

I-90 ALLSTON INTERCHANGE
A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
Task Force Meeting
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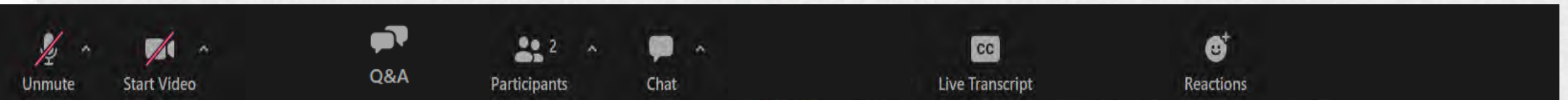

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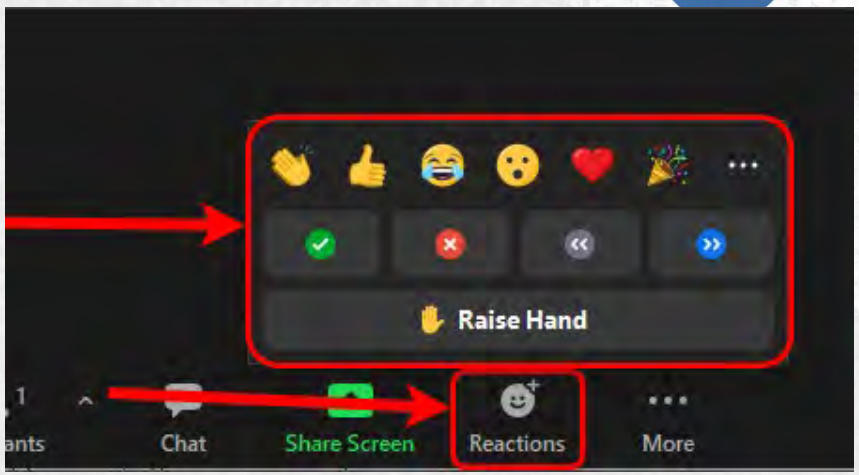

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- General Updates
- Project Schedule
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  - Overview: What is Layover?
  - Layover Analysis White Paper
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General Updates

- Task Force Facilitator will now begin interacting with Stakeholders and engage at next Task Force meeting
- MassDOT Reviewing Harvard's Track Proposal
- Evaluating ABC/ HU Grand Junction Staging Alternatives
- Ongoing communication with Task Force members and elected officials
- Cambridge Street Bridge Preservation Project is moving forward

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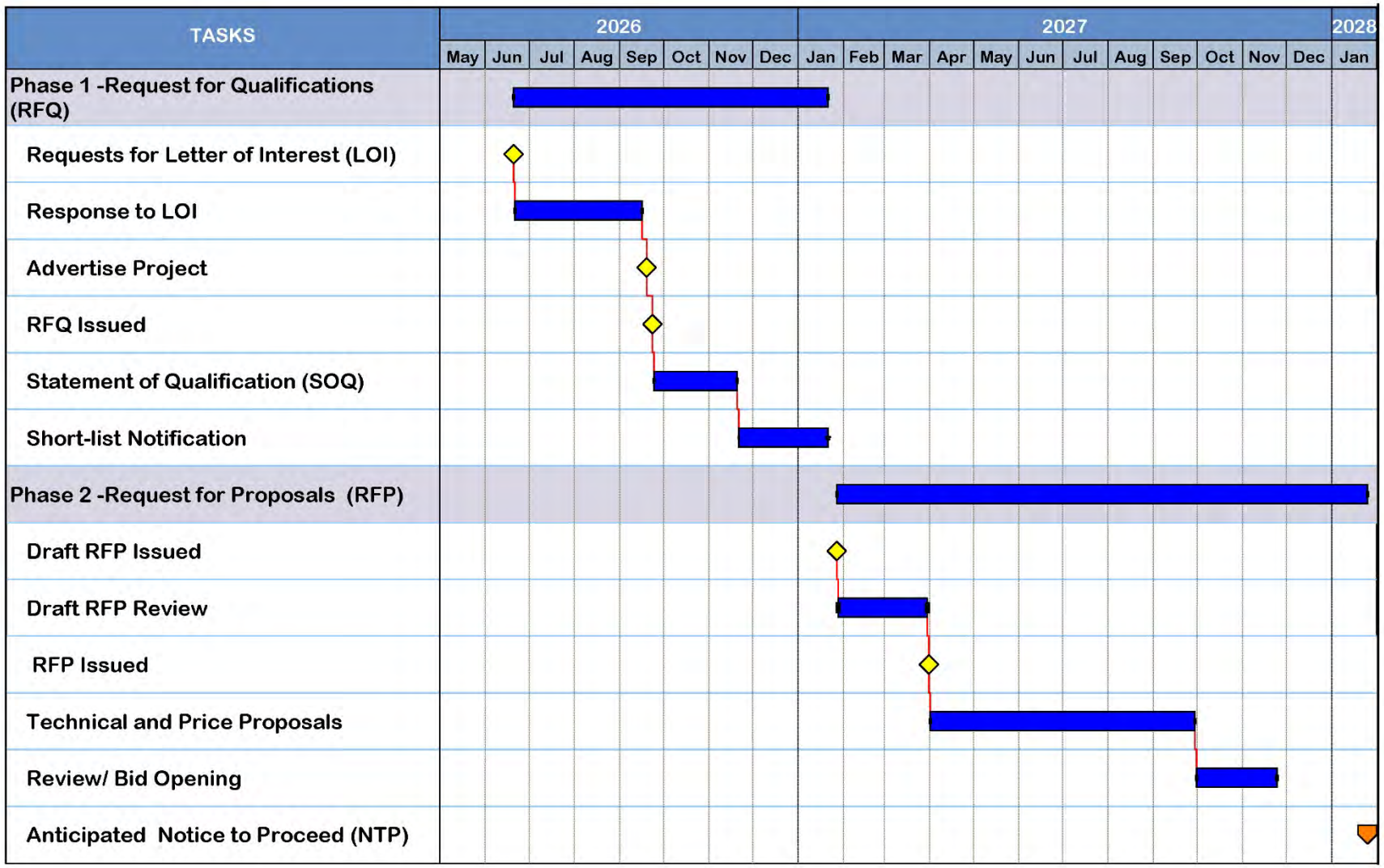
Project Schedule



