



# **Mystic River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge**

## *Connecting Somerville and Everett*

Design Public Hearing | VIRTUAL

October 21, 2025 | 7:00 P.M.

Project File No. 612004



## Agenda

- Presentation Participants
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- Purpose and Need
- Design Progress
- Next Steps
- Right-of-Way
- Permitting
- Construction Approach
- How to stay informed
- Questions and Answers



## Presentation Participants

### **Massachusetts Department of Transportation**

- William H Conroy IV, Supervising Project Manager/Major Projects
- Theodore Boyle, PMP, Project Manager Design-Build
- Nikki Peters, Community Compliance Officer
- Daniel Fielding, Legislative Liaison

### **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation**

- Jason A. Santos, PE, Director of Transportation

### **AECOM - Design Consultants**

- Dirk Grotenhuis, PE, Civil Engineering Lead
- Dustin Virgilio, PE, Structures Lead

## Recent Public Outreach

- Assembly Connect Meeting  
-February 28, 2025
- Public Informational Meeting  
-June 24, 2025



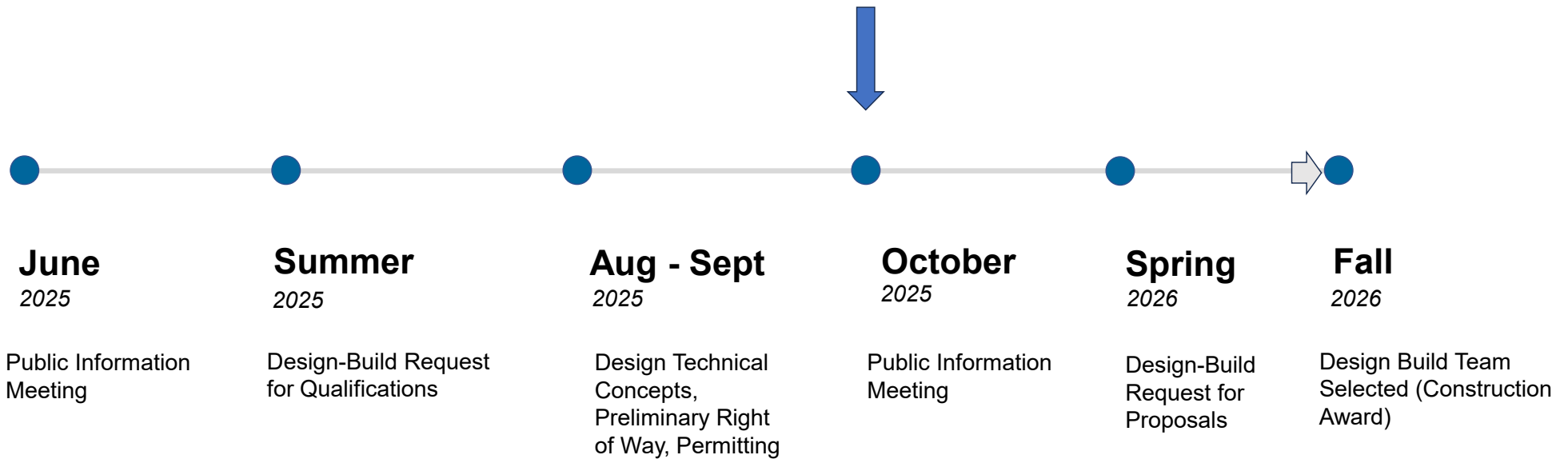


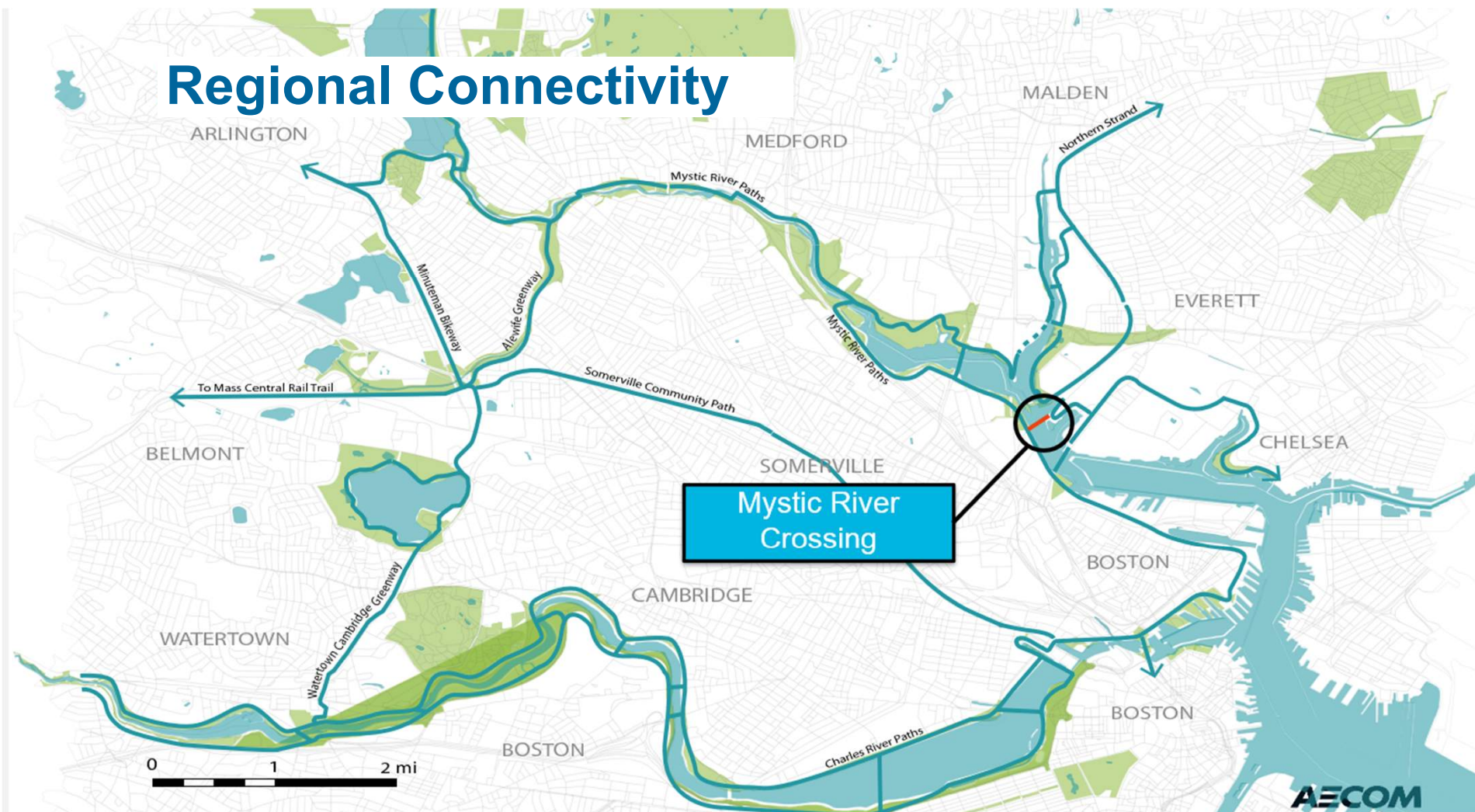
## Purpose and Need for the Project

- Everett ↔ Somerville
- Connect Regional Multi-Use Pathways
- Waterfront Access
- Safe Bicycle & Pedestrian Access
- Connect Neighborhoods, Commercial Areas, Green Spaces and Transportation Networks
- Everett Connection to MBTA Orange Line



