy Range Road east of the Laramie River, preferably closer to Cedar Street than the river. Consideration should

be given to avoiding raptor nests and best management practices should be employed to sediments and other pollutants are contained within the work area.

- Department of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Omaha District: Dredging or filling of waters of the US would require USACE authorization.

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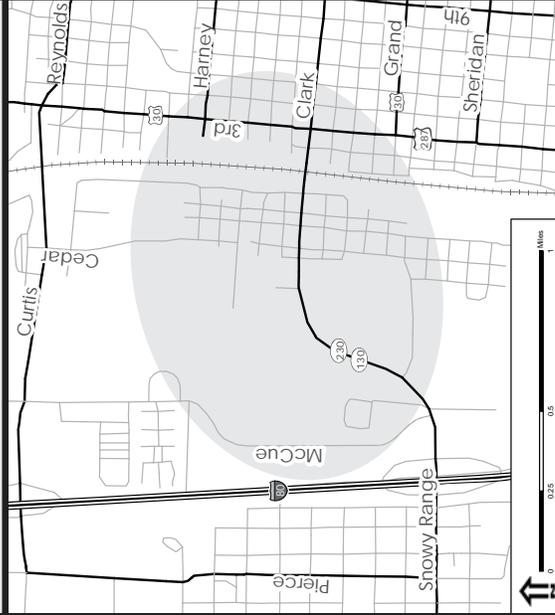


March 2010



OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 11
 from 5 pm to 7 pm
 Lincoln Community Center
 (formerly the Lincoln Elementary School)
 365 West Grand Avenue in Laramie



Officials from WYDOT and the Federal Highway Administration invite you to join them for a public meeting on the Harney Street Viaduct project in Laramie.

This proposed project replaces the aging Clark Street viaduct with a new structure over the Union Pacific Railroad at Harney Street and includes the associated roadway that will accommodate future transportation system needs.

WYDOT designers, planners, and engineers will be on hand to answer questions and explain the current proposed build alternatives.

Your input is encouraged to help shape improvement recommendations. Comments can be provided during the open house by completing a comment sheet or made verbally to a transcriber.

If unable to attend, written comments can be sent to Tim Stark, Environmental Services Engineer, WYDOT, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009. Or, email comments to: publicmeeting.comments@dot.state.wy.us

Booklets with information about the Harney Street Viaduct project will be available to examine at the WYDOT office on South Third Street and the Albany County Library after the meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this meeting location is accessible to disabled persons. For those who require special accommodations, please contact Ross Doman at (307) 745-2142.



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Interested parties may attend anytime at their convenience during the scheduled hours.



Harney Street Viaduct NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Officials from WYDOT and the Federal Highway Administration welcome you and your neighborhood community to an open house presentation on the proposed Harney Street Viaduct project. At the meeting, build alternatives currently being considered will be displayed.

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We look forward to seeing you. Please note that this meeting will be held before the general public meeting on February 11.



Tuesday, February 10
from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Lincoln Community Center
(formerly the Lincoln Elementary School)
365 West Grand Avenue in Laramie



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Neighborhood Open House

Welcome

Please Sign the Attendance Roster

Tuesday, February 10, 2009
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm





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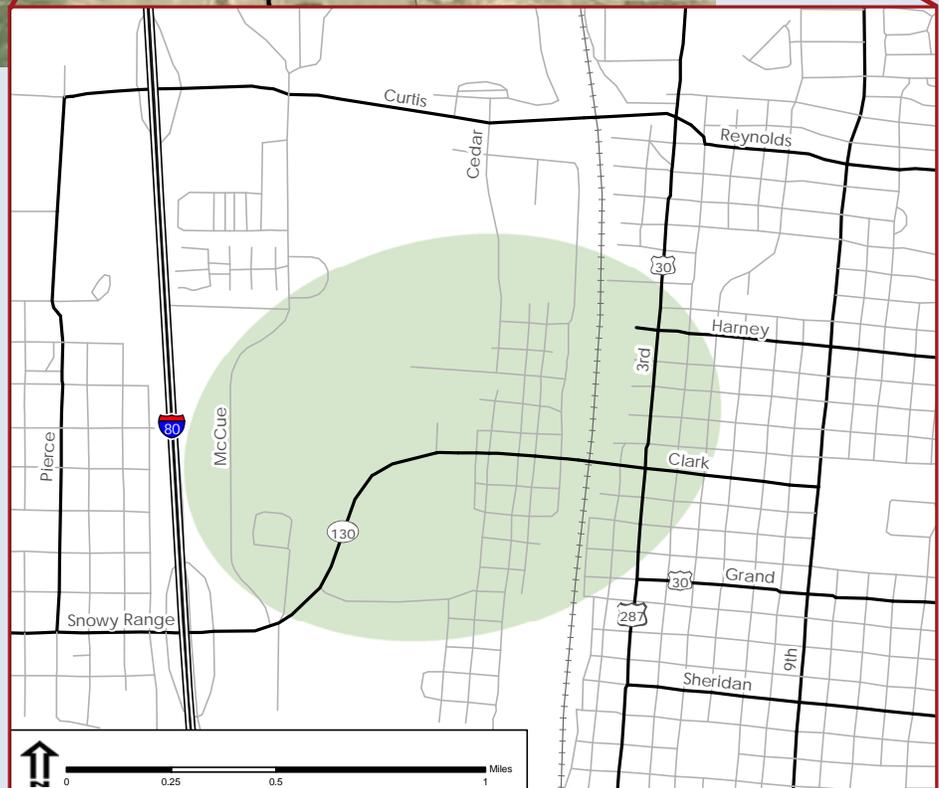
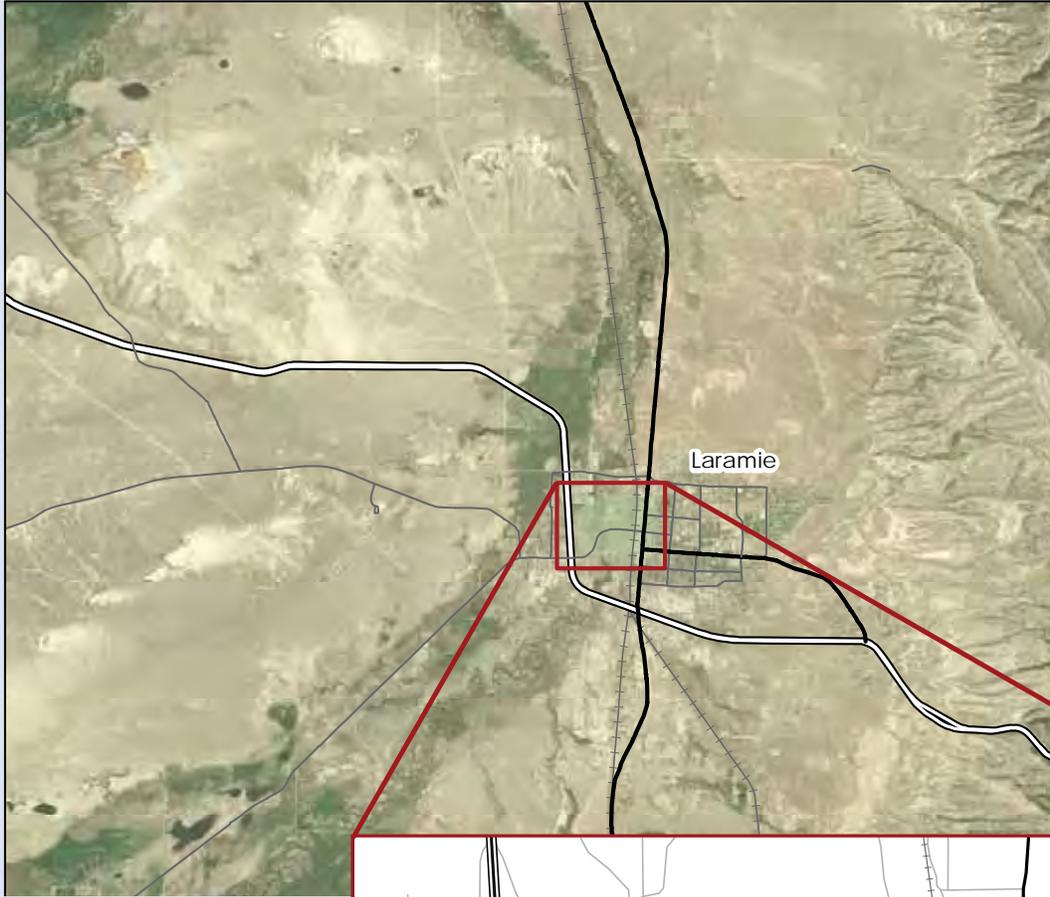
Open House

Welcome

Please Sign the Attendance Roster

Wednesday, February 11, 2009
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm







- 1997 ▶ Viaduct Review Committee is formed to assist WYDOT with recommending a preferred location for a new or rehabilitated viaduct to replace the Clark Street Viaduct.
- Late 1998 ▶ Viaduct Review Committee recommends Harney Street as the preferred location for the replacement of the Clark Street Viaduct.
- 2000 ▶ WYDOT initiates Environmental Assessment process to evaluate retaining the Clark Street Viaduct or replacing it along the Harney Street alignment.
- July 2000 ▶ Considering local plans, Laramie City Council adopts a resolution supporting the existing Clark Street location.
- Early 2002 ▶ Environmental Assessment process postponed by WYDOT.
- 2002 ▶ Considering the structural deficiency and design life expectancy of the Clark Street Viaduct, City of Laramie and WYDOT decide to replace the viaduct with a new structure either at its existing location or along Harney Street.
- 2006 ▶ City of Laramie initiates the Laramie Transportation Study to establish a preferred location to replace the Clark Street Viaduct.
- Sept 2006 ▶ Public Meeting is held seeking input for determining a preferred location to replace the Clark Street Viaduct.
- Nov 2006 ▶ Laramie Transportation Study memorandum is submitted to City of Laramie recommending a new viaduct be built along the Harney Street alignment to replace the existing Clark Street Viaduct.
- July 2007 ▶ Laramie City Council conditionally approves the recommendation that WYDOT build a viaduct at Harney Street.
- Aug 2007 ▶ WYDOT initiates an environmental assessment of the Harney Street Viaduct and associated roadways.
- Nov 2007 ▶ Laramie Transportation Study Improvement Plan is finalized to include the Laramie City Council's endorsement of a viaduct to be built at the Harney Street location to replace the existing Clark Street Viaduct.
- Dec 2007 ▶ WYDOT, with City of Laramie endorsement, begins preparation of an environmental assessment per the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.
- Today ▶ A Public Open House is held to obtain comments from the public.





Steps in the Process

Activities

We are here in the Process

Scoping &
Data Collection

- Public & agency meetings
- Collect environmental data
- Identify existing traffic conditions
- Identify issues and concerns

Develop
Purpose and Need

- Define future land use
- Develop future traffic projections
- Document need for project

Define &
Evaluate Alternatives

- Define initial alternatives
- Screen initial alternatives
- Define alternative(s) to be evaluated

Prepare Environmental
Assessment

- Document alternatives considered
- Evaluate impacts of reasonable alternative(s)
- Select preferred alternative
- Identify mitigation measures

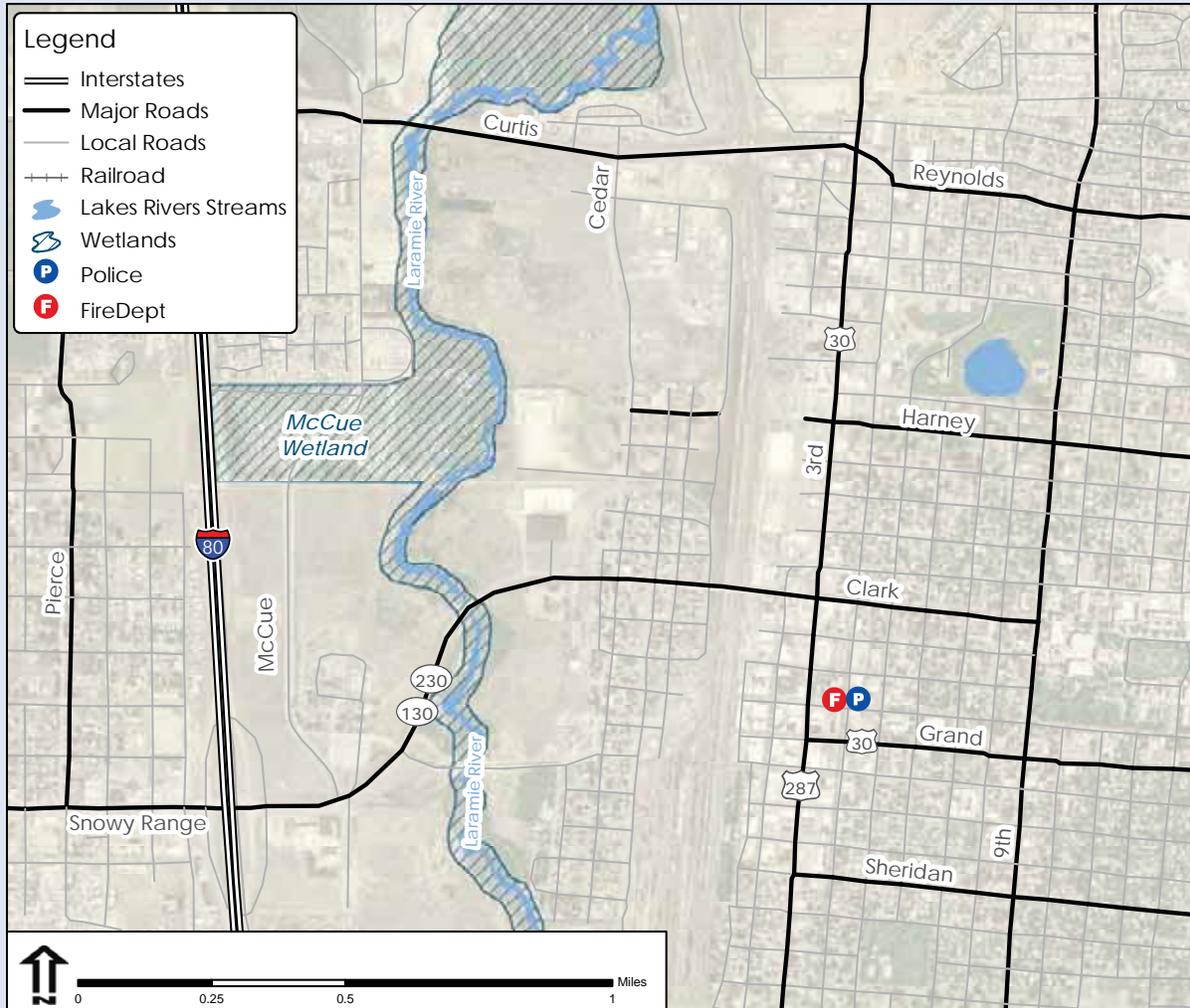
Public and
Agency Review

- Provide Environmental Assessment to public & agencies
- Conduct Public Hearing
- Receive comments

Prepare Final
Decision Document

- Provide basis for decision
- Commit to mitigation for impacts
- Document decision
- Address public and agency comments
- Signed by WYDOT and FHWA

