U.S. 6/U.S. 95 Downtown Tonopah Safety and Multimodal Improvements Project

Public Information Meeting

WELCOME

- Meeting is open house style from 4-7 p.m. with a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m.
- Q&A session will follow the presentation
- Staff are available one-on-one to answer your questions throughout the meeting
- You can access the virtual meeting and leave a comment online by scanning the QR code on screen or by visiting **dot.nv.gov/Tonopah**

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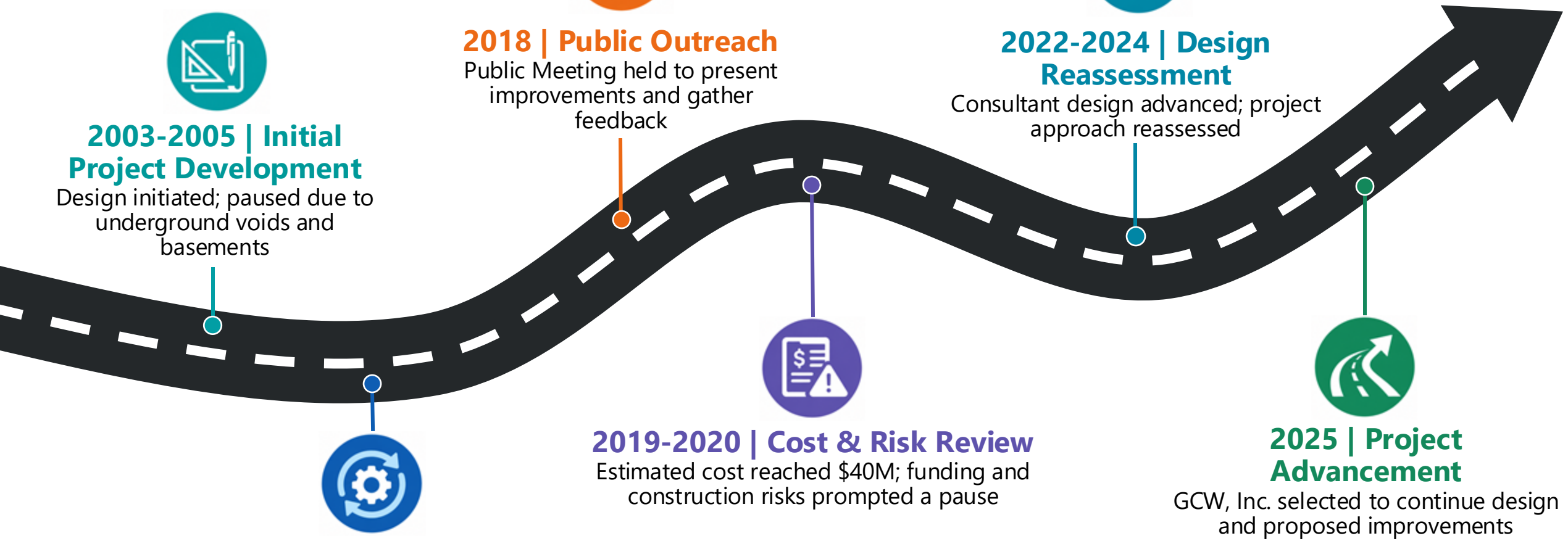
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Project Limits

- **U.S. 6**: approximately 800-feet north of Cutting Street to mile marker 2 (top of hill)
- **U.S. 95**: from the Nye/Esmeralda County line to the U.S. 6 intersection

Project History and Key Milestones



2003-2005 | Initial Project Development
Design initiated; paused due to underground voids and basements

2014-2016 | Project Reinitiated
Preliminary funding secured; safety, roadway and drainage scope expanded

2018 | Public Outreach
Public Meeting held to present improvements and gather feedback

2019-2020 | Cost & Risk Review
Estimated cost reached $40M; funding and construction risks prompted a pause

2022-2024 | Design Reassessment
Consultant design advanced; project approach reassessed

2025 | Project Advancement
GCW, Inc. selected to continue design and proposed improvements

Why Is This Project Needed?



