

Working Group Meeting #1

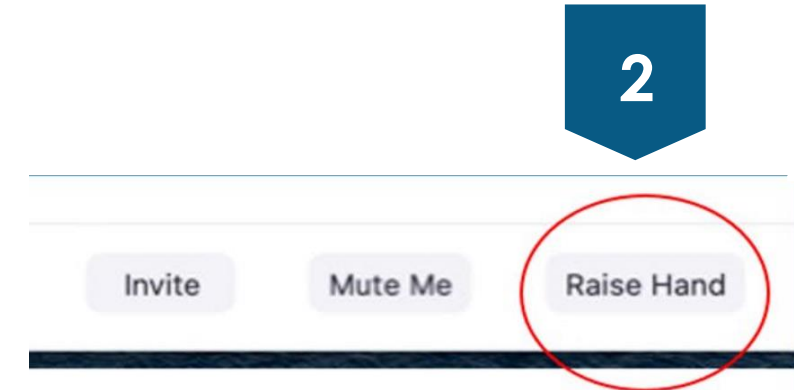
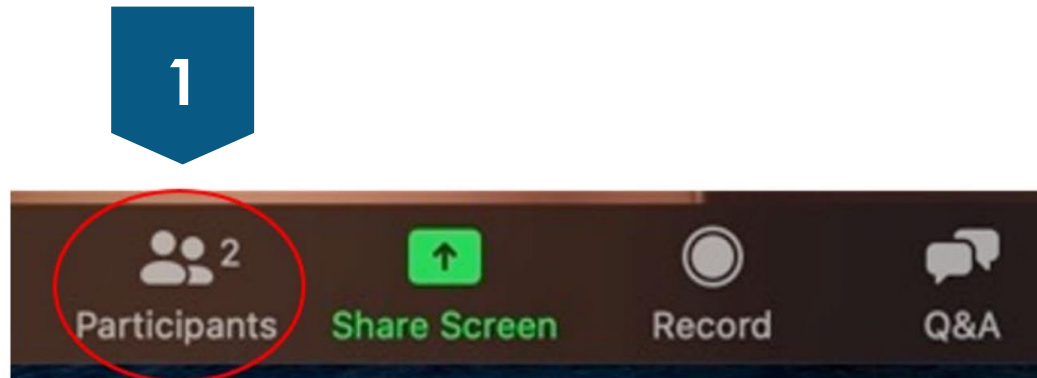
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# Ground Rules



- This meeting is being recorded
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- Working Group Members
  - Use "Raise Hand" button during clarification/discussion periods

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# Agenda



- Welcome & Introductions
  - Role of Working Group
- Study Background and Process
  - Study Overview
- Preliminary Study Area, Goals & Objectives, and Evaluation Criteria
- Working Group Discussion
- Study Schedule
- Next Steps



## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

# Introductions



# Working Group Members



Federal	Local
U.S. House of Representatives	City of Medford
U.S. Senate	City of Malden
State	City of Everett
State House of Representatives	City of Revere
State Senate	City of Somerville
Department of Conservation and Recreation	Medford City Council
MassDOT	Medford Police Department
Regional	Bike to the Sea
Asian Community Development Corporation	Greater Malden Asian American Community Coalition
MBTA	Medford Chamber of Commerce
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Medford Council on Aging
Mystic River Watershed Association	Medford Health Matters
	NAACP, Mystic Valley Branch
	Resident Associations
	WalkMedford

## Introductions

- Name
- Organization you are representing

# Role of Working Group



- Provide local knowledge, perspective, and expertise
- Share information with institution/organization represented
- Review information and provide feedback



