



Lower Falls Shared-Use Trail Feasibility Study Quinobequin Road to Leo J. Martin Golf Course

Public Meeting

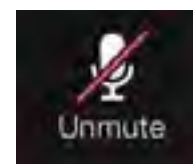
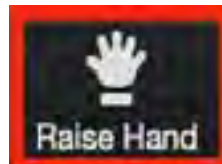
Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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*Please note that this meeting will be recorded;
the recording will be a public record.*

Meeting Logistics – ZOOM Platform





Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

Charles D. Baker

Lieutenant Governor

Karyn E. Polito

Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary

Kathleen Theoharides

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

Jim Montgomery



DCR Mission Statement

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

Meeting Purpose: Present Lower Falls Trail Alignment

Agenda

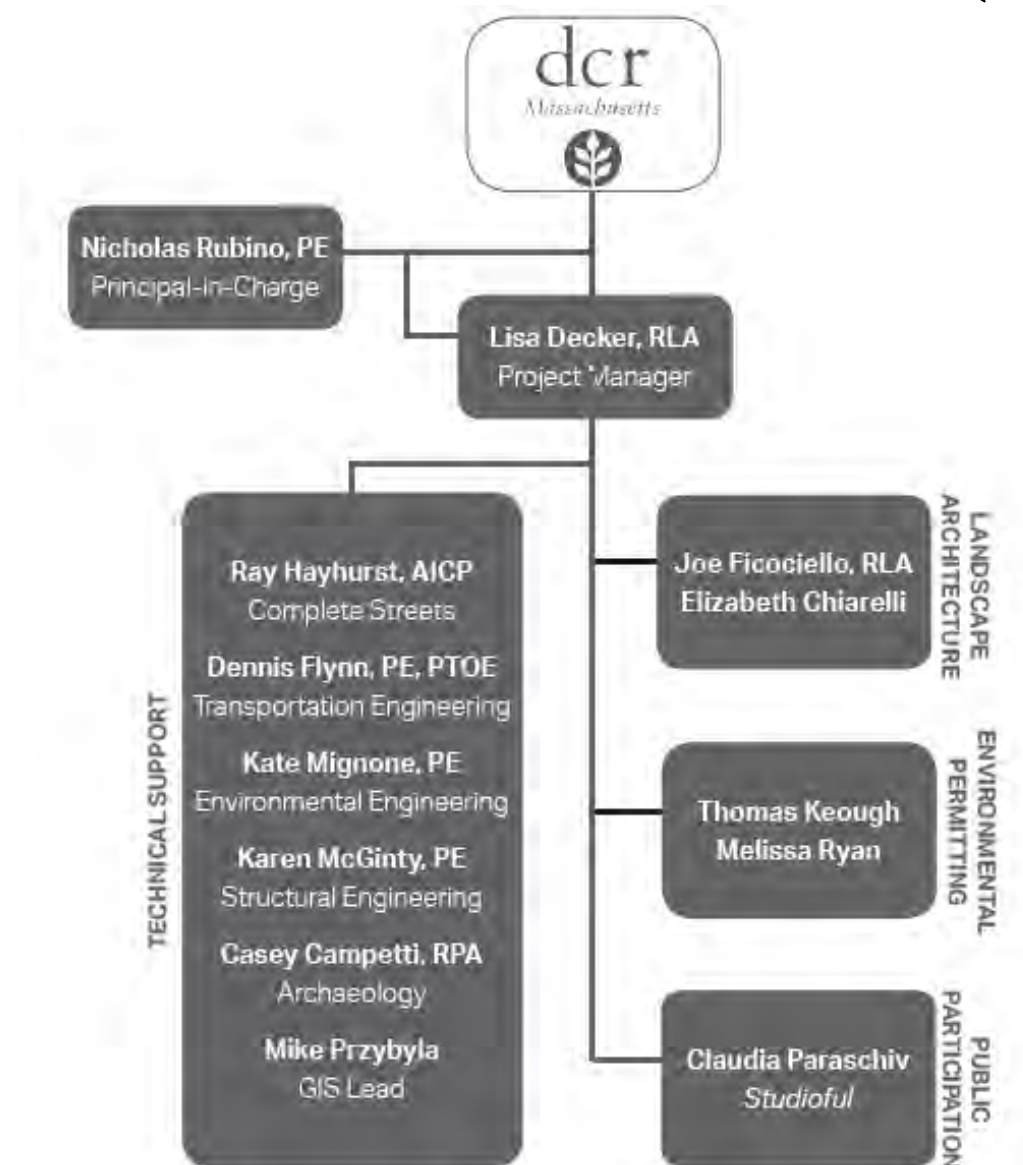
- Review DCR's Goals for the Project
- Present Project Locus and Limit of Work
- Feasibility Study Presentation
 - Site Analysis
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Alignment
- Solicit Stakeholder Comments and Questions
- Next Steps



Project Program and Goals

- Implement the Charles River Greenway Vision;
- Provide safe and accessible bicycle and pedestrian accommodations;
- Enhance experience of DCR's Charles River Reservation;
- Preserve Natural and Cultural Resources.

