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Pedestrian Bridge Location

Regular Council Meeting

June 10, 2025

Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2025-45: K. McBurnett

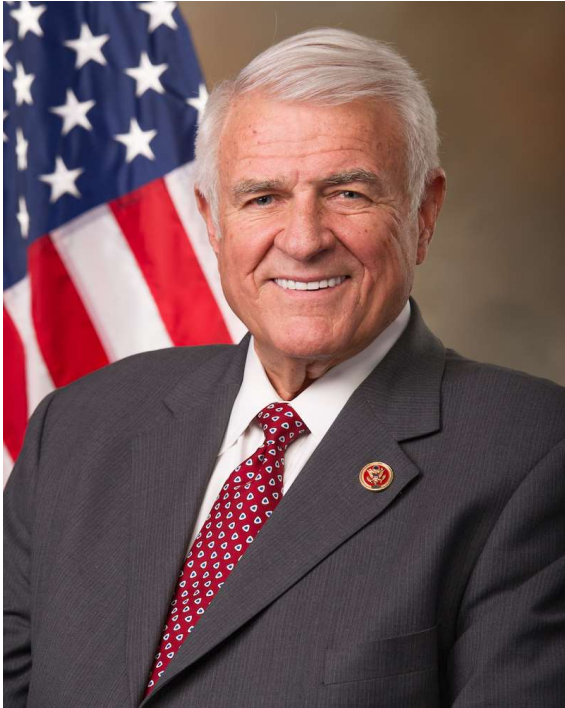
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, SELECTING FOURTH STREET AS THE DESIGNATED LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER NORTH U.S. HIGHWAY 281 IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANT AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE



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Pedestrian Bridge Project



- In 2023, the City was asked to submit several infrastructure project ideas to Congressman Carter's office
- The pedestrian bridge was selected for funding by Congressman Carter's office
- The decision was based on safety concerns- multiple near misses and pedestrian accidents have occurred near Burnet Middle and High Schools along Hwy 281



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- On August 28, 2024, the City was notified that the pedestrian bridge project had been selected for a Community Project Funding (CPF) grant
- This CPF grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Total Award- \$5,035,425



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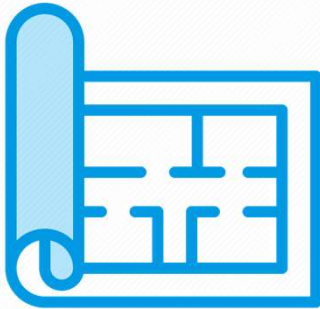
Grant Preparation Progress

- The next contact with CPF staff was February 20, 2025 (6 months after the award)
- City staff completed a two-month training series for CPF grant procedures and compliance
- Preparing for required environmental review-RFQ June 12, 2025
- Finalizing the grant agreement for HUD approval and funding release- June 13, 2025



Design Inspiration

- Design has not begun on the pedestrian bridge, but we have a conceptual vision of the type of pedestrian bridge we would like to see
- The example from Foley, Alabama is an inspiration for this project



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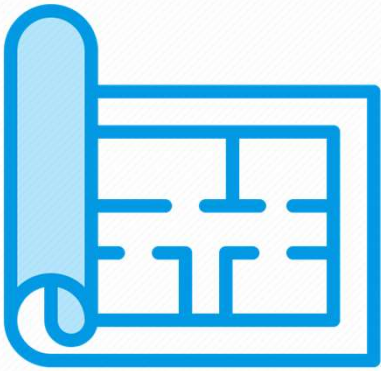
- This is NOT what we want to construct



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Important Design Elements



- Accessible with stairs, elevators, and ramps
- Full enclosure of the walkway span
- Aesthetically thoughtful and pleasing
- Durable and low-maintenance
- Well-lit and secure



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Location

- Before we can begin the environmental review and design, we need to decide exactly where the bridge will go