SAFETY

- Vehicle speeds through downtown
- Pedestrian crossing exposure
- Turning and access conflicts



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Aging pavement
- Aging drainage system
- ADA deficiencies
- Aging water/sewer infrastructure



WALKING & ACCESSIBILITY

- Inconsistent sidewalks
- Long pedestrian crossings
- Limited accessible connections



DOWNTOWN

- Highway functions as both a regional route and Tonopah's Main Street
- Need to balance through traffic/freight with local access and business

What We Heard From the Community

- Maintain reliable movement of freight and through traffic
- Ensure efficient emergency response and incident management access
- Optimize on-street parking and access to businesses
- Address concerns about reducing four travel lanes to two
- Improve vehicle turning movements and congestion
- Increase pedestrian safety
- Maintain downtown business access and deliveries
- Minimize construction impacts
- Improve drainage and reduce flooding
- Preserve Tonopah's historic downtown character



Project Purpose

To improve safety, accessibility, and mobility along U.S. 6 and U.S. 95 through downtown Tonopah while reconstructing aging roadway, drainage, and utility infrastructure.



IMPROVE SAFETY

Improve vehicle conflicts and improve pedestrian safety.



ENHANCE ACCESSIBILITY & MOBILITY

Improve connections for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.



MODERNIZE INFRASTRUCTURE

Reconstruct roadway and upgrade drainage and utilities.



SUPPORT DOWNTOWN TONOPAH

Improve access and connectivity while supporting downtown activity.

