



Arborway Parkway Improvements Project

Public Workshop

January 2022



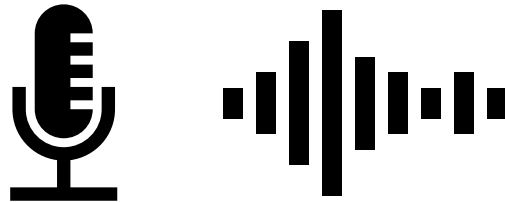
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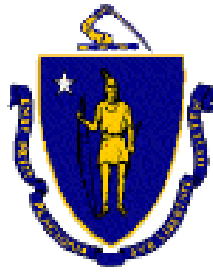
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Workshop Agenda



1. Introduction
2. Project Goals
3. Engagement & Alternatives Development
4. Workshop Format
5. Breakout Rooms
6. Next Steps



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"To protect, promote, and enhance our Commonwealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the well-being of all."

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Project Stakeholder Shared Goals



Improve safety for all users and modes of travel.



Improve accessibility and connectivity for all users along Arborway.



Support Olmsted's vision for the parkway as a green, recreational space.



Embrace opportunities to make improvements as they arise if possible.



Build Resilience Implement a Low-impact and Climate Resilient Design.



Balance the project goals and needs of different users.

Project Area



Engagement & Public Outreach



Spring 2020

- Met with elected officials
- Met with community stakeholders

Summer 2020


- Virtual public meeting
- Collected public comments
- Site walks with community stakeholders
- Met with National Grid Gas

Fall 2020

- Virtual public meeting
- Collected public comments

Winter/Spring 2020-2021






- Met with Arnold Arboretum staff
- Met with City of Boston officials with Site visit

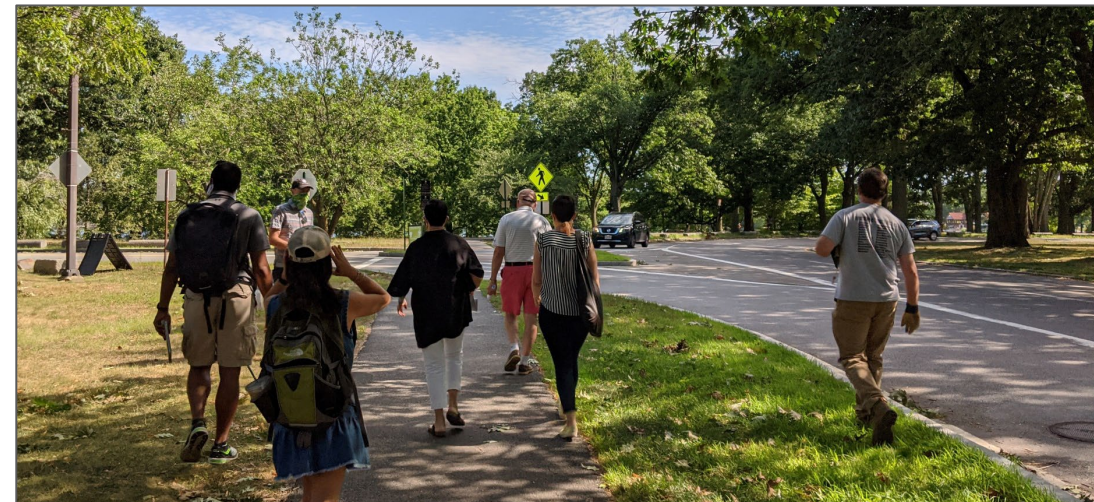


Discussion Prompts

1. What do you most want to gain through this project?
2. What do you want to add in terms of design elements?
3. What do you most want to retain in terms of design elements?

Shared Goals

-  **Improve safety** for all users and modes of travel.
-  **Improve accessibility and connectivity** for all users along Arborway.
-  **Support Olmsted's vision** for the parkway as a green, recreational space in its own right.
-  **Embrace opportunities** to make improvements as they arise if possible.
-  **Balance** the project goals and needs of different users.





Elected Officials

Representative Liz Malia
Representative Russell Holmes
Former Representative Jeffrey Sanchez
Representative Nika Elugardo
Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz

Community Stakeholder Organizations

Allandale Coalition	Franklin Park Coalition
Arborway Coalition	Jamaica Hills Association
Arnold Arboretum	Jamaica Plain Historical Society
Asticou/Martinwood/South St Neighborhood Assoc. (AMSNA)	Jamaica Pond Association
Boston Cyclists Union	Livable Streets
Boston Transportation Department	Longfellow Area Neighborhood Coalition
Boston Parks and Recreation Department	Massachusetts State Police
Emerald Necklace Conservancy	Walk Boston
Faulkner Hospital	West Selden St. Neighborhood Assoc.