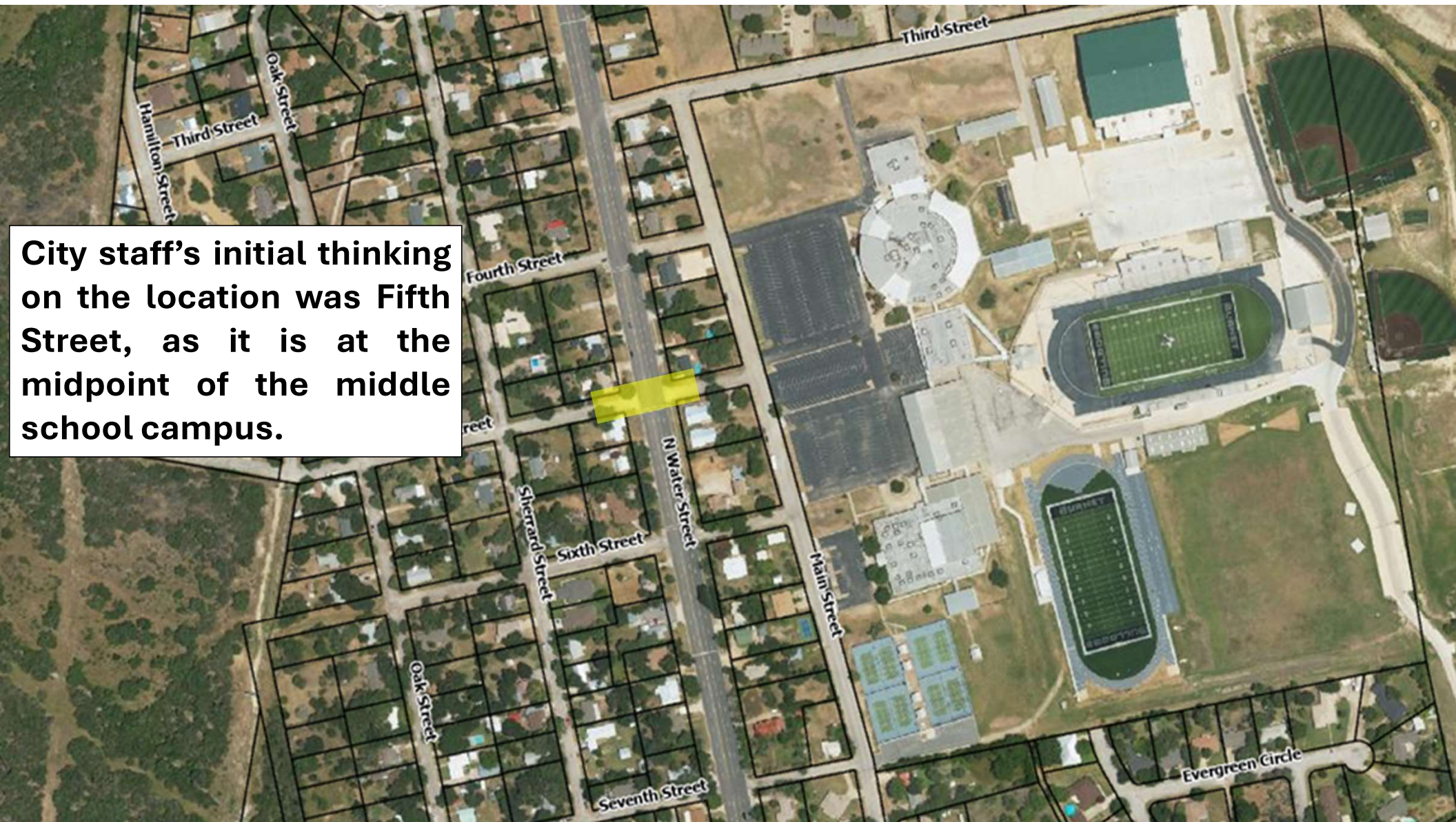


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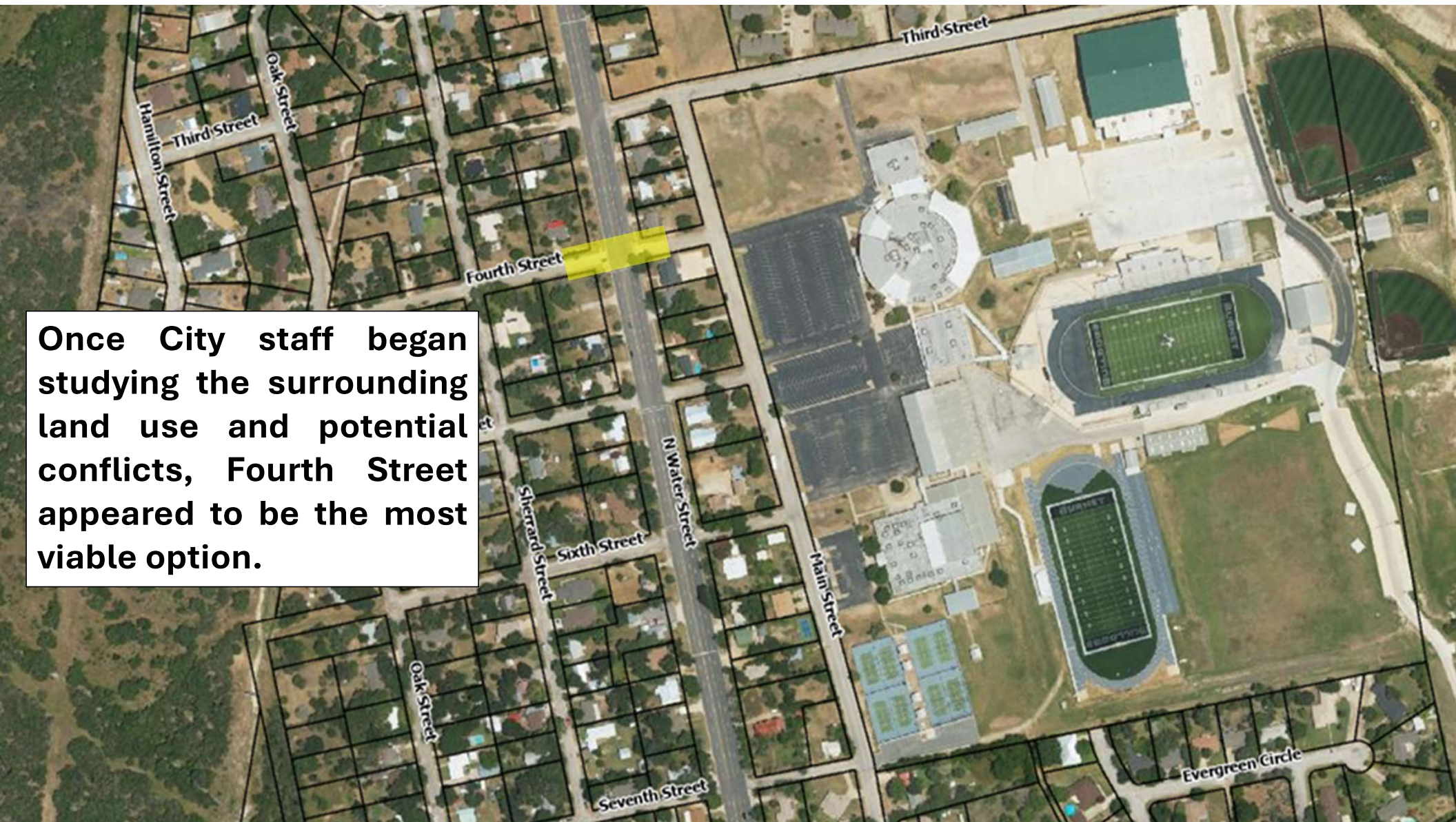


To best support safe crossings for students, the pedestrian bridge should be located between Third Street and Seventh Street.

