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25% Design Public Hearing

Virtual Public Hearing | July 27, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Project File No. 607675



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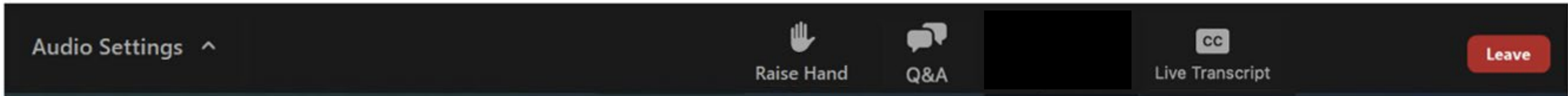


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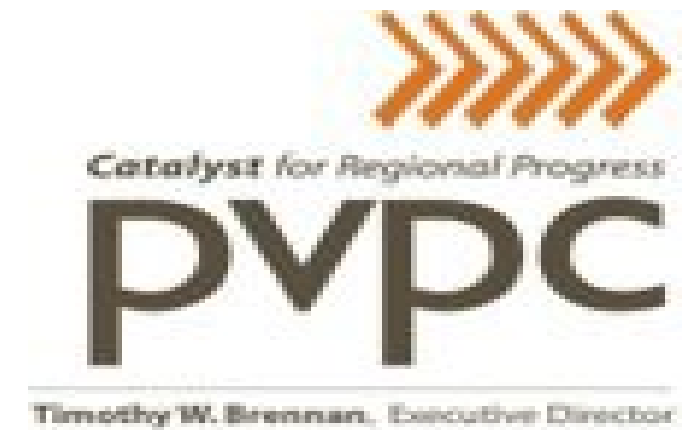
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Community Organizations (cont.):

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (MPO)



Springfield Registry of Motor Vehicles



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Agenda

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02 Project Background

03 Project Overview

04 Alternatives Considered

05 Impacts

06 Public Involvement

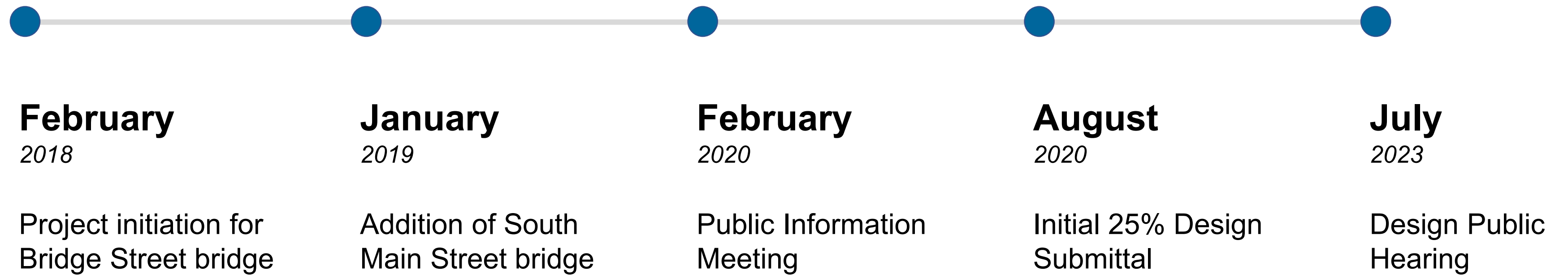
07 Q & A



Project Key Plan – Mill River Greenway Projects



How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Bridge Street Bridge Replacement

- Built in 1918, rehabilitated in 1968
- Structurally deficient
- Vehicle load restrictions
- Concrete pier in serious condition
- Stone abutments in fair condition with cracked/dislodged stones



South Main Street Bridge Replacement

- Built in 1957
- Vehicle load restrictions
- Replacement supports detoured traffic during Bridge Street replacement
- Improve shared-use path (SUP) connectivity across Mill River

