



CITY OF HELENA

Multimodal Traffic Study

FIVE POINT INTERSECTIONS & CORRIDOR CONNECTIONS

OVERVIEW

The City of Helena has developed the *Five-Point Intersections and Corridor Connections Multimodal Traffic Study* to examine the five-point intersections of Lyndale Avenue/Montana Avenue/Helena Avenue and Last Chance Gulch/Helena Avenue/Neill Avenue as well as the corridors connecting the Downtown and Midtowne areas of Helena. The purpose of the study was to identify feasible improvement options to enhance multimodal safety, connectivity, access, mobility, and appeal within the study area. The traffic study provides an examination of geometric characteristics, crash history, land uses, physical constraints, environmental resources, and existing and projected operational characteristics and multimodal needs of the intersections and corridors.

The primary concern at the two five-point intersections is the non-standard layouts and geometrics which can cause driver confusion and poor operating efficiency, particularly during peak hours. Past studies have identified additional concerns at the intersections regarding safety, a lack of suitable non-motorized infrastructure, and access to commercial and residential areas. Improvements are also needed along the connecting corridors to accommodate multimodal users, integrate green infrastructure and streetscaping, and enhance overall access and connectivity.



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The traffic study identifies improvements which are intended to address areas of concern identified through evaluation of transportation and environmental conditions in the study area and to reflect the needs and desires voiced through public and stakeholder outreach. The improvements offer a range of potential short-term and long-term strategies to facilitate travel within and between the Downtown and Midtowne areas of Helena by supporting modal choice, improving the function and circulation of key intersections, enabling access for disabled individuals, and providing enhanced comfort and visual appeal for all users. These recommended improvements attempt to balance the needs and concerns identified through the traffic study while minimizing impacts to adjacent properties and land uses, aligning with the community vision, and enabling reasonable, feasible implementation.



RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

Recommended improvement options are grouped according to four connecting corridor segments.

Last Chance Gulch Corridor

- LCG-1.** Last Chance Gulch Street Design - South of Neill Avenue
- LCG-2.** Last Chance Gulch Street Design - North of Neill Avenue
- LCG-3.** Last Chance Gulch Sidewalk Improvements
- LCG-4.** Last Chance Gulch Signal Modifications - 6th Avenue and Lawrence Street Intersections
- LCG-5.** Last Chance Gulch Pedestrian Improvements - Placer Avenue Intersection
- LCG-6.** Last Chance Gulch Five-Point Intersection Improvements

