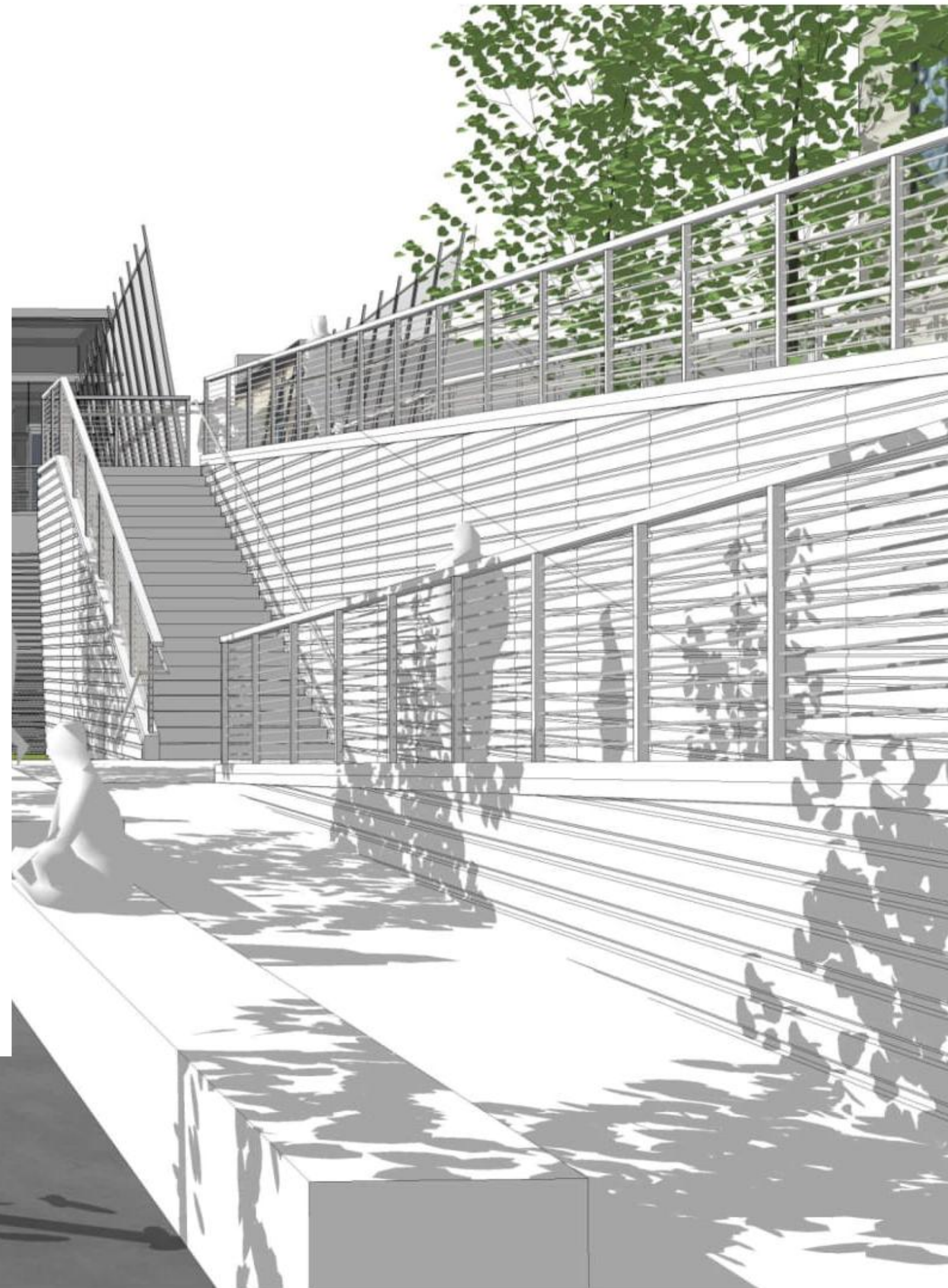




Davis Path Footbridge

Thank you for joining us.

This hearing will begin shortly.





Davis Path Footbridge

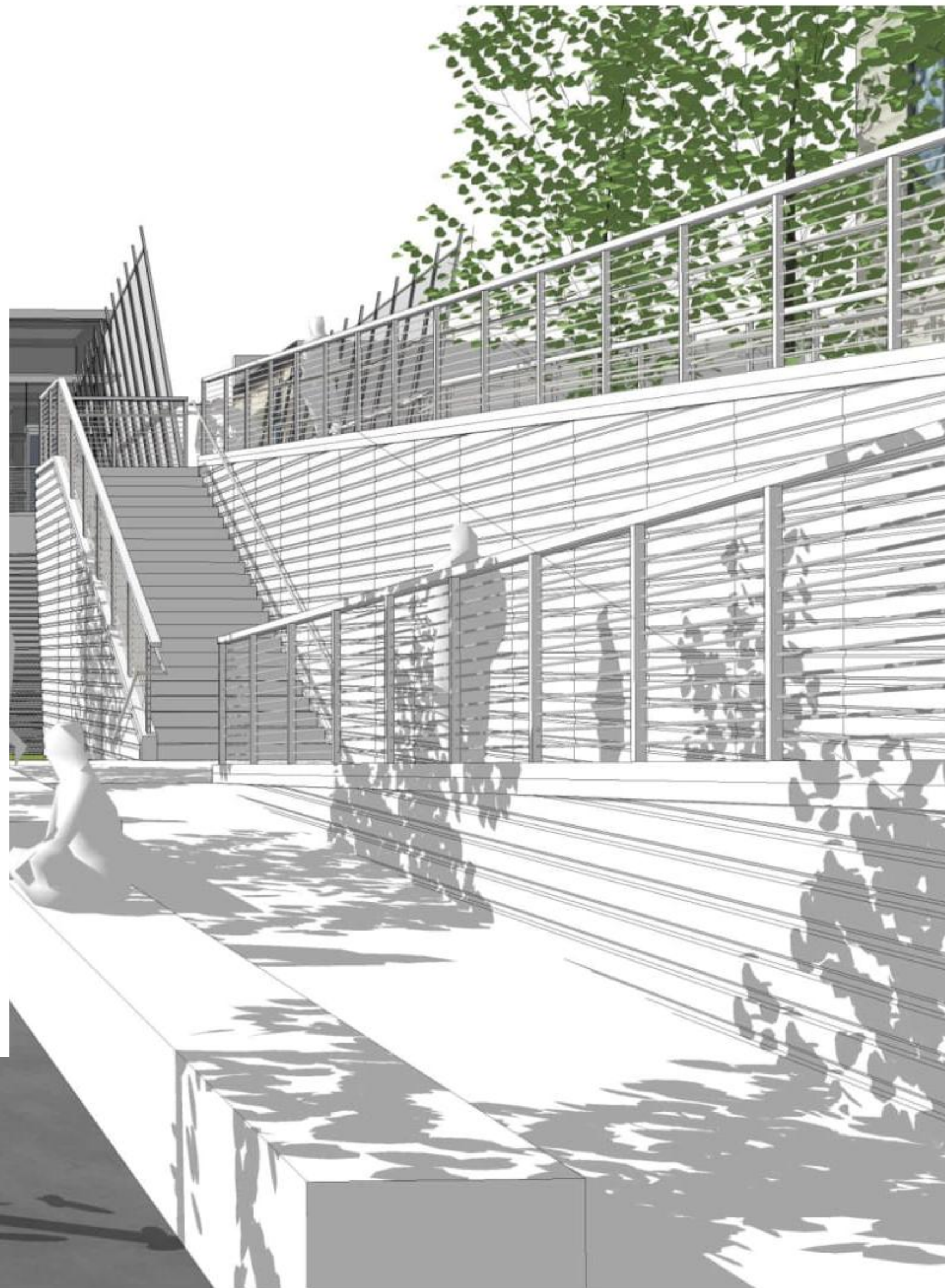
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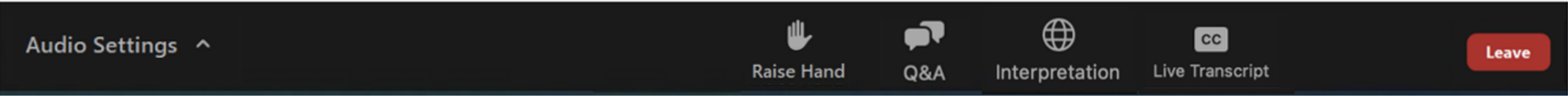


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Welcome and Meeting Overview:

- MassDOT Team
 - Harry Adolphe, Project Manager
 - Joseph Doucette, MassDOT District 6
 - Dan Fielding, Legislative Liaison
 - Doug Johnson and Marissa Foti, Producers
 - Nancy Knight, Right-of-Way
- Brookline DPW Team
 - Erin Chute, Commissioner of Public Works
 - Dan Murphy, Director of Engineering and Transportation
 - Bill Smith, Project Coordinator
- Consultant Team, WSP/UIL
 - Jaime Vasquez, Project Manager
 - Etty Padmodipoetro, Principal Bridge Architect
 - Nathaniel Cabral-Curtis, Communications and Public Involvement

- **Stenographer**
 - Advanced Court Recording

Agenda

1. Welcome & Overview
2. Why was this project initiated?
3. What alternatives were considered?
4. What is the preferred alternative?
5. What is our construction approach?
6. Right of Way
7. What are the environmental, cultural resource, and community impacts?
8. How will we keep you informed?
9. Questions & Discussion



Design Public Hearing – Flyers and Mass Media



Virtual Design Public Hearing Davis Path Footbridge Brookline, MA

What is happening?

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT Website for the Davis Path Footbridge over MBTA Green Line in Brookline, MA.

How will this affect you?

The reconstruction of the Davis Path Footbridge – a project of the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts - will restore a key piece in the pedestrian network. The new bridge will create an accessible link across the MBTA tracks which currently act as a barrier separating the northern and southern portions of Brookline Village, making travel safer and faster for a wide array of users including pedestrians, cyclists, people with limited mobility, users of micro-mobility devices, seniors, and families with small children.

When

October 20, 2026,
6:30 PM

Attend

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Project inquiries may also be emailed to DOTHighwayDesign@dot.state.ma.us. Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: HIGHWAY DESIGN, PROJECT FILE NO. 613683.**

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- *The Boston Globe* – 10/6 and 10/13
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 - At homes on roads potentially impacted by construction



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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Project Description: Brookline – Davis Path Footbridge over MBTA
Project File No. 613683

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Brookline, MA.