Procurement Schedule



- Procurement start tied to NEPA
- Procurement timeline has been extended due to size and complexity of project
- Anticipated NTP January 2028

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Overview: What is Layover?

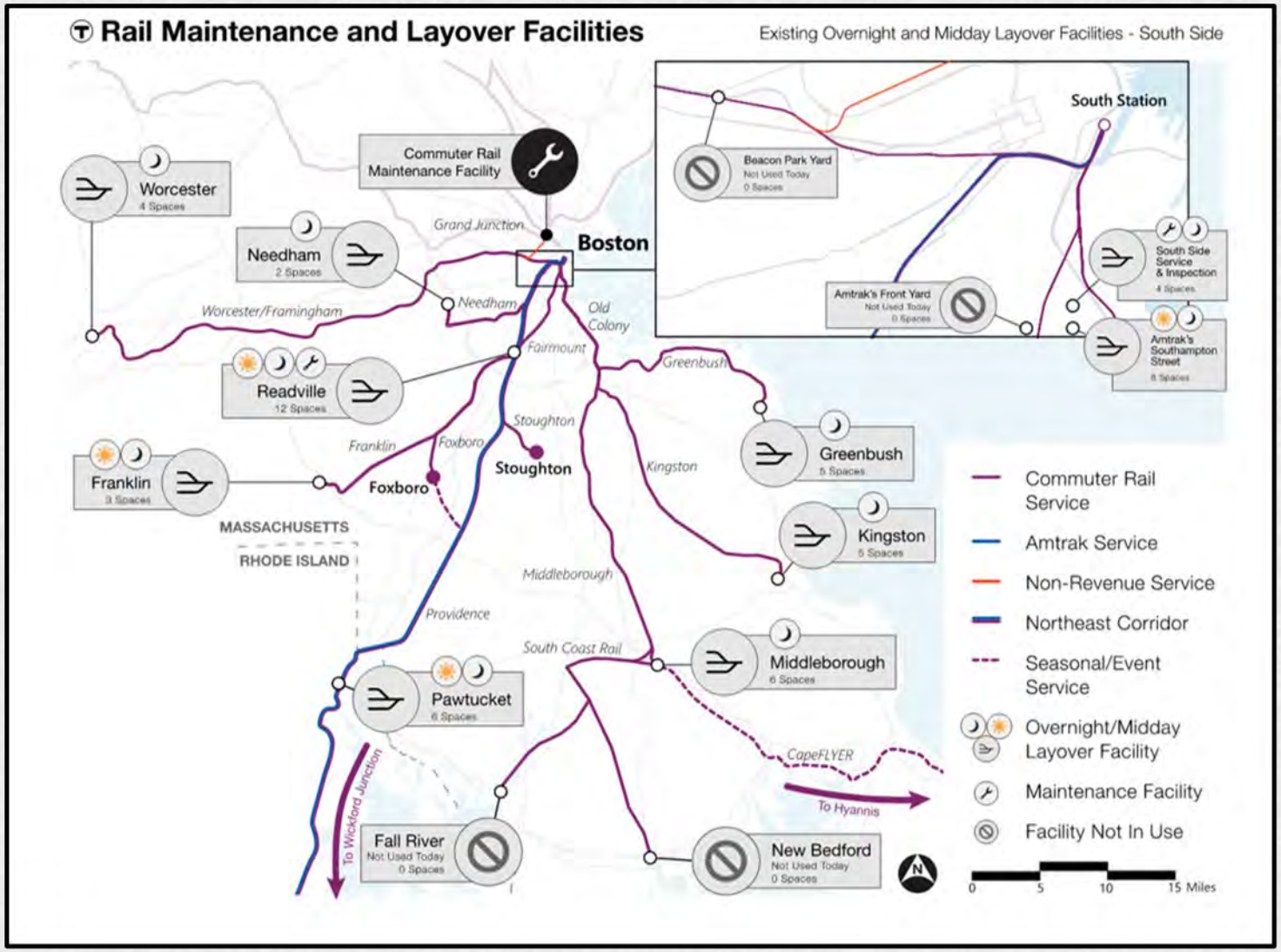
What is layover?

