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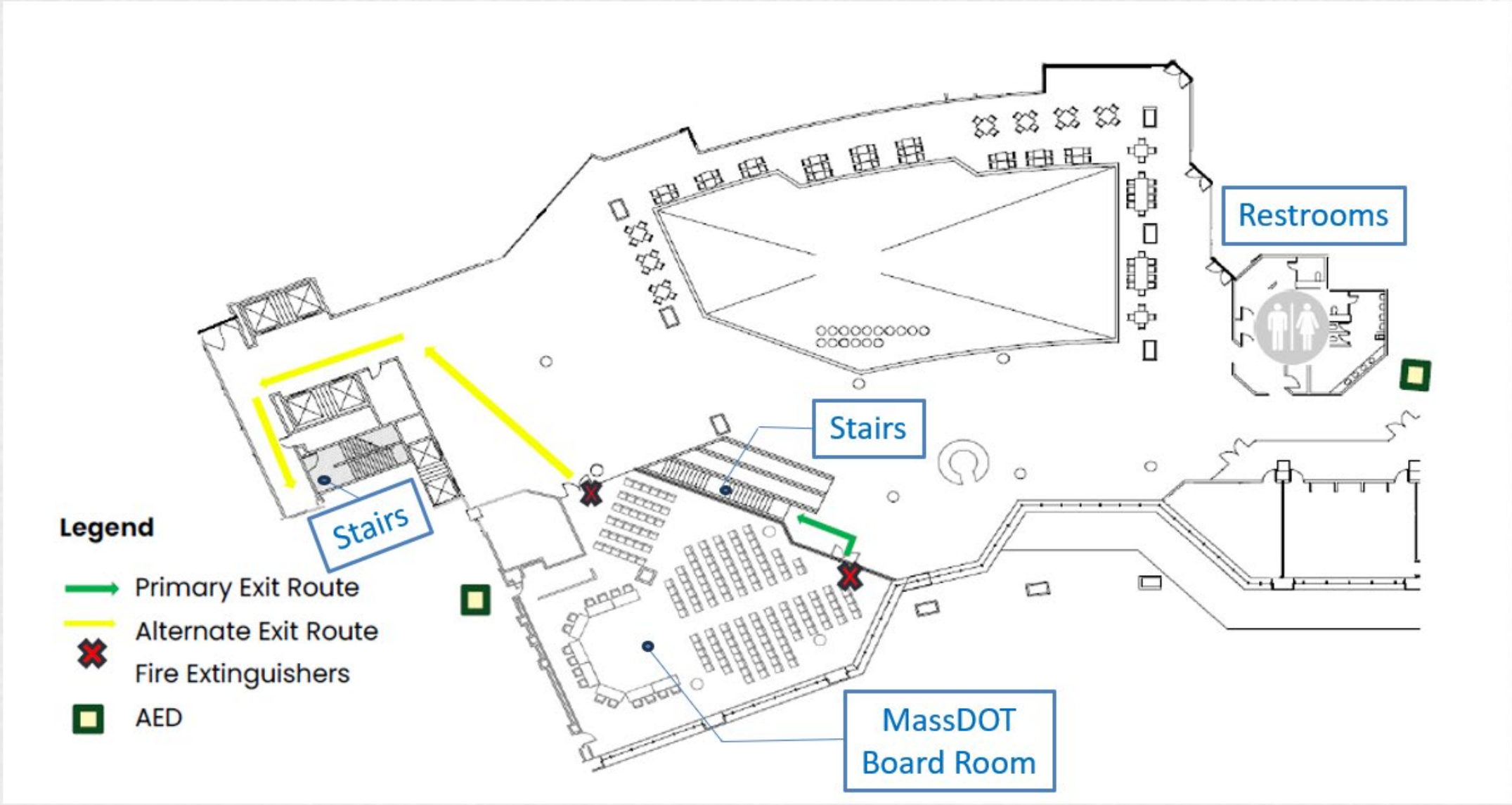

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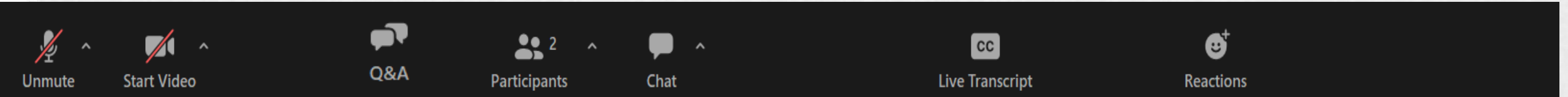

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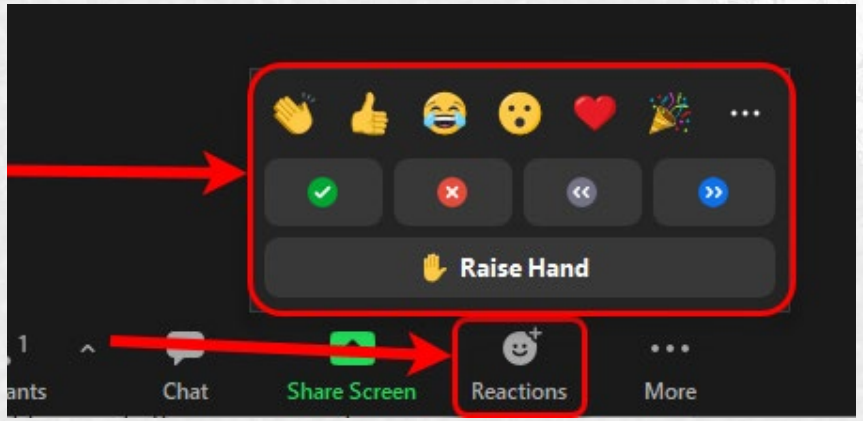