Lyndale Avenue Corridor

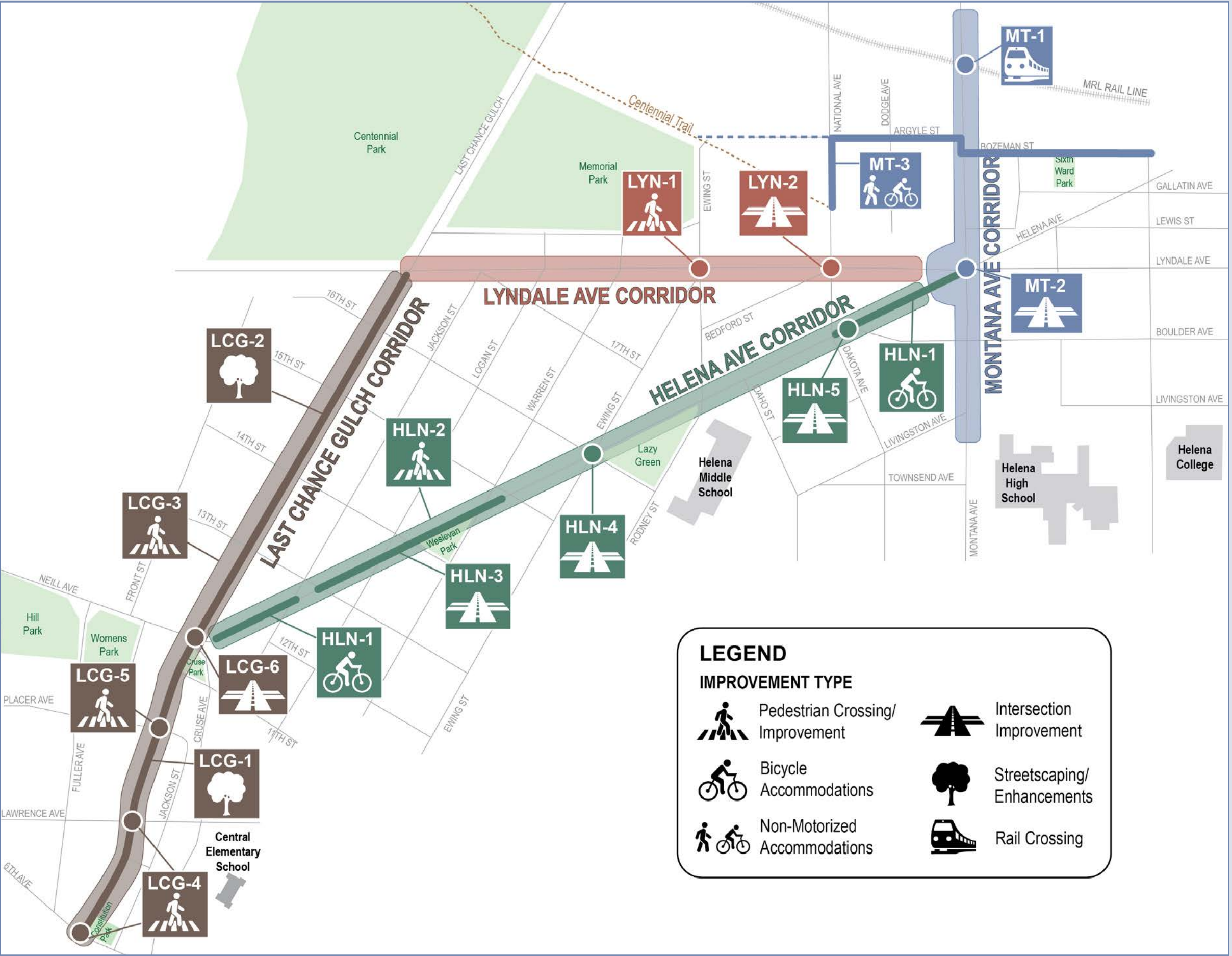
- LYN-1.** Lyndale Avenue Pedestrian Crossing - Ewing/Rodney Streets
- LYN-2.** Lyndale Avenue Intersection Improvements - National Avenue

Helena Avenue Corridor

- HLN-1.** Helena Avenue Bike Lanes
- HLN-2.** Helena Avenue Pedestrian Improvements
- HLN-3.** Helena Avenue Triangle Intersection Improvements - 13th Street to 15th Street
- HLN-4.** Helena Avenue Intersection Improvements - 16th/Ewing Streets
- HLN-5.** Helena Avenue Intersection Improvements - National/Dakota/Boulder Avenues

Montana Avenue Corridor

- MT-1.** Montana Avenue Rail Crossing
- MT-2.** Montana Avenue Five-Point Intersection Improvements
- MT-3.** Montana Avenue Centennial Trail Crossing and Extension





VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

A virtual informational meeting is being held to present recommended improvements, answer questions, and collect feedback. Two meeting times will be offered, starting with a brief presentation and followed by a question/answer period. The presentation at each meeting will be identical. Please attend whichever time is most convenient for you. **A video recording of the meeting will be posted to the website for those unable to attend the live presentation.**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

12:00 PM OR 5:30 PM

To join the meeting, click or call using the information below:

Click: <http://bit.ly/394aTvD>

Call: 1 (346) 248-7799

Webinar ID: 962 1265 4729

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For assistance with meeting accommodations, please contact 406-447-5038.



DRAFT TRAFFIC STUDY NOW AVAILABLE

The Draft Traffic Study is now available on the study website (www.helenamt.gov/public-works-projects).

Please submit all comments by
FEBRUARY 19, 2021



To Submit Comments Contact: Scott Randall (Project Manager) 406.447.5005 srandall@rpa-hln.com