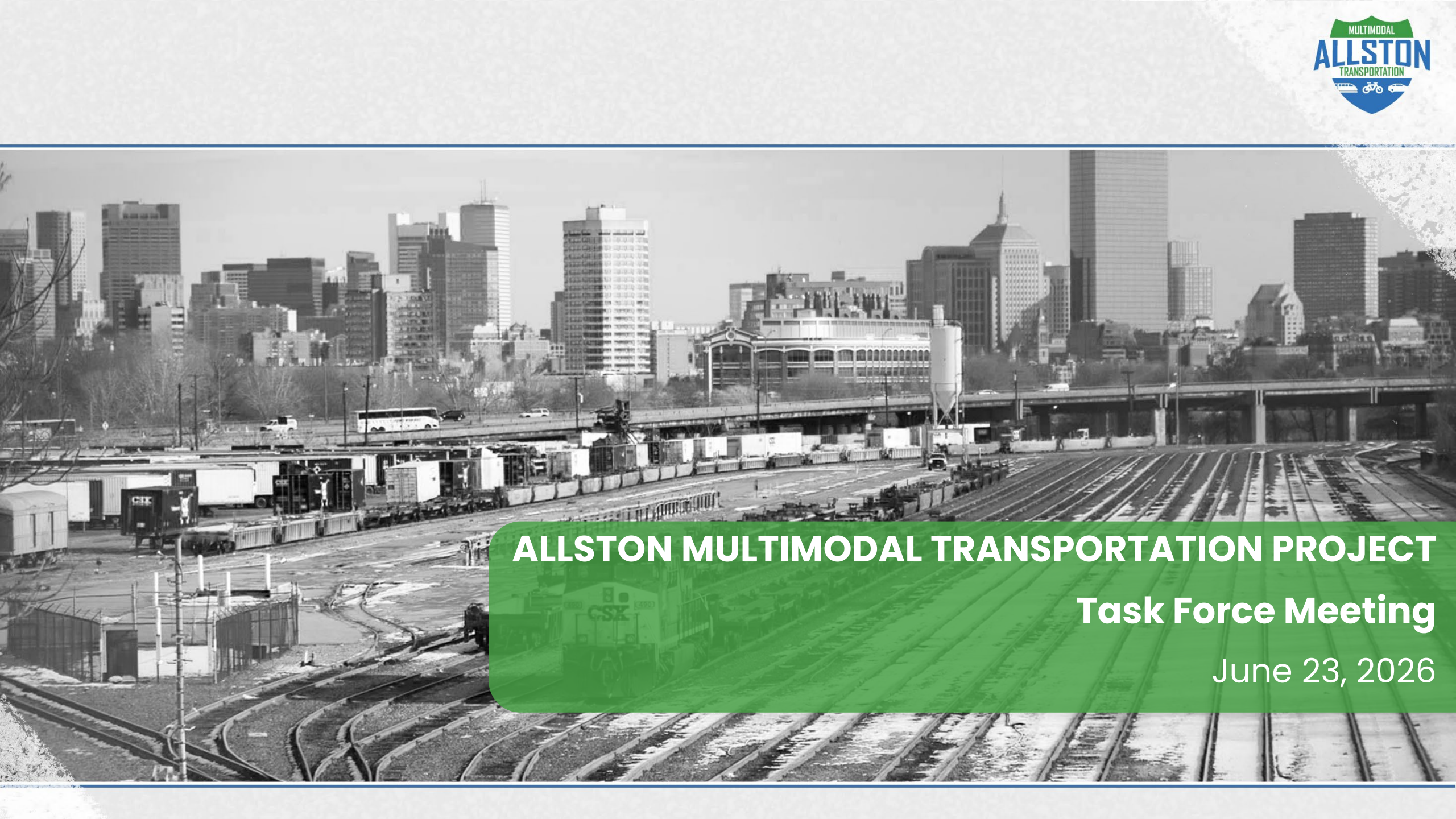




ALLSTON MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Task Force Meeting

June 23, 2026

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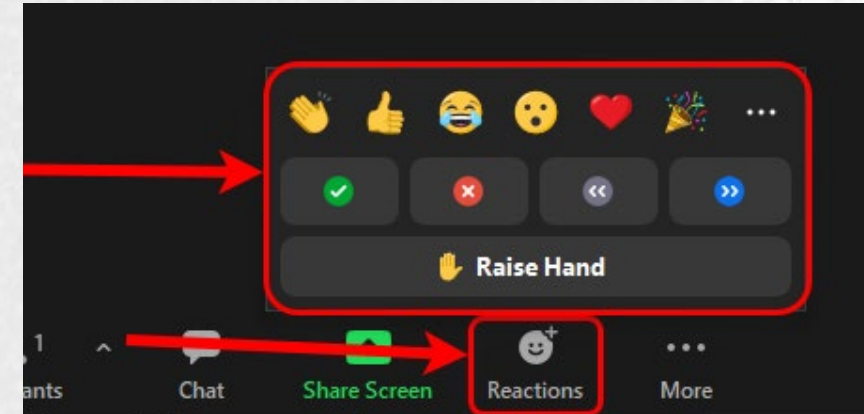
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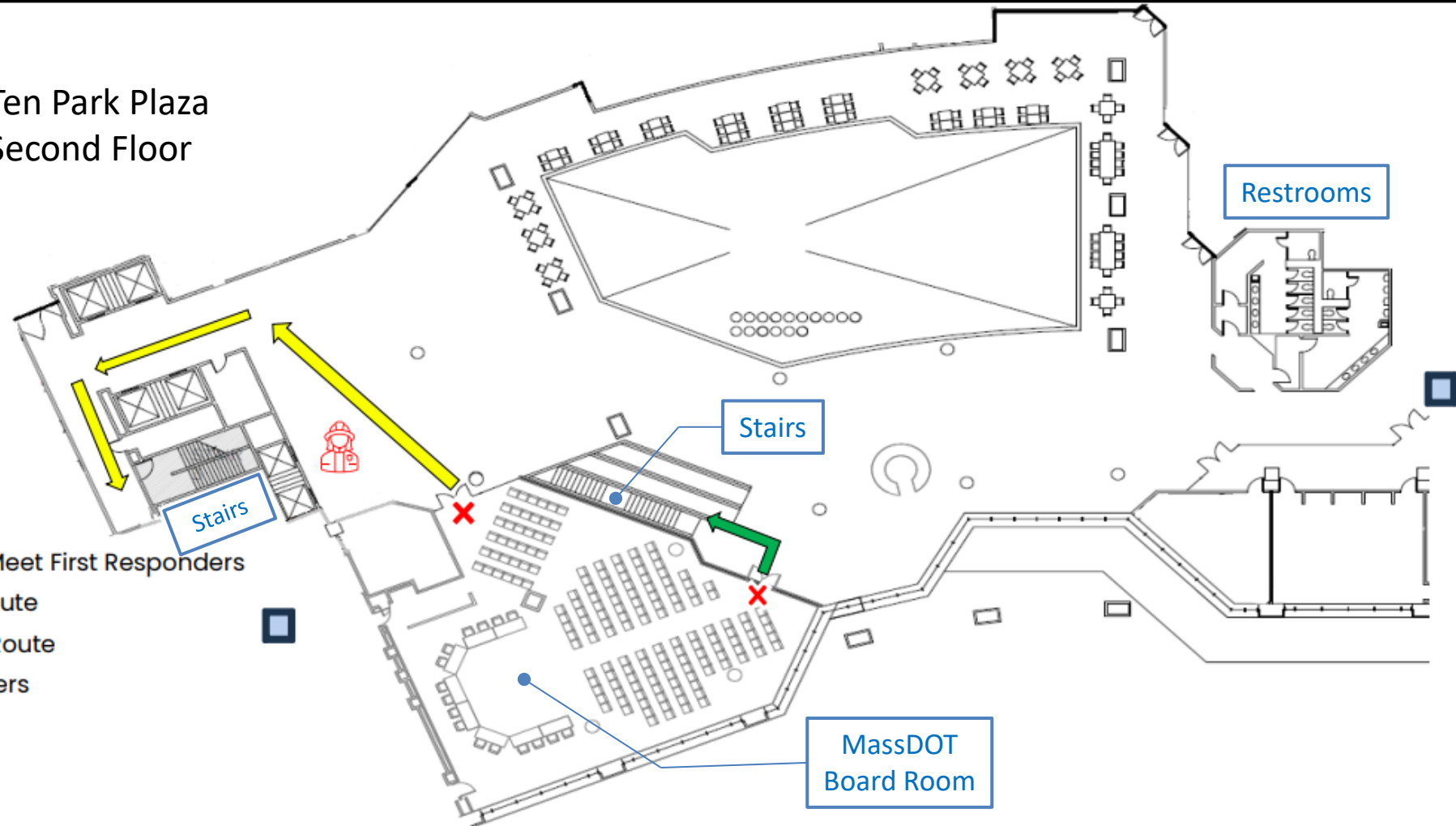
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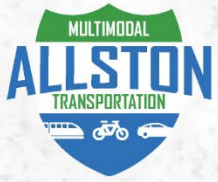
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-  Rally Point to Meet First Responders
-  Primary Exit Route
-  Alternate Exit Route
-  Fire Extinguishers
-  AED