Proposed Project Improvements



Roadway reconstruction/rehabilitation



Lane configuration and center turn lane



ADA sidewalks and curb ramps



Enhanced pedestrian crossings/RRFBs



Bicycle accommodations



Improved lighting



Drainage improvements



Water and sewer improvements



Signing and striping



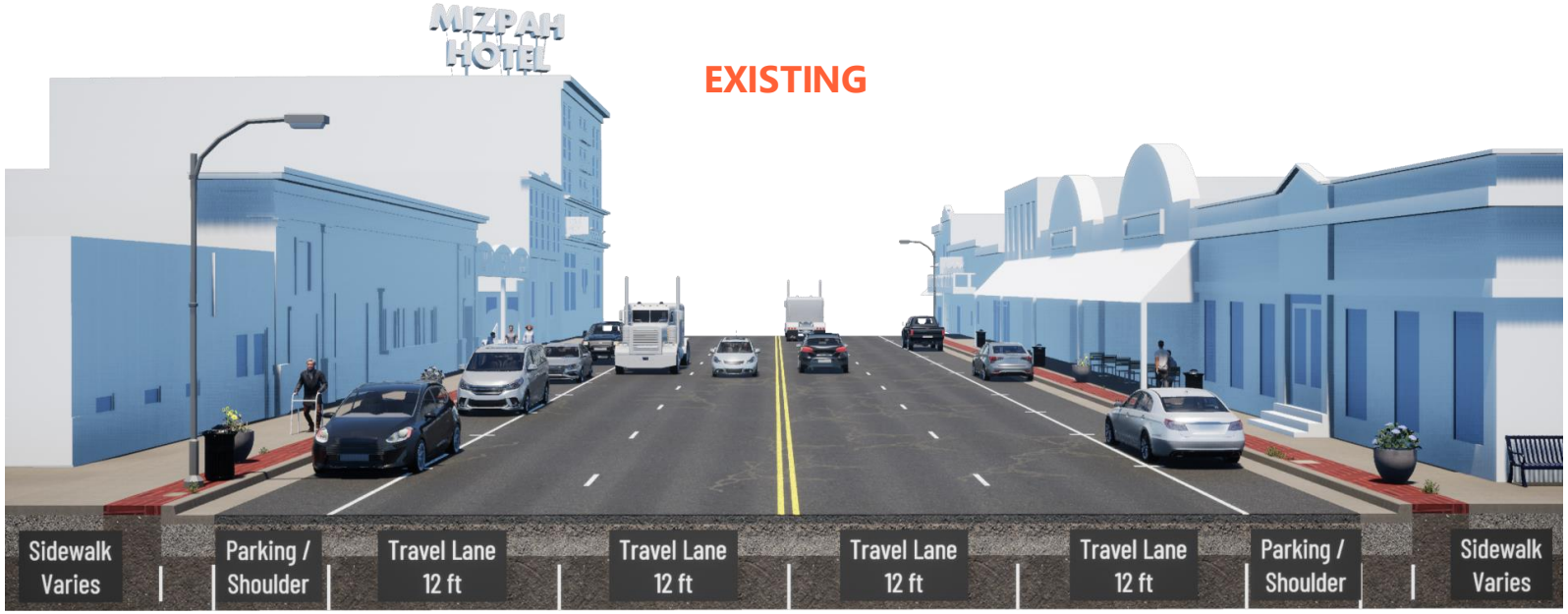
Streetscape/landscape improvements



Parking and access improvements

Proposed Downtown Roadway Configuration

EXISTING



PROPOSED



Preliminary and subject to change

Improving Safety While Maintaining Mobility

Balancing regional highway operations with downtown community needs.

Why Reconfigure the Roadway?

- Provide a dedicated center turn lane to streamline turning movements and through traffic
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility
- Encourage safer travel speeds
- Create opportunities for multimodal improvements