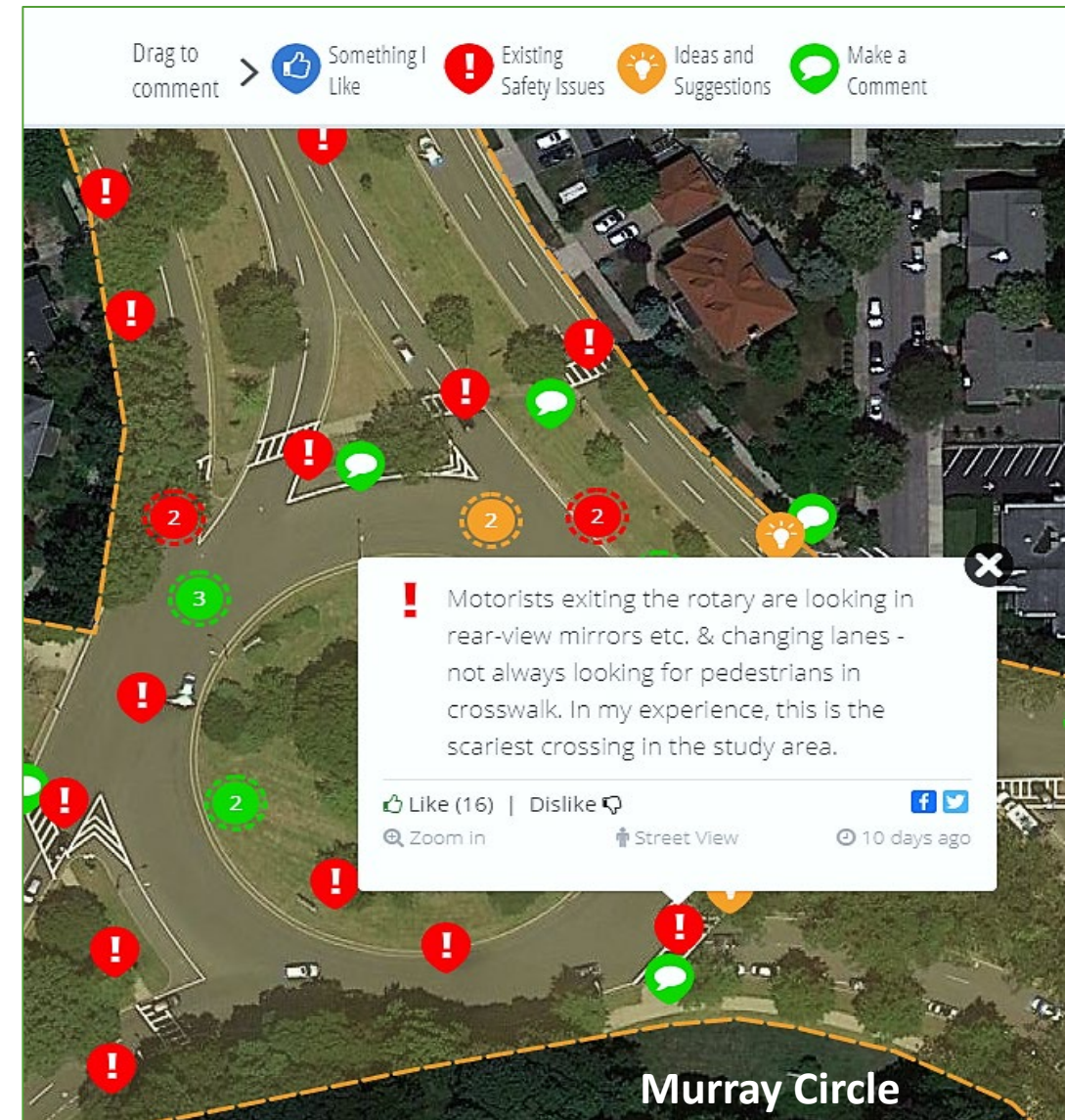
Public Comments Received – Existing Conditions



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Public comments received
in June and July 2020

