



ALLSTON MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Task Force Meeting

May 20, 2026

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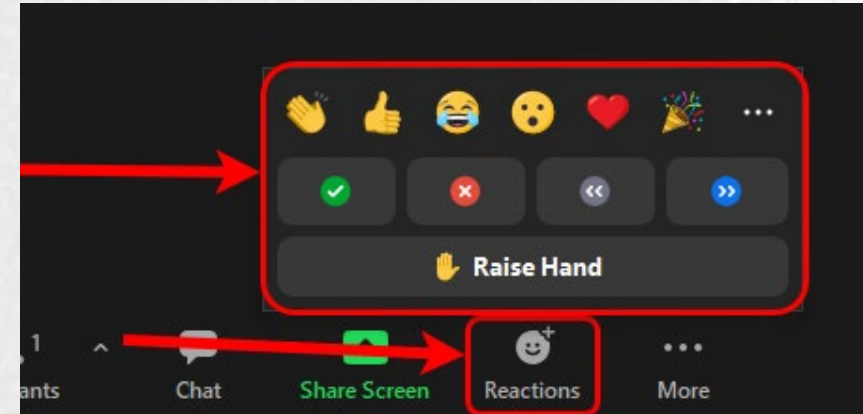
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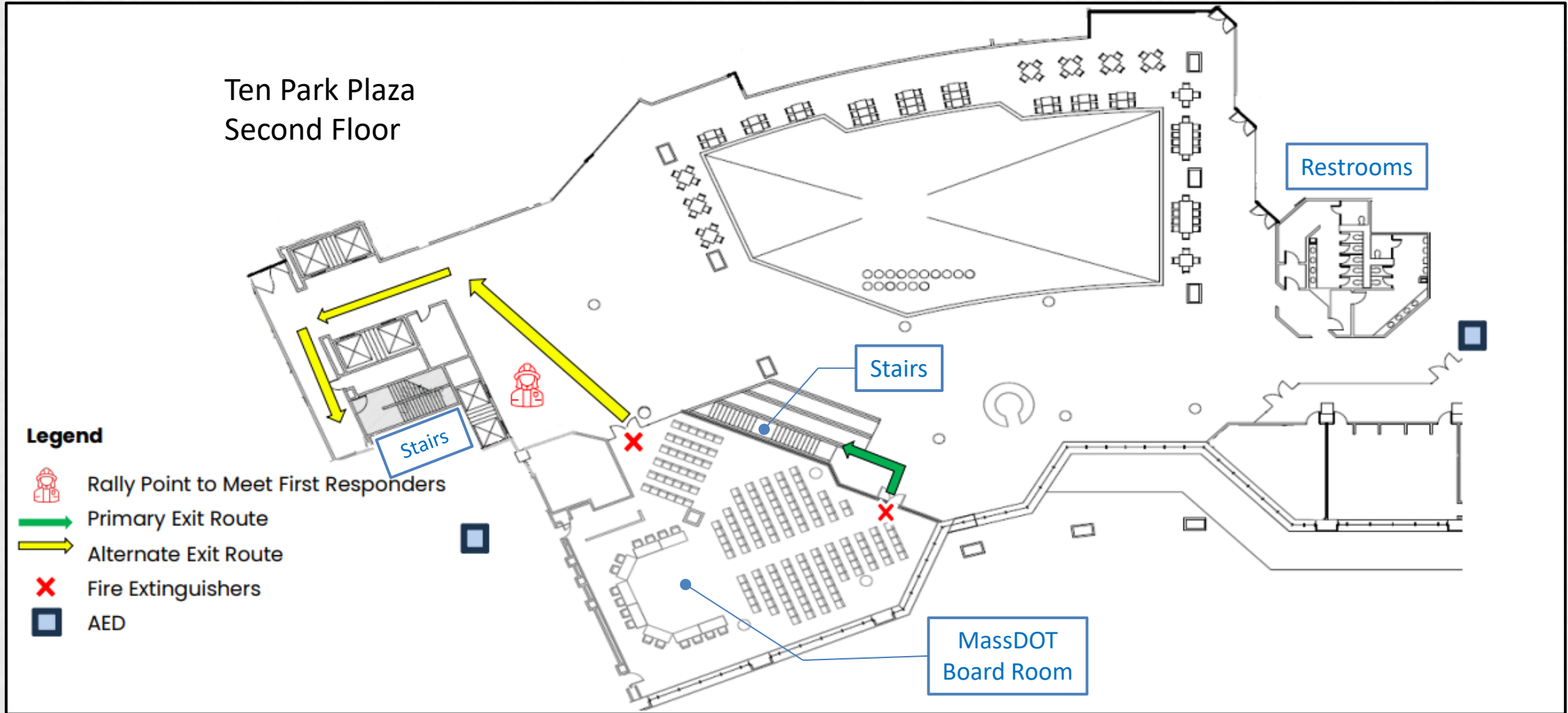
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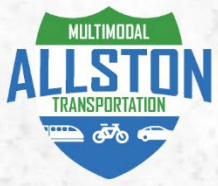


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- **Welcome/Introductions**
- Boston Layover Study
- Lincoln Street Noise Barriers
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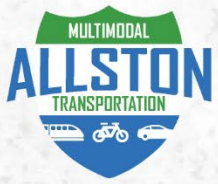
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Boston Layover Study

1. Project Background
2. Study Purpose
3. Site Alternatives
4. Project Update – Ongoing Tasks
 - i. Alternatives Analysis Criteria
 - ii. Cost Analysis
5. Next Steps

Boston Layover Study – Project Background



LAYOVER CONTEXT

- Project Purpose and Need statement includes proposed layover capacity to support increased rail service
- MassDOT/ MBTA and Amtrak Railroad Layover Need Analysis:
 - Confirms need for additional layover facilities for storage and servicing within the City of Boston
 - Existing and planned facilities are insufficient long-term (including Widett Circle)
- Beacon Park Yard (within Allston project limits)
 - Continues to be advanced as primary site (4 tracks/8 trainsets)
- Stakeholder input from City requested
 - Evaluation of alternative layover sites within Boston

Boston Layover Study – Study Purpose

Boston Layover Study Objectives:

- To evaluate alternative locations within the City of Boston and in proximity to South Station for layover storage
 - Assess site feasibility based on spatial and functional layout, track geometry, preliminary operational considerations, and order-of-magnitude costs
- Planning concepts will inform decision making and support coordination and future negotiations

Study Parameters:

- Concept-level geometric layouts to measure site viability, regardless of timeline
- Full rail operations analysis will be required to understand impacts on the larger rail system and is beyond the scope of this study

Boston Layover Study – Site Alternatives (1 of 2)