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Independent Consultant Selection Feedback

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Background and Purpose

In July 2025, FHWA notified MassDOT that the balance of awarded Neighborhood Access and Equity Program grant funding had been rescinded, totaling \$327 million

Due to the rescission of federal funding, MassDOT is engaging outside experts to **examine how to deliver the most transportation benefits with the available resources**

2025 Task Force Input

In the Fall of 2025, Task Force members provided input on focus areas.
Input organized into four categories:

Priorities

- Ensure **safety and mobility** for communities
- **Improve frequency, speed, and reliability** of Commuter Rail
- **Expedite timeline** of process
- **Embrace transformative goals**, scope, and advance early action projects

Transportation Goals/Benefits

- Articulate **overall project goals and metrics**
- **Clearly delineate roles and tasks** among the team
- **Define transportation benefits**
- **Prioritize review of key project elements**
- Identify **early action projects**
- Evaluate **measures to mitigate construction impacts**
- Outcome should **inform feasible pathway for investments in infrastructure improvements**

Focus Areas/Scope Input

- **Define transportation benefits** and transformational goal (broad and holistic)
- Consider benefits in terms of **overall timeline** of the project
- Analyze in the context of the Commonwealth's **climate goals**

Suggestions/Recommendations

- **Reconsider previously paused efforts**
- **Engagement**
- **Avoid revisiting settled design decisions**
- **Multiple financing plans**

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Request for Reponses

- Cost and Engineering Analysis Request for Responses (RFR) released in late 2025
- RFR scope outlined **framework/needs for evaluation**
- Consultant team led by Arcadis recommended as preferred respondent

Needs for Cost and Engineering Analysis

Review and analyze existing documents

Analyze and summarize project costs

Evaluate existing budget for alignment with the current scope

Identify potential unnecessary or duplicate costs

Confirm and consolidate existing funding sources and amounts, identifying gaps, constraints and opportunities

Identify and assess reasonable alternatives within the current scope and budget, including full-build and hybrid solutions

Identify risks and cost implications of individual project components or combination of components

