



WELCOME TO

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS: PHASE 2 - INFORMATION SESSION



WE OUR DOWNTOWN!

The Town of Okotoks is continuing improvements downtown with Phase 2 construction, which focuses on renewing essential underground infrastructure and completing streetscape improvements along North Railway Street and surrounding areas.

This work builds on Phase 1 and advances the long term vision for a more welcoming, accessible and connected downtown.

TONIGHT'S PURPOSE

This session is for information sharing. You can:

- ✓ Learn what Phase 2 includes
- ✓ Understand the construction timeline and staging approach
- ✓ See where work will occur
- ✓ Understand how this project interacts with the upcoming River's Edge construction on South Railway Street and Riverside Drive
- ✓ Learn what to expect during construction
- ✓ Ask questions of the project team

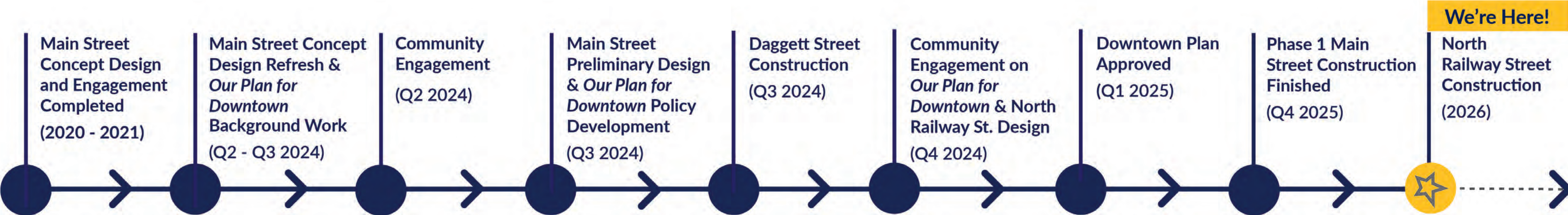




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PROJECT TIMELINE



TONIGHT’S OPPORTUNITY

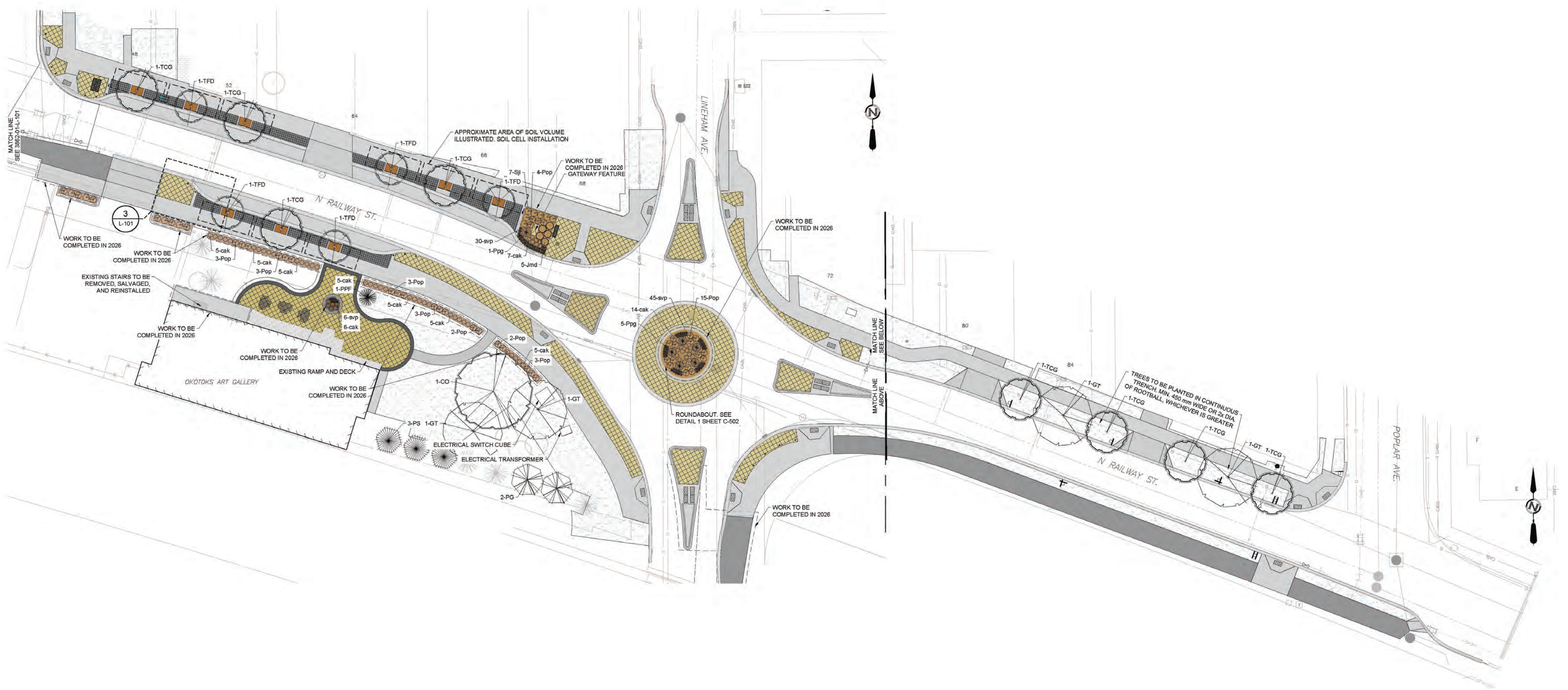
- ✔ Learn about construction impacts and what you need to know as a resident, commuter or business owner
- ✔ Review the design drawings for North Railway Street including Triangle Park
- ✔ Stay engaged by visiting our website and signing-up for updates shapeourtown.okotoks.ca/downtown

