



# Improved Soldiers Field Road Crossings



## DCR Public Meeting

**Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm-7:30pm**  
**Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center**  
**Charlesview Residences**  
**123 Antwerp Street Extension, Brighton, MA 02135**



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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.*



## Purpose of Public Meeting

- *Project Overview*
- *Overview of Public Input from Previous Outreach Efforts*
- *Design Options for Telford Street Crossing*
- *Proposed Concept*
- *Input from Public*



# Soldiers Field Road Crossings

- 1. Public Input after Meeting #1** – *why revisit the design concept?*
- 2. At-Grade Crossing at Telford Street** – *what will this look like?*
- 3. Design and Construction Methods** – *how will changes to design affect construction?*



# Project Partners



**CITY** *of* **BOSTON**



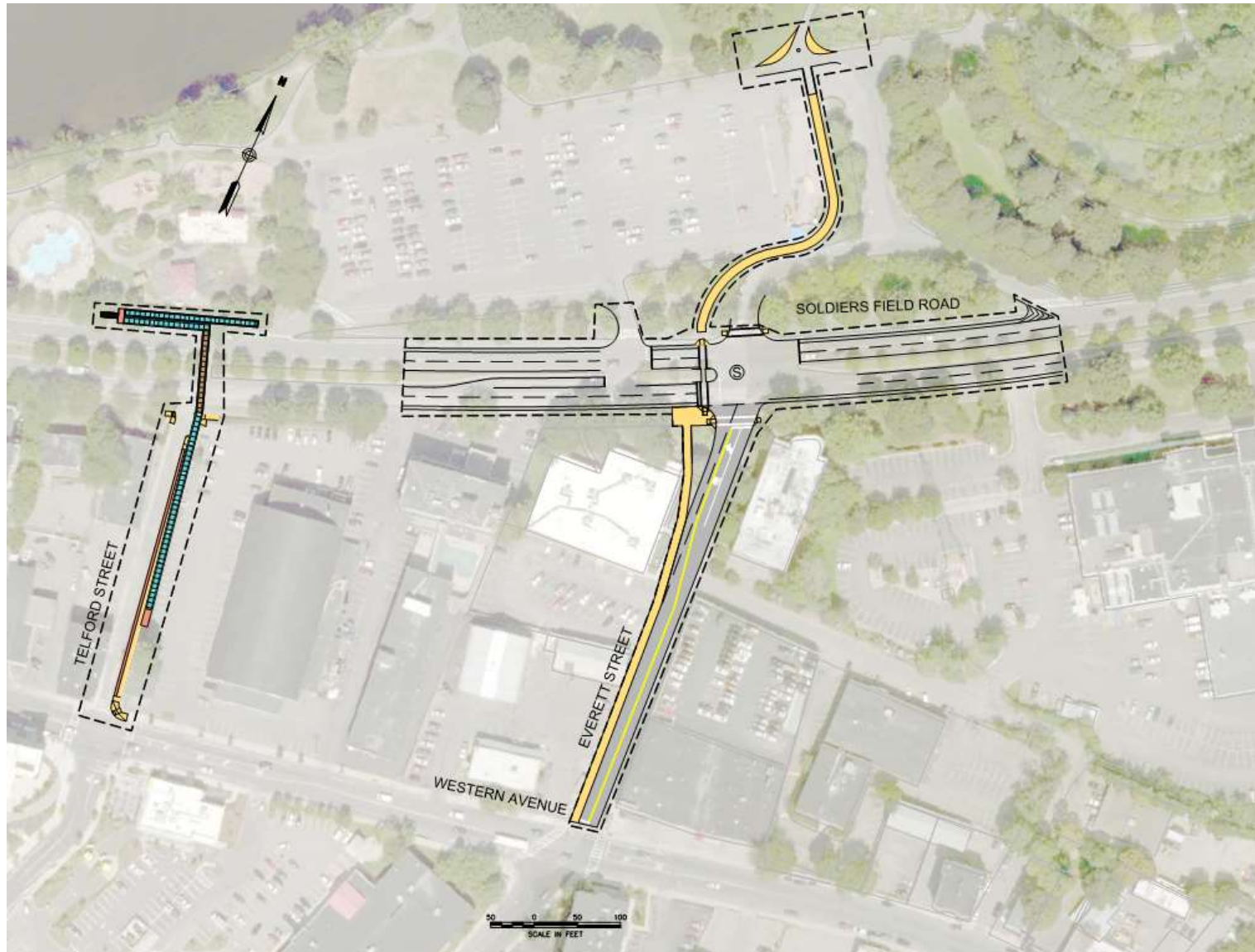
**HARVARD**  
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Harvard's Total Contribution:	\$ 3,500,000
<u>Feasibility Study:</u>	<u>-\$ 150,000</u>
Total Project Allocation:	\$ 3,350,000