WHEN: 6:30 PM, Tuesday October 20, 2026,

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of reconstructing the Davis Path pedestrian bridge over the MBTA Green Line D-Branch with a new ADA-accessible shared use facility including an elevator and stairs to the north of the crossing and stairs/ramps to the south of the crossing. The new bridge and shared use facility will create an accessible link across the MBTA tracks which currently separate the northern and southern portions of Brookline Village. The project will make travel safer and faster for a wide array of users including pedestrians, cyclists, people with limited mobility, users of micro-mobility devices, seniors, and families.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Brookline is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 613683. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

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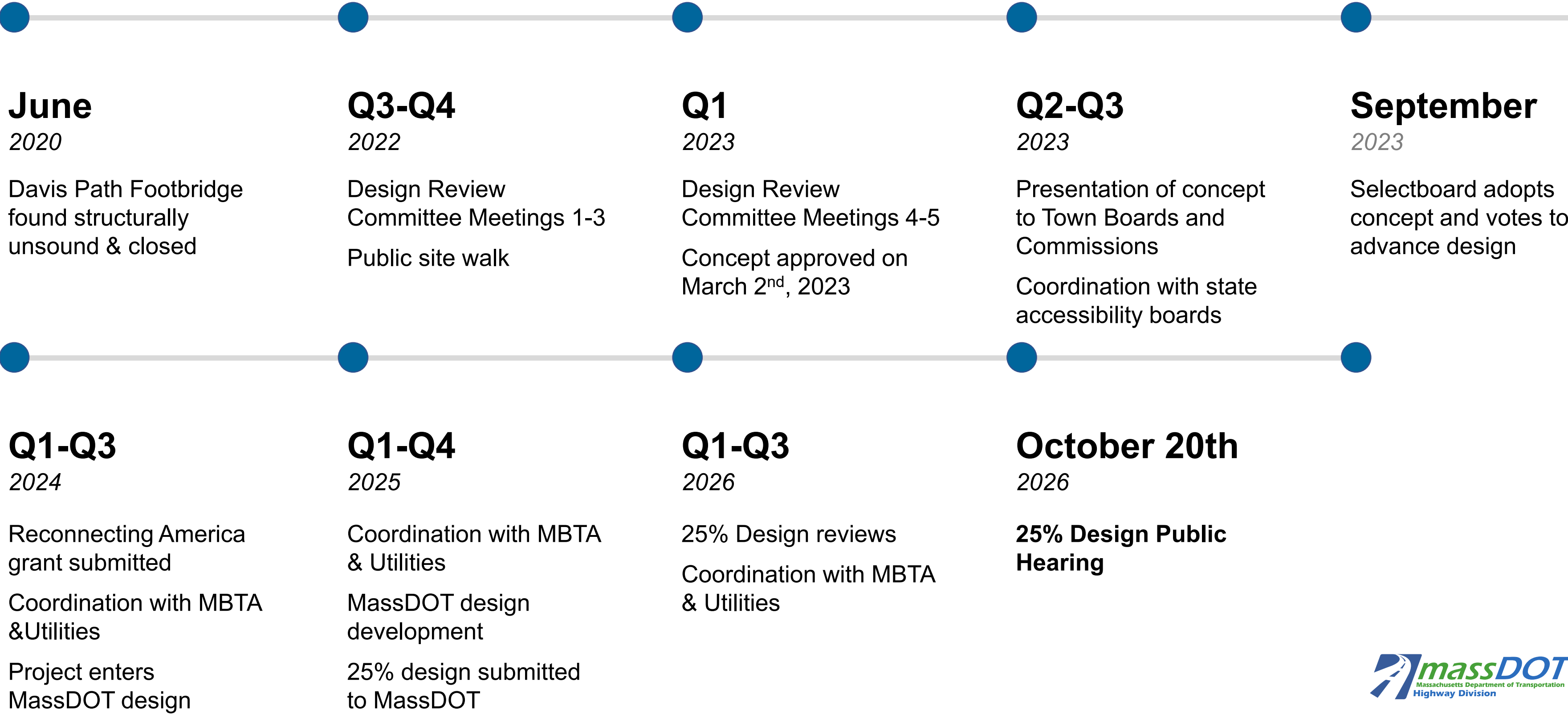
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CHIEF ENGINEER

View the 25% Design Public Hearing Handout

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How Did We Get Here?



A Robust Public Process

- This design is the result of transparent, iterative public process
- It has broad-based community support
- We thank the members of the DRC who developed the initial concept:
 - Co-Chair - Antonia Bellalta, Park and Recreation Commission
 - Co-Chair – Shonali Gaudino, Transportation Board
 - Dr. Miriam Ashkenazy, Select Board Member
 - Henry Winkelman, Disability Commission
 - Peter Kleiner, Preservation Commission
 - John Schreffler, Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 - Emily Jacobsen – Walnut Street Resident
 - Stephen Burrington – Emerson Street Resident
 - Wyndsor DePetro –White Place Resident

Davis Path Footbridge Replacement Concept Design Project

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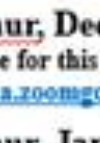
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Learn More at the DPW Project Website:

www.brooklinema.gov/1775/Davis-Path-Footbridge-Design



An Invitation from the Davis Path Footbridge Design Review Committee (DRC):

The Town of Brookline, Department of Public Works, has assembled a dynamic Design Review Committee (DRC) who will work closely with staff and consultant engineering/architecture team of WSP/UIL (Urban Idea Lab) through a public design process to develop a viable 25% concept design and cost estimate for the replacement of the Davis Path Footbridge. A series of DRC virtual meetings is scheduled through Spring, 2023, to provide both a forum for public review and input, and a firm schedule for timely and methodical progress towards a final, concept design – one vetted and supported locally, as well as by the MBTA.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend, learn more about the project, and offer their views about what a new bridge could look like and how it would best serve our community. Please feel free to reach out to the Town of Brookline's Project Manager, William Smith, with any questions, concerns, or input: wsmith@brooklinema.gov or (617) 264-6450.

PUBLIC NOTICE for all future DAVIS PATH FOOTBRIDGE DRC MEETINGS:

- **DRC Meeting #2:** Thur, Oct 27, 2022, 6:00-8:00pm
 Register in advance for this webinar:
https://brooklinema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_47fOmUI_SWOdWeQA_g7TKlQ
- **DRC Meeting #3:** Thur, Dec 15, 2022, 6:00-8:00pm
 Register in advance for this webinar:
https://brooklinema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_5NYkV4KxSLaOrNM_kiYU7g
- **DRC Meeting #4:** Thur, Jan 26, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm
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- **DRC Meeting #5:** Thur, March 2, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm
 Register in advance for this webinar:
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Please note that updates will be posted to the project website and physically at the park/bridge. Agendas will be posted to the Town Calendar. Retain this Notice as no further mailings will be sent in advance of these meetings unless a change.

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For more information contact Sarah Kaplan at skaplan@brooklinema.gov or call 617-730-2329 (TDD 617-730-2327).

Project Finance

- As of 25% design the project's estimated construction cost is: \$14.2M.
- Anticipated cost split:
 - 80% Federal
 - 20% Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- The total estimated construction cost does not include right-of-way acquisition costs
- Adjacent park project costs not included.





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Existing Conditions

- Constructed 1911
- Poor Condition 2019-2020
 - Concrete spalling
 - Failed reinforcing
 - Low capacity
 - Loss of on-bridge lighting
- Span Removed June 2020
 - 900 feet to Washington Street
 - 1,500 feet to Cypress Street
- Sense of loss in the community after the bridge was removed
 - Loss of historic structure and convenient access to parks and neighborhoods
- Town recognizes the importance of the missing connection



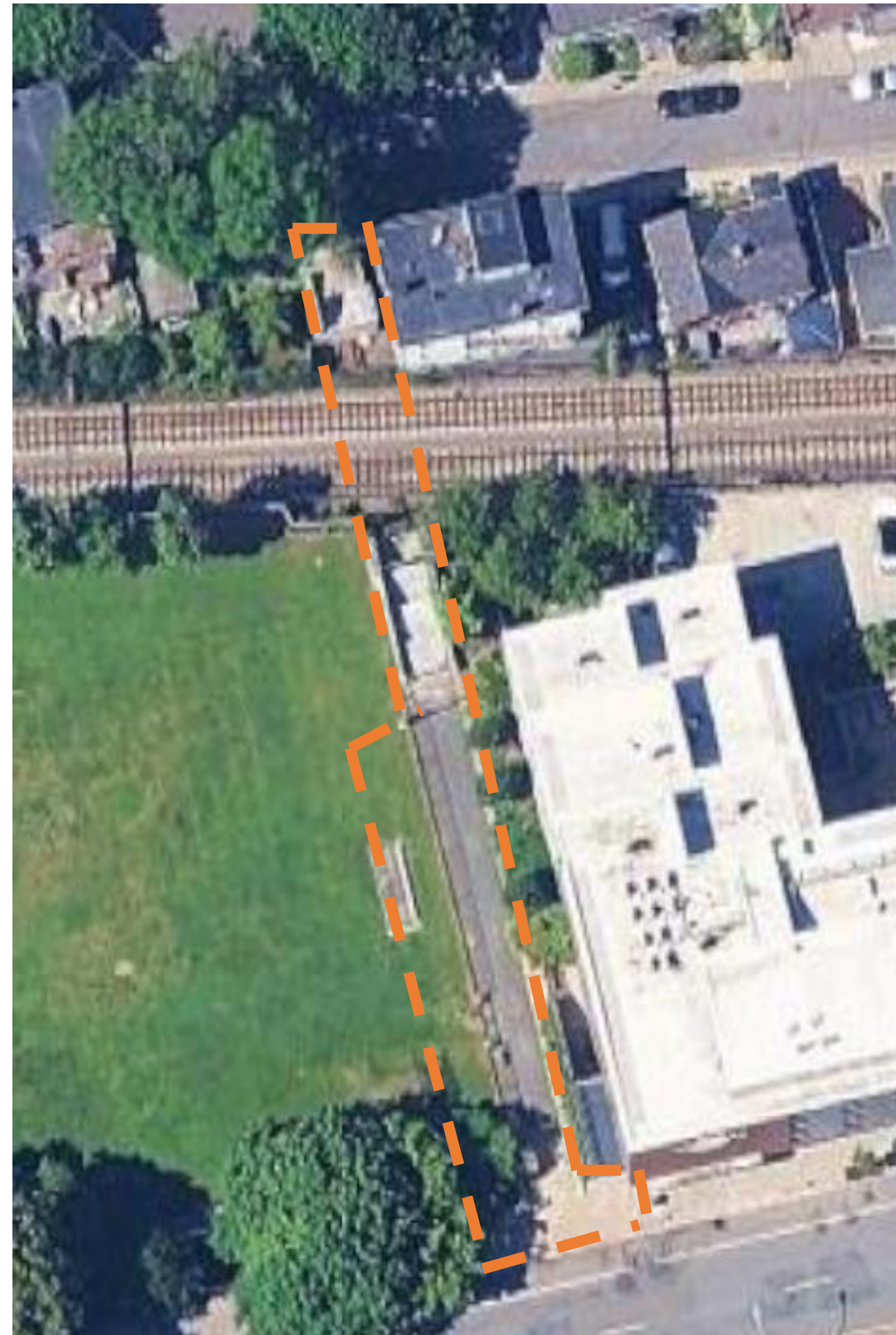
Project Goal & Bridge Context



Project Goal: To design a pedestrian and bicycle friendly bridge that provides a welcoming, safe, equitable, and accessible connection between the civic center of Brookline and the neighborhoods, communities, parks, and schools on and across Boylston Street (Route 9).