Review schedule and analyze the potential for phasing or sequencing

Conduct a structured risk assessment

Deliver technical documentation

Meet the Team



Areas of Expertise

Scheduling	Estimating	Risk Assessment
Constructability		Cost Value Study
Engineering/Functionality Analysis		Real Estate
Phasing/Sequencing		Transit
Contracting Options		Planning
Economic Analysis		Procurement
Signal, Security, Communications		Right-of-Way
Structural and Water Engineering		Engagement
Infrastructure and Analysis		Funding Analysis
Stations and Facilities		Bridge
Geotechnical and Environmental		Permitting
Demolition		Highway

Scope of Work

Building upon the identified needs, the Scope of Work is intended to:

Evaluate reasonableness of current scope, cost, and schedule assumptions

Identify key cost drivers, indirect costs, and areas of uncertainty

Assess gap between existing resources and previous project scope

Examine alternative scoping, phasing, design, and contracting strategies at a conceptual level

Quantify risk and uncertainty through structured assessment and probabilistic modeling

Support engagement by providing clear, consistent informational materials

Note: This effort is not intended to replace prior analyses or develop final design or bid-level estimates, but rather to inform strategic decisions by establishing a baseline and highlighting trade-offs, risks, and opportunities within the current project framework

Scope of Work – Task 1

Task 1 - Evaluation of Existing Project Scope, Budget, and Funding

- 1. Review documentation** (planning, technical, environmental, economic, and cost)
- 2. Evaluation of alignment** between the current project scope and existing budget allocations
- 3. Identification of major cost drivers**, indirect and project-related costs, and cost interactions among major components
- 4. Component-level review of costs, schedule implications, and risks** for major project elements
- 5. Assessment of inflation and escalation impacts** over the near- and medium-term analysis horizon (5–15 years)
- 6. Documentation of gaps** between available funding and the June 2025 project scope
- 7. Preparation of informational materials** and presentation content

Scope of Work – Task 2

Task 2 - Evaluation, Phasing/Sequencing Strategy, and Risk Assessment

- 1. Identification and evaluation of scoping, design, and construction options, including phasing and sequencing**
- 2. Infrastructure and operational analysis** of major project components
- 3. Evaluation of phasing, sequencing, and contracting strategies**, including opportunities for early-action elements

Scope of Work – Task 2 (continued)