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WEBSITE



Point your device’s camera at the QR code and click the link for project information.

PREVIOUS PHASE 1 2025 CONSTRUCTION



PHASE 2 OVERVIEW: WHAT & WHY

WHY PHASE 2 IS NEEDED

Much of downtown's underground infrastructure has reached the end of its service life. Renewing it now will:

- ✓ Reduce the risk of emergency repairs
- ✓ Improve reliability of water and sewer services
- ✓ Support future downtown growth

WHAT PHASE 2 INCLUDES

Phase 2 focuses on completing infrastructure and streetscape upgrades between Alberta Avenue and McRae Street, including:

- **Underground Infrastructure Renewal**
Replacement of aging water and sewer systems that serve the downtown core.
- **Undergrounding Utilities**
Overhead power lines and utilities will be moved underground to improve reliability and enhance the streetscape's aesthetic.
- **Enhanced Streetscape & Public Spaces**
Wider, accessible sidewalks, improved street lighting, seating areas and new boulevard trees will make downtown easier and more enjoyable to walk, shop, and spend time in.
- **Upgrades to Triangle Park & Surrounding Areas**
Parks and public gathering spaces will be refreshed with new landscaping, pedestrian links and community-focused design features.
- **Improved Pedestrian Crossings & Connections**
Intersection upgrades and safer crossings will help connect Main Street, parks and businesses for people of all ages and abilities.



WHAT'S BEING BUILT

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- New water and sanitary sewer mains
- Stormwater and drainage improvements
- Long-term system reliability
- Buried overhead power
- Improved street lighting
- Connected sidewalks and enhanced pedestrian crossings

STREETSCAPE & PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- A new, more welcoming and integrated Triangle Park
- Full road reconstruction
- Wider, accessible sidewalks
- New boulevards, trees, and landscaping
- Seating and gathering areas
- Decorative and functional street lighting
- Improved crosswalks
- Buried overhead utilities

