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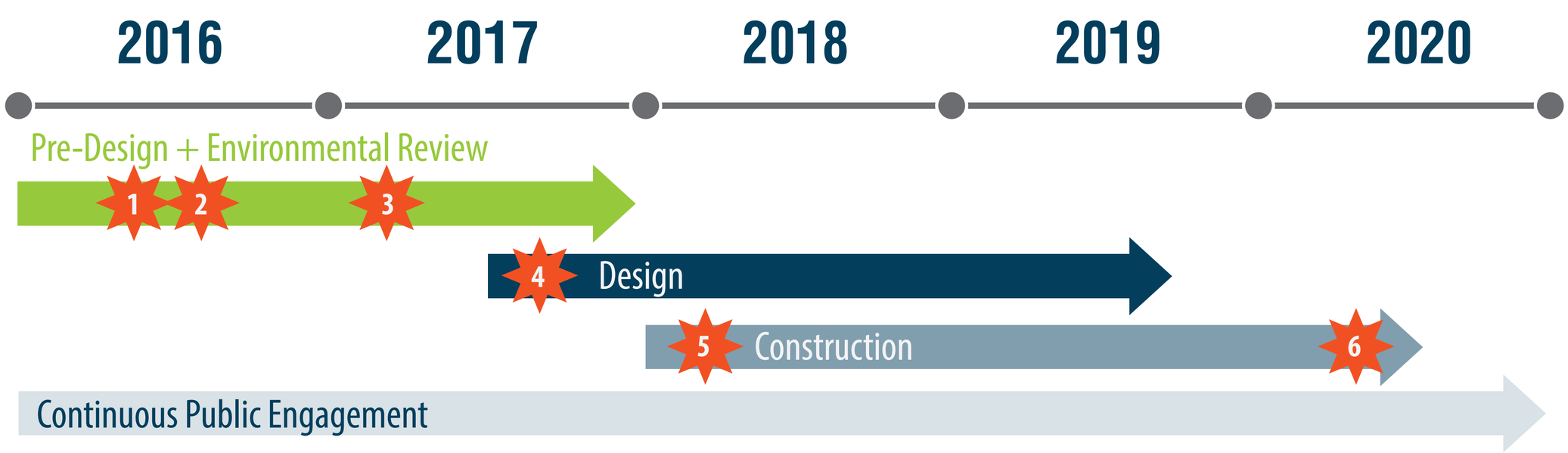
Project process

Project funding

- This project is being funded through a variety of sources, including: US DOT TIGER Grant, MnDOT, Kandiyohi County, City of Willmar, Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission, and BNSF Railway

Project timeline



1 - Draft roadway layout completion *(end of Aug. 2016)*

2 - Submission of draft Environmental Assessment for agency review *(Sept. 2016)*

3 - Public hearing *(end of Jan. 2017)*

4 - Bid letting *(Nov. 2017)*

5 - Start of construction *(Spring 2018)*

6 - Project completion *(Fall 2020)*

For more information

- **Project website:**
  www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/willmarwye/index.html

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Project summary

The Willmar Rail Connector and Industrial Park Access Project (Willmar Wye) will provide a direct connection between the Marshall and Morris Subdivisions of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail network. Providing this direct connection will decrease the number of trains that need to pull into the rail yard in Downtown Willmar. The project also includes a rail spur that will provide access to the City of Willmar's industrial park.

Project benefits

- Improve safety for travelers by reducing at-grade crossing exposure.
- Increase multimodal opportunities for shippers.
- Encourage economic growth.
- Improve quality of life.
- Reduce delay and emissions for travelers (e.g. drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists) by reducing wait times for crossings to clear.
- Reduce the number of trains traversing through Downtown Willmar and the accompanying noise.

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Project area map

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