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Today's Agenda

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- Layover Update
- MBTA, MassDOT Compass Rail and Amtrak Operations
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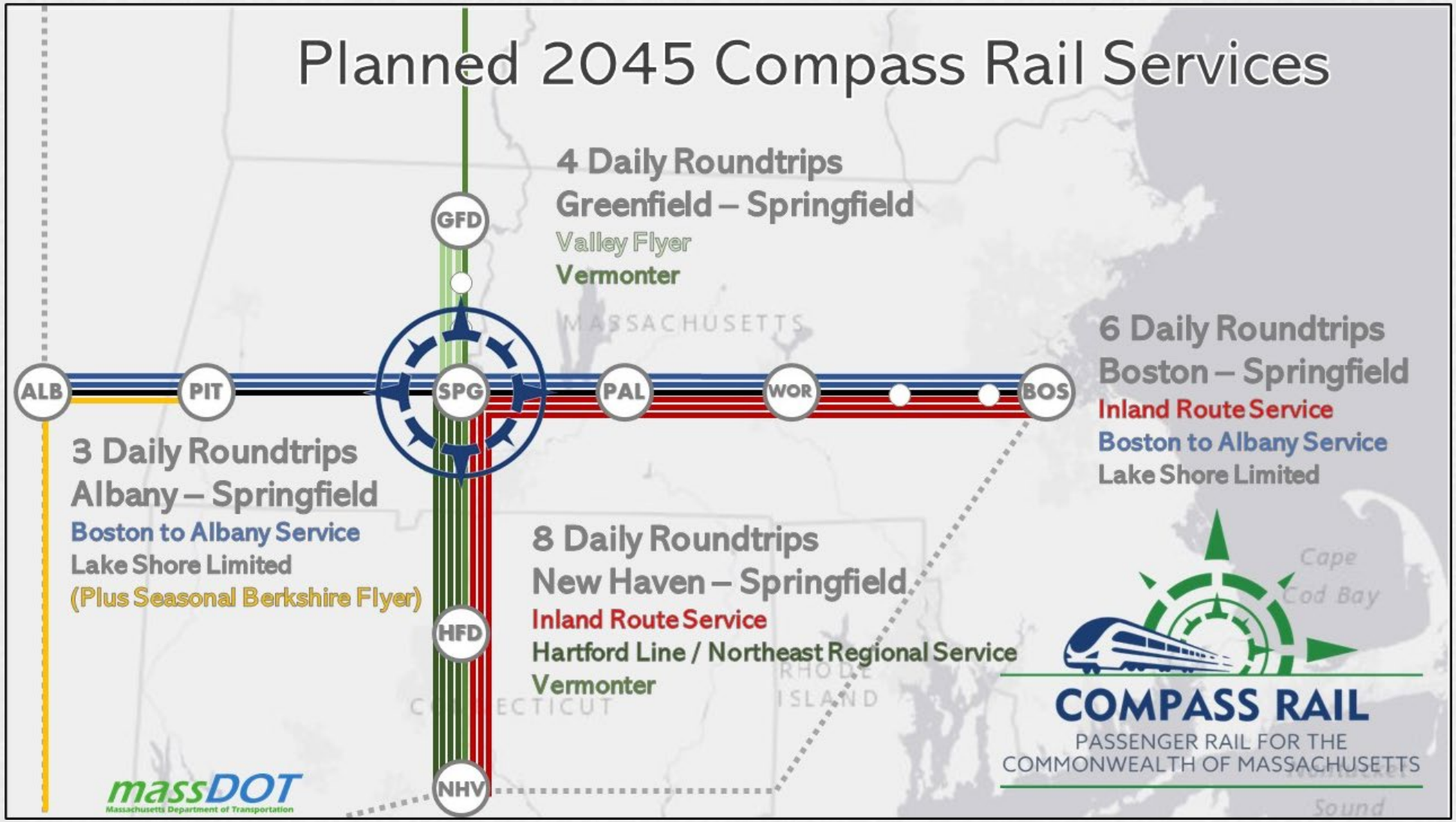
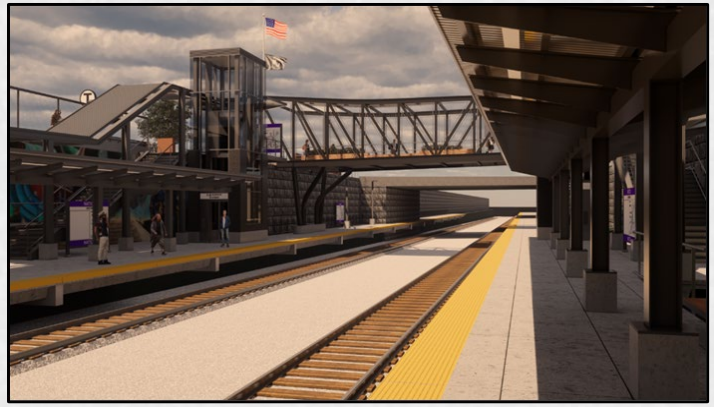
2045 Compass Rail Vision – Service Enhancement and Expansion



Snapshot: Framingham/Worcester Line Investments

- Speed restriction removal
  - Improved tracks to raise maximum authorized speed from Lansdowne to Auburndale
- Worcester Union Station Platform Rebuild (Under construction. Target: 2025)
  - Fully accessible
  - Will allow two trains at a time on platform
- Framingham/Worcester "30-30" Service (Target: 2026)
  - All-day, 30-minute "Zonal express" bi-directional service to Worcester
  - All-day, 30-minute local bi-directional service to Framingham
  - Requisite track improvements funded with $20 million in Fair Share funds
- Framingham/Worcester Station Improvements (On-going)
  - Extensive capital upgrades to upgrade several stations, improving accessibility and reducing dwell times
  - Example: Natick Center Station Accessibility Improvements
  - Future priorities are Wellesley Square and Newtonville stations





Train Movements through the Project Area

- Dramatic increases in rail service are being planned on routes that will **utilize the Worcester Main Line's infrastructure**
  - Future MBTA revenue movements will be evenly split between Framingham local trains **that will serve West Station** and Worcester zonal express trains that **will not serve West Station**.
  - MassDOT will inaugurate Compass Rail in 2030 and will run 4 trains per day by 2035
- Once re-opened, Grand Junction will **continue to be used** for non-revenue maintenance movements

Operator	Today	2035	Change
MBTA (Revenue)	55	160	***+105***
Amtrak (Revenue)	2	2	--
Compass Rail (Revenue)	0	4	***+4***
Maintenance Movements (Non-Revenue)	2	2	--
Total Trains per day	**59**	**168**	***+109***

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  - **Design Considerations**
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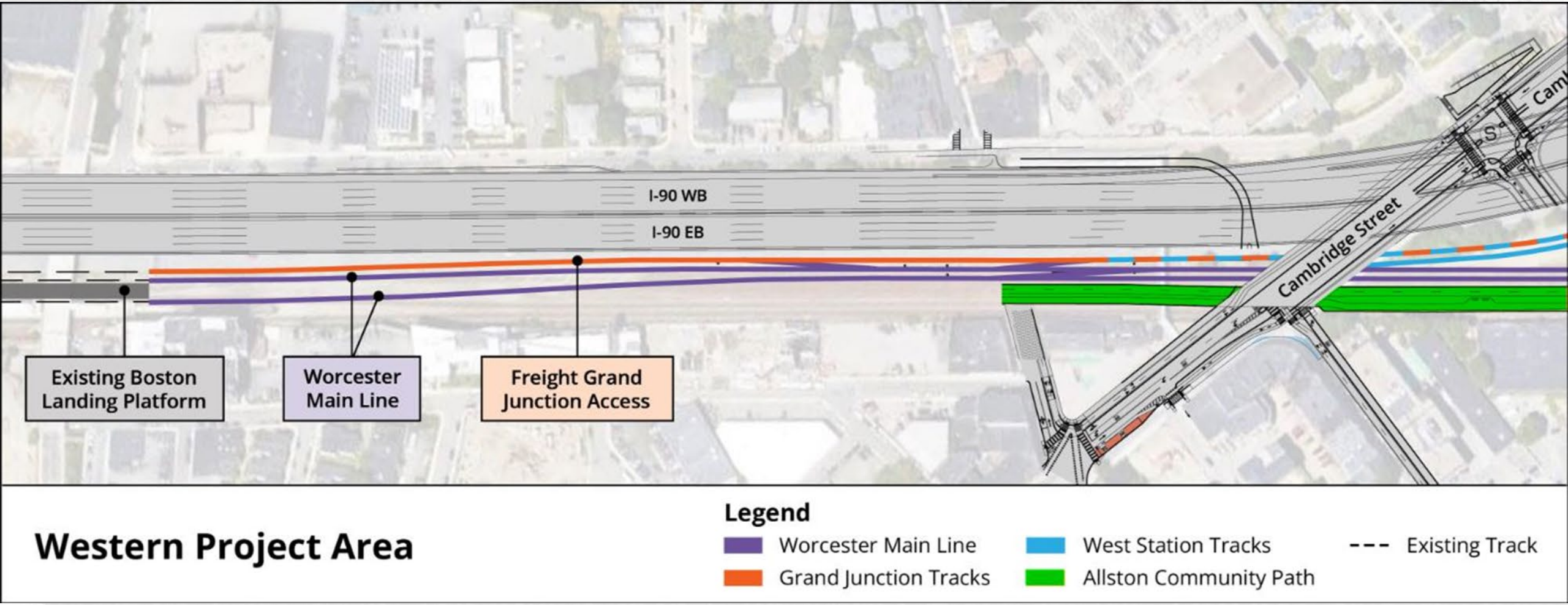
Rail Components

