



City of High Point

Meeting Agenda

Prosperity, Livability, & Safety Committee

Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Monica Peters, Chair
Dr. Patrick Harman
Tyrone Johnson
Vickie M. McKiver
Cyril Jefferson, Mayor (Alternate)
Britt Moore, Mayor Pro Tem (Alternate)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Monica Peters, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2026-1

High Point on the Rise - RAISE (BUILD) Grant Presentation

Staff will present an overview of the High Point on the Rise Project.

ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: High Point on the Rise - RAISE (BUILD) Grant Presentation

FROM:
Greg Venable - Transportation Director
Andrew Edmonds - Transportation Planning Administrator

MEETING DATE:
January 8, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING:
No

ADVERTISED DATE/BY:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Presentation

PURPOSE: To provide an update on the High Point on the Rise Project.

BACKGROUND: The City of High Point was awarded \$19.8 million dollars in 2022 to make bicycle and pedestrian improvements to Elm Street from Sunset Avenue to Commerce Avenue and construct 3.6 miles of Greenway in Southwest High Point. We are currently in the final stages of design and moving into Right of Way acquisition.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION REQUESTED: For Information Only.

HIGH POINT ON THE RISE – RAISE GRANT PROJECT

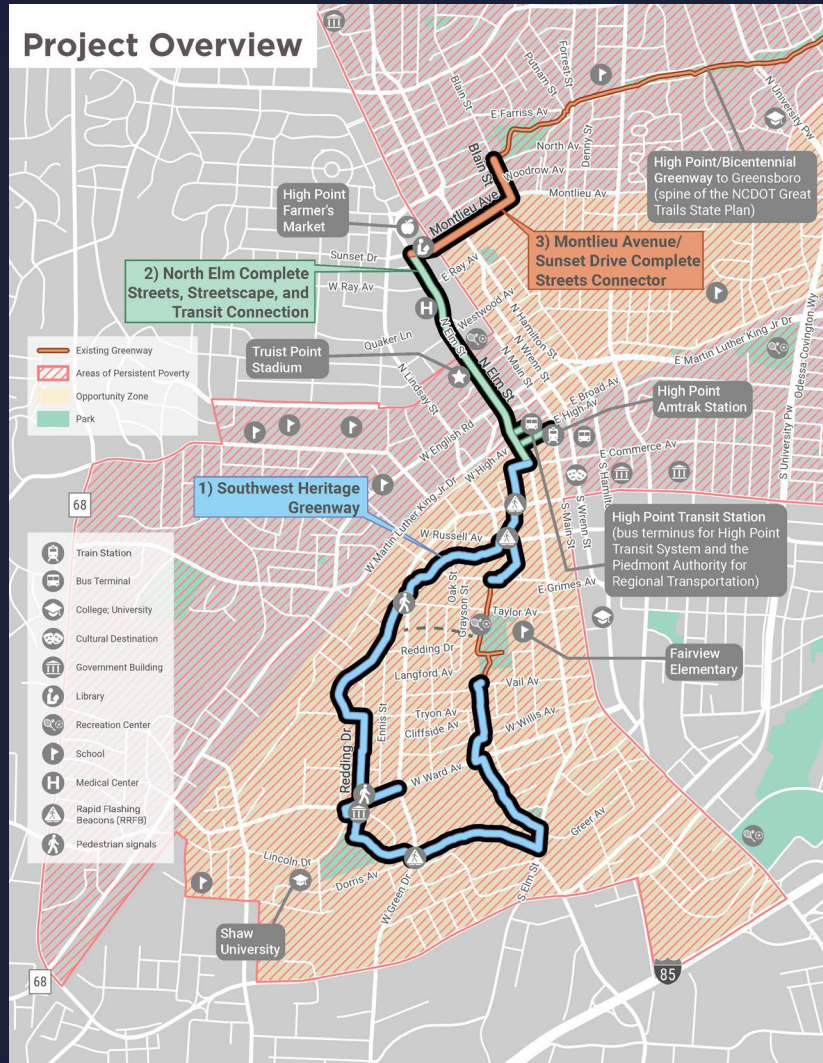
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PROJECT & GRANT OVERVIEW