## How did we get here?









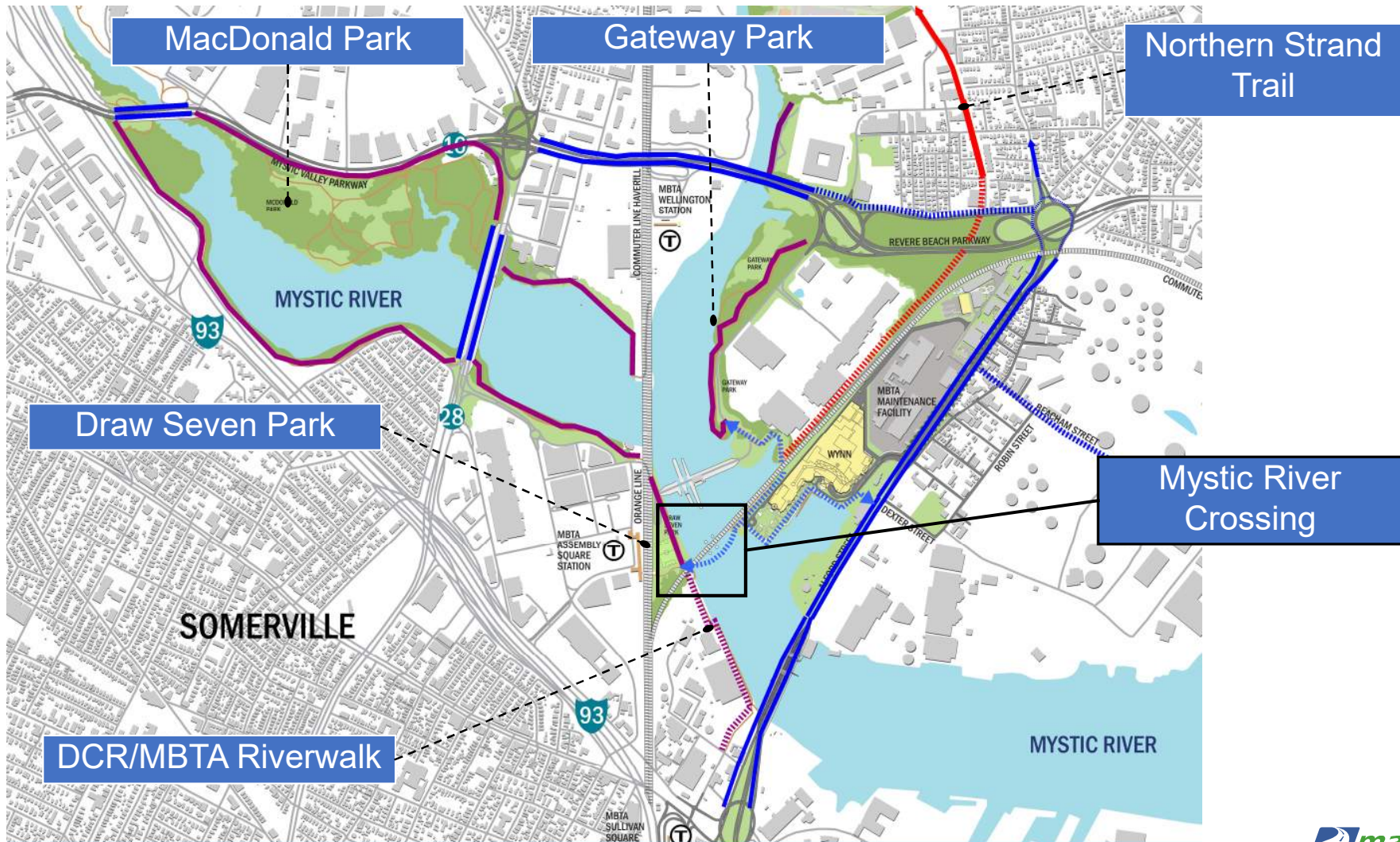
The Mystic River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge provides a missing connection between Everett and Somerville, Linking:

- Regional shared use paths
- Community and waterfront
- Recreational facilities
- Lower Broadway  
Redevelopment District to  
Assembly Row