- Design Considerations
  - Existing Conditions
    - 2 Worcester Main Line Tracks
    - 1 Grand Junction Tracks
  - Build Alternative
    - 2 Worcester Main Line Tracks
    - 2 Grand Junction Tracks
    - 2 West Station Tracks
    - 4 Layover Tracks



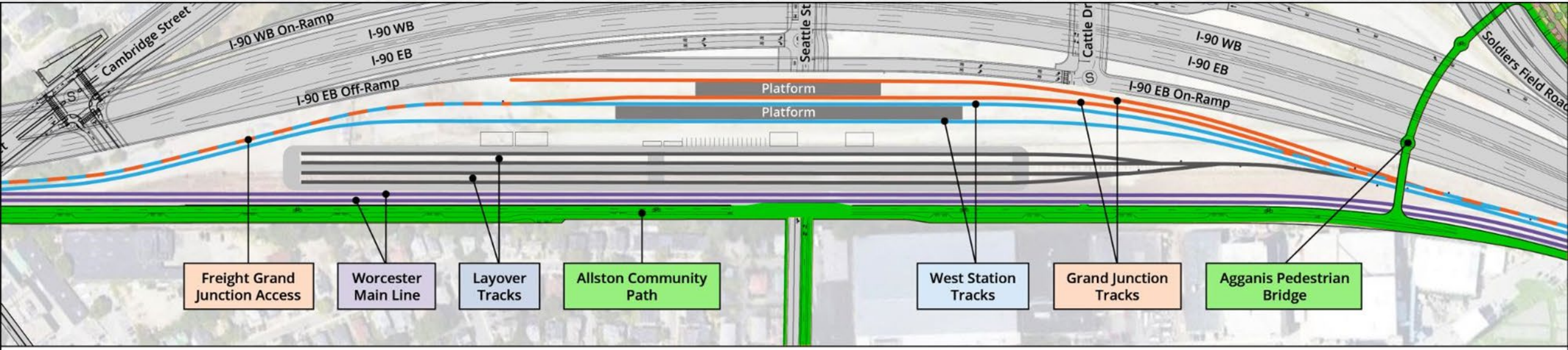
Rail Components- West of Cambridge St

- Western Project Limits



Rail Components-West Station/Beacon Park Yard

- Central Project Limits



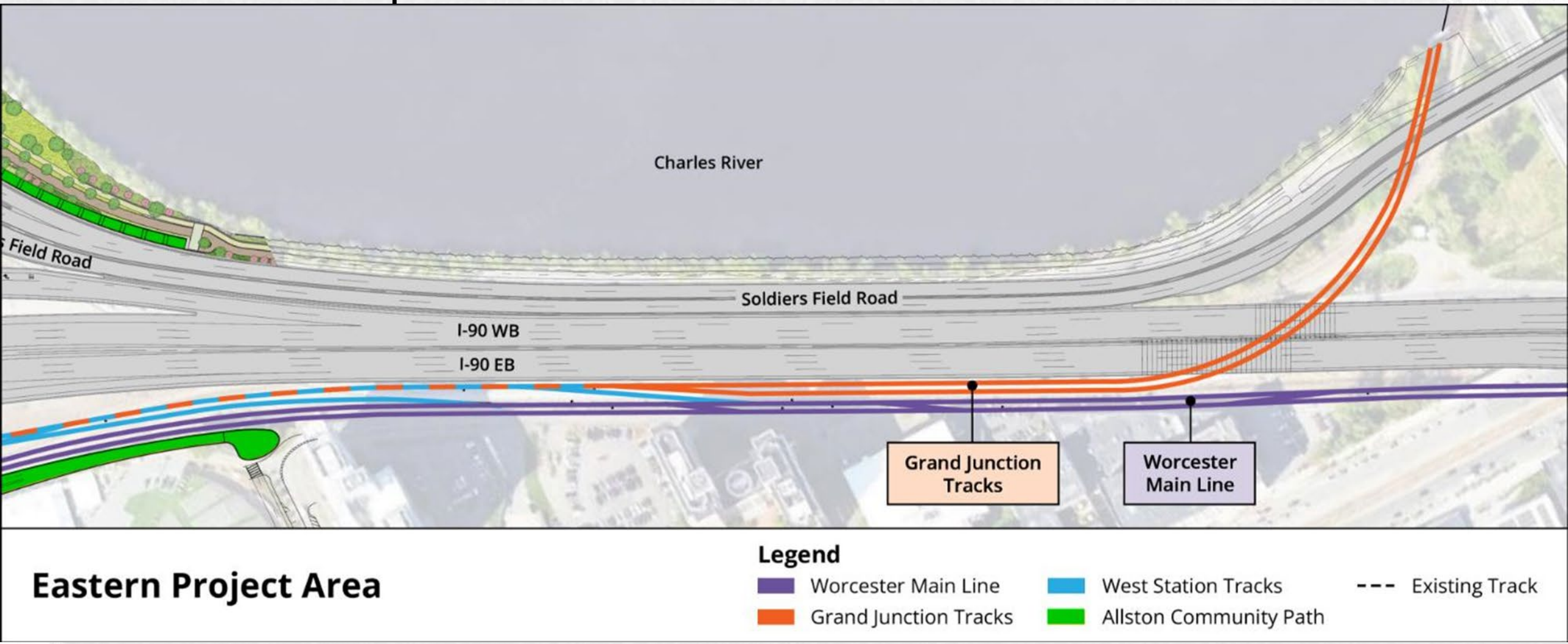
Central Project Area

Legend

- Worcester Main Line
- Grand Junction Tracks
- West Station Tracks
- Allston Community Path
- Layover Tracks

