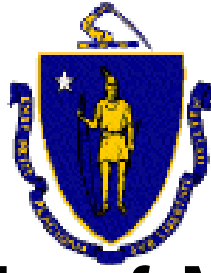


Massachusetts Central Rail Trail Wayside Weston to Waltham Public Listening Session



September 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting



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Douglas Rice

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

Meeting Logistics

- Two ways to ask questions during the meeting
 - Type questions using the Q&A feature
 - Raise your hand using the Zoom function, and you will be given permissions to unmute and speak.
- *Please note that this public meeting will be recorded; the recording will be a public record.*

Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Background
- Schedule
- Project Site
- Alignment and Typical Sections
- Landscape Elements
- Bridge Crossings
- Questions and Comments



Introductions

Gerald Autler, DCR Project Manager

Daniel Cushing, DCR Director of Public Engagement

Dennis Reip, Stantec Project Manager

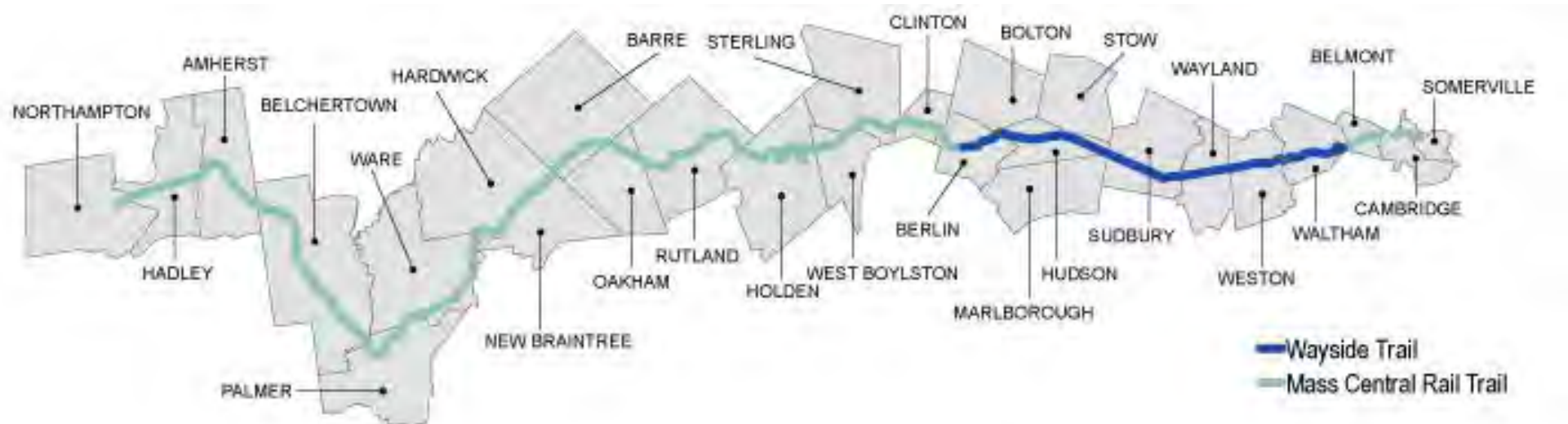
John Hendrickson, Stantec Trails Design

Mike McCall and Carly Soderholm, Stantec Bridge Design

Ngan Han, Stantec Landscape Architecture

Project Background

- The Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) is an envisioned 104-mile off-road shared-use trail connecting Boston to Northampton along the former Central Massachusetts Railroad corridor.
- Today, approximately 50 miles of the vision have been realized as fully developed rail trail.



Project Background

- The MCRT “Wayside” refers to the 23-mile section of the MCRT from Waltham to Berlin.
- This segment of rail corridor is owned by the MBTA and DCR holds a lease that grants it rights to build, manage, and maintain a shared-use path within a 19-foot right of way, along with associated amenities.



Project Background

- In 2019 a 5-mile segment of the MCRT – Wayside opened in Weston and Wayland.
- Work is currently underway to extend that trail to the west through Wayland, Sudbury, and Hudson.



