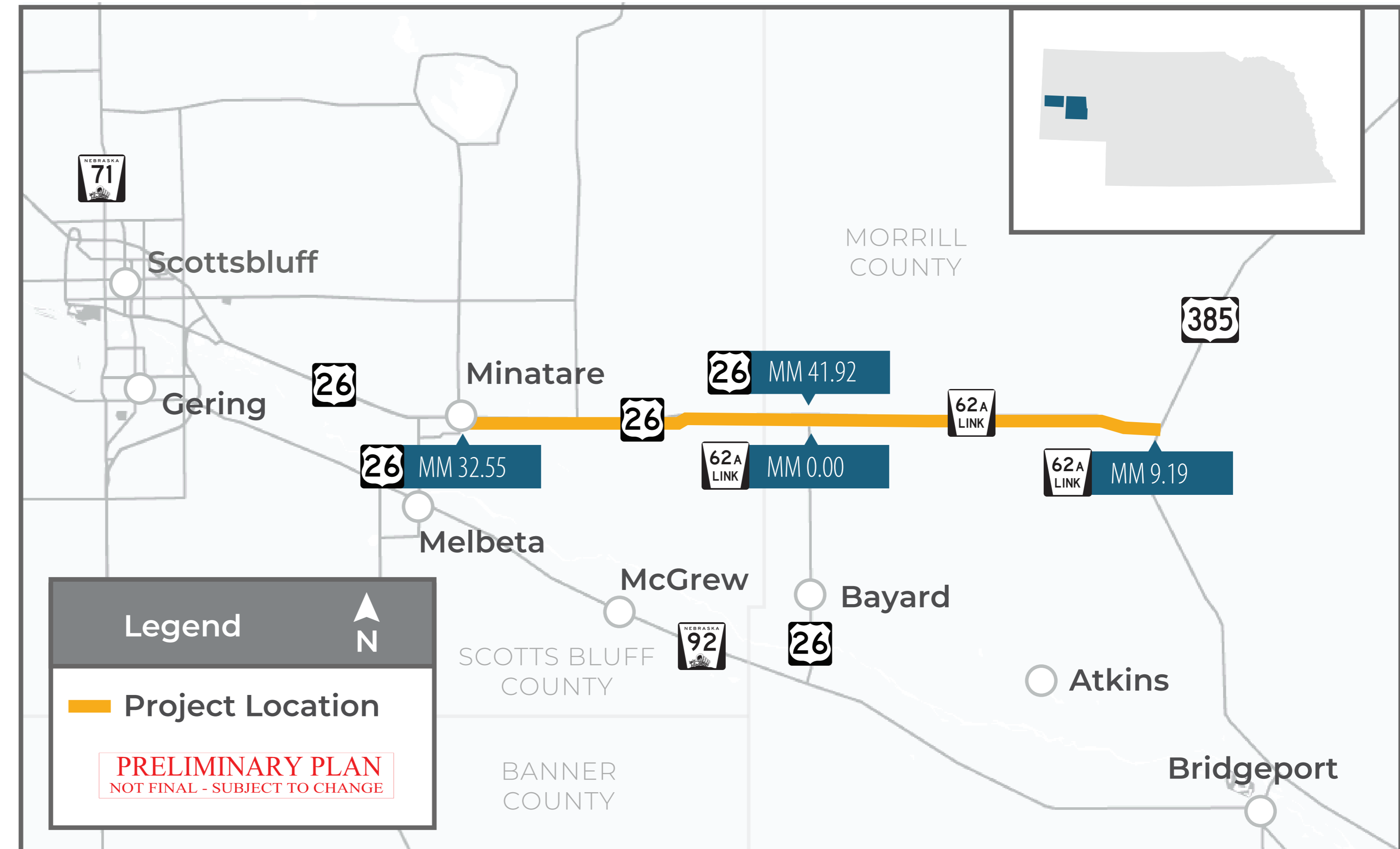


Project Description & Location

The proposed project, known as Minatare - US-385, would expand the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway. This project is 18.19 miles in length and is located on Highways US-26 and Nebraska Link L-62A in Scotts Bluff and Morrill Counties.



The project starts just west of Minatare's Main Street at approximately mile marker (MM) 32.55 and extends east to the junction of US-26 and L-62A at MM 41.92. The project continues east on L-62A from the junction with US-26 at MM 0.00 to the junction of US-385 and L-62A at MM 9.19. The typical section would be more urban in nature through Minatare. The intersections would be improved throughout the project and there would be controlled access throughout the project.