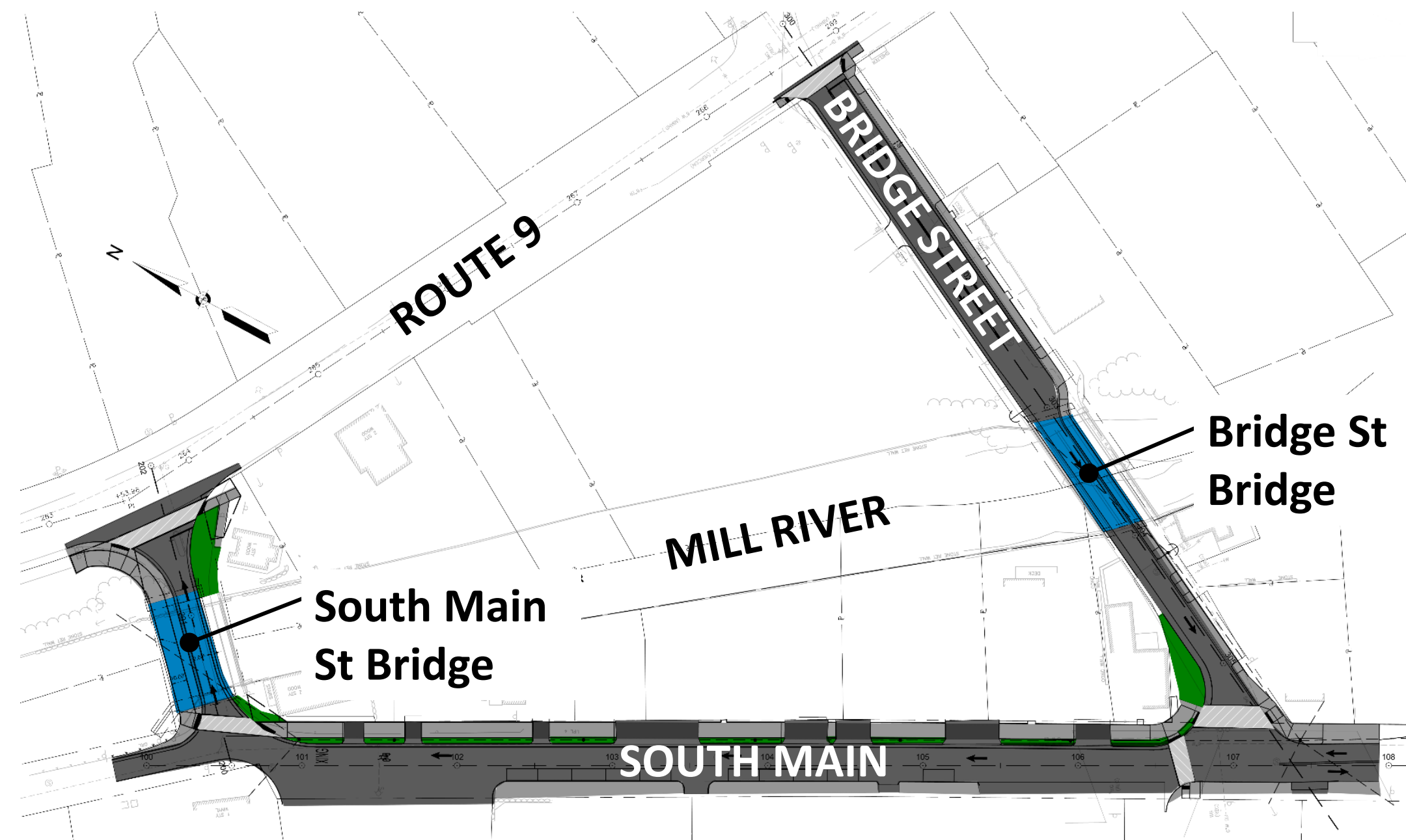




**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Objectives

- Bring bridges to state of good repair
- Eliminate vehicle load restrictions
- Construct shared-use path along South Main St through project limits