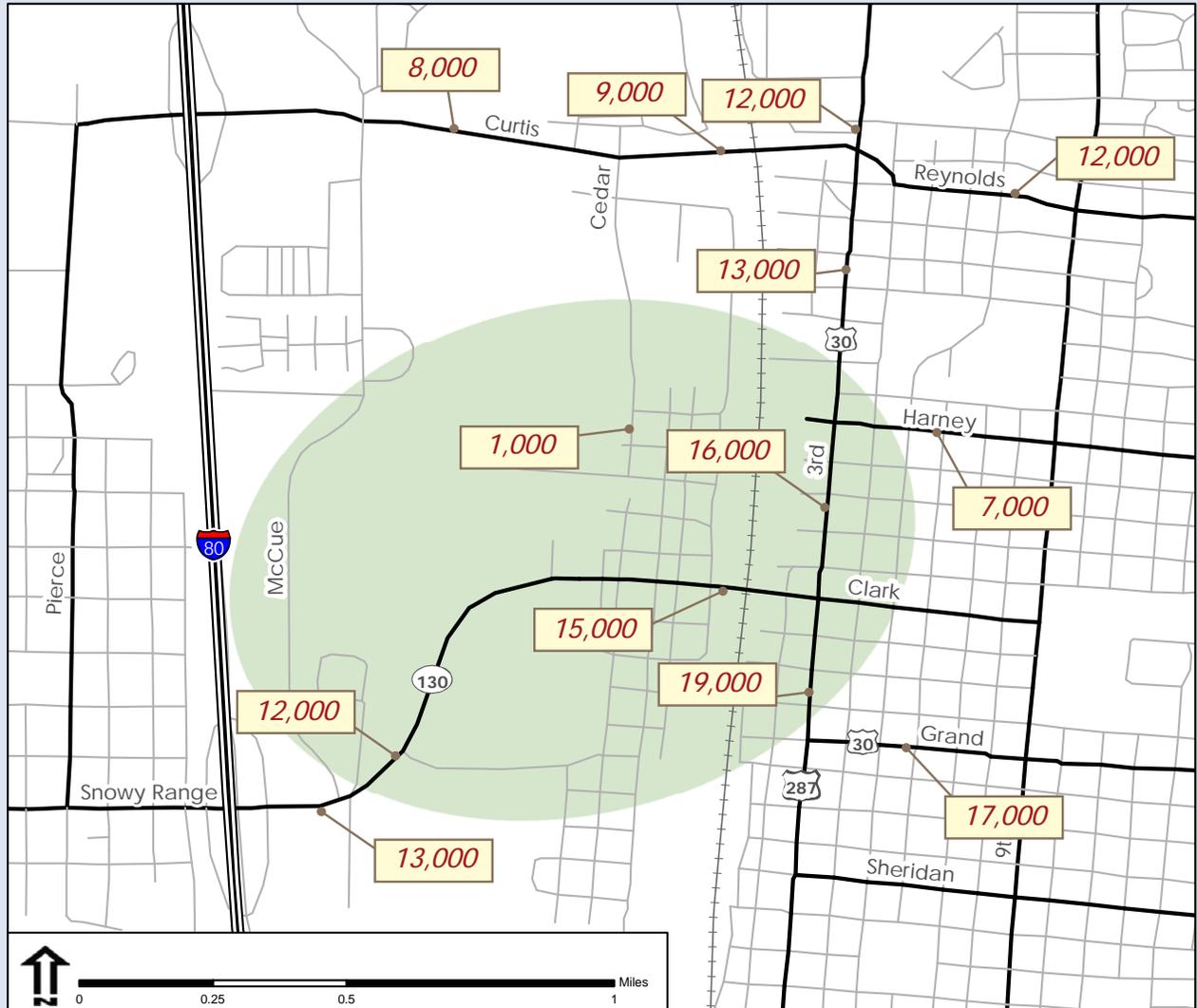








Existing Roadway Traffic (Average Daily Traffic)



Source: WYDOT Planning 2009

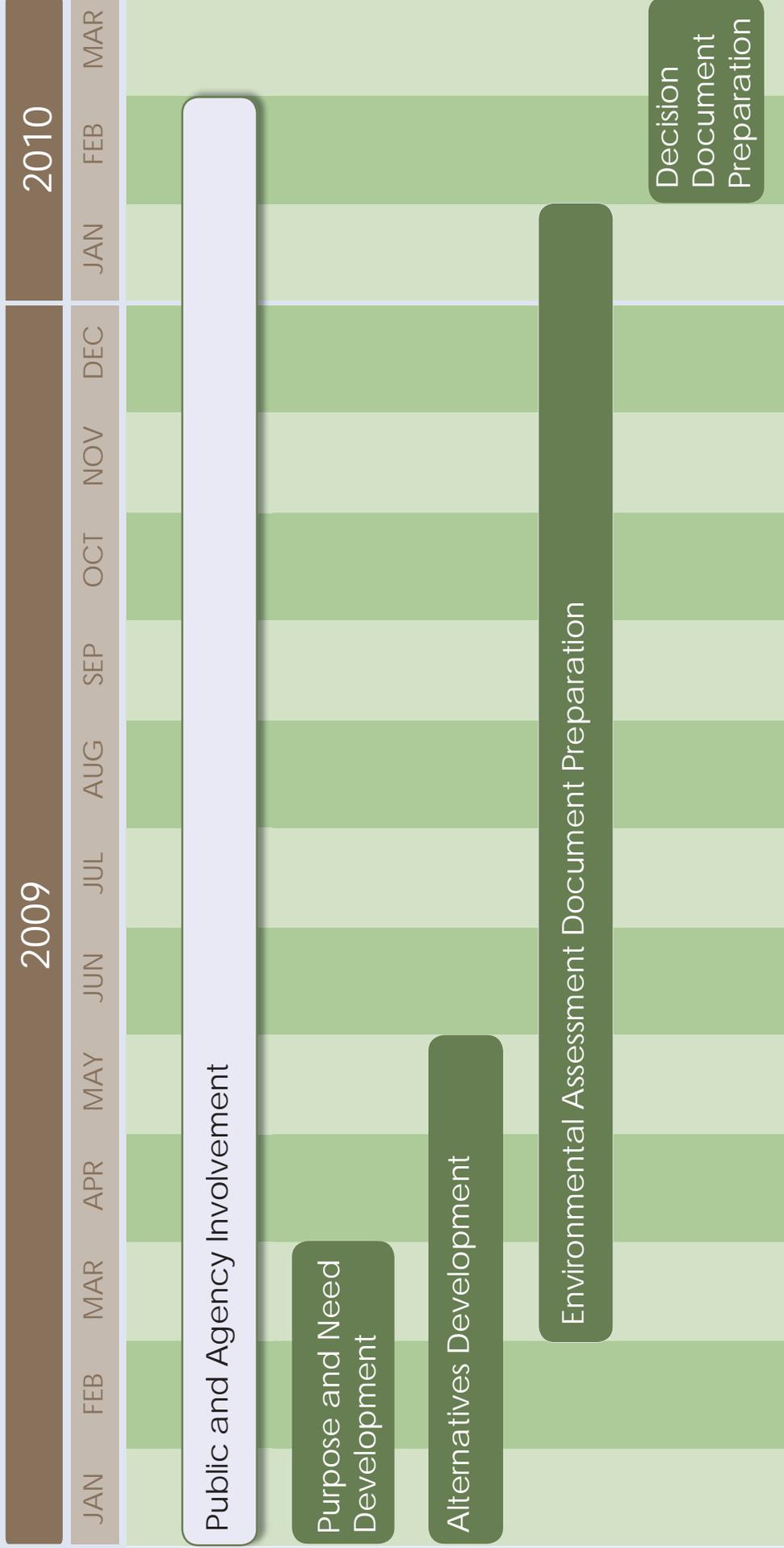


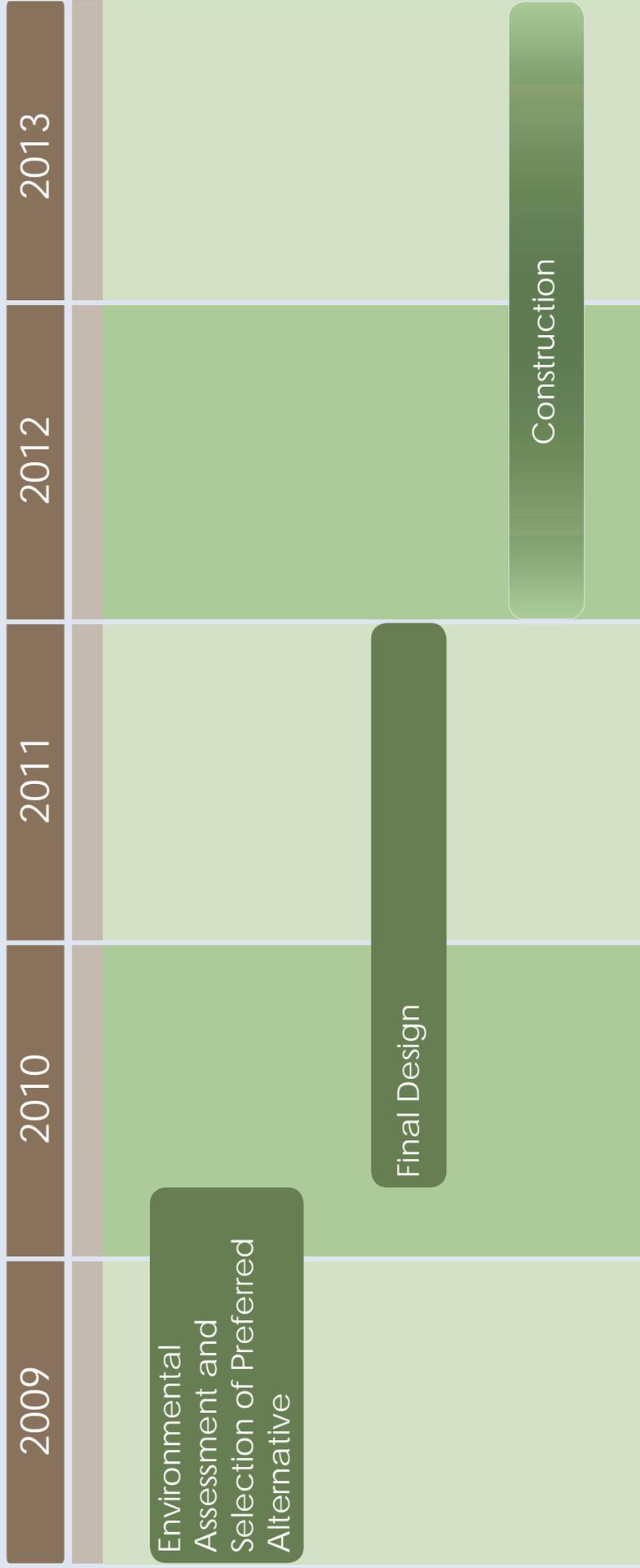


The purpose of this project is to replace the aging Clark Street viaduct structure with a new structure over the Union Pacific Railroad at Harney Street and associated roadway that will accommodate future transportation system needs in the City of Laramie and Albany County. The Harney Street alignment corridor and associated roadway are based on the recommendations contained in the Laramie Transportation Study/Traffic Study and endorsed by Laramie City Council. The completion of this project should meet the following needs:

- Provide transportation service, increased capacity, and improved functionality for the proposed project roadway network and land use in the future (2032).
- Provide for a direct east and west transportation system connection to serve corridor traffic movements through the City of Laramie.
 - Connection to the East side of Laramie
 - Connection to the West side of Laramie
 - Connection to West Laramie
 - Connection to downtown Laramie
- Improve safety and operational efficiency for the bridge, roadway, and intersections on the existing transportation system.
 - Correct bridge deficiency
 - Increase roadway capacity on the SH 130/230 and U.S. 30 corridors
 - Improve roadway safety on the SH 130/230 and U.S. corridors









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Alternative 1 Options A through C



