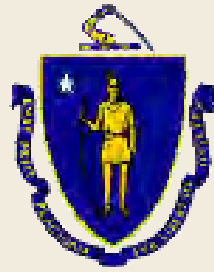




Centre St/Walter St Improvement



July 30th, 2020
Virtual Public
Information Meeting



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DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our
common wealth of natural, cultural
and recreational resources
for the well-being of all.*



Agenda

Welcome

Project Goals and Objectives

Original Concepts

February Meeting Recap

The Preferred Alternative

Q&A

Closing Remarks



Project Area



Project Goals and Objectives

Pedestrians

- Provide adequate sidewalks
- Provide safe crosswalks



Bicyclists

- Provide a westbound connection from Walter to Centre Street
- Reduce high speed turn approaches



Drivers

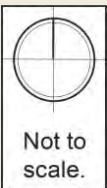
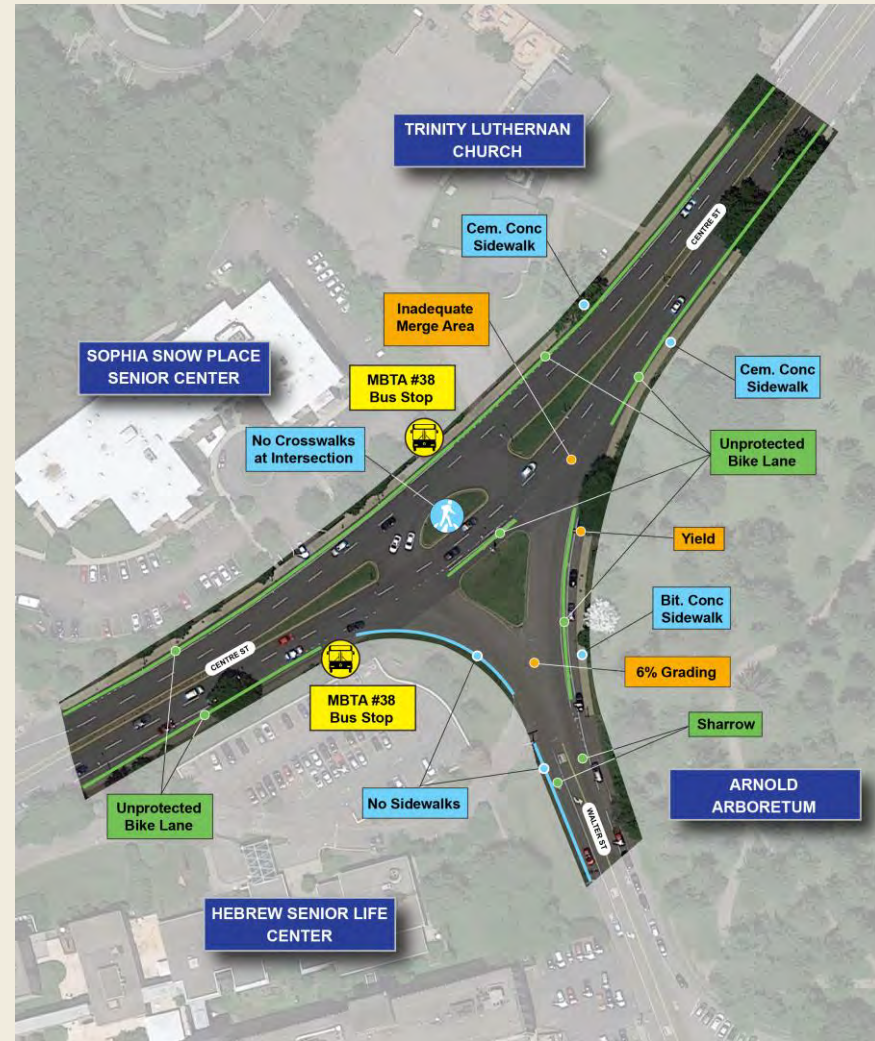
- Provide adequate lane markings
- Reduce long queues turning into and out of Walter Street from Centre Street