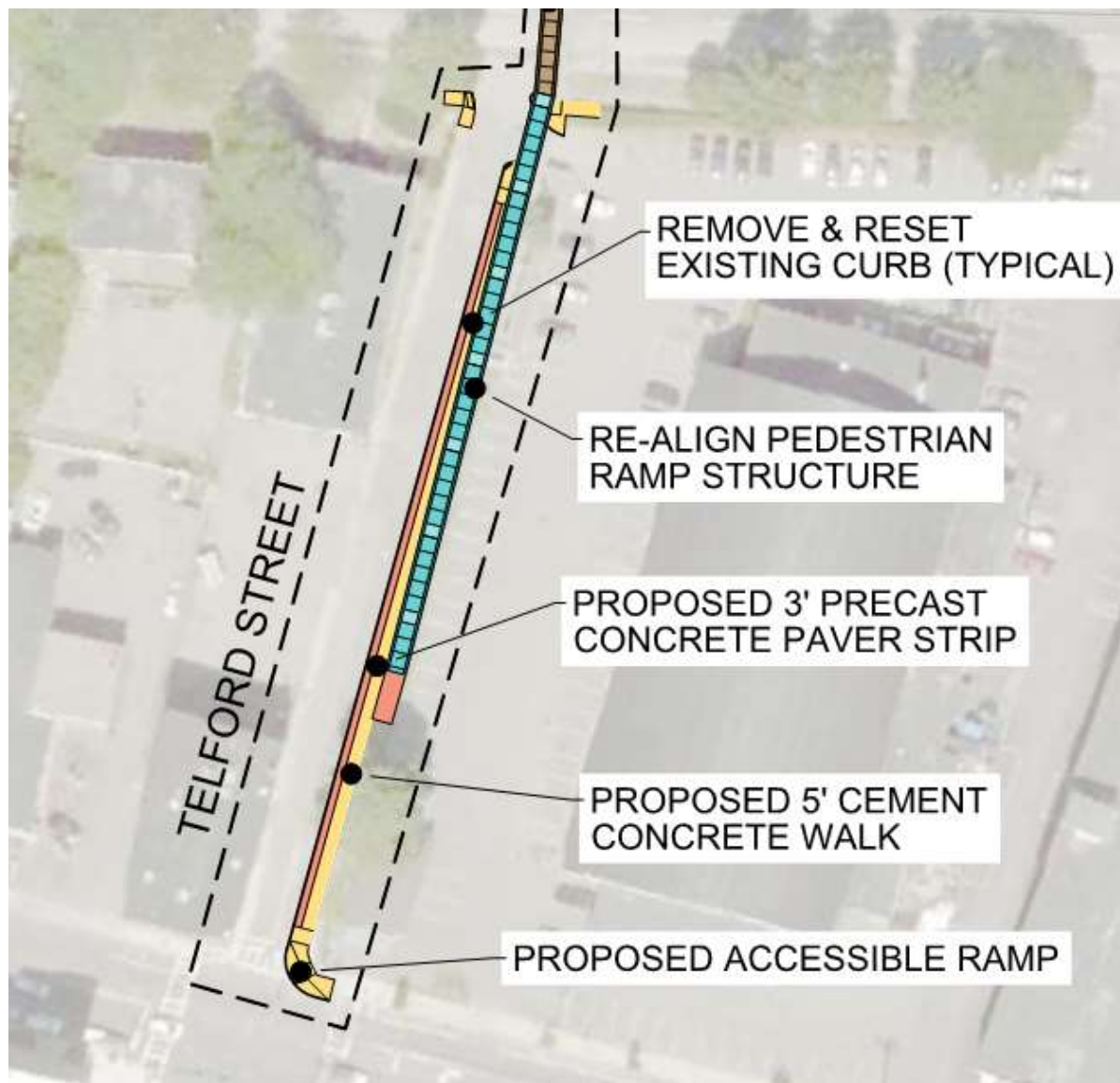


# Initial Improvements Concept





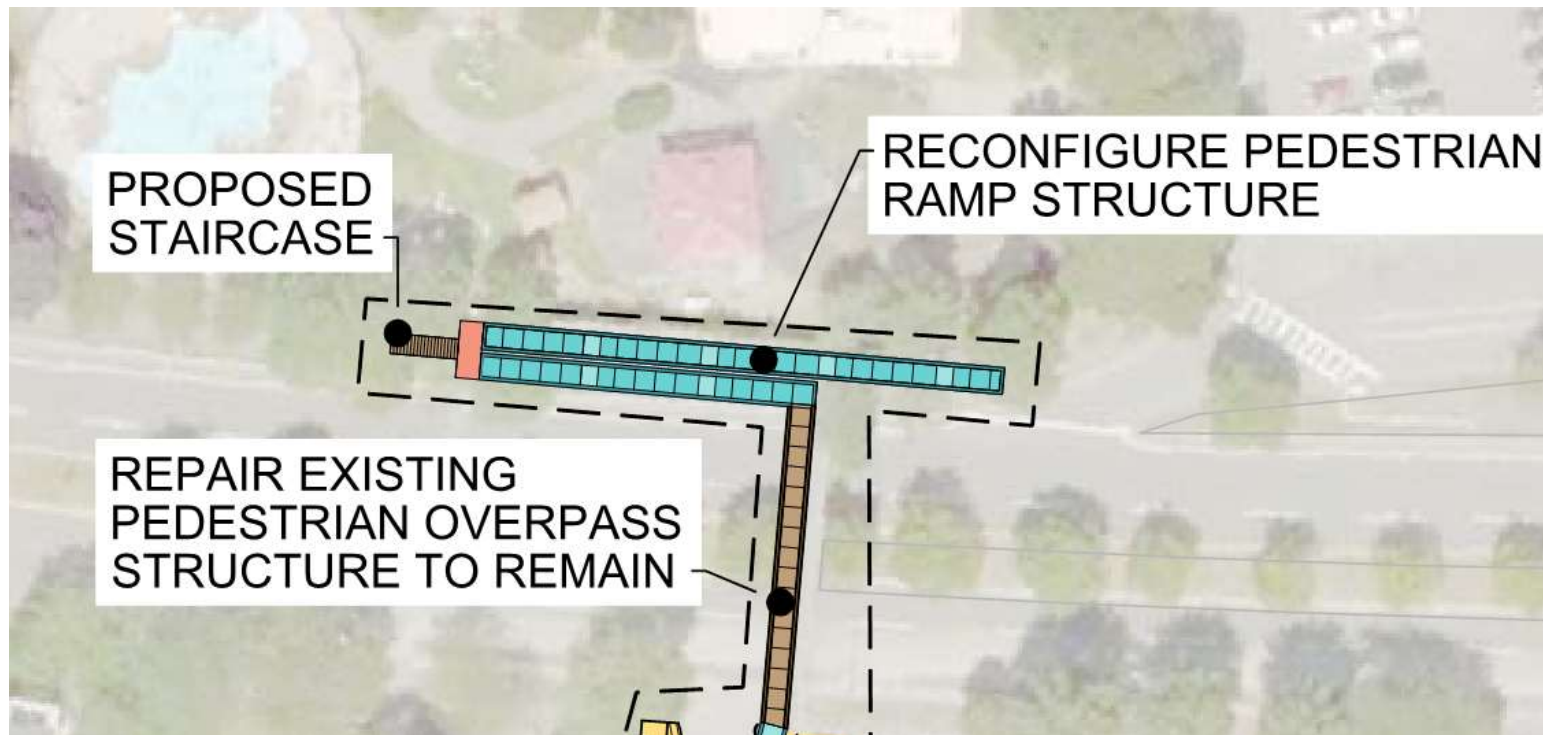
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# Public Input from Meeting #1

- ☐ **Overall support for the project, but with comments**
- ☐ **Connections to the river should accommodate cyclists, pedestrians, and disabled users**
- ☐ **Bridge rehabilitation will leave bridge too narrow and ramp switchbacks too difficult to accommodate bicycles, strollers, and pedestrians**
- ☐ **Desire for more landscaping throughout project limits**



# **Revised Improvements Concept - At-Grade Crossing Option**

- ☐ **Opens space for wider sidewalk and landscaping on Telford Street and Soldier's Field Road**
- ☐ **Eliminates need for large easement**
- ☐ **Improves maintainability** (snow removal, walking surface, etc)
- ☐ **Eliminates switchback ramps**
- ☐ **Maintains access throughout construction** (grade crossing completed before bridge removed)
- ☐ **Leaves remaining funds for community benefit**