Project Team



Project Study Area



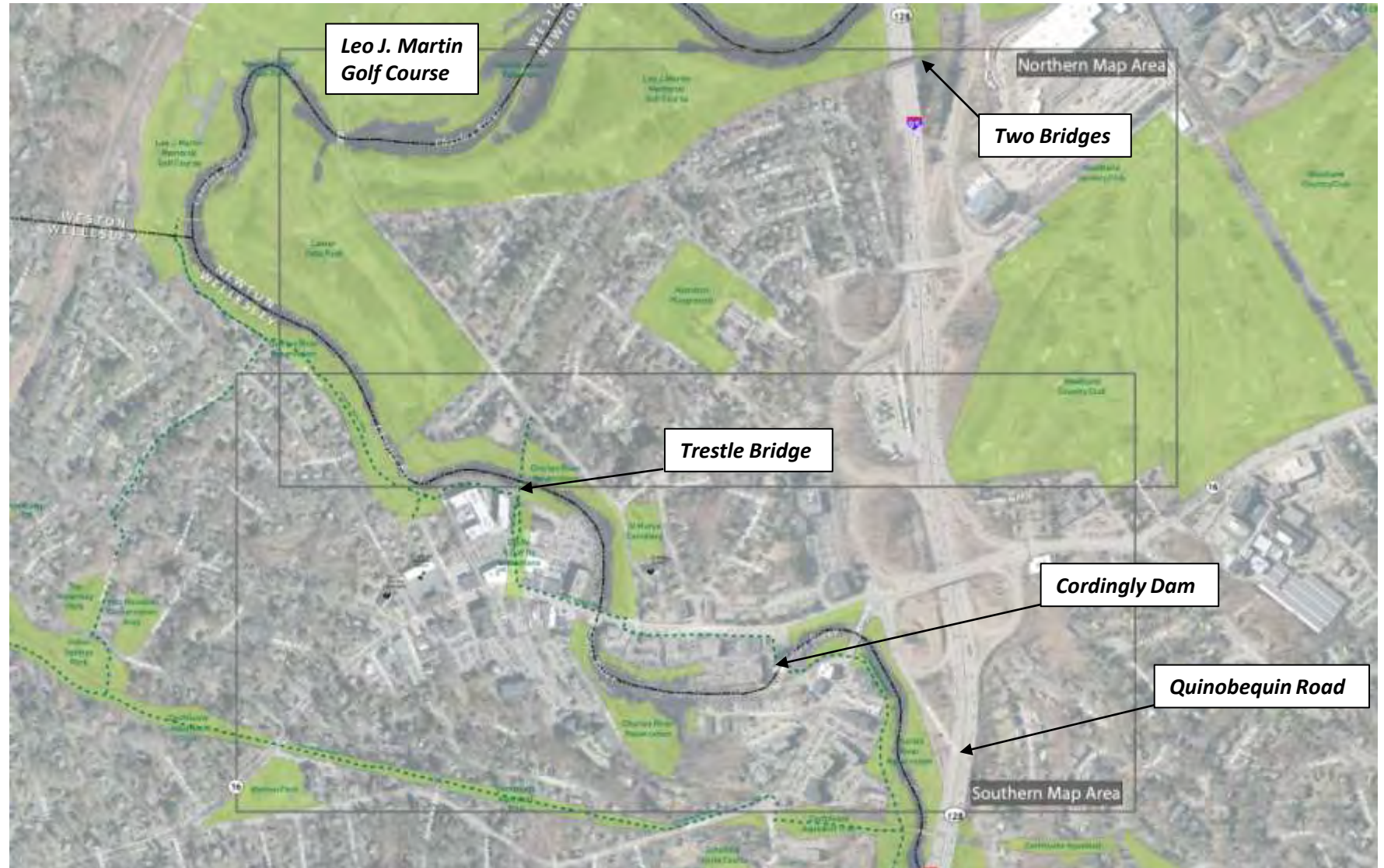
Views to River from Two Bridges Area



Trestle Bridge



Walnut Street Bridge



Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Cultural Resources



Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Demographics



Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Land Ownership



Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Topography

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Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Water Resources



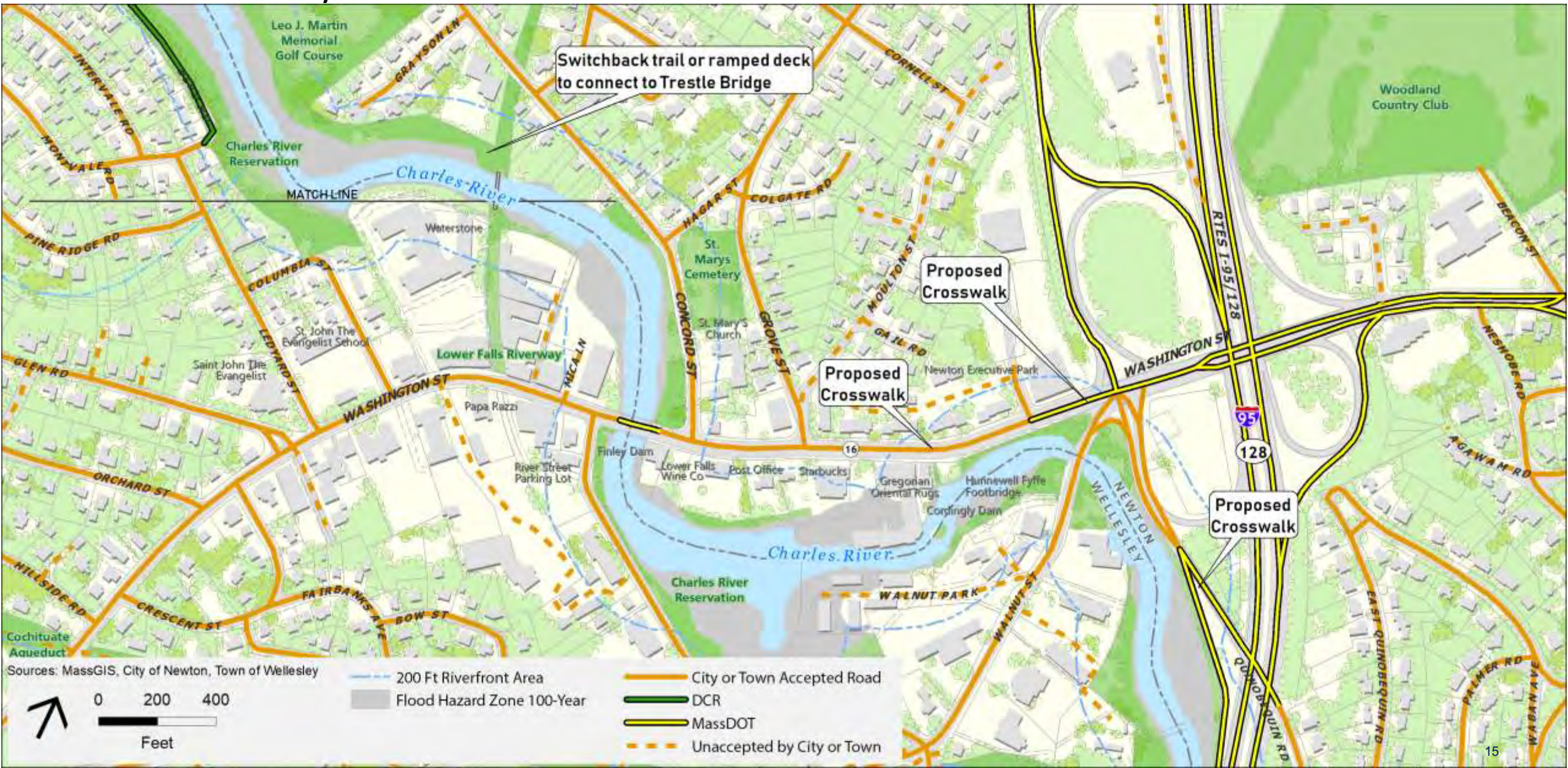
Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Utilities