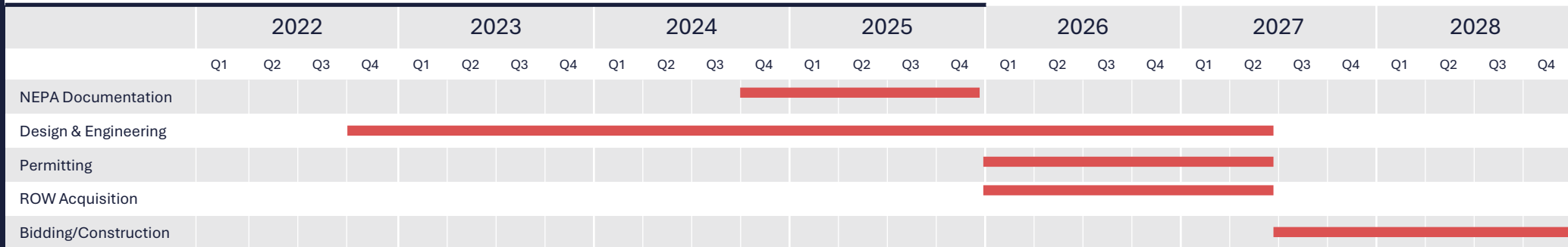


- Awarded \$19.8 million dollars in FY22 – highest award in the state
- 4.8 miles of urban greenway and roadway improvements for a walkable network through the Core City District.
- Create a 16-mile continuous corridor in High Point for active transportation and recreation.
- Increase access to transit, schools, economic opportunities, medical facilities, and large-scale public and private community investments.
- 91% of the project is within areas of persistent poverty with the median family income averaging \$28,242.

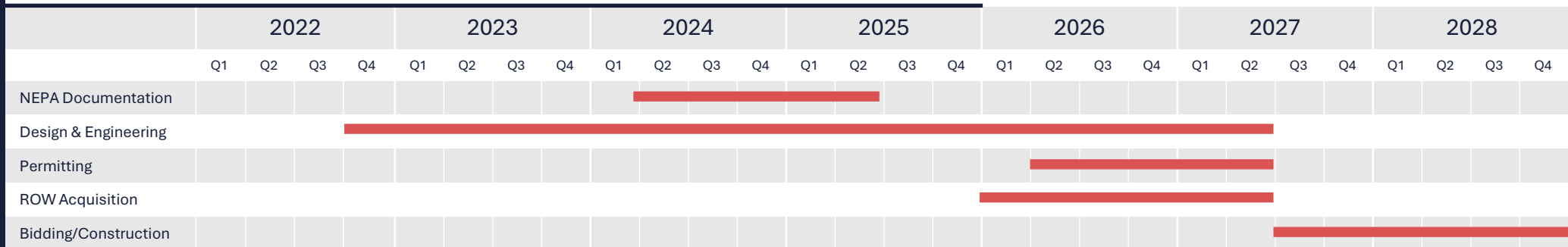


PROJECT SCHEDULE

PROJECT 1 | SOUTHWEST HERITAGE GREENWAY



PROJECT 2 | ELM STREET





MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- Congress extended funding due to many municipalities not getting through the grant agreement process until 18-36 months after award
- Elm Street – 100% Design and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) completed
- Southwest Heritage Greenway – 90% Design complete pending NEPA approval
- Public information meeting at the Morgan Community Room at the Library
- Ongoing dialogue with the Railroad for tracts along the greenway



RAILROAD PROPERTIES

- Properties would require railbanking
 - Railbanking a property allows public use of abandoned or inactive rail corridors for trails and recreational opportunities but preserved the corridor for potential future rail use
 - Railbanking requires a 6–8-month review/approval period through the Surface Transportation Board (STB)
- The City needs Acquisition / Right of Way (ROW) Authorization to submit an offer letter as the next steps
- We have requested early acquisition from NCDOT



