Q. HOW WAS THE JUNCTION CONNECT PROJECT PRIORITIZED?
A. The Junction Connect Project was identified by the public as a Tier 1, high priority project during the 2016 update to the Multimodal Transportation Plan. The vision of the Multimodal Transportation Plan is to create a fully-connected transportation network in Durango. A measure of achieving this vision is that a middle-school aged child is able to safely and conveniently access transit and bike or walk independently throughout town.

The Plan’s proposed improvements include enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities, in particular kids’ routes to Needham Elementary School and Miller Middle School, see figure at right. Repaired sidewalks, improvements to bicycle routes, intersection safety, and implementation of Safe Routes to Schools projects improve safety conditions for all multimodal users. These improvements include ADA-compliance and transit stop improvements for accessibility.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE JUNCTION CONNECT PROJECT?
A. Junction Connect improves safety and accessibility to road users along 25th and Junction Street from West Second Avenue to the City limits. Narrowed travel lanes and dedicated bike lanes help calm traffic and create a better environment for Miller Middle School students and neighbors.

The 25th and Junction St roadway from W 2nd Ave to the City limits is to be repaved and restriped with bike lanes and a lane reconfiguration. In addition, Safe Routes to School grant funds were secured in 2017 to install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the W 2nd Ave and W 25th St intersection. The City milled, repaved and restriped the Junction St roadway from W 28th St to the City limits in mid 2017. In 2018, The RRFB at W 2nd Ave and W 25th St will be installed, and the roadway along W 25th St from W 2nd Ave to W 28th St will be milled and repaved, and then restriped.

Q. WHAT WAS THE PUBLIC PROCESS?
A. The public process for the Multimodal Transportation Plan included targeted outreach in an effort to engage all facets of the community. During public meetings, attendees were encouraged to openly give input and be a part of the project prioritization process. The 2016 meetings received over 800 attendees, and elicited over 450 unique public comments. In addition, a Virtual City Hall survey garnered 207 visitors and 159 responses.

The public process for the Junction Connect Project kicked-off with a public meeting on April 11, 2017 to review the design for a repaving and restriping along Junction Street from W 2nd Ave to the City limits. In addition, meetings were held with neighbors, Miller Middle School and Durango School District 9-R to discuss project implications.

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