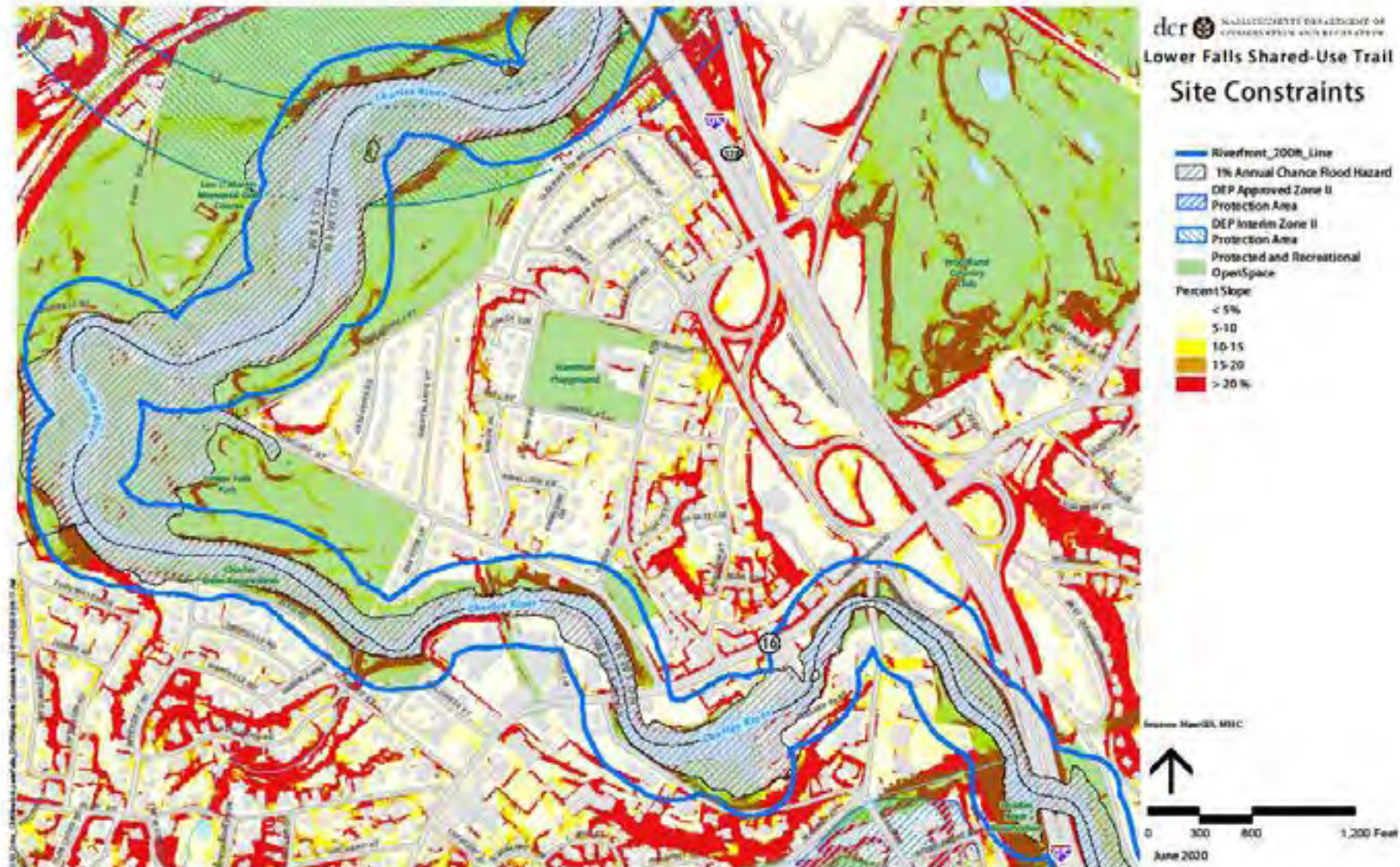


Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Roadway Jurisdiction

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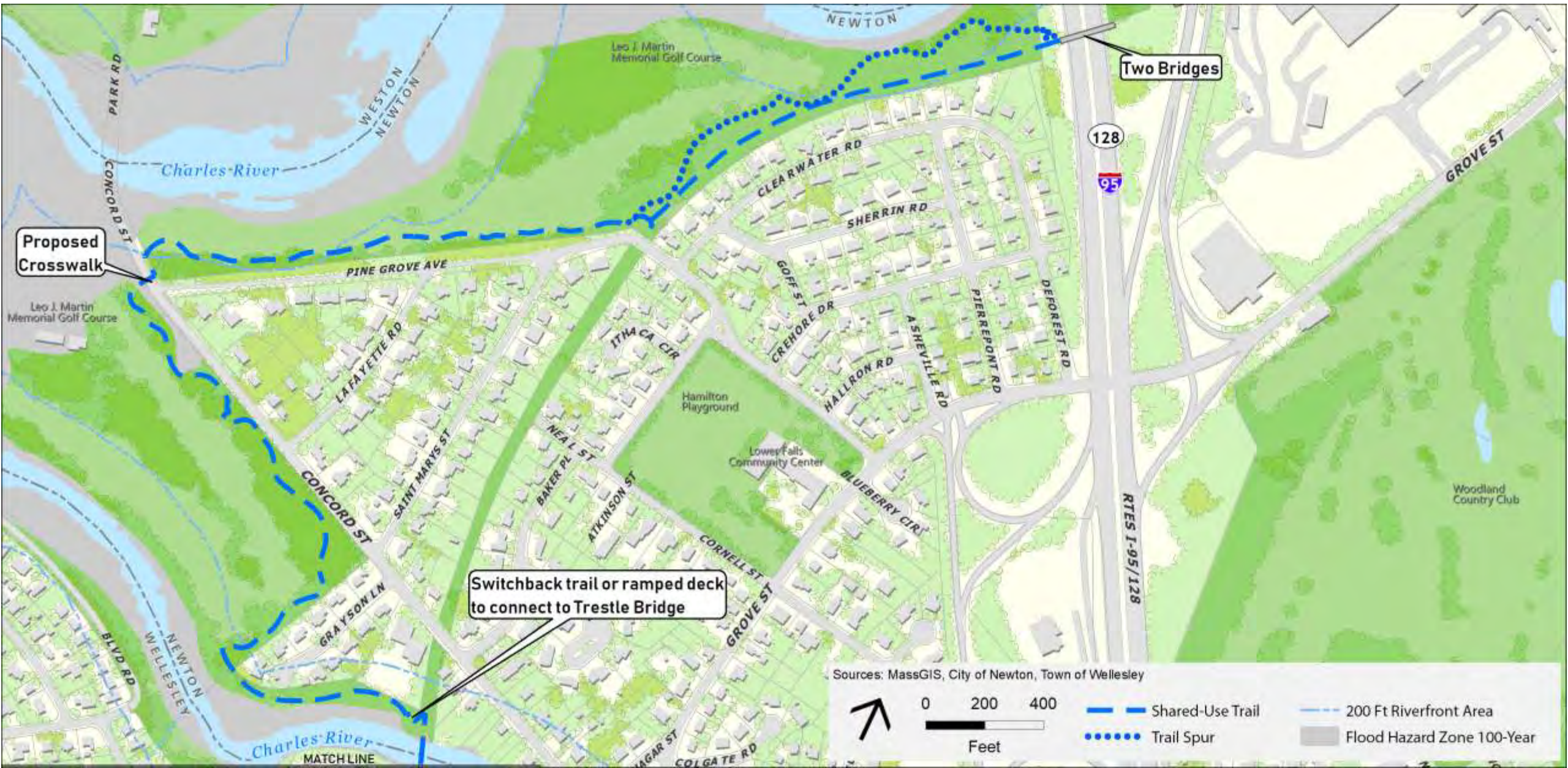
Project Area Inventory and Analysis – Site Constraints