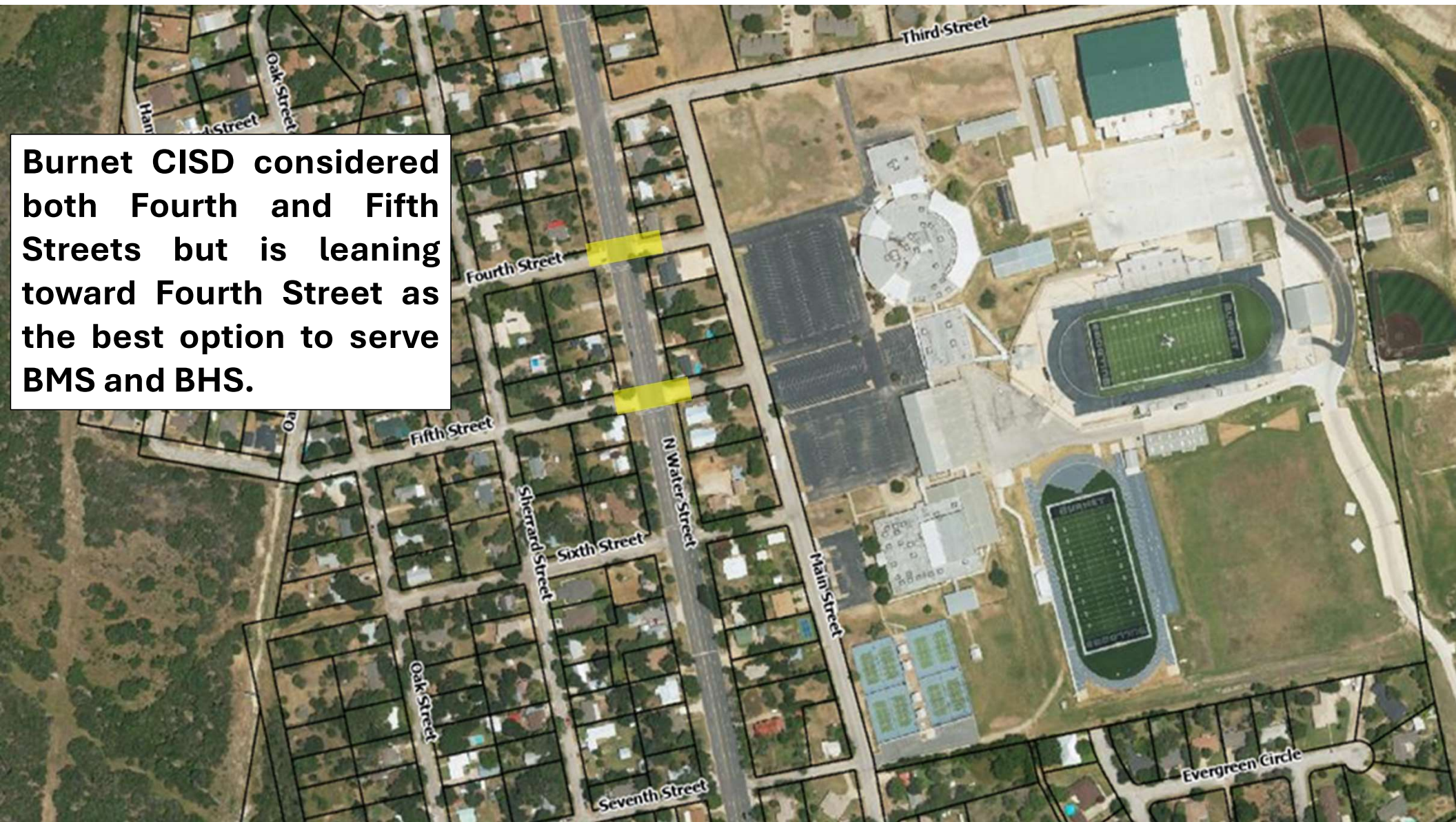




City staff's initial thinking on the location was Fifth Street, as it is at the midpoint of the middle school campus.



Once City staff began studying the surrounding land use and potential conflicts, Fourth Street appeared to be the most viable option.



Burnet CISD considered both Fourth and Fifth Streets but is leaning toward Fourth Street as the best option to serve BMS and BHS.

An aerial photograph of a city street grid. The streets are labeled: Hamilton Street, Oak Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, Sixth Street, Seventh Street, N Water Street, Main Street, and Evergreen Circle. A yellow rectangular highlight is placed on Fourth Street, between N Water Street and Main Street. To the right of the street grid is a large sports complex featuring two football fields with blue tracks, several tennis courts, and a large stadium-like building. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image, within a white box with a black border.