Project Background

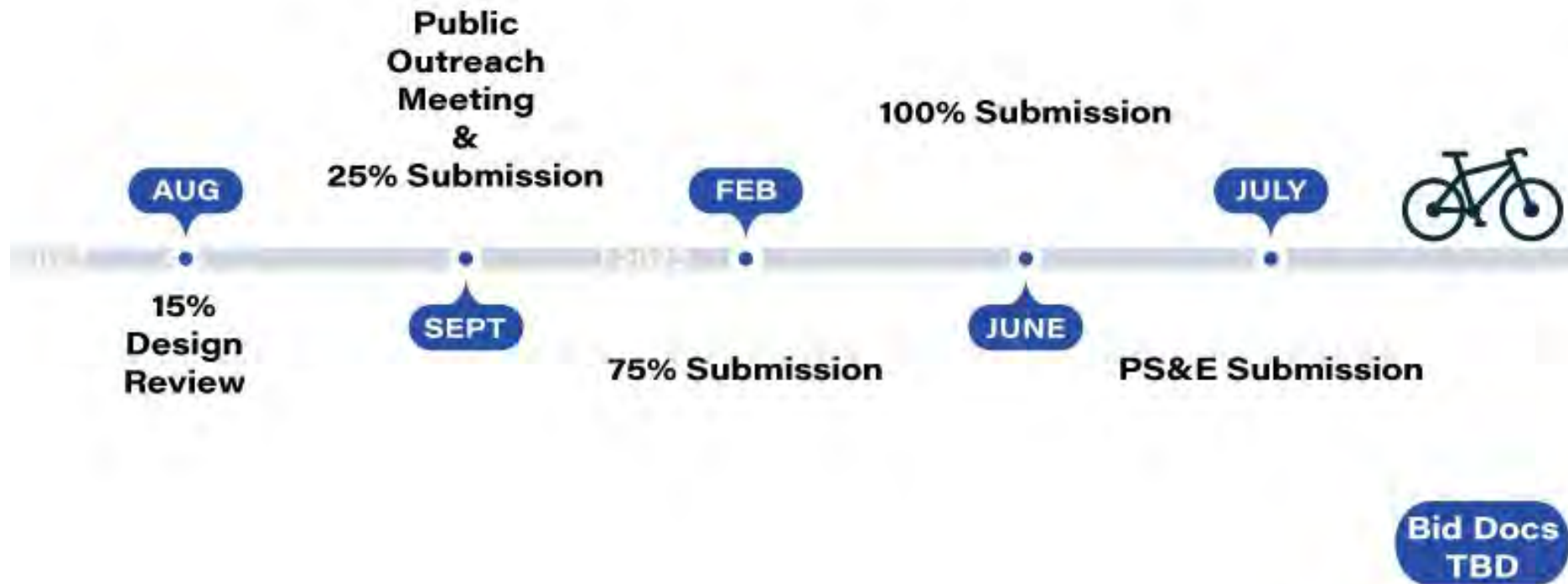
- The City of Waltham is currently building the Wayside trail from Route 117 east to Beaver Street.
- The Waltham to Weston segment in question is an approximately 0.5-mile connection between those two parts of the Wayside trail.