Project Area - Issues

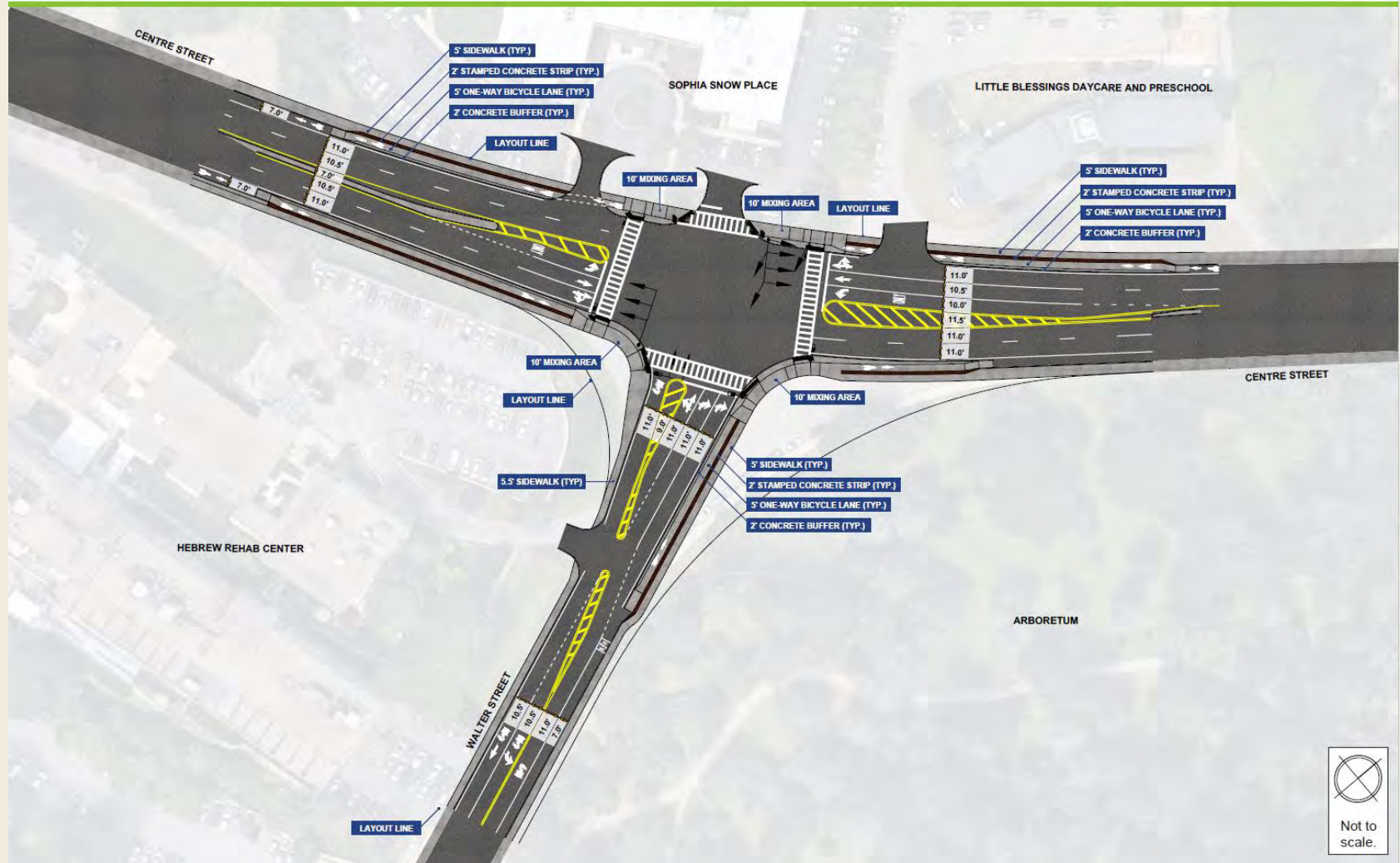
- **For Pedestrians**
 - Lack of sidewalks
 - Lack of marked crosswalks
 - A long walk to the next crosswalk:*
 - ~1/4 mile to VFW Parkway
 - ~1/3 mile to Allandale Street
- **For Bicyclists**
 - No westbound connections from Walter to Centre Street
 - High speed turn approaches
- **For Drivers**
 - No lane markings
 - Long queues turning into and out of Walter Street from Centre Street