398	Interactive online map
69	DCR's online comment portal
42	Online survey
3	Email
3	Postal mail



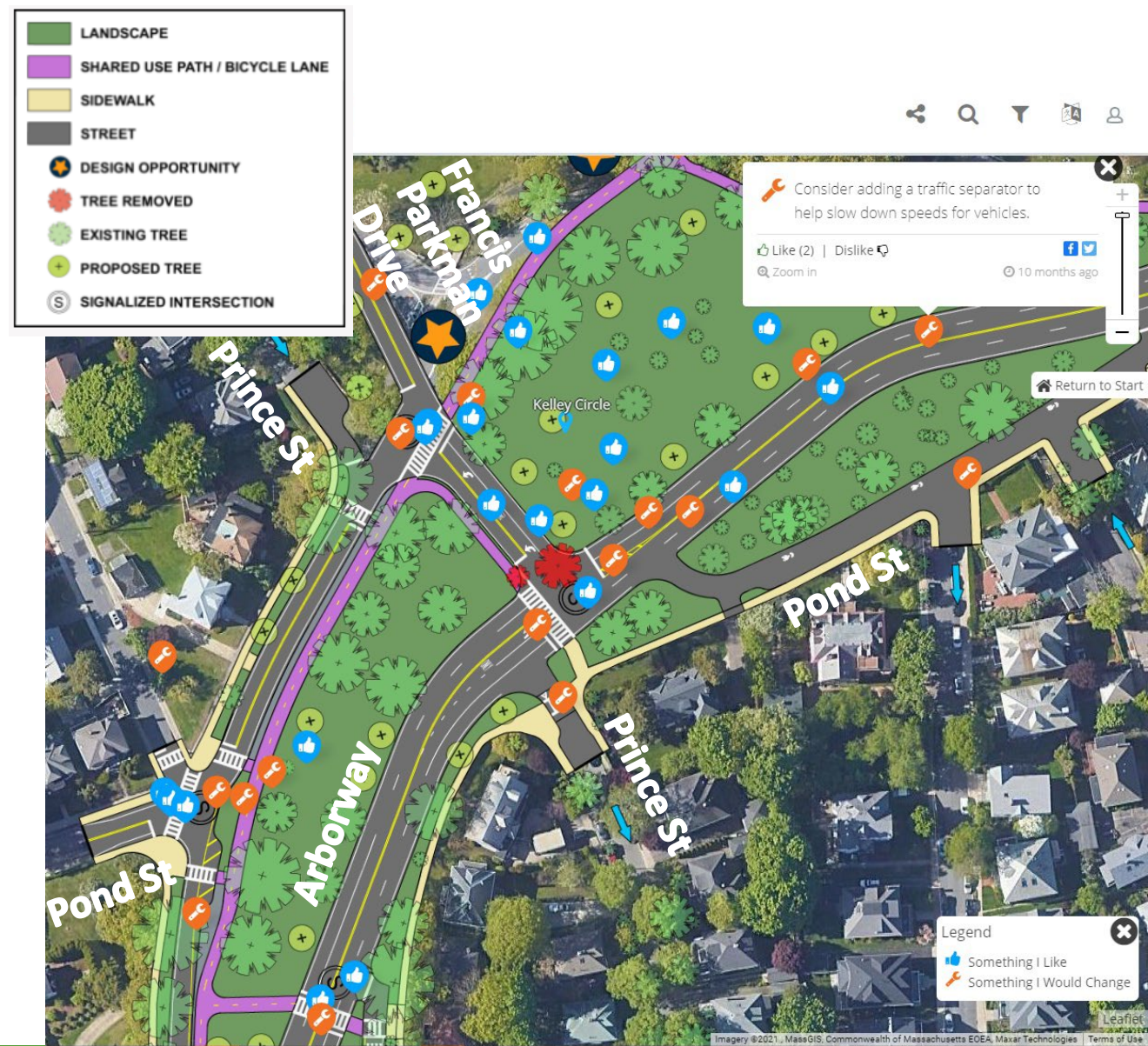
Public Comments Received – Alternative Development



651

Public comments received
in October 2020

522	Interactive online map
60	DCR's online comment portal
45	Online survey
20	Email
4	Postal mail





Alternative 1(A)



Improve safety



Improve accessibility and connectivity

Alternative 2(B)



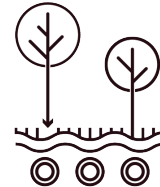
Support Olmsted's vision

Alternative 3(C)



