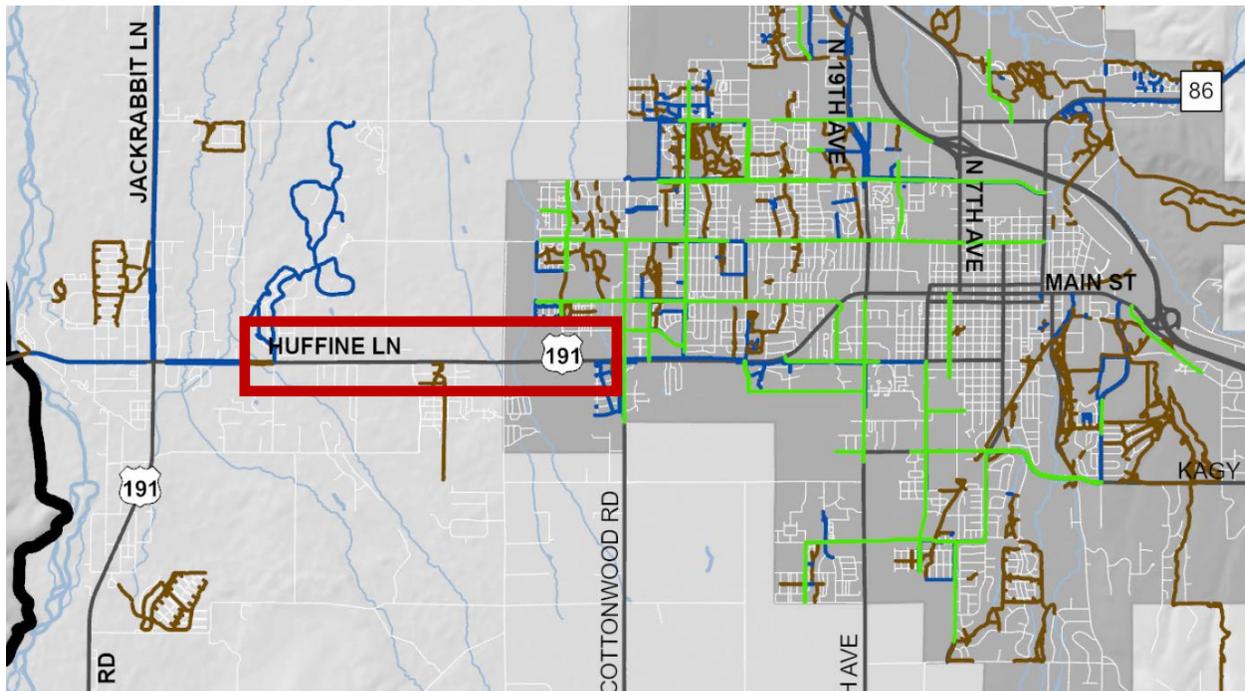


Huffine Lane Shared Use Path

Gallatin County is requesting Transportation Alternative funds to pay for the design and construction of approximately 3 miles of shared use path along Huffine Lane between Bozeman and Four Corners, Montana. This section of highway, bordered by Circle F Trail and S. Cottonwood Road, is a five-lane principal arterial that conducts 25,000 vehicles per day and has a 55 mile-per-hour speed limit. Currently, there are no sidewalks or paths for people on foot or bike and their only option is to use the road shoulder of this high-volume, high-speed corridor. The new path will fill in a critical gap, connecting pedestrians and bike commuters in Four Corners to the existing shared use facility three miles away, which starts at S. Cottonwood Road and runs along the north side of Huffine Lane to Fowler Avenue. At Fowler, a sidewalk continues along the north side of Huffine and the shared use path crosses to the south, where it eventually connects the College Street path to Montana State University.

The map below shows existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the region with bike lanes in green, asphalt or concrete paths in blue, and gravel or dirt paths in brown (from Figure 5 in Triangle Transportation Plan). The proposed section of share use path is outlined in red.



Non-Motorized Facilities

- Asphalt or Concrete Path
- Gravel or Dirt Path
- Bike Lane

Closing the Huffine Lane gap in our region's active transportation network will grant Montanans access to many businesses, grocery stores, schools, medical services, social events, and other essential services that were previously inaccessible by bike or foot. It will also become a part of the larger Gallatin River to the "M" trail connection envisioned by Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLT).

The Huffine Lane shared use path has been recommended in multiple plans over the last decade and a half, including the Greater Bozeman Area Transportation Plan (2007 update), Bozeman Transportation Master Plan (2017), the Greater Triangle Area Transportation Plan (2022) and the Triangle Trails Plan (2021). More specifically, this path:

1. supports Gallatin County's Growth Policy vision of a safe, interconnected active transportation network of trails and shared use paths.
2. supports goals in the 2020 Bozeman Community Plan, including M-1.4 "Develop safe, connected, and complementary transportation networks for pedestrians, bicyclists, and users of other personal mobility devices (e-bikes, electric scooters, powered wheelchairs, etc.)" and M-1.9 "Prioritize and construct key bicycle infrastructure, to include wayfinding signage, connections, and enhancements with emphasis on completing network connectivity."
3. moves forward the Four Corners Community Plan (2006), which instructs that a comprehensive transportation system should include bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are separated from the road network.