The Project Limits of Work

- The bridge itself
- Davis Path public ROW
 - ~30 feet wide
- The approach from White Place
- The approach from Boylston Street
- A small section of Boylston Street Park/Playground





How has our
design
progressed?

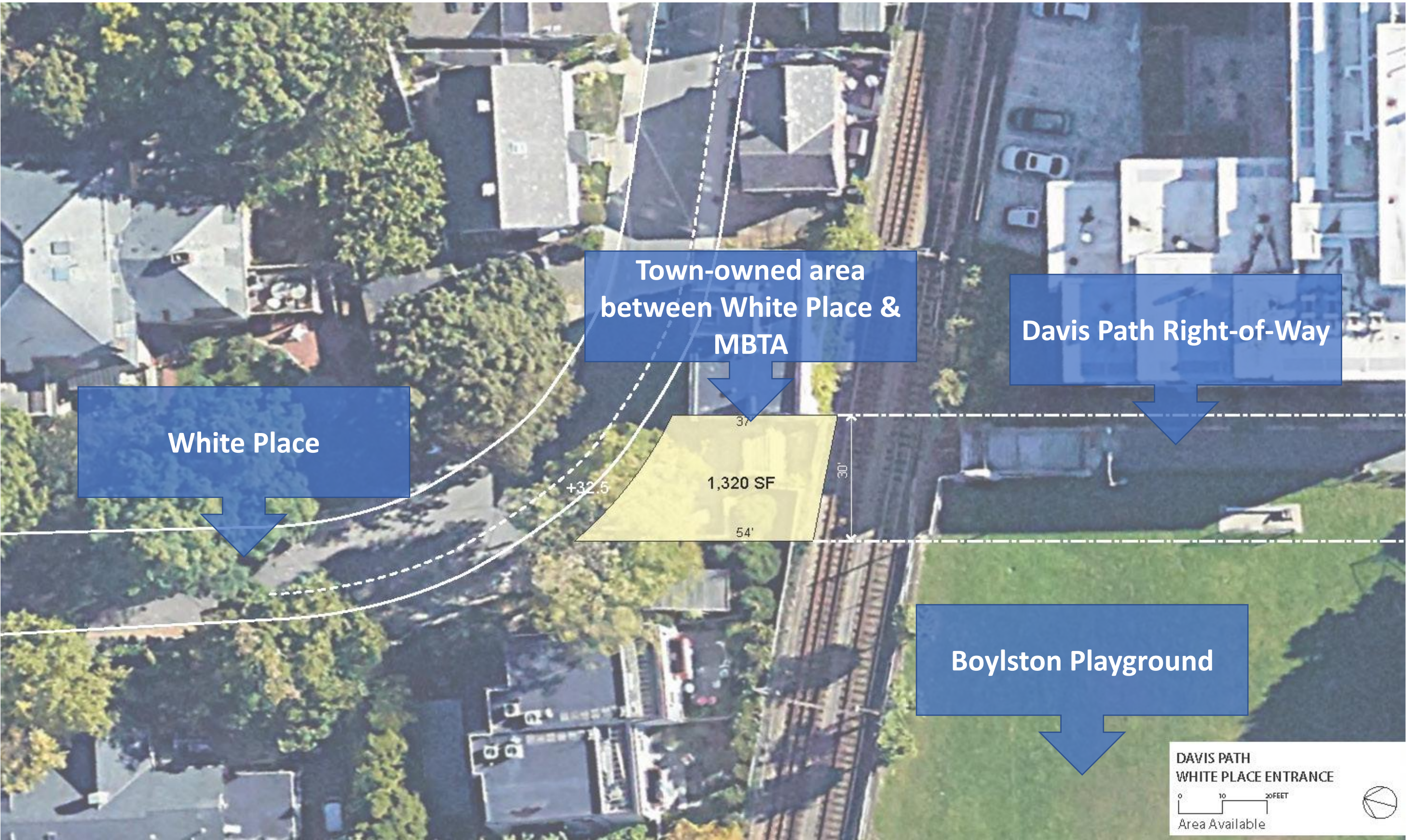
DRC Process Design Requirements: Safety, Accessibility & Integration

- Improved Safety
 - Provide a more transparent structure to eliminate blind spots and allow better “eyes on the street” from police or residents
 - Add lighting to the bridge that improves visibility without over-lighting adjoining structures
- Accessibility
 - Provide a new bridge that is accessible to all: mobility aids of all types, strollers, and bicycles
- Maintain Community Character/Integration with Park/Community Space
 - Create an interplay between the bridge and the park
 - Consider seating on the park approach while keeping the White Place approach more transport oriented

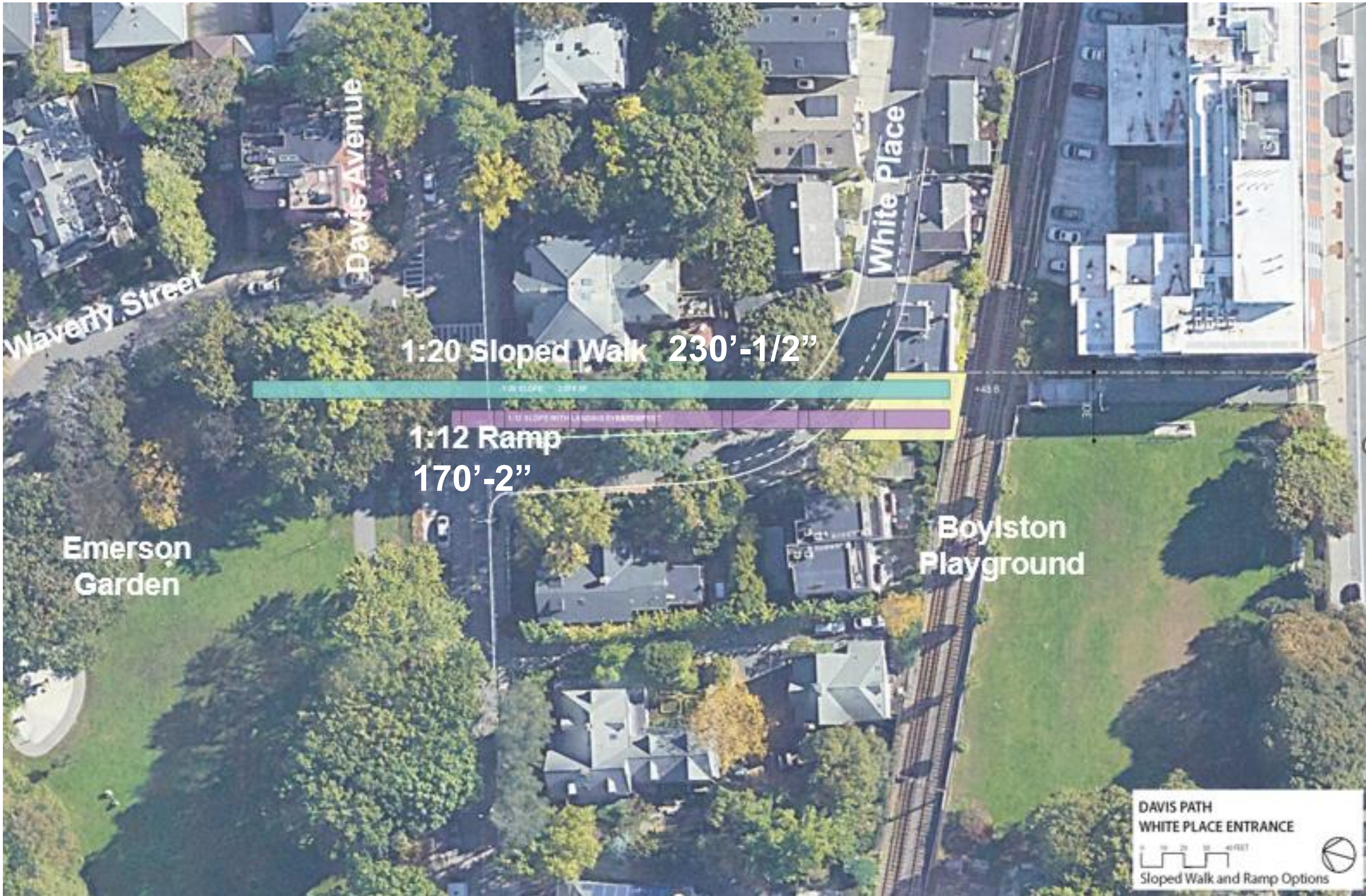
DRC Design Requirements: Community Connections, Aesthetics & Long-Term Value

- Community Connections :
 - Strengthen the connection to Old Lincoln School
 - Consider a range of ways from simple to complex to highlight the Davis Path to Walnut Path connection
- Bridge Aesthetics
 - Provide a structure which honors area history without replicating the old bridge
 - Provide a structure which is resistant to graffiti
- Long Term Value, Operational Performance & Maintenance
 - Blend attractiveness with budget
 - Consider opportunities for a greener structure in construction and operation
 - Consider opportunities to speed up construction