Embrace opportunities

Alternative 4

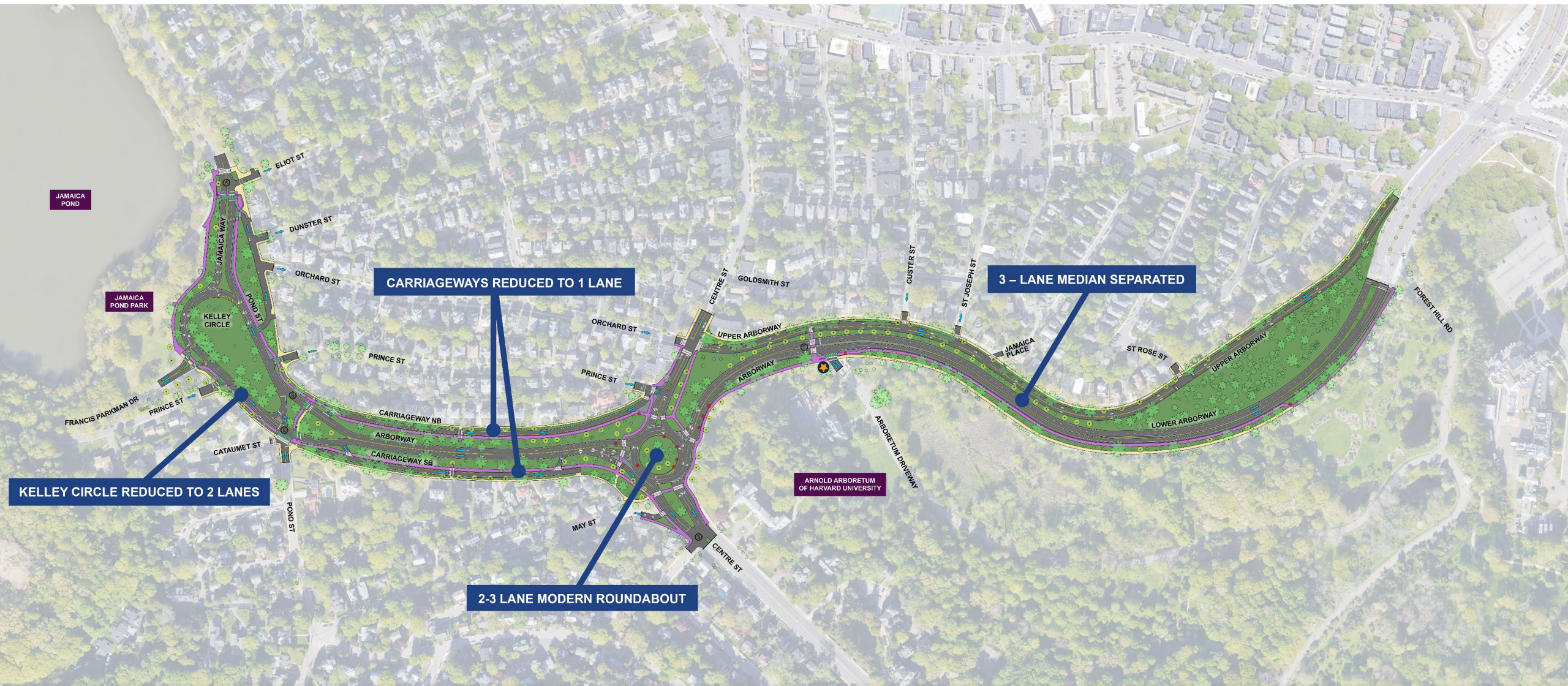


Build Resilience