- Layover facilities ensure passenger trains are ready to serve customers. These facilities allow railroad personnel to:
  - conduct safety inspections
  - carry out routine light maintenance
  - sanitize passenger coaches
  - Muster crew and conduct safety briefings
- Layover facilities are used for train storage during the midday or overnight
- In 2021, the MBTA shifted to all-day bi-directional service, which requires less storage at midday but far more space overnight. This is because a much larger future fleet will be in revenue service all day.

Impacts of Layover Shortages

- Layover facility locations work best when well-balanced on both ends of the lines
- Insufficient or poorly balanced layover facilities can create operational issues
  - Backlogs for maintenance, service, and inspection
  - Inability to expand future fleet
  - Smaller fleet = less redundancy, reducing service reliability
  - Greater emissions due to more “deadhead” (non-revenue trips across system to move trains)
  - More personnel at a greater number of sites

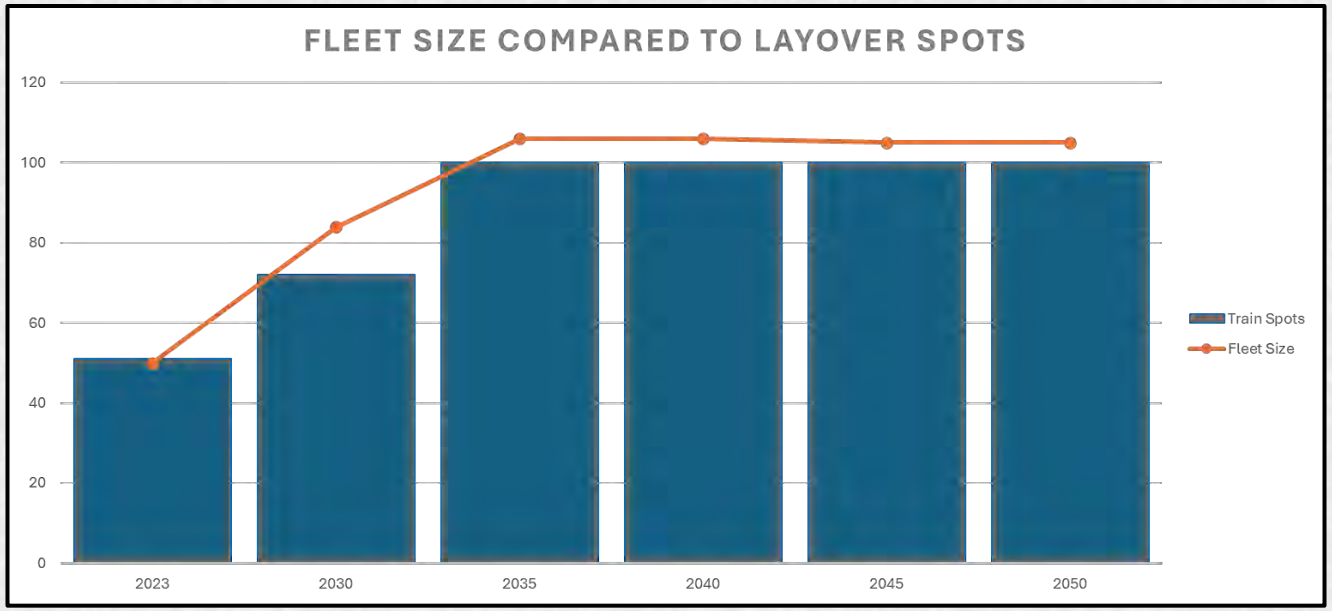
Overview: What is Layover?