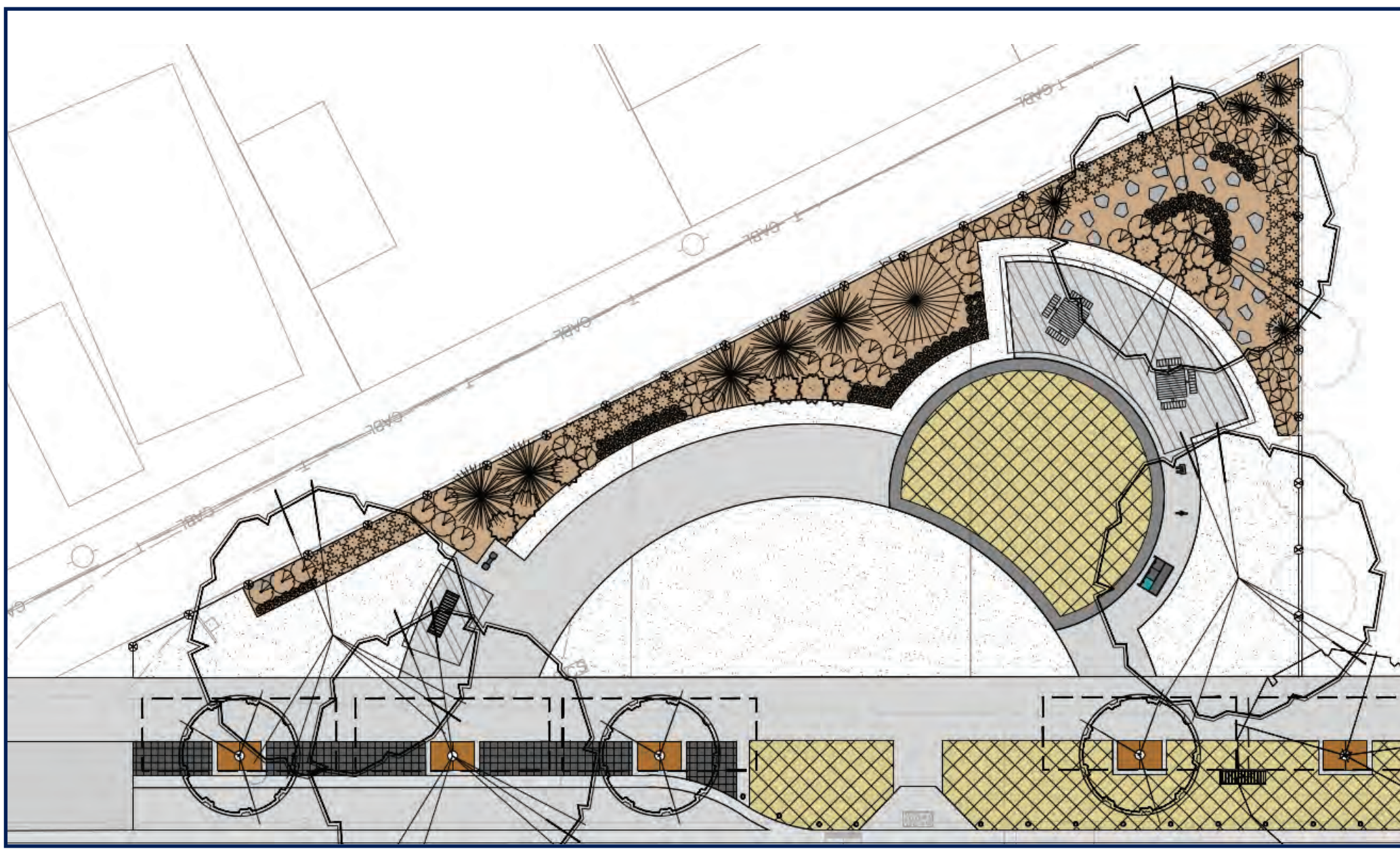
TRIANGLE PARK FINAL DESIGN

TRIANGLE PARK

Today's Triangle Park



The Vision for Triangle Park



THE FUNCTION • A versatile space perfect for relaxing, quick stops, casual gatherings, community events & activities	THE FEEL • Calm & welcoming environment	THE LOOK • Shaded seating • Shrubs & trees • Garbage cans & air pumps for bicycles • Open spaces & public art to draw in families
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The park has been re-designed to be welcoming and inclusive for all ages and abilities, and will be flexible for families, visitors, and events.