**Assumes Sophia Snow Place as starting point and Arboretum as destination*



Alternative 1

CENTER STREET AT WALTER STREET - ALTERNATIVE I



Alternative 2

CENTER STREET AT WALTER STREET - ALTERNATIVE II

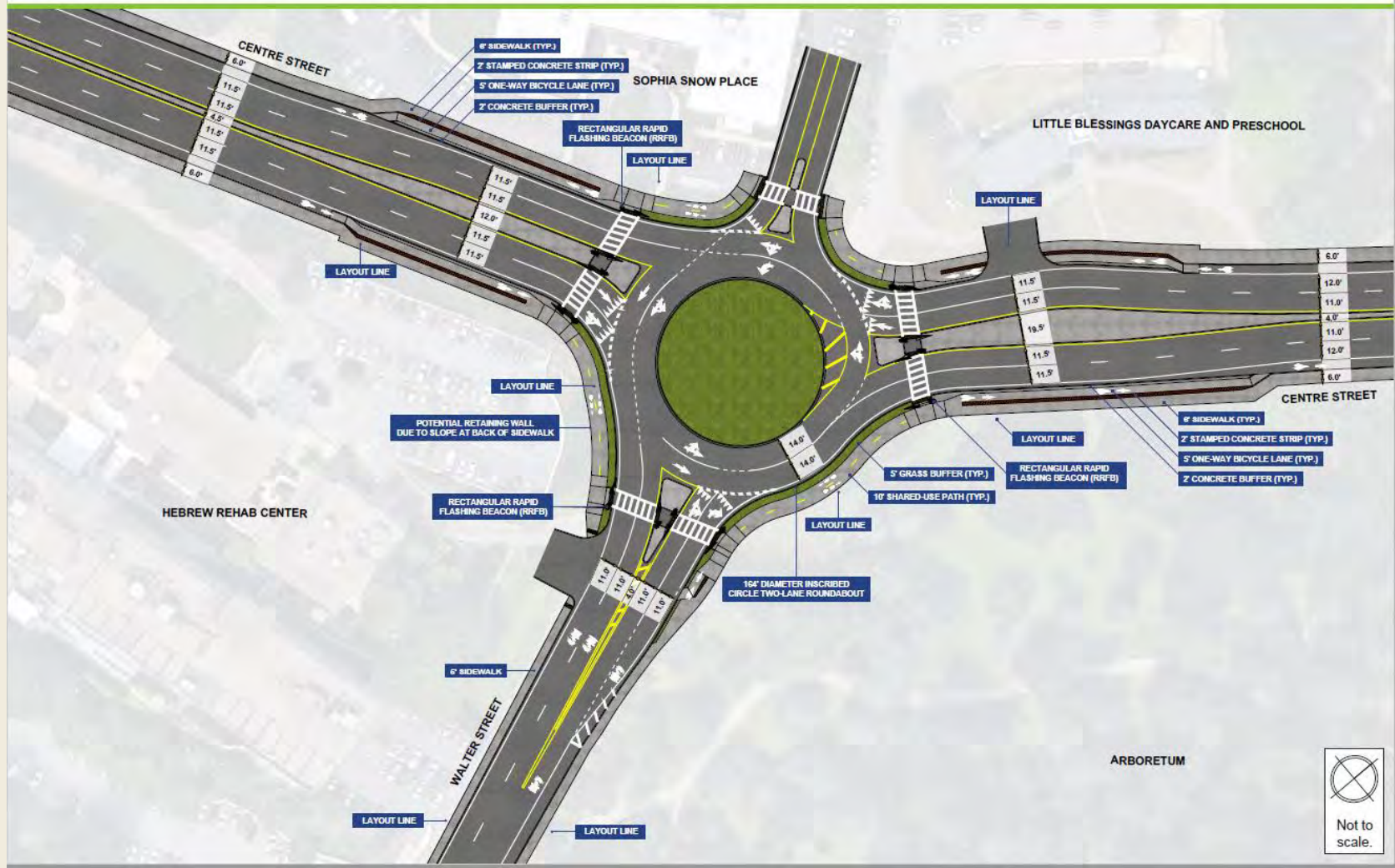
HOWARD STERN HUBSON
ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS