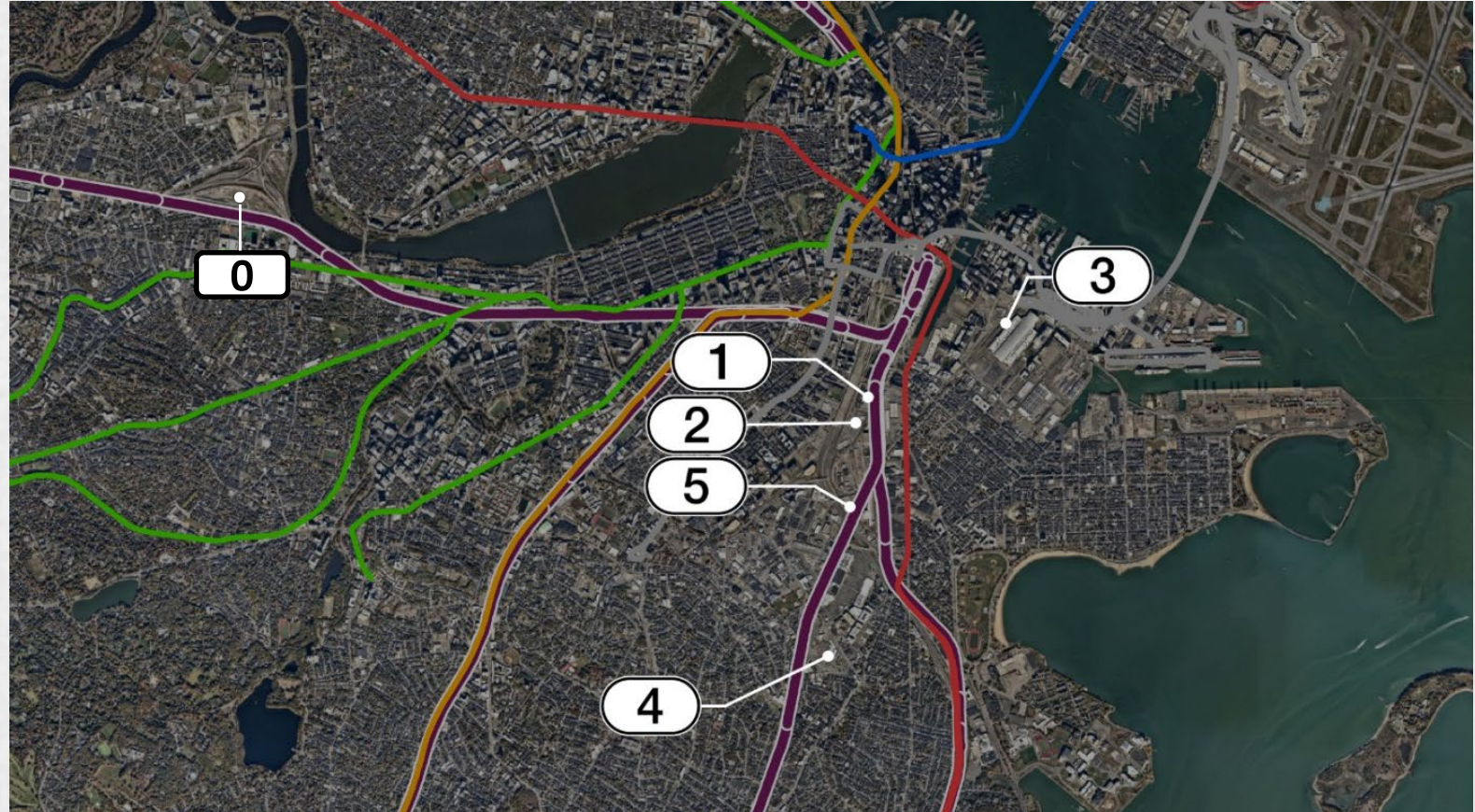


- Analysis still in progress
- Sites previously identified through 2013 South Station Expansion (SSX) Layover Facility Alternatives Analysis
 - Sites identified in coordination with the City of Boston as locations to re-evaluate for potential opportunities
- No property owner or party notification or engagement to date

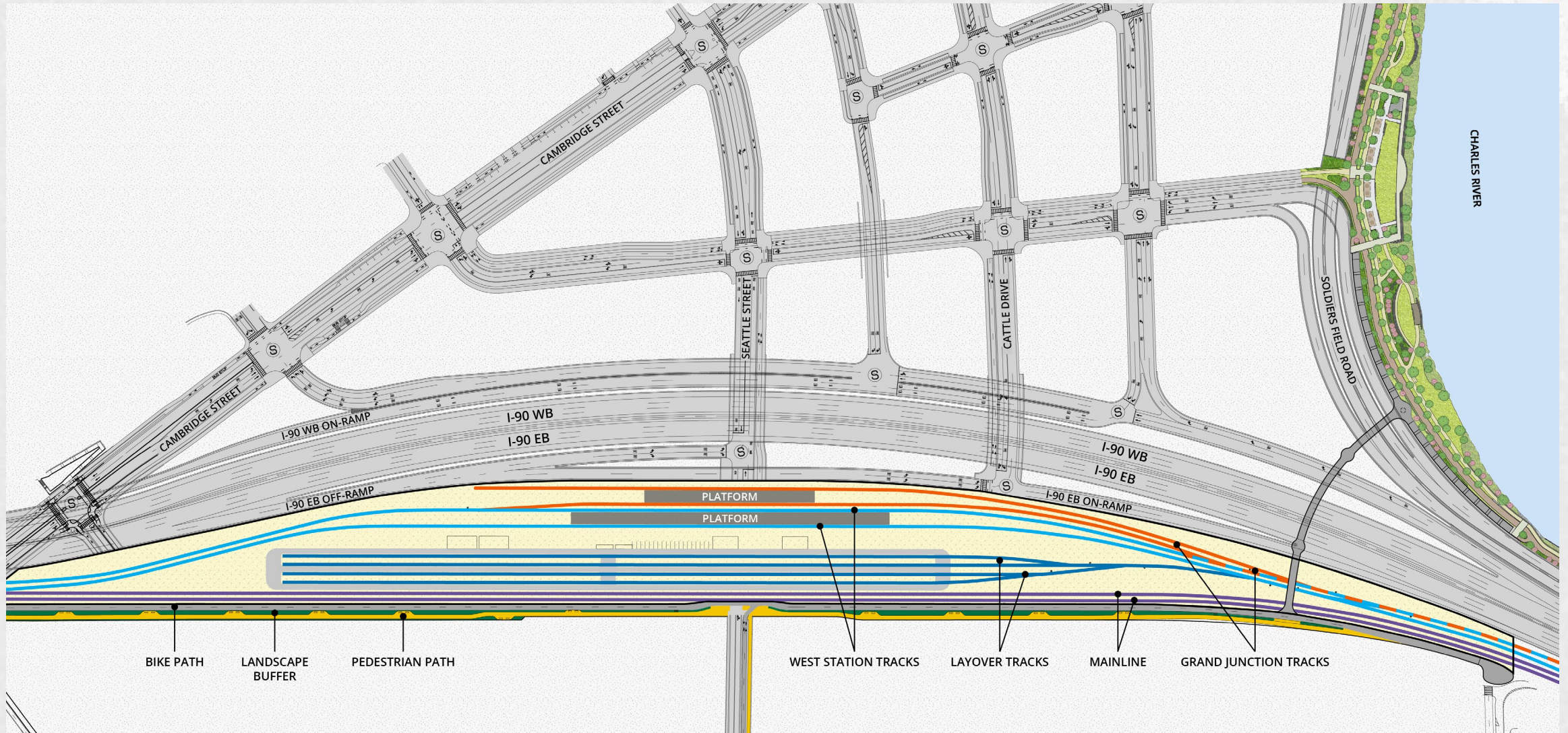
Boston Layover Study – Site Alternatives (2 of 2)