Balancing Corridor Needs

Regional Highway

Freight and through traffic, regional connectivity, emergency response



Tonopah Main Street

Local business, parking, pedestrian access, downtown activity



Pedestrian & ADA Improvements

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) Options



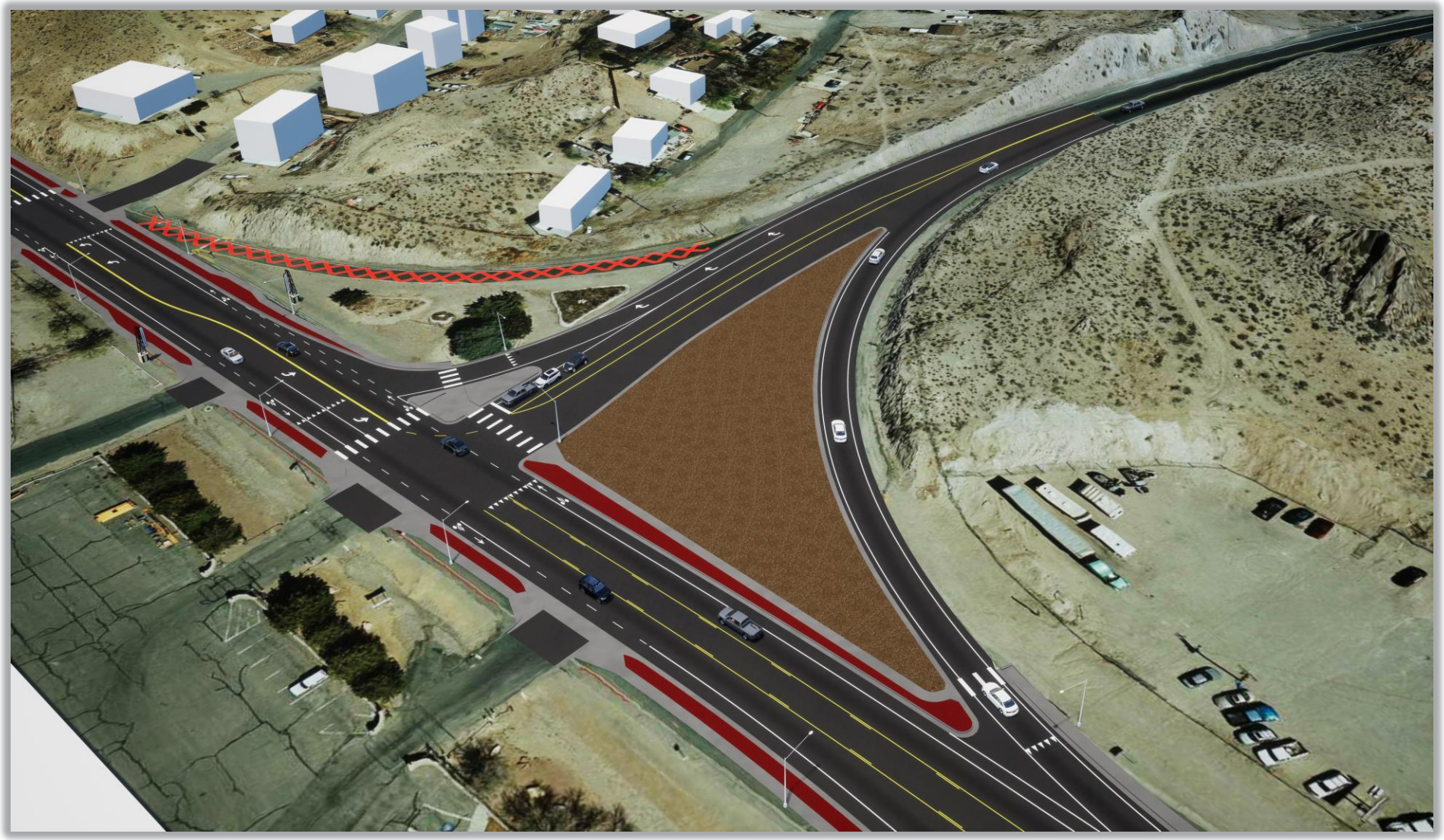
OVERHEAD-MOUNTED RRFB



POST-MOUNTED RRFB

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Intersection Safety Improvements



U.S. 6 / U.S. 95 INTERSECTION

- Improve driver sight angle
- Encourage lower turning speeds
- Improve pedestrian visibility
- Create a more predictable interaction between drivers and pedestrians

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Freight & Emergency Response







Freight & Through Traffic

- Maintain U.S. 6/U.S. 95 as a critical regional transportation corridor.
- Accommodate freight and large-vehicle movements.

Emergency Response

- Coordinate with local emergency responders and Traffic Incident Management (TIM) partners.
- Evaluate emergency vehicle access and incident response needs.

Roadway Operations

- Provide a center turn lane to separate turning vehicles from through traffic.
- Evaluate roadway geometry, turning movements, and operational needs.

Drainage Improvements

Existing Challenges

- Aging drainage infrastructure
- Flooding during major storm events
- Pavement/sidewalk deterioration
- Maintenance concerns





Proposed

- New/reconstructed storm drain system
- Increased drainage capacity
- Improved collection/conveyance
- Associated erosion/stormwater improvements



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Water and Sewer Improvements

Supporting the Town's Infrastructure

Replace Aging Utilities

- Upgrade Town water and sewer infrastructure within the project limits.