## STUDY BACKGROUND AND PROCESS

# Study Background



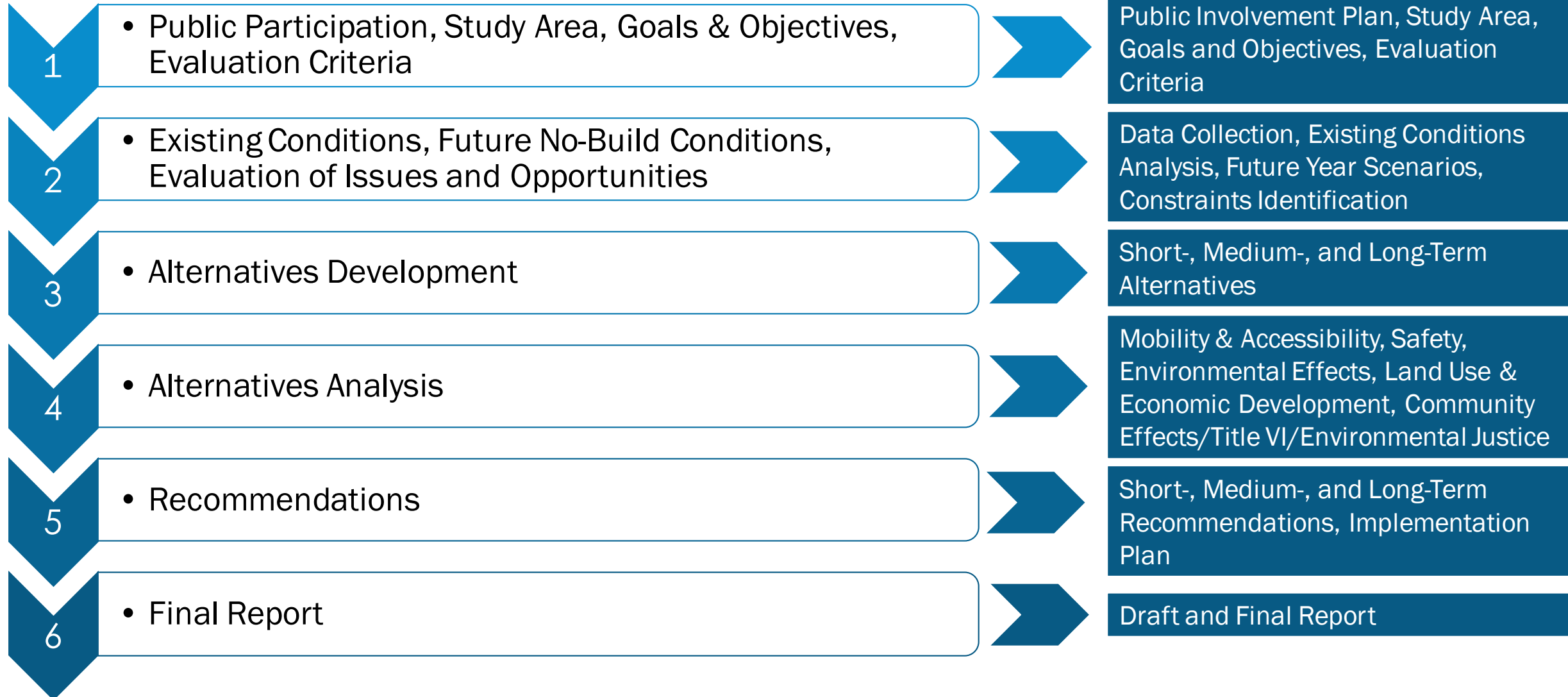
- Study initiated as part of the Section 61 Finding for the Encore Boston Harbor casino
  - Funding provided for a transportation study to develop alternatives for a long-term fix of Wellington Circle
- Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 61
  - Determine the impacts of projects on the natural environment and detail measures to avoid or minimize them (Section 61 Finding)
  - Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) review process

# Study Overview

- Conceptual planning study to evaluate existing and future multimodal transportation conditions at Wellington Circle
- Examine ways to redesign Wellington Circle to provide better connectivity and improve multimodal mobility throughout the area of the City of Medford and surrounding region
- Develop short-, medium-, and long-term recommendations that will be included in a Final Report



# Study Process

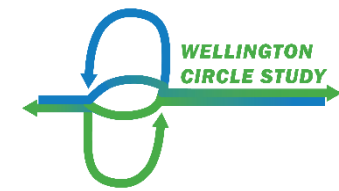


# Public Involvement

1. Working Group Meetings (8)
2. Public Meetings (4)
3. Community events/pop-ups (4)



# Public Involvement



## 4. Online Engagement

### MassDOT Webpage

Project information, documents, and meeting materials, links to online engagement platform  
<https://www.mass.gov/wellington-circle-study>

### Public Involvement Management Application (PIMA)

Online engagement

[Comment form](#)

[Sign-up for project updates](#)

#### Wellington Circle Study

A conceptual planning study evaluating the existing and future multimodal transportation conditions at Wellington Circle in the City of Medford.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is conducting a study to develop and analyze alternatives intended to improve connectivity and multimodal mobility throughout the area for the City of Medford and the surrounding region. The study will examine and evaluate alternatives in the context of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian use, transit use, land use, and cost, as well as resulting economic, social and cultural impacts.