# Project Budget

## Comparative Estimates for Bridge and Grade Crossing Alternatives

Project Budget:	\$ 3,350,000
<u>Estimate with Refurbished Bridge:</u>	<u>-\$ 4,700,000</u>
Deficit:	-\$ 1,350,000

Project Budget:	\$ 3,350,000
<u>Estimate with New Bridge:</u>	<u>-\$ 7,700,000</u>
Deficit:	-\$ 4,350,000

Project Budget:	\$ 3,350,000
<u>Estimate with Grade Crossing:</u>	<u>-\$ 2,600,000</u>
Surplus for Community Benefit:	\$ 750,000



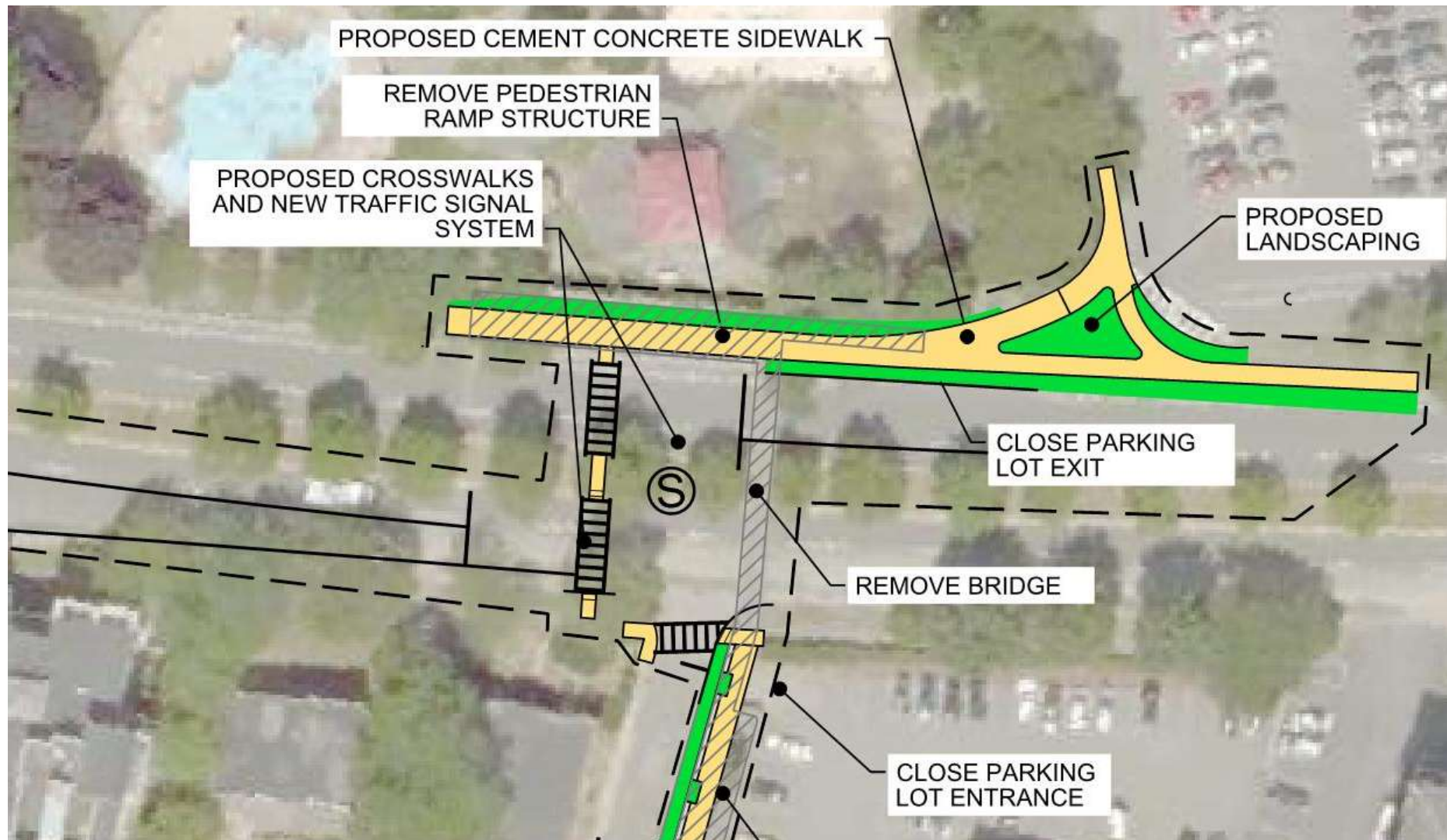
# Revised Improvements Concept







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# Telford Street Grade Crossing