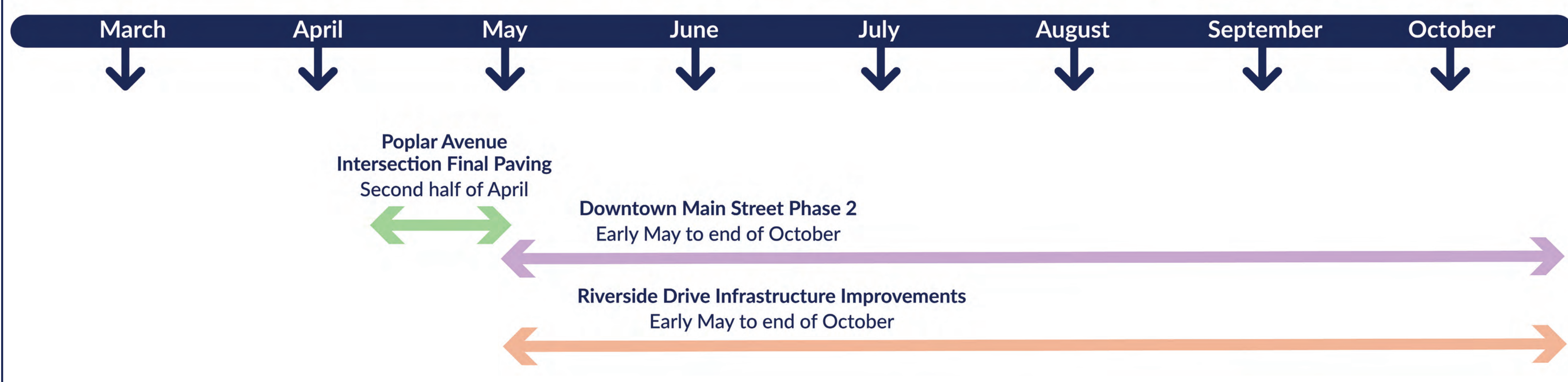
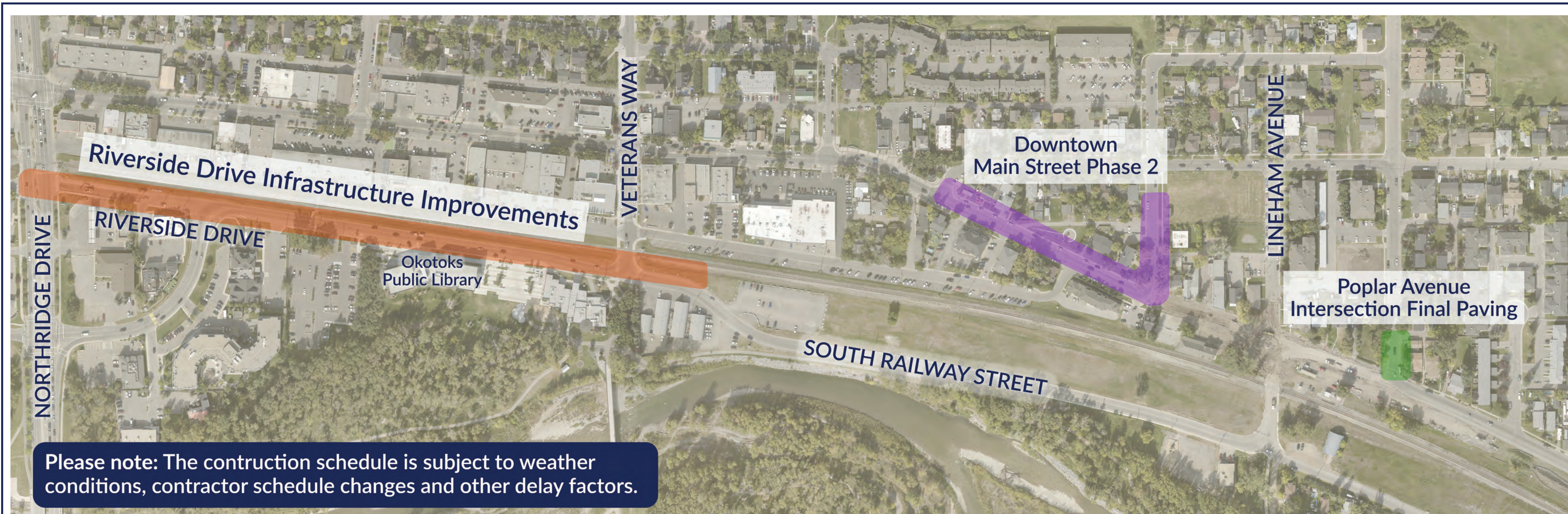
PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION TIMING