#### SOCIAL

[Sign up to receive study updates](#)  
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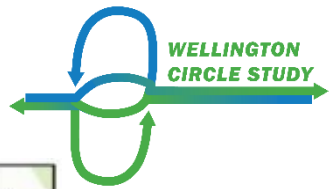
[Submit your comments online](#) →

A screenshot of the Wellington Circle Study PIMA online engagement form. The form is titled "Wellington Circle Study" and "Conceptual planning study to evaluate existing and future multi-modal transportation conditions at Wellington Circle." It includes a "Select Language" dropdown menu, a "Powered by" logo, and a "Translate" button. The main content area has a heading "Wellington Circle Study" and a subheading "Conceptual planning study to evaluate existing and future multi-modal transportation conditions at Wellington Circle." Below this is a link "Open Project Documents" with a dropdown arrow. The form then asks "1) Please enter your comment below:" with a red asterisk and "Required" label. There is a large text input field for the comment. At the bottom, a disclaimer states: "Please do not place any personally identifiable information (name, phone, or email) within your comment."



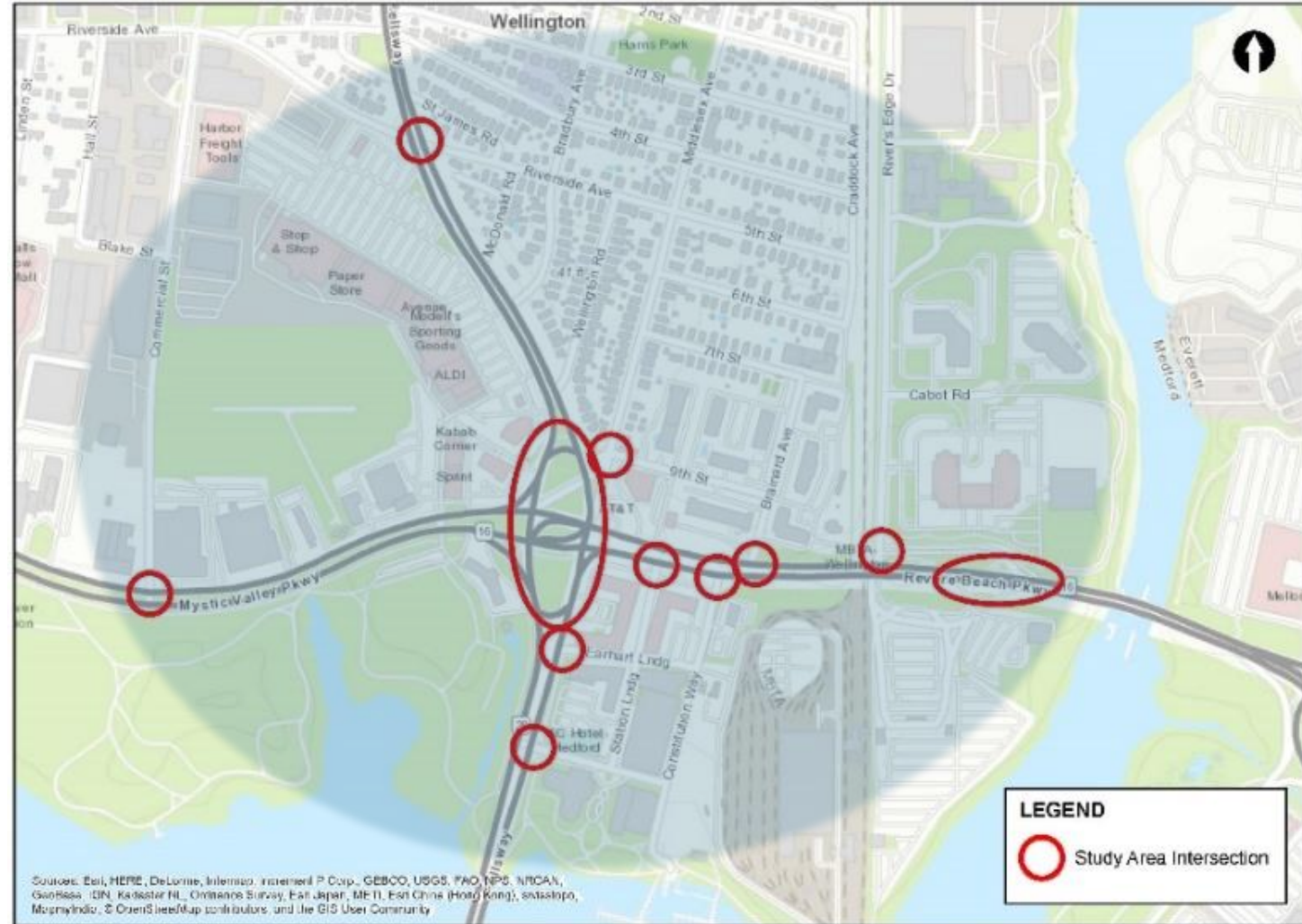
# STUDY AREA, GOALS & OBJECTIVES, AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