- ❑ **Similar Crossings Studied**
  - ❑ **Jamaicaway**
  - ❑ **Fresh Pond Parkway**
- ❑ **Zero crashes involving bikes/peds at crossings**
- ❑ **Treatments of Successful Crossings**
  - ❑ ***High-Visibility Crosswalks***
  - ❑ ***Advanced Warning Signage***
  - ❑ ***Connections to Adjacent Paths***



Jamaicaway Pedestrian Crossing





# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Existing Condition



View #1



# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Proposed Signal and Crosswalk



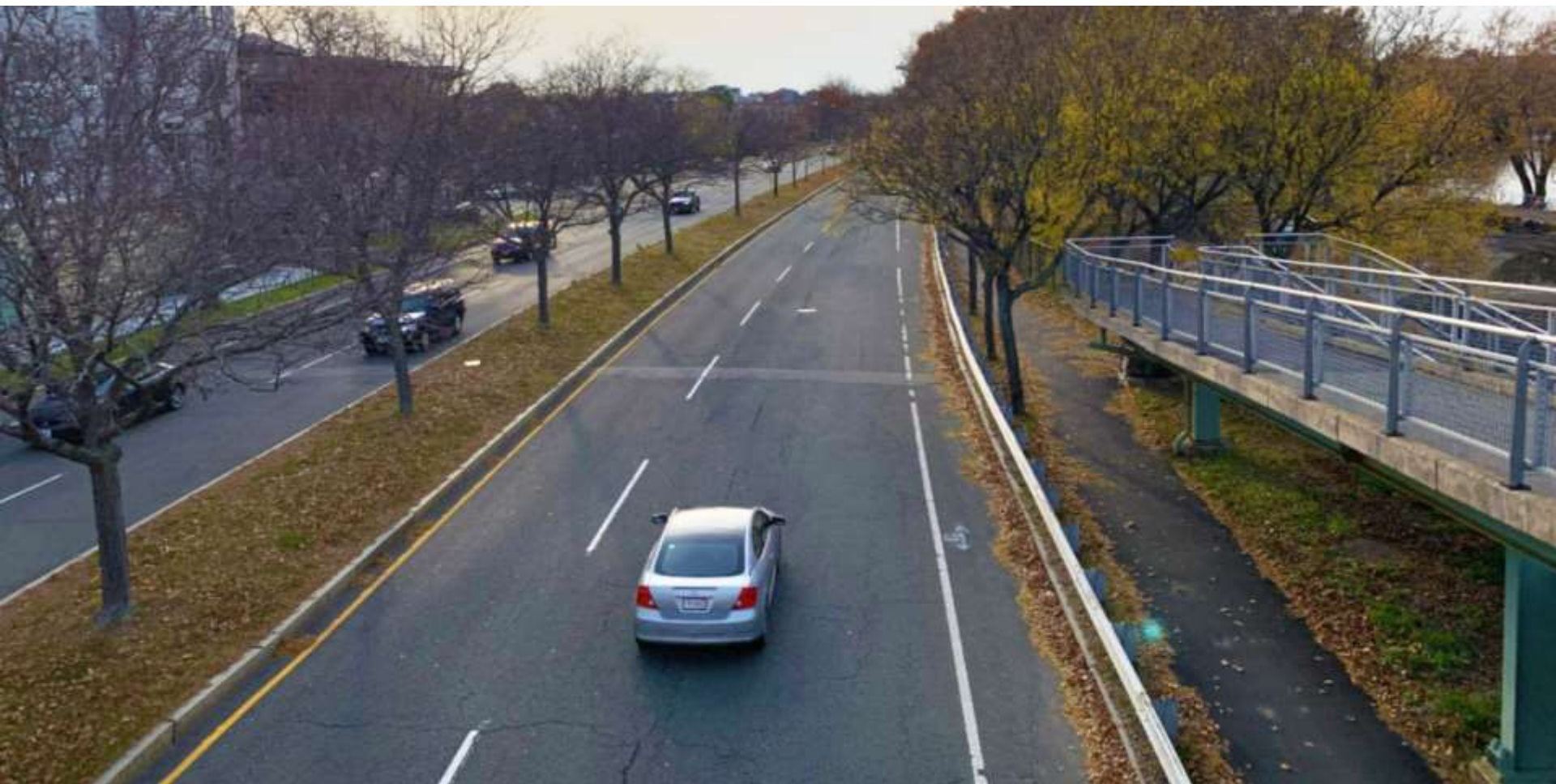
View #1





# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Existing Condition



View #2





# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Proposed Signal and Crosswalk