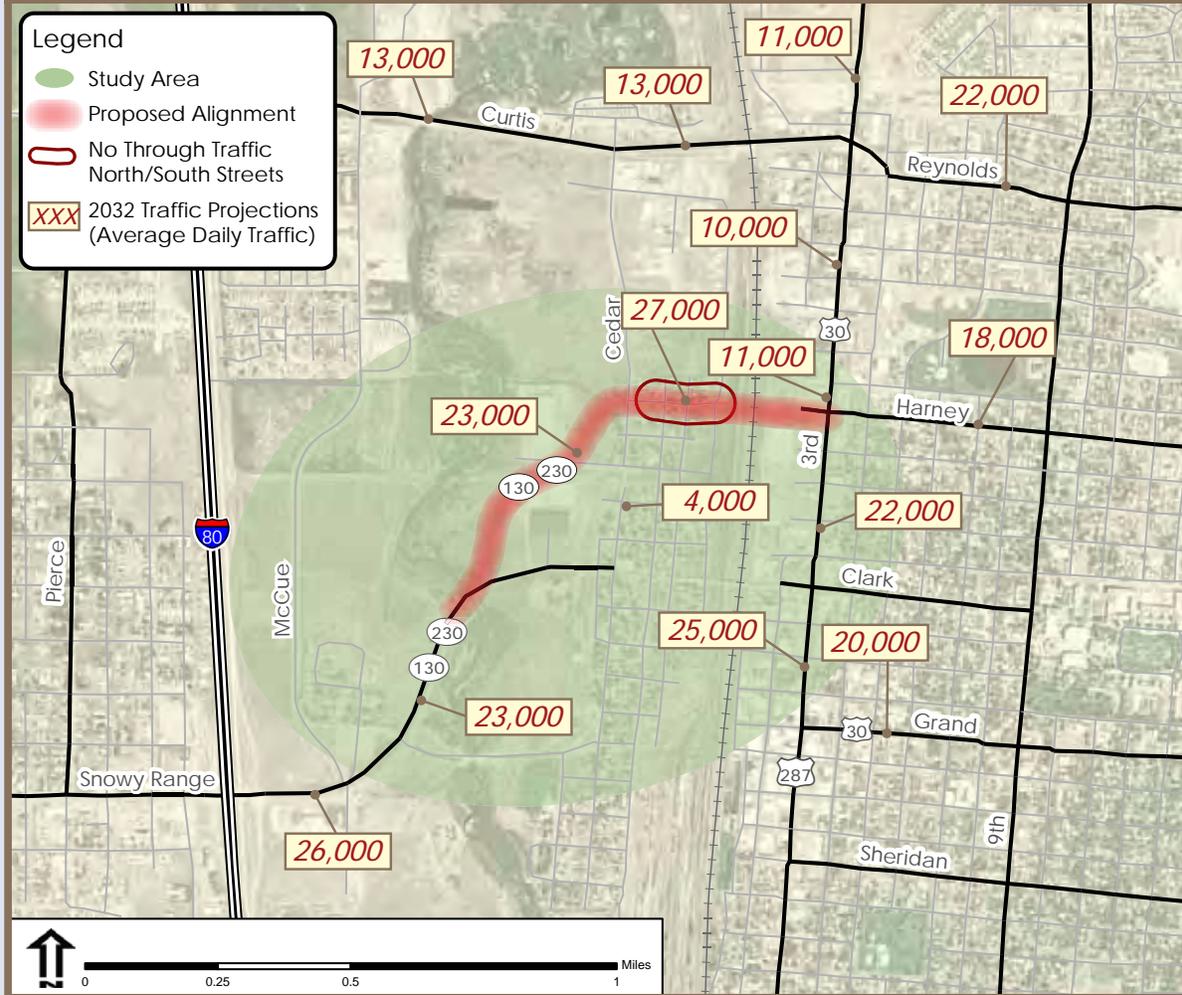


Alternative 1 - Option A





Alternative 1 - Option B





Alternative 1 - Option C





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Alternative 2

Options A through D





Alternative 2 - Option A





Alternative 2 - Option B





Alternative 2 - Option C





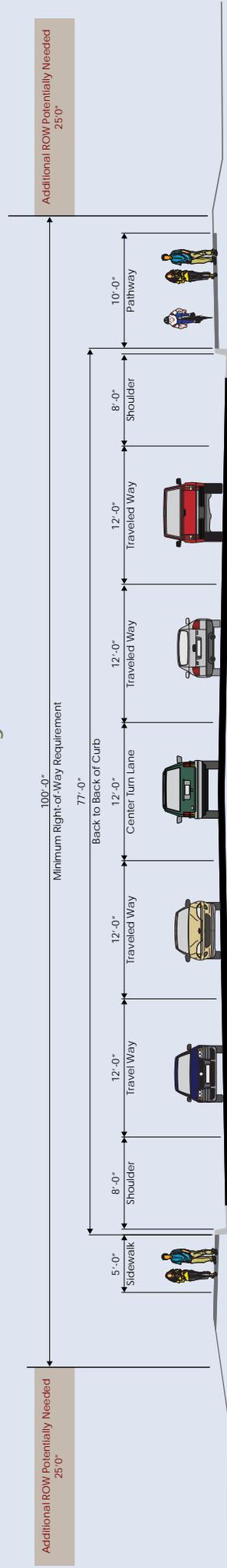
Alternative 2 - Option D



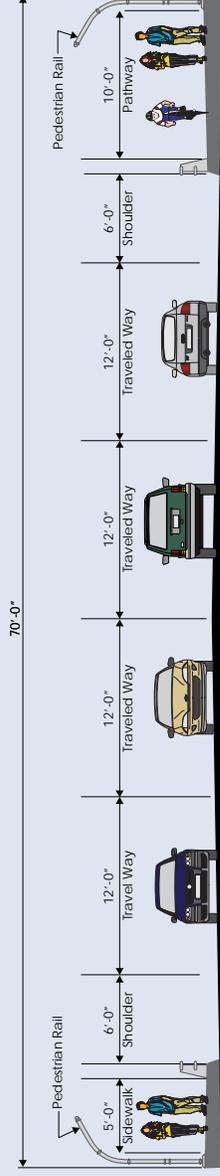


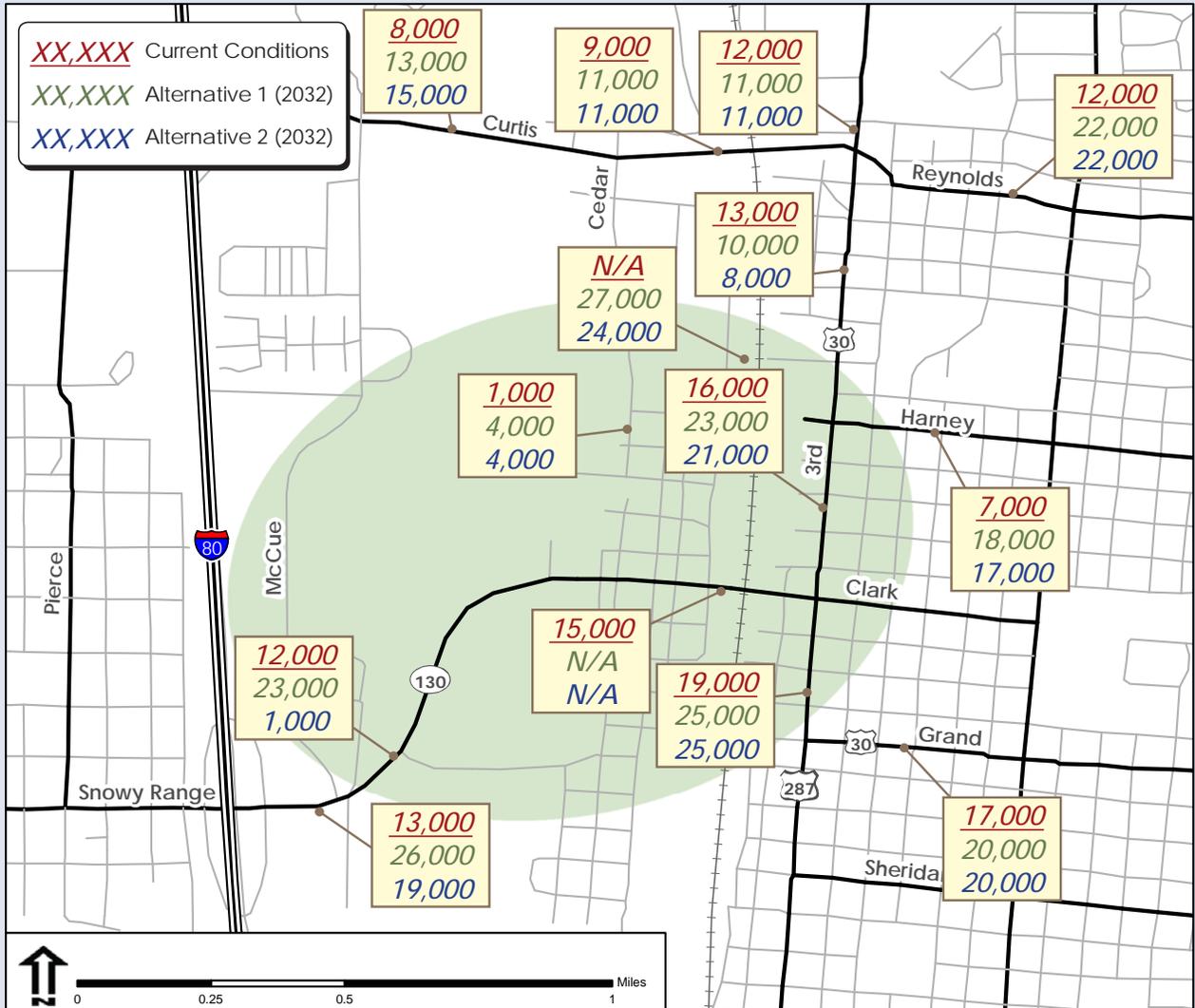
Proposed Typical Sections (Roadway and Bridge)

Roadway



Bridge





Source: WYDOT Planning 2009





- Get on mailing list (sign up tonight)
- Fill in comment sheets (tonight)
- Attend future project activities
- Contact Us:
 - *Tim Stark*, WYDOT Environmental Services Engineer
(307) 777-4379
 - *Steve Cook*, WYDOT Resident Engineer
(307) 745-2113
 - *Bob Quinlan*, Consultant Project Manager
(303) 820-5283
- Submit comments and questions
by fax: (307) 777-4193
by email: publicmeeting.comments@dot.state.wy.us
- Are you on the mailing list?





- Ongoing public involvement activities
- Refine the purpose and need for the project
- Continue data collection and research
- Develop and evaluate project alternatives
- Analyze impacts of alternatives
- Prepare Environmental Assessment
- Public and agency review of the Environmental Assessment
- Prepare a NEPA decision document



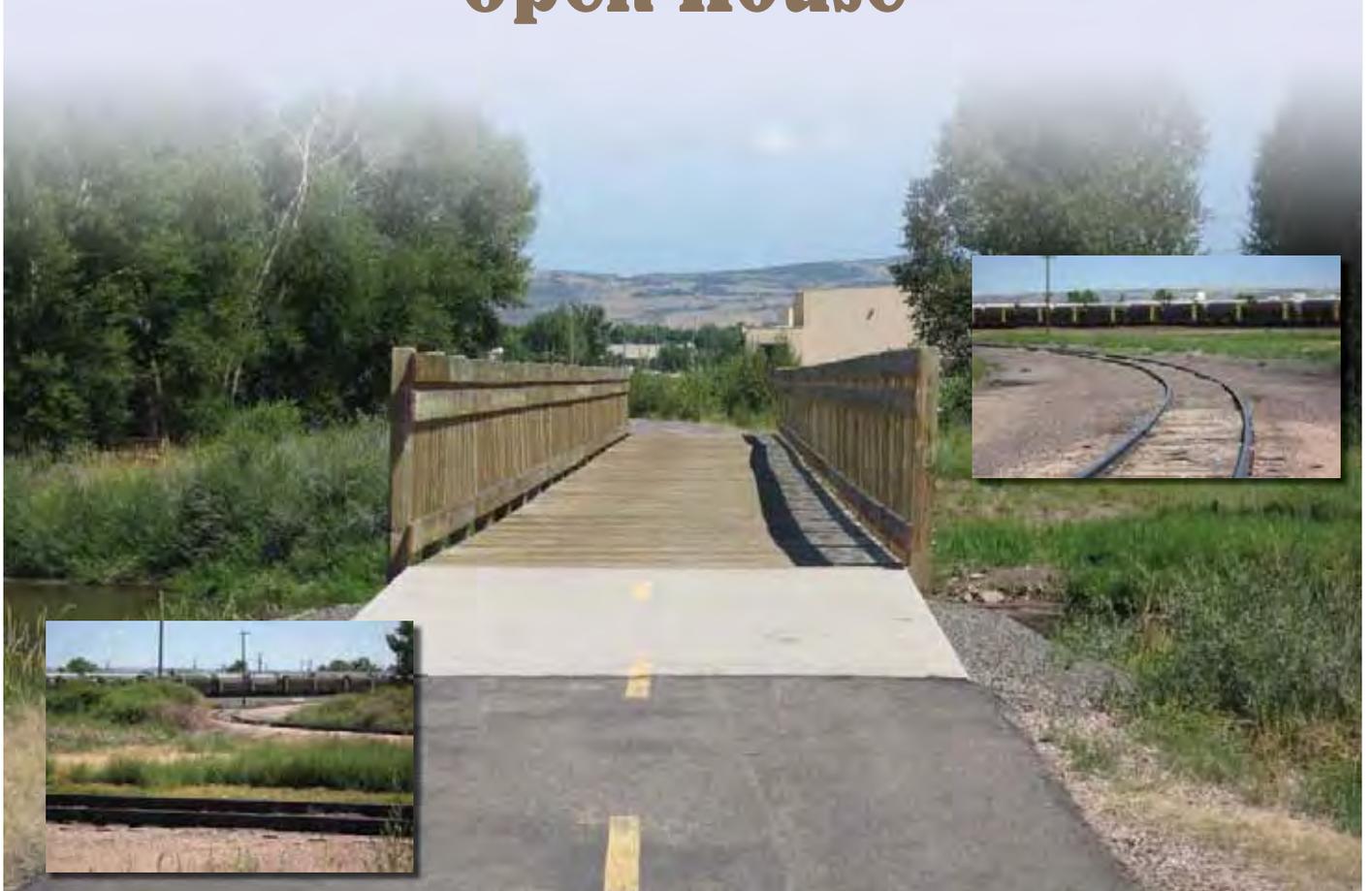


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Thank You

**for coming to the
Open House**





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**Appendix C:
Public Meeting Sign-in Sheets and
Public Meeting Comments**



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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HARNEY STREET VIADUCT

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Lincoln Community Center
365 West Grand Avenue
Laramie, Wyoming

February 10, 2009

4:30 p.m.

1 JEFF WILLIAMS: Jeff Williams, 353 West
2 Harney. Let's get 'er done. Let's get 'er done. I
3 walk home from work. What you see at the top is
4 nothing compared to what you see underneath. Be
5 careful walking underneath there.

6 You know, I mean, I've lived there for -- oh,
7 jeez, lived there in December 2001, I think. You know,
8 of course this has been a topic of discussion since
9 '97. One way or another, looks like that's the way
10 we're going to go.

11 Let's get 'er done.

12 (Neighborhood meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.)

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1 C E R T I F I C A T E

2 I, KRISTY R. HUGHES, a Registered
3 Professional Reporter and a Notary Public of the State
4 of Colorado, appointed to take the public comments at
5 the WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HARNEY STREET
6 VIADUCT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING, do hereby certify that
7 the comments were taken by me at 365 West Grand Avenue,
8 Laramie, Wyoming, on February 10, 2009; that the
9 proceedings were thereafter reduced to typewritten form
10 by means of computer-aided transcription; that the
11 foregoing is an accurate transcript of the comments at
12 that time.

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
14 hand and affixed my Notarial Seal this 16th day of
15 February, 2009.

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KRISTY R. HUGHES, RPR
Registered Professional Reporter

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21 My Commission Expires 07/05/2012

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PLEASE ATTACH TO YOUR COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF:

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HARNEY STREET VIADUCT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Date of Neighborhood Meeting: February 10, 2009

THIS TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN FILED

Signature waived or not required

Reading and signing was not requested by the deponent

Unsigned; signed signature page and change sheets, if any, to be filed at trial

Not signed, notice duly given pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.

Signed by the deponent with no changes

Signed by the deponent with changes, copy of which is enclosed

Unsigned, with changes, copy of which is enclosed

FILED WITH: ROSS DOMAN

DATE FILED: _____

RECEIVED BY: _____

Enclosures: (As above noted)

cc: ROSS DOMAN



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Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday
February 10, 2009
4:30 to 6:30 P.M.
COMMENT FORM

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Please take a few minutes to discuss your thoughts on the proposed project with us in order to help us more thoroughly understand what is important to the community so that we can better address these points during planning. At this stage in the planning process, most important for us to understand is:
What are your issues and concerns regarding this project?

Options preferred

1C

OR

2C

Cons most direct in both cases

(Additional room on the reverse side)

When you are finished you may place this form in the comment box tonight, or, if you would like to take it home and complete it later you can either mail it or fax it back to WYDOT. Our fax number is (307) 777-4193 for mailing, simply fold it and affix postage on the reverse side, it is pre-addressed to reach the proper contact. You may also e-mail comments: publicmeeting.comments@dot.state.wy.us

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I am concerned ^{about} my home. I wish someone would have told me four years ago this might happen. The state should have been buying houses as they went on the market instead of having unsuspecting people buy them. My husband and I have invested our hard earned money and valuable time in this house. We have basically remodeled our entire home inside and out. We are very attached to this house because of our hard work and because it is our first home.

I understand the need for the new viaduct but I don't agree with the way it is being done. I also don't understand why residents were not informed of the "public" meetings that have taken place. I am on the email list and I read the paper almost every day. It just seems unfair.

This project is going to displace a lot of families, a lot of which don't have the resources to relocate. The economy is in a very scary place for middle class families, I know I cannot afford a more expensive mortgage and I know there are not going to be any houses on the market ~~for that price~~ ^{in the same price range} that aren't going to need 4 years of work.

(Additional room on the reverse side)

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If it goes through on Harney - how long do we have to pack? Are we going to be paid fair-market - are we going to be paid at all? Perhaps not all houses are going to be destroyed - what happens to the value? Sigh. So many things, so little time.

(Additional room on the reverse side)

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It would be great to get this finished.
I think that alt. 1 option C, a curved ^{ROAD} road
would be my least favorite option.

Last year or so an engineer at one
of the meetings indicated that curved
roads are not desirable; I agree.

How does the relocation payment
work for landlords as opposed to resident.
30% of my retirement income will go
away.

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Alternative one - Option C.

This is the only course - if you want to have minimum impact on current residents. Also from economic point of view, this is the shortest and does not have to be built in wet areas - you do not have to build over the river. And it would impact less households.

All options straight over on Harney are too close to the ditch coming up from river - just North of the Cedar/Harney intersection the city has had to dig up the street to repair replace sewer water pipes - We have noted this 5 times in last year!! All options coming straight over Harney through Cedar/Harney intersection and west would go into wetlands - meaning standing water from river overflow - The lot just west of Harney - Cedar intersection has had standing water due to heavy rains and river overflow.

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As I explained to WYDOT officials at this neighborhood meeting (on 2-10-09) none of these proposals are safe in my view.

In my view, when Clark overpass is gone the only reasonable and safe solutions require one of the nearby streets between Spring Creek & Garfield (preferably around Garfield perhaps) to become the site of a new bridge. This would drain the east-west traffic of the middle and southern part of town without the danger of taking on the 18-wheeler of I-80. I fear that much more traffic will go over I-80 and result in 18-wheeler/auto crashes when Clark is gone since I doubt people would be willing to go clear to Harney to avoid I-80 and hence the heavy truck traffic.

I prefer option 1-C to the other options since it would not take mom's home (she has a heart condition and doesn't need the stress) and 1-C option has the advantage of not building into a dead-end street and the ensuing swamp. Frankly the other options are just silly because of the swamp. But Don't Forget, I say 1-C is the best option you presented but is NOT good enough! You should have had an option of a bridge on another street south of Clark St as to save the lives that I think will be lost in increased accidents when Clark bridge is gone. As I have already said
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Once on the West Side, i.e. west of railroad tracks, route should go north of neighborhoods. Don't ruin our community on the West Side.

Alternative 2 Option D would be best... in fact it's the ONLY acceptable alternative

Hollis Marriott
hollis@stanfordalumni.org

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I am concerned about disturbance to wetlands and the flood plain of the Laramie River. I prefer alternative 1, options A-C for this reason. Alternative 2 options will be more costly and will create more disturbance to Lar. River and wetlands.
Option A looks good but I'm concerned with curve.
Option C looks best as it is more gradual and direct connection to Snowy Range Rd. I would rather see the route pass alongside the 2 industrial bldgs, as opposed to between the bldgs. Aesthetics is also an important factor. With the increased traffic through this area, it's important to put our best foot forward. Bridge design details should be mindful of aesthetics as well. Laramie citizens should demand visual beauty in our bridge (finished product).

I am concerned that my neighbors' houses will be taken out during construction. I hope they have a choice and are more than reasonably compensated for their homes.

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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HARNEY STREET VIADUCT

OPEN HOUSE

Lincoln Community Center
365 West Grand Avenue
Laramie, Wyoming

February 11, 2009

5:00 p.m.

1 DONALD FORCE: My name is Donald W. Force,
2 F O R C E. I have property on both Harney and
3 Reynolds. I have been dead set against this highway
4 through the city of Laramie since its beginning. And I
5 didn't start at the beginning.

6 I did not bother to go to the final decision
7 at the city council to have Harney Street as the final
8 site because of the emotional crisis created by the
9 bridge that fell down in Minnesota.

10 Therefore, I am now exercising my privilege
11 to speak freely without repercussions about this
12 project of allowing WYDOT to put a highway from the
13 middle of this little one-horse town.

14 As I reviewed the material for the open
15 house, the first thing I saw was the overall layout of
16 the territory, which is good because there are better
17 alternatives that exist on page 2 than the whole rest
18 of the book, but that will have to wait for another
19 time.