North Area - Two Bridges to Trestle Bridge

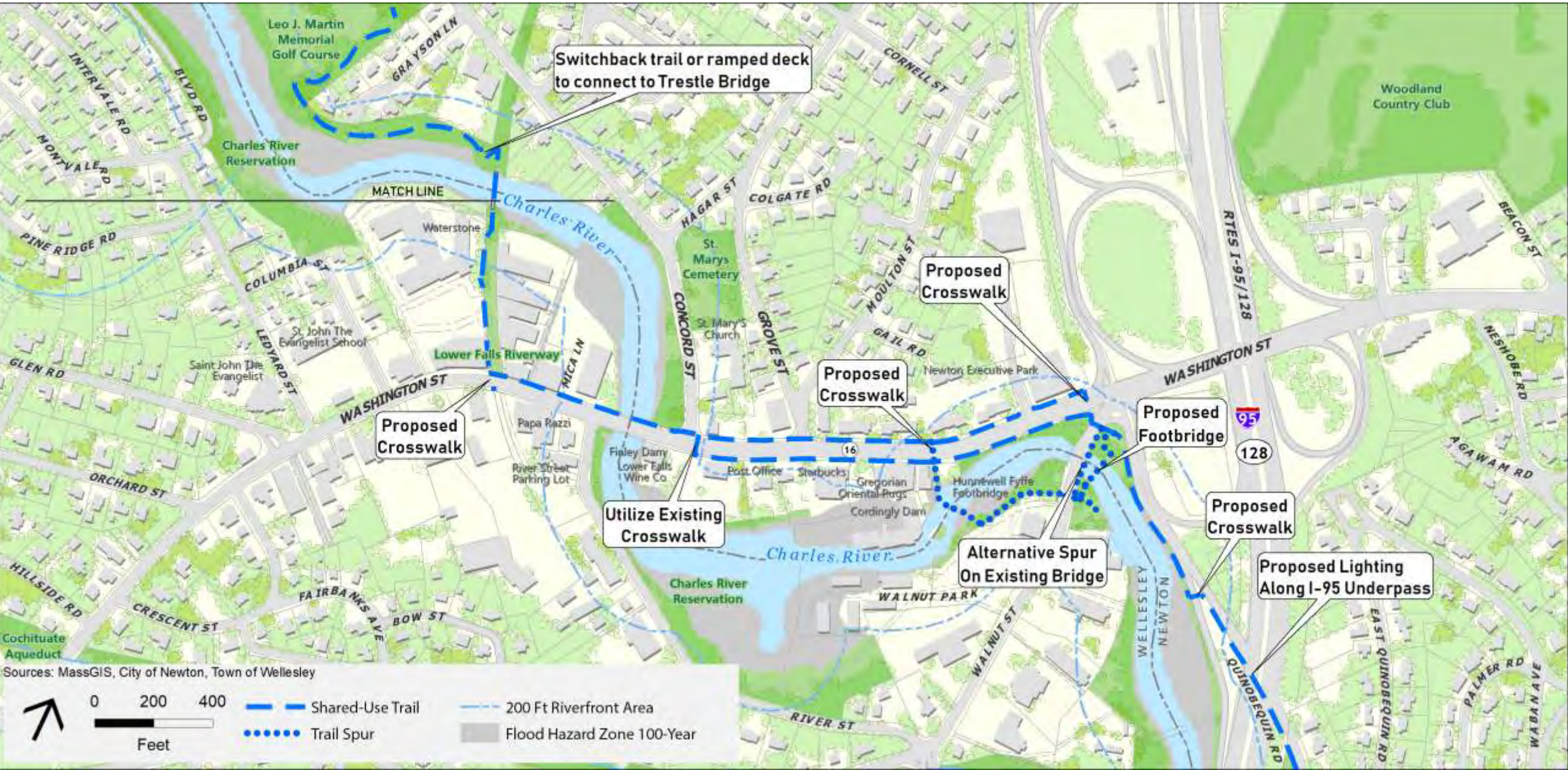
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South Area - Trestle Bridge to Quinobequin Road

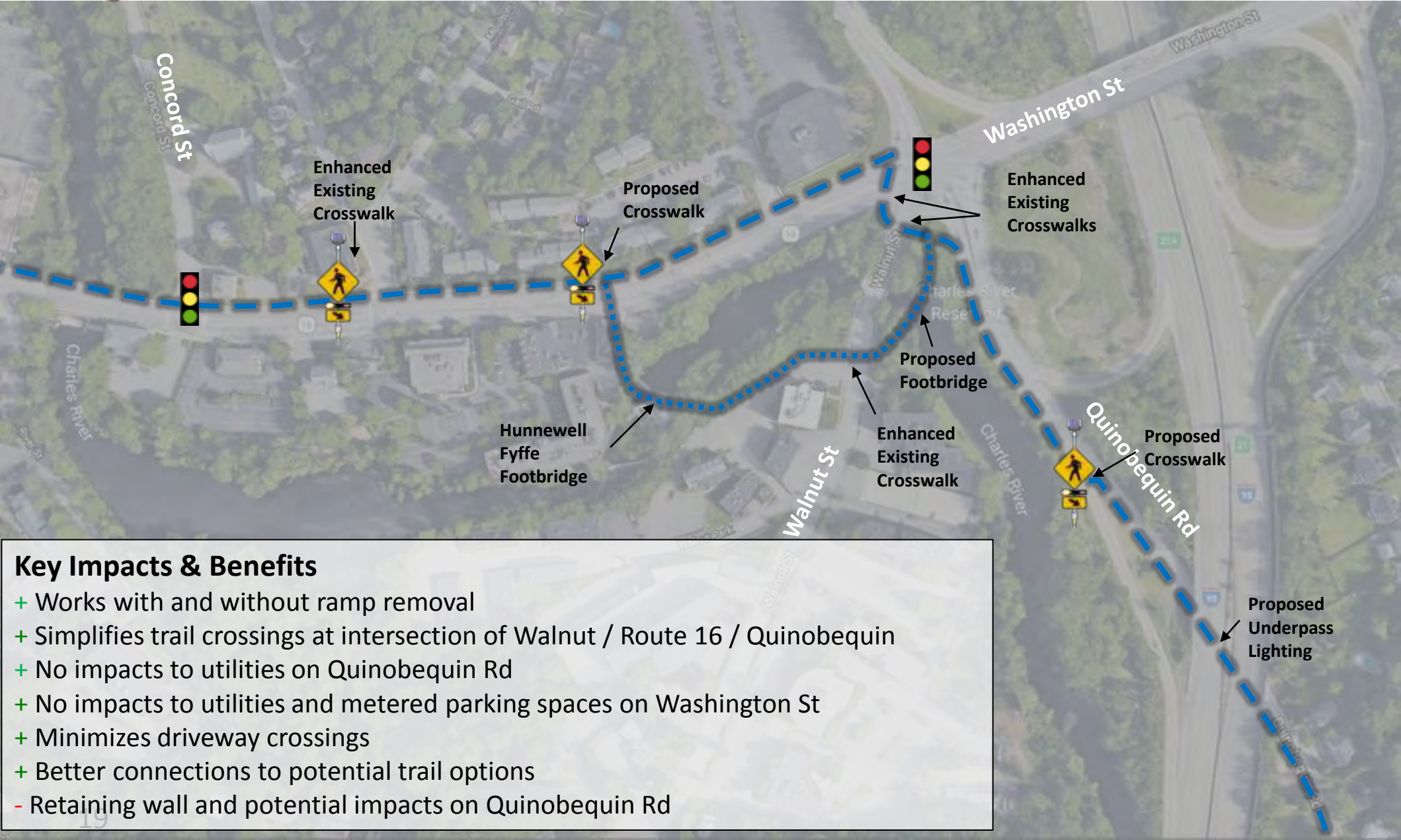
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Route 16/ Quinobequin Traffic Study

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Shared-Use Trail 
Trail Spur 