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION PERIOD



SPRING 2026 - FALL 2026

(Weather and site conditions dependent)



HOW CONSTRUCTION WILL BE STAGED

Construction will occur in staged segments along the corridor to maintain access and reduce disruption.

- ✓ Underground utility replacement
- ✓ Road and sidewalk reconstruction
- ✓ Streetscape and surface finishing

TRAFFIC, PARKING & DETOURS

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Temporary traffic pattern changes
- On street parking adjustments and parking bans on the detour route
- Short-term lane closures
- Temporary pedestrian and vehicle detours

HOW IMPACTS WILL BE MANAGED

- Staged construction zones
- Clearly marked detour routes and business access points
- Temporary parking solutions where possible
- Ongoing monitoring and adjustments



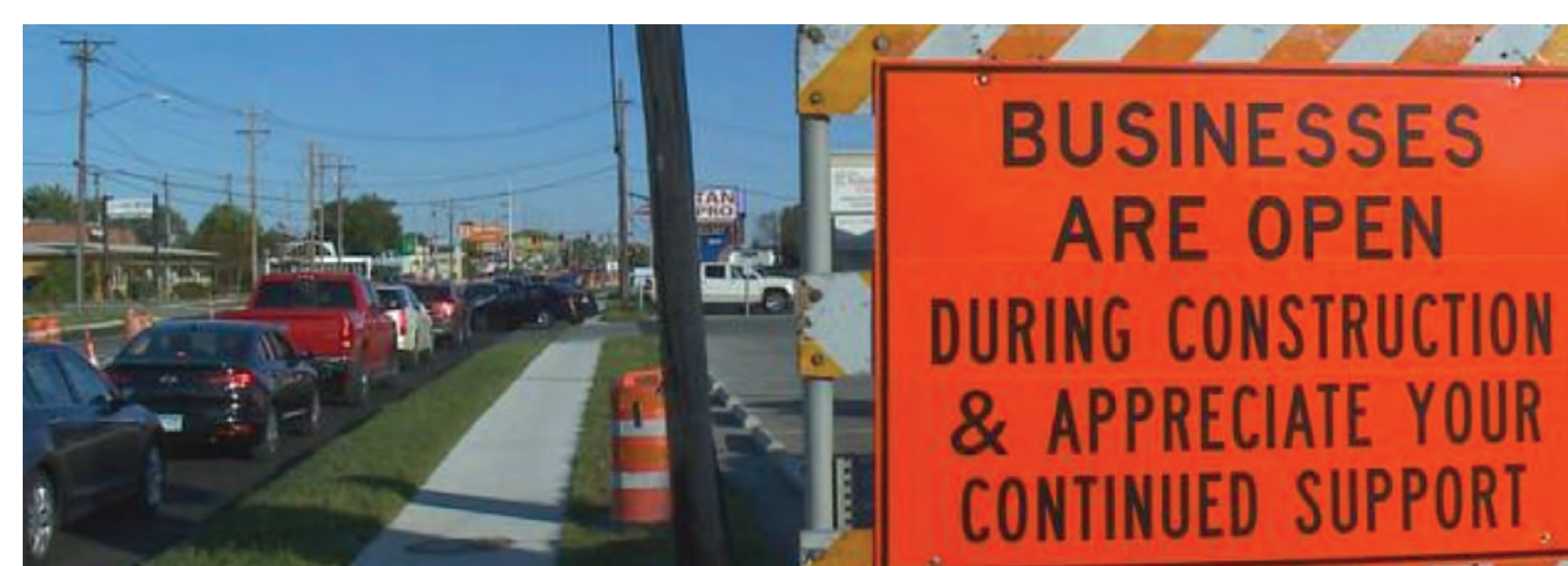
BUSINESS ACCESS & CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