Project Goals

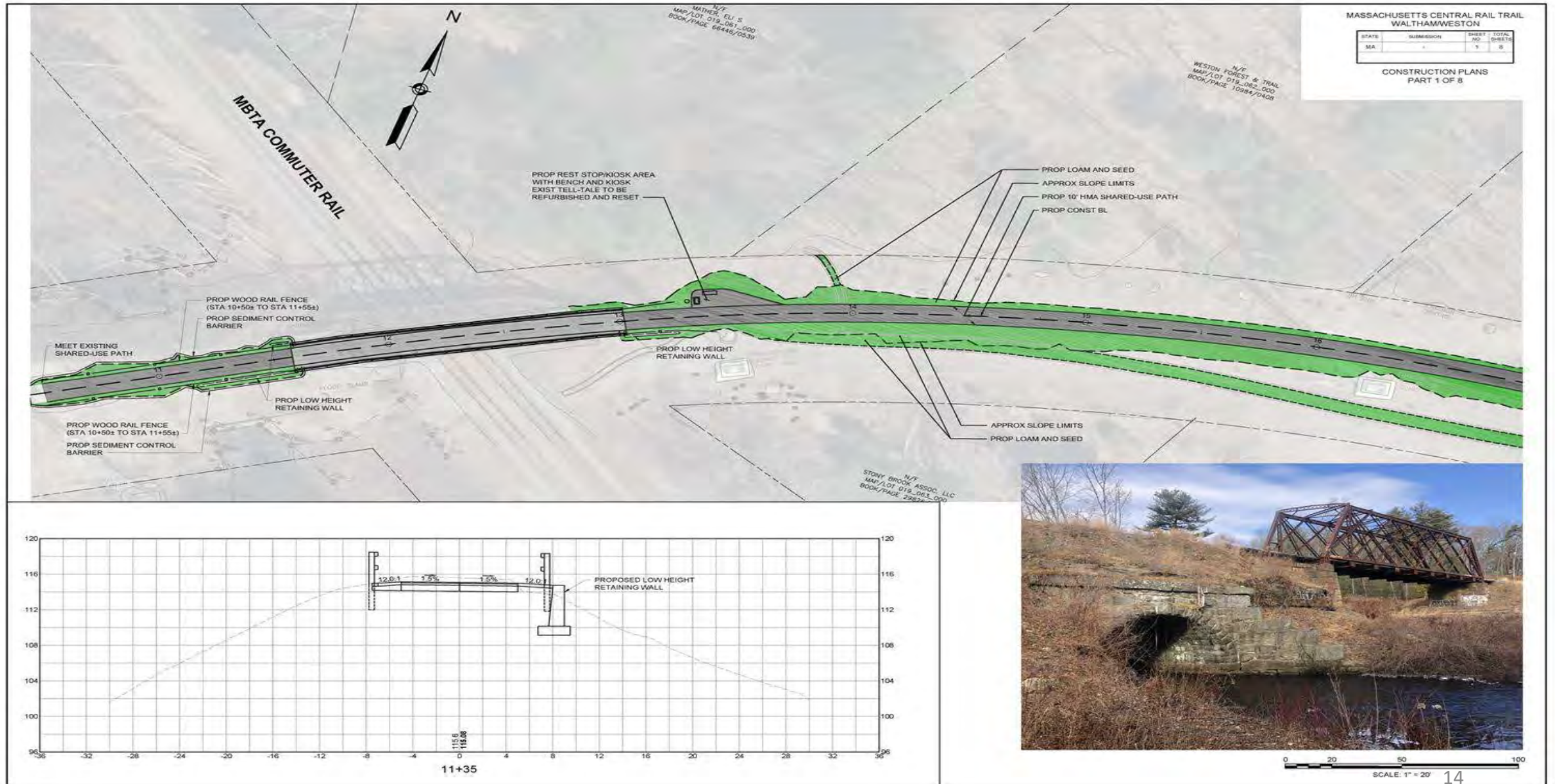
- Connect the segments of the MCRT that are complete or under construction
- Support enhanced access to recreation, transit, jobs, and retail
- Create a high-quality user experience in a complex area where the trail users will interact with significant roadway infrastructure
- Rehabilitate existing bridges
- Protect and preserve sensitive habitat and cultural/historical assets