Key Impacts & Benefits

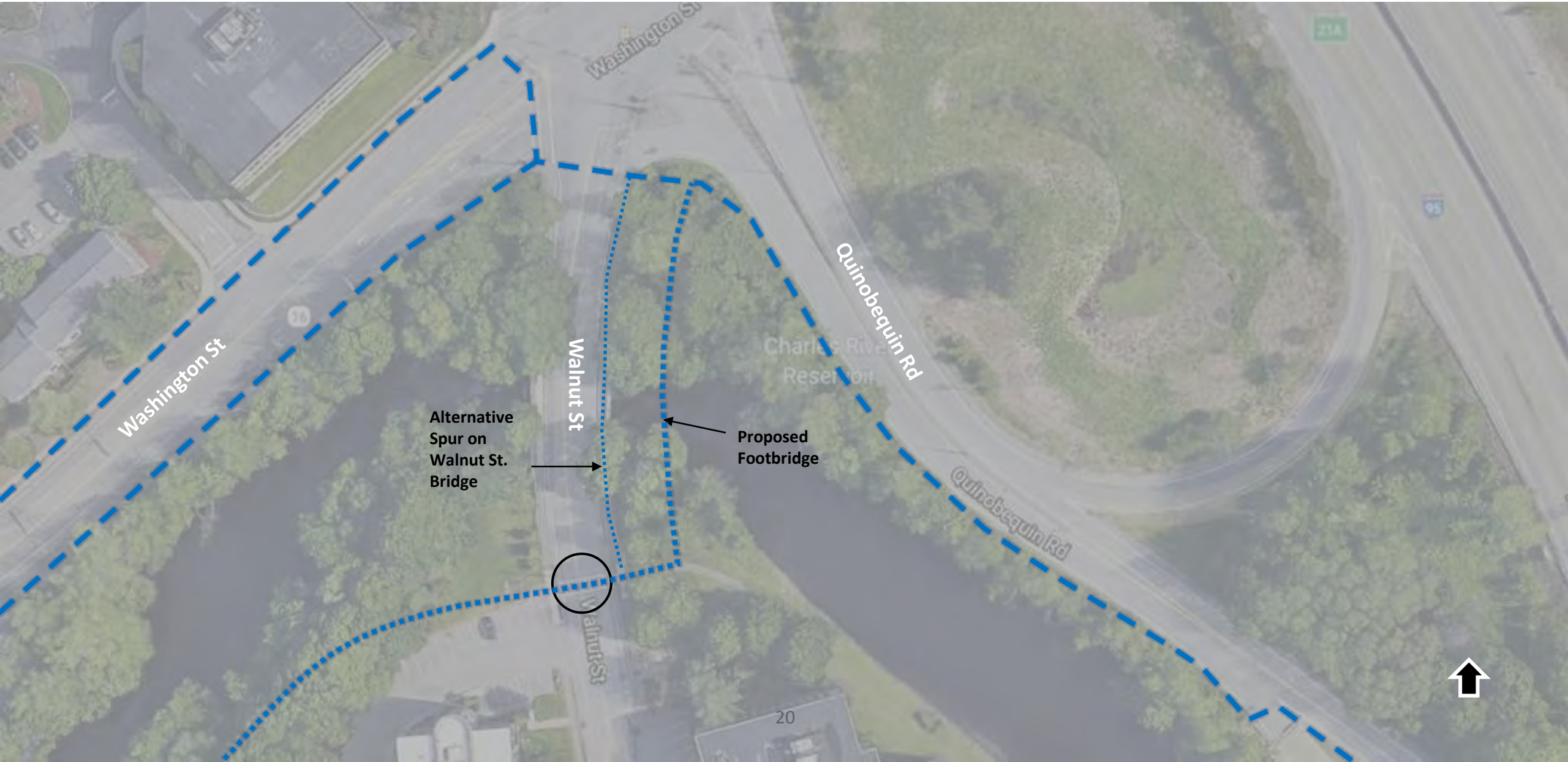
- + Works with and without ramp removal
- + Simplifies trail crossings at intersection of Walnut / Route 16 / Quinobequin
- + No impacts to utilities on Quinobequin Rd
- + No impacts to utilities and metered parking spaces on Washington St
- + Minimizes driveway crossings
- + Better connections to potential trail options
- Retaining wall and potential impacts on Quinobequin Rd





Walnut Street Mid-Block Crossing

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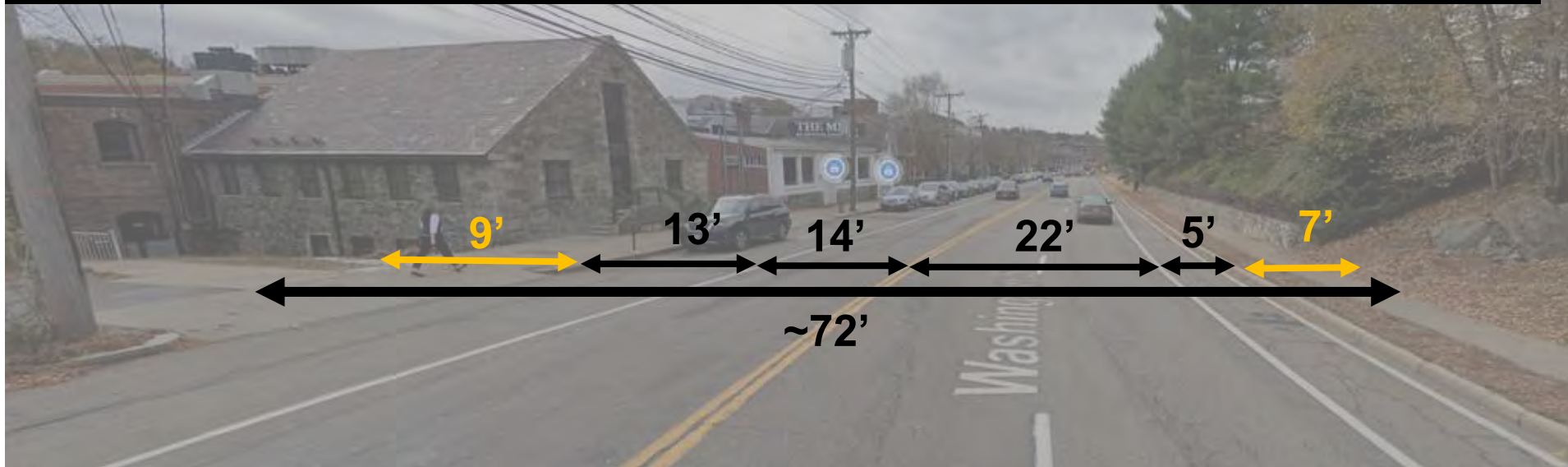


Walnut Street/ Route 16/ Quinobequin Traffic Study

Existing Conditions – Washington Street crossing from Cordingly Dam

- No cross walk currently exists

Washington St Midblock Crossing at Cordingly Dam (west view) – Existing Conditions