RAILROAD PROPERTIES RISKS

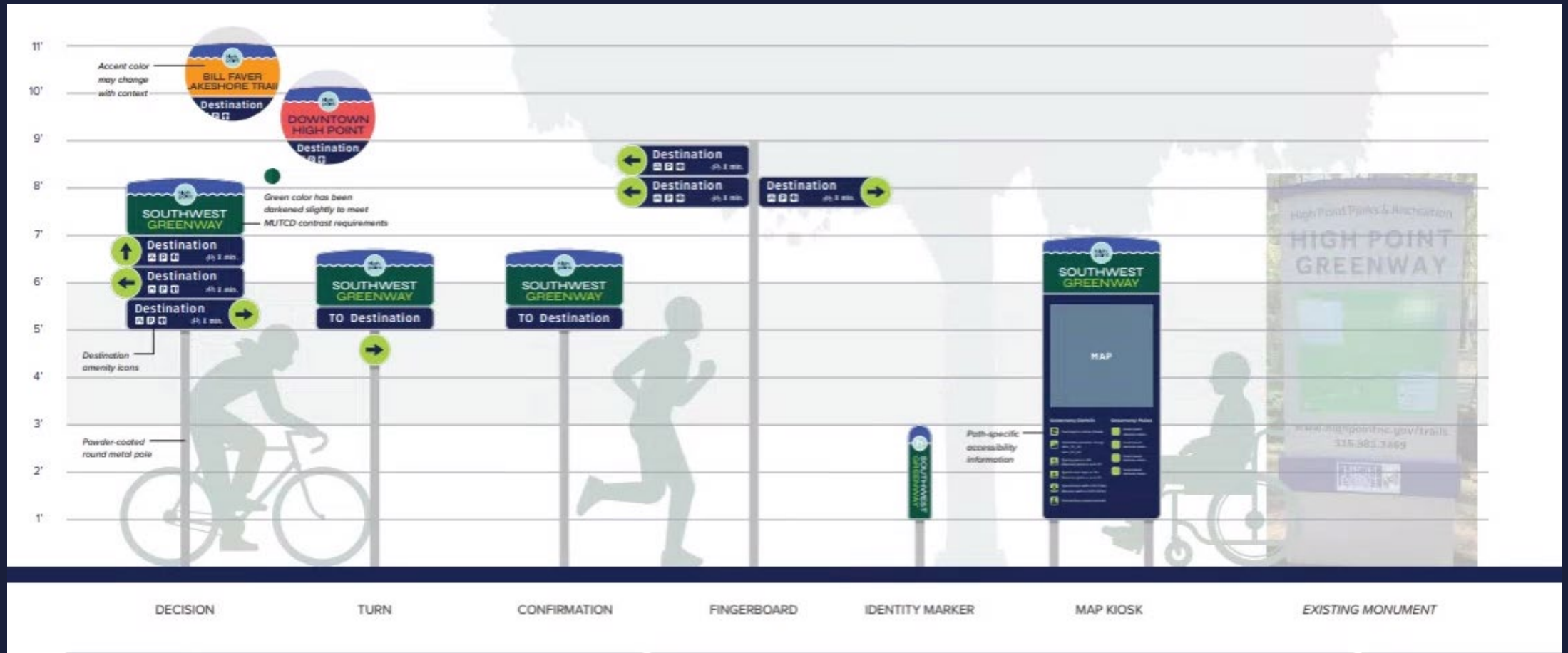
- Due to historical timeframe delays working with the railroads, City staff proactively developed an alternative alignment of the greenway if negotiations with the railroad failed/delayed
- Fortunately, negotiations are moving forward and there is currently no delay anticipated