20 Page 3, the supposed list of how the project
21 came to be, that does not begin to cover the truth or
22 the history of the argument over the Lewis and Clark
23 exits to west Laramie, near the west side.

24 Many businesses have grown up around the
25 current area that used to be on University Street, now

1 on Clark, and should have, many times, as voted by the
2 city council, been for Lewis and Clark to the west, one
3 way -- one way. Cost a lot of money now, but it would
4 have cost a hell of a lot less than when it started.

5 In fact, a public meeting at the school -- I
6 don't know the name of the school, slipped my mind --
7 public meeting at the school in west Laramie, the crowd
8 was positively associated with improvement of the Clark
9 Street/Lewis Street idea and the city council that was
10 present agreed.

11 Of course, they changed this shortly in a
12 work session that's not listed even on this history of
13 the project.

14 Page 5, I'm glad to see the truth come out
15 about the McCue Wetlands because the concept that I see
16 on Alternative 2 is to bypass the businesses that built
17 up around the -- near west side to go on through this
18 wetland before it turns south out of the existing
19 businesses on Snowy Range Road.

20 So the first question I would have is why
21 Alternative 2 was ever even considered since these
22 wetlands are already known to be a real problem. And
23 if anybody did environmental assessment on that, they
24 would not let you go through, exclamation point.

25 Not only that, you are asking to run all of

1 that traffic right through the Laramie River Greenbelt
2 on through the park on the old territorial prison and
3 old west park, as shown on page 6.

4 Beginning on page 11 for Alternative 1, A
5 through C and on page 12, 13 and 14 are the probable,
6 most useful alternatives currently listed. One versus
7 another is minor, depending on which established
8 business you cut through or go around. I'm sure some
9 of the old-time businesses would prefer the alternative
10 on Option A, and I believe from the standpoint of
11 returning to town that would be shooting through Harney
12 Street. I also would much prefer alternative -- or
13 Option A.

14 The Alternative 1, Option B -- to go to
15 Option B you screw up some more businesses. You
16 further indicate that it might be a roadway to far
17 Centennial side of things, and I see a major important
18 change in Alternative -- Option -- Alternative 1,
19 Option C, which would probably be my second choice, if
20 push comes to shove, if push comes to shove.

21 Sliding on quickly to Alternative 2, Option A
22 through D on pages 16, 17, 18, and 19, these all are
23 dependent upon thrusting through the wetlands that are
24 nearby and on through the territory of the park on the
25 south to make a three-headed snake at the junction of

1 McCue and Snowy Range.

2 I go past page 20 in a hurry because, in my
3 opinion, I see absolutely no advantage in any of the
4 Alternative 2 scenarios. They're only dealing with
5 unreality.

6 On page 20 we get into the roadway versus the
7 bridge. The folks -- if you want my honest opinion, it
8 should be a set of twin bridges over Lewis and Clark to
9 be built sometime between now and the next a hundred
10 years. We can shoot for the 300th anniversary because
11 we've already missed the 200th for your engineers to
12 get something done.

13 I'm looking at pages 22, 23, and 24, and I
14 must -- I would -- I would be remiss if I would say
15 that the alternatives and the delays over the years --
16 a lot more than 10 -- have cost the taxpayers lots of
17 money because somebody was able to nudge, push, and
18 shove this roadway to the center of University --
19 center of the universe, excuse me, and not taking into
20 account the needs of the city as it has grown.

21 The current disaster-land at 3rd and Clark
22 has been a continual nudge by the traffic engineers to
23 cause trouble for the poor working stiffs that run back
24 and forth across that bridge.

25 Page 23 is a great example of the

1 long-range -- apparent long-range plan of shooting
2 Harney all the way from Alta Vista to the airport.
3 I'll be glad I will not be around at that time.

4 If you would have thought about it when we
5 still had the train track out there, we might have been
6 able to run a commuter train to Colorado, toot, toot.

7 I would also urge you to look north from the
8 proposed Harney/Cedar intersection and view that
9 beautiful structure, the old ice plant that sits over
10 there, partially demolished, not by somebody, painted
11 by everybody. Particularly in the graffiti age and is
12 the biggest eyesore in the whole city of Laramie with
13 the possible one or two exceptions.

14 I'm an old man now, and I know when I have
15 been outfoxed, outvoted, screwed around on this Harney
16 Street project.

17 Before I finish, I must return to page 6,
18 which gives a better overview of the current views --
19 better view of the problem than would be shown on
20 page 2. And if you look carefully in that prairie,
21 this is the old breeze field west Laramie -- or west of
22 Laramie, you will find a location on a knoll of a water
23 tank.

24 In order to meet the future needs of the
25 traffic in this little town, I have long contended that

1 for everybody to have their thoroughfare from west
2 Laramie to east Laramie, there should be a road started
3 approximately at the water tank headed due northeast
4 over the Curtis Street interchange or nearby a little
5 further north, back in towards Laramie through 3rd
6 Street to 9th Street to 22nd to 30th and 46th where you
7 run into the aquifer problem. Anything less than that
8 is only a highspeed thoroughfare through this little
9 one-horse town.

10 One of the things that I've discovered in my
11 research of this problem is that man who won the
12 national award of planning to divert and figuring out
13 how to divert all of the cars that are destroying our
14 cities, all you have to do is take a quick look at
15 California to get my message. That you can only travel
16 130 miles south of Denver to get the current picture,
17 and it wasn't very long ago when the Daniels & Fisher
18 Tower was the tallest building in that town.

19 The man's award came to him because he
20 decided that you should have blocked all these
21 highspeed thoroughfares through the middle of town and
22 make them go around years ago; otherwise, they will
23 continue to destroy your cities, whether we have to dig
24 up the abandoned foreclosed buildings and plant gardens
25 in them or not.

1 I am reminded of one of my soil professionals
2 who was a wise old gent that helped me out of a
3 beautiful location for a national building in Madison,
4 Wisconsin. Old Emil Truoq was the original soil
5 scientist who, in fact, in the '20s started the
6 international soil science society in conjunction with
7 the Russians so that we had a good soil science society
8 throughout the 20th century.

9 And I'll leave you with his advice, when
10 his -- he lost the option of putting the national
11 agronomy soil science building near the Mendota Lake in
12 Madison, he said, One thing I've always learned to be
13 in life is flexible.

14 JON MADSEN: I just wanted to say we're for
15 the very first alternative based on the reason that
16 that does not fragment the greenbelt by building on the
17 bridge or by taking roadways across it. It also looks
18 like it kind of uses the structures that are already
19 there, goes across the railroad tracks and then the
20 straight away and then hooks into the bridge that's
21 already there instead of going out through the wetlands
22 and kind of across countryside that doesn't have roads
23 in it.

24 And I know that I could have gotten on and
25 done an e-mail but this is easy for me. I think that's

1 it. The rest is a nice clear presentation. People
2 were very helpful.

3 But we're pretty -- we use the greenbelt a
4 lot, and we're friends of wild spaces, especially in
5 cities. And so that alternative is the best for us.

6 LYNNE LIVINGSTON: My concern is Arc built
7 all those new apartments. I live at 607 Clark, so it's
8 right here.

9 I have a 35-year-old son who has multiple
10 disabilities. He works at Hastings, which is right in
11 the shopping center right here. And when he lived here
12 and walked down this street here to 3rd and Clark, even
13 though he's walking on the light, people would almost
14 hit him when he was crossing because they're turning
15 right on red. They can't tell by looking at him that
16 he has a significant visual disability.

17 So when we had him walk down to Lewis and
18 when he tried to cross at Lewis and 3rd, there's no
19 light. So then we had him walking down to Harney and
20 3rd and he got hit twice. Not hard enough to put him
21 in the hospital but it knocked him down. And it's
22 because people see him and don't realize he's got a
23 visual deficit and think he'll move, he can see me
24 coming, he'll stop.

25 So Arc built these great apartments that are

1 right about here. They are -- oh, let me see -- maybe
2 30 clients living in those apartments, maybe even more
3 than that, but there used to be a shopping center here,
4 the old Ideal shopping center, the Northridge shopping
5 center that they used to be able to get their
6 groceries, their prescriptions, that kind of stuff.
7 And a lot of the Arc clients live right in the area.
8 They closed that now.

9 The only place that they've got to go where
10 they can get there themselves is the Safeway shopping
11 center right here. They have to cross Harney to get
12 there. I'm really concerned about pedestrians, but
13 especially pedestrians with disabilities trying to
14 cross Harney, and that's where the living area is, is
15 on that side of the street. So I'm very concerned.

16 I do think Harney is a better solution than
17 Clark. I live right here so people would come over the
18 Clark viaduct in the big semis they'd get up to 9th
19 Street, they can't turn because the streets aren't big
20 enough to allow semis to turn up there. So I do think
21 that Harney is the better option.

22 But I worry tremendously about the people
23 that live at Arc trying to access the Safeway shopping
24 center.

25 (Open house concluded at 7:15 p.m.)

1 C E R T I F I C A T E

2 I, KRISTY R. HUGHES, a Registered
3 Professional Reporter and a Notary Public of the State
4 of Colorado, appointed to take the public comments at
5 the WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HARNEY STREET
6 VIADUCT OPEN HOUSE, do hereby certify that the comments
7 were taken by me at 365 West Grand Avenue, Laramie,
8 Wyoming, on February 11, 2009; that the proceedings
9 were thereafter reduced to typewritten form by means of
10 computer-aided transcription; that the foregoing is an
11 accurate transcript of the comments at that time.

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
13 hand and affixed my Notarial Seal this 16th day of
14 February, 2009.

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KRISTY R. HUGHES, RPR
Registered Professional Reporter

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20 My Commission Expires 07/05/2012

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HARNEY STREET VIADUCT OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Date of Open House: February 11, 2009

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My Concerns:

- ① The near west side is a close neighborhood that must not be severed. The bridge must jog one block north so 3 blocks are not amputated from the rest of the community.
- ② Long term plans have been made to remake the Coalmont Railroad corridor into an extension of the green belt. The whole area between the Interstate and the residences is one of the nicest natural areas, do not run a road through this area.
- ③ Take advantage of the Brownfields areas at the north end of the west side.
- ④ Follow the drawing attached.

(Additional room on the reverse side)

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After reviewing the charts & conversations with a WYDOT representative, it would seem that the options in Alternative 1 are preferable to those in Alternative 2 for these reasons:

1. Cost - Alternative 2 would require a new bridge whereas Alternative 1 would use the existing bridge. It also seems that Alternative 2 would require more road construction.

2. Proximity to existing businesses - Alternative 1 options could benefit existing local business due to a closer proximity than Alternative 2.

3. Potentially contaminated soil - Alternative 2 option may disturb, and possibly require excavation and removal of contaminated soil at its northern area.

4. Wyoming Territorial Park - Alternative 2 would appear to more adversely impact the Park than Alternative 1 options due to traffic flow and associated congestion and noise.

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Alternative
Option A

Does not disturb the prison's integrity
Cost & utilizes the existing bridge across river

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a. Alternative 1 A-C seems to make the most sense. Perhaps "C" being the best.

b. Would like the bridge portion out of colored concrete (red or sand) color

c. We should have it set up to connect with future bike path (N→S) on the east side of bridge
(Per Comprehensive Plan)

d. Bridge portion should include architectural features like columns or brick veneer or stone. Make it a bridge we can be proud of for 50 years!

~~***~~ NOT like the one south of town on 287 that goes over the RR tracks.

e. Don't save the Clark Viaduct. Tear it down.

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My biggest concern is business impact @ 3rd S Harney for traffic flow to be smooth to like any of the options in Alt #1

The only other concern would be traffic flow during construction

J.T.

Peerless Tyles

Shop Manager

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I believe Alternative 1 with one of its options makes the most sense for the new roadway. Tying back into Snowy Range + using the existing road + bridge over the river makes a lot more sense than going all the way over to McCue.

Which ever option of Alternative 1 impacts the fewest people, buildings + homes should be chosen

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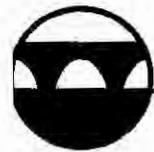
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I vehemently oppose Alternative 2
OPTION A thru C. I could live with
Alternative 2 Option D. My reasoning
is that this proposal against Bisect's
the Territorial prison as McCue Street
did. Option D is the least offensive
at it is at the Northern Boundary of
the park, however totally in a wetland
state.

Alternative 1 does not affect the
park with the exception of widening
the current bridge or building a new
one.

I am also concerned about Alternative
2 requiring another bridge over the
River. Alternative 2B ~~and~~ 2C also
appears to utilize the old Wahvis Peak
RR Right of Way which has not
been abandoned yet. A LOT OF PEOPLE
believe that this is a public right of way.
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decisions the RW would prevent
back to the Tennessee Prisoner on
state.

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Return Address:

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Stamp
Here

Tim Stark
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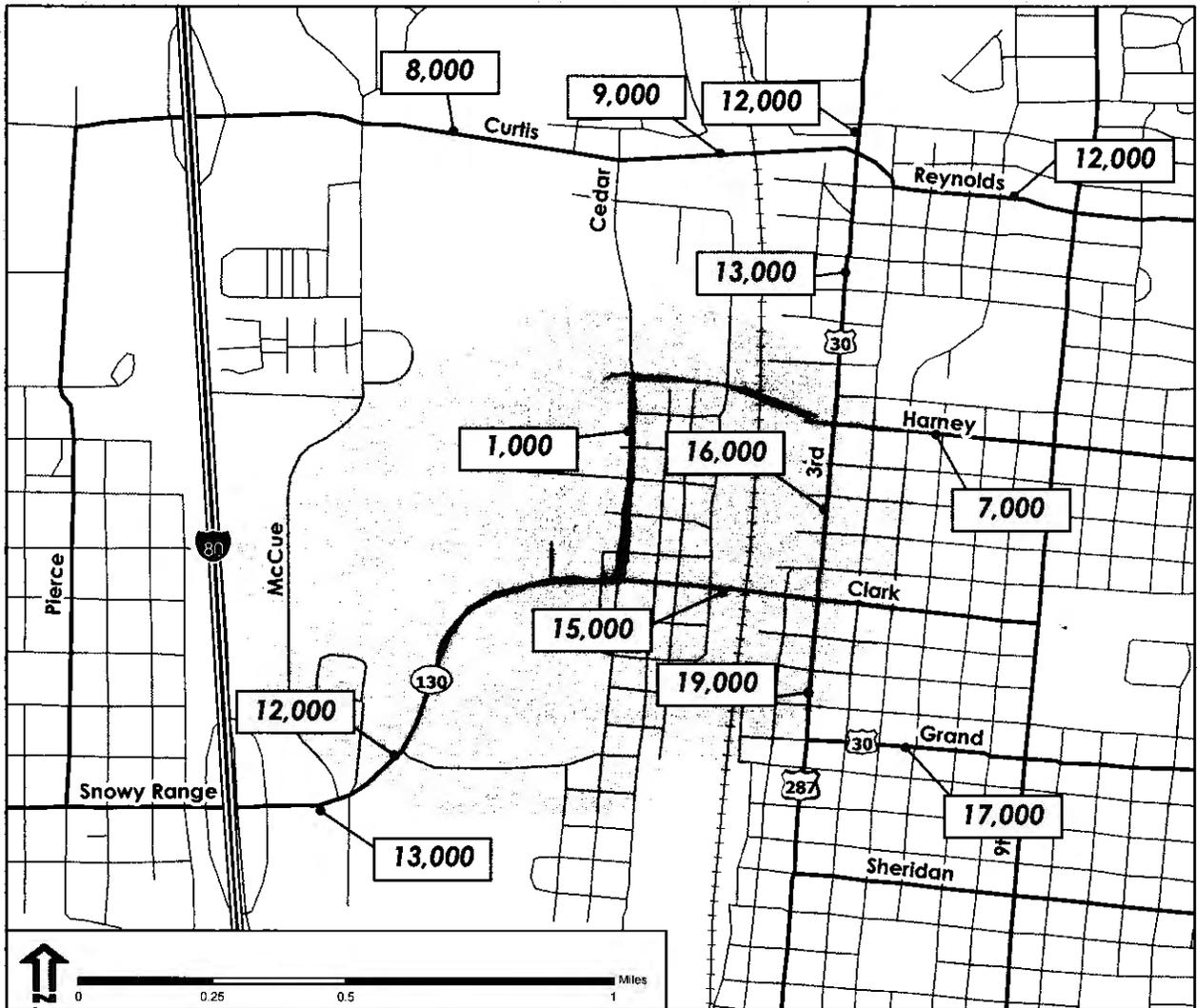
My first concern about the Harney St Viaduct is the safety of our school children that would have to cross Harney to get to school. Thank God that I live on the north side of the street. Where are all the pad & ings going to be?