View #2



# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Existing Condition



View #3





# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Proposed Landscaped Landing



View #3



# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Existing Condition



View #4





# Telford Street Grade Crossing

## Proposed Landscaped Landing

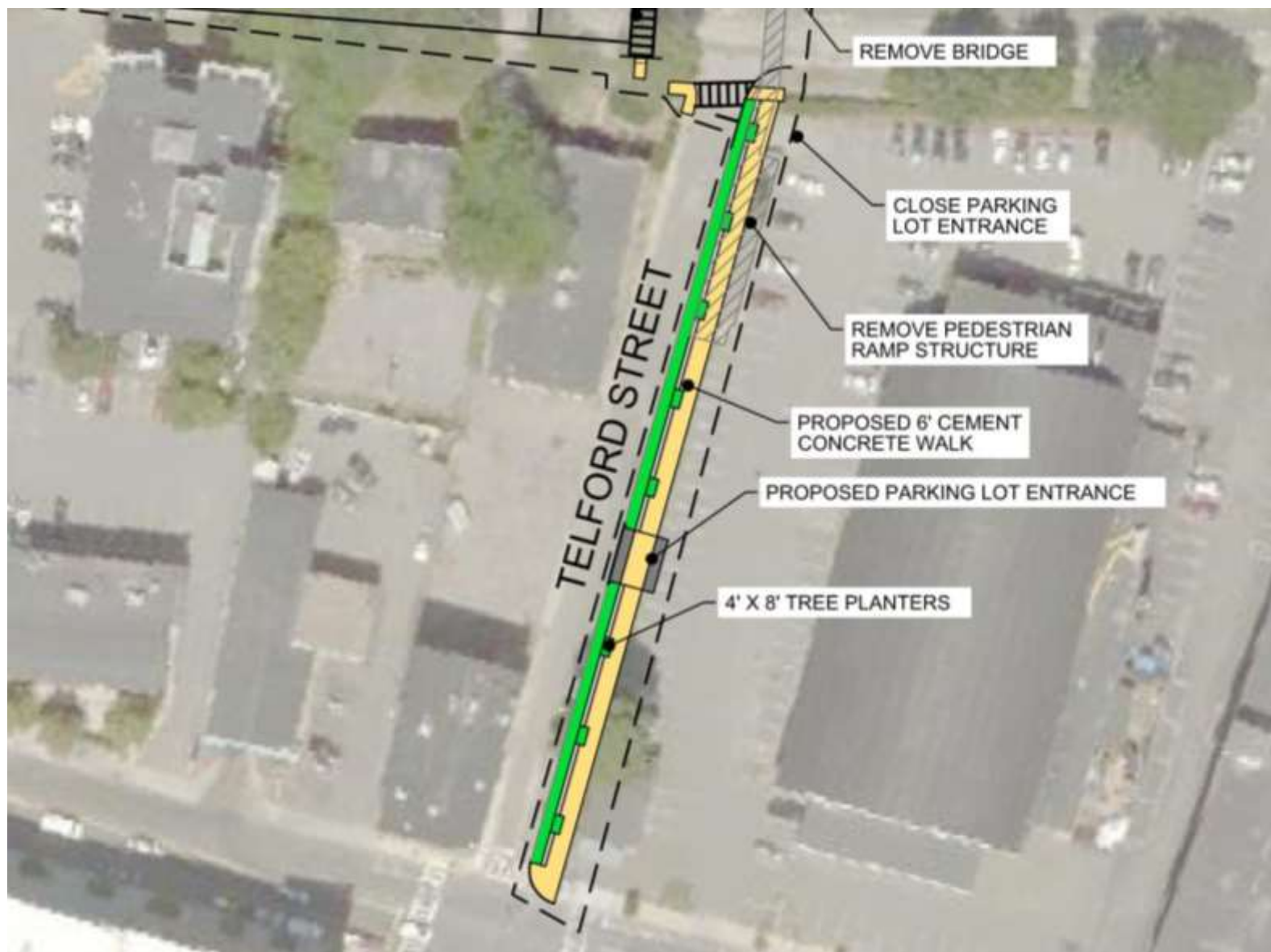


View #4





# Improvements Concept





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New sidewalk will mirror this one on  
opposite side of Telford Street