Project Schedule



Project Site

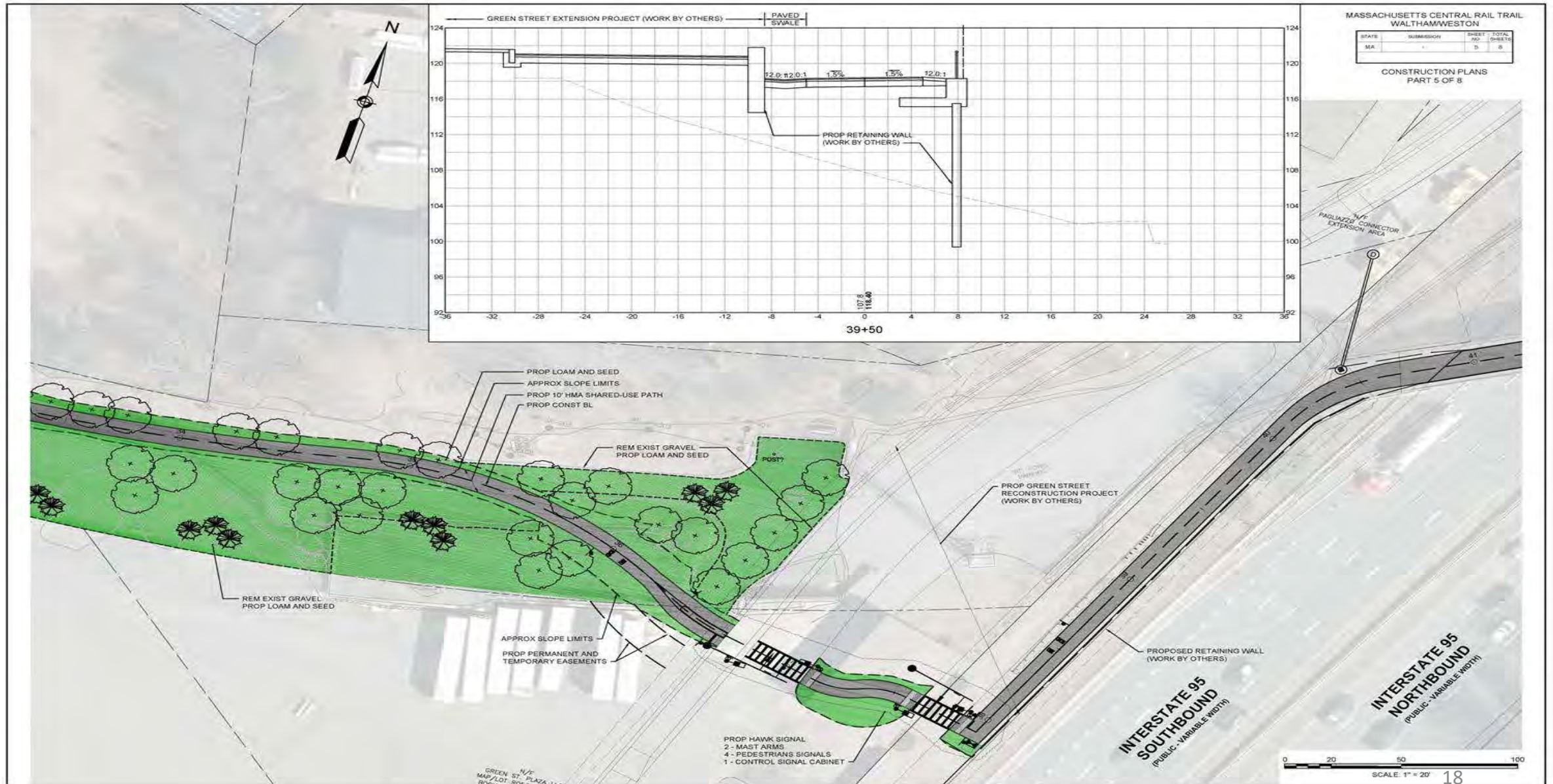


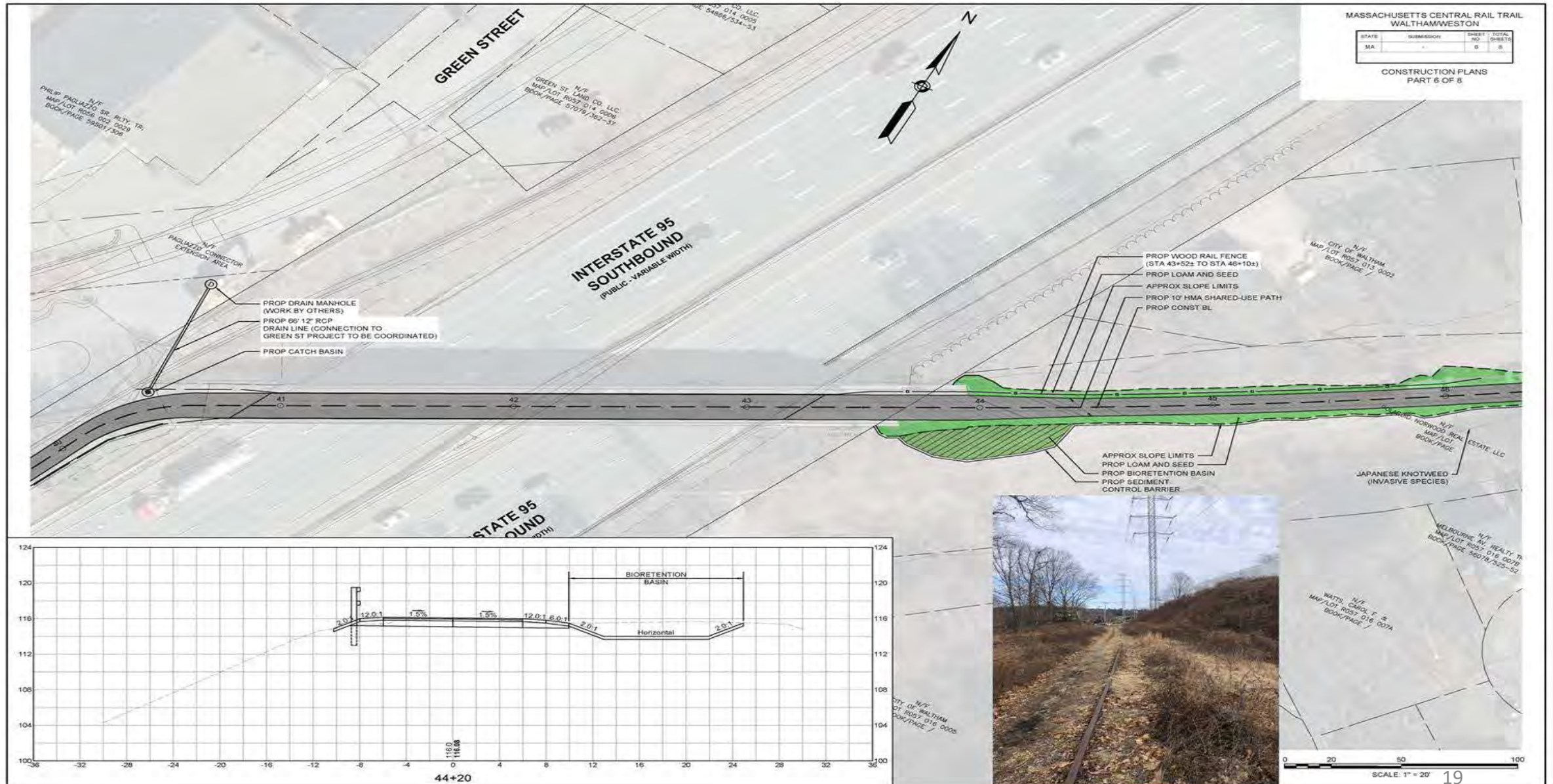


