



Roadway Improvements to West Main Street (Route 97)

Georgetown, MA

Design Public Hearing | February 7th, 2022 | 6:30 PM

Project File No. 602843



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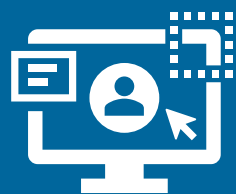
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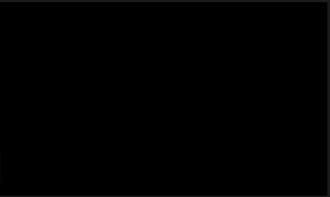
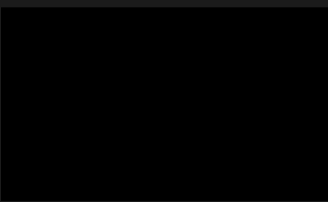
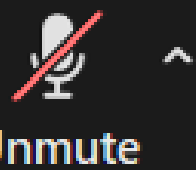
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Important notes

- Your microphone and webcam are automatically disabled upon entering the meeting.
- The meeting will be open to questions and answers at the end of the presentation.
- Please take time to respond to our survey at the end of the presentation. Your feedback is important.

All questions and comments are welcome and appreciated, however we do request that you refrain from any disrespectful comments.

Public Outreach

- **Newspaper Advertisements**

This Design Public Hearing was advertised in two local newspapers:

- ***The Daily News of Newburyport*** on January 29, 2022, and February 4, 2022
- ***The Eagle Tribune*** on January 28, 2022, and February 4, 2022

- **Coordination with the Town of Georgetown**

Town officials were involved in the process of design public hearing and utility meeting.

- Plans are available on the Town's website

<https://www.georgetownma.gov/highway-department/pages/reconstruction-west-main-street>

Agenda

- Introduction / Project Area
- Project Budget and Funding
- Project Goals
- Proposed Improvements
- Right of Way Discussion
- Permitting
- Next Steps
- Contact Information
- Questions & Answers



Introduction

- **Municipality** – Georgetown (Pete Durkee, Highway Surveyor & Tree Warden)
- **MassDOT Highway Division** - Responsible for administering the Design Process and providing Resident Engineer Services
- **MassDOT Project Manager** – Janhavi Limaye, P.E.
- **MassDOT ROW Bureau** – Craig Sheehan
- **MassDOT District - 4** – Daniel Fleury
- **Design Consultant** – Bayside Engineering Mark Ottariano, P.E. responsible for design
- **Federal Highway Administration** – Responsible for oversight