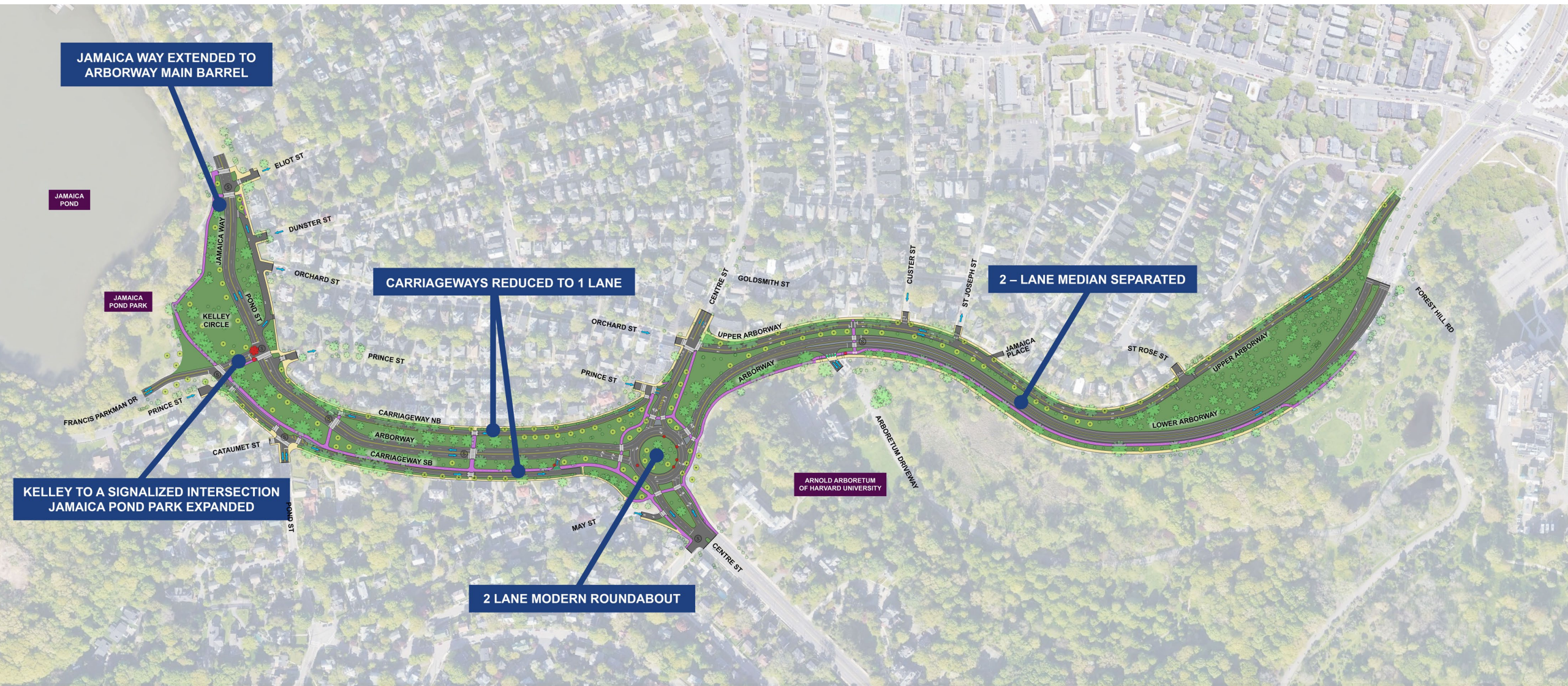


Balance

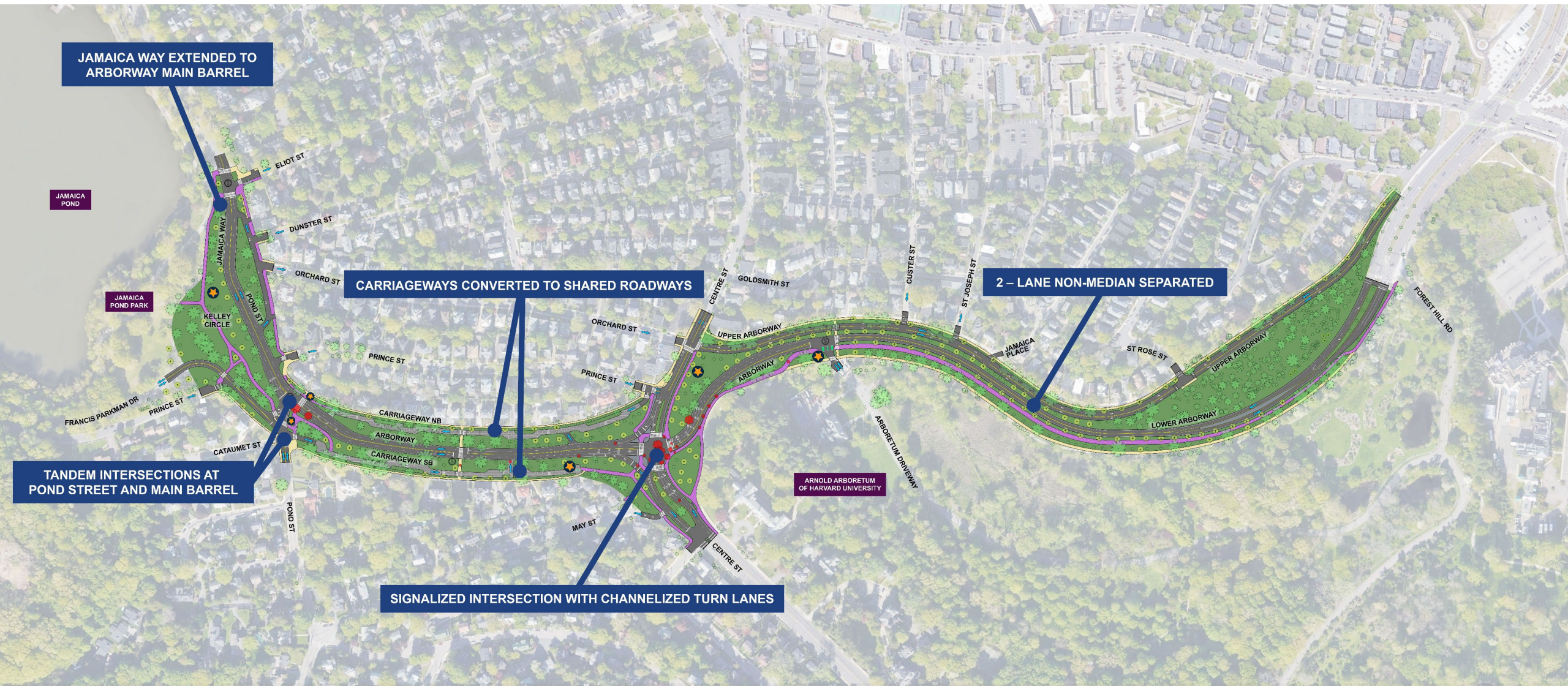
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