- 0. Beacon Park Yard (Baseline alternative)
- 1. Frontage Road North
- 2. Frontage Road South
- 3. A Street
- 4. NStar
- 5. Front Yard



Boston Layover Study – Beacon Park Yard (Baseline)



Boston Layover Study – Frontage Rd North



- **Impacts to City-owned facilities**
- **Would impact existing bridge structure at W. Fourth Street**
- **Access to site off the Fairmount Line would be shared with existing revenue and non-revenue MBTA and Amtrak services**

Frontage Road North

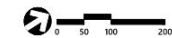
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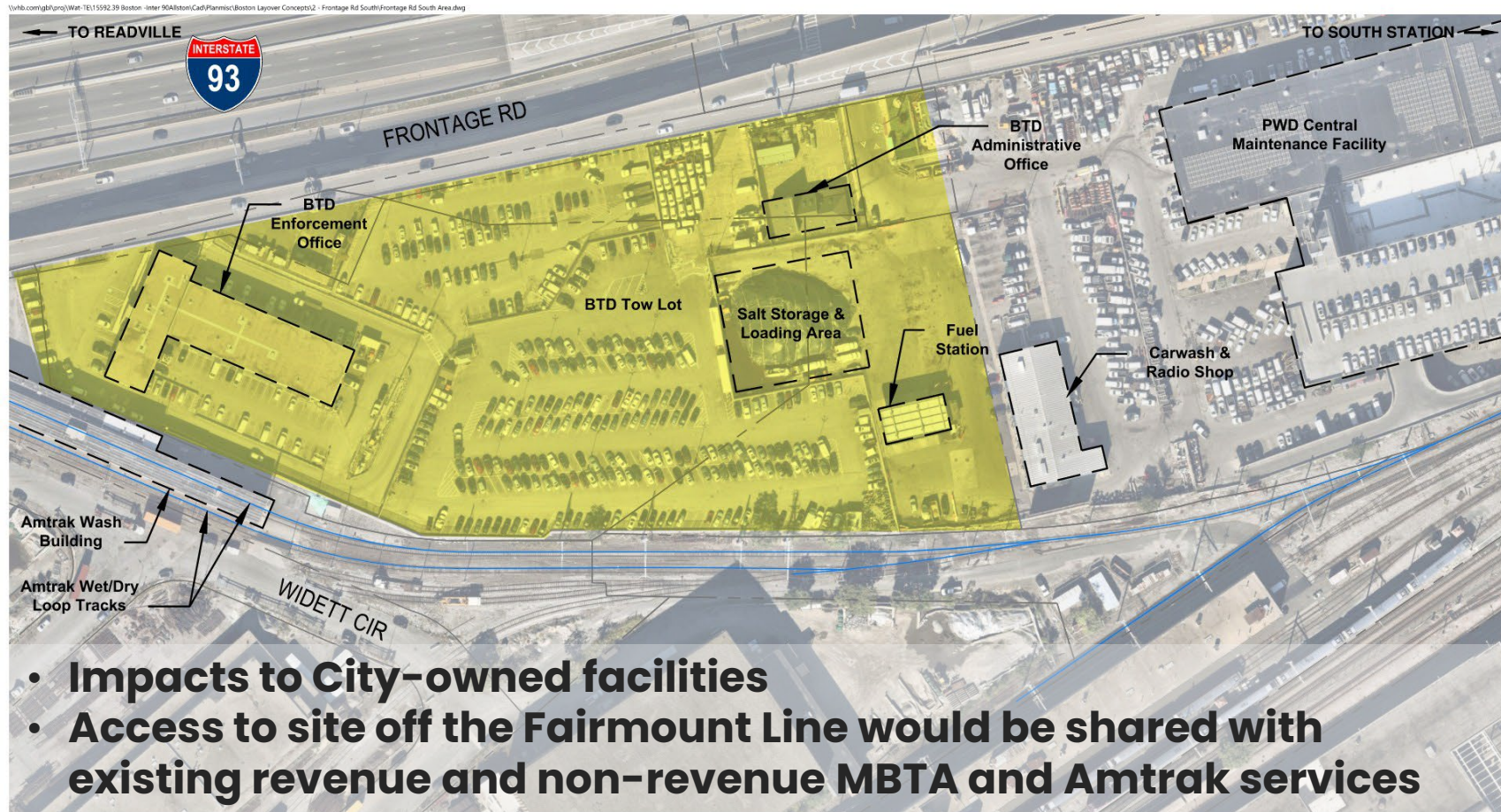
- City of Boston Facilities
- Owner: City of Boston

Legend

- EXISTING BUILDING
- EXISTING RAIL
- - - RIGHT-OF-WAY/PROPERTY LINE
- STUDY AREA



Boston Layover Study – Frontage Rd South

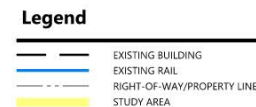


- Impacts to City-owned facilities
- Access to site off the Fairmount Line would be shared with existing revenue and non-revenue MBTA and Amtrak services

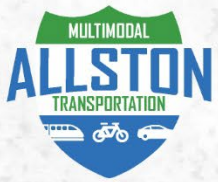
Frontage Road South (200 Frontage Rd)