Accessibility from White Place is a Key Driver of Design



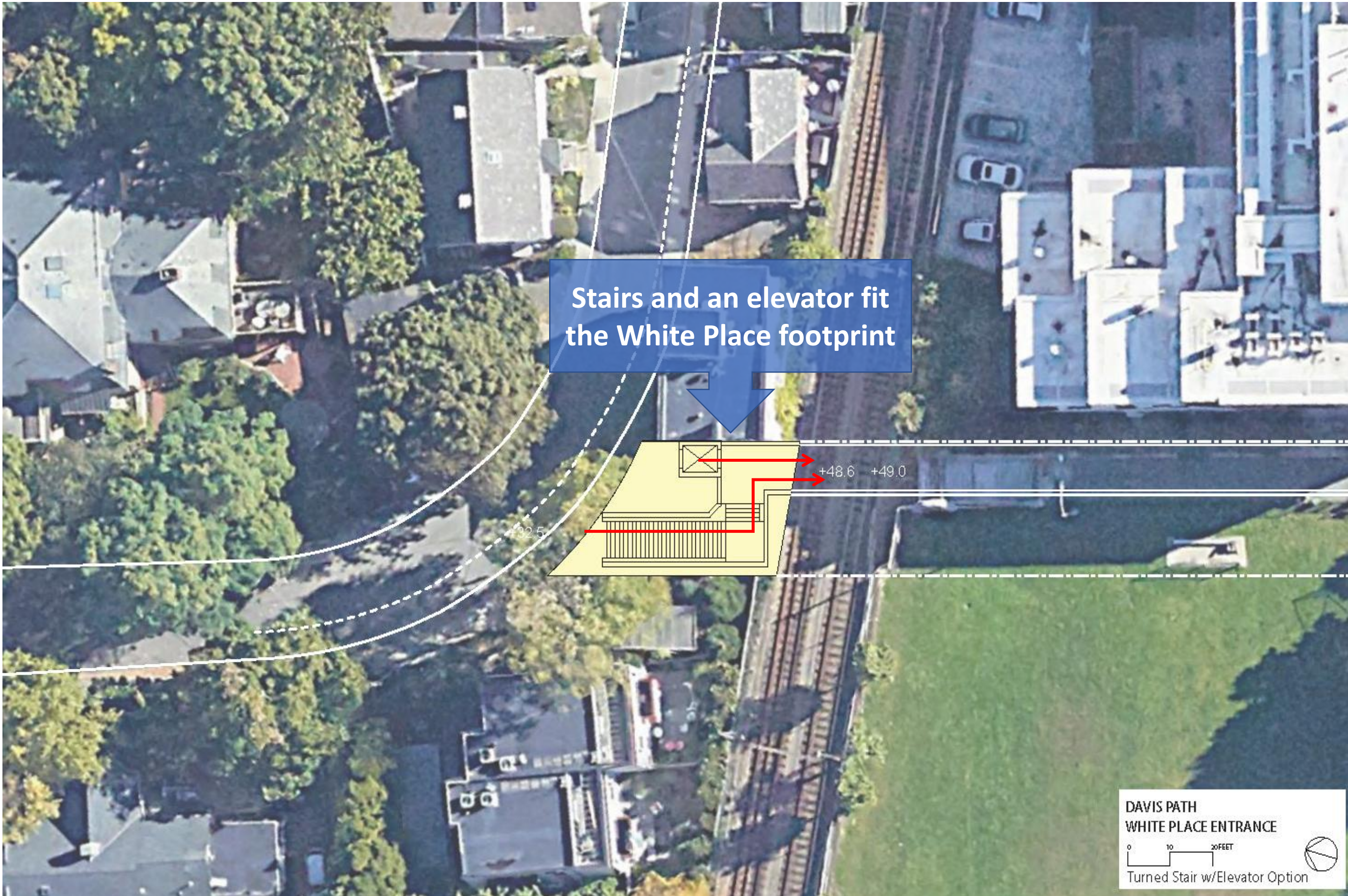
Property Impacts from Ramps and Sloped Walks



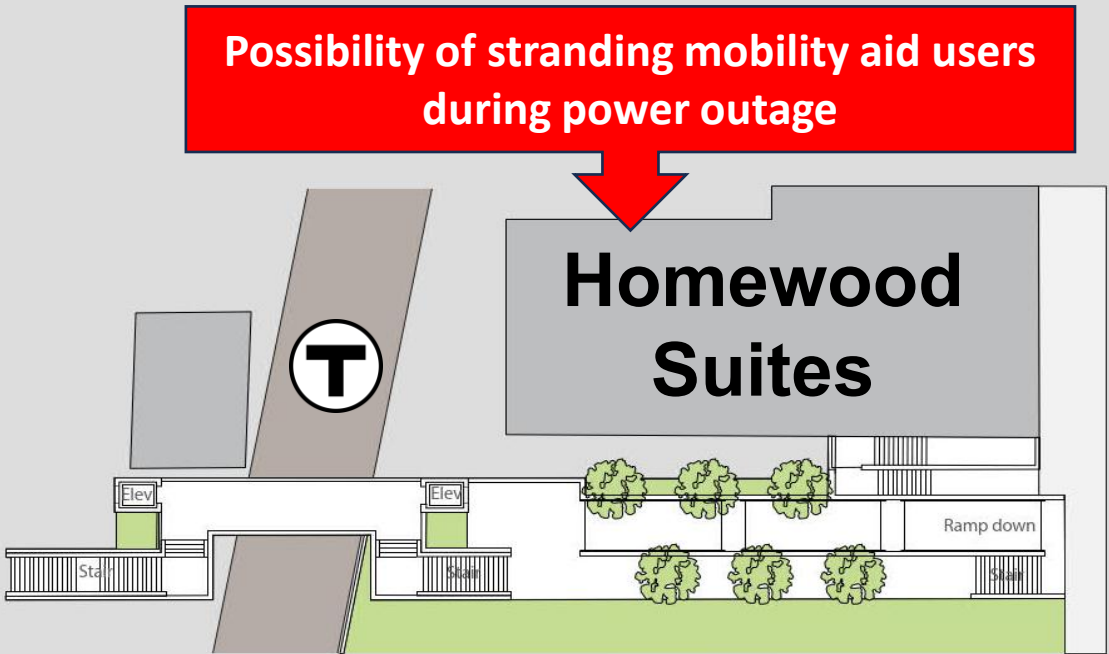
Alternative Considered: Switchbacks



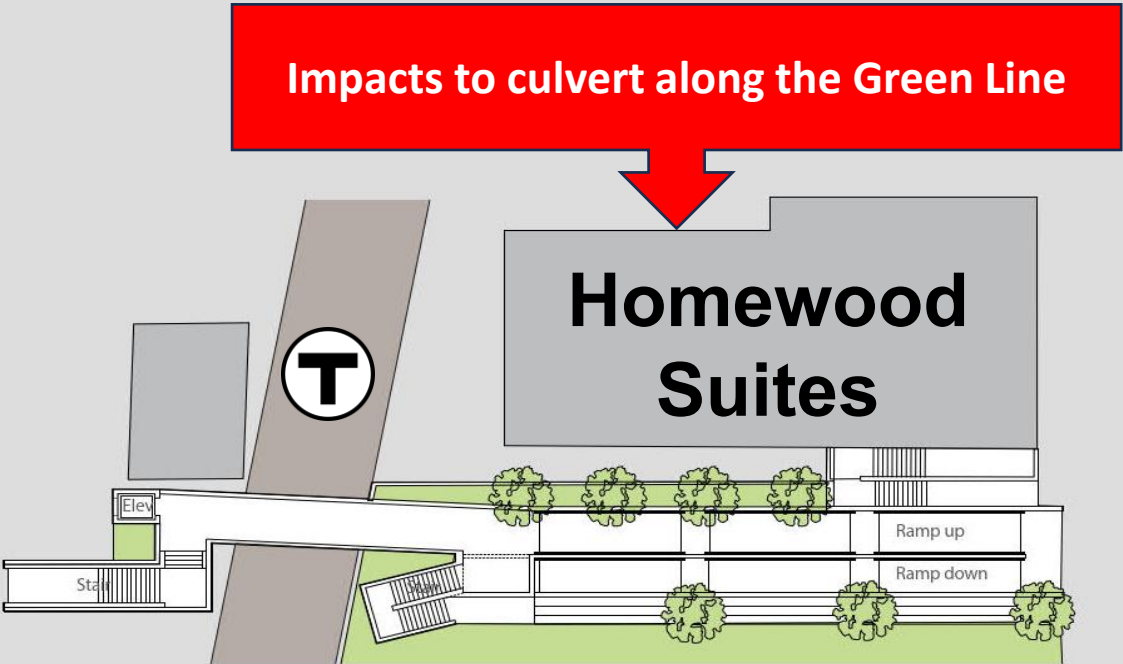
Alternative Considered: Stairs and an Elevator



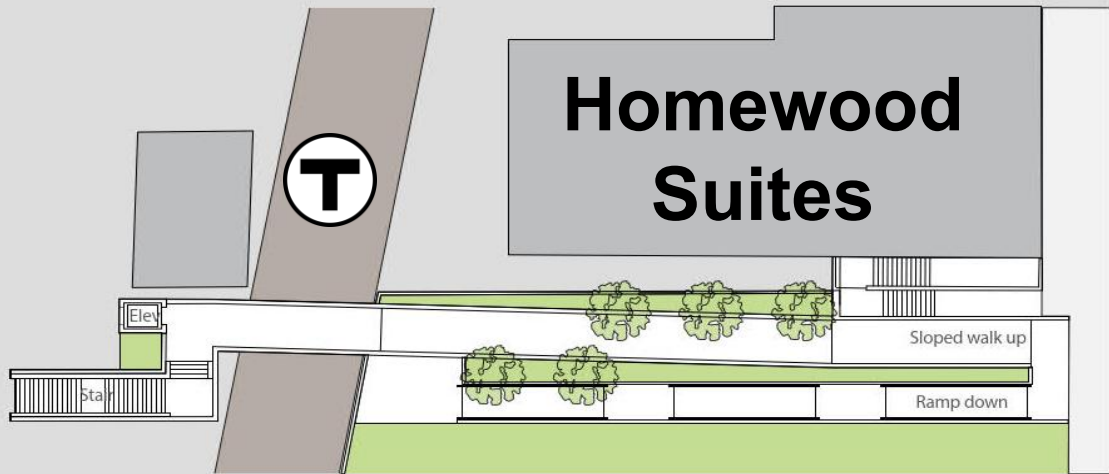
Design Explorations



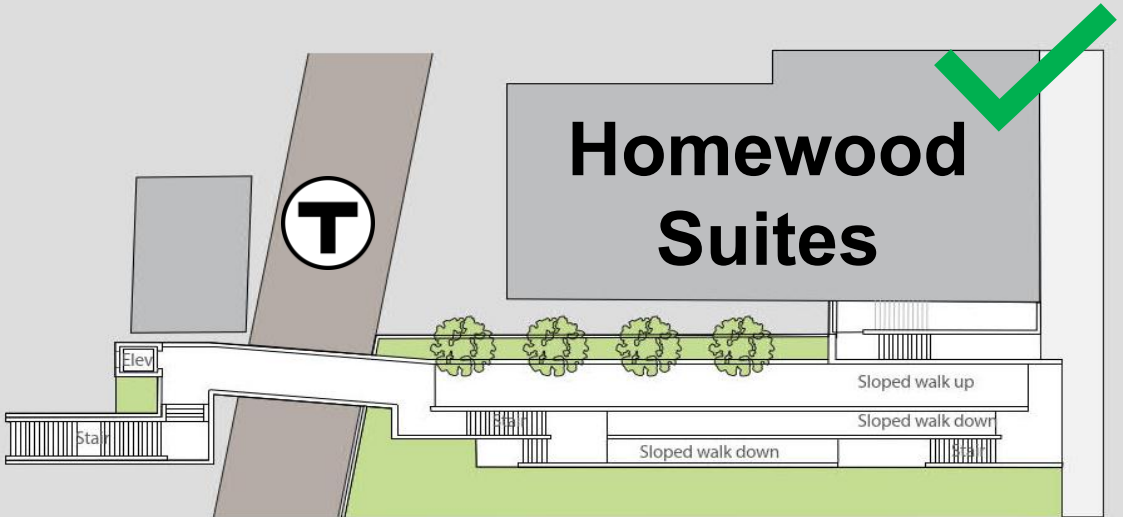
Option 1: Two elevators, ramp, and stairs to park