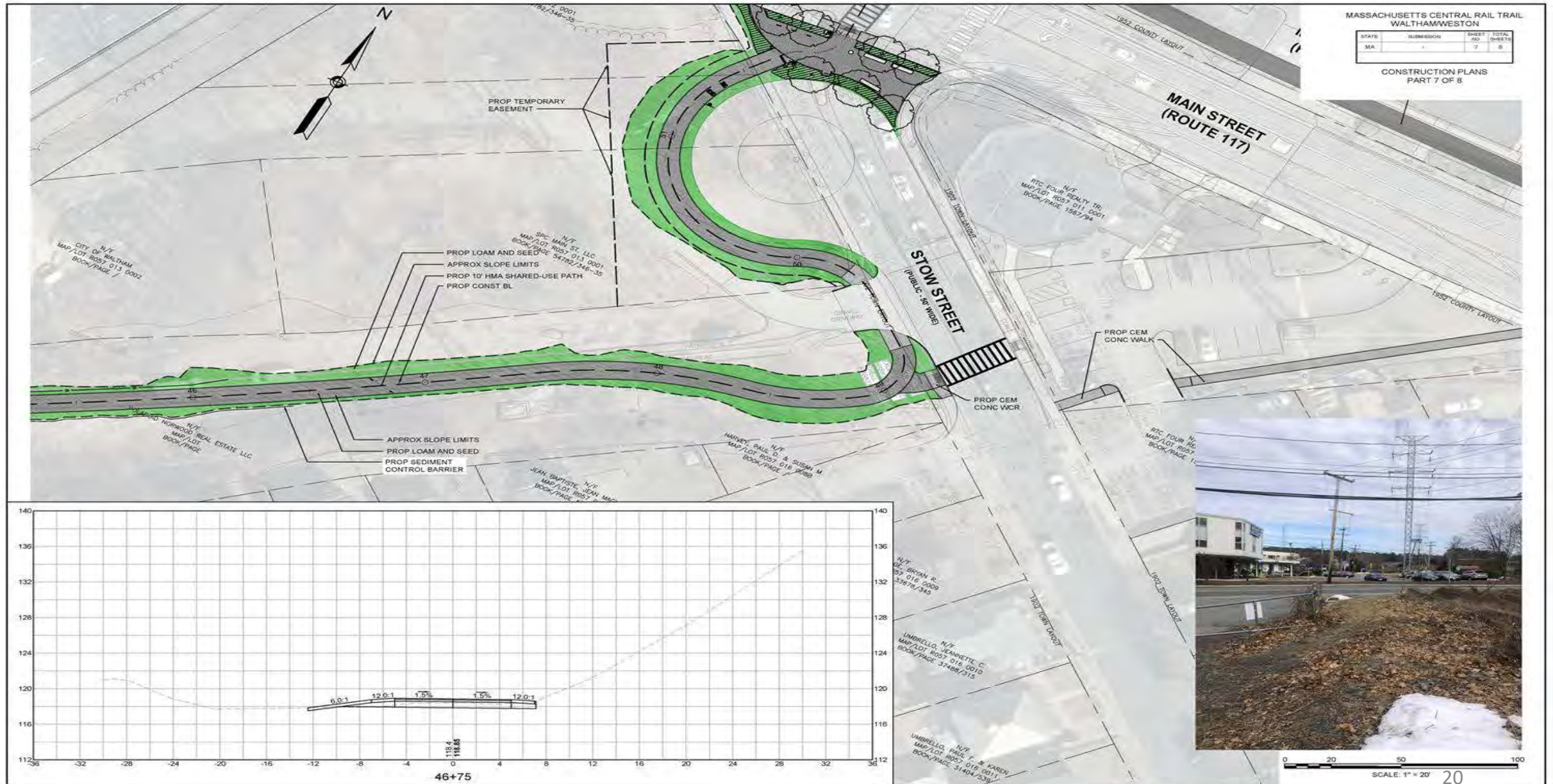










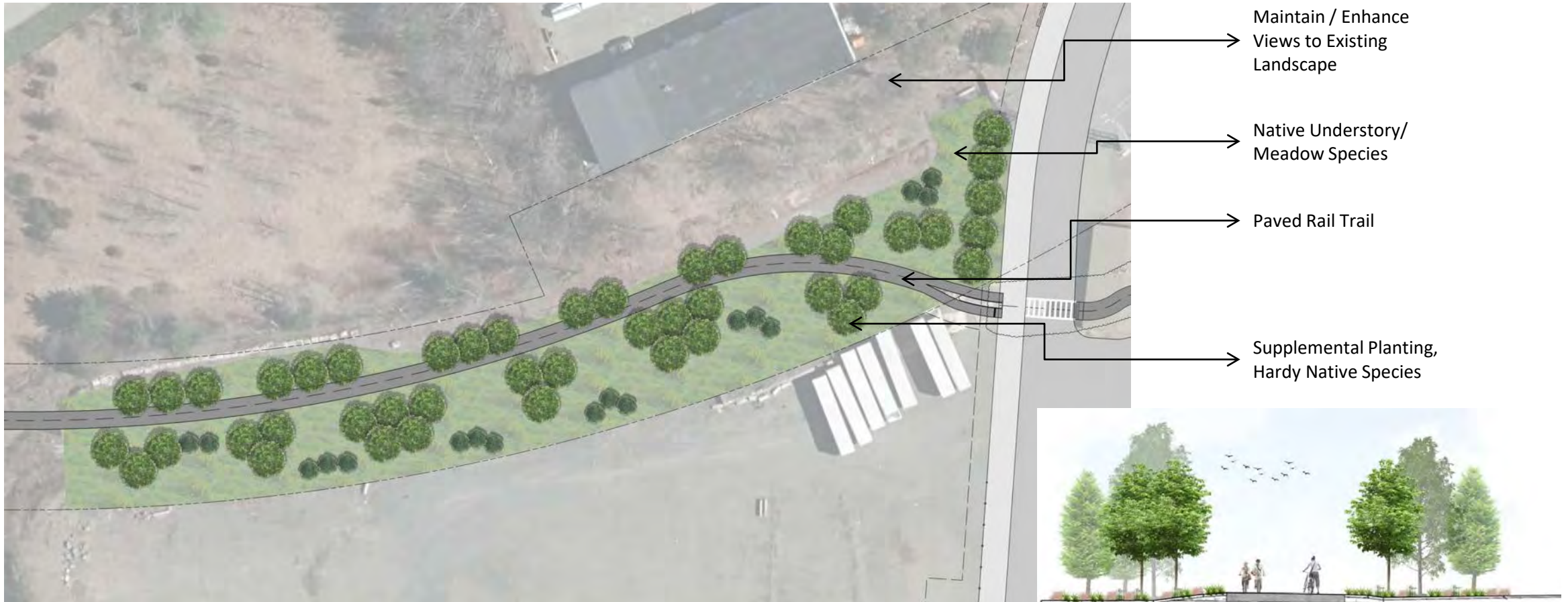