# Draft Study Area



## Local Study Area

- Roadways, transit routes, and infrastructure directly in and around Wellington Circle



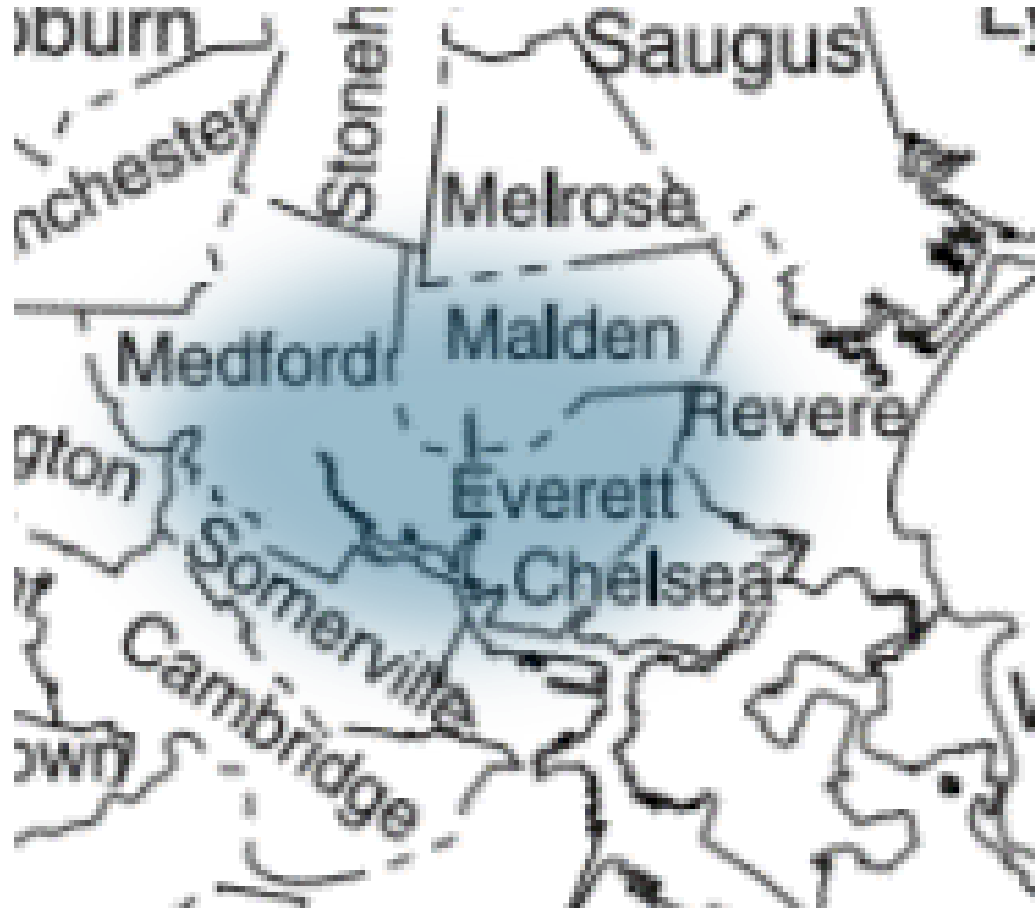
Study Area Intersections

# Draft Study Area



## ■ Regional Study Area

- Includes surrounding communities whose residents and employees may benefit from or be impacted by improvements to Wellington Circle