PRELIMINARY PURPOSE & NEED

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Proposed Project Purpose:

- Provide an improved highway on this National Highway System (NHS) High Priority Corridor.
- Fulfill legislative intent of constructing a four-lane highway along the Heartland Expressway Corridor.

Project Need:

- High traffic volumes, including a high percentage of heavy truck traffic, local travelers and agricultural vehicles.
- Complete the last remaining gap in the four-lane highway system between I-80 and the western Nebraska communities of Kimball, Scottsbluff, Gering, Morrill, Mitchell, and Alliance.

Other Goals and Objectives:

- Efficient use of available funds.
- Improve safety and comfort for the driving public.
- Maximize utilization of existing pavement.
- Minimize impacts to the natural and human environment.



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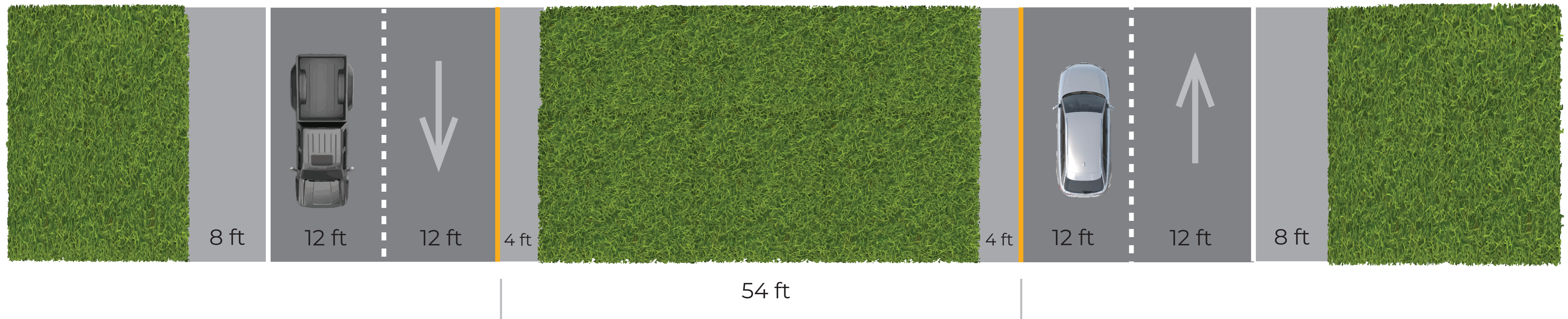
TYPICAL SECTION

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New Lanes

**Existing Lanes
(Resurfaced Pavement)**



The proposed lanes would be added to the north or the south of the existing lanes.

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SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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NORTH ALTERNATIVE

SOUTH ALTERNATIVE

CONSIDERATIONS

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL RELOCATIONS

TOTAL RELOCATIONS: 26

TOTAL RELOCATIONS: 49

Houses: 13

Houses: 19

Major Outbuildings: 8

Major Outbuildings: 11

Minor Outbuildings: 5

Minor Outbuildings: 19

UTILITIES

SIMILAR LEVEL OF IMPACT

IRRIGATION CANAL IMPACTS (LF.)*

700

1,200

IRRIGATION CONVEYANCE (LF.)**

15,000

18,000

ESTIMATED COST (\$ MILLIONS)

\$76.7

\$81.4

FARMLAND (AC.)

220

230

WETLANDS (AC.)

15

12

STREAMS (LF.)

3,400

3,000

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Petroleum Contamination)

MEDIUM POTENTIAL TO ENCOUNTER

LOW POTENTIAL TO ENCOUNTER

4 (F) PROPERTIES ***

NO PARKS OR RECREATION FEATURES AFFECTED, HISTORIC RESOURCES TBD

LF = Linear Feet and AC. = Acres

* Irrigation Canal Impacts include distribution canals.

** Irrigation Conveyance includes any laterals, drains, ditches, and other components.

*** The above assumptions are contingent on FHWA determinations of eligibility, as well as determination of effects. Archaeological survey is ongoing.

Note: The acreages, linear feet, and other measurements are preliminary.