Project Budget and Funding

Budget and Funding

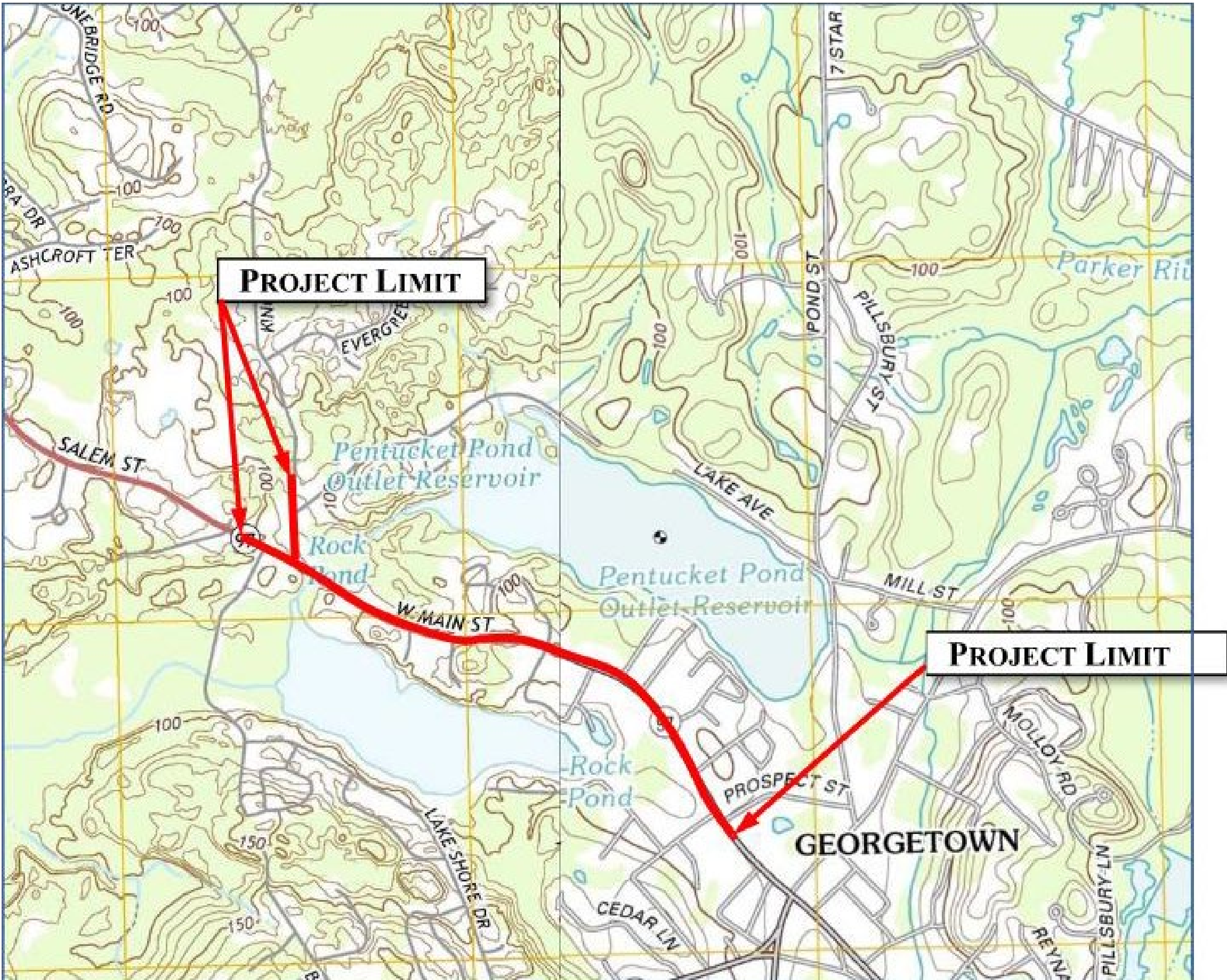
- Estimated total project cost ~ \$7.0 Million

The total estimated cost of the project does not include any right of way acquisition costs.

- Federal Highway Administration funding 80% (Federal Aid)
- MassDOT funding 20% (remaining construction cost)

This project must be programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the appropriate Federal Fiscal Year in order for MassDOT to solicit bids for eventual construction.

Locus Map



How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**



Project Goals

- Pavement rehabilitation
- Improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Connection to the existing shared use path at King Street and Old Jacobs Road
- Bikeability
- Improved safety for all users
- Improve collection and treatment of stormwater runoff



**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Proposed Improvements

- West Main Street (Route 97)
 - Reconstruction of existing roadway
 - Realignment of King Street Intersection
 - Shared-use path
 - ADA compliant path and curb ramps
 - New traffic signs and pavement markings
 - New closed drainage system
- King Street
 - Roadway resurfacing