# Draft Goals



1. Improve mobility and connectivity for all transportation modes and users in the Wellington Circle area
2. Improve safety conditions for all transportation modes and users in the Wellington Circle area
3. Improve quality of life for residents in the Wellington Circle area
4. Improve local and regional connectivity to support businesses and future development

# Draft Goals and Objectives



Goal – Improve mobility and access for all transportation modes and users in the Wellington Circle area

## Objectives

- Mitigate traffic congestion within Wellington Circle
- Provide facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users
- Improve connectivity to Wellington Station for pedestrians and bicyclists

# Draft Goals and Objectives



Goal – Improve safety conditions for all transportation modes and users in the Wellington Circle area

## Objectives

- Reduce vehicular speeds
- Reduce number of conflict points between modes
- Provide dedicated space for pedestrians, bicyclists through and across Wellington Circle



# Draft Goals and Objectives



Goal – Improve quality of life for residents in the Wellington Circle area

## Objectives

- Provide opportunities for enhancing attractiveness of Wellington Circle
- Minimize public health and environmental impacts
- Provide fair and equitable treatment for Environmental Justice (EJ) populations



# Draft Goals and Objectives



Goal – Improve local & regional connectivity to support businesses and future development

## Objectives

- Reduce travel delays (vehicle hours traveled and queuing)
- Improve access and circulation within and between parcels for all modes
- Promote active transportation through improved connections between modes

# Example Evaluation Criteria



## How to measure how well goals are met:

- **Multimodal Mobility** – mode split, travel times, transit reliability, miles of dedicated facilities
- **Safety** – number of crashes, number of conflict points, predictive measures
- **Land Use and Economic Development** – vacancy rate, rent prices, land use mix
- **Environmental Effects** – Emissions/air quality, acres of open space
- **Community, Health and Social Equity** – impact to EJ populations, public health indicators
- **Constructability**
- **Cost**



# Clarifying Questions?

- Study Background
- Study Process
- Study Overview
- Preliminary Study Area, Goals & Objectives, and Evaluation Criteria



## Working Group Input: Goals

What do you think of the draft goals as presented today?

- They look great exactly as you have presented!
- Overall they are good, but I recommend minor revisions
- I would like to add and/or remove a goal
- Not sure, additional information would be helpful

## Working Group Input: Objectives

What are the most important aspects of improving mobility and access?

- Mitigating traffic congestion
- Improving bus travel time and reliability
- Improving access to Wellington Station
- Enhancing bicycle connections
- Enhancing pedestrian connections

## Working Group Input: Objectives

What do you see as the most important safety issue(s)?

- Vehicular speeds
- Number of conflict points between modes
- Intersection complexity/confusion
- Lack of accommodations for bicyclists
- Lack of accommodations for pedestrians

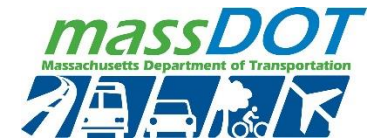
## Working Group Input: Objectives

What would make Wellington Circle more attractive for residents and visitors?

- Reduction in vehicle travel times and queueing
- Improved bus reliability and on-time performance
- Enhanced connectivity between active modes of transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, transit)
- Improvements to safety for all modes
- Enhanced aesthetics/streetscape improvements