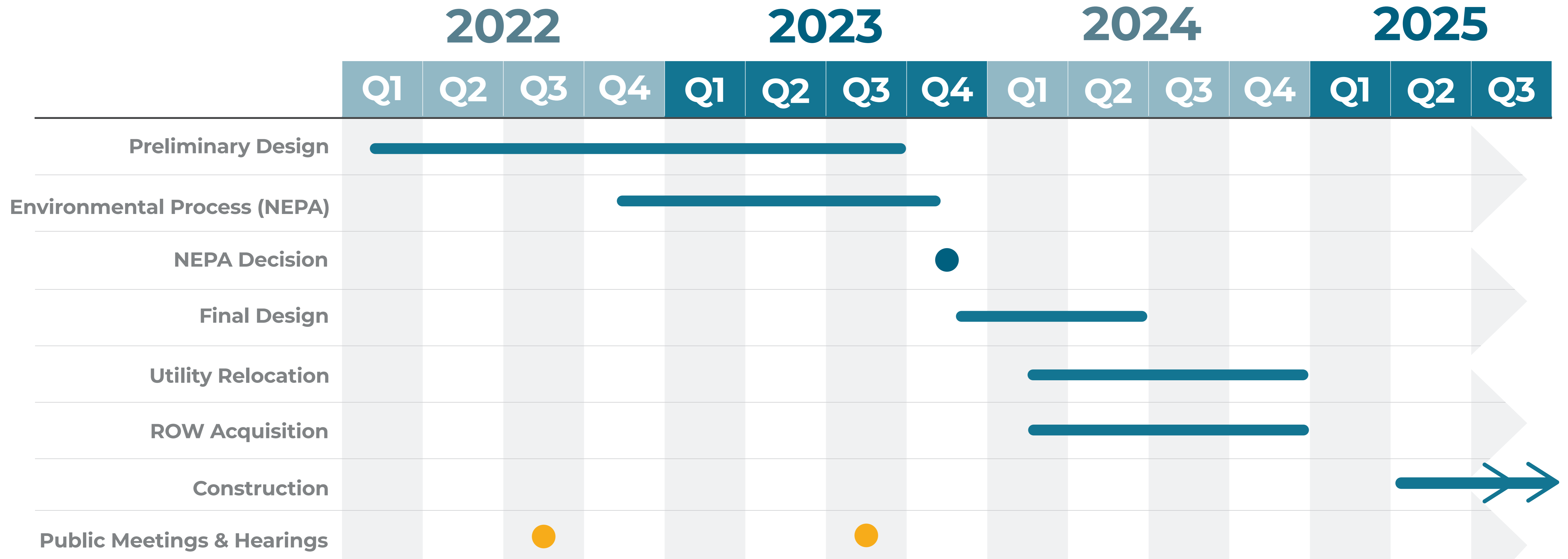
Although it does not meet the Purpose and Need, the No-Build Alternative has been and will be considered in the Environmental Assessment, in accordance with FHWA's NEPA guidelines.

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Timeline by Quarters

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Buildings at Harry's Curve (Potentially Historic)



Sod House



Tri-State Canal

Lowline Canal

Minatare

Minatare Canal
(Potentially Historic)