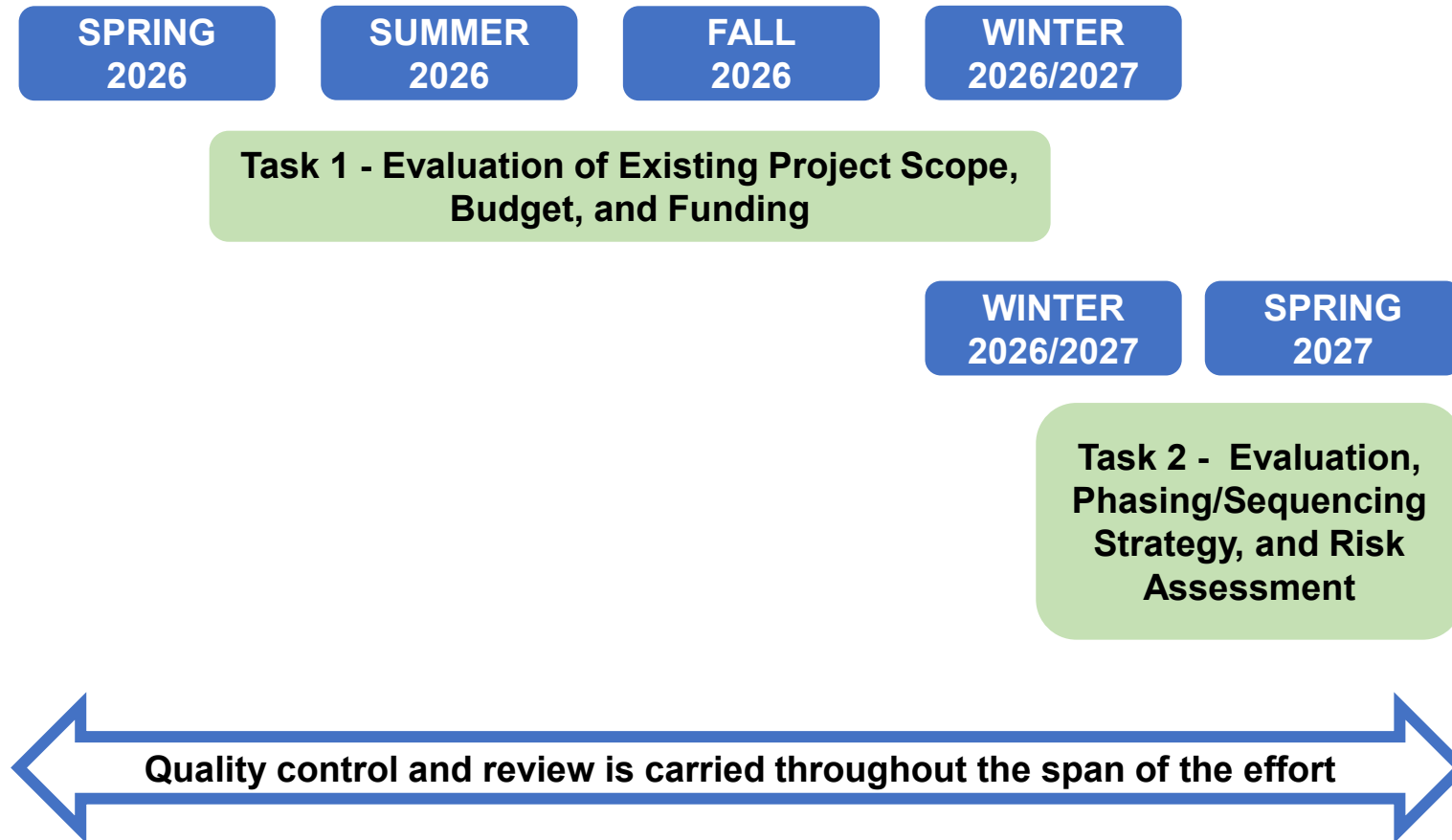
Task 2 - Evaluation, Phasing/Sequencing Strategy, and Risk Assessment

4. **Assessment of functionality** to determine whether essential transportation objectives can be met under different implementation scenarios
5. **Structured risk assessment** addressing cost, schedule, safety, constructability, and service impacts
6. **Development of a comparative Risk Matrix**, including Monte Carlo probabilistic modeling
7. **Preparation of informational materials** and presentation content

Key Takeaways

- Need to **examine how to deliver the most transportation benefits with the available resources** for communities locally and regionally
- Effort will **inform strategic decisions** by establishing a baseline and highlighting trade-offs, risks, and opportunities within the current project framework
- In alignment with Task Force input and framework/needs for evaluation, scope of work includes two tasks:
 1. **Evaluation of Existing Project Scope, Budget, and Funding**
 2. **Evaluation, Phasing/Sequencing Strategy, and Risk Assessment**

Schedule and Next Steps



Next Steps

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Task 1, Step 1
Document Review

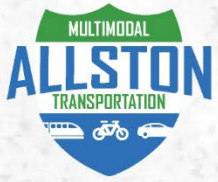
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Task 1, Step 2
Evaluation

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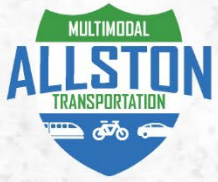
Lincoln Street Noise Barrier Project:

- Purpose: Construct noise barrier adjacent to I-90 as an early action project for the Allston Multimodal Transportation Project
- Project is approximately 100% designed and advancing toward advertisement
- Project limits and purpose are focused on noise mitigation
- MassDOT has incorporated several future pathway enabling elements:
 - Noise barrier as close to I-90 as practicable
 - Retaining walls sized and located to support future pathway grading
 - Clearing and grading work to support a future pathway corridor

These improvements support the opportunity for a future Shared Use Path without delaying the noise barrier project.