KEEPING DOWNTOWN OPEN

Supporting downtown businesses during construction is a priority.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Pedestrian access to businesses maintained at all times
- Coordinated delivery and service access
- Clear signage and wayfinding
- Regular construction updates
- Direct communication with affected businesses



Downtown Okotoks businesses remain open during construction. Please continue to shop local and support the businesses that keep our community vibrant.

WHY THIS INVESTMENT MATTERS

PHASE 2 BENEFITS

- Safer, more accessible streets
- Reliable underground infrastructure
- Improved public spaces
- Stronger downtown experience

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

- Increased visitation
- Support for local businesses
- Enhanced space for community events
- A downtown designed to welcome future generations



ALIGNMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY VISION

Phase 2 directly supports the goals of the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan by advancing:

	Walkable, connected streets		High quality urban design
	Vibrant public spaces		Safe and accessible movement for all
	Economic vitality		

This project is a key step in implementing the long term vision for downtown Okotoks.



Scan to read the What We Learned Report from the first community engagement in the Summer 2024.



Scan to read the What We Learned Report from Fall/Winter 2024.

MAIN STREET ENHANCEMENTS



BIG CHANGES

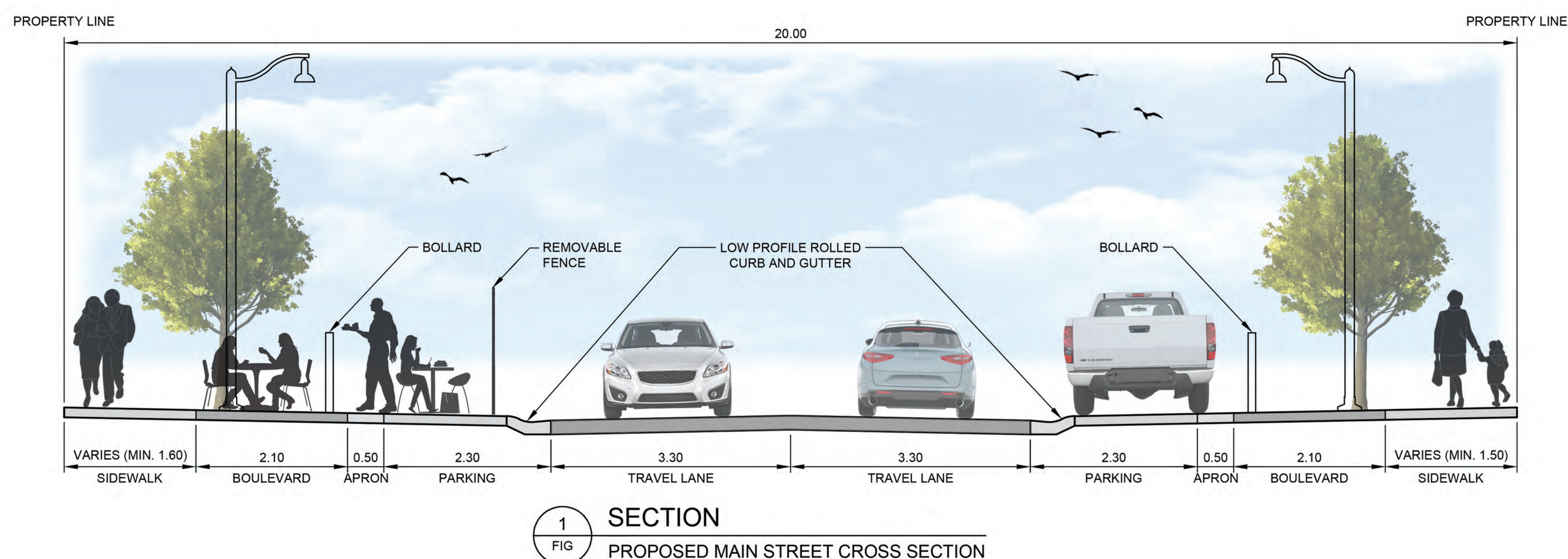
Ask Us

Change	Details	Impact
Buried infrastructure renewal	Replace end-of-life water and sewer pipes	• Replace infrastructure from the 1950s and 1970s that is at the end of its service life. • New infrastructure will be reliable and provide continuous service, reducing the risks of emergency repairs.
Bury overhead power	Move overhead lines to underground and upgrade street lighting	• Improve the appearance of downtown to match buried power on other parts of Main Street. • Modernize and improve street lighting.
Street parking flexibility	Businesses can use on-street parking out front their business for outdoor commercial space	• On-street parking is staying but could be flexible to meet business needs. • At the discretion of the business, a parking stall could be converted to a temporary outdoor area such as: temporary patios, outdoor shopping areas.
Intersection crosswalk changes	Crosswalks at all legs of an intersection	• Clearly indicates that pedestrians have the right of way. This change will improve connectivity and safety for pedestrians while making vehicle turns safer. • Bulb-outs added at all crosswalks to shorten the distance pedestrians have to walk across the road. New bulb-outs will result in the removal of parking stalls where conflicts exist.