Roundabout Alternative

CENTER STREET AT WALTER STREET - ROUNDABOUT ALTERNATIVE

HOWARD STERN ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS



What we heard from the February Meeting

Concerns

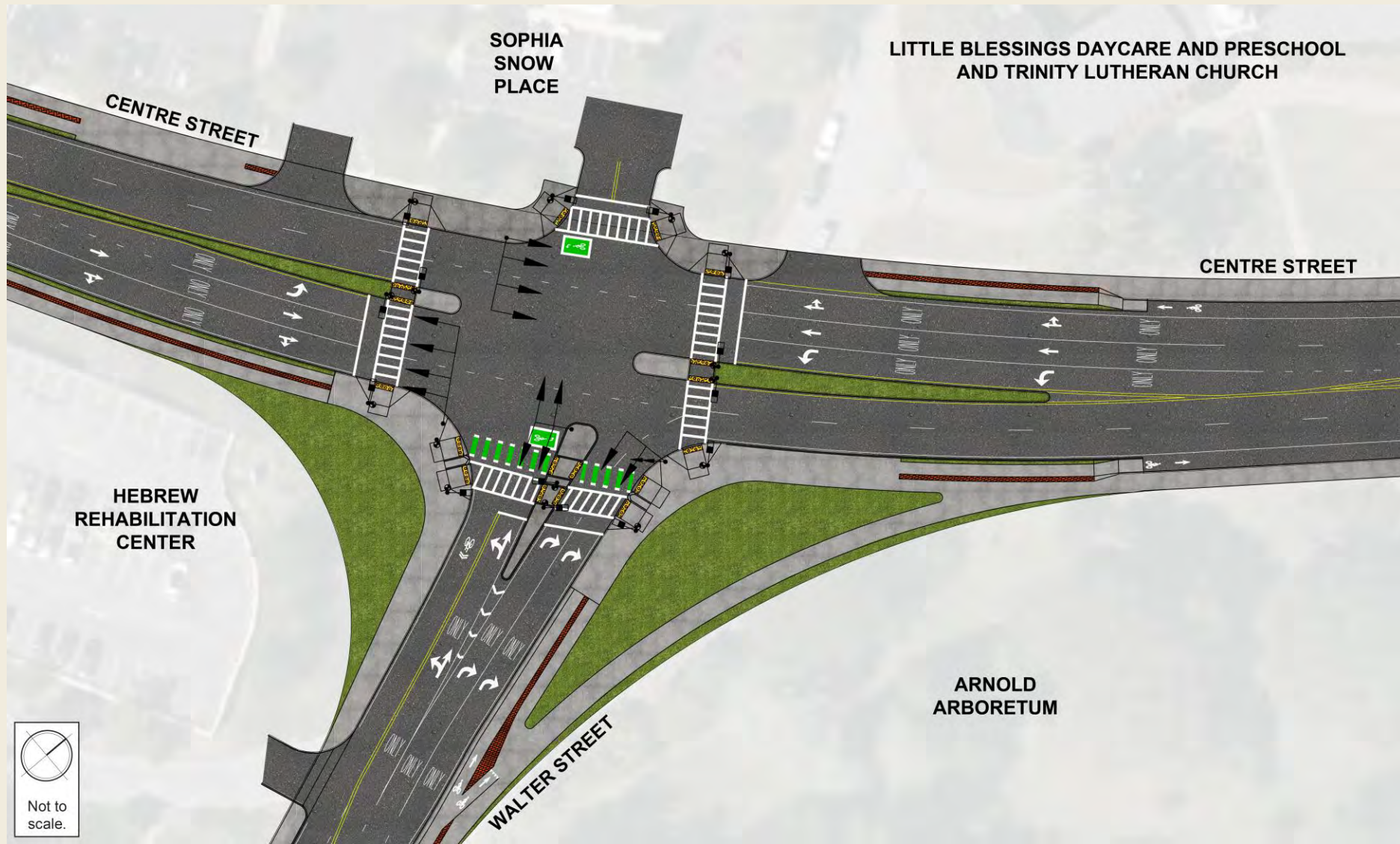
- Long traffic queues
- Lack of access to Arnold Arboretum
- Speeding through the intersection

Requests

- Commenters overwhelmingly disliked the roundabout alternative
- Reconfiguration of bus stops to decrease delays and improve transit rider access to surrounding destinations.
- Increased traffic calming measures
- Shorter crosswalk distances
- Adequate lane markings and street signals
- Increased bike safety