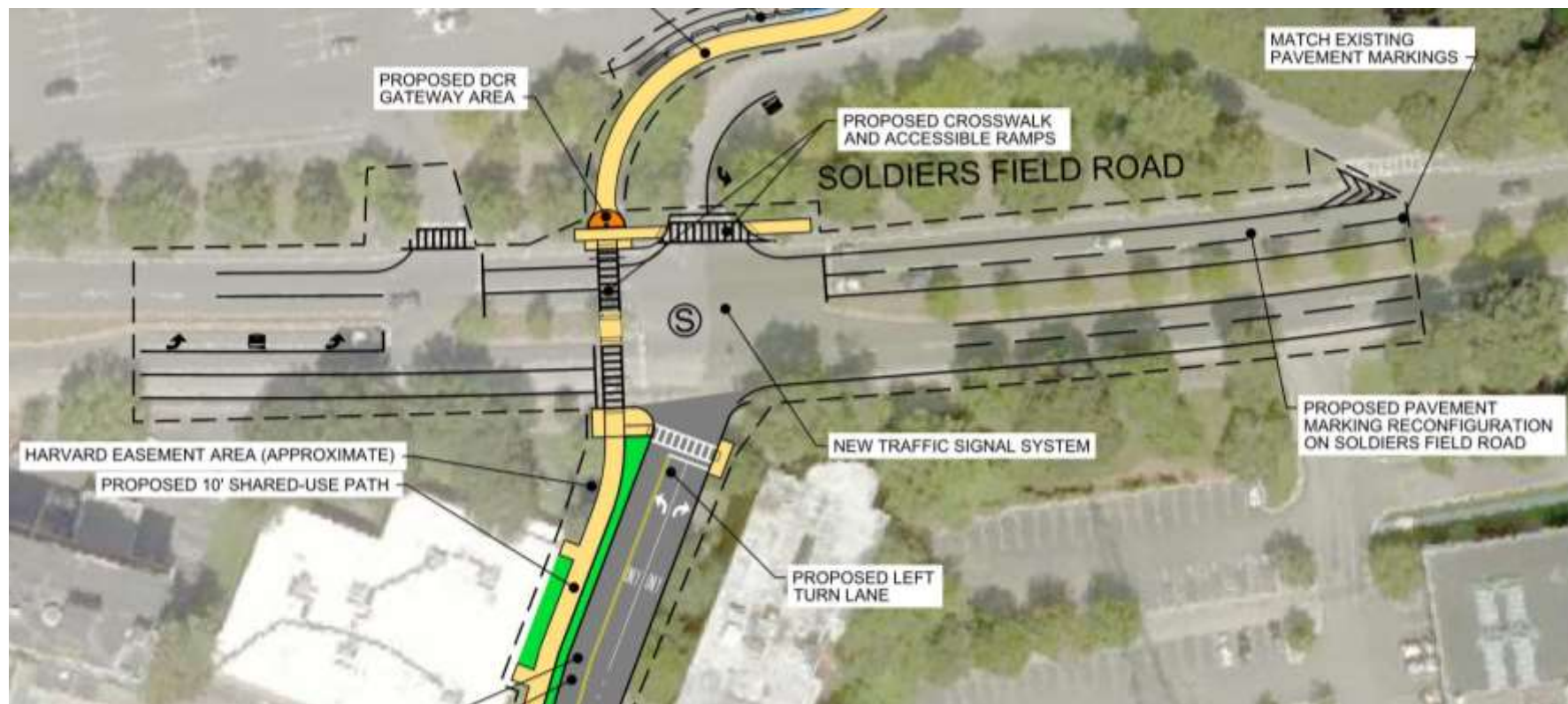
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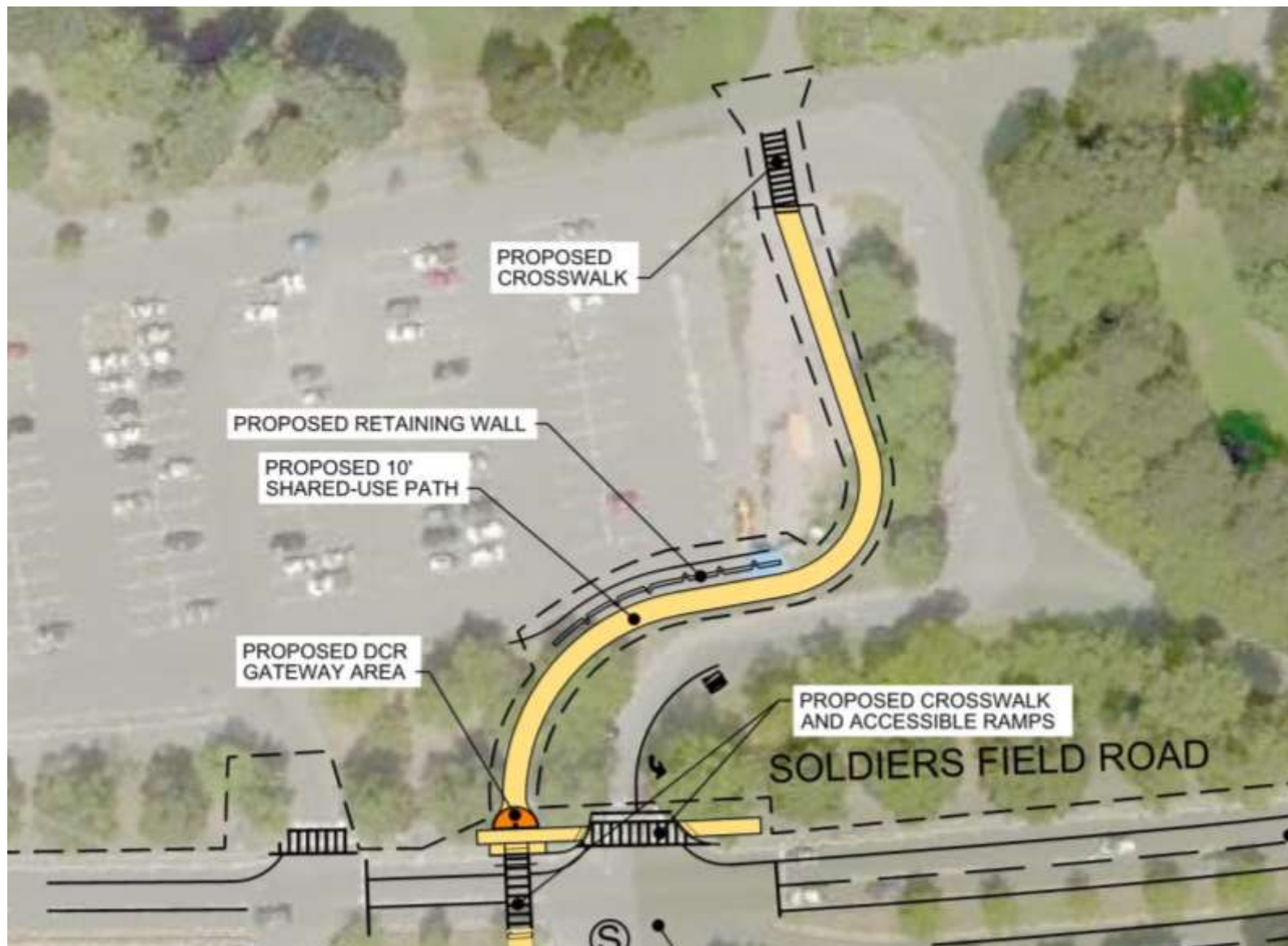


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# Next Steps

- ✓ **Initial Public Outreach**
- ***Supplemental Public Outreach & Public comment period***
- ☐ **Review of Public Comments**
- ☐ **Final Design – Spring 2019**
- ☐ **Pre-Construction Public Presentation**
- ☐ **Construction – 2019**
  - **Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Maintained Throughout**





# Soldiers Field Road Crossings

- 1. Improves Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Between the Charles River Reservation and Neighborhoods**
- 2. ADA-Compliant Sidewalks and Paths, New Crosswalks and Traffic Signals**
- 3. Integrated Design, Phased Construction**

*Connecting Allston's Riverfront*





# Q&A/Discussion





# Additional Information

**For more information:**

**DCR Website**

- [www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings)

**If you have comments or suggestions on this project:**

*Submit online:* [www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment)

*Write:* Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Office of Public Outreach  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114

*Deadline: Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no information, including contact information, will be redacted.*

**If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or Soldiers Field Road Crossings project-related listserv:**

contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or  
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