**What
alternatives
were
considered?**

Alternatives – Bridge Street

1. Rehabilitation:

Eliminated due to center pier condition

2. Replacement bridge (2-lane, bidirectional):

Eliminated due to property impacts

3. Replacement bridge (1-lane, single direction):

Selected Alternative



Alternatives – South Main Street

1. Replacement bridge (2-lane, bidirectional)

Eliminated due to width and property impacts

2. Replacement bridge (1-lane single direction)

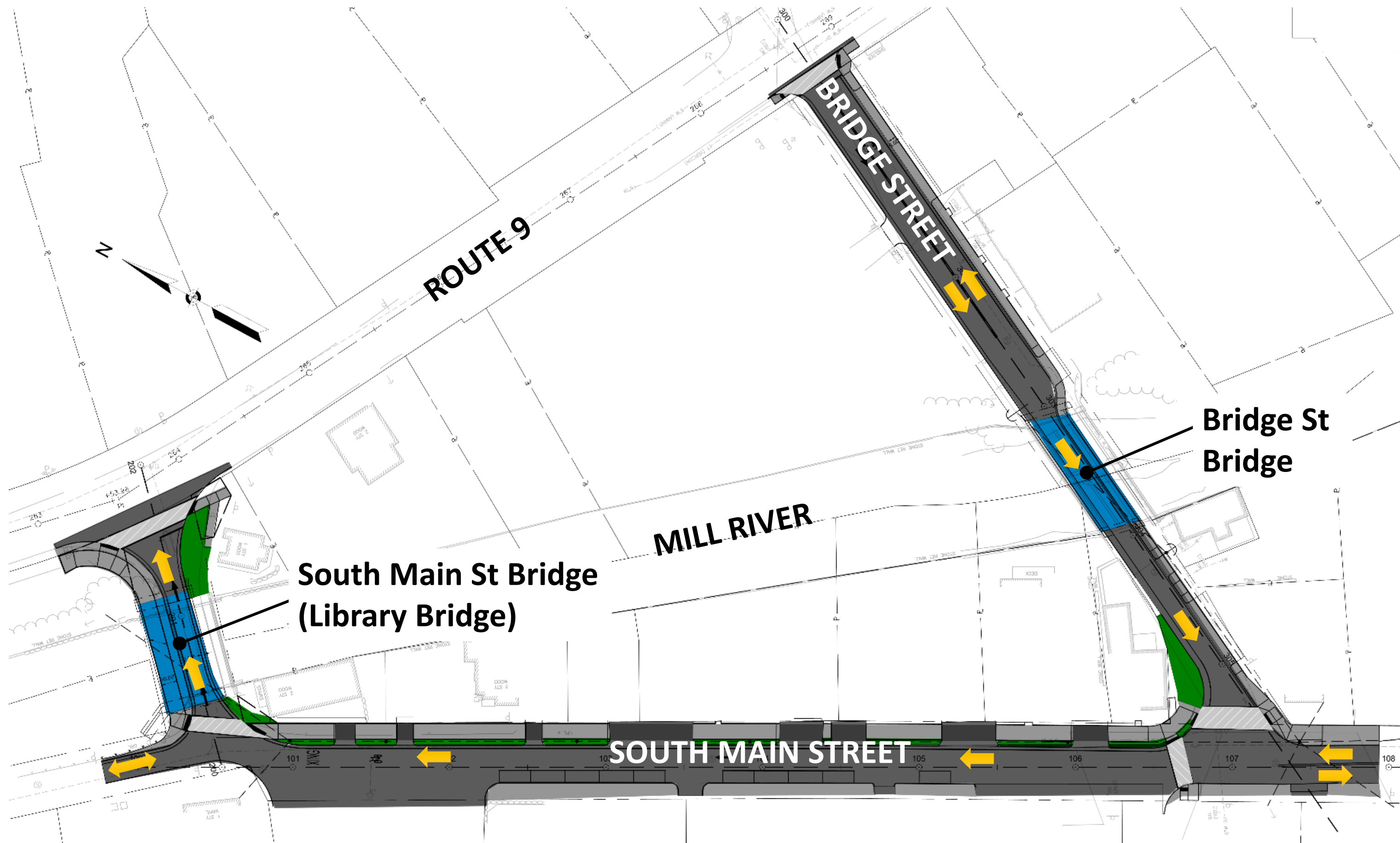
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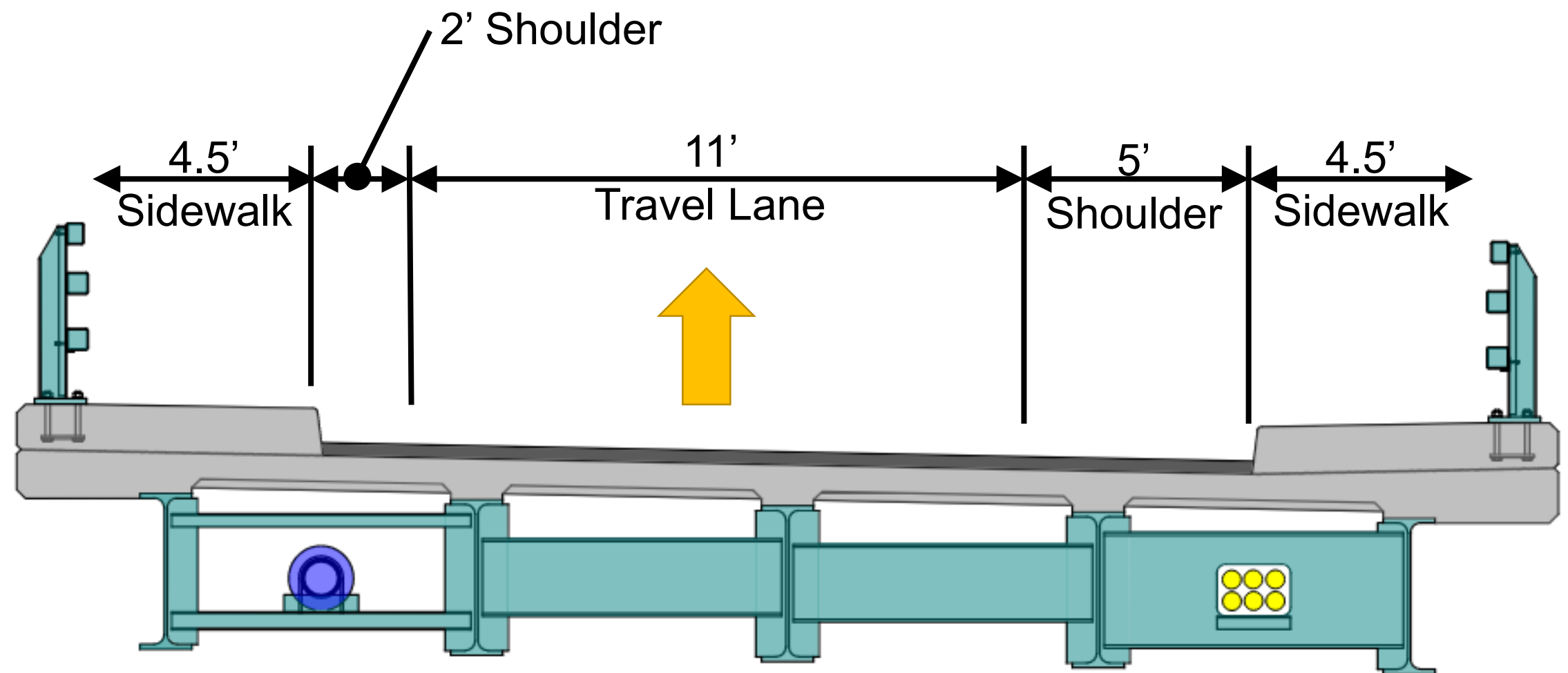
What is the preferred alternative?