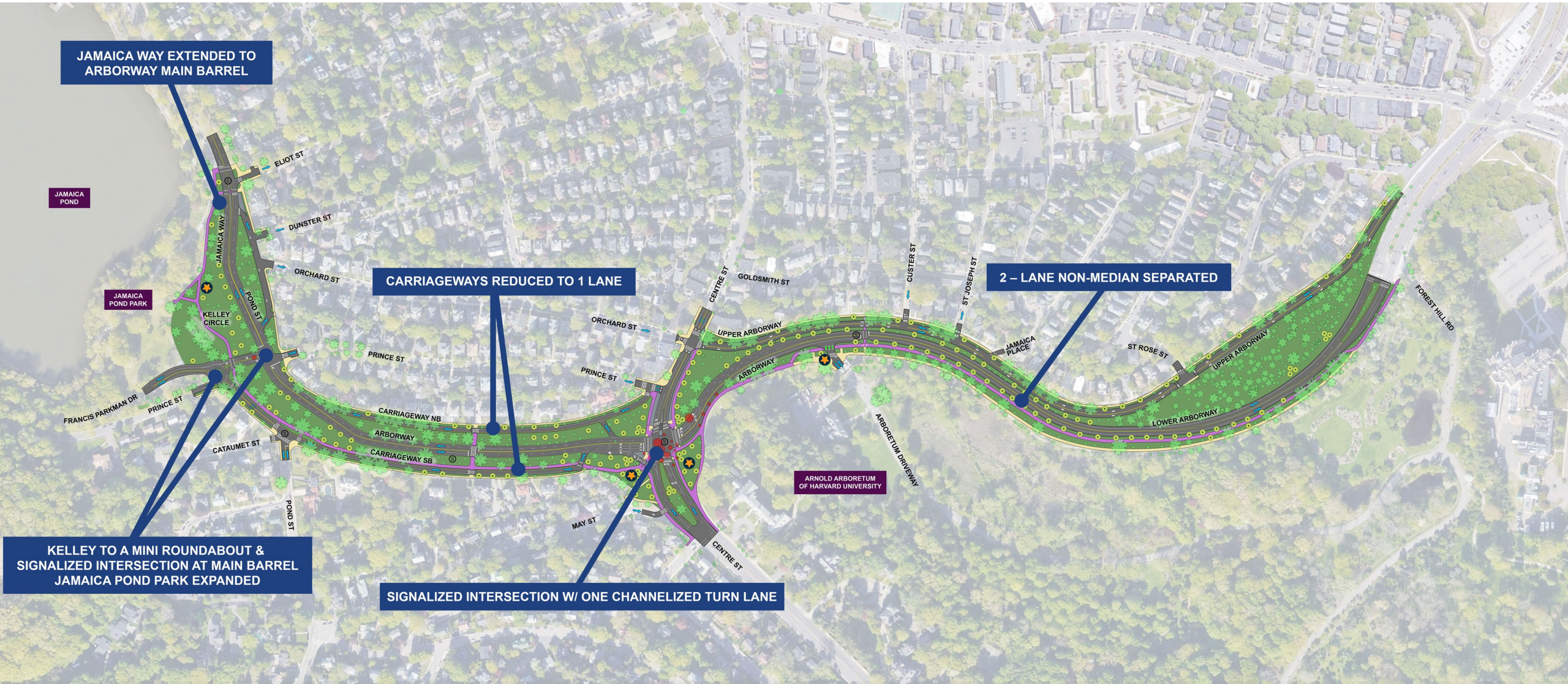
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ALTERNATIVE 3