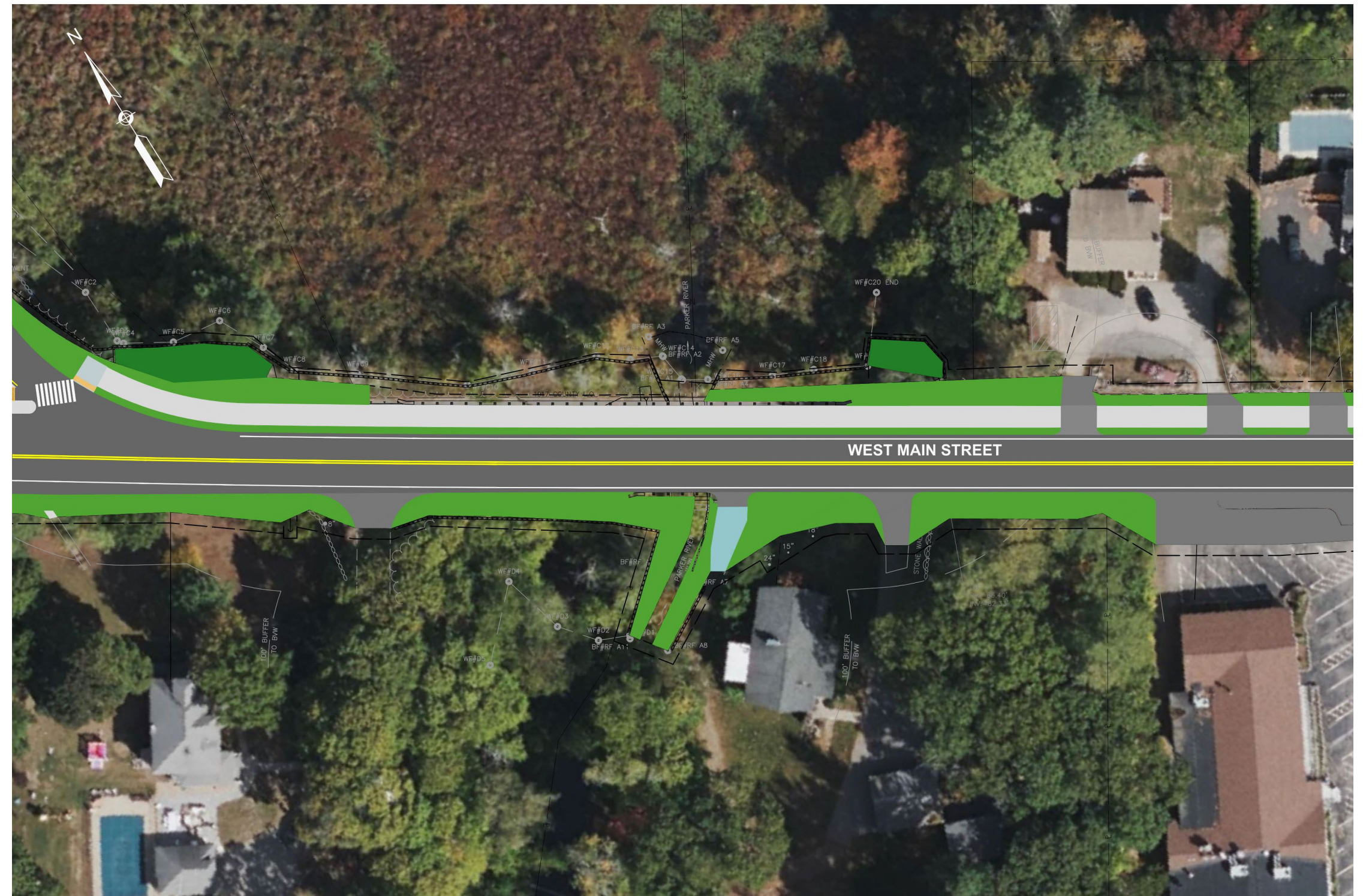
King Street Intersection

- Intersection realigned to provide better sight lines for motorists
 - Includes raising the roadway to increase sight distance
- Roadway resurfacing to provide link with existing multi-use path