MassDOT has designed the noise barrier project to accommodate a future pathway, but the pathway itself is not part of the project scope.

Lincoln Street Shared Use Path Coordination (2)

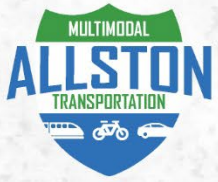


Future Shared Use Path Requires Independent Design and Approvals:

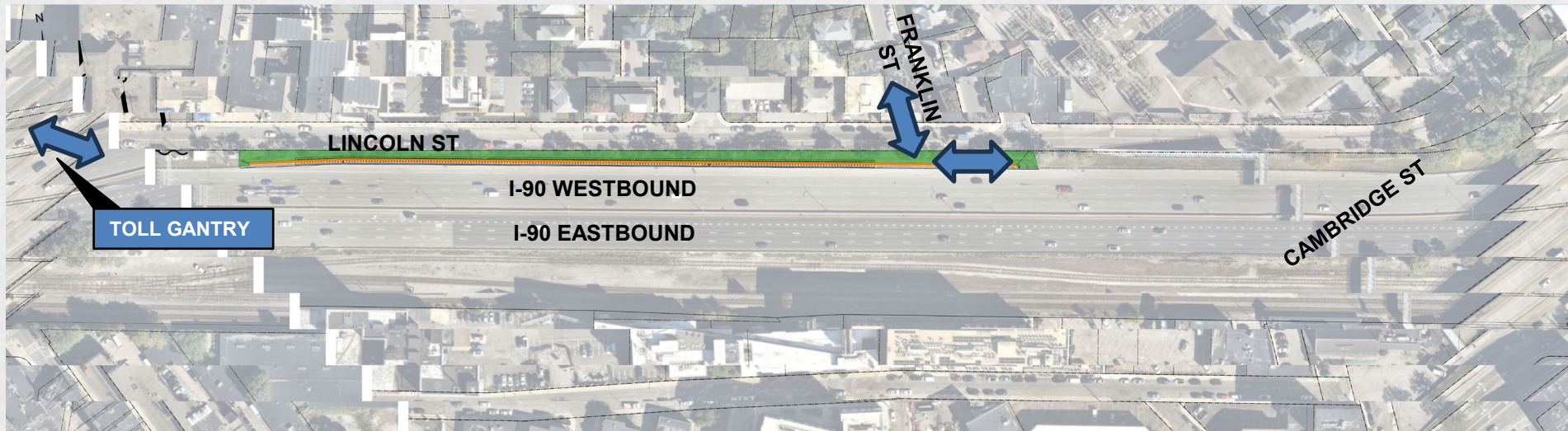
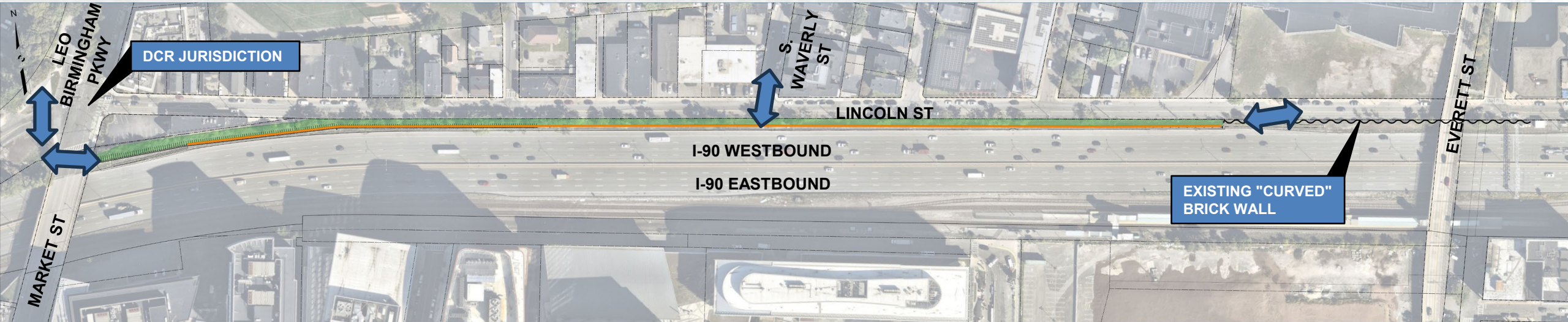
- Proposed path would require:
 - For MassDOT, a design would need to meet MassDOT standards including Design Justification Workbook (DJW) evaluation and approvals
 - Width, offset, clearance, grading, drainage, accessibility and lighting analysis and design
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian safety analysis including design of safe crossing locations at east, west and intermediate neighborhood access
 - Community engagement and public input regarding design elements, access points and operations.
- Additional Design Challenges:
 - Constrained locations along Lincoln Street
 - Potential curb realignments and parking impacts on City street
 - Traffic considerations at Market Street and Franklin Pedestrian Bridge
 - Traffic calming considerations along Lincoln Street