Project Overview



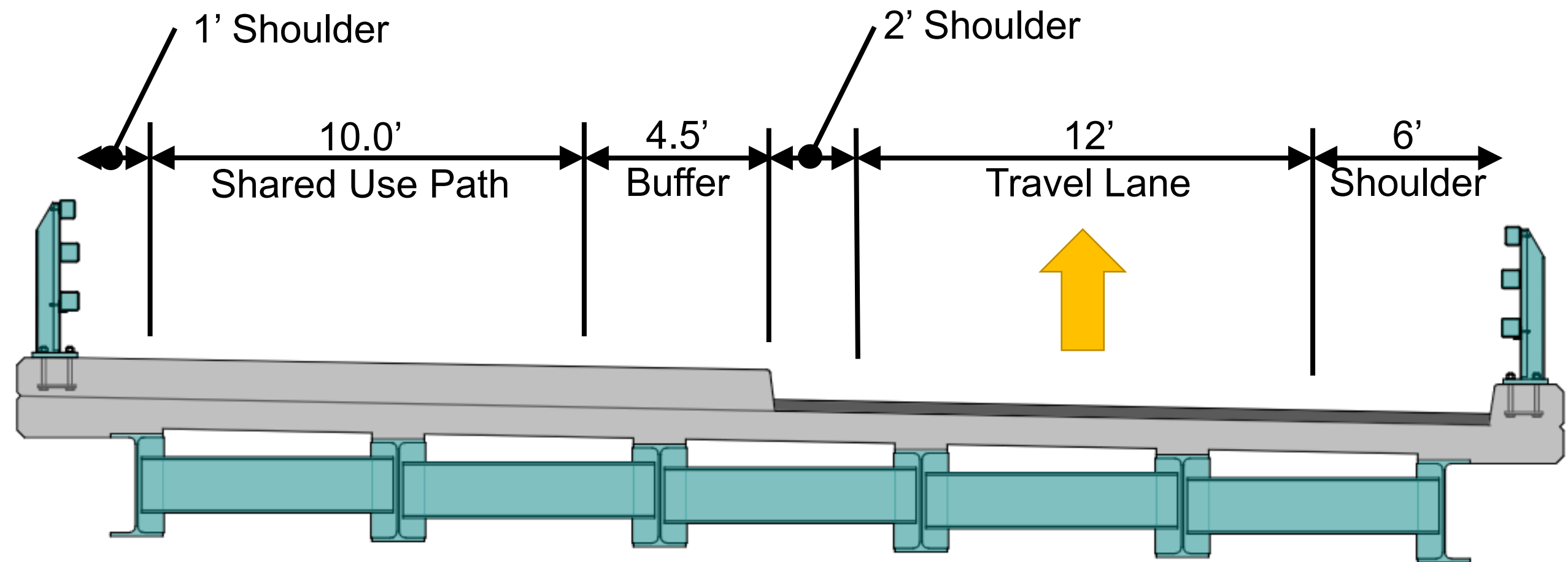
Bridge Street Bridge Replacement: Typical Section