Legend



Project Location

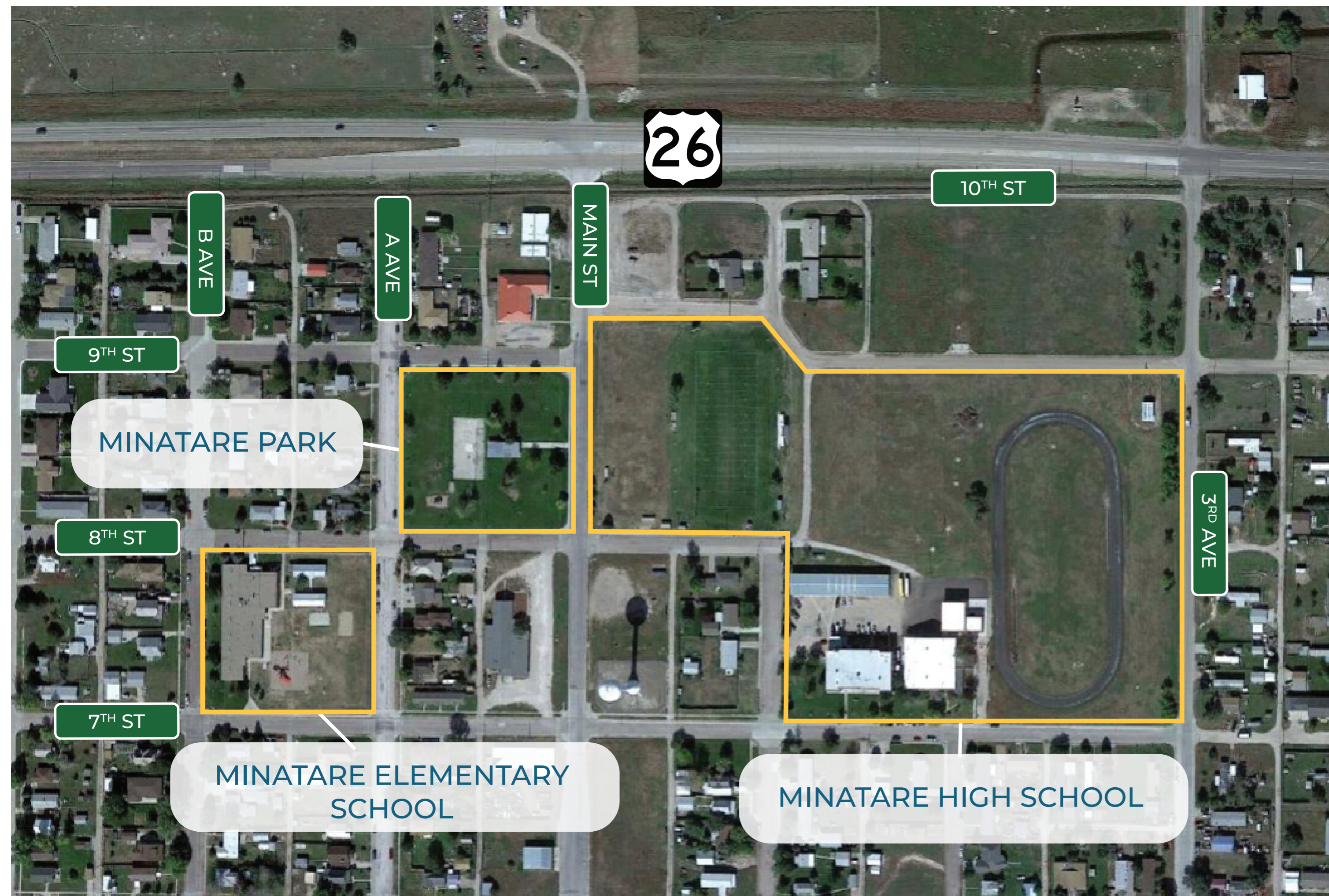
Properties above are recommended eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Identification of historic properties is still underway, and project staff looks forward to public comment regarding cultural resources. Impacts to historic properties would be considered under Section 106 and under Section 4(f).

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RECREATION PROPERTIES

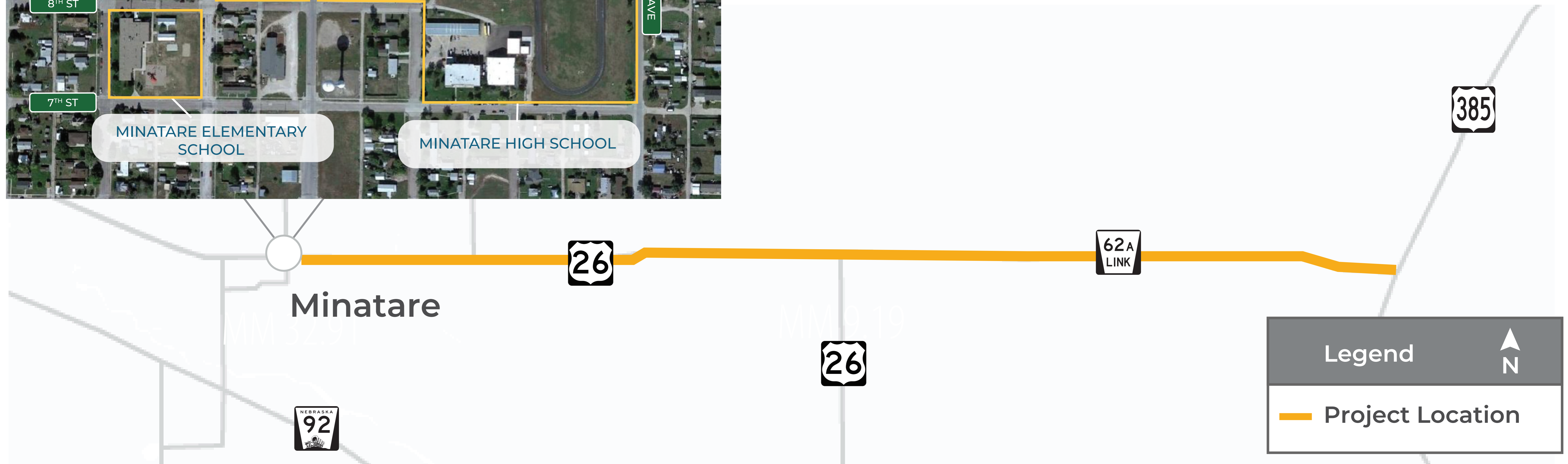
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Public Recreation (i.e.) Section 4(f) Properties