I live 3 houses north from Harney now. trying to cross or turn left to go east is a triph at all times. I've seen a lot of accidents in the last 11 years since I moved here. If it does pass would we have more Semi Truck traqual on the road. I live in a quiet residential area now. It will be life living next to a freeway. What happens to the residents who live on Harney

What would happen to Harney East of 3rd St.?
Would it be widened?

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Source: WYDOT Planning 2009





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- Provide transportation service, increased capacity, and improved functionality for the proposed project roadway network and land use in the future (2032).
- Provide for a direct east and west transportation system connection to serve corridor traffic movements through the City of Laramie.
 - Connection to the East side of Laramie
 - Connection to the West side of Laramie
 - Connection to West Laramie
 - Connection to downtown Laramie
- Improve safety and operational efficiency for the bridge, roadway, and intersections on the existing transportation system.
 - Correct bridge deficiency
 - Increase roadway capacity on the SH 130/230 and U.S. 30 corridors
 - Improve roadway safety on the SH 130/230 and U.S. corridors





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**Appendix D:
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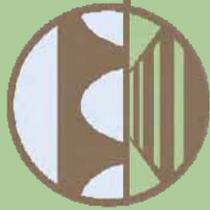
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Presentation Laramie City Council

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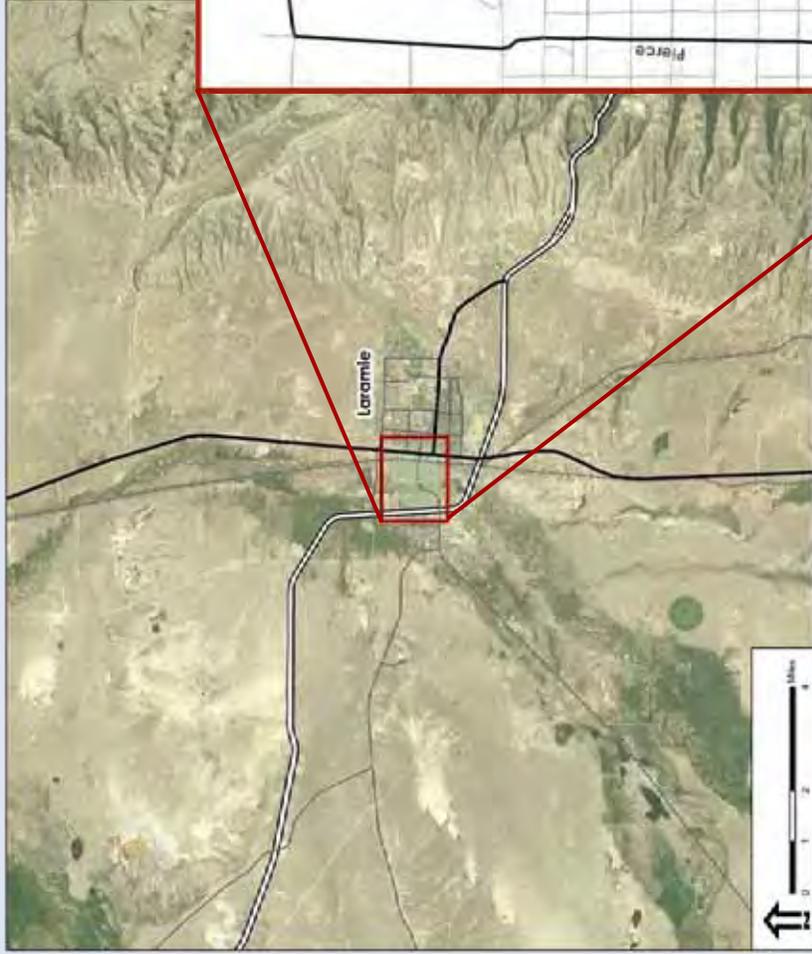


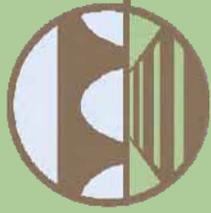


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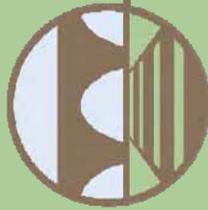


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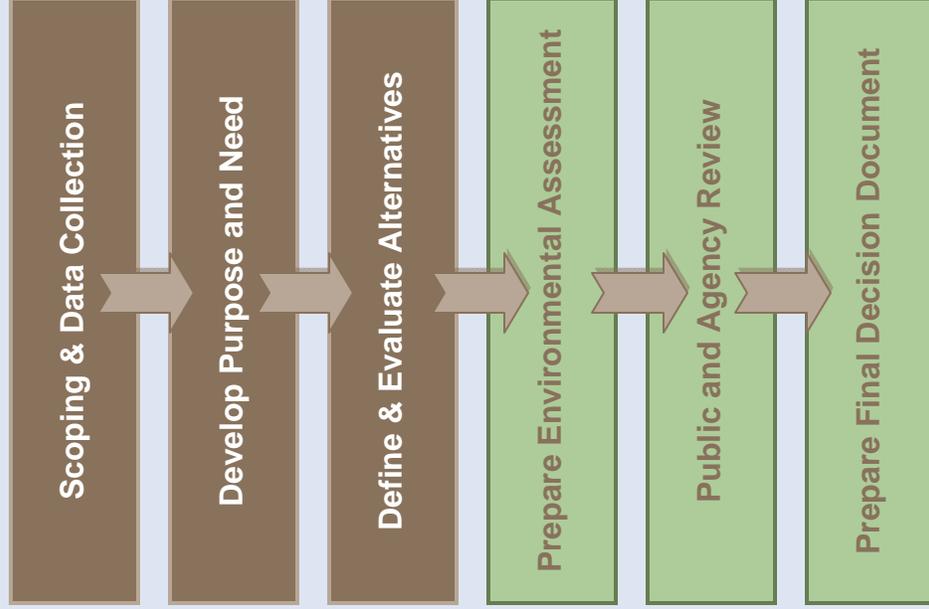
1997	Viaduct Review Committee is formed to assist WYDOT with recommending a preferred location for a new or rehabilitated viaduct to replace the Clark Street Viaduct.
Late 1998	Viaduct Review Committee recommends Harney Street as the preferred location for the replacement of the Clark Street Viaduct.
2000	WYDOT initiates Environmental Assessment process to evaluate retaining the Clark Street Viaduct or replacing it along the Harney Street alignment.
July 2000	Considering local plans, Laramie City Council adopts a resolution supporting the existing Clark Street location.
Early 2002	Environmental Assessment process postponed by WYDOT.
2002	Considering the structural deficiency and design life expectancy of the Clark Street Viaduct, City of Laramie and WYDOT decide to replace the viaduct with a new structure either at its existing location or along Harney Street.
2006	City of Laramie initiates the Laramie Transportation Study to establish a preferred location to replace the Clark Street Viaduct.
Sept 2006	Public Meeting is held seeking input for determining a preferred location to replace the Clark Street Viaduct.
Sept 2006	Laramie Transportation Study memorandum is submitted to City of Laramie recommending a new viaduct be built along the Harney Street alignment to replace the existing Clark Street Viaduct.
July 2007	Laramie City Council conditionally approves the recommendation that WYDOT build a viaduct at Harney Street.
Aug 2007	WYDOT initiates an environmental assessment of the Harney Street Viaduct and associated roadways.
Nov 2007	Laramie Transportation Study Improvement Plan is finalized to include the Laramie City Council's endorsement of a viaduct to be built at the Harney Street location to replace the existing Clark Street Viaduct.
Dec 2007	WYDOT, with City of Laramie endorsement, begins preparation of an environmental assessment per the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.
Today	A Public Open House is held to obtain comments from the public.





Environmental Assessment Process

Steps in the Process



Activities

- Public & agency meetings
- Collect environmental data
- Identify existing traffic conditions
- Identify issues and concerns
- Define future land use
- Develop future traffic projections
- Document need for project
- Define initial alternatives
- Screen initial alternatives
- Define alternative(s) to be evaluated
- Document alternatives considered
- Evaluate impacts of reasonable alternative(s)
- Select preferred alternative
- Identify mitigation measures
- Provide Environmental Assessment to public & agencies
- Conduct Public Hearing
- Receive comments
- Provide basis for decision
- Commit to mitigation for impacts
- Document decision
- Address public and agency comments
- Signed by WYDOT and FHWA

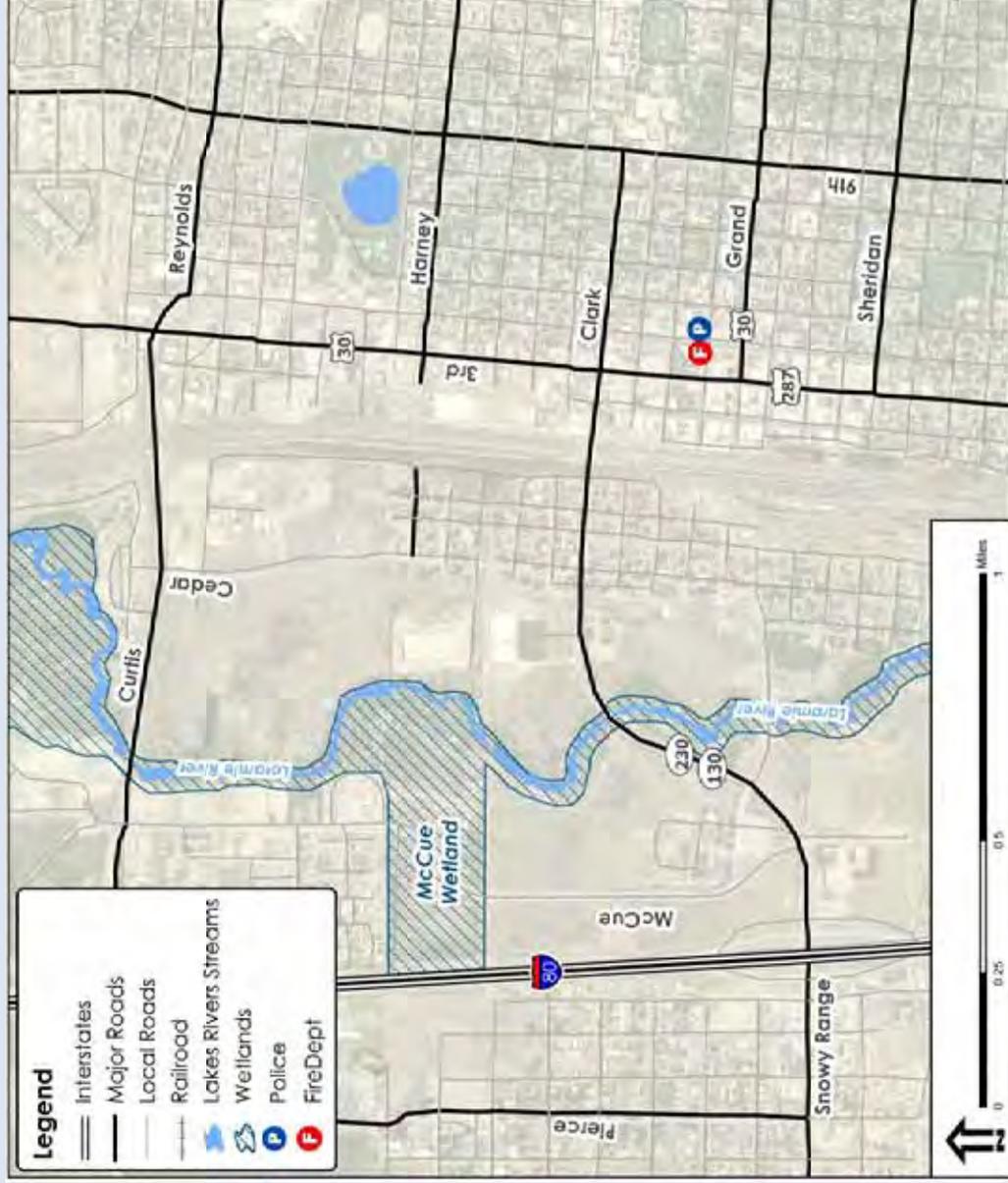




Harney Street Viaduct

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Water Resources (Existing Road System)





Harney Street Viaduct

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Existing Roadway Traffic

(Average Daily Traffic)



Source: WYDOT Planning 2029





Project Purpose and Need

The **purpose** of this project is to replace the aging Clark Street viaduct structure with a new structure over the Union Pacific Railroad at Harney Street and associated roadway that will accommodate future transportation system needs in the City of Laramie and Albany County. The Harney Street alignment corridor and associated roadway are based on the recommendations contained in the Laramie Transportation Study/Traffic Study and endorsed by Laramie City Council. The completion of this project should meet the following **needs**:

- Provide transportation service, increased capacity, and improved functionality for the proposed project roadway network and land use in the future (2032).
- Provide for a direct east and west transportation system connection to serve corridor traffic movements through the City of Laramie.
 - Connection to the East side of Laramie
 - Connection to the West side of Laramie
 - Connection to West Laramie
 - Connection to downtown Laramie
- Improve safety and operational efficiency for the bridge, roadway, and intersections on the existing transportation system.
 - Correct bridge deficiency
 - Increase roadway capacity on the SH 130/230 and U.S. 30 corridors
 - Improve roadway safety on the SH 130/230 and U.S. 30 corridors

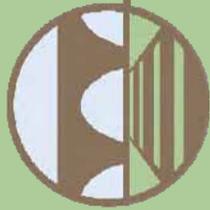




Harney Street Viaduct
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Environmental Assessment Schedule

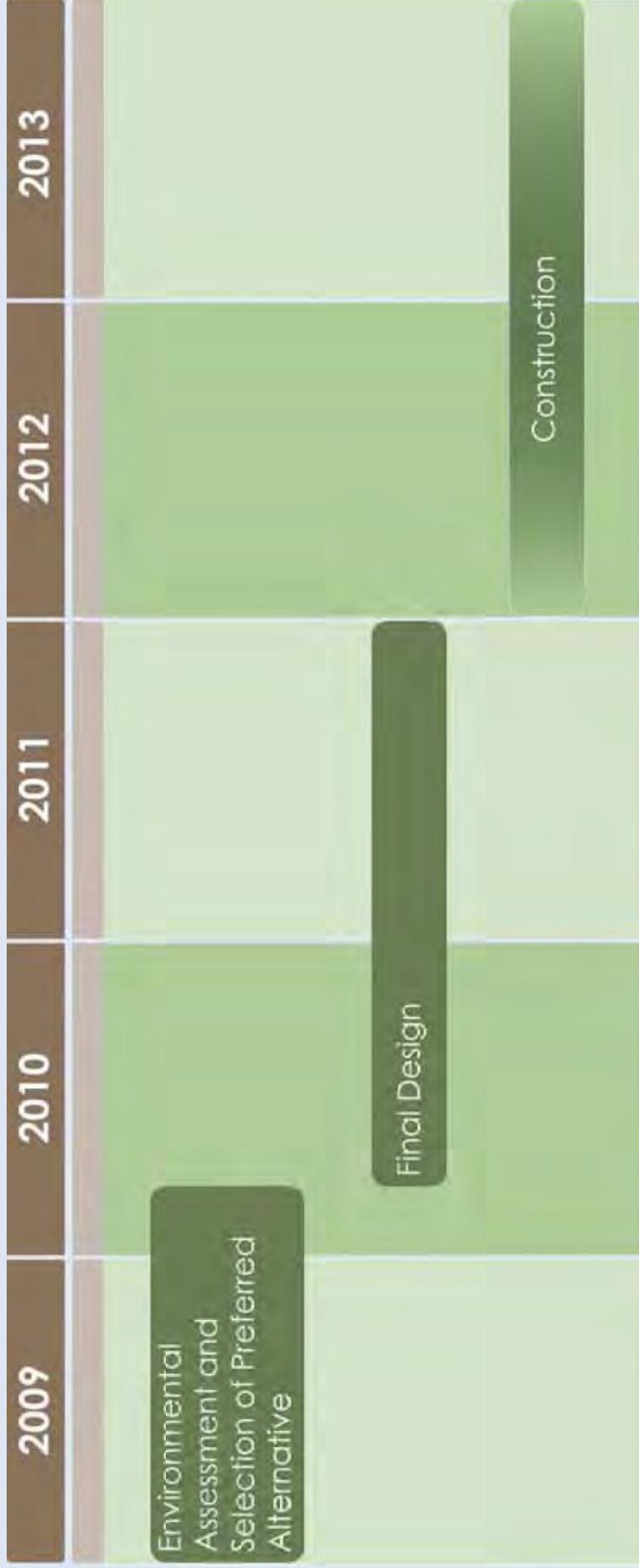




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Overall Project Schedule



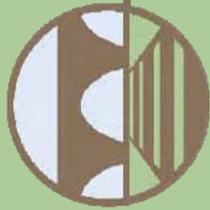


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Alternative 1 Options A through C