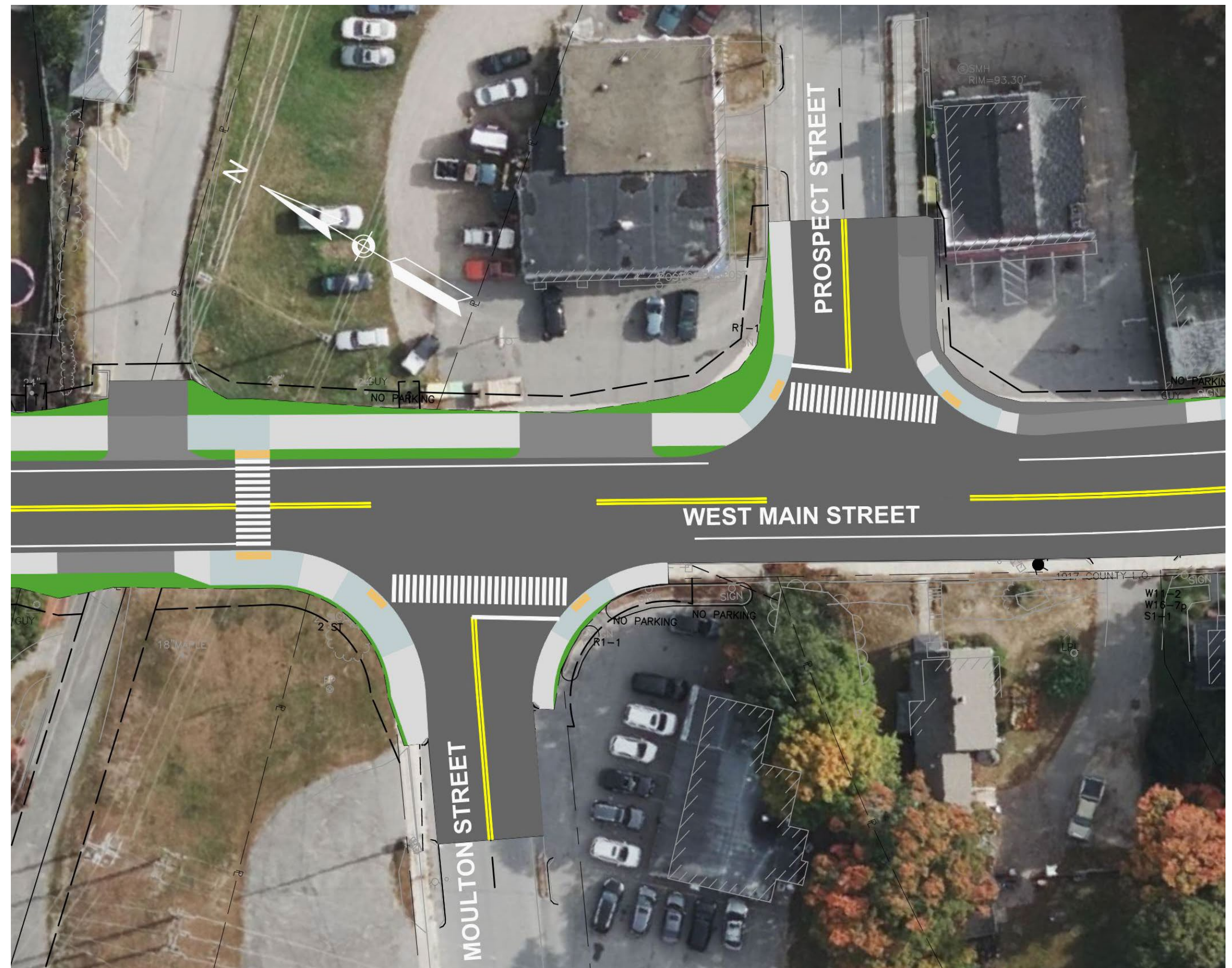
Parker River Crossing

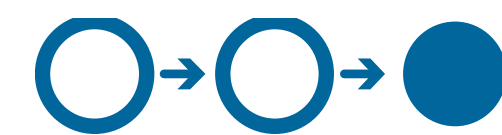
- West Main Street raised to help alleviate flooding
 - New box culvert will be installed to prevent overtopping