- One southbound vehicular travel lane
- Two sidewalks
- 5' wide shoulder to accommodate bicyclists
- Concrete deck on steel beams
- Remove pier from river, single span bridge



South Main Street Bridge: Typical Section

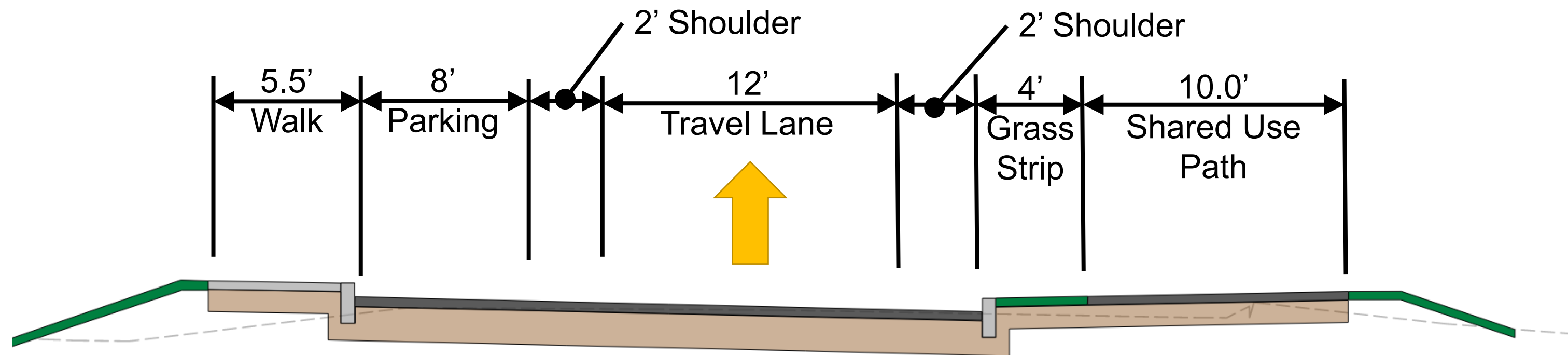
- One northbound vehicular travel lane
- One shared-use path with cement concrete buffer
- Concrete deck on steel beams
- Single span bridge



South Main Street Modifications



- Construct shared-use path along east (river) side of road
- Parallel parking spaces provided along west side
- Relocate utility poles and wires from east side to west side





How will your property be impacted?

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) (25% Design) Discussion Municipal ROW

- Town of Williamsburg 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 personnel from the Town of Williamsburg or consultants representing the responsible agency.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
- Preliminary ROW drawings will be available at the Town Administrator's Office; 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA 01039 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.