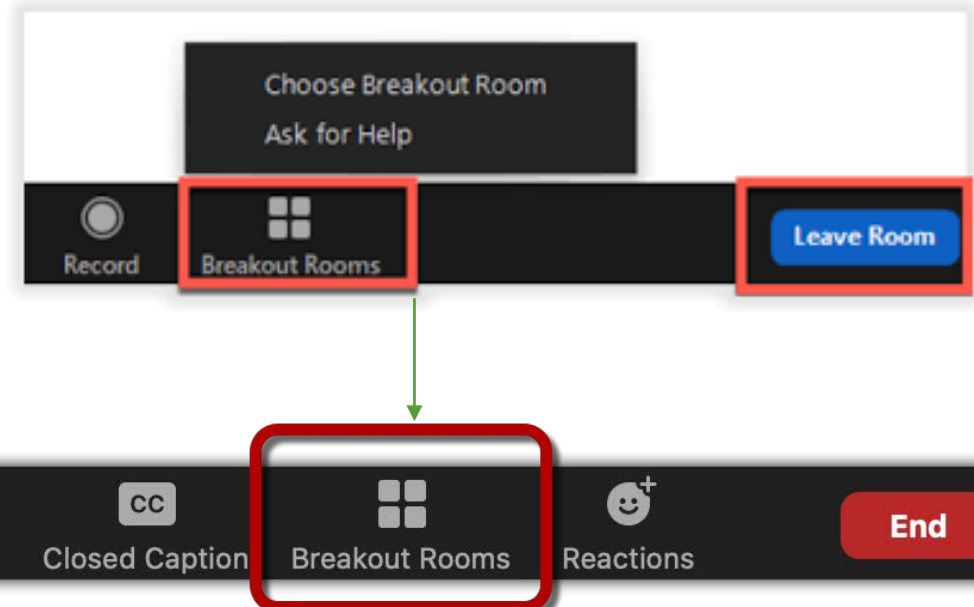
ALTERNATIVE 4





Zoom Controls

- Raise hand feature is under Reactions
- Closed Captions are enabled
- Chat available for questions and comments
- Able to share camera when you speak
- Only co-hosts may record



Virtual Breakout Room Tips

1. Please be patient. We will try our best to call on attendees with 'raised hands' and alternate between reading out questions from the chat box.
2. Please be efficient. We have limited time and would like to hear from as many people as possible.
3. When you are called on, make sure your microphone is unmuted. Your mic needs to be unmuted on your end and our end.
4. Having technical difficulties or didn't get called on? Don't worry! You can share your feedback after the meeting.

Breakout Rooms

- Three- **25-minute** sessions
- Able to join and leave breakout rooms on your own
- Notification when it's time to change
- Main room will remain open for late arrivals

1. Kelley Circle

2. Main Barrel and Carriageways

3. Murray Circle

4. Arborway and Upper Arborway

5. Traffic and Public Realm

Next Steps



Thank you for joining us!

We invite you and all members of the public to share feedback using our survey. Survey will close **February 10, 2022.**

- <https://virtualmeeting.link/Arborway-Parkways-Improvements-Survey>
- Submit a written comment online
 - www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment
- Submit a written comment by mail:
 - Arborway Parkway Improvements
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