Option 3: Ramp to park and bridge, stairs between bridge and park



Option 2: Ramp to park, walkway to bridge

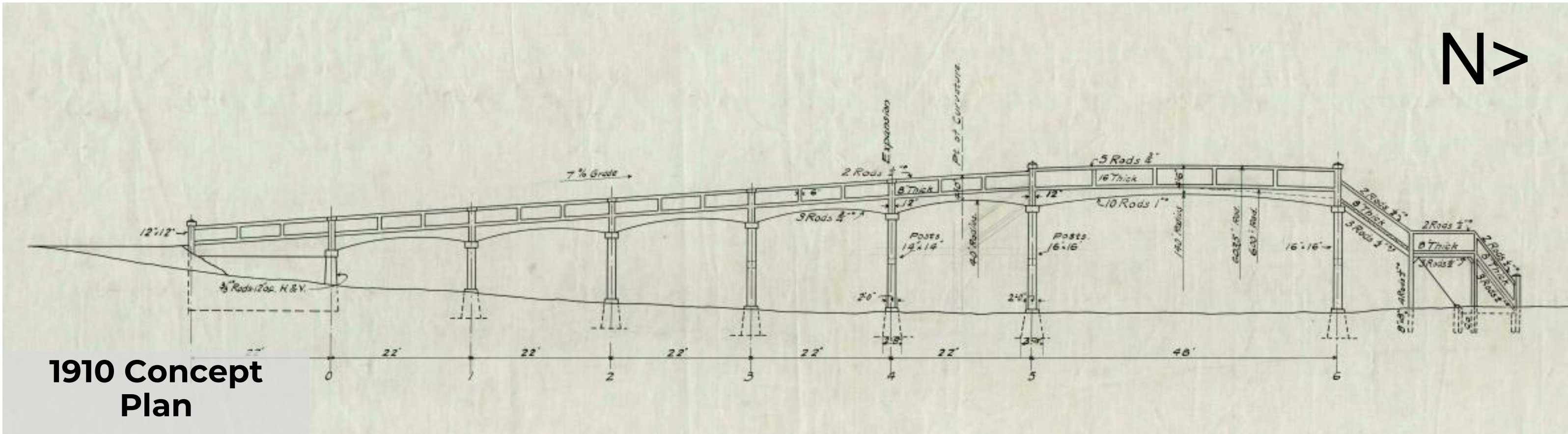


Option 4: Walkways and stairs to bridge and park

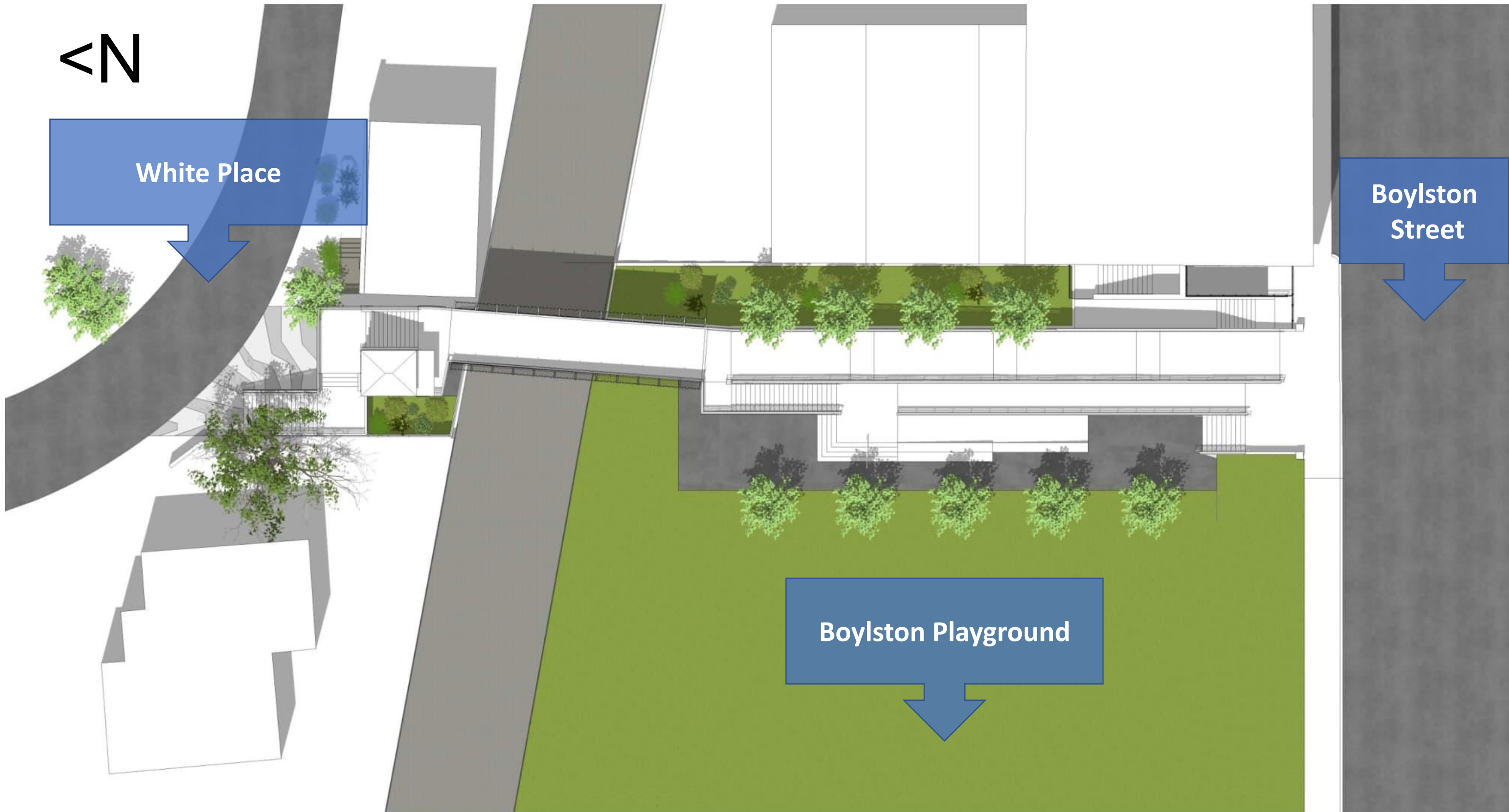


**What is our
preferred
alternative?**

Everything Old is New Again