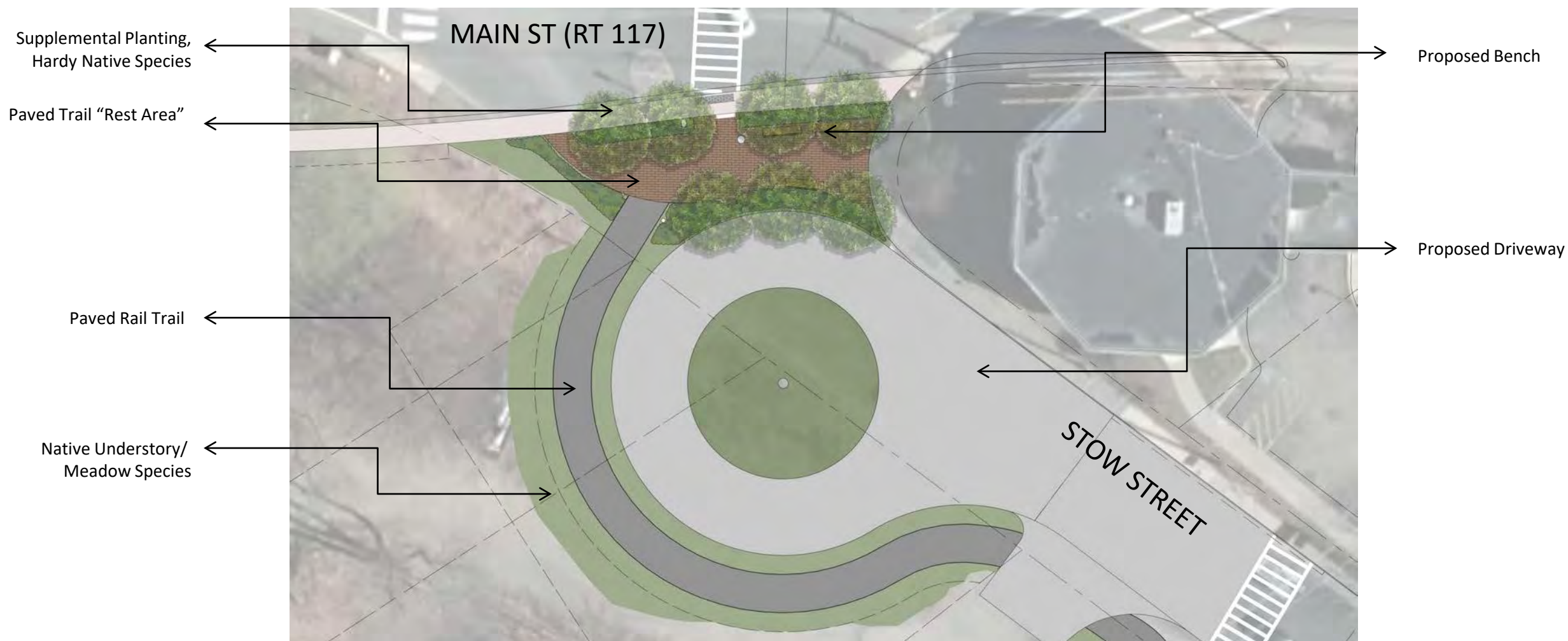
Rest Area at Truss Bridge



Allee at Midway



Trailhead at Main Street/Route 117