Rail Components – East of Beacon Park Yard

- Eastern Project Limits



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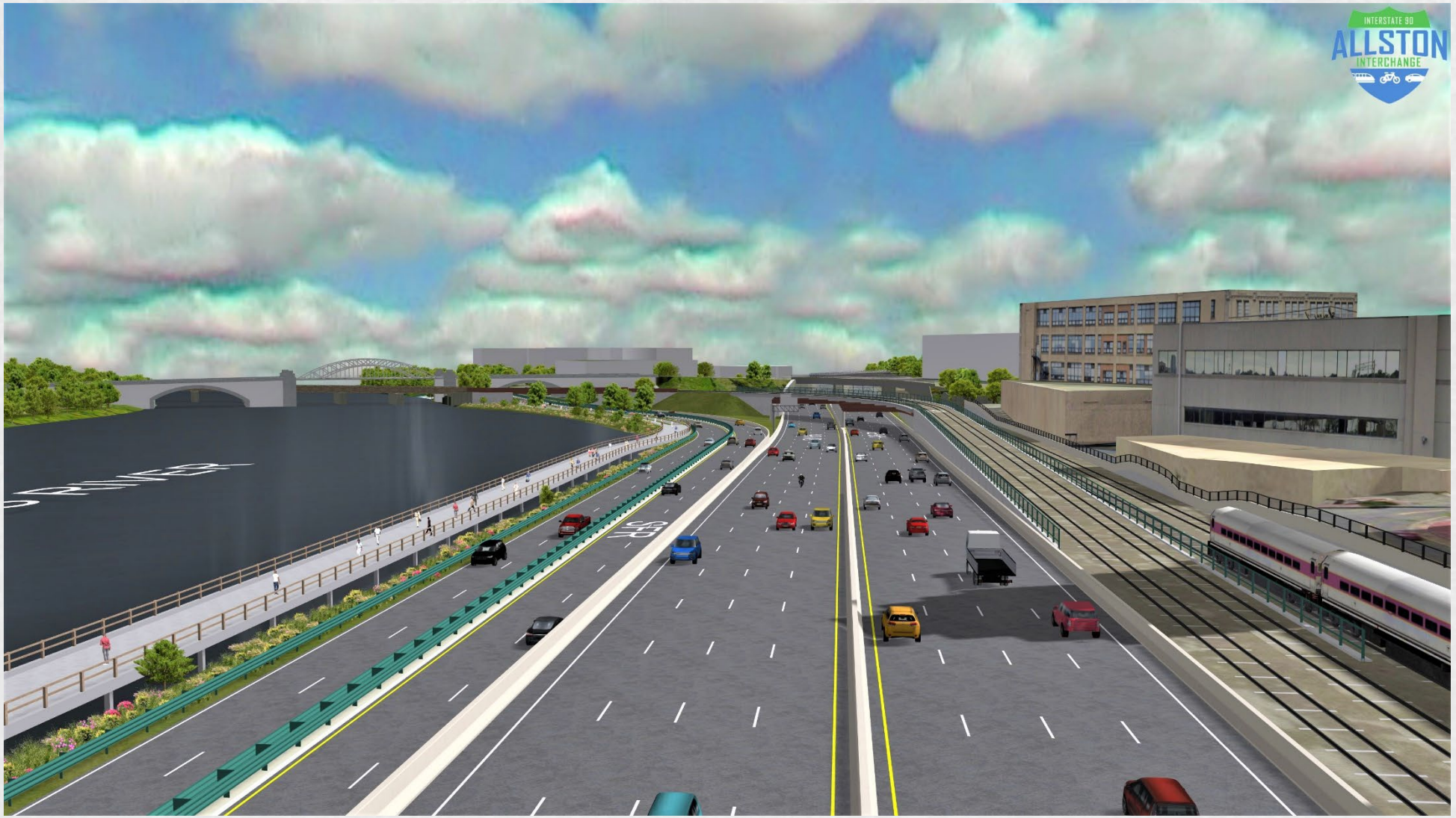

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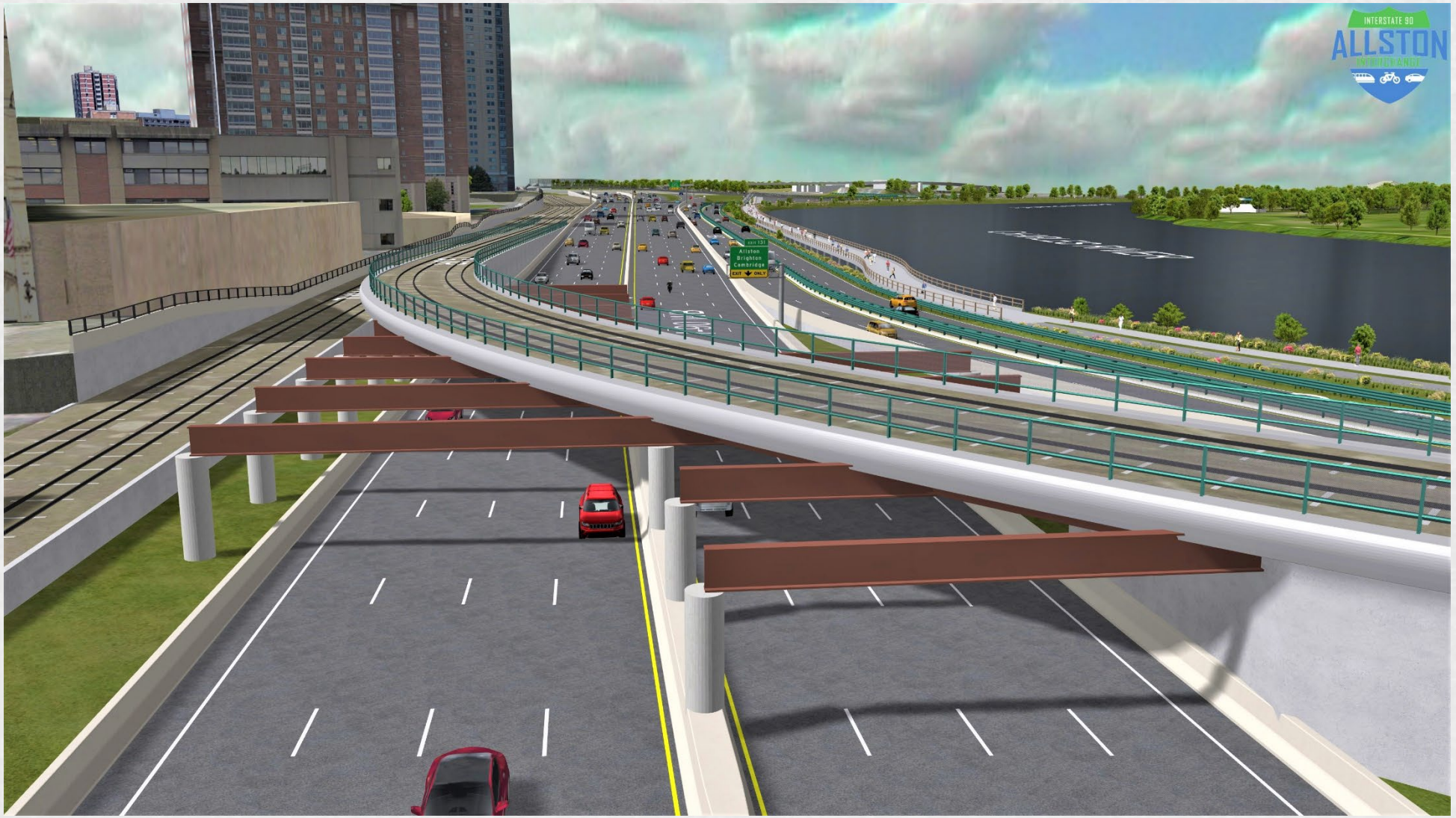