Note: Analysis considers current layover locations and does not assume any site which is not currently owned by rail operators

MassDOT Layover Proposal Update and Discussion

- Southside System Layover Need Analysis White Paper Draft
  - Distributed to Task Force Members on 03/07
  - Conclusion: There will be a layover deficit across the southside over the next 25 years



Two Track Layover Draft Concept

- Proposed for discussion by MassDOT in February
- Concept shows elements of a potential layout with precise locations and geometry that may evolve
- Concept requires:
  - Identifying and building out comparable layover space elsewhere in the City of Boston to replace two layover tracks in line with rail operators' rights at Beacon Park Yard

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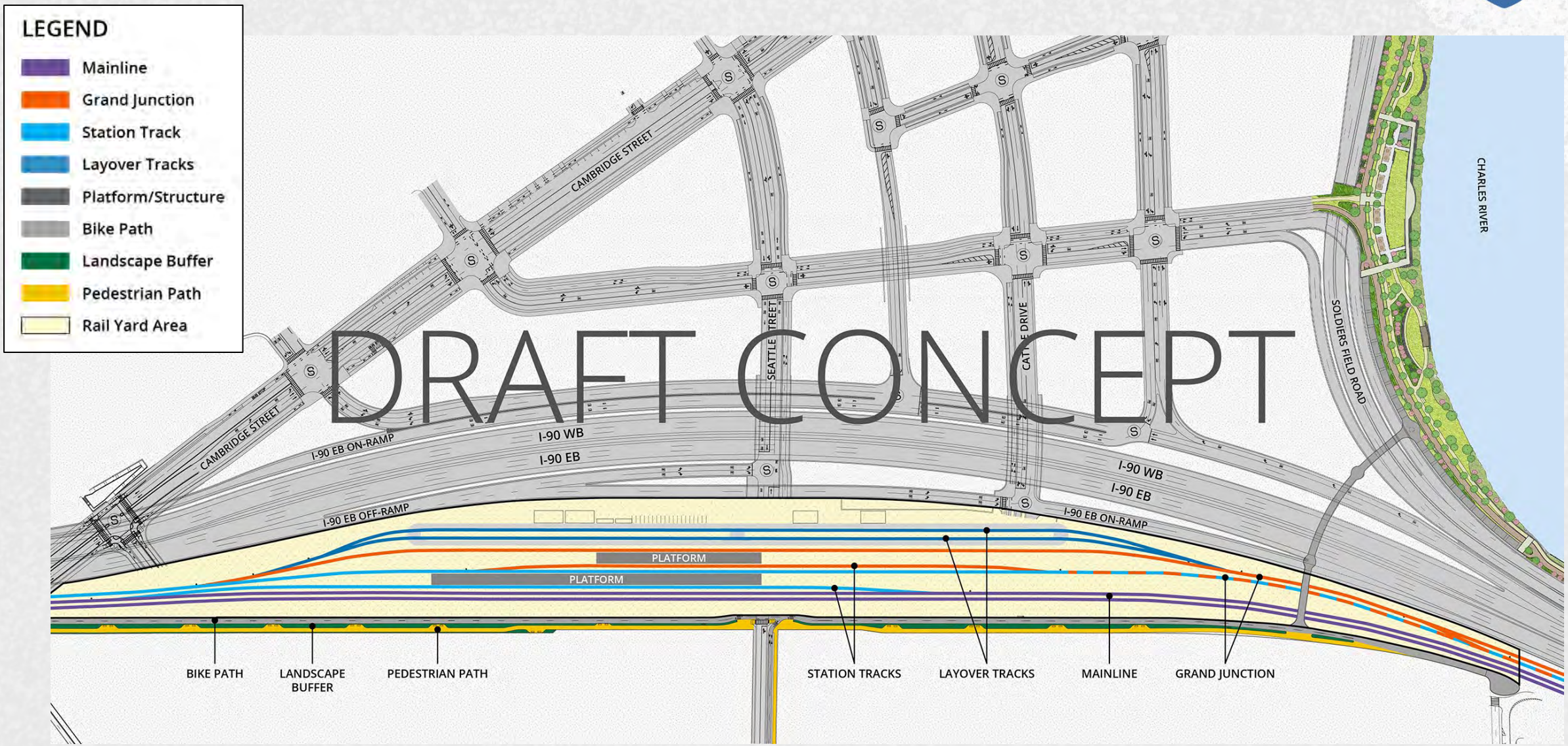
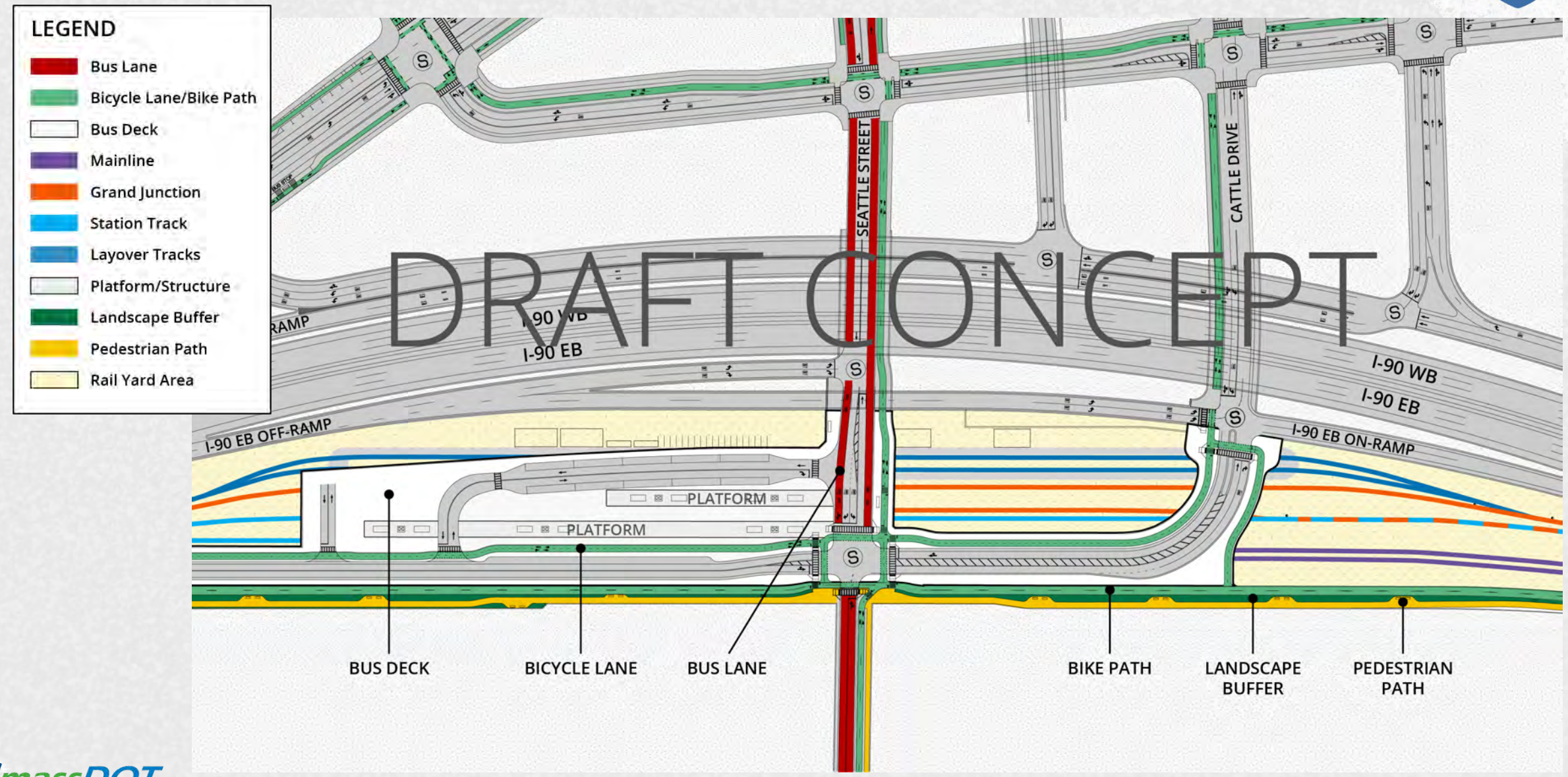


Bus Deck Alternative for Station Shift



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Next Steps

- Proposed Future Task Force Meeting Dates
  - April 16
  - May 15
  - June 12
- Potential Topics at April Task Force
  - Grand Junction Update
  - Street network
  - Shoreline
  - Parkland
- Suggested Topics for Next Meeting?

Thank You!