The pathway requires substantial planning and engineering beyond the scope of a noise barrier project.

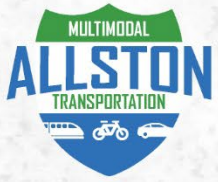
Lincoln Street Shared Use Path Coordination (3)



Connections and Constraints



Lincoln Street Shared Use Path Coordination (4)

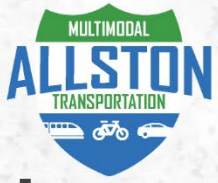


Multiple Agencies and Jurisdictions:

- Proposed Shared Use Path would require:
 - City of Boston (project proponent)
 - Department of Conservation and Recreation
 - Adjacent property owners and stakeholders
 - Utility owners
 - Community and bicycle advocacy groups
- Coordination Topics:
 - Western connection near Market Street/Leo Birmingham Parkway
 - DCR shared use path network connections
 - Work on City of Boston streets and sidewalks
 - Signal modifications and bicycle phasing/MUTCD compliance
 - Long-term ownership and maintenance responsibilities

Significant evaluation of elements and portions of the pathway connection extend beyond MassDOT's noise barrier project limits and require City-led coordination.

Lincoln Street Shared Use Path Coordination (5)



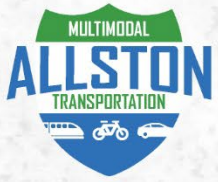
Recommended Next Step for City of Boston Shared Use Path Project:

- MassDOT:
 - Deliver the Lincoln Street Noise Barrier Project
 - Construct coordinated and agreed upon pathway enabling elements
 - Preserve corridor space for future implementation
- City of Boston:
 - Advance under a dedicated planning and design effort
 - Complete required engineering analysis
 - Coordinate with Agencies, Jurisdictions and Stakeholders
 - Establish implementation strategy

The Lincoln Street Noise Barrier project creates the opportunity for a future City of Boston Shared Use Path.

Delivering the Shared Use Path requires a separate project led through its own planning, design and implementation process.

Lincoln Street Shared Use Path Coordination (6)



TAKE AWAYS:

- ❖ The pathway is not sufficiently developed to be incorporated into a project that is currently at final design.
- ❖ Advancing the pathway would require a separate project development process and extensive coordination beyond the scope of the noise barrier project
- ❖ MassDOT will remain engaged throughout the Shared Use Path coordination process with the City of Boston and stakeholders

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Looking Ahead

- Proposed Upcoming Task Force Meeting Dates
July 22, No August Meeting, September TBD
- Task Force Meeting Locations
- Potential Topics at Upcoming Task Force Meetings
 - Planned and Ongoing Projects in the Project Area
 - MBTA Service Modernization Plan
 - WRRB Report Presentation
 - Independent Consultant Review
- Other Suggested Topics for Upcoming Task Force Meetings?

Thank You!