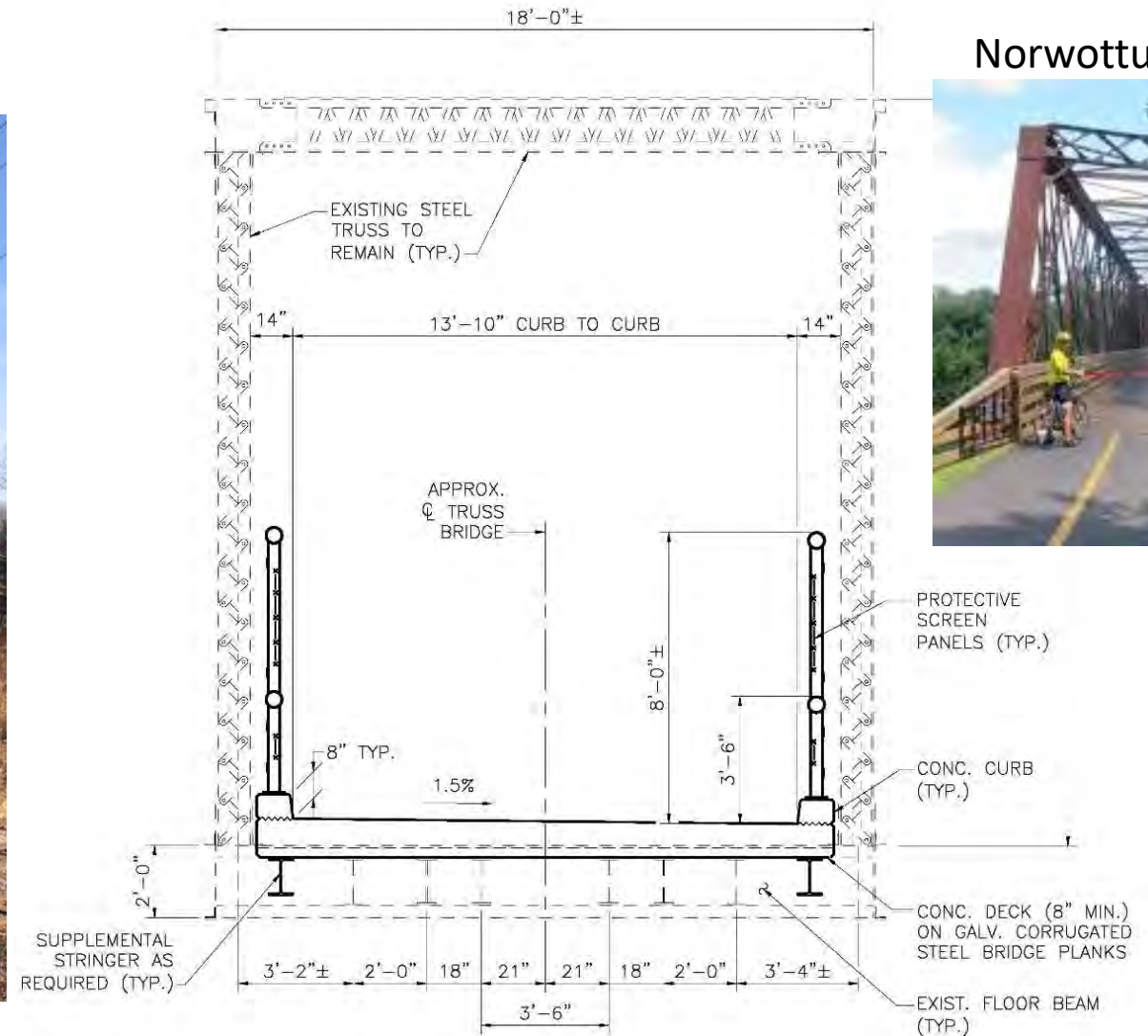
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Bridge over MBTA