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State ROW

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- 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.
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**What is the
construction
approach?**

Construction Approach

- Phased construction (one bridge at a time) with detours
- Traditional construction methods
- 3 to 4 year total construction duration

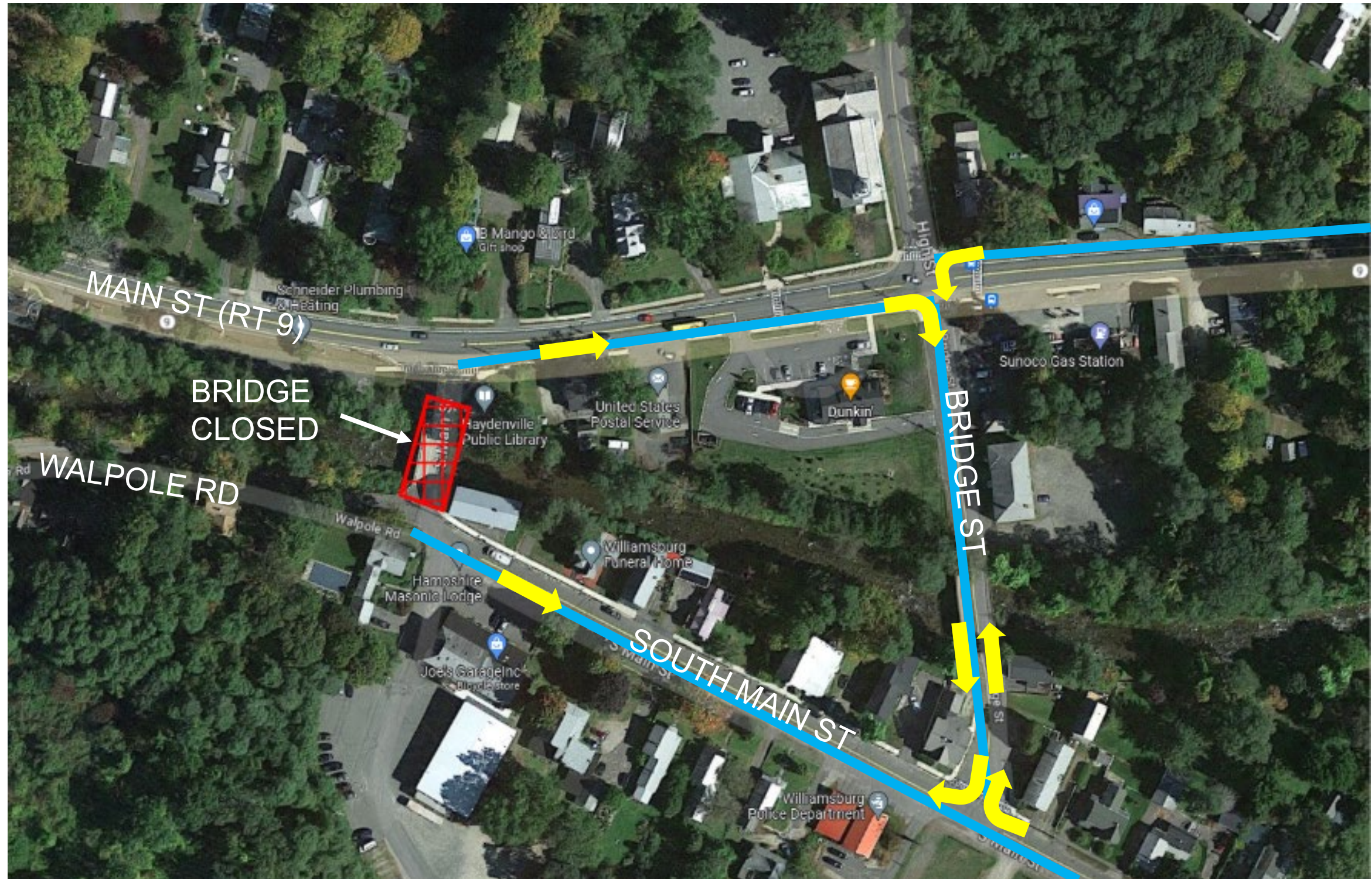




How will the road user be affected?