# Working Group Discussion

- Study Area
- Goals & Objectives
- Evaluation Criteria






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# STUDY SCHEDULE


# Study Schedule

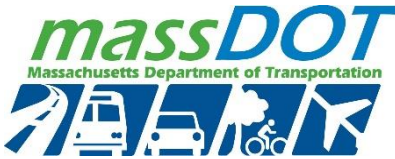
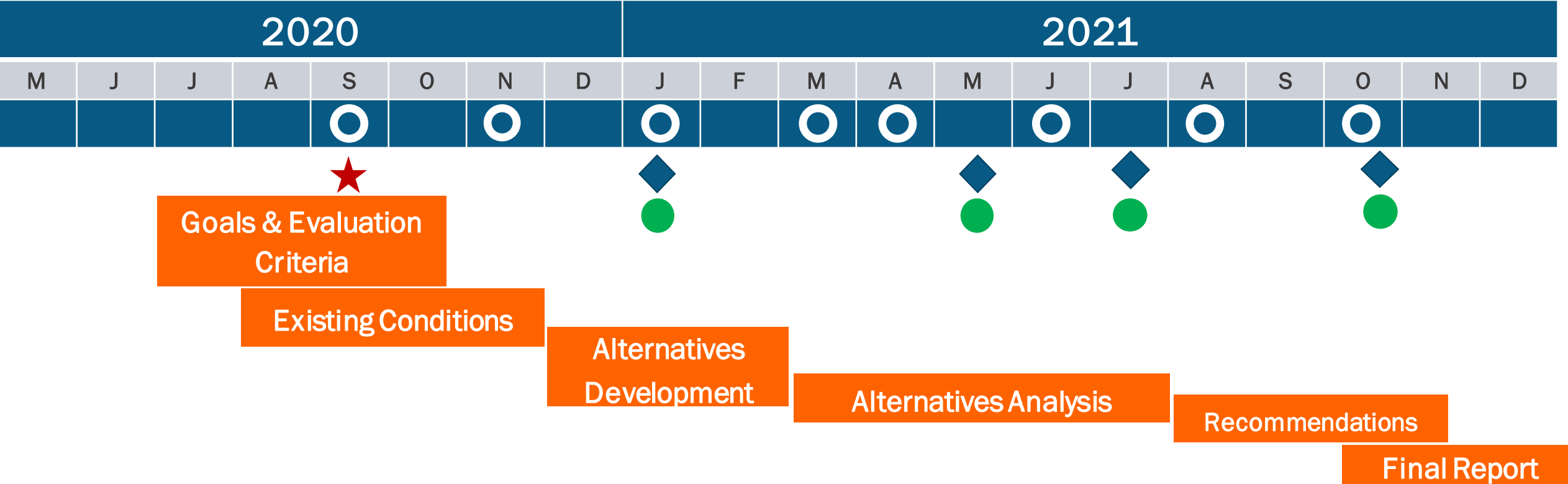
 Anticipated Working Group Meetings

 Anticipated Public Meetings

 Anticipated Public Pop-Up Events

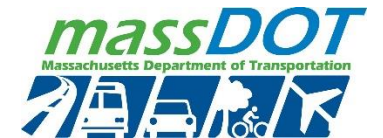
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# Questions?

- Study Schedule



# Next Steps



- Finalize Study Area, Goals & Objectives, and Evaluation Criteria
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Next Working Group Meeting: Fall 2020
  - Present work completed to-date and solicit feedback

## More Information:

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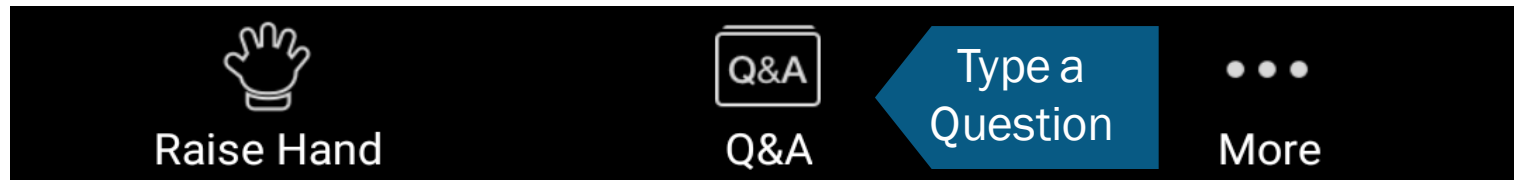


# Public Comment



- Use Q&A to submit questions/comments in writing
- Press the “Raise Hand” button to share a question/comment verbally

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- If you are participating by phone only, you can press the star button then nine (\*9) to raise your hand
- Comments may also be shared throughout the process via the [study comment form](#)