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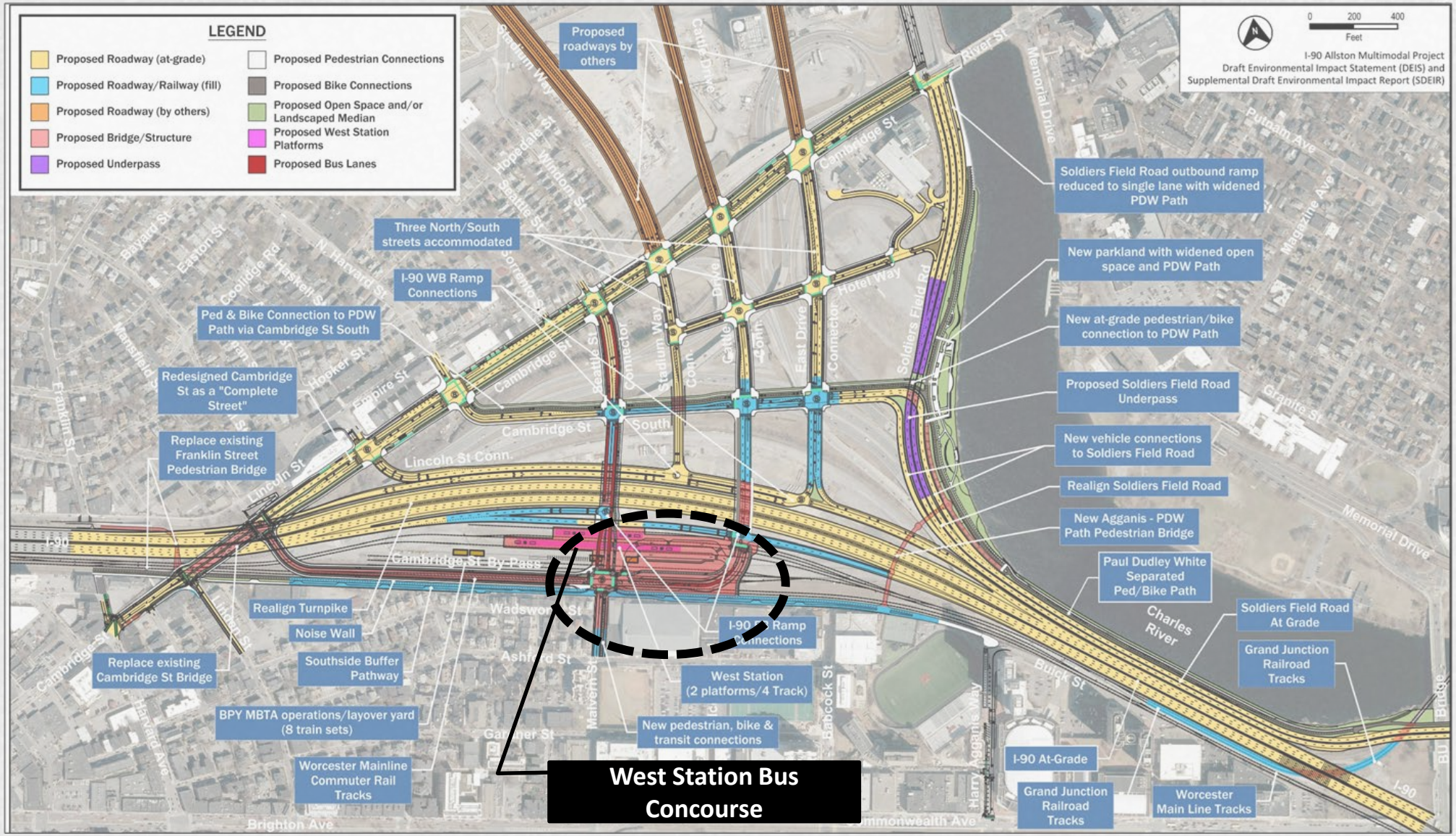
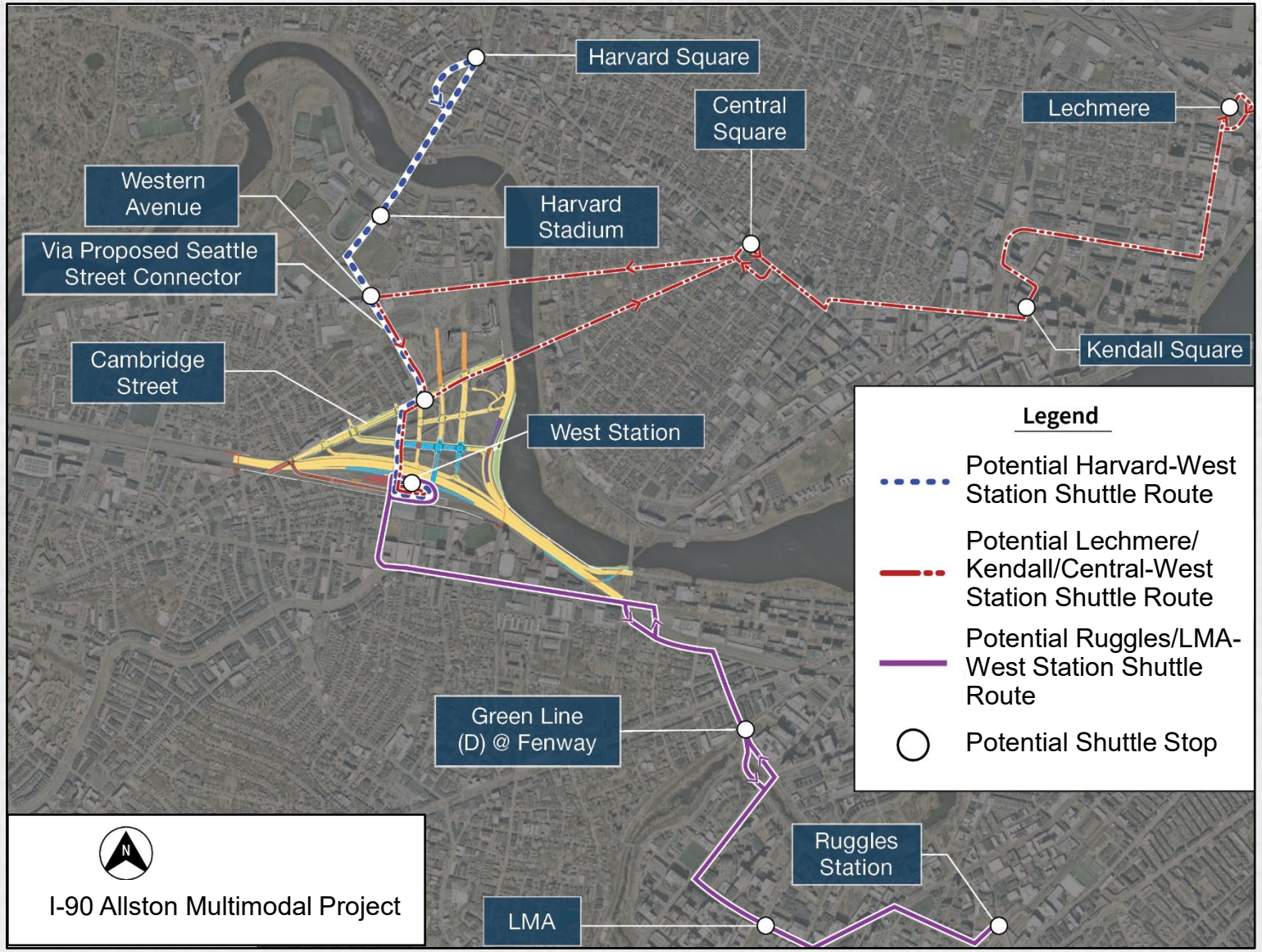
West Station Bus Concourse