Norwottuck Trail

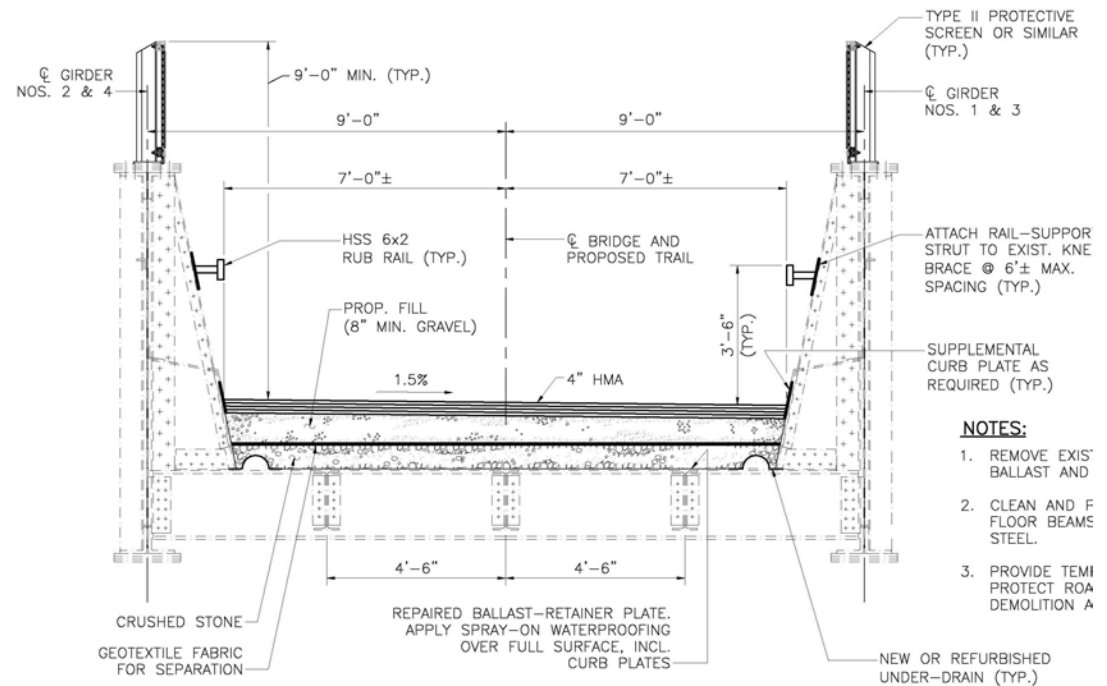


MCRT Over MBTA Commuter Rail

Bridge over I-95



Blackstone River Greenway



MCRT Over I-95

Questions?



Additional Information

- Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:

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

- If you have comments on this project:

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

- *Deadline: Thursday, September 29, 2022*

Please note: the contents of comments submitted to DCR, including your name, town and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information provided, notably email address, will only be used for outreach on future updates to the subject project or property.

- If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations via email at mass.parks@mass.gov

Thank You!