Proposed Overall Project - Aerial



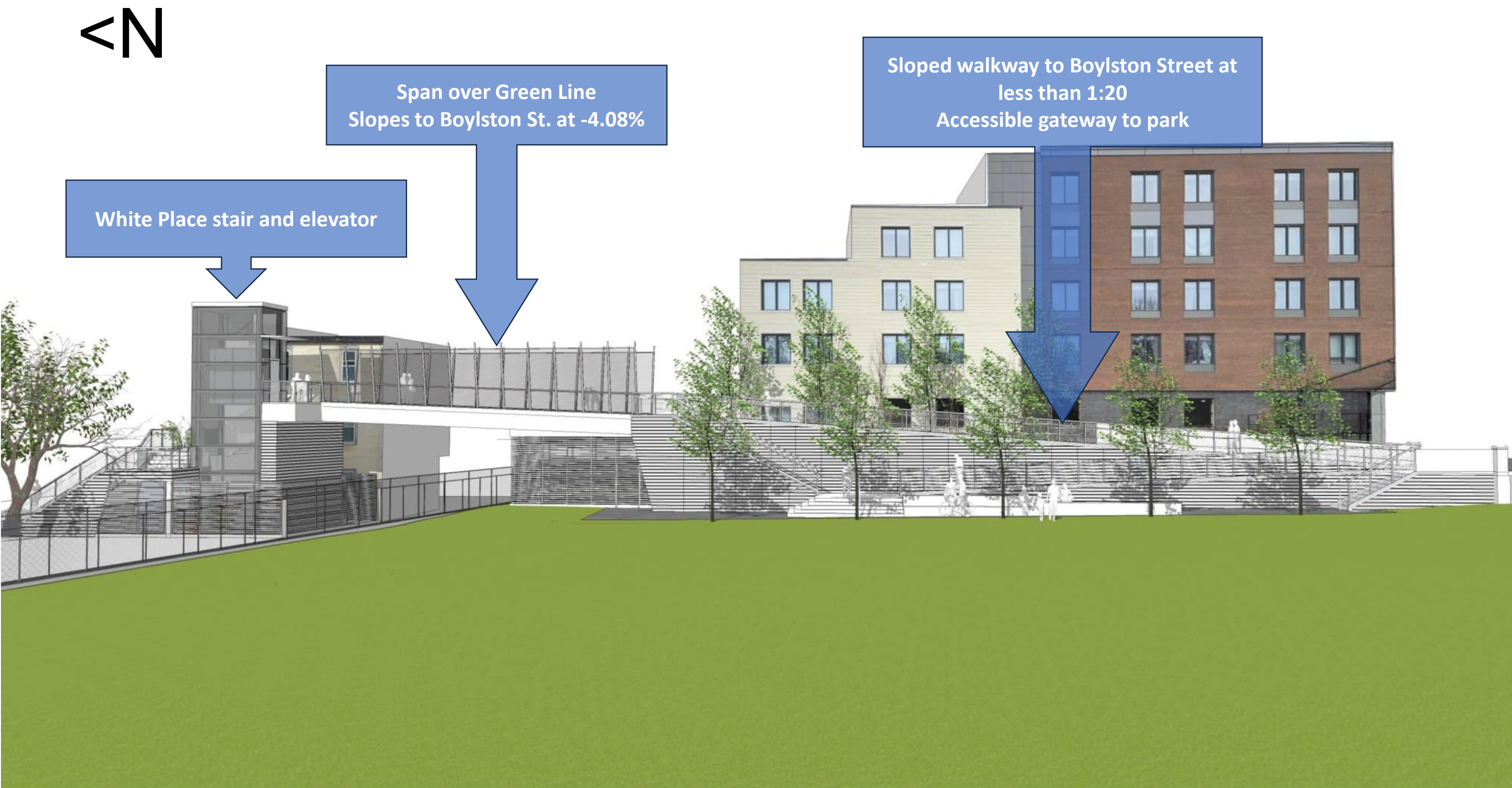
Proposed from Boylston Street - Aerial



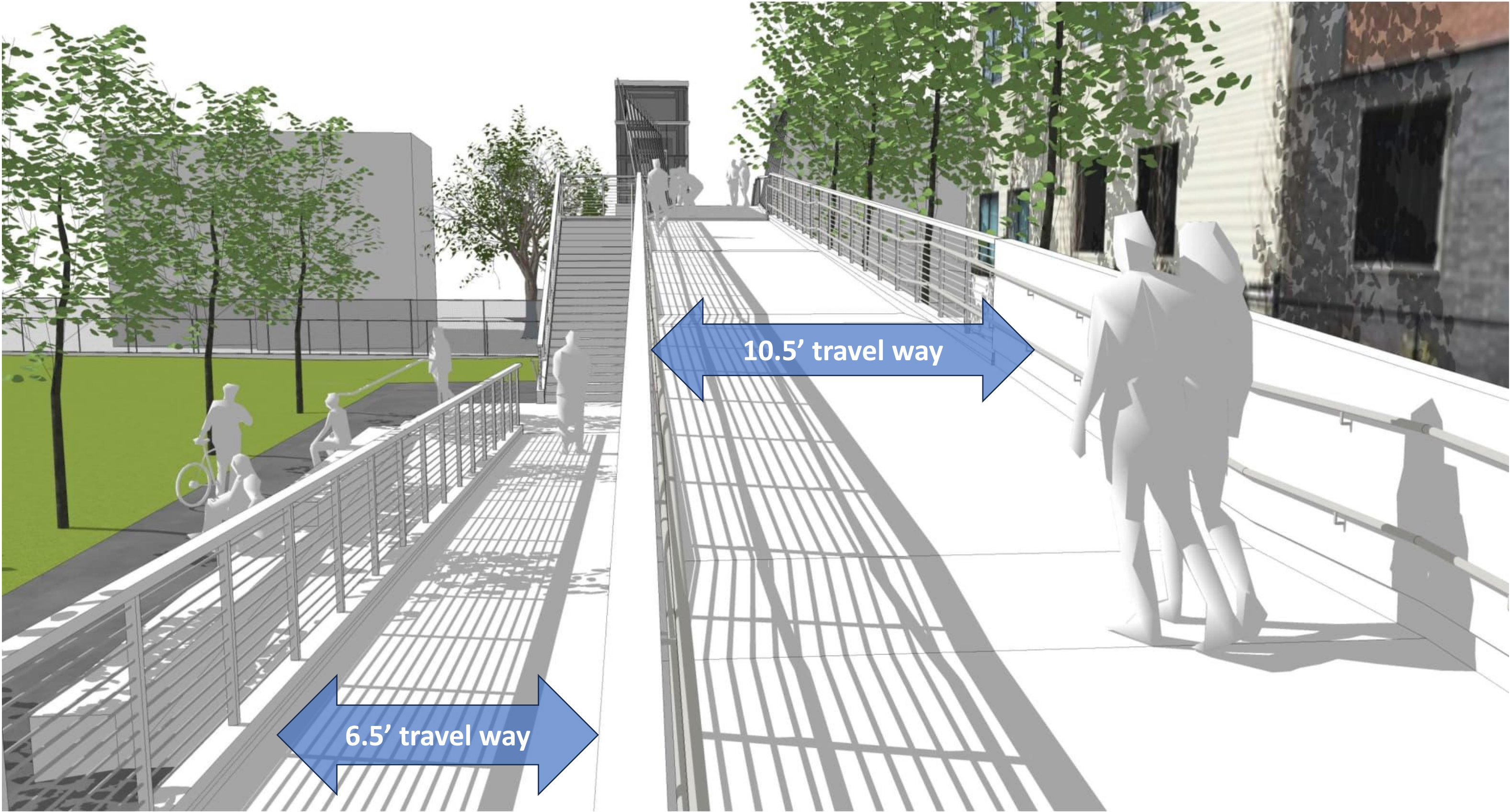
Proposed toward White Place - Aerial



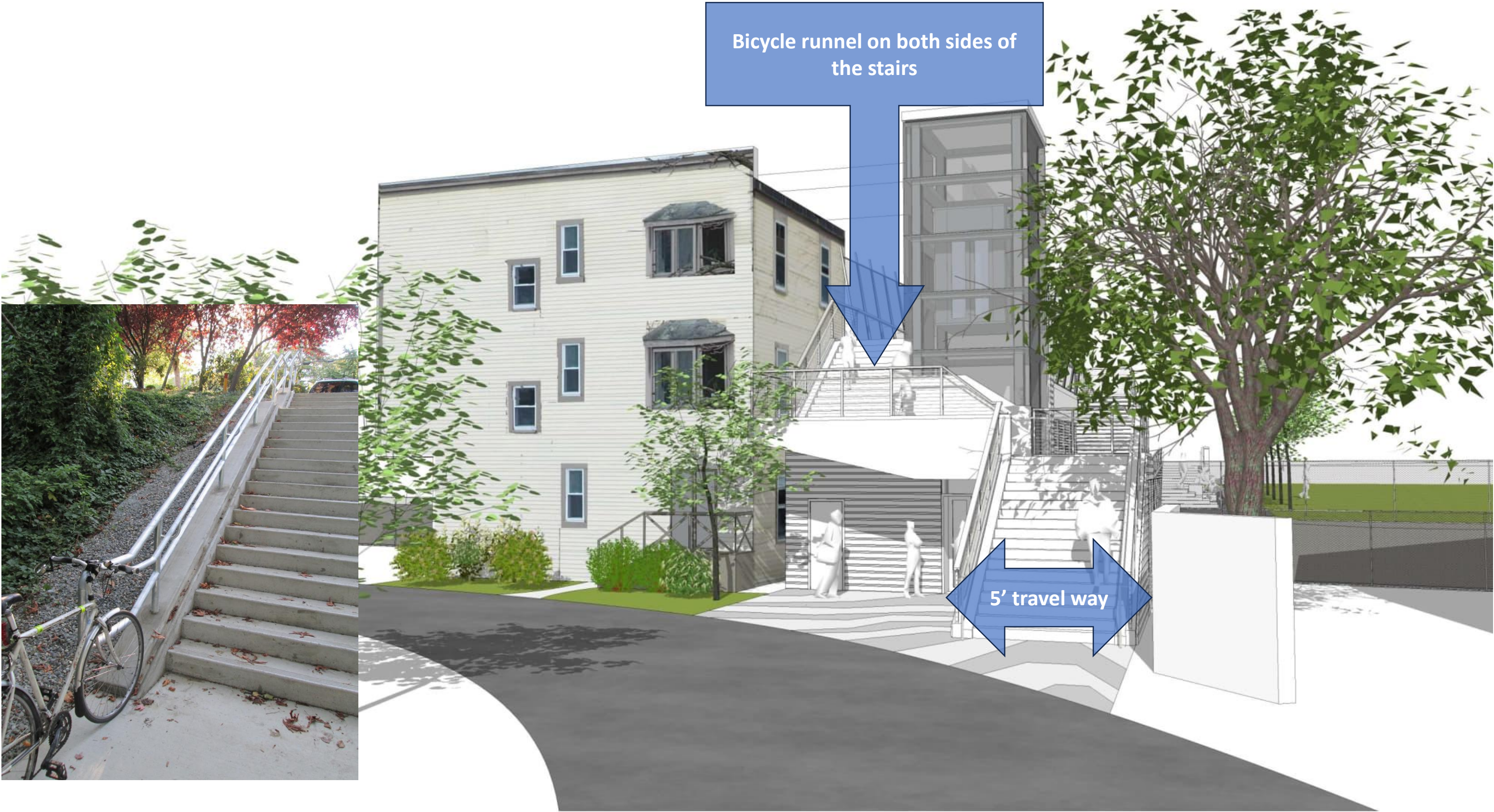
Proposed Elevation View – From Playground/Park