Preferred Alternative



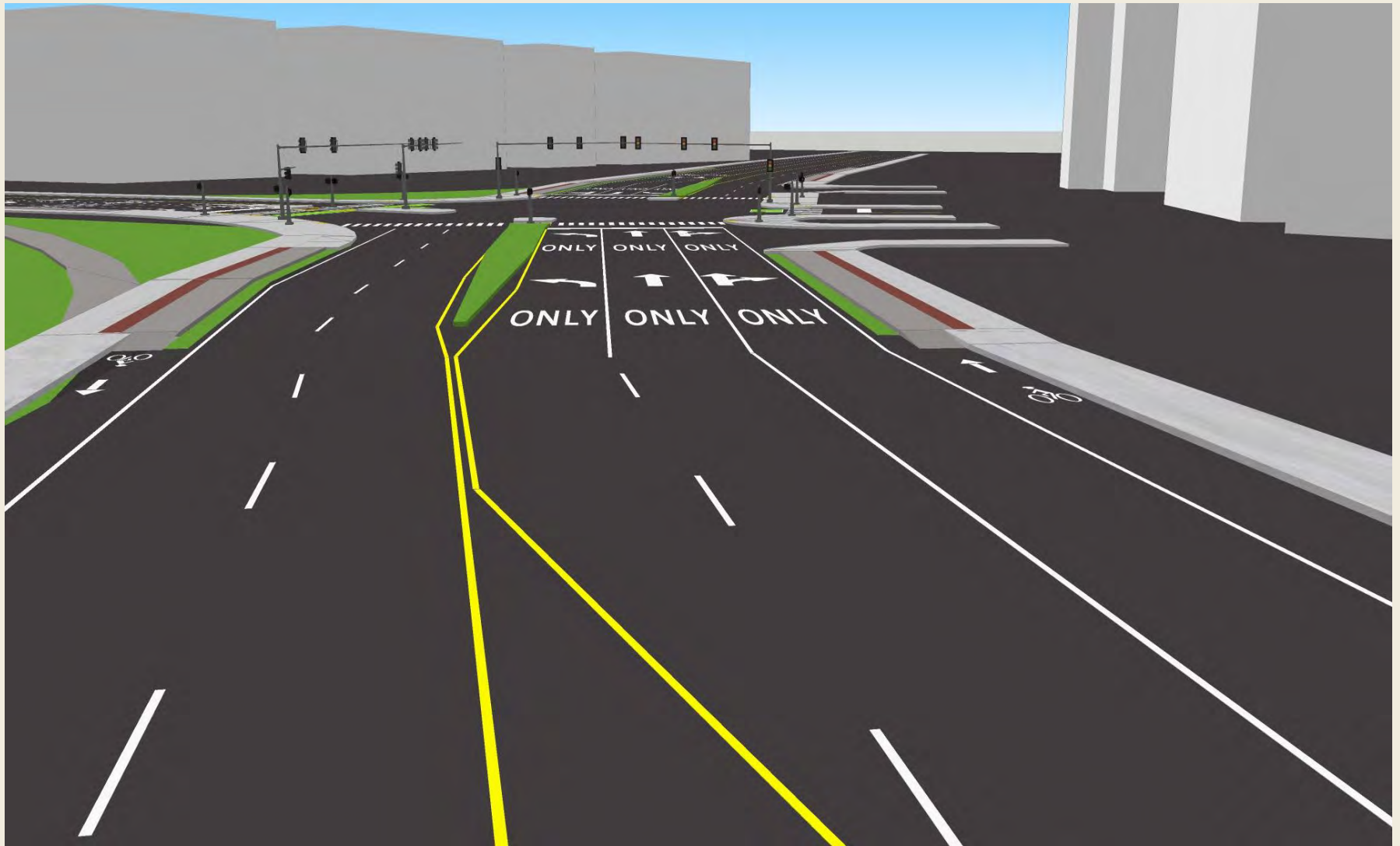
Concept Aerial Image



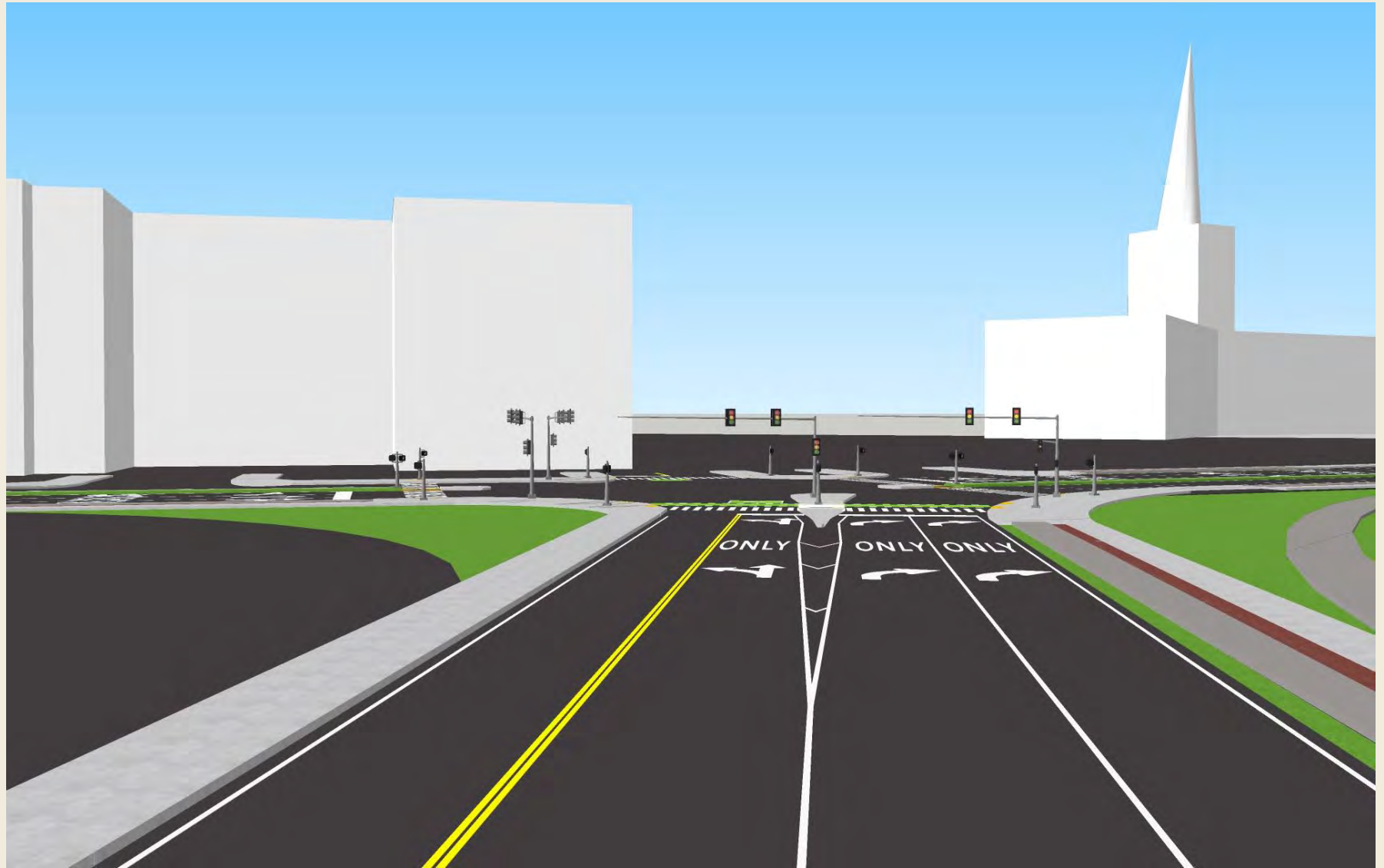
Street View – Centre Street Northbound



Street View – Centre Street Southbound



Street View – Walter Street Westbound



Street View – Sophia Snow Driveway Eastbound



Project Schedule Overview



Winter-
Spring 2020
Collect data, raise awareness, and gather public input.



Spring-
Summer 2020
Gather comments, select preferred alternative, update & discuss with stakeholders, and start design.



Summer 2020-
Winter 2021
Continue design through summer and fall. Wrap up by winter.



Winter –
Spring 2021
Award project and begin construction.



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<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/past-public-meetings>
- **If you have comments on this project:**
 - *Submit online at:* <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/>
 - *Write:* Centre Street and Walter Street Intersection Improvements c/o Howard Stein Hudson, 11 Beacon Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02108.
 - *Comment Period (pertaining to this meeting):*
July 30, 2020 – August 14, 2020
 - *Please note that the content of comments you submit to DCR, along with your name, city/town, and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Providing additional contact information when commenting, notably email address, is optional, and will only be used for outreach on future updates on the subject project or property.*
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