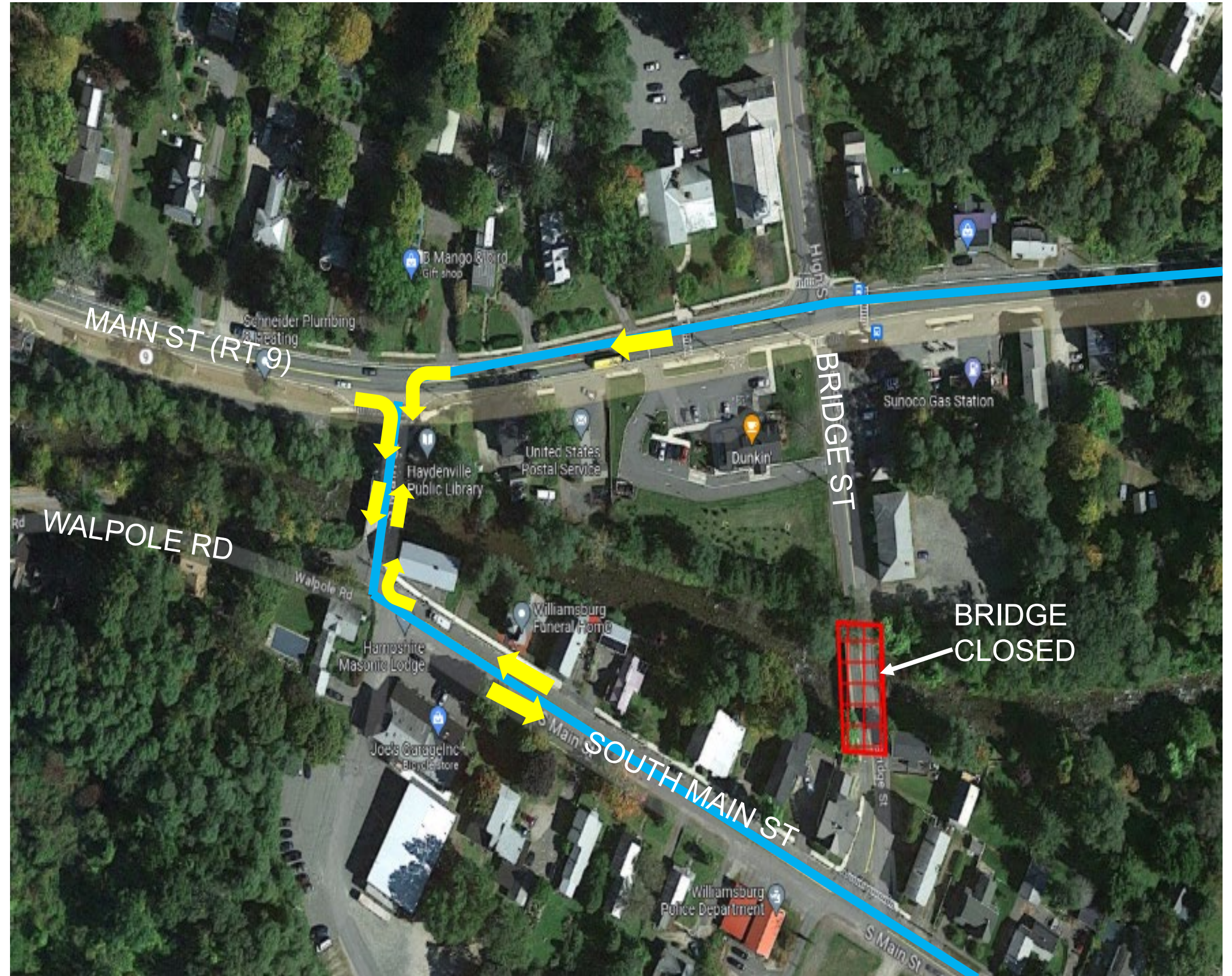
Phase 1: South Main St Bridge

- South Main Street bridge closed and reconstructed first
- All traffic detoured onto Bridge Street
- Duration: 18 Months to 2 Years



Phase 2: Bridge Street

- Bridge Street built reconstructed
- All traffic detoured onto South Main Street Bridge (temporary bidirectional)
- Duration: 18 Months to 2 Years



Our next steps



July 2023
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Winter 2023/
Spring 2024
75% Design Submission



Spring 2024
File Environmental Permits



Second Half 2024
Final Design



Early 2026
Advertise project for construction bidding



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keep you
informed?**

How to reach us

- Submit email comments to: massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us
- For project information visit the MassDOT Upcoming Events for Highway Division web site at

<http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events> or used the Q

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Carrie Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer

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Questions and answers

Questions and Answers



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Thank You

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