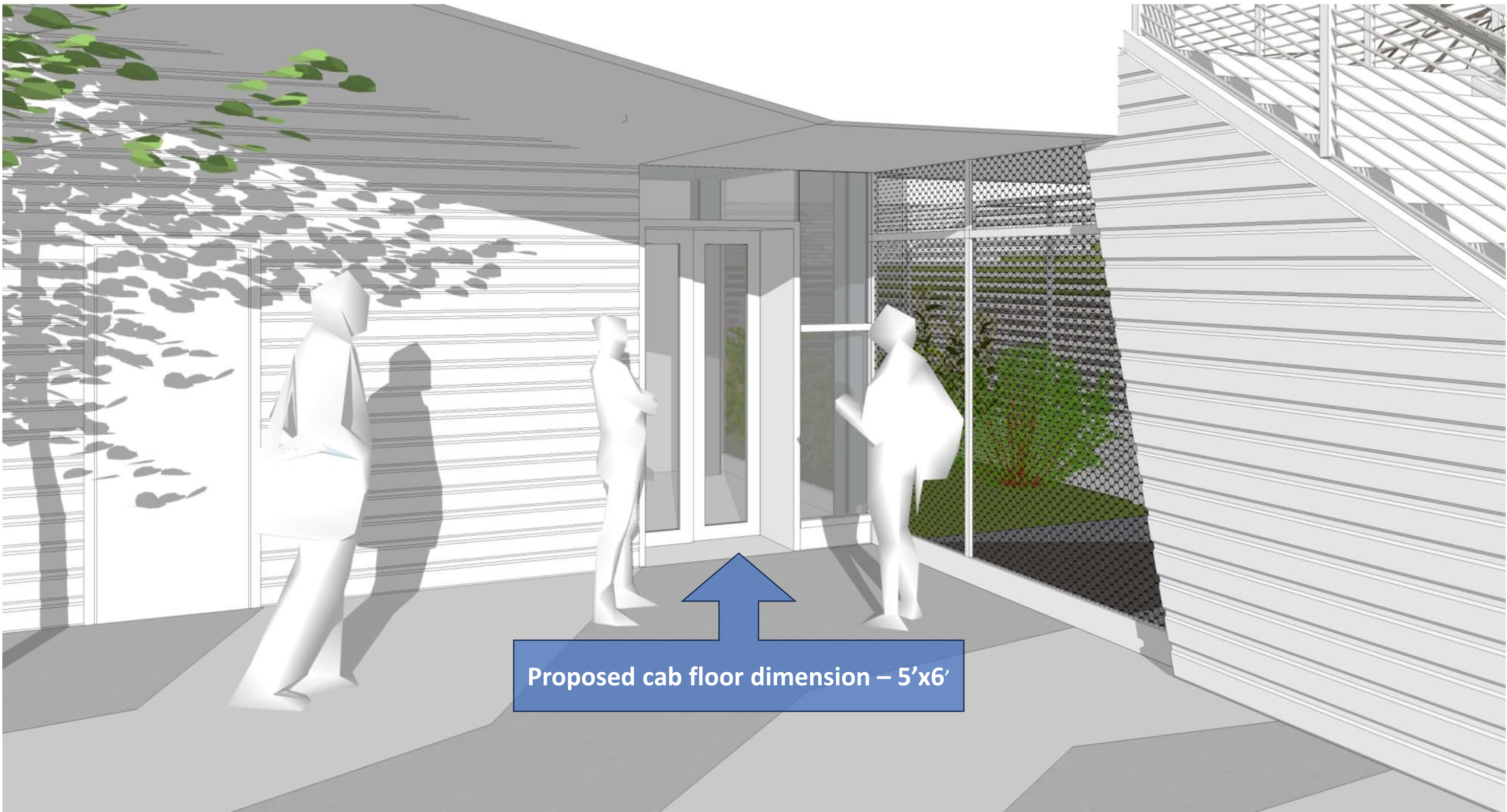
Proposed View – Boylston Street



Proposed View – White Place



Proposed View – Elevator Entry Detail

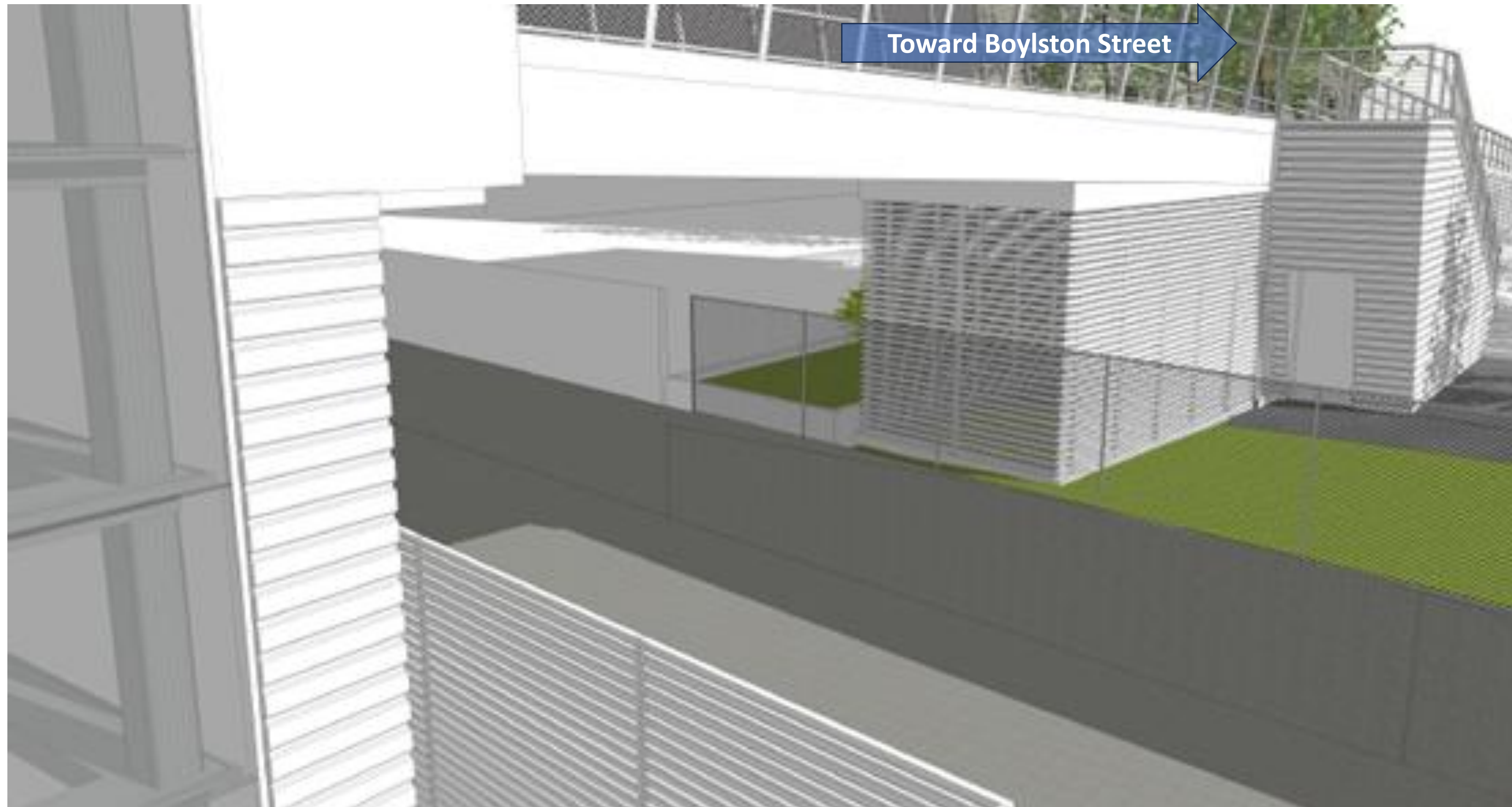


Proposed View – Park Edge

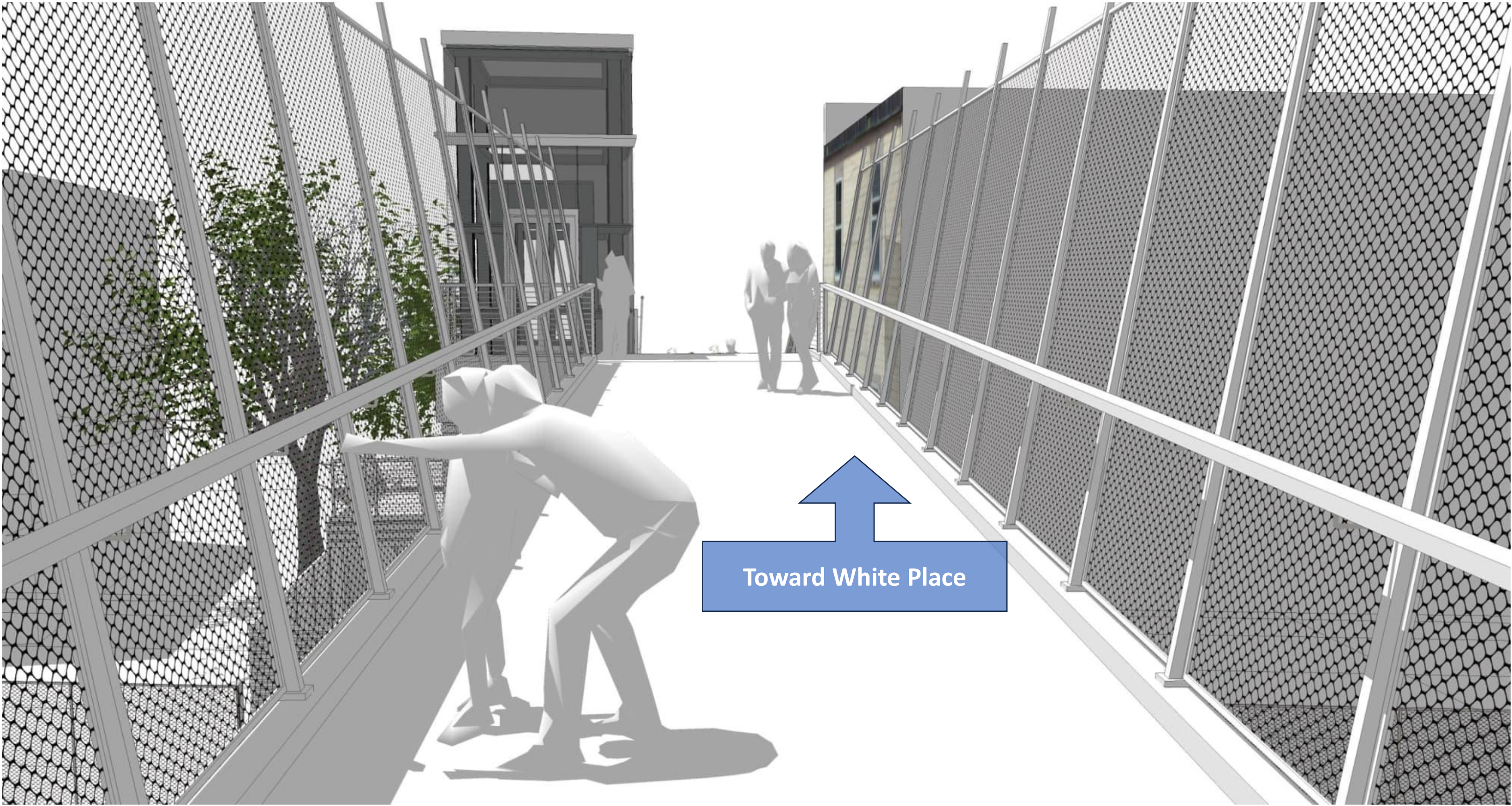


Proposed permeable pavers

Proposed Span over MBTA – View from Below



Proposed Span over MBTA – Daytime



Proposed Span over MBTA – Nighttime





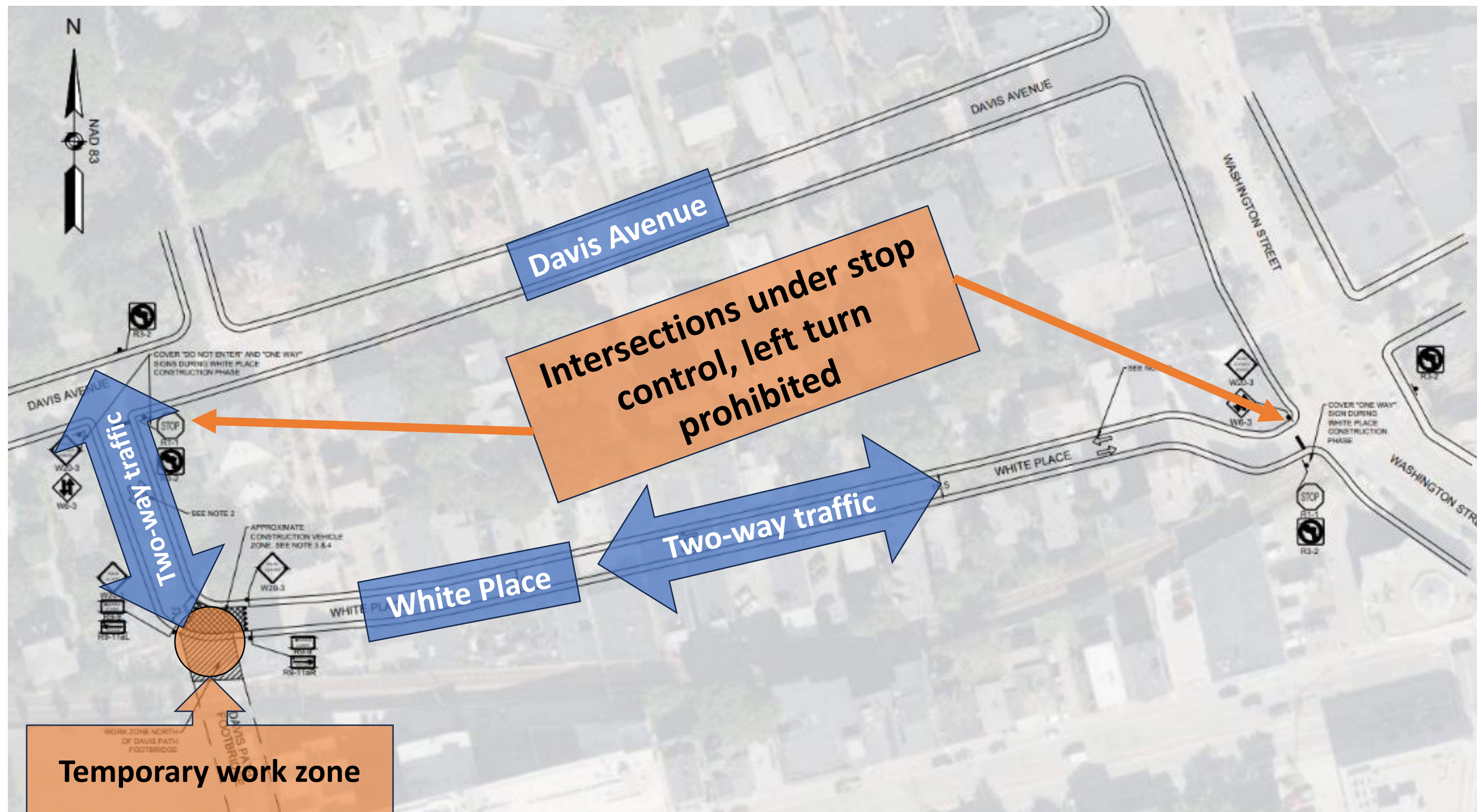
**What is the
construction
approach?**

Replacing a Missing Connection

- Staging can take advantage of full closure
- Proposed construction staging:
 - Demolish necessary remains of the existing bridge
 - Prepare new bridge foundations
 - Install new bridge superstructure
 - Install, test, and commission elevator
 - Open new bridge
- Approximately two years of construction
- Weekend Green Line closures required for key operations, e.g., beam setting