- Minatare Park
- Minatare High School
- Minatare Elementary School



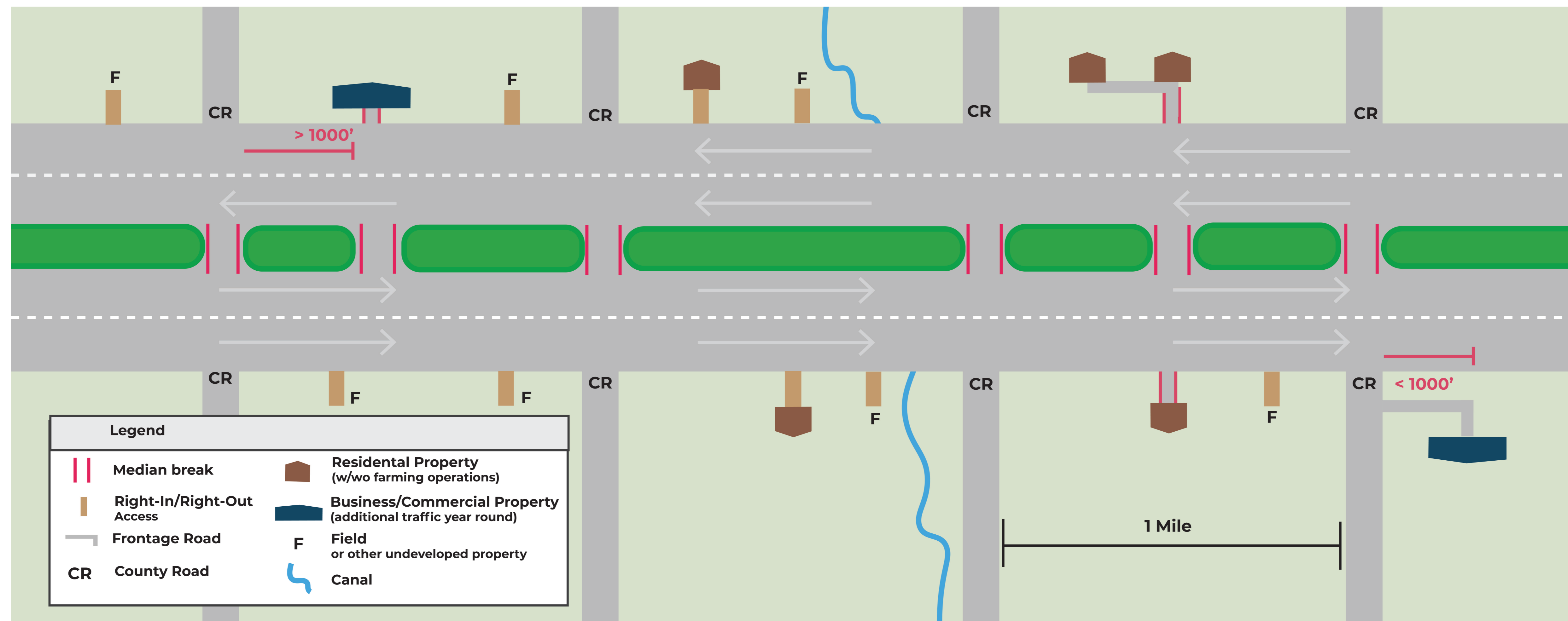
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TYPES OF ACCESS

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- Provide access to all properties
- Limit number of access points to the highway for safety
- Minimize median breaks for safety and cost
 - No more than 1 median break between county roads
 - No less than 1000' between median breaks



* Any right-in/right-out access would need to utilize median breaks to change direction.

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Questions regarding right-of-way?

Proposed project alternatives would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). Residential and commercial structures are anticipated to be impacted by the project. Relocation assistance will be provided to eligible displacees requiring relocation. If your property is impacted by this project, you would be contacted by a representative from NDOT's Right of Way Division once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

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PROJECT COMMENTS

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We need your input. Here's how you can provide your comments:



Complete a comment form by **September 23, 2022**.



Visit the website **ndot.info/51521**

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