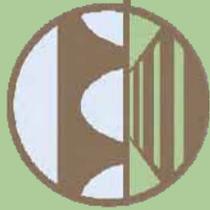


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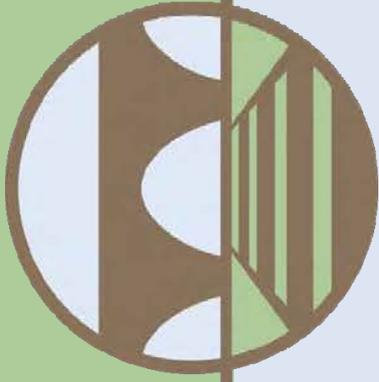


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Alternative 1 – Option B





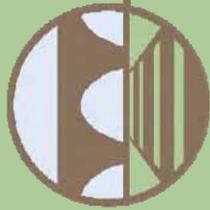
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Alternative 2

Options A through D

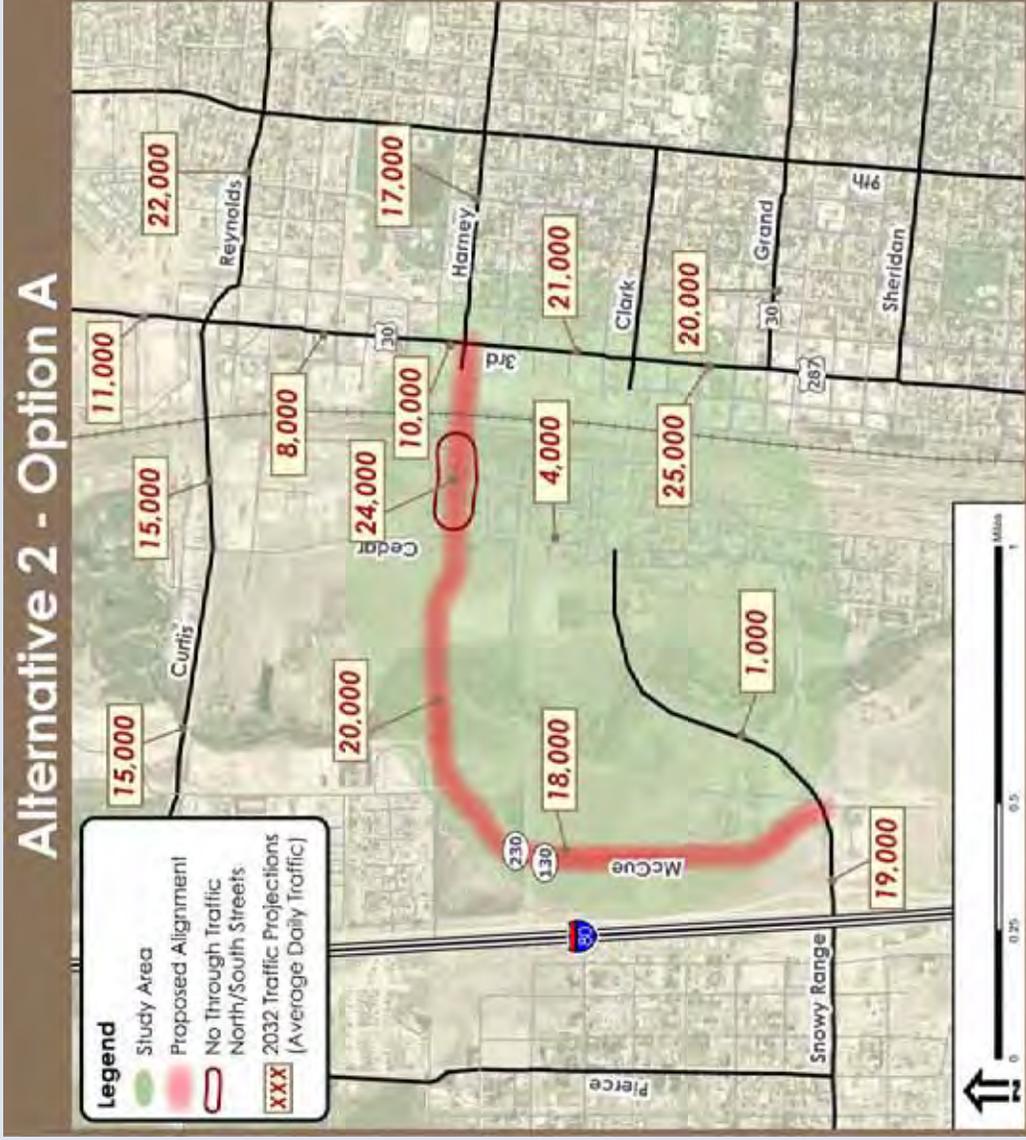


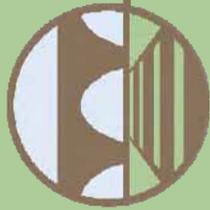


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Alternative 2 – Option A



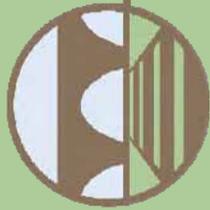


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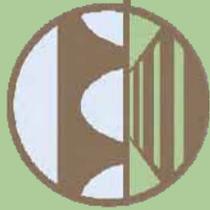


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Alternative 2 – Option C





Harney Street Viaduct

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Alternative 2 – Option D

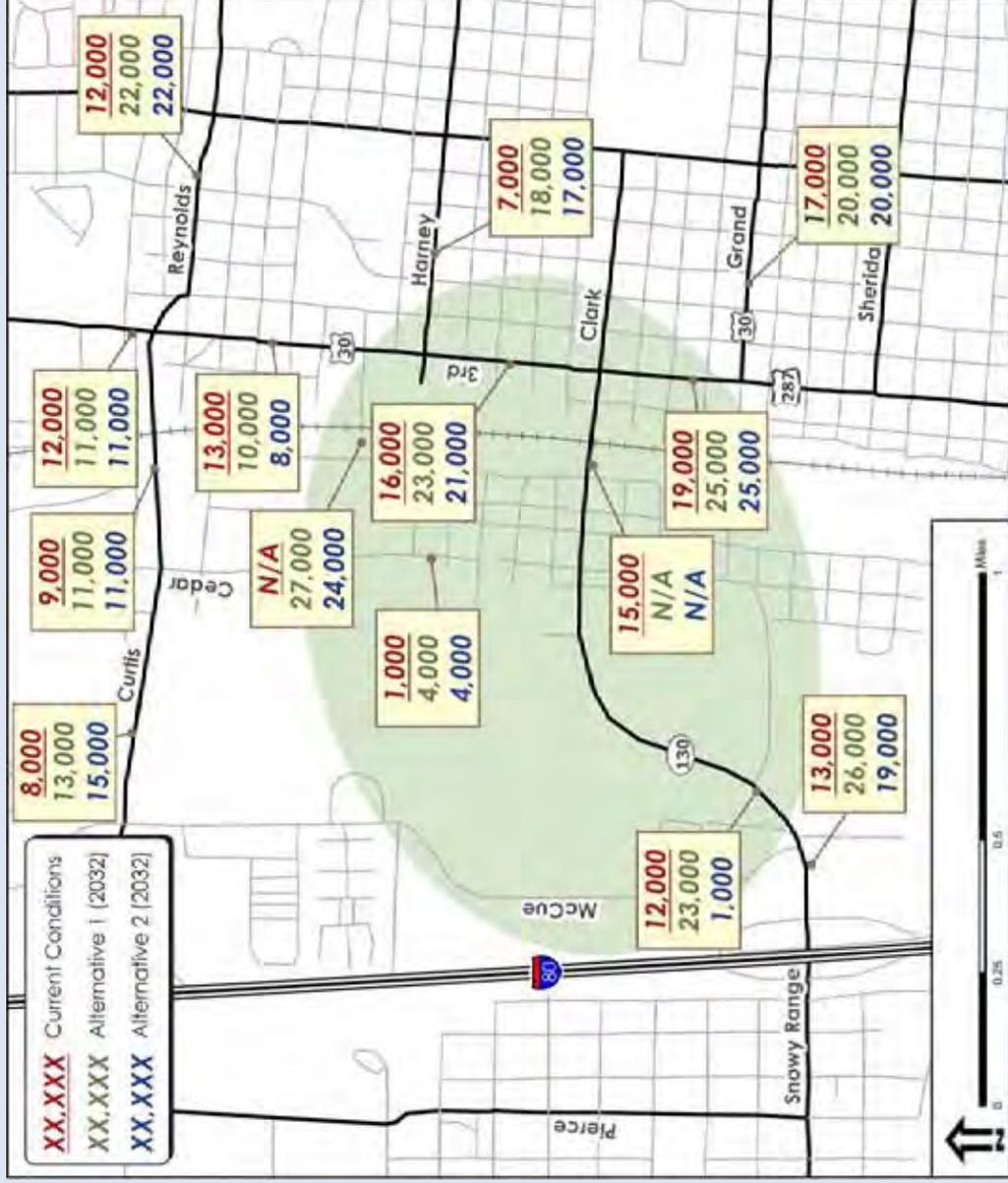


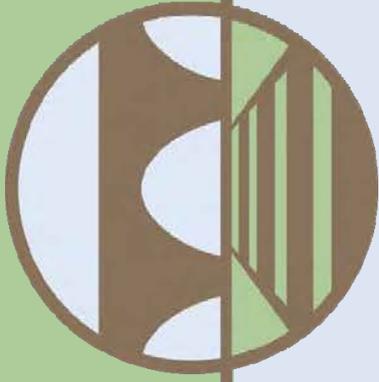


Harney Street Viaduct

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Existing & Future Roadway Traffic (Average Daily Traffic)





Harney Street Viaduct

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Thank You



Appendix E: Agency Scoping



Harney Street Viaduct
SCOPING REPORT



March 2010



Department of Transportation

5300 BISHOP BOULEVARD

CHEYENNE, WYOMING 82009-3340

March 20, 2009

NAME
ADDRESS**RE: Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment**

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I would appreciate a written letter of response to this request by April 30, 2009, if possible. Please send the letter to the following address:

Mr. Timothy L. Stark
Wyoming Department of Transportation
5300 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009-3340

Please contact me at (307) 777-4397 or timothy.stark@dot.state.wy.us with any questions or comments regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Timothy L. Stark
Environmental Services Engineer

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Department of Transportation

5300 BISHOP BOULEVARD

CHEYENNE, WYOMING 82009-3340

March 25, 2009

NAME
ADDRESS**RE: Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment**

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Wyoming Department of Transportation
5300 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009-3340

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Environmental Services Engineer

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**Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment
Agency Scoping
List of Agencies (Preliminary)**

Mr. Matt Bilodeau

Chief, Wyoming Regulatory Field Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
2232 Dell Range Blvd, Suite 210
Cheyenne, WY 82009-4942

Mr. Ruben Vasquez

District Conservationist
USDA NRCS
Laramie Service Center
5015 Stone Road
Laramie, WY 82070

Mr. Brian Kelly

Field Supervisor
Wyoming State Office, Ecological Services
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
4000 Airport Parkway
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Mr. John Corra

Wyoming Department of Environmental
Quality
Herschler Building 4th Floor West
122 West 25th St
Herschler Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Mr. Tom Buchanan

President
University of Wyoming
1000 E. University Avenue
Dept. 3434
Laramie, WY 82071

Ms. Mary Hopkins

Historian Review and Federal Consultation
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
2301 Central Avenue
Barrett Building, Third Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Ms. Jackie Gonzales

County Clerk
Albany County Commission
Clerk's Office
525 Grand Avenue
Laramie, WY 82070

Ms. Janine Jordan

City Manager
City of Laramie
406 Iverson Avenue
P.O. Box C
Laramie, WY 82073

Mr. Doug Bryant

Planning Director
City of Laramie/Albany County
1002 S. Third Street
Laramie, WY 82070

Mr. Ed Ferrell

Director
Wyoming Game & Fish Department
5400 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, WY 82006

Ms. Carol Rushin

Regional Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1127

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Appendix F: Agency Scoping Responses



Harney Street Viaduct
SCOPING REPORT



March 2010

Name	Title	Agency	Address	Address2	City/State/Zip
Mr. Ruben Vasquez	District Conservationist	USDA NRCS	Laramie Service Center	5015 Stone Road	Laramie, WY 82070
Mr. Brian Kelly	Field Supervisor	Wyoming State Office, Ecological Serv	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	4000 Airport Parkway	Cheyenne, WY 82001
Mr. John Corra	Wyoming Department of	Herschler Building 4th Floor West	122 West 25th St	Herschler Building	Cheyenne, WY 82002
Mr. Tom Buchanan	President	University of Wyoming	1000 E. University Avenue	Dept. 3434	Laramie, WY 82071
Ms. Mary Hopkins	Historian Review and Fec	Wyoming State Historic Preservation	2301 Central Avenue	Barrett Building, Third Flc	Cheyenne, WY 82002
Ms. Jackie Gonzales	County Clerk	Albany County Commission	Clerk's Office	525 Grand Avenue	Laramie, WY 82070
Ms. Janine Jordan	City Manager	City of Laramie	406 Ivinson Avenue	P.O. Box C	Laramie, WY 82073
Mr. Doug Bryant	Planning Director	City of Laramie/Albany County	1002 S. Third Street		Laramie, WY 82070
Mr. Ed Ferrell	Director	Wyoming Game & Fish Department	5400 Bishop Boulevard		Cheyenne, WY 82006
Ms. Carol Rushin	Regional Administrator	US Environmental Protection Agency	Region 8	1595 Wynkoop Street	Denver, CO 80202-1127
Ivan Posey	Chairman	Eastern Shoshone Business Council	Box 538		Ft. Washakie, WY 82514
Harvey Spoonhunter anc	Chairmen	Northern Arapaho Business Council	Box 396		Ft. Washakie, WY 82514



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Dave Freudenthal, Governor

John Corra, Director

May 7, 2009

Mr. Timothy L. Stark
Department of Transportation
5300 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340

RE: Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Stark:

Thank you for your letter of advance notice and solicitation for input concerning the Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment. A review of agency information revealed that there are no known environmental resources or issues in the immediate vicinity of the viaduct.

However, Union Pacific has a fueling platform enrolled in the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) to the south of your project area located at Railroad and University Streets. In addition, to the north is a former Amoco refinery located west of Cedar Street and south of Curtis Street. Historical information in our files suggests that the refinery did not extend south of Harney Street.

Based on historical land uses in the area of the viaduct there is a potential that contaminated soil may be encountered during the viaduct replacement project.

If you would like additional information or have any questions regarding potential environmental concerns in the area, please contact Carl Anderson of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Division at 307-777-7740.

Sincerely,

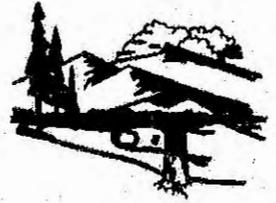
Todd Parfitt
Deputy Director

cc: Carl Anderson
John Corra, Director





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April 22, 2009

Mr. Tim Stark, Environmental Services Engineer
Wyoming Department of Transportation
5300 Bishop Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340

RE: Air Quality Division Environmental Review of the Harney Street viaduct Environmental Assessment –Wyoming Department of Transportation

Dear Mr. Stark:

This letter is in response to your request dated March 30, 2009, regarding the Federal Highway Administration in coordination with the City of Laramie to replace the aging Clark Street Viaduct structure with a new structure that will accommodate future transportation system need in Laramie, Wyoming, Albany County.

Your letter has been reviewed and the submitted information evaluated with respect to compliance with existing air quality rules and regulations. Based on the Division's review, four (4) sections of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations (WAQSR) apply to the proposed project should it be initiated. These sections are WAQSR Chapter 3, Section 2(f)(i-ii) regarding fugitive dust control; Chapter 3, Section 8 regarding asbestos; Chapter 6, regarding all sources either minor or major constructing and/or operating in the State of Wyoming as well as permitting requirements for construction and modification under the Clean Air Act; and Chapter 10, Section 2 regarding open burning.

