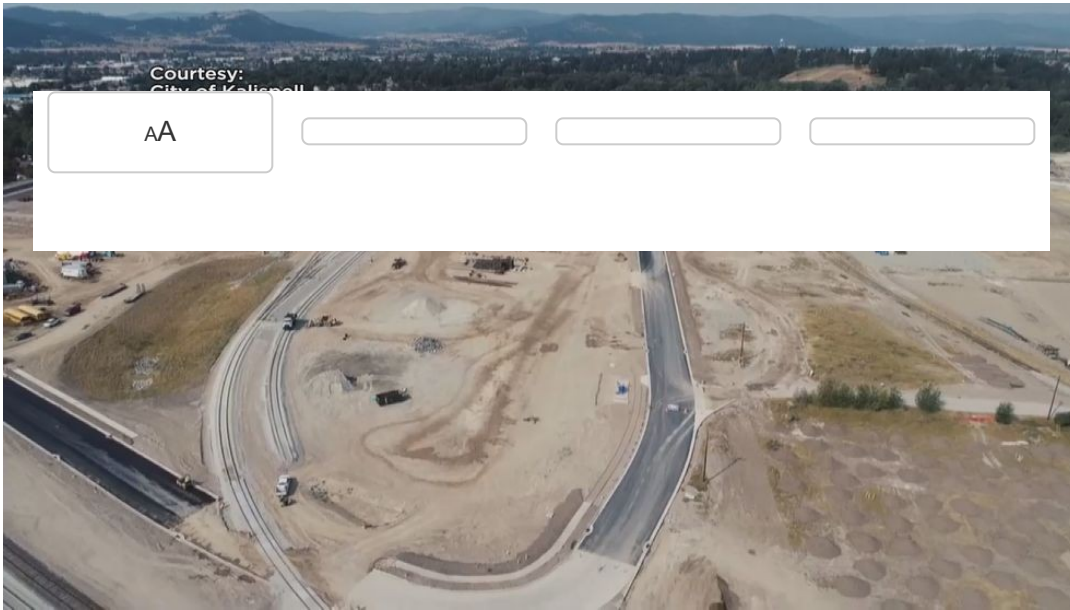


# Kalispell business park construction ahead of schedule

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KALISPELL, Mont. — Getting stopped by a train in downtown Kalispell will soon be a thing of the past. The city's rail-based business park, Glacier Rail Park, is nearing completion three months ahead of schedule.

Located off Whitefish Stage Road, Glacier Rail Park will soon be home to CHS and Northwest Drywall and one other business that needs railroad access, Montana West business development and marketing manager Kim Morisaki said.

"We'll actually be able to start looking at taking the train tracks out of downtown Kalispell," Morisaki said.



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The rail park and track removal are part of the city's Core and Rail Redevelopment Project. Morisaki said the tracks will be removed from downtown next year, and they'll be replaced by a park and trail system.

Morisaki said there are more than 40 acres of "vacant or undeveloped property" along the train tracks. Once the tracks are removed, she said she hopes that will change.

"We expect that we'll see a lot of development and investment back in the core area of Kalispell," she said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Glacier Rail Park will be held Oct. 8.