Continuous downtown sidewalks	Address gaps in sidewalk and pathway connections	• Provides a direct connection through the park to the river valley. • Address major infrastructure deficits such as dead-end and missing sidewalks to complete connectivity of downtown.
Changes to driveway accesses	In consultation with specific property owners, where safety is a concern or change supports the overall design	• Increase in safety, reduction in vehicle/pedestrian conflicts, and creating more contiguous public space.
Redesign of parks		• Provides space necessary for roundabout, connectivity along the corridor, and increases safety and sightlines. • As part of this project, approximately 30 trees will be planted.

The design for North Railway Street has been completed. You can view the design on the table in the centre of the room.



This cross-section gives a more detailed view of the major elements and spacing.



MAIN STREET ENHANCEMENTS

BUSINESS SUPPORT AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Businesses will remain open, and we'll be here for you.

- There'll be direct communication between the Town, the construction team, the design team, and anyone affected
- We'll keep pedestrian and delivery access open for businesses and residences
- Temporary access will be provided during construction
- Water and sanitary services will continue throughout construction, except for minor disruptions of about four hours when temporary services are installed and removed
- We'll avoid or minimize construction impacts where possible
- Fortis will schedule temporary power outages to reduce disruption

GETTING READY FOR CHANGES AND CONSTRUCTION

If you own, operate, or reside at a property affected by construction along North Railway Street and have not been contacted by the Town or still have questions, please reach out to us. We are here to help and are grateful for your efforts to stay informed before and during construction!

EXAMPLES

The images below show examples of how we can accommodate or reduce disruptions during construction.



STAY INFORMED

We want to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or issues now and during construction. Keeping the dialogue open will benefit everyone. We value your perspectives and insights on the impacts of these changes.

Here are some ways to stay connected with us:

FOLLOW OUR PROJECT ONLINE

shapeourtown.okotoks.ca/downtown



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

okotoks.ca/construction

STAY ALERT FOR LETTERS/MAILOUTS FROM THE TOWN

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US ANYTIME!

If you need more information, please email:
engineering@okotoks.ca

NEXT STEPS



**Start North Railway
Street Construction
(2025)**



**Finish North Railway
Street Construction
(2026)**

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

Downtown



**Downtown
Riverfront**

**Arts & Learning
Campus | Library**

350m

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