Chapter 3, Section 2(f)(i-ii) requires persons engaged in the clearing or in the leveling of land, earthmoving, excavation, movement of trucks or construction equipment over access roads, or cleared land, and demolition activities to control fugitive dust emissions, using **frequent** watering and/or chemical stabilization of the affected areas. This section also requires prompt removal of earth or other materials from paved streets. During completion of this project, as long as such control measures are taken the Division expects the impact on ambient air quality from active construction activities will be minimized.

If areas of cleared land will be generated by the project, then the Division **highly recommends** that all areas of cleared land be scarified to prevent wind generated fugitive dust. Silt or plastic fencing designed to act as a wind break should also be utilized near residential areas and local businesses to help protect these areas from fugitive dust, blowing straw, and construction debris.

Please, be aware that Chapter 3, Section 8 regarding asbestos removal may apply to this project due to possibilities of removing existing buildings for relocations of the viaduct or widening the roads

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ADMIN/OUTREACH (307) 777-7937 FAX 777-3610	ABANDONED MINES (307) 777-6145 FAX 777-6462	AIR QUALITY (307) 777-7391 FAX 777-5616	INDUSTRIAL SITING (307) 777-7369 FAX 777-5973	LAND QUALITY (307) 777-7756 FAX 777-5864	SOLID & HAZ. WASTE (307) 777-7752 FAX 777-5973	WATER QUALITY (307) 777-7781 FAX 777-5973
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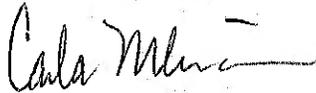
around the viaduct or any other disturbance to surrounding facilities. Chapter 3, Section 8 requires a work-site inspection for asbestos **prior** to any demolition or renovation activities on commercial or public facilities. During the project, trained personnel with the ability to identify asbestos **must be** on-site at all times. A trained supervisor and team of trained personnel **must always** be used when asbestos containing material is disturbed and/or removed. Please, contact Ms. Linda Dewitt, Asbestos Program Coordinator, at 777-7394 or Mr. Robert Rodriguez, Asbestos Inspector, at 777-7584 for further information.

In regard to Chapter 6, Section 2, this regulations applies to stationary sources and to some portable sources being constructed and/or operating in the State of Wyoming and contains permitting requirements for construction and modification under the Clean Air Act. This section also contains specific notification requirements and procedures for permitted sources which may be applicable **prior** to commencement of work being performed. A construction permit under this regulation may be required before construction commences. Please, contact Mr. Chad Schlichtemeier, Environmental Program manager, at 777-5924 or Mrs. Darla Potter, Environmental Program manager, at 777-7346 for further information, if portable crushers, screens, asphalt plants, or concrete batch plans, and any other facility emitting fugitive dust or any other pollutant will be operated during the course of this project.

In regard to Chapter 10, Section 2, this regulation prohibits the disposal of any trade wastes, including wood, construction materials, or any other discarded materials by open burning. All such materials generated by the project should be disposed of by an alternative means.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (307) 777-3783 or at the address listed on the previous page.

Sincerely,



Carla Mlinar, Air Quality Engineer
Air Quality Division

CJM/ejm

xc: Dave Finley, Air Quality Division Administrator
Linda Dewitt, Asbestos Program Coordinator
Glenn Spangler, District 1 Engineer
Laramie County Compliance File

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Dave Freudenthal Governor
John Cox, Director

Department of Transportation

5300 BISHOP BOULEVARD

CHEYENNE, WYOMING 82009-3340

March 30, 2009

Mr. John Corra
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
122 West 25th St
Herschler Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment

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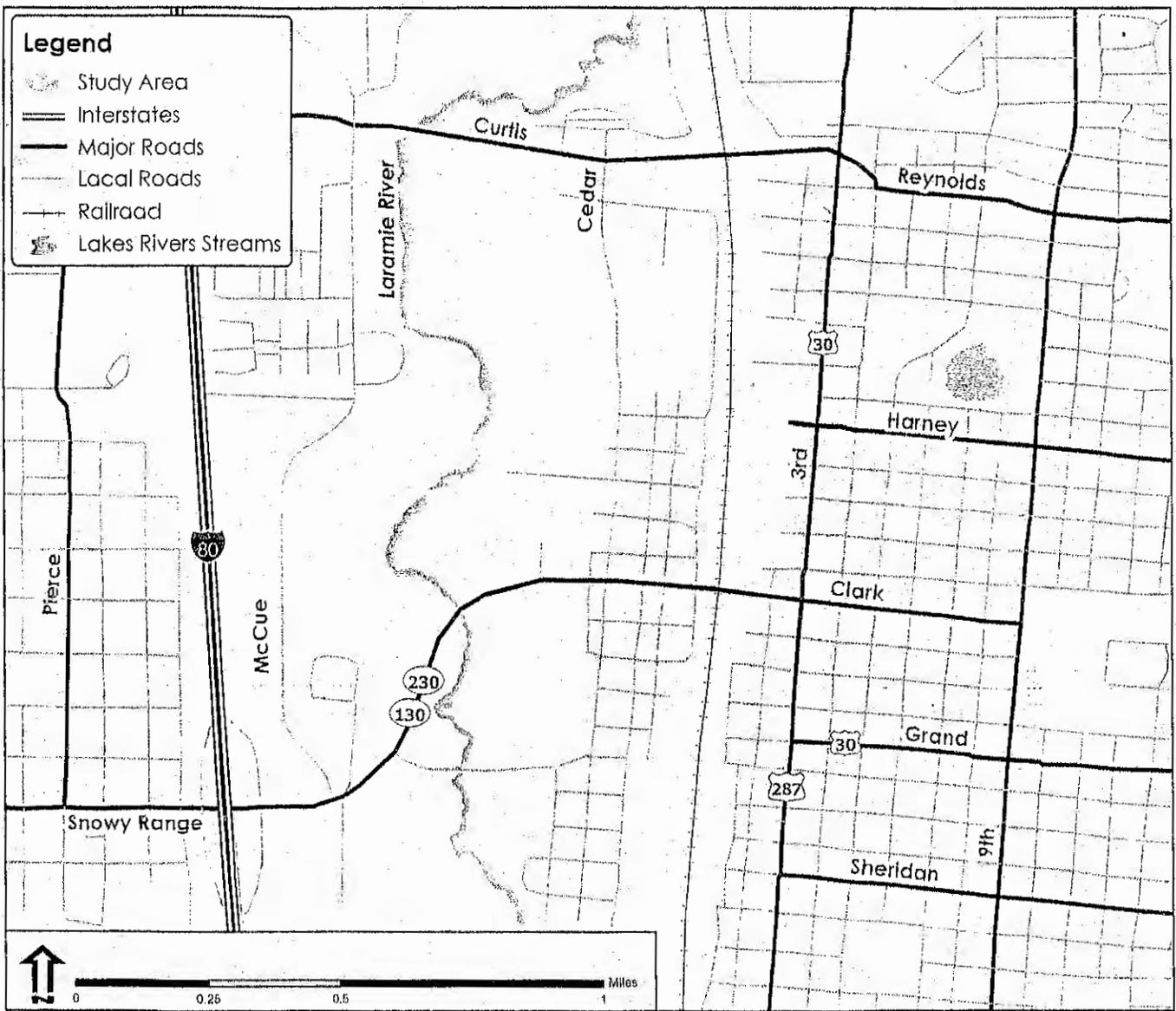
Timothy L. Stark
Timothy L. Stark
Environmental Services Engineer

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Paige -
Please let me know if you have any comments you would like to make by April 27. Please respond by e-mail as I will be out of town.
Thanks T

Legend

-  Study Area
-  Interstates
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads
-  Railroad
-  Lakes Rivers Streams



United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
LARAMIE SERVICE CENTER
5015 Stone Road
LARAMIE, WY 82070
Phone: (307) 745 - 3698 Fax: (307) 745 - 6764

20 April 2009

Mr. Timothy L. Stark
Wyoming Dept. of Transportation
5300 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340

Re: Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment

Dear Timothy Stark,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides assistance to agricultural landowners to protect, maintain and/or enhance farmland and rangeland resources. We work directly with the private landowner, (Ag producers) to assist them with their natural resources concerns on agricultural land.

The Agricultural and Food Act of 1988, (PL97-98) containing Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) – Subtitle 1 of Title XV, sect 1539-1549, is intended to minimize the impact federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency.

Based on the site location, we believe there will not be an adverse impact to prime farmland, or rangeland producers in this location. However, since the site will be disturbed, we recommend the site be re-vegetated as quickly as possible to minimize soil erosion and/or weed infestation. If you need assistance with developing a seeding plan, or evaluate an existing seeding plan, based on the soils impacted in the area, feel free to contact me at 307-745-8398.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruben Vasquez".

Ruben Vasquez
District Conservationist



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services
5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 308A
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

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In Reply Refer To:
ES-61411/W.38/WY09SL0199

Mr. Timothy Stark
Wyoming Department of Transportation
5300 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340

Dear Mr. Stark:

Thank you for your letter of March 30, 2009, received in our office on April 8, regarding the proposed replacement of the Clark Street viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad in the town of Laramie in Albany County, Wyoming.

In response to your request, the Service is providing you with the following information pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973 as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. 703, and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), 16 U.S.C. 668. Other fish and wildlife resources are considered under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended, 70 Stat. 1119; 16 U.S.C. 742a-742j. Wetlands are afforded protection under Executive Orders 11990 (wetland protection) and 11988 (floodplain management), as well as section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

In accordance with section 7 of the Act, the following species could be present within or near the project area:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>HABITAT</u>
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If the proposed action will lead to water depletion (consumption) in the Platte river system, impacts to the following species and critical habitat should be included in the evaluation:

Interior least tern (<i>Sterna antillarum</i>)	Endangered	Platte River system downstream of Wyoming
Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>)	Endangered	Platte River system downstream of Wyoming

Piping plover (<i>Charadrius melodus</i>)	Threatened	Platte River system downstream of Wyoming
Western prairie fringed orchid (<i>Platanthera praeclara</i>)	Threatened	Platte River system downstream of Wyoming
Whooping crane (<i>Grus americana</i>)	Endangered	Platte River system downstream of Wyoming
Critical habitat for Whooping crane	Designated	Platte River system downstream of Wyoming

Platte River water depletions: Water depletions to the Platte River system may affect the Federally listed whooping crane (*Grus americana*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and western prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*). In addition, depletions may contribute to the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat for the whooping crane. Depletions include evaporative losses and/or consumptive use, often characterized as diversions from the Platte River or its tributaries less return flows. Project elements that could be associated with depletions to the Platte River system include, but are not limited to, ponds (detention/recreation/irrigation storage/stock watering), lakes (recreation/irrigation storage/municipal storage/power generation), reservoirs (recreation/irrigation storage/municipal storage/power generation), created or enhanced wetlands, hydrostatic testing of pipelines, wells, diversion structures, dust abatement, and water treatment facilities. Any actions that may result in a water depletion to the Platte River system should be identified. The document should include: an estimate of the amount and timing of average annual water use (both historic and new uses) and methods of arriving at such estimates; location of where water use or diversion occurs as specifically as possible; if and when the water will be returned to the system; and for what purpose the water is being used.

Migratory Birds: The MBTA, enacted in 1918, prohibits the taking of any migratory birds, their parts, nests, or eggs except as permitted by regulations, and does not require intent to be proven. Section 703 of the MBTA states, "Unless and except as permitted by regulations ... it shall be unlawful at any time, by any means or in any manner, to ... take, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture, or kill, or possess ... any migratory bird, any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird..." The BGEPA, prohibits knowingly taking, or taking with wanton disregard for the consequences of an activity, any bald or golden eagles or their body parts, nests, or eggs, which includes collection, molestation, disturbance, or killing.

Work that could lead to the take of a migratory bird or eagle, their young, eggs, or nests should be coordinated with our office before any actions are taken. Removal or destruction of such nests or causing abandonment of a nest could constitute violation of one or both of the above statutes. Removal of any active migratory bird nest or nest tree is prohibited. For golden eagles,

inactive nest permits are limited to activities involving resource extraction or human health and safety. Mitigation, as determined by the local Service field office, may be required for loss of these nests. No permits will be issued for an active nest of any migratory bird species, unless removal of an active nest is necessary for reasons of human health and safety. Therefore, if nesting migratory birds are present on, or near the project area, timing is a significant consideration and needs to be addressed in project planning.

If nest manipulation is proposed for this project, the project proponent should contact the Service's Migratory Bird Office in Denver at 303-236-8171 to see if a permit can be issued for this project. No nest manipulation is allowed without a permit. If a permit cannot be issued, the project may need to be modified to ensure take of a migratory bird or eagle, their young, eggs or nest will not occur.

Wetlands/Riparian Areas

Wetlands may be impacted by the proposed project. Wetlands perform significant ecological functions which include: (1) providing habitat for numerous aquatic and terrestrial wildlife species, (2) aiding in the dispersal of floods, (3) improving water quality through retention and assimilation of pollutants from storm water runoff, and (4) recharging the aquifer. Wetlands also possess aesthetic and recreational values. If wetlands may be destroyed or degraded by the proposed action, those wetlands in the project area should be inventoried and fully described in terms of their functions and values. Acreage of wetlands, by type, should be disclosed and specific actions should be outlined to avoid, minimize, and compensate for all unavoidable wetland impacts.

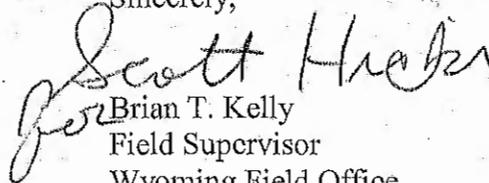
Riparian or streamside areas are a valuable natural resource and impacts to these areas should be avoided whenever possible. Riparian areas are the single most productive wildlife habitat type in North America. They support a greater variety of wildlife than any other habitat. Riparian vegetation plays an important role in protecting streams, reducing erosion and sedimentation as well as improving water quality, maintaining the water table, controlling flooding, and providing shade and cover. In view of their importance and relative scarcity, impacts to riparian areas should be avoided. Any potential, unavoidable encroachment into these areas should be further avoided and minimized. Unavoidable impacts to streams should be assessed in terms of their functions and values, linear feet and vegetation type lost, potential effects on wildlife, and potential effects on bank stability and water quality. Measures to compensate for unavoidable losses of riparian areas should be developed and implemented as part of the project.

Plans for mitigating unavoidable impacts to wetland and riparian areas should include mitigation goals and objectives, methodologies, time frames for implementation, success criteria, and monitoring to determine if the mitigation is successful. The mitigation plan should also include a contingency plan to be implemented should the mitigation not be successful. In addition, wetland restoration, creation, enhancement, and/or preservation does not compensate for loss of stream habitat; streams and wetlands have different functions and provide different habitat values for fish and wildlife resources.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be implemented within the project area wherever possible. BMPs include, but are not limited to, the following: installation of sediment and erosion control devices (e.g., silt fences, hay bales, temporary sediment control basins, erosion control matting); adequate and continued maintenance of sediment and erosion control devices to insure their effectiveness; minimization of the construction disturbance area to further avoid streams, wetlands, and riparian areas; location of equipment staging, fueling, and maintenance areas outside of wetlands, streams, riparian areas, and floodplains; and re-seeding and re-planting of riparian vegetation native to Wyoming in order to stabilize shorelines and streambanks.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure the conservation of Wyoming's fish and wildlife resources and look forward to working with you. If you have questions regarding this letter or your responsibilities under the Act and/or other authorities or resources described above, please contact Mark Bellis of my office at the letterhead address or phone (307) 352-0377.

Sincerely,


for Brian T. Kelly
Field Supervisor
Wyoming Field Office

cc: WGFD, Non-game Coordinator, Lander, WY (B. Oakleaf)
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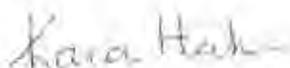
Re: WYDOT scoping letter regarding the Harney Street Viaduct Environmental Assessment
(SHPO File # 0109KLH002)

Dear Mr. Stark:

Thank you for continuing consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced project. Our office and WYDOT have already begun addressing determinations of eligibility and preliminary assessment of effects for the project. As the project progresses, we look forward to continuing consultation with your office.

Please refer to SHPO project # 0109KLH002 on any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-7828.

Sincerely,



Kara Hahn
Historian



Dave Freudenthal, Governor
Milward Simpson, Director



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Dear Mr. Stark:

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has reviewed the environmental assessment for the Harney Street Viaduct in Albany County. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

Terrestrial Considerations:

We recognize the need to replace the Clark Street viaduct and the controversy among residents of the city on whether or not to relocate the overpass over the railroad to Harney Street. Our comments, however, focus on wildlife-related issues.