West Station Bus Operational Assumptions

- Assumes three potential shuttle routes, using 40-foot transit buses
- Assumes frequencies for each route:
  - AM Peak: Every 5 Min.
  - Midday: Every 15 Min.
  - PM Peak: Every 5 Min.
  - Nighttime: Every 20 Min
- Requires 6 berths at West Station

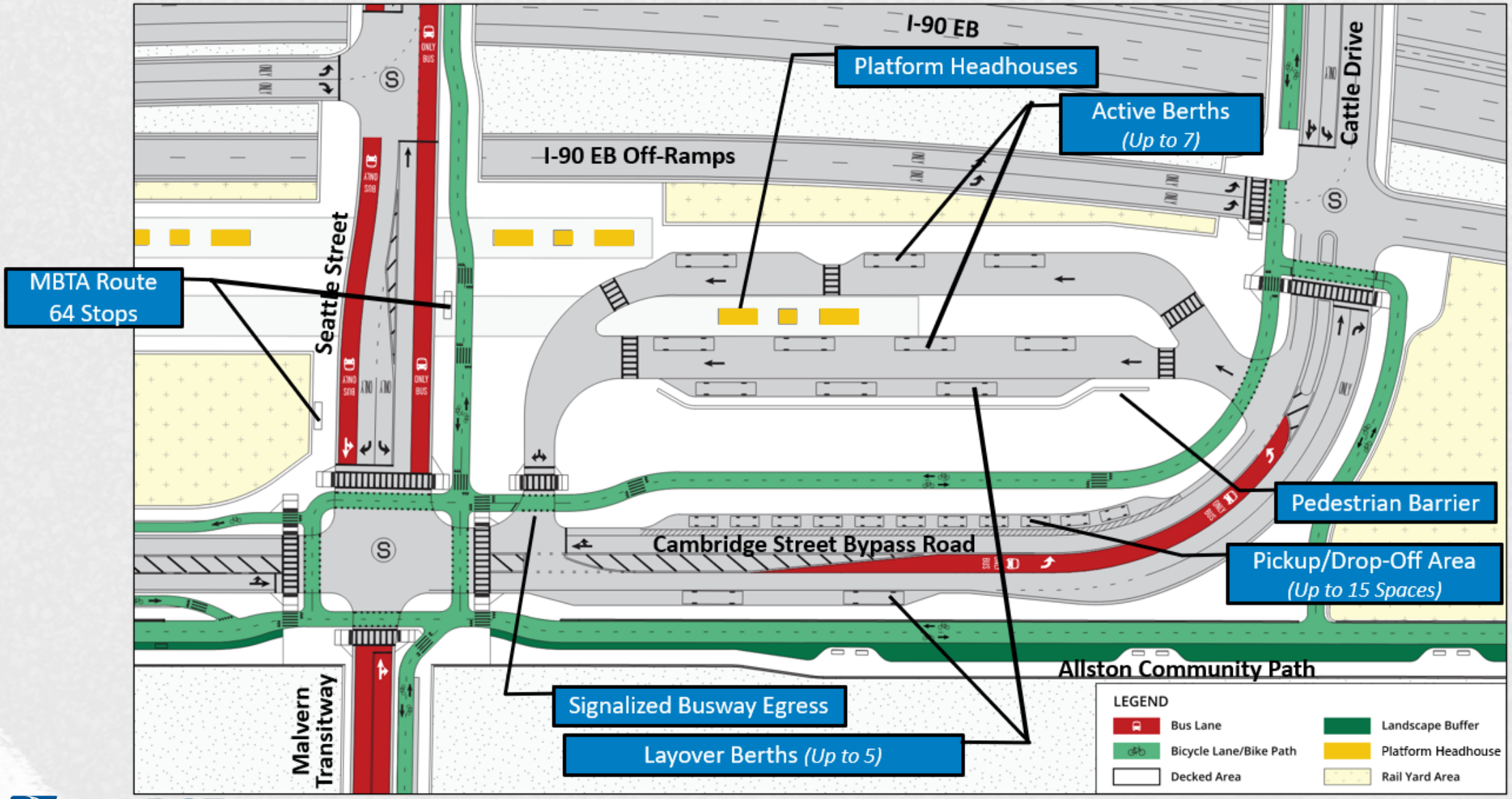
Note: Operator for these potential shuttle route assumptions is not determined or committed at this time and not proposed as part of the Project.



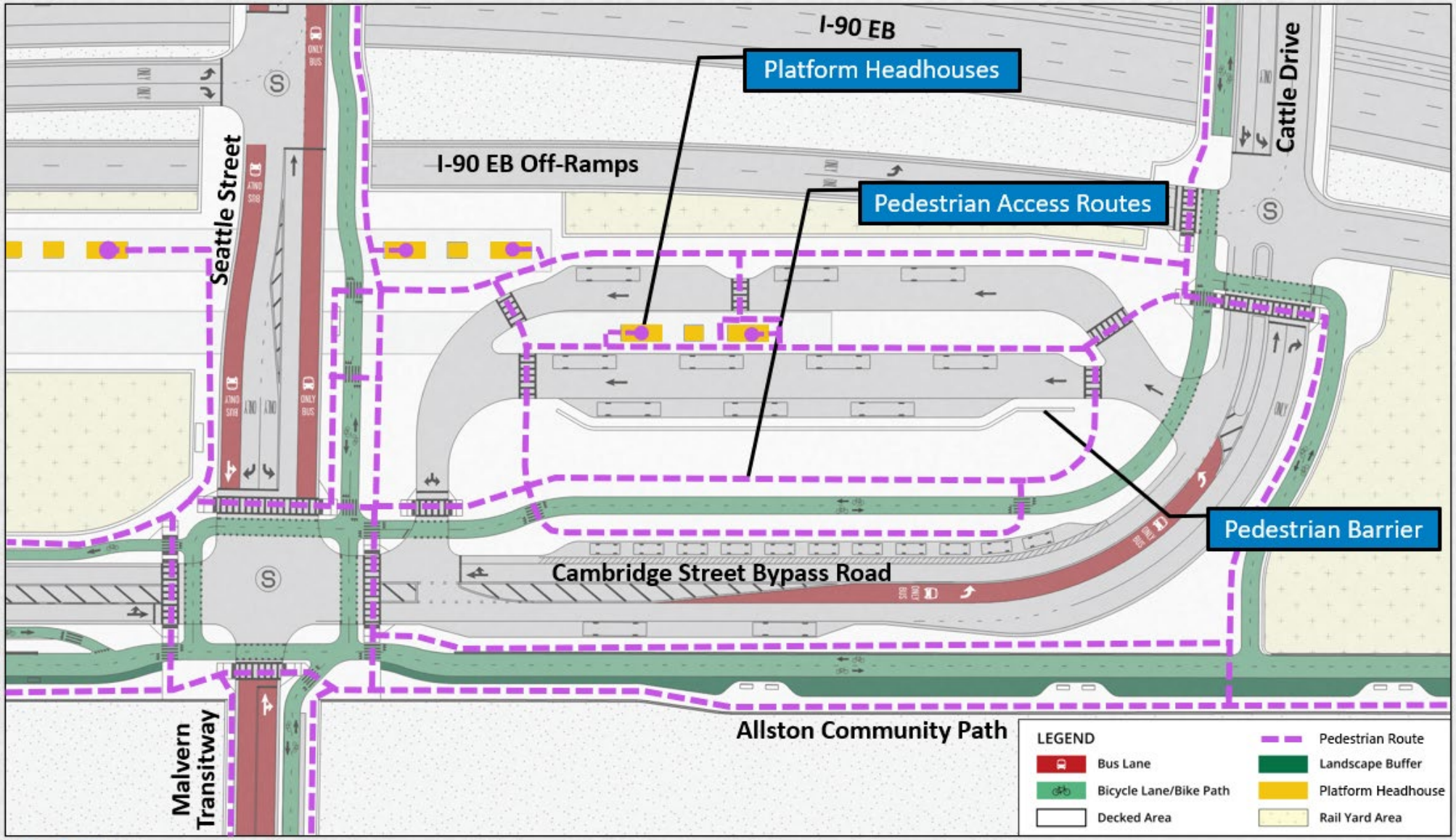
West Station Bus Concourse Design Assumptions