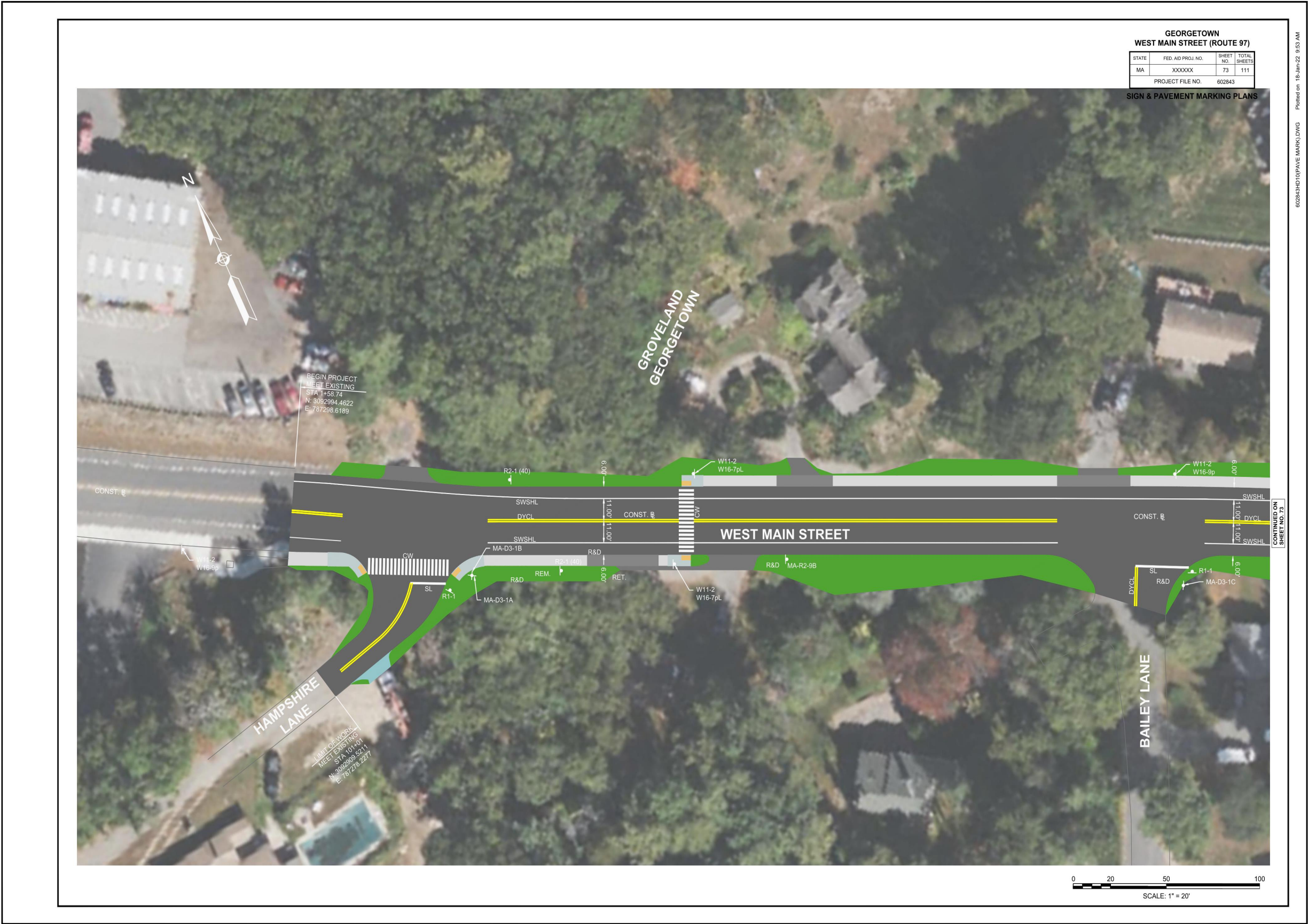
Moulton Street Intersection

- Multi-use path ends on West Main Street
 - Will crossover to Moulton Street where it will be connected to a future MassDOT project





**How has our
design
progressed?**





























**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Right of Way (ROW) discussion – 25% Design

- Responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of a project.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the ROW Bureau or consultants representing MassDOT.
- Procedures must comply with state and federal regulations governing the acquisition process.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
 - If project receives federal funds, property owners are further protected under Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended.
- Fee takings, permanent easements, and/or temporary construction easements may be required.



**What are the
environmental,
cultural
resource, and
community
impacts?**

Permitting

- MassDOT
 - Early Environmental Coordination Checklist (EECC)
 - Water Quality Certification
- Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)
 - Environmental Notification Form (ENF)
- Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassDFW)
 - Will review for impacts to Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) mapped habitat
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) / Town of Georgetown Conservation Commission
 - Notice of Intent (NOI)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Categorical Exclusion
- National Historic Preservation Act
 - Georgetown Historical Commission will review project and its compliance with Section 106 of the Act





**What is the
construction
approach?**

Proposed construction approach

- Abutter and property access will be maintained by the Contractor for the duration of the project
- Pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle access will be maintained
- Roadway closures and detours (if necessary) will be limited to short durations
- Night and weekend work will be considered on an as needed basis