**At the May 29 Public Meeting,
most written responses were
supportive of Fourth Street.**

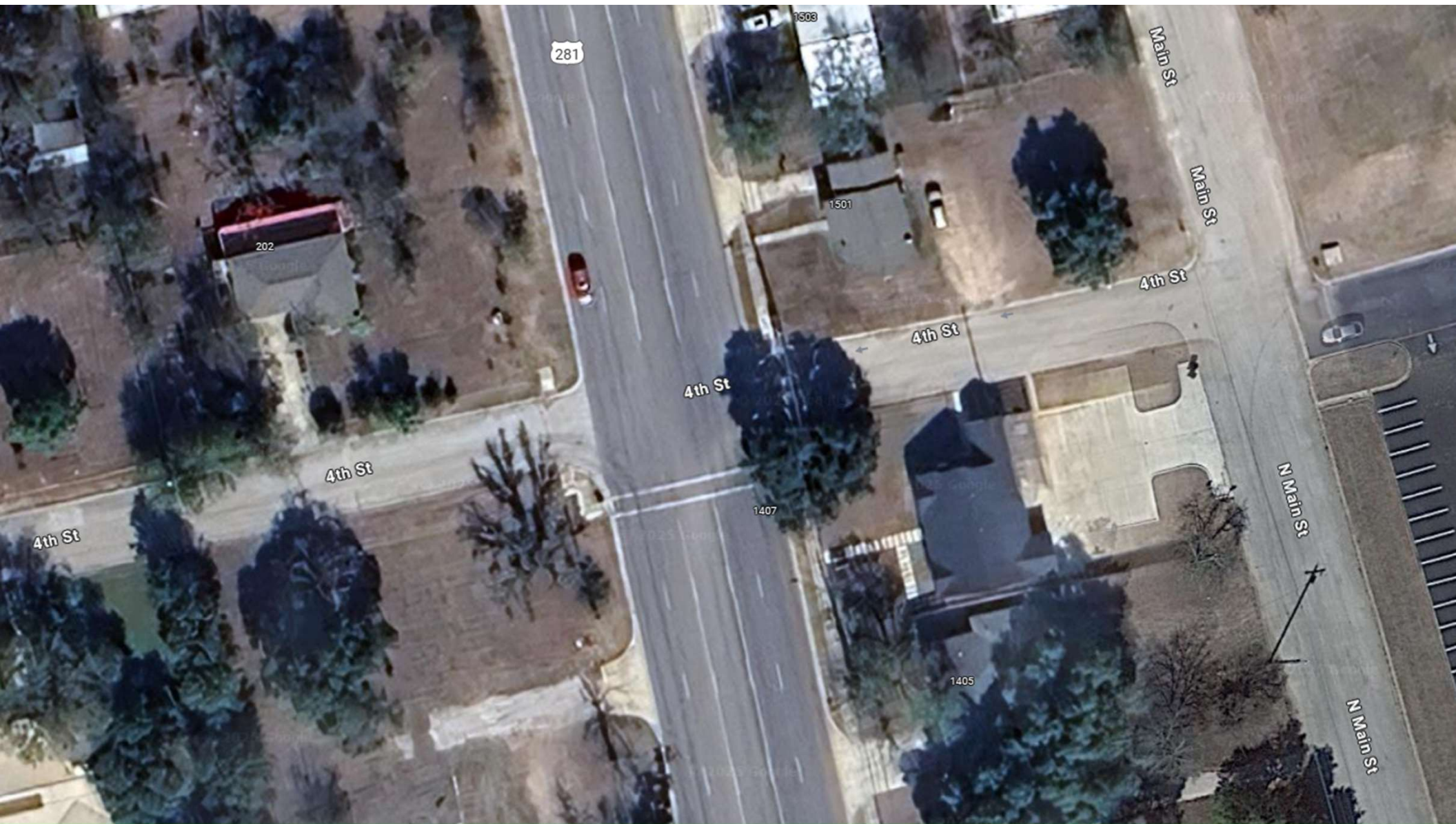
Pedestrian Bridge Project

- Where do you believe the pedestrian bridge should be located?
- What makes that location the best option, in your opinion?
- Are there crossing locations you think would NOT work well? If so, why?
- Is there anything else about the pedestrian bridge that you think is important for us to know or consider?



