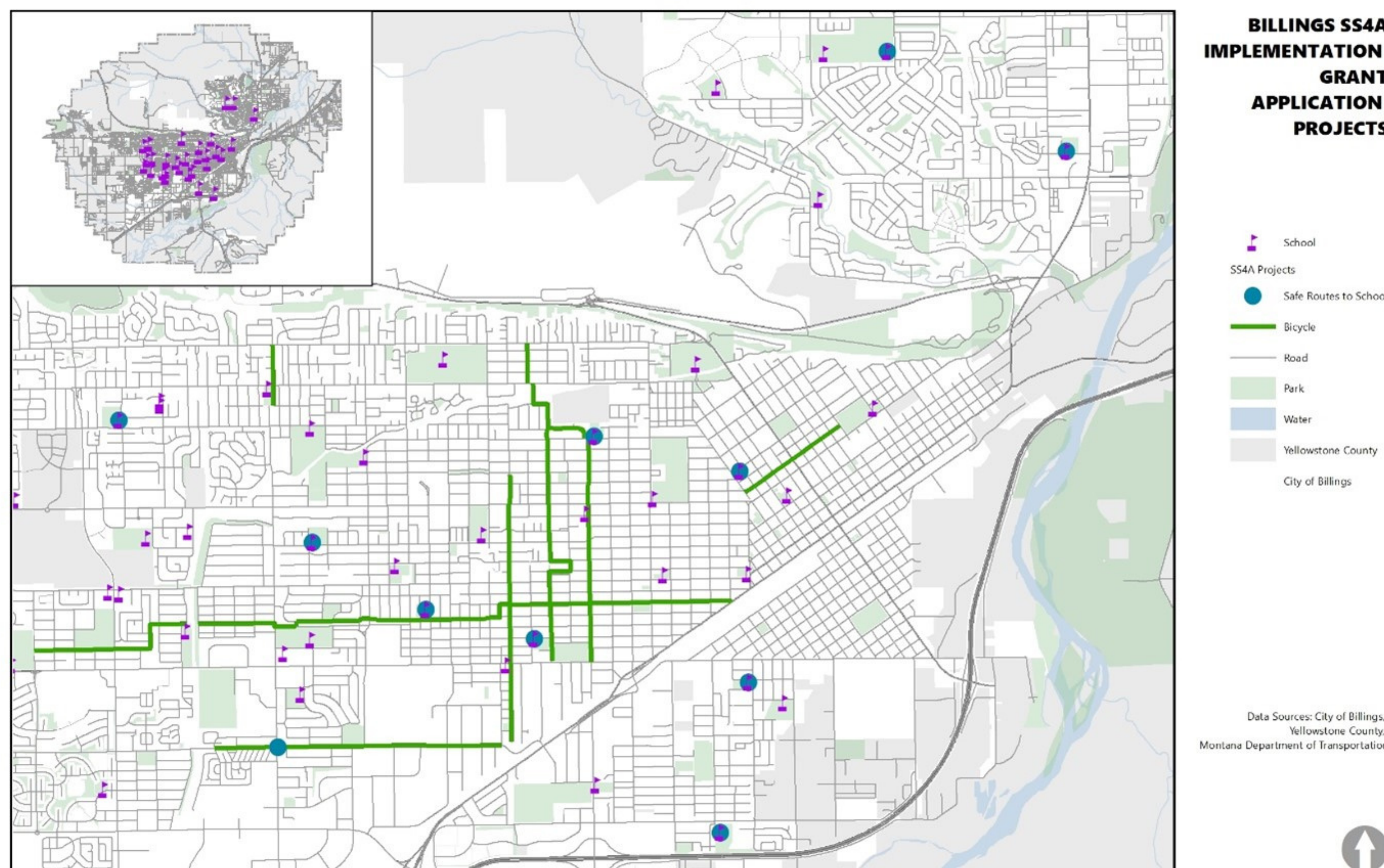




Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings December 2023

Safe Streets for All (SS4A)



Announced by Senator Tester on Dec. 11, 2023, the \$3.56 million Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant funds 17 Safe Routes to Schools projects around Billings. The projects include six bicycle facilities, eight high-visibility crosswalks, two walkways (includes sidewalks and shared-use pathways), ADA-compliant ramps, lighting, signing, curb extensions, signal improvements and general traffic-calming elements. The projects have direct impacts on students traveling to Bench, Boulder, Burlington, Central Heights, Highland, McKinley, Miles Avenue, Orchard, Ponderosa, Sandstone, and Washington schools, as well as indirect impacts on routes to Lewis-Clark, Poly Drive, Meadowlark, Parkhill, and Big Sky schools.

About These Projects

The Safe Streets for All and Safe Routes to Schools projects move Billings forward in important ways:

- Students attending Highland, Washington, Lewis-Clark, Poly Drive, Miles Avenue, Meadowlark, Parkhill, Big Sky, Central Heights, and McKinley schools will access new bikeways and bike lanes in their neighborhoods.
- Students at Bench will gain important sidewalk connections at Rex Lane and Lola Lane.
- Students at Boulder and Burlington will utilize extended curbs that help reduce the amount of time needed to be in the crosswalk, and slowing traffic. Burlington students will also have access to a shared-use path connection from Arnold Drain to 24th Street W.
- Students at Burlington, Central Heights, Highland, McKinley, Miles Avenue, Orchard, Sandstone, and Washington will utilize high-visibility crosswalks.
- Ponderosa students who use the shared-use path from Ponderosa to Kings Green Drive will benefit from new pedestrian lighting.
- New signal timing and signage will also be made along pathways/intersections near Highland, Miles Avenue, Sandstone, and Washington schools.

To learn more about this grant-funded project, contact:

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