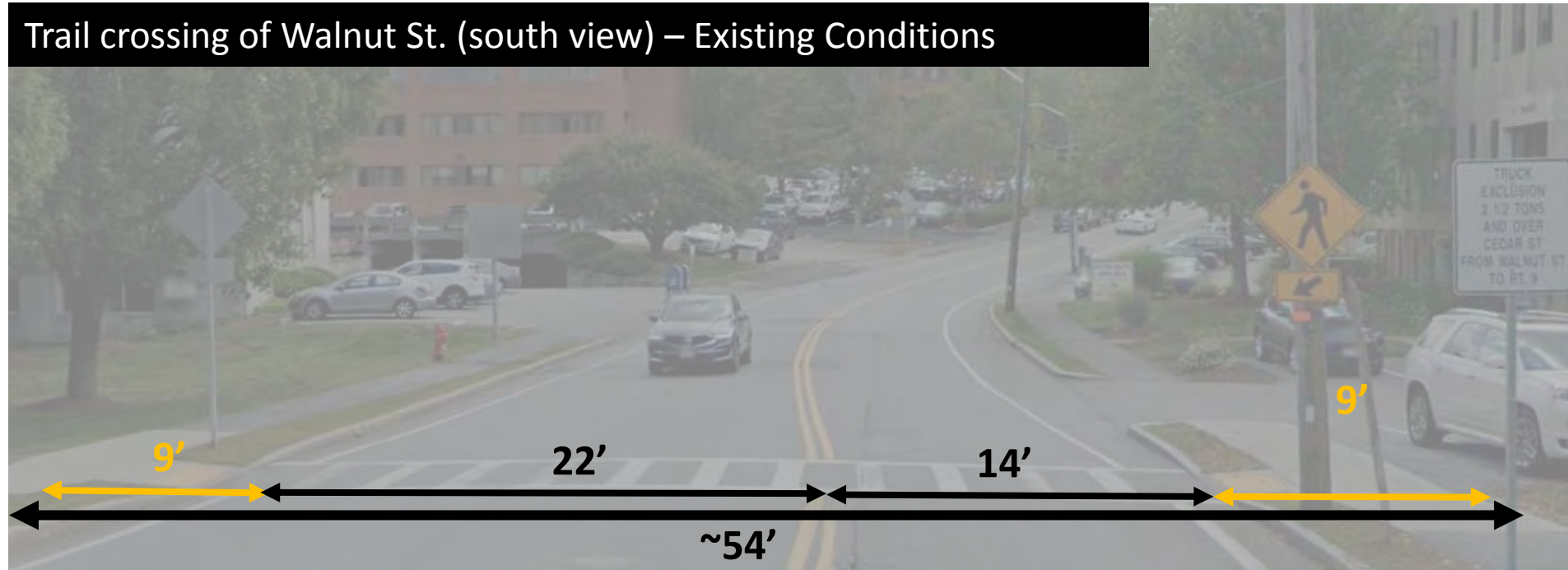


Walnut Street/ Route 16/ Quinobequin Traffic Study

Existing Conditions - Walnut Street Midblock Crossing

- Uncontrolled crosswalk
- Pedestrian crossing signage
- ADA-compliant ramps

Trail crossing of Walnut St. (south view) – Existing Conditions

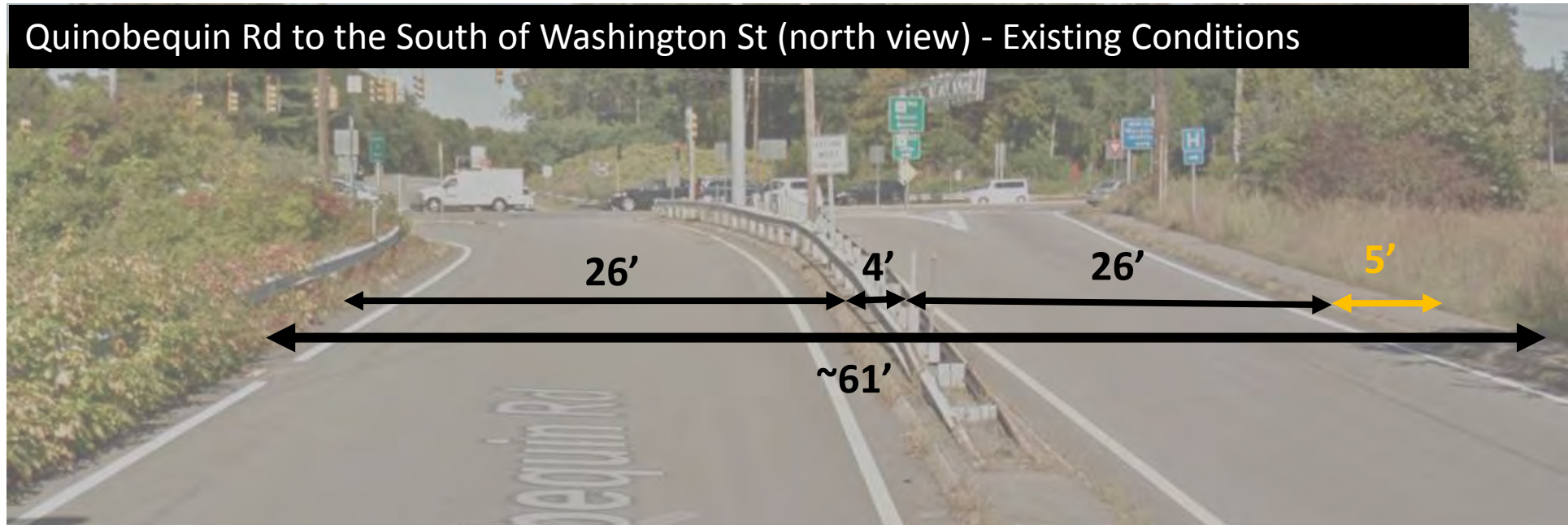


Walnut Street/ Route 16/ Quinobequin Traffic Study

Existing Conditions – Quinobequin Road

- Shared-use trail proposed on the west side of Quinobequin Road
- Retaining wall required along the west side of the road
- Trees required to be removed
- East side of Quinobequin Road remains unchanged