- City of Boston Facilities
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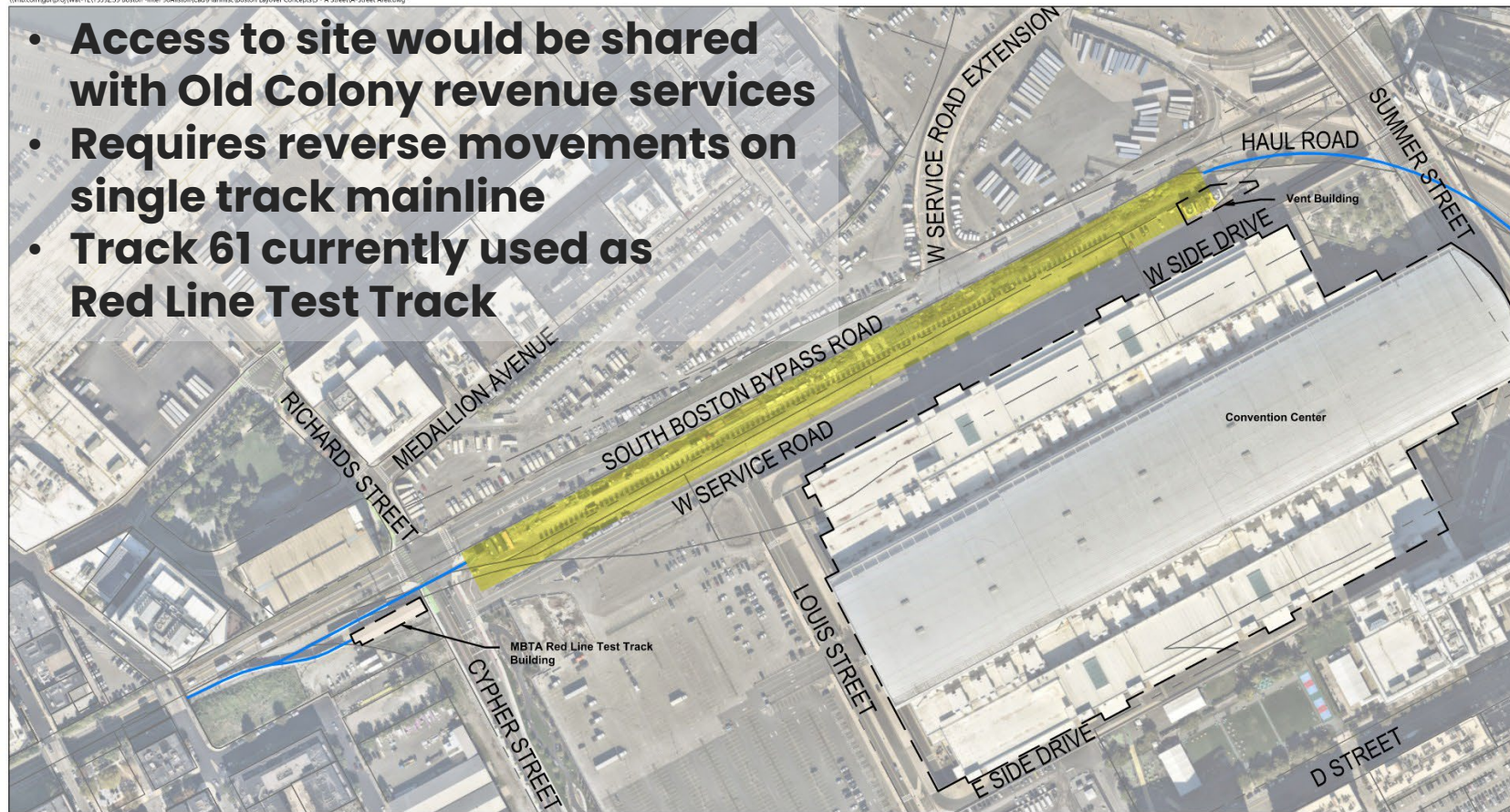


Boston Layover Study – A Street



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- Access to site would be shared with Old Colony revenue services
- Requires reverse movements on single track mainline
- Track 61 currently used as Red Line Test Track



A-Street

- Track 61 – Red Line
- Owner: USPS, MassDOT, & Private

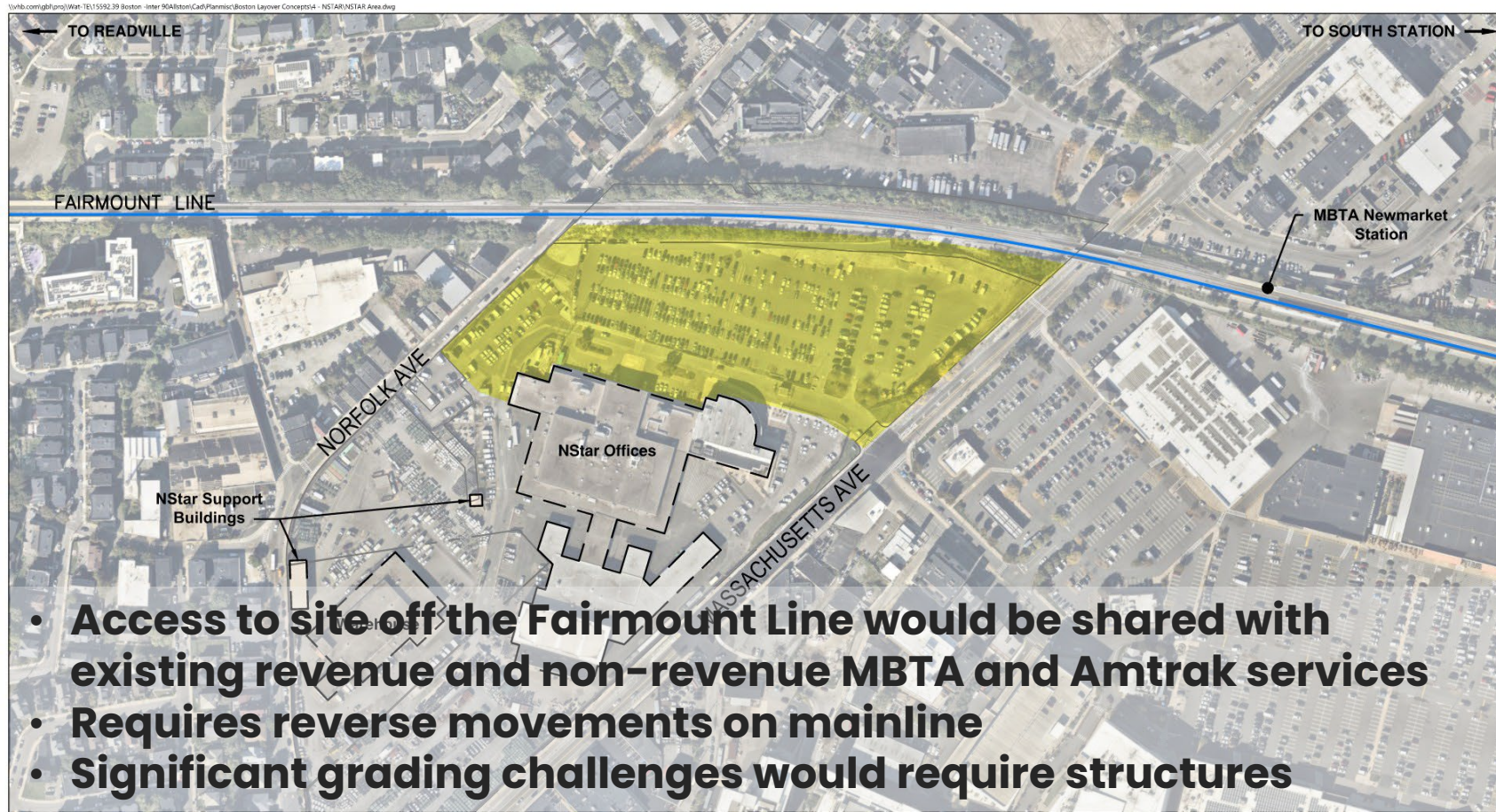
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Boston Layover Study – NStar

