CITY OF POCATELLO

Engineering Department

POCATELLO CITY COUNCIL HEARING:
NOVEMBER 5, 2026
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REQUEST:
The US Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded the City of Pocatello $7,750,000 for major safety improvements at the intersection of North Kraft Road and the North Main Extension, currently known as North Portneuf Crossing project. Per federal regulations, the project must be completed in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and FHWA regulations and requirements.

The City of Pocatello's North Portneuf Crossing Project is subject to 23 U.S.C. § 138 and 49 U.S.C. § 303, commonly referred to as Section 4(f). These regulations protect publicly owned parks and recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and significant historic sites.

Section 4(f) applies to this project because construction activities would require the use of property protected under these regulations. The affected properties total approximately 25 acres and include the following parcels: Parcel No. RPRPCPP045400: City of Pocatello's Pacific Steel & Recycling Trailhead, and Parcel No. RPRPCPP045702: William Company Inc.

A portion of the subject property (RPRPCPP045400) is needed for project-related construction activities, specifically the installation of a 35,925-cubic-foot stormwater drainage pond in the northeastern corner of the parcel. In accordance with Section 4(f) requirements, the City is pursuing a de minimis impact determination. This process includes coordination with the appropriate agencies and opportunities for public involvement.

After reviewing public comments, the official(s) with jurisdiction over the affected property must provide written concurrence that the project will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the property for Section 4(f) protection. Upon receipt of the required concurrence and completion of the applicable procedural requirements, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) may finalize the de minimis impact determination.

The De Minimis Impact Determination must include sufficient supporting documentation to demonstrate that, after accounting for all applicable avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and enhancement measures, the impacts qualify as de minimis as defined in 23 CFR § 774.17. The documentation must also confirm that the coordination requirements set forth in 23 CFR § 774.5(b) have been satisfied.
As part of this process, the City is requesting public comments regarding the proposed installation (see Attachment A). No action is required from Council Members at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:
A. Stormwater drainage pond proposed location

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MAIN STREET RETENTION POND OPTION 2

NORTH PORTNEUF CROSSING

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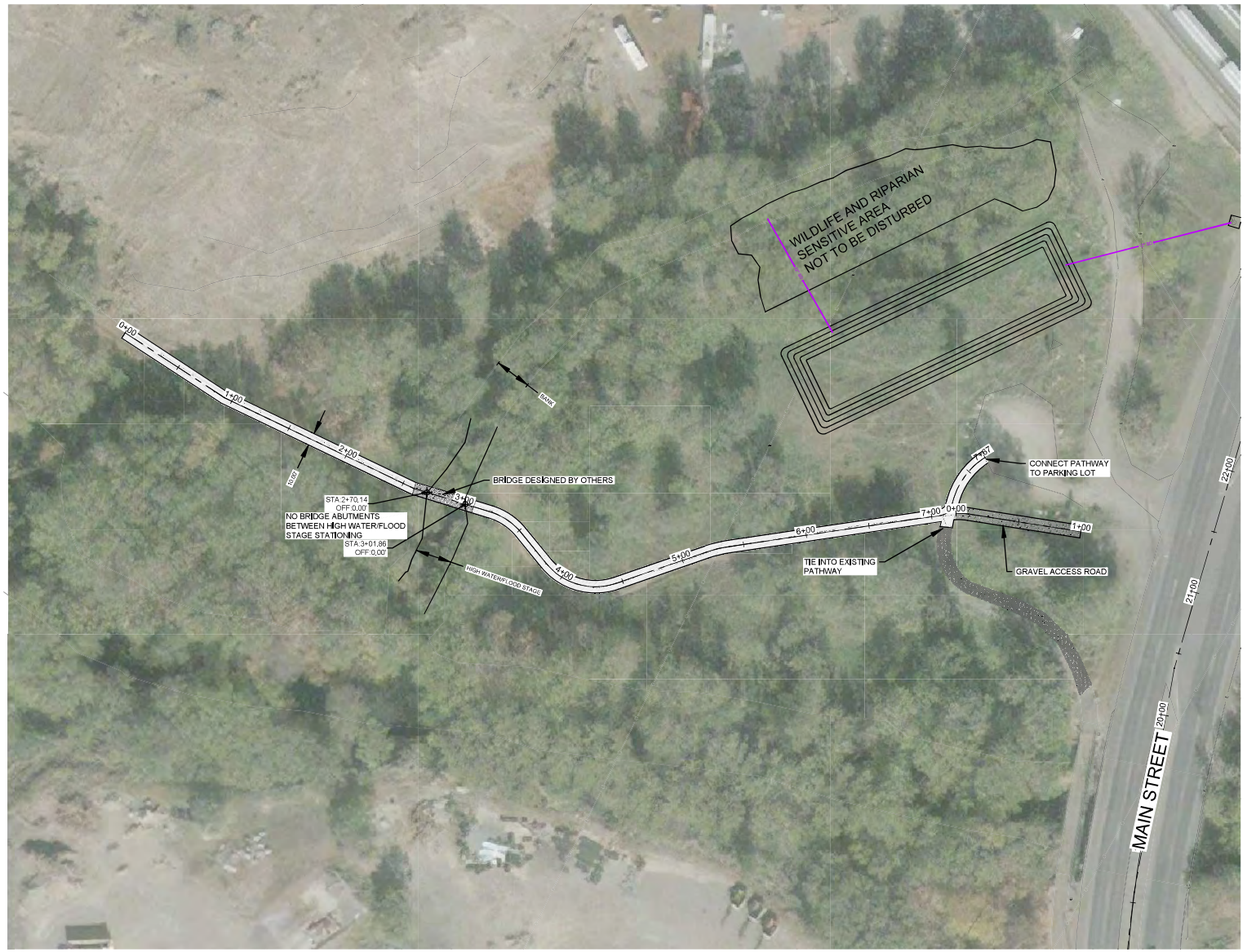

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