Minimize Future Disruptions

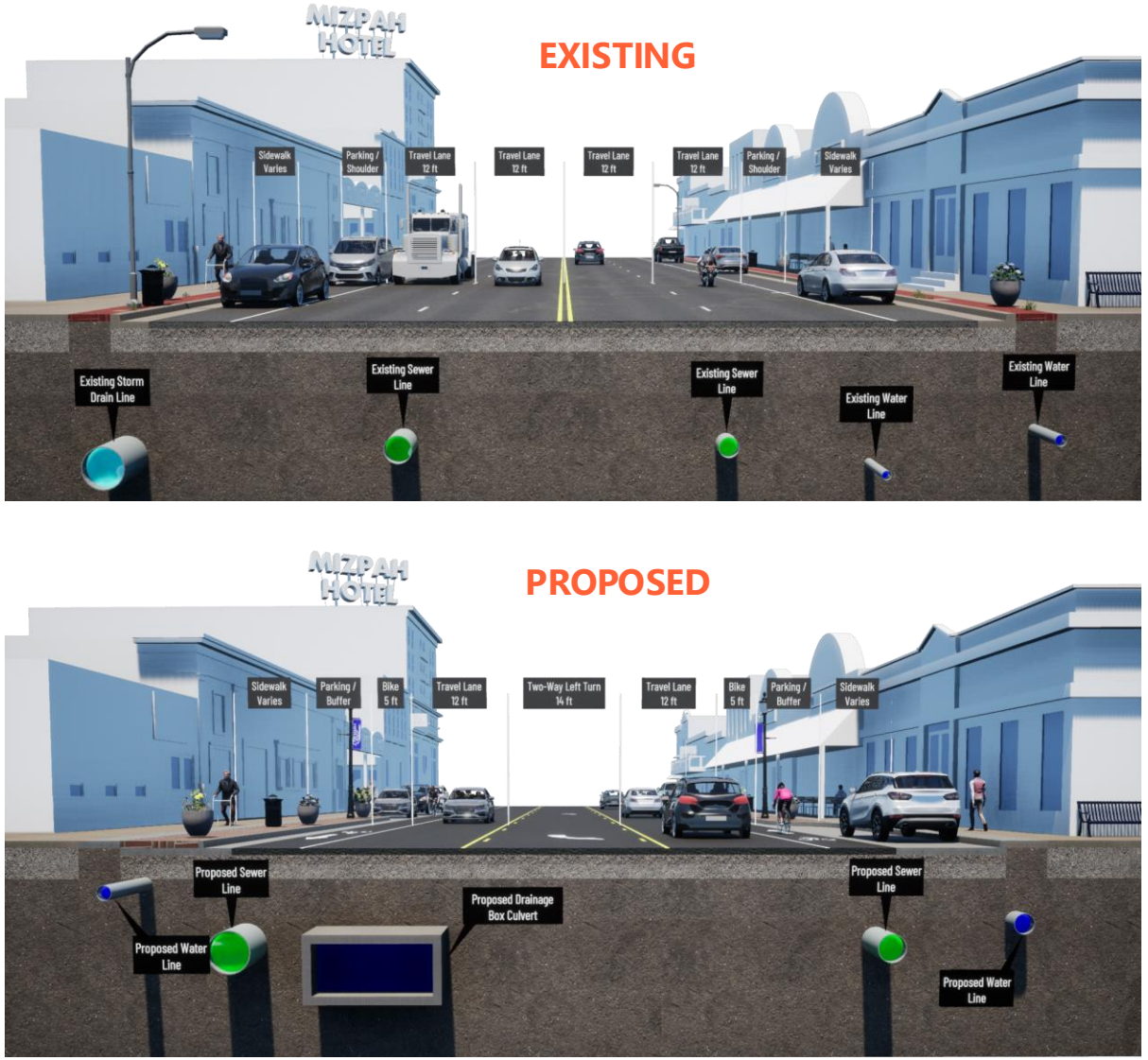
- Reduce the need to excavate newly reconstructed pavement.

Coordinate Construction

- Coordinate utility work with roadway reconstruction.