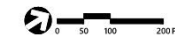


NStar

- NStar Lot
- Owner: Multiple Private

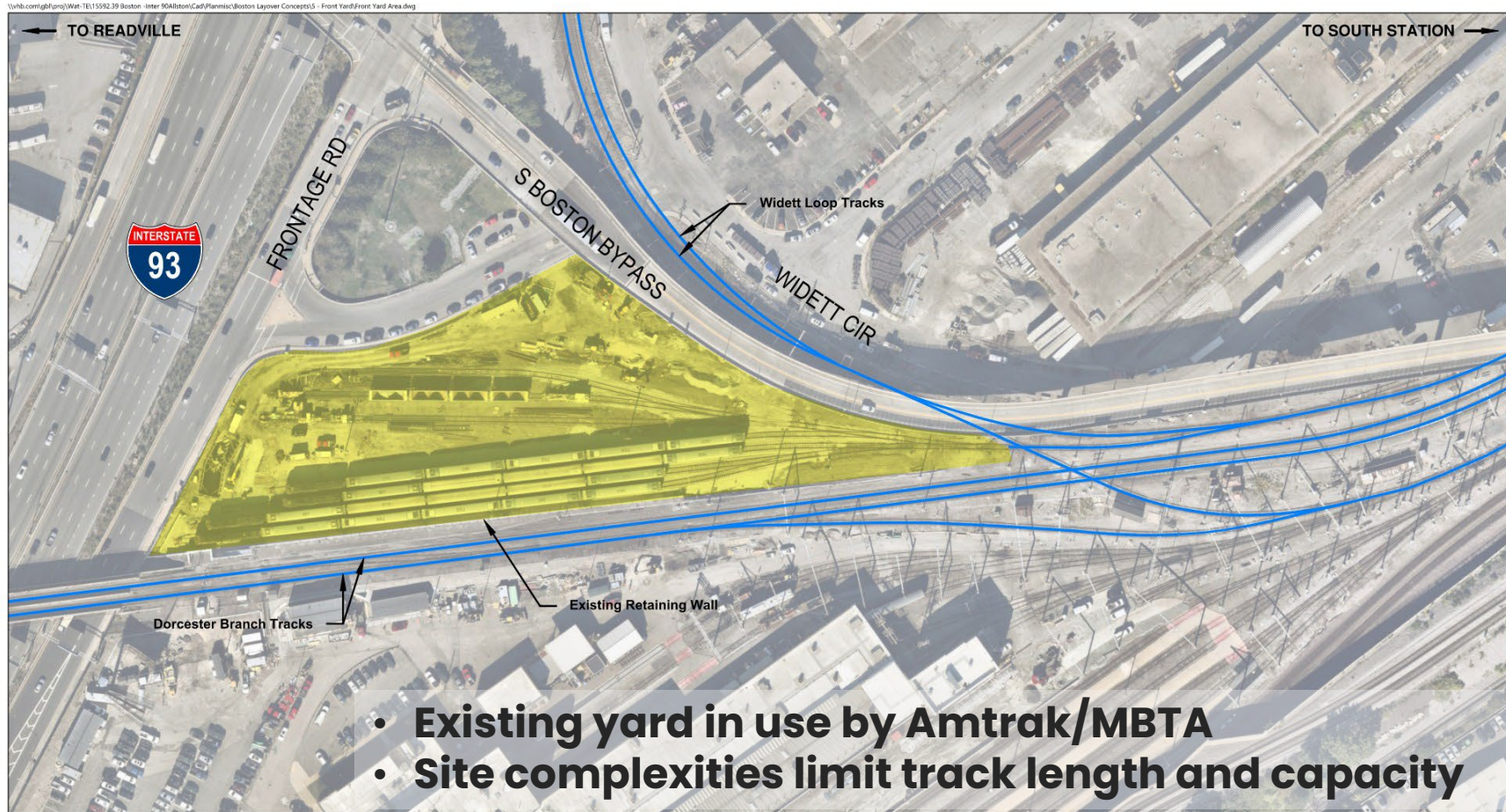
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Boston Layover Study – Front Yard



Front Yard

- Amtrak Front Yard
- Owner: Amtrak

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Boston Layover Study – Project Update (Ongoing Tasks)



1. Alternative Site Concept Development

- Site screening analyses
- Finalize alternative concepts with MBTA and Amtrak review

2. Alternative Analysis

- Assess potential benefits, impacts, and considerations
 - Physical Site Size
 - Rail Operations
 - Environmental
- Develop order of magnitude (OOM) cost estimates
 - Direct Costs
 - Environmental Mitigation
 - Construction Add-On Costs
 - Construction & Design Contingencies
 - Project Soft Costs

Boston Layover Study – Next Steps

- Complete site screening and concept development
- Complete alternatives analysis
- Complete cost analysis
- Summary report documentation
 - Will provide summary of analysis to inform layover discussions

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Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Project Overview