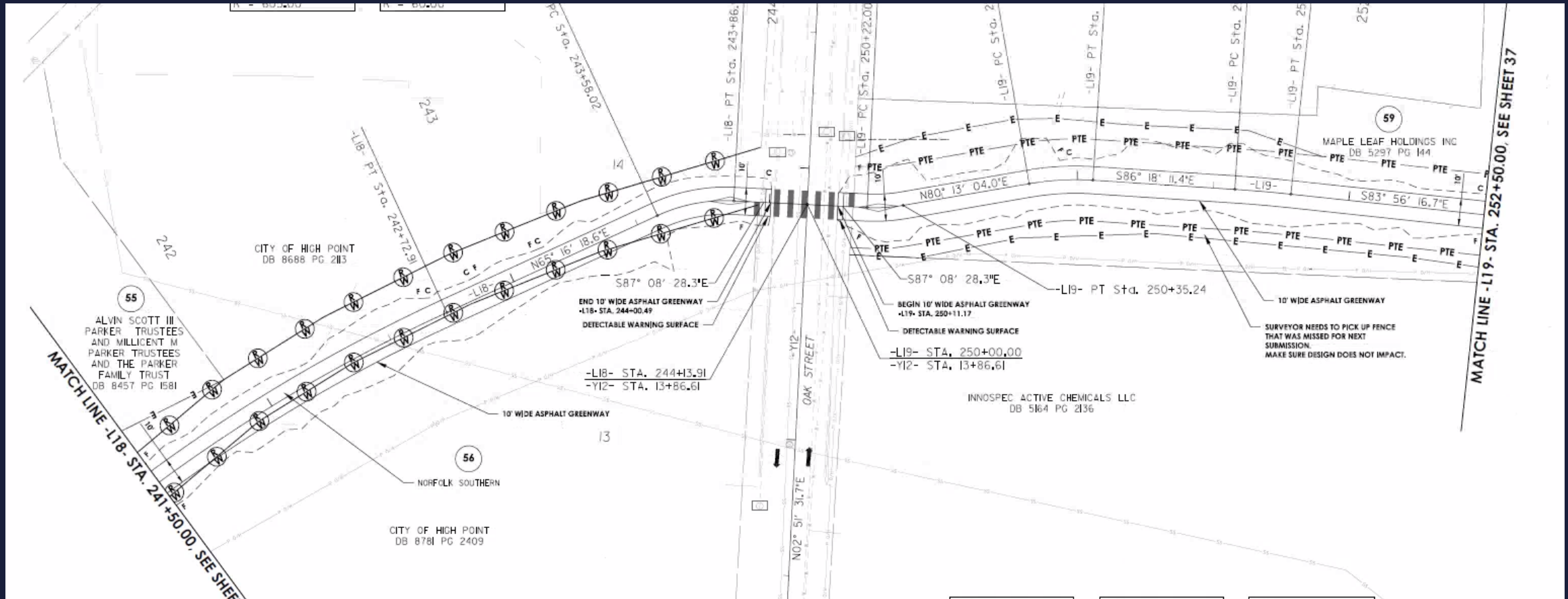
UPCOMING MILESTONES

- Review and approval of change orders – January 2026
- Submittal of greenway NEPA – February 2026
- Estimated ROW Start – April 2026
- Estimated ROW Completion – April 2027
- Bid Solicitation – May 2027
- Bid Award by Council – August 2027
- Estimated Construction Start – August 2027
- Obligation Deadline – September 2027
- Estimated Construction Complete – December 2028

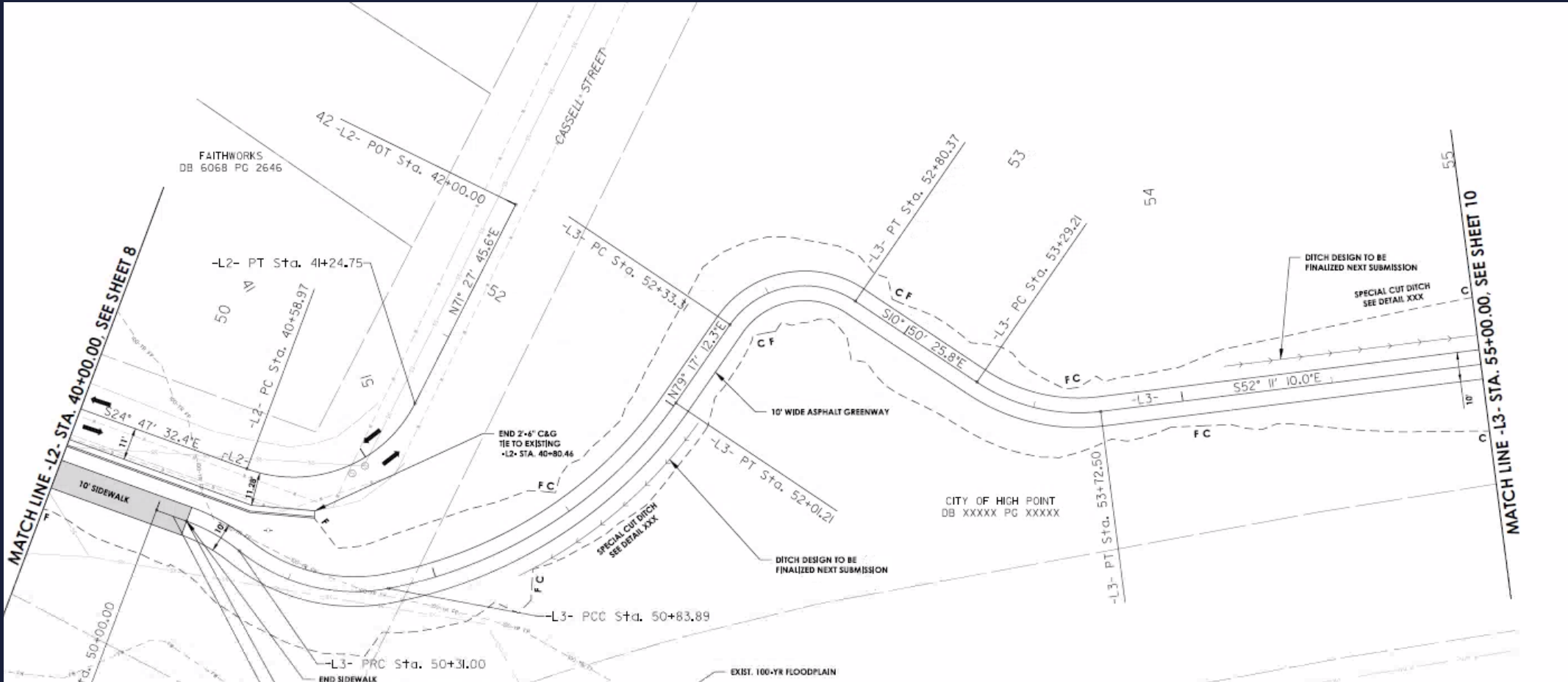
PROJECT WAYFINDING



GREENWAY AT 300 OAK STREET



GREENWAY AT GOLDSTON PARK



QUESTIONS?

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