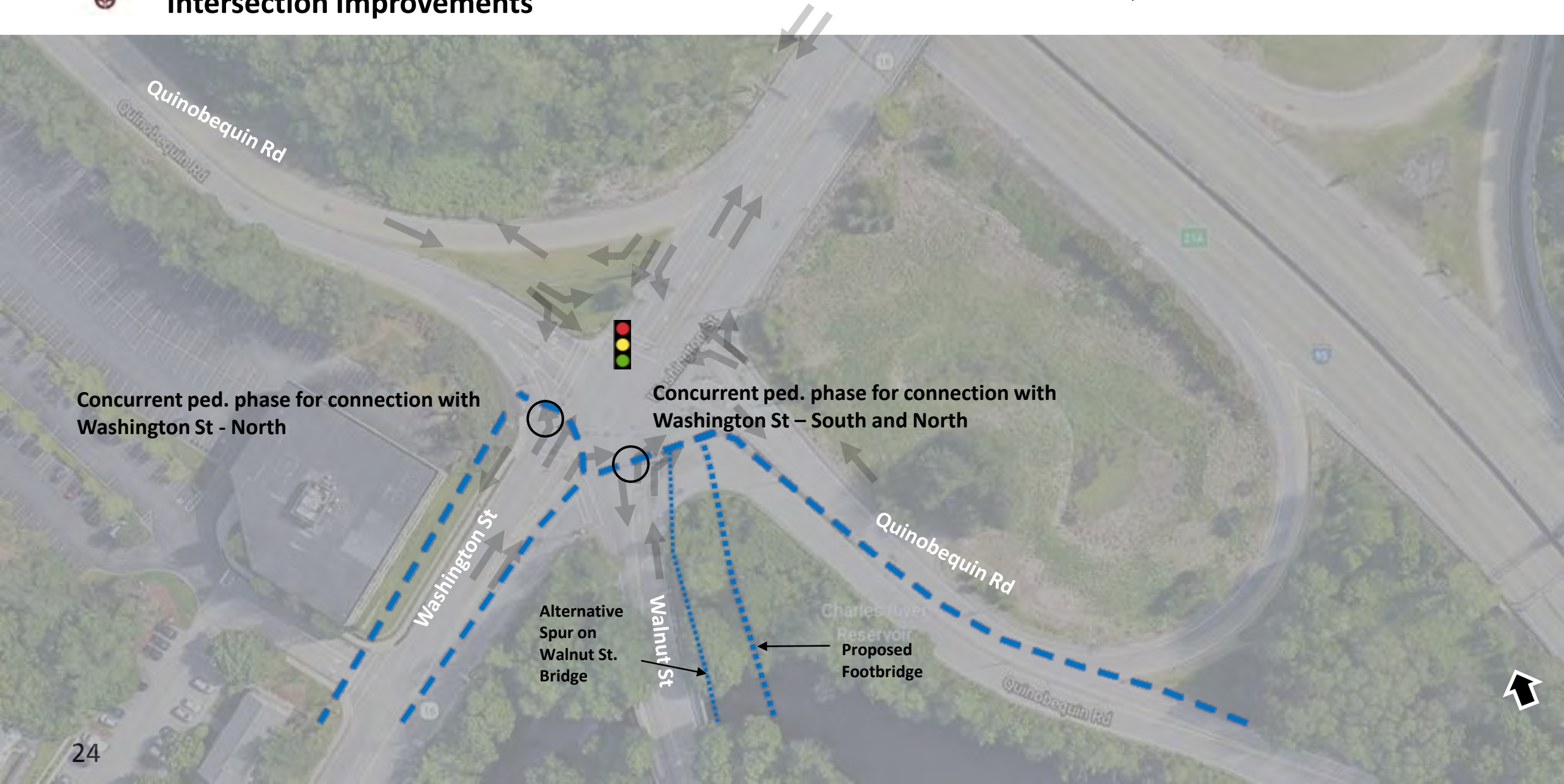
Quinobequin Rd to the South of Washington St (north view) - Existing Conditions





Walnut Street/ Route 16/ Quinobequin Traffic Study Intersection Improvements

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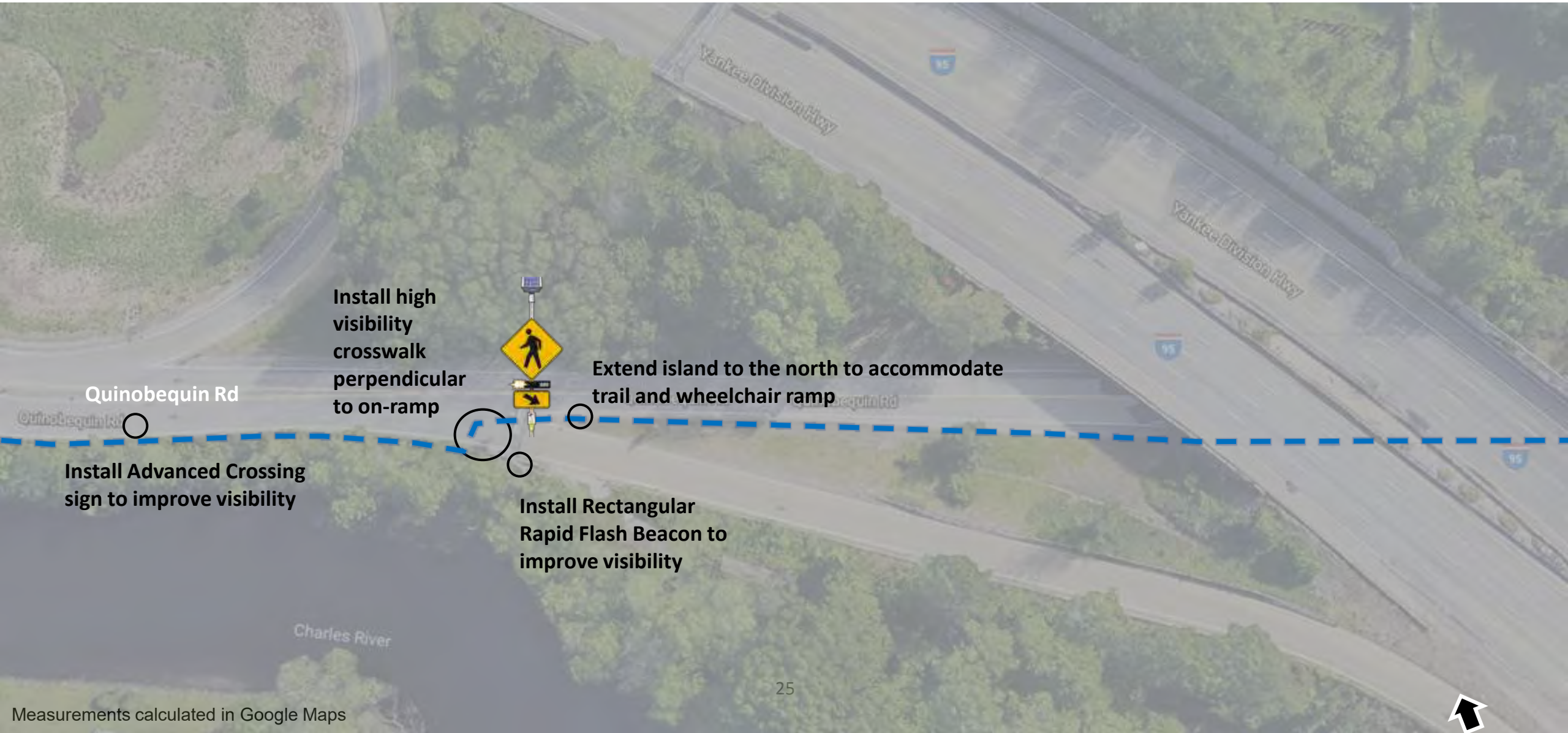




Quinobequin Traffic Study

Existing Conditions – Quinobequin Road north of SB on-ramp

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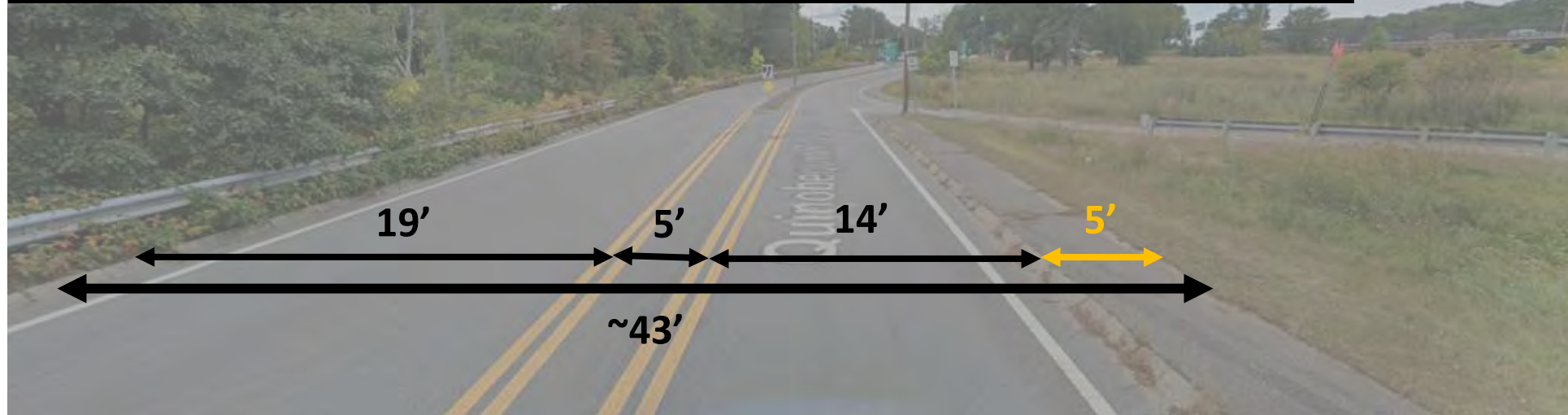