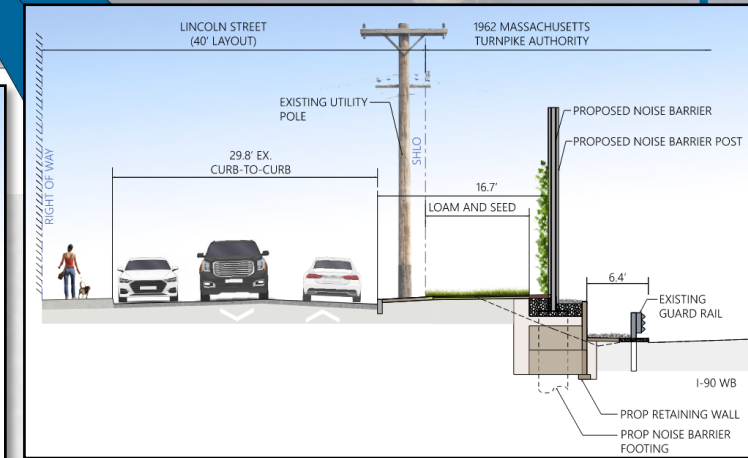
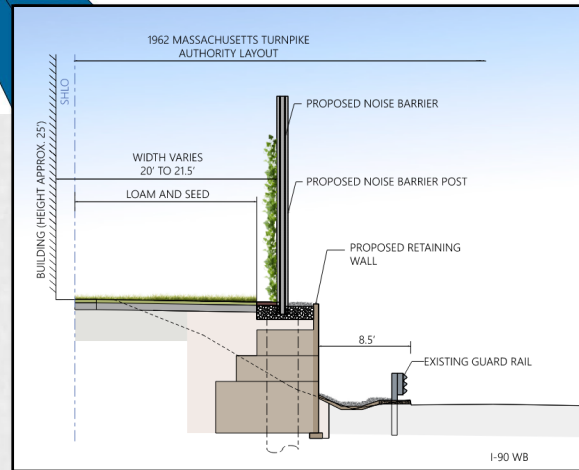
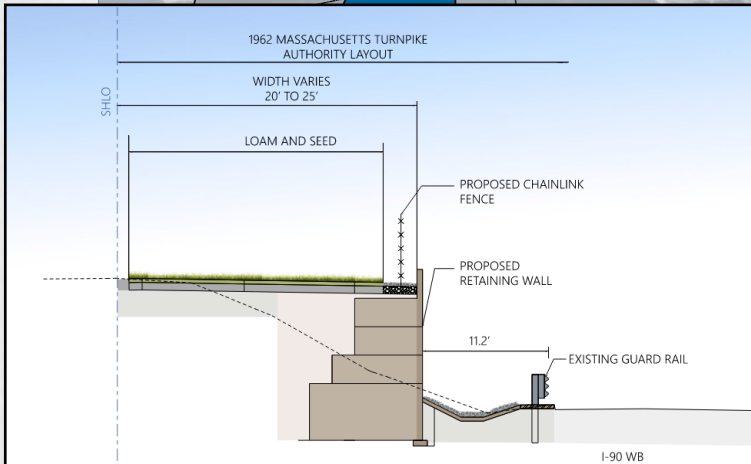
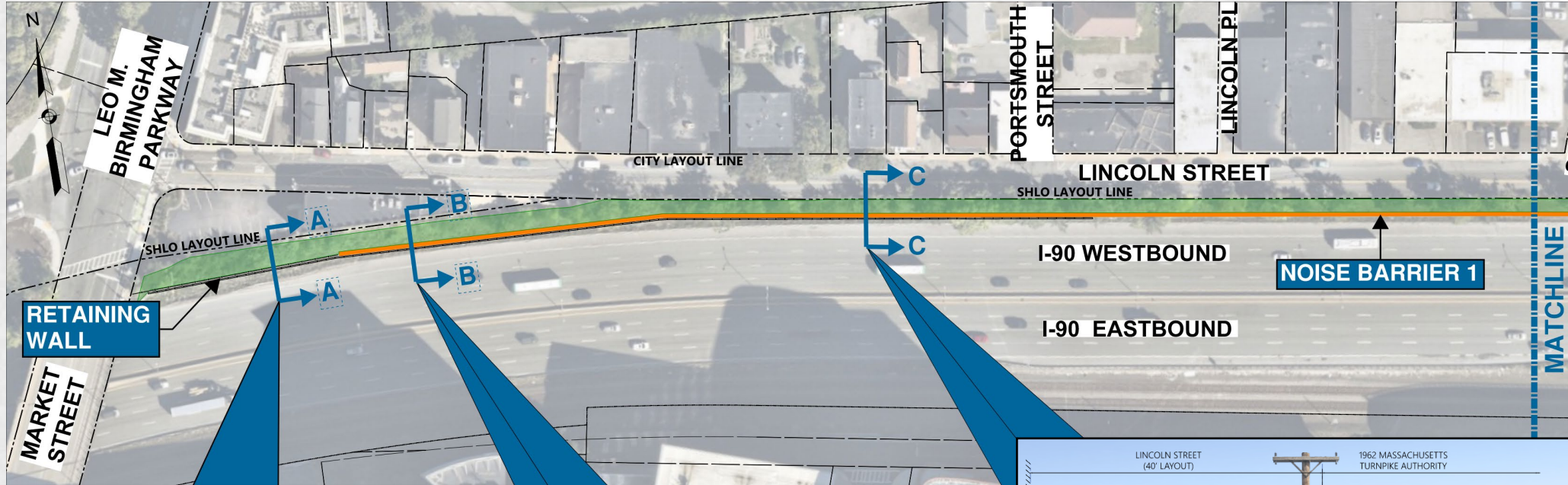
- MassDOT (formerly Massachusetts Turnpike Authority) Type II Priority Locations
- Evaluated as Early Action Item in advance of the Allston Multimodal Transportation Project
- Both noise barriers are feasible and reasonable



Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Timeline of Community Outreach

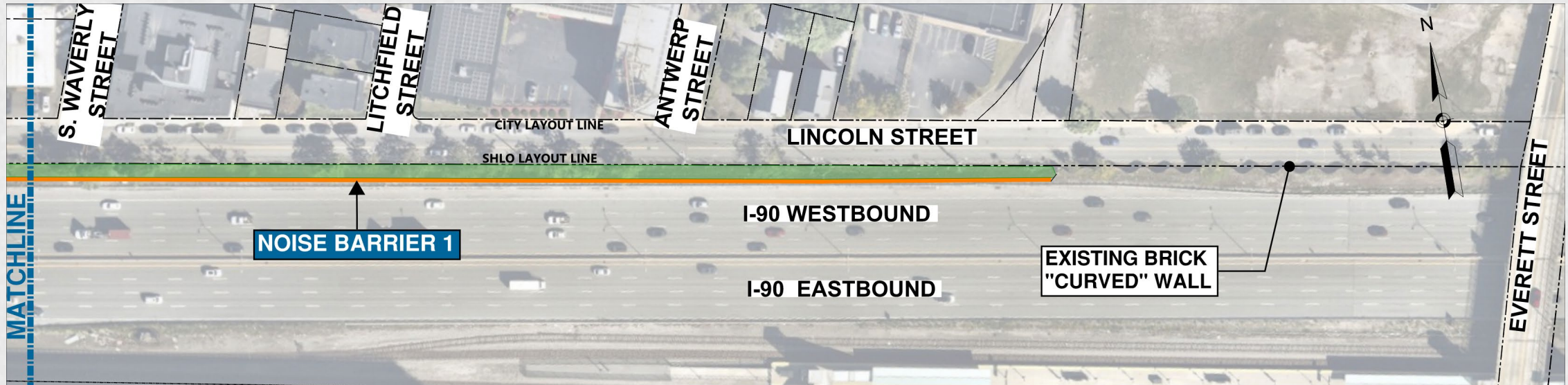
- Sep. 9, 2025 – Mailing to Benefited Receptors
- Oct. 23, 2025 – Neighborhood Meeting
- Oct. 24, 2025 – Supplemental Mailing to Benefitted Receptors
- Dec. 4, 2025 – Neighborhood Meeting
- Feb. 5, 2026 – Noise Barrier Open House

Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Noise Barrier 1 Plan View



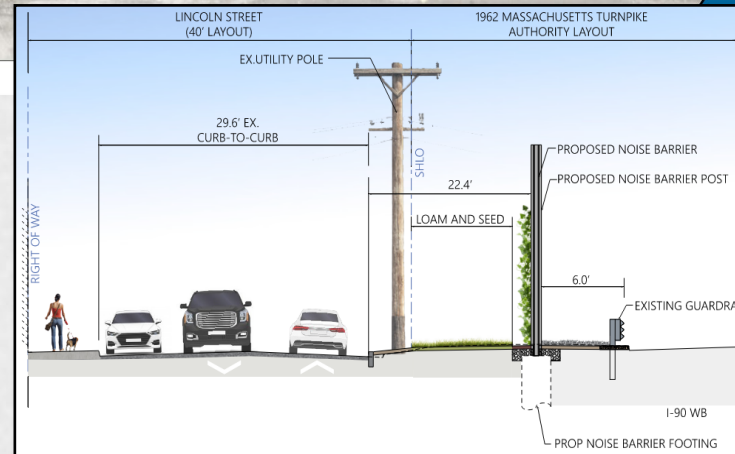
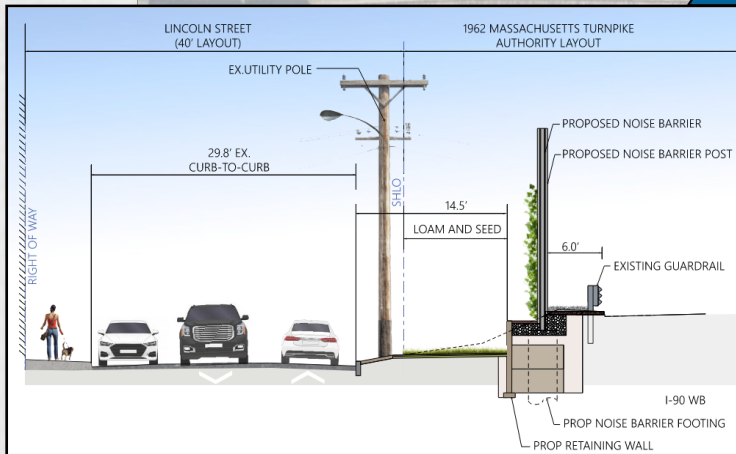
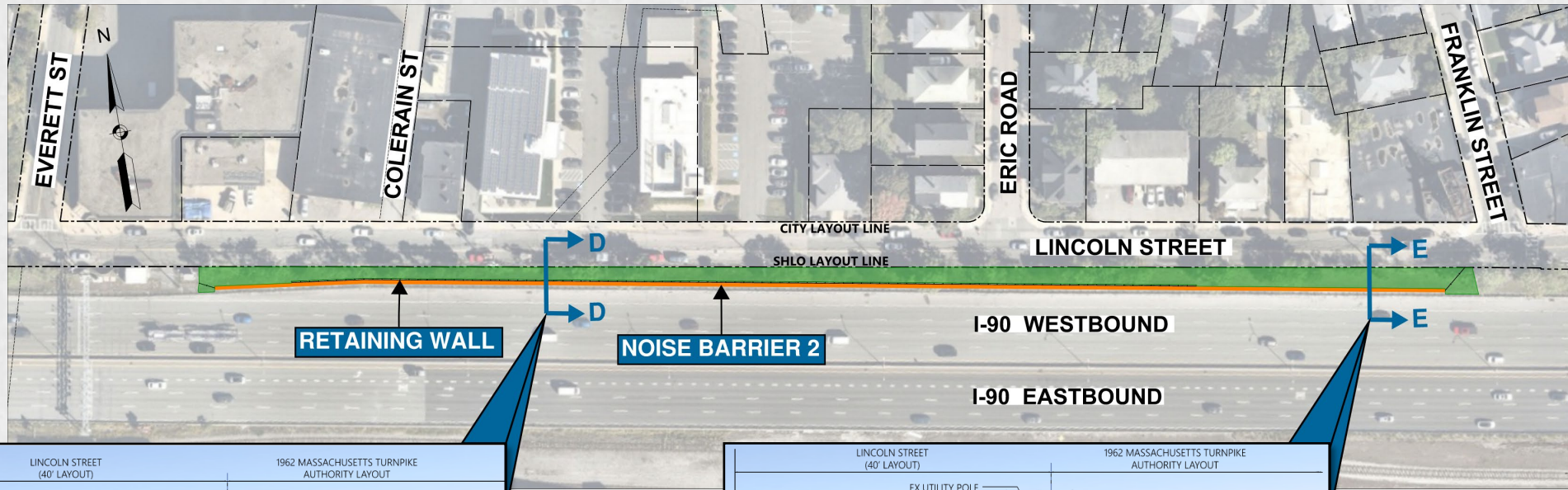
Proposed Noise Barrier Dimensions
1,968' long | 20' to 24' high

Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Noise Barrier 1 Plan View (continued)



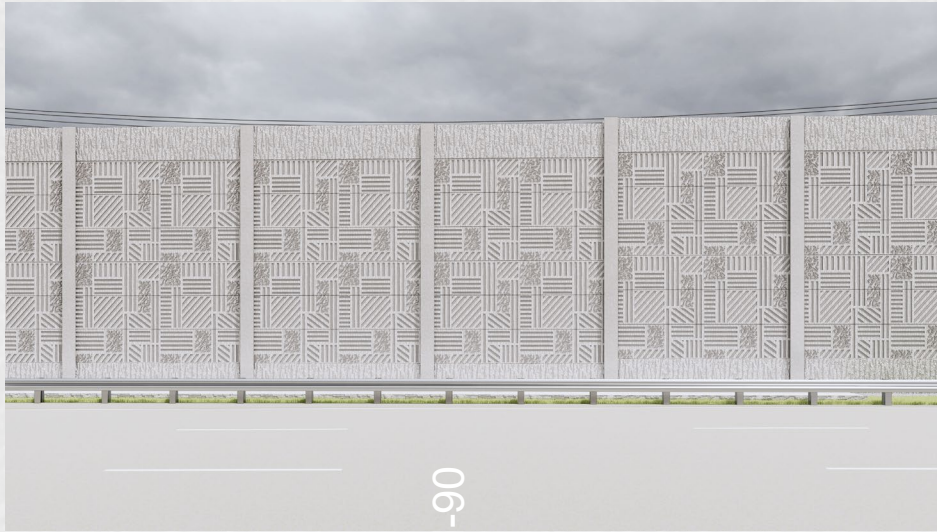
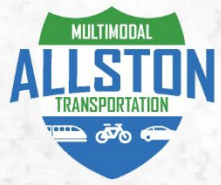
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Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Noise Barrier 2 Plan View