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Looking East Toward BMS



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Looking West

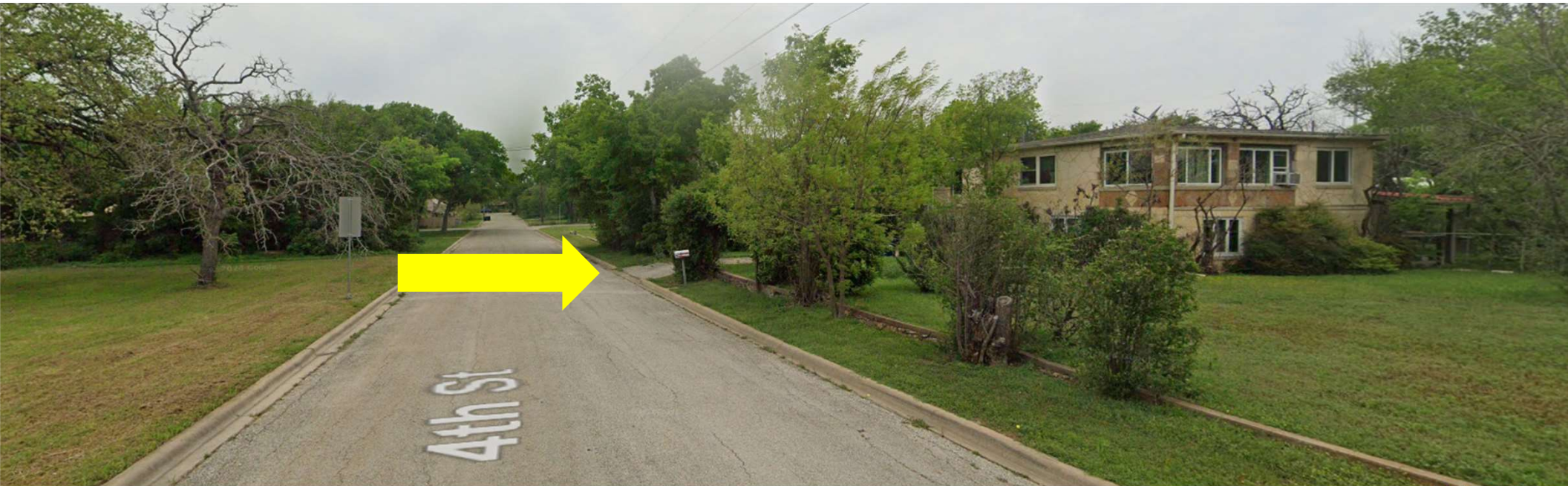


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One Driveway Conflict (West 4th St.)



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Finalizing Grant Agreement

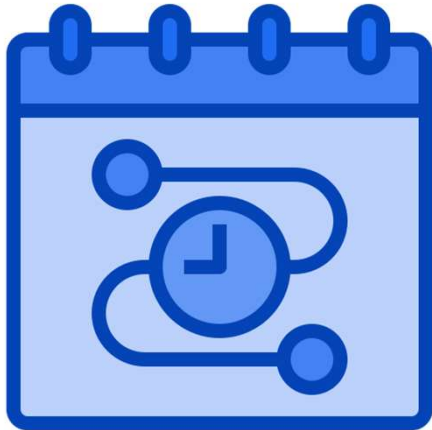
- Scope
- Description Including Location
- Narrative
- Timelines
- Funding Description



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Grant Agreement Proposed Timeline



- Environmental Review Begins: July 2025
- Environmental Review Completed (Estimated): December 2025
- Preliminary Design & Engineering: January 2026 – March 2026
- Final Design & Engineering: April 2026 – August 2026
- Permitting & Approvals: May 2026 – November 2026
- Procurement & Contractor Selection: December 2026 – March 2027
- Construction Start: April 2027
- Project Completion: Mid-2028 (Q2 or Q3)



Questions?

Recommendation:

- Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2025-45 as presented.



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