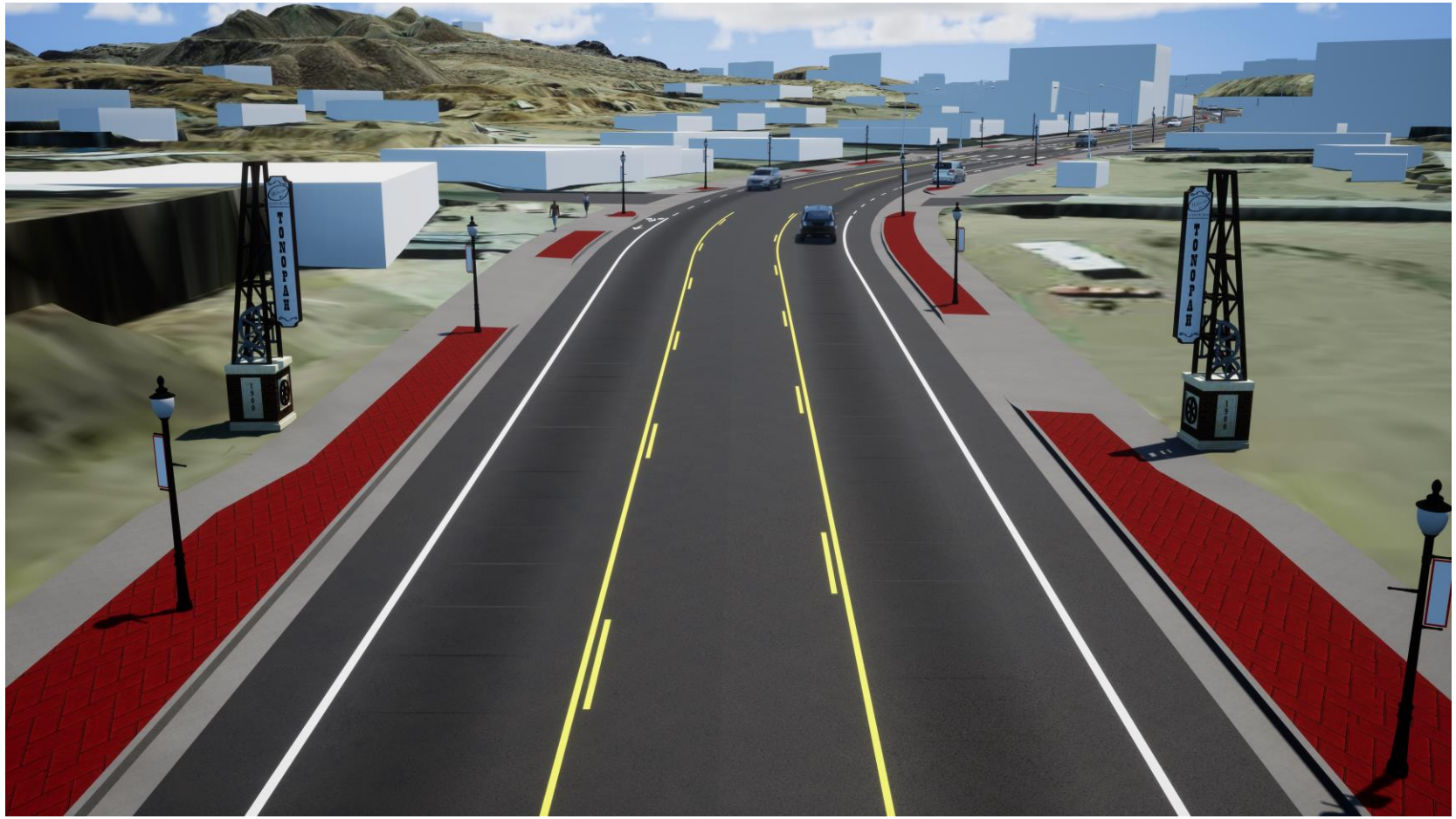
Improve Infrastructure Reliability

- Support long-term utility service and reduce future maintenance needs.



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Downtown Character, Lighting & Streetscape







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Project Corridor: Existing & Proposed Improvements

Side-by-Side Flyover Visualization of U.S. 6 / U.S. 95



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Downtown Tonopah: A Street-Level Perspective

Visualizing the Proposed Improvements Along Main Street



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Project Benefits

Building a Safer, More Connected Downtown



Safer Travel

- Reduce vehicle conflicts
- Provide a dedicated center turn lane
- Improve pedestrian safety and visibility



Better Accessibility

- ADA-compliant sidewalks and curb ramps
- High-visibility crosswalks
- Improved pedestrian connectivity
- Buffered pedestrian areas



Regional Connectivity

- Maintain U.S. 6/U.S. 95 as a freight corridor
- Through travel will remain
- Support regional travel and emergency response needs



Improved Infrastructure

- New and upsized storm drain system
- Improved water collection and conveyance
- Reduce flooding risks
- Address pavement deterioration



Reliable Utility System

- Replace aging Town water and sewer system
- Coordinate utility work with roadway reconstruction
- Reduce future disruptions
- Improve long-term infrastructure reliability



A Stronger Downtown

- Support local businesses
- Improve access and walkability
- Enhance the downtown environment
- Create a more connected and vibrant community

Project Schedule



Project Funding

This project represents an approximately **$75M investment** in the Tonopah community.



Questions and Answers (Q&A)

- If you'd like to ask a question or provide a verbal comment, you will have **up to three minutes at the microphone**
- Please state your full name prior to your question or statement
- Other ways to provide comments and ask questions:
  - Write your comments on the provided comment form in your packet and leave at the check-in table
  - Scan the QR code on screen or visit the website: **dot.nv.gov/Tonopah**
  - Email Nanette at **nmaxwell@dot.nv.gov**

Comments will be accepted through **December 7, 2026**

The information you provide becomes a public record subject to disclosure (NRS 239.0107)

Thank you for attending!