Proposed Construction Access – White Place

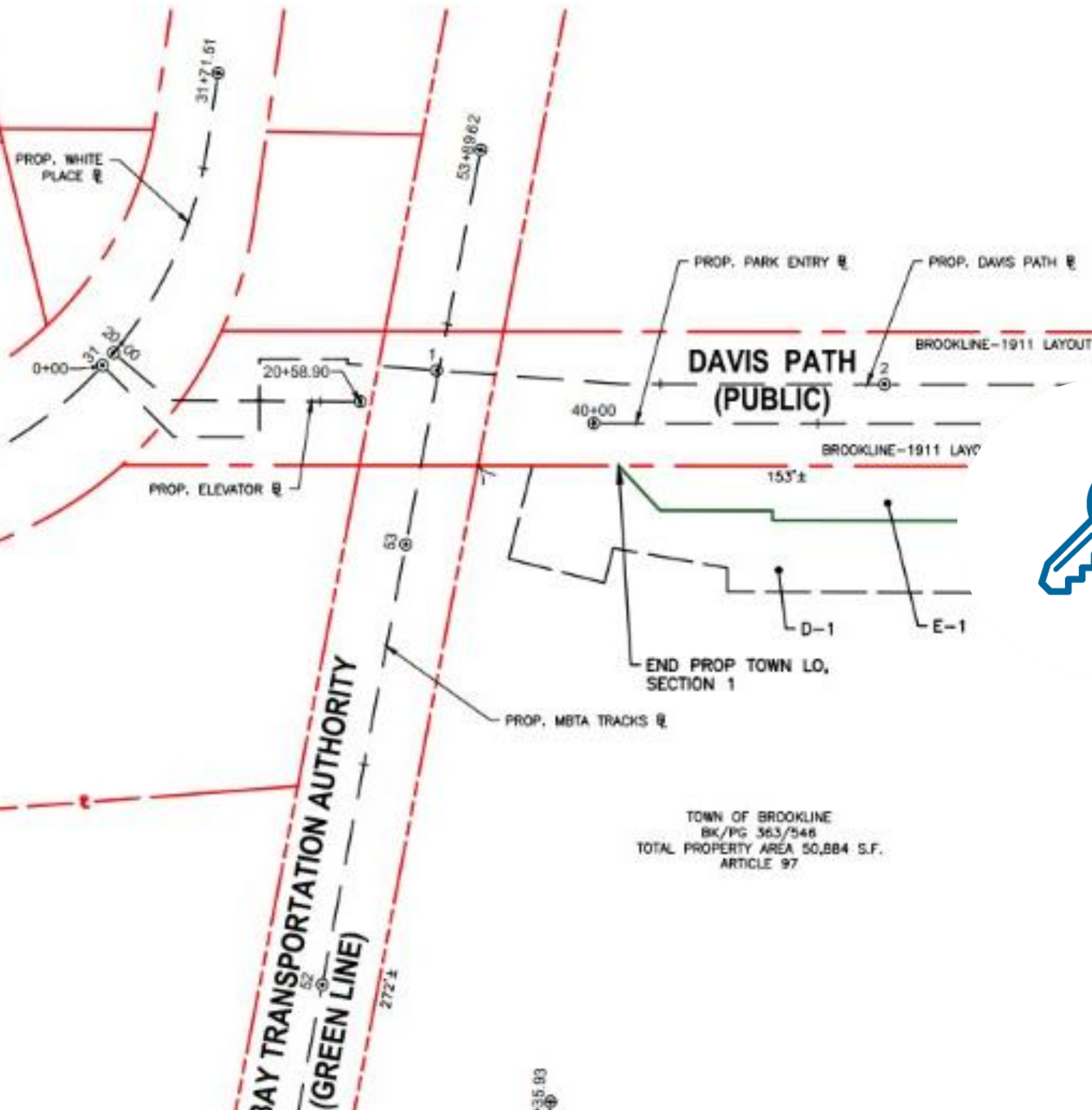


- White Place split into two parts during working hours
- Two-way operation on each
- Parking on one side only
- Approximately 8-10 months
- Creates a safe work zone

Proposed Construction Access – Leverett Street



- Temporary work zone in Boylston Park
 - Approx. 20,700 sf
- Temporary access from Leverett Street via Cameron Street
 - Smythe Street appears too small
- Approximately 24 months
- Creates a safe work zone and laydown area
- Route checked; standard construction equipment fits
- Brookline DPW to follow with park rehabilitation



Right of Way

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion

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- The Town of Brookline is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
 - Fee takings, permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by municipal officials of the Town of Brookline who will present the proposed impacts to each owner and discuss the methods by which the needed rights for the project may be acquired.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
- Preliminary ROW drawings will be available at the 361 Washington Street Brookline Public Library for public review and comment.

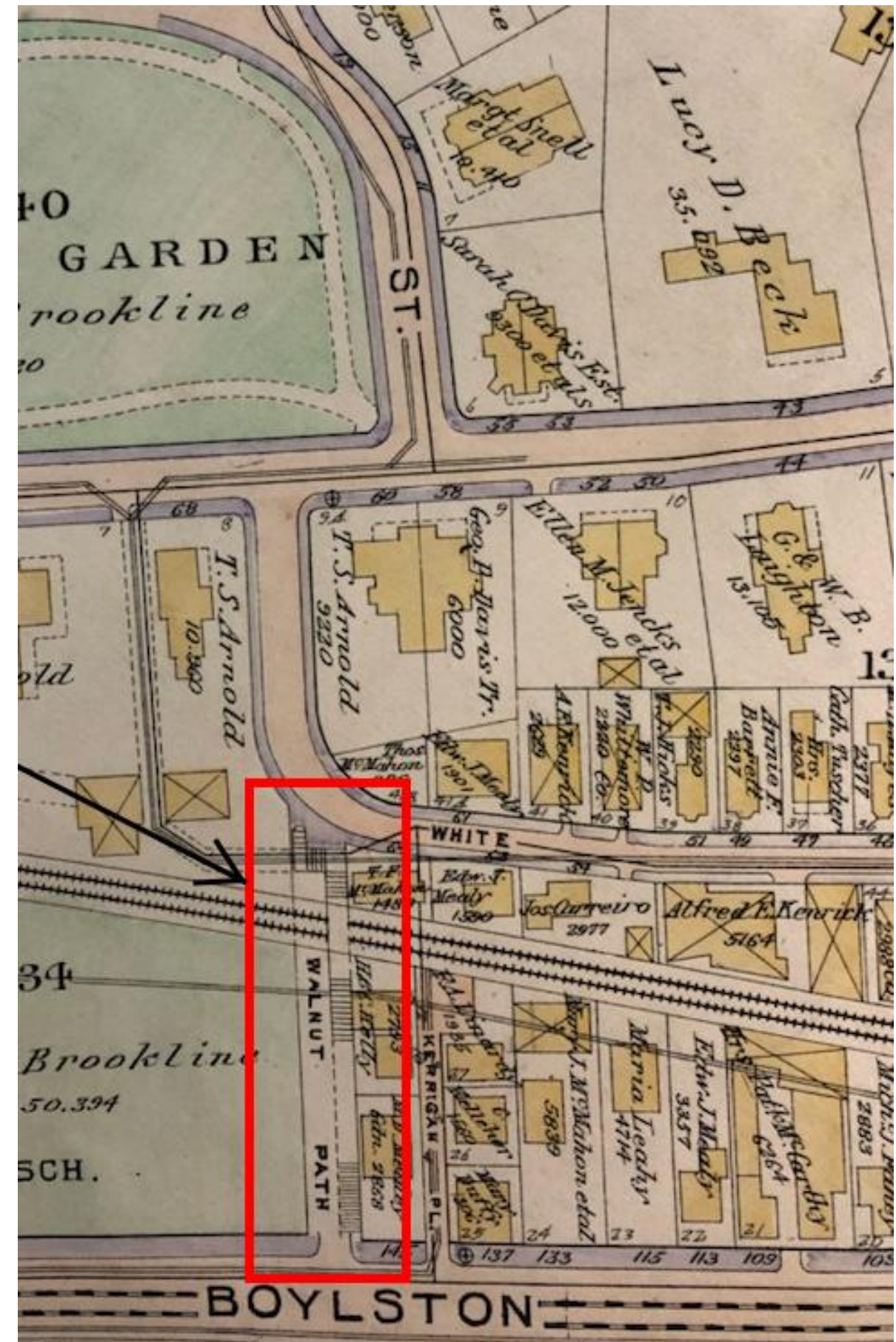
At this stage of design, the Right of Way process has not been finalized. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to comment on any impacts to properties.



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

Historical and Cultural Context

- Located at the intersection of three local historic districts
- Davis Path is part of larger pathway network built by Brookline 1886-1926
- The proposed bridge honors the original intent:
 - Connect residential, park, and commercial spaces
 - Provide shortcuts where travel on roadways would be circuitous and/or provide safe passage over railroad tracks
 - Updated to provide full accessibility and engage the park
- Brookline Preservation Commission is supportive



The Natural Environment

- No impacts to wetlands or drainage patterns are proposed
- Geotechnical reports did not flag any hazardous materials on site
- Permeable pavement assists in groundwater recharge
- We will continue to coordinate with all applicable state and local authorities
- Erosion control will be implemented during construction



Our next steps



Respond to 25%
design comments –
Fall/Winter 2026



75% design milestone
– Spring/Summer
2027



100% design approval
– Summer 2028



Advertise to
contractors -
Spring 2029
(Assuming available
funding)



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

How to reach us?

- Submit written comments to:
Carrie Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer
MassDOT
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116
Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 613683
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Questions and discussion

Questions and answers



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions (Alt + Y if using a phone)



- 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

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Thank You

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