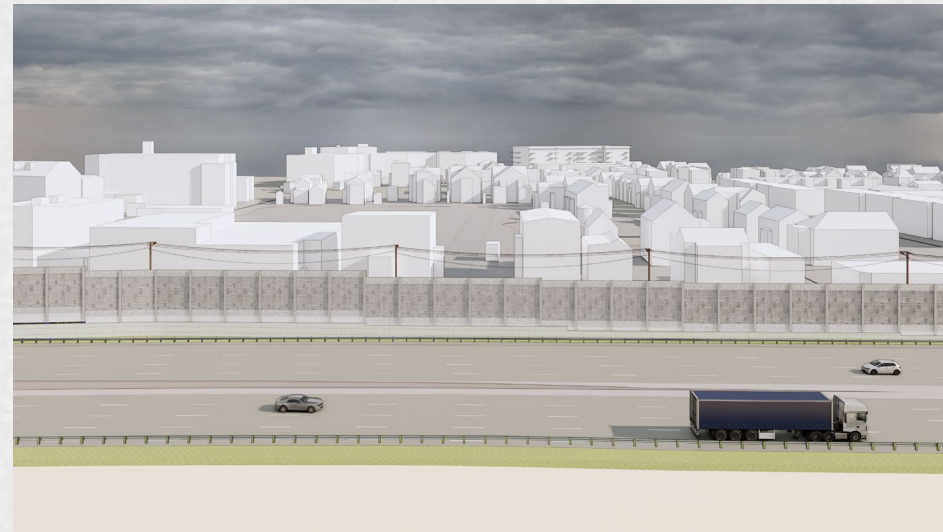


Proposed Noise Barrier Dimensions
1,088' long | 25' high

Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Proposed Texture Design I-90 Side



ELEVATION VIEW



VIEW FROM BOSTON LANDING UPPER FLOOR LOOKING NORTH

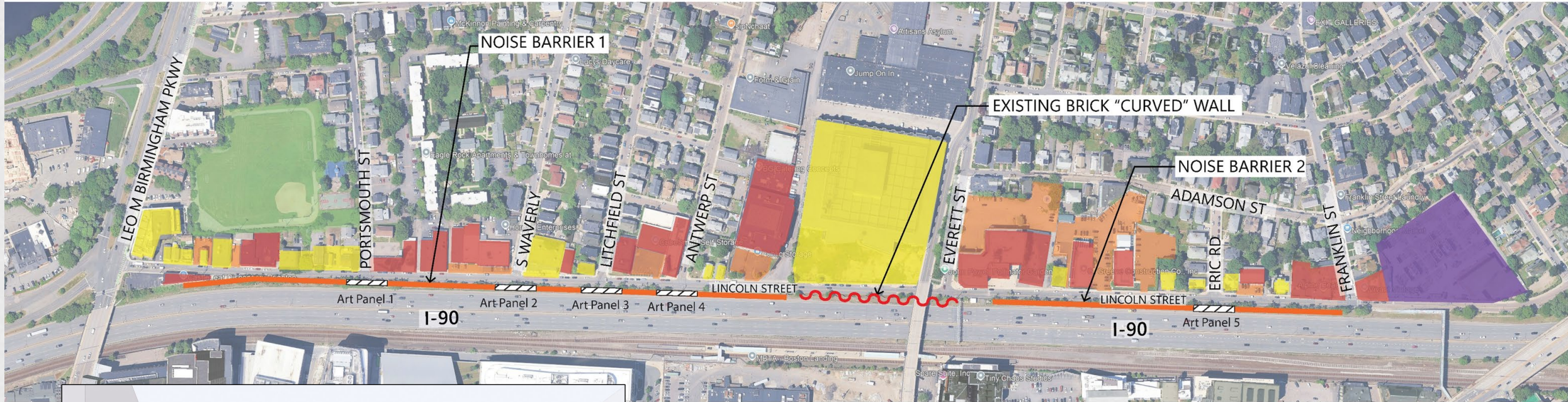



ROAD LEVEL VIEW LOOKING WEST



ROAD LEVEL VIEW LOOKING EAST

Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Potential Art Opportunity at Street Intersections



-  POTENTIAL ART OPPORTUNITY, TYPICAL
-  BRICK "CURVED" WALL
-  NOISE BARRIER 1 & 2
-  RESIDENTIAL
-  COMMERCIAL
-  PARKING
-  INDUSTRIAL (ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION)

Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Proposed Texture/Planting Design

Design – Lincoln Street Side



BIRD'S EYE VIEW LOOKING WEST



BIRD'S EYE VIEW LOOKING EAST

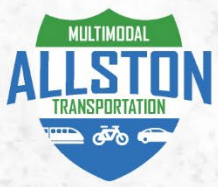


EYE LEVEL VIEW LOOKING WEST



EYE LEVEL VIEW LOOKING EAST

Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Potential Public Art Locations



- **Proposed Design Elements**

- State-owned Noise Barrier w/in State Highway Layout Adjacent to I-90
- 5 Potential Designated Public Art Locations at Street End Openings for future public art


- **Public Art Permit Process**

- MassDOT permit required in accordance with "State Highway Access Permits for Murals and Artwork"
- Subject to MassDOT policies, regulations and design guidance

- **Community Coordination Opportunity**

- MassDOT administers permit process and does not select artists
- MassDOT will work with the City of Boston, Allston residents and elected officials to determine selection process

Lincoln Street Noise Barriers – Next Steps

- 
- A vertical blue line with eight white circles at regular intervals, ending in a downward-pointing arrowhead.
- Finalize Design Plans & Specifications
 - Advertise for Construction
 - Site Preparation Activities
 - Issue Notice to Proceed (NTP)
 - Conduct Pre-Construction Meeting
 - Relocate Fiber Optic Ducts
 - Wall Construction
 - Final Grading

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Cambridge Street Preservation Project



- Project Update

- ❖ Mass.gov Web Page:

- <https://www.mass.gov/allston-preservation-project>

- ❖ E-mail Address:

- allstonpreservation@dot.state.ma.us

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Looking Forward

- Proposed Upcoming Task Force Meeting Dates
June 23, July TBD, August TBD
- Task Force Meeting Location
- Potential Topics at Upcoming Task Force Meetings
 - Independent Consultant Review
 - Early Actions
- Other Suggested Topics for Upcoming Task Force Meetings?

Thank You!