Although the project is located within the City of Laramie, the project vicinity does provide some important wildlife habitat and wildlife-related recreational opportunities. The following wildlife resources have been documented in the vicinity of the project:

- Severe winter relief and yearlong range for pronghorn, especially west of the Laramie River,
- Yearlong range for mule deer,
- Yearlong and spring/summer/fall ranges for white-tailed deer,
- Raptor nests, including Swainson's Hawks,
- Nesting habitat for magpies, a variety of songbirds and other avian species,
- Foraging, resting and roosting habitat for a variety of waterbirds, raptors, and other migratory species,
- Beaver and their associated dams and lodges along the Laramie River,
- Manmade and natural roosting habitat and foraging areas for a variety of bats,

- Riparian cottonwood/willow complexes associated with the Laramie River, providing habitat for diverse wildlife species from reptiles to large mammals,
- Cottonwood, blue spruce, and other ornamental trees and shrubs associated with neighborhoods in the project vicinity,
- Wetlands in the vicinity of the Laramie River and those already impacted by the McCue Street extension and other developments,
- Considerable diverse outdoor recreation occurs within the project vicinity, most notably associated with the Laramie Greenbelt and Optimist Park.
- The Greenbelt portion of the project vicinity is an important environmental education area for local schools.
- Local groups including the Laramie chapter of the National Audubon Society regularly conduct organized birding activities along the Laramie River, the Greenbelt, and associated wetlands.
- Wildlife viewing opportunities enhance casual recreation along the Greenbelt.

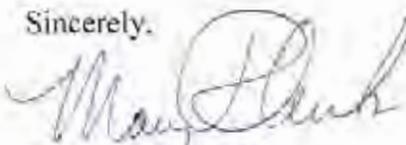
As listed above, the project vicinity does occur within and near important wildlife habitats, which provide substantial outdoor-related recreation. We encourage project developers to minimize impacting these resources, which add to the quality of life for citizens and visitors of Laramie. From the standpoint of these wildlife resources, it would be best to realign and extend Harney Street to tie into the Snowy Range Road east of the Laramie River, and preferably closer to Cedar Street than the river. Depending upon the timing and location of construction, consideration should be given to avoiding, or mitigating the impacts from activities that may occur in proximity to raptor nests along the Laramie River. We recommend avoiding disturbance to the riparian, wetland, and gallery forest along the river.

Aquatic Considerations:

We have no aquatic concerns pertaining to this project. However, we recommend that accepted best management practices be implemented to ensure that all sediments and other pollutants are contained within the boundaries of the work area. Disturbed areas that are contributing sediment to surface waters as a result of project activities should be promptly re-vegetated to maintain water quality.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



JOHN EMMERICH
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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April 15, 2009

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Dear Mr. Stark:

This letter is in response to a request we received on April 10, 2009, to participate in the alternative selection process for the proposed Harney Street Viaduct in Laramie, Wyoming. We appreciate the invitation and opportunity to provide assistance in this process. We look forward to working with Wyoming Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and the City of Laramie to address compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) at an early stage to facilitate a Department of the Army permit.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates the placement of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). The Corps' regulations are published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* as 33 CFR Parts 320 through 331. Detailed information on Section 404 requirements in Wyoming can be obtained from our website at: <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-rwy/Wyoming.htm>

Ms. Paige Wolken will be the project manager assigned to this coordination effort. Please contact her directly (telephone (307) 772-2300 or email paige.m.wolken@usace.army.mil) concerning future project assistance and involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew A. Bilodeau".

Matthew A. Bilodeau
Program Manager
Wyoming Regulatory Office



Agency Coordination

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 91

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HARNEY STREET OVERPASS BY THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CONTINUED USE OF THE CLARK STREET OVERPASS.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the age of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Overpass located at Clark Street requires the Wyoming Department of Transportation to plan for a replacement of that overpass as the primary access from the Third Street corridor to the West Side of the UPRR tracks in Laramie; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated use of the UPRR Overpass will increase in the coming years requiring an expanded facility to accommodate the use, regardless of the location of the facility; and,

WHEREAS, the City has a duty and a significant interest in assisting the Wyoming Department of Transportation in siting the route for the proposed replacement overpass so as to best serve the needs of its citizens, visitors and businesses, with due regard for the impacts of each proposal on the various areas of the City and the associated costs of the various proposals; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Department of Transportation has submitted three (3) proposed routes for the replacement overpass, all of which will leave the Third Street corridor at Harney Street, but diverge as to where they will connect with existing rights-of-way west of the UPRR; and,

WHEREAS, each of the proposed overpass routes will have varying impacts on the neighborhoods and associated amenities located west of the UPRR and within the City limits; and,

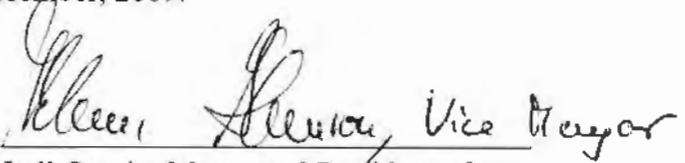
WHEREAS, the City wishes to directly participate in the planning process of the proposed replacement overpass, including the proposed removal or repair of the existing Clark Street overpass and any continued use thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE as follows:

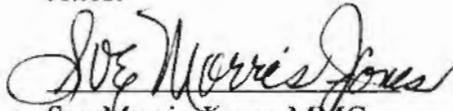
1. The City supports the construction of an overpass across the Union Pacific Railroad tracks with in East terminus of such located a Harney Street and Third Street.
2. The City supports a route for the new overpass only where the Western terminus of the overpass will preserve the rail spur that exists between Flint Street and Bradley Street.

3. The City supports the dislocation of as few persons, businesses and residences as is practicable to achieve the construction of the overpass with the increased traffic flow across the overpass being maximized.
4. The City would like to discuss the continued use of the Clark Street overpass.
5. The City supports maintaining and improving access to the existing businesses and community amenities located in the West side neighborhoods, and such businesses and uses as may be developed in the future.
6. The City supports minimizing the impacts of increased traffic flow along the Harney Street corridor.

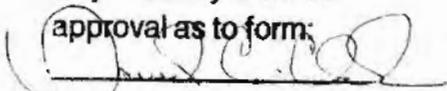
PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of December, 2009.


Jodi Guerin, Mayor and President of
Laramie City Council

Attest


Sue Morris-Jones, MMC
City Clerk

City Attorney's Office
approval as to form:


Date: 12/17/09



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January 25, 2010

Dear Mr. Gould,

Thank you for meeting with the City Council Viaduct Committee and City Manager last week. We are pleased to see there are options for resolving the important community impacts that will result from the removal of the Clark Street viaduct, and installation of a new bridge at Harney Street.

The long-term socioeconomic impacts that will result from this project are of great concern for the community, and we request WYDOT work with the City to mitigate and address the following issues:

- Install traffic calming features from 4th-15th on East Harney Street.
- Install signage to restrict East Harney Street to only 'Local/Non-Truck' traffic.
- Design the roadway to include aesthetic enhancements that will make this roadway an attractive complement to the City (i.e., decorative lighting and fencing, landscaping, colored/stamped colored concretes, etc).
- Install signage along the roadway to designate access points to historic neighborhoods and business districts, specifically West Side businesses and the Downtown Laramie commercial core.
- Design the roadway so as to maintain critical connectivity between the Harney Viaduct and the city's greenbelt system to ensure pathways for non-motorized traffic that are safe and inviting.

Also of concern are the ongoing maintenance costs along the city-owned portion of Harney as the City has limited resources with which to maintain roadways. WYDOT traffic modeling data indicates a much higher traffic volume on this roadway upon completion of the viaduct, and the City is currently assessing how this will impact the useful life of the street, as well as maintenance requirements. We request WYDOT participate in the future maintenance of Harney Street.

The proposed Harney Street viaduct and roadway alignment identified as "Alternative 1C" would meet the collective needs of the community best; however, it is critical that the future viaduct not eliminate functional use of the existing rail spurs located between Flint and Bradley Streets. The City supports the relocation of the rail spurs to the north of the West Side neighborhood if such action would best accommodate the new viaduct. Our local economic development organization continues to receive inquiries from the business community regarding potential use of the rail spurs – even as recently as last week. With this in mind it is important for the community that we gain confirmation as soon as possible that the construction of the Harney Street viaduct will not jeopardize the future usefulness of the rail spurs. As previously indicated, the uncertainty surrounding this issue has caused the community to lose new businesses and potential jobs. We



believe the city's ability to recruit and retain businesses will continue to be compromised until all parties publicly agree to move forward on this project with the protection of the rail spur as a number one priority.

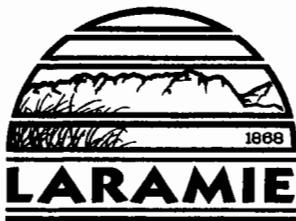
Finally, the City of Laramie is most interested in cleaning up the land to the North of the West Side neighborhood. The City recently issued a Notice to Abate to the property owners. Should the rail spurs be relocated to this area, please know that the City will assist in whatever way it can to abate this dangerous nuisance.

Sincerely,



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April 28, 2010

Dear Mr. Gould,

At the meeting between WYDOT and City representative on March 10, 2010, the City indicated preference for alignment Alternative 1C for the to-be-constructed Harney Street overpass. This alignment of the overpass is critical to tie the east and west side of the community together and provide direct access to Downtown and the University. The City prefers this alternative as it appears to best minimize economic, environmental, and social impacts to the surrounding historic 'Near West-side' neighborhood. This alignment is the most direct route with the least estimated travel time, and does not negatively affect existing successful businesses in this neighborhood including locally owned food/drink establishments Bernie's, Chelo's, and Bud's as well as Knight Oil and Hartman Distributing.

Socioeconomically, the western half of the City is an important affordable housing area, which is very important in a community with high housing costs. As proposed, Alternative 1C would cause the least decentralization within the Near West-side as the intersection of the overpass with Cedar Street is just slightly north of the neighborhood core. Other alignment alternatives swing too far to the north, isolating the neighborhood and potentially contributing to its eventual decline. The city considers it critical that the portion of the City west of the UPRR right-of-way continue to remain vibrant and livable with affordable housing and ready access to the eastern half of the city - for both vehicles and non-motorized forms of transport.

City analysis of the alignment alternatives presented by WYDOT indicates that each alternative will increase the number of vehicle miles traveled within the city due to the less central location of the overpass. A simple impact analysis of the alignment options indicates vehicle CO2 emissions could increase by 1,770 to 3,186 ton per year. As the City reviewed the alignment alternatives, consideration was given to these environmental impacts. When weighed against the other social, historic, and economic impacts, Alternative 1C remains the preferred route. However, the City looks forward to working with WYDOT during the design phase to evaluate and integrate energy efficiency concepts into the final plans for the overpass (i.e., facilitation of non-motorized transport, traffic flow management, and idling minimization).

Although Alternative 1C has the most merits it is not without concern. The City wishes to reiterate our strong concern as to the future potential cost of this project to the City, and the need to incorporate Laramie's unique community character into the design of the overpass. As noted in earlier correspondence, the fiscal condition of the City will not



allow us to incur significant one-time costs associated with connecting the overpass with city streets and non-motorized 'greenbelt' pathways. In addition, WYDOT has not responded to our request to participate in future on-going maintenance cost of Harney Street (4th to 30th) and 30th Street (Harney to Grand). Specifically, the City requests clarification and further discussion/negotiation as to whether WYDOT or the City will incur the following foreseeable real costs.

- Traffic Calming Features for Impacted City Streets
- Signage Installations both Along the Overpass and Impacted City Streets
- Reconstruction of the Connection Point of Harney Street at 3rd/4th Street
- Long-term Maintenance of Impacted City Streets

In addition to our concern about real costs, as you know the City remains very concerned about the potential, although unquantifiable, loss of future economic development opportunities resulting from the elimination of the rail spur which intersects Cedar Street. Since our last meeting, the City has researched ownership of the rail spur and the status of any abandonment proceeding and determined that while there has been an abandonment of the WyColo Railroad from milepost 0.19 to its terminus, a portion remains. This portion is owned and operated by Union Pacific Railroad, and together with the spurs which adjoin the mainline to the West of Cedar Street are still being used by UP for reversing engines and cars on occasion. In talking with Danielle Allen, Manager of Acquisitions, it was indicated that Union Pacific had an interest in maintaining access to the now existing track, including the spurs, for that purpose and possible use by customers. There was no indication if UP intended to apply for re-establishment of that portion of the abandoned line in the near future, but the use is still being made for the stated purpose.

With this information in mind, the City would like to discuss the possibility of securing an agreement with the owners of the spurs, UPRR and WYDOT to keep the line in place for possible reactivation at some future point. If this is not a feasible option, the City seeks to negotiate with WYDOT to relocate the spur to another useable location.

We look forward to your communication regarding this issue.

Sincerely,



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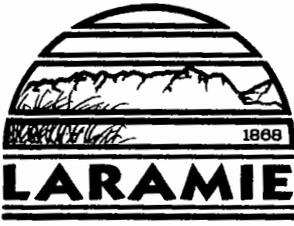


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Dear Mr. Gould,

May 14, 2010

Thank you for meeting with us last week to review the city's remaining concerns about the preferred alignment alternative for the to-be-constructed Harney Street overpass. We continue to support Alternative 1C as the best possible route for the new overpass for all of the reasons stated in prior correspondence and are pleased with WYDOT's attempts to work with the city to mitigate our remaining areas of concern, including:

- One-time and Ongoing Cost to the City (caused by the overpass project)
- Aesthetics and Community Character of the Bridge Design
- Facilitation of Non-Motorized Transportation Options
- Preservation of Rail Access and Economic Development Potential

The city has previously noted on record our strong concern about future potential cost of this project to the City, and the need to incorporate Laramie's unique community character into the design of the overpass. Last week, you indicated WYDOT would bear the cost to sign and reconstruct the intersection of 3rd to 4th St. at Harney Street in such a way as to provide traffic calming features and encourage non-local traffic to remain on the State highway system (possibly bulb-outs on the east side of 3rd St.). In addition, we discussed the Context Sensitive Amenities program and the need for the city to formally request participation in this program which we have done under separate cover. We look forward to continued work with WYDOT in the design phase of the project to effectively mitigate cost to the city and ensure the aesthetics of the bridge meet community standards.

The city remains very concerned about the loss of potential economic development opportunity that will result from the elimination of the WyColo rail spur which intersects Cedar Street. Last week you indicated that UPRR and WyColoRR could not reach an agreement and that the decision had been finalized to tear up the spur mainline. We have since confirmed this fact. The City asks that WYDOT continue to work with us to find alternatives that would preserve multi-modal transportation access, including a rail spur for loading/offloading of freight, as this amenity is a pivotal factor in our ongoing efforts to grow our economy and create and maintain primary jobs.

It is critical that the western half of the city remain vibrant and livable – and 'livability' cannot be achieved without easy access for non-motorized traffic throughout the city. While we recognize that WYDOT's primary focus is facilitating the movement of motorized vehicular traffic, the city must insist that the Harney Street overpass incorporate useable pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Laramie Comprehensive Plan identifies the need for expansion of east-west greenbelt pathways,

and further prioritizes the expansion of such trails along existing rights-of-way as a method for minimizing the cost of these amenities (Chapter 4). Conceptual designs for the overpass roadway indicate a 5' sidewalk and 10' pathway to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. In our meeting last week, the city expressed concern that these pathways are designed to connect to existing vehicular right-of-ways, but *do not connect to non-motorized pathways*. We believe pedestrians and bicyclists will not utilize these paths under these conditions. As discussed, if WYDOT will construct descending pathways from the bridge deck at the following three (3) locations, the paths can be connected to the city greenbelt/trail system:

1) 3rd/2nd & Harney Street – A descending path at this location would allow the city to complete a north-south trail along the existing UPRR right-of-way.

Without this access point pedestrians and cyclists will be forced to access businesses along 3rd Street and within the downtown by way of State Highway 130/230 which has no sidewalks or paths.

2) Snowy Range Rd. Bridge over the Laramie River – The city greenbelt intersects the Laramie River and Snowy Range Road at this location already. Pathways on the overpass must connect to the existing trail system.

3) Intersection of Harney Overpass and Cedar Street – With the abandonment and impending removal of the WyColoRR at this location, the city would like to explore conversion of the WyColo right-of-way to non-motorized pathways under the rails-to trails methodology. This section would easily connect to the existing city greenbelt running parallel to the Laramie River.

We look forward to your continued communication regarding this issue.

Sincerely,



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