Quinobequin Traffic Study

Existing Conditions – Quinobequin Road north of SB on-ramp

- Shared-use trail proposed on the west side of Quinobequin Road
- Retaining wall required along the west side of the road
- Potential removal of vegetation on west side
- East side of Quinobequin Road remains unchanged

Quinobequin Rd to between Washington St and 95 Underpass (north view)
- Existing Conditions

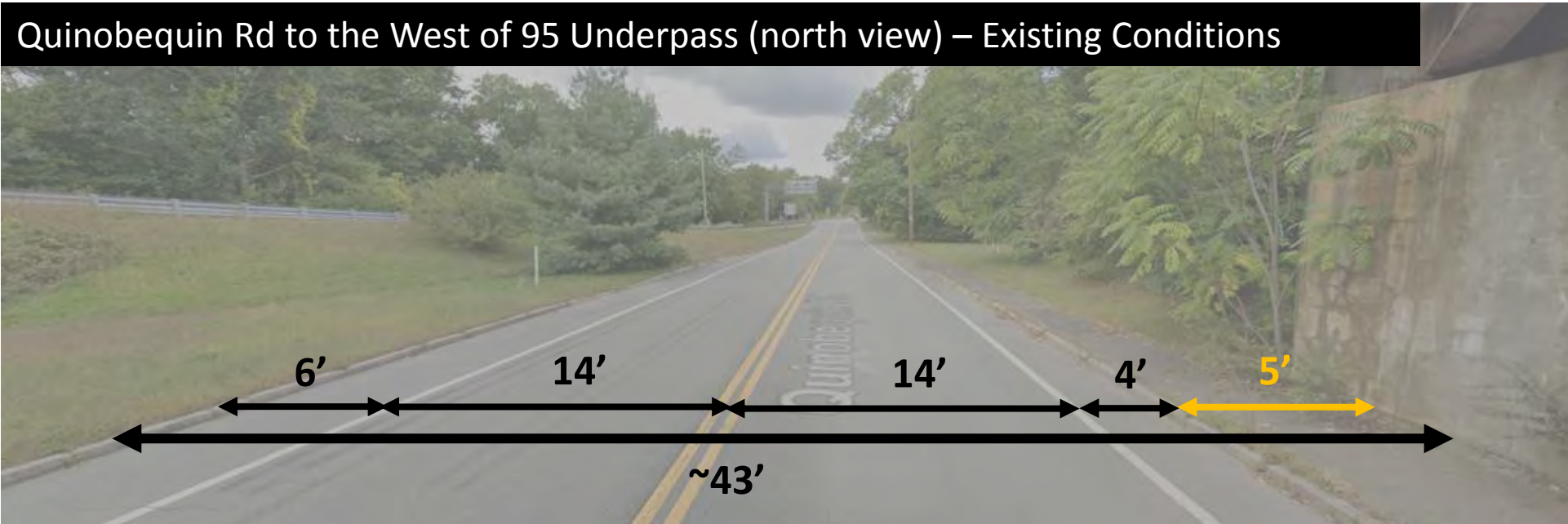




Quinobequin Traffic Study

Existing Conditions – Quinobequin Road looking north/east

- Shared-use trail proposed on the west side of Quinobequin Road
- East side of Quinobequin Road remains unchanged

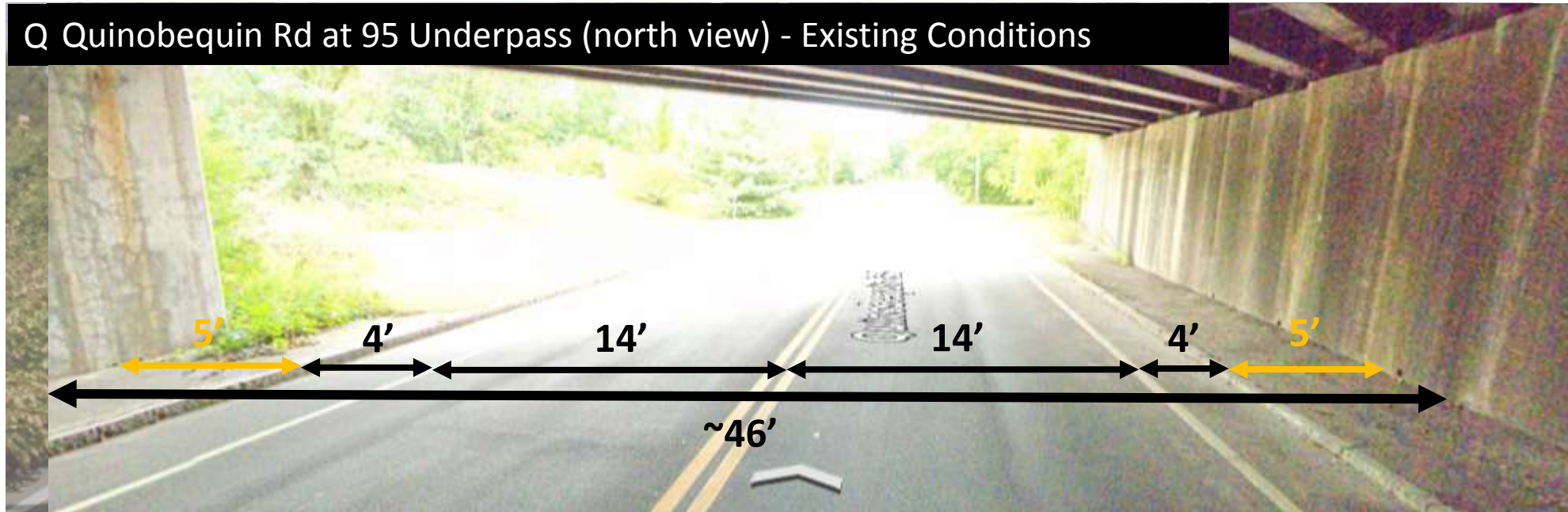


Quinobequin Traffic Study

Existing Conditions – Quinobequin Road I-95 Underpass

- Shared-use trail proposed on the west side of Quinobequin Road
- East side of Quinobequin Road remains unchanged

Q Quinobequin Rd at 95 Underpass (north view) - Existing Conditions





Project Schedule

- Public Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2020
- Comment Period: Ends October 6, 2020
- Feasibility Study Report: October 30, 2020



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Q & A



Additional Information

For more information:

www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings

If you have comments or suggestions on this project:

Submit online: www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment

Deadline: October 6, 2020

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 project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or Mass.Parks@mass.gov



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Thank you!