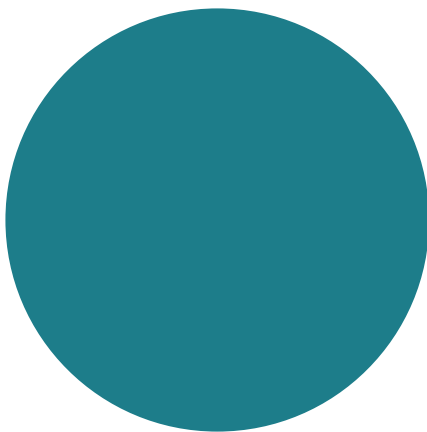


Next Steps

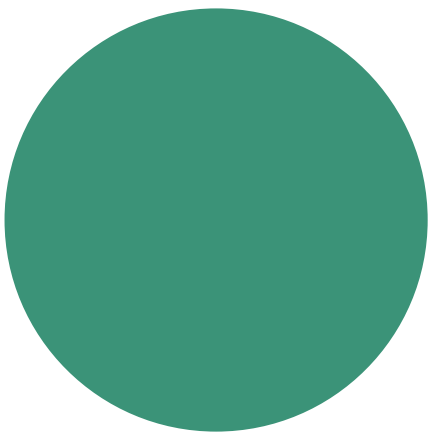
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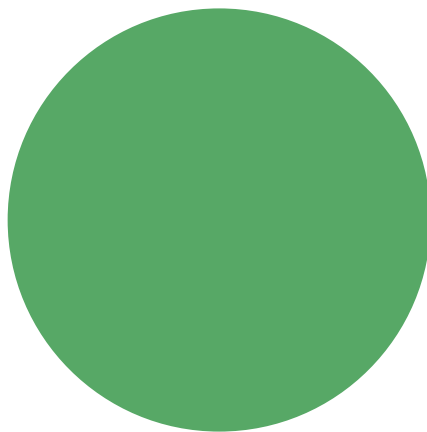
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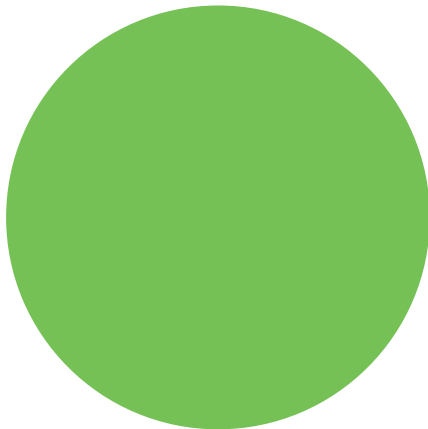
- Continue with design development
- 75% Design Submittal
 - 100% Design Submittal
 - PS&E Submittal



ROW Coordination



Advertise for project construction (Spring 2024)



Construction (Summer 2024-Spring 2025)



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

Contact Information

- The last sheet of handout is a mail –in – Sheet .
- Questions or comments submit email or mail to department within (10) days of this date
(it will become part of official Record)
- *Follow links or QR code from your screen to send comments or questions*

Contact Information

- Email comments directly to MassDOT (preferred)
 - MassDOTprojectmanagement@state.ma.us
 - Subject Line: Public Hearing Comments: Project File No. 602843
- Website address (Project Handout Form) – Please follow QR code
 - www.mass.gov/MassDOT-highway-design-public-hearings
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- Mail comments to MassDOT
 - Include last page of handout (can also be found at website above)
 - Comments must be postmarked within 10 days of when webinar was published for inclusion in public hearing transcript (*comments will be become part of the official Record*)
 - Mail to: Carrie Lavalley, P.E.
Acting Chief Engineer MassDOT
Attn: Project Management
Project File 302843
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

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**Questions and
discussion**

Questions and answers



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions



- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button



- Please state your name before your question



- Please share only 1 question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate



- To ask a question via phone, dial *9 and the moderator will call out the last 4-digits of your phone number and unmute your audio when it is your turn.



- Please take a few minutes to complete the survey after the meeting to let us know how your experience was with this virtual meeting.

**All questions and comments are subject to disclosure for public records.
Please use these functions for project related business only.**



Thank You

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