- Assumes 6 active berths
- Allow for independent operations of each berth
  (buses able to pull in/out independently of one another)
- Meet standard busway dimensional criteria
- MBTA Route 64 to stop along Seattle Street

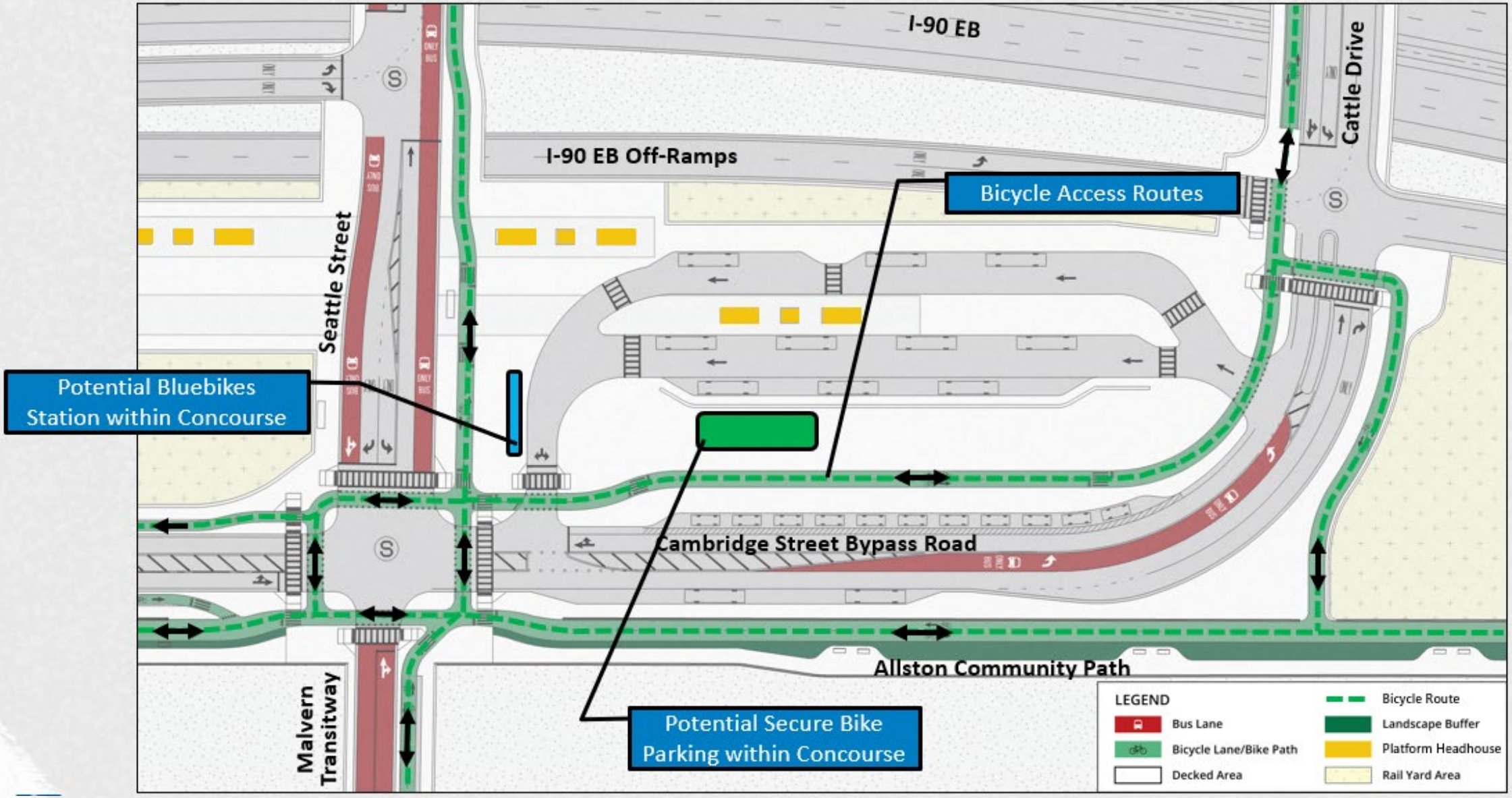
Bus Concourse Concept (Parallel Busway)



Bus Concourse Pedestrian Routes



Bus Concourse Bicycle Routes



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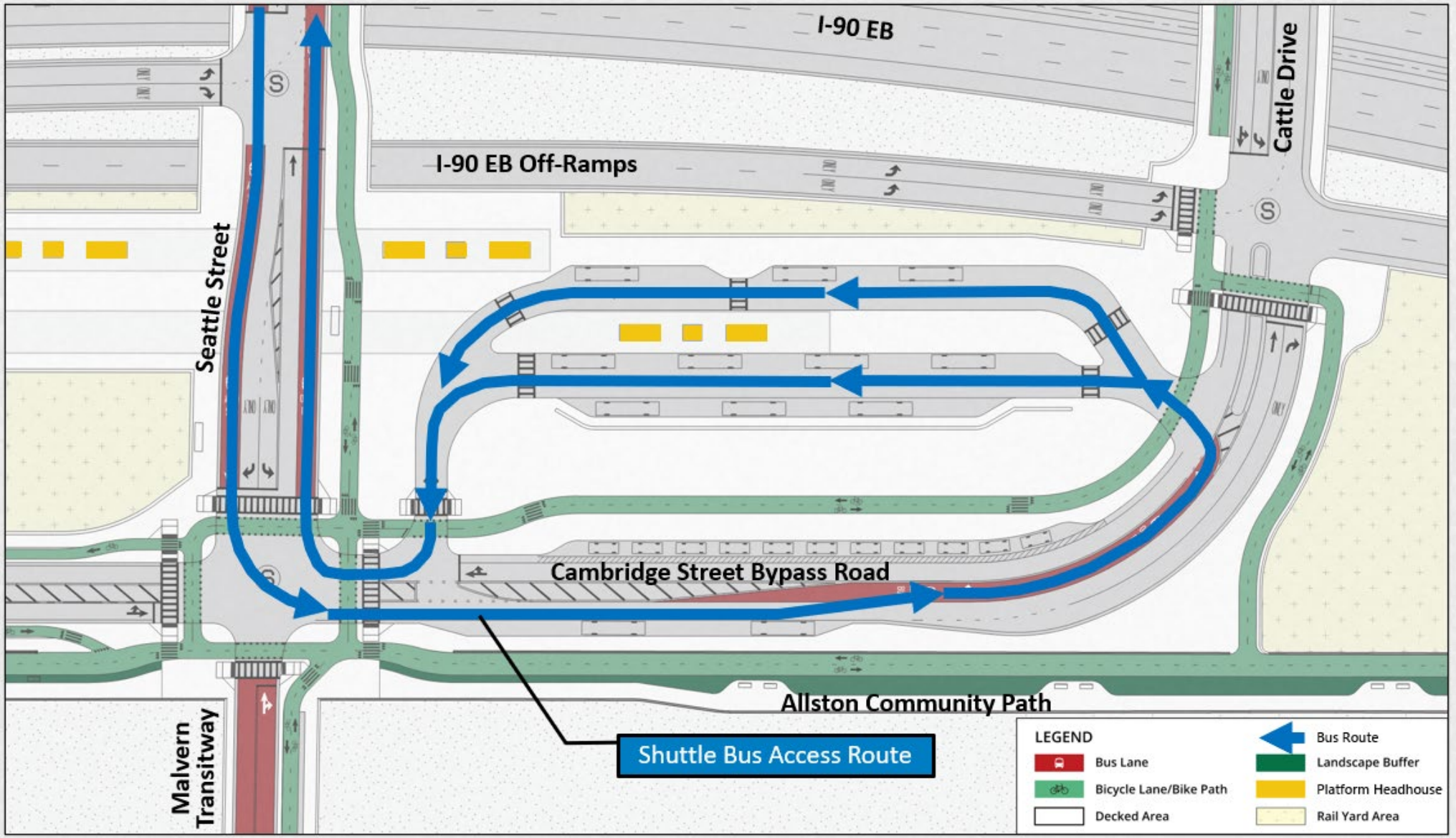

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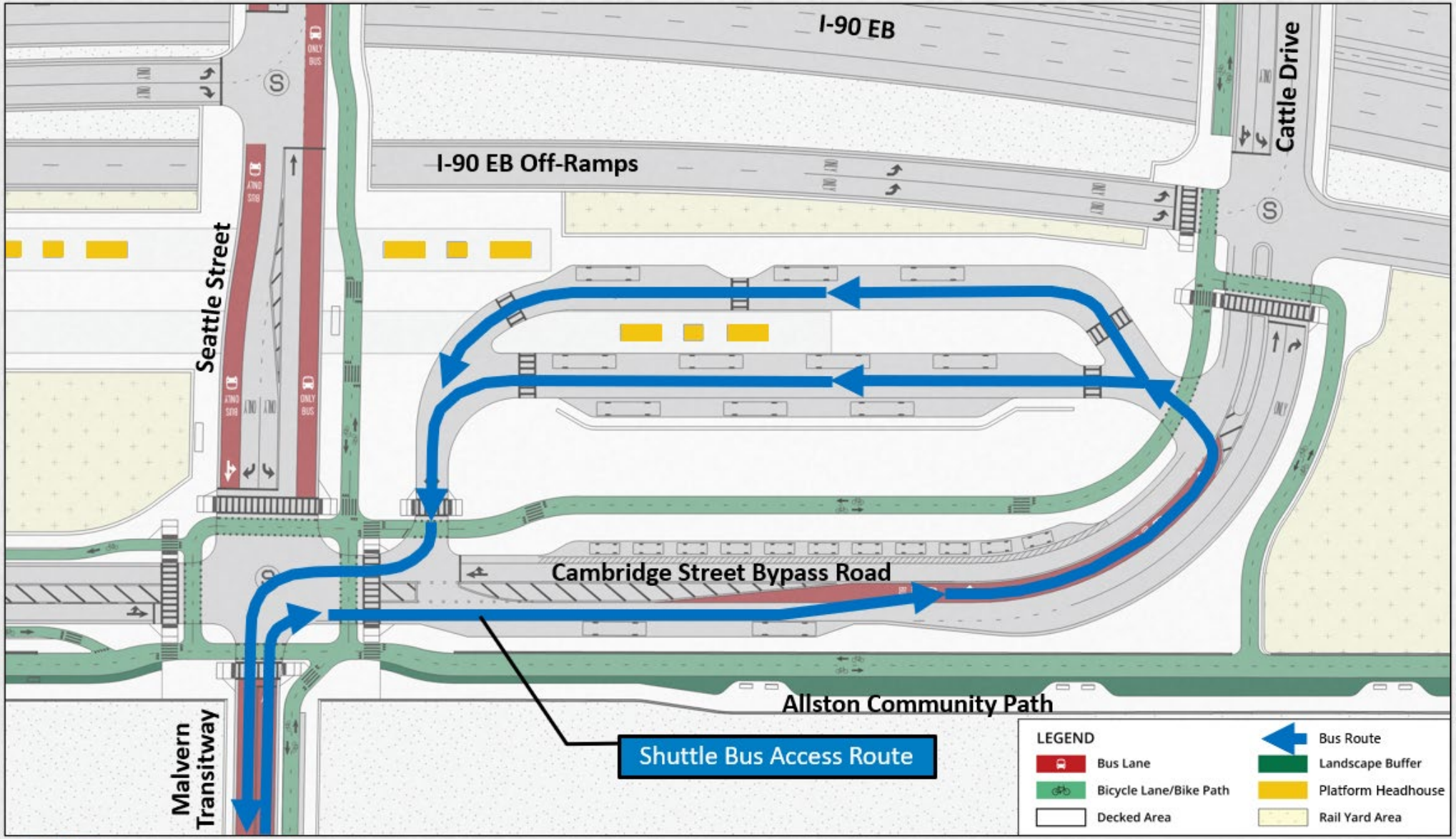

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- Proposed Upcoming Task Force Meeting Dates: Jul 22, Aug 19, Sep 18
- Potential Topics at Upcoming Task Force Meetings
  - Status of Alternate Layover Sites
  - IMR Briefing
  - CTPS Follow-Up
  - Grand Junction Rail Temporary Outage/Mitigation
  - Lincoln Street Noise Wall
  - Future Beacon Park Yard Land Use
- Other Suggested Topics for Upcoming Task Force Meetings?

Thank You!