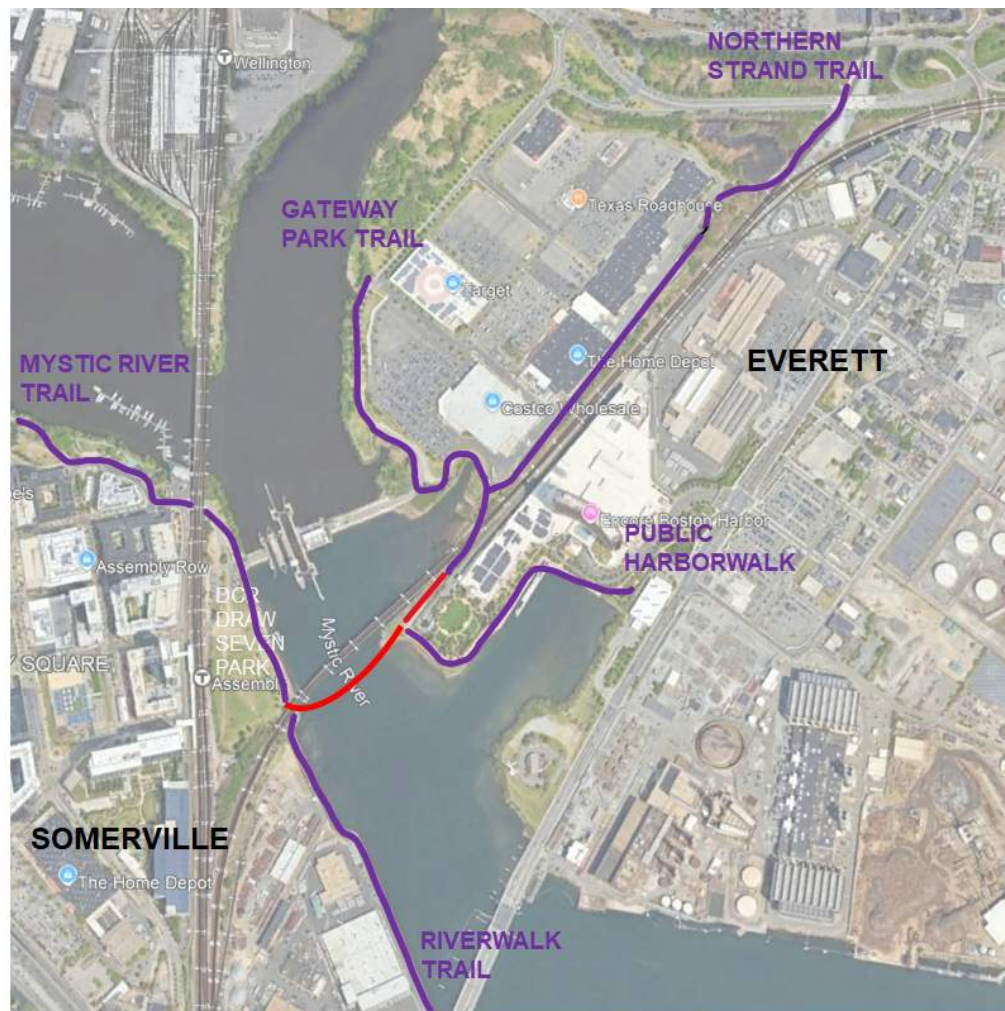




## Location and Surrounding Bike/Ped Facilities

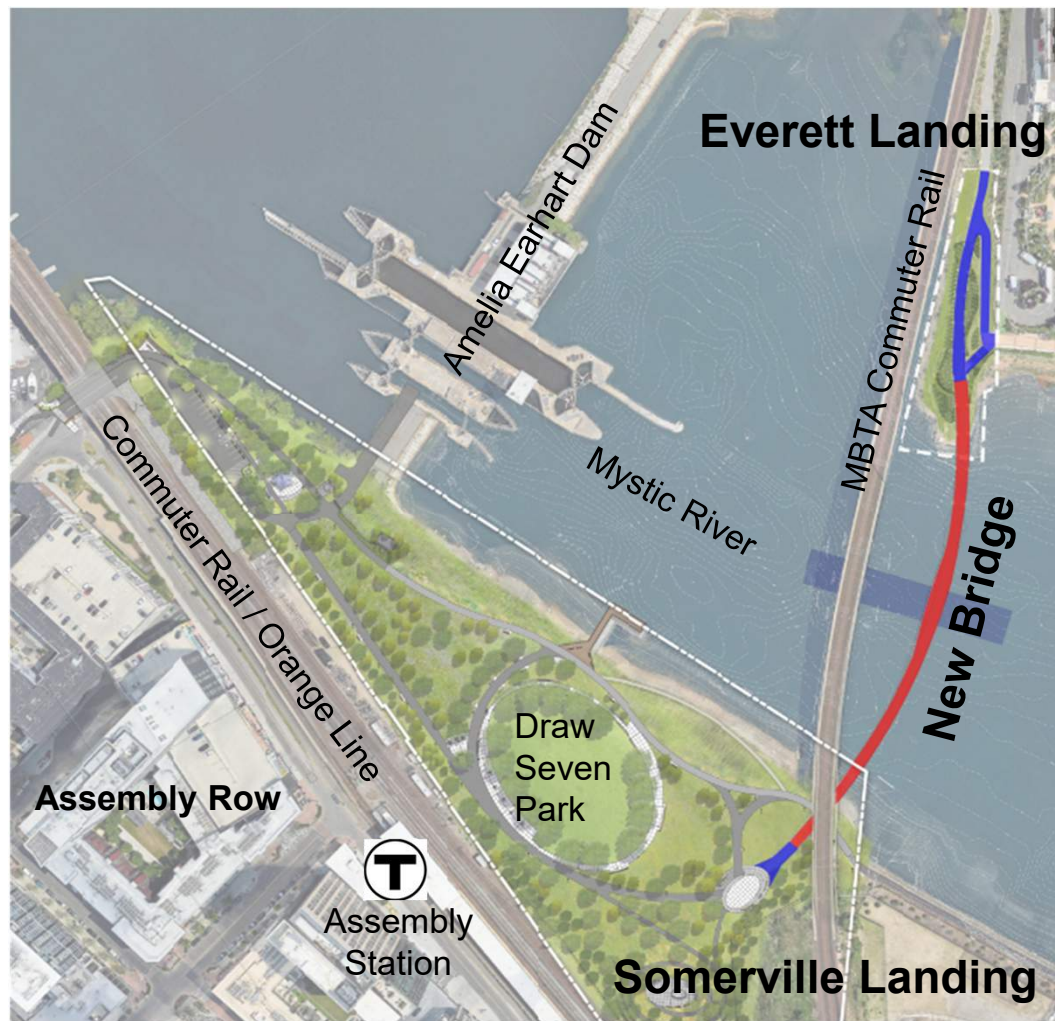


## Project Location





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# Bridge Alignment

Most direct route

Limit foundations in water

Meets Vertical clearance for Navigation

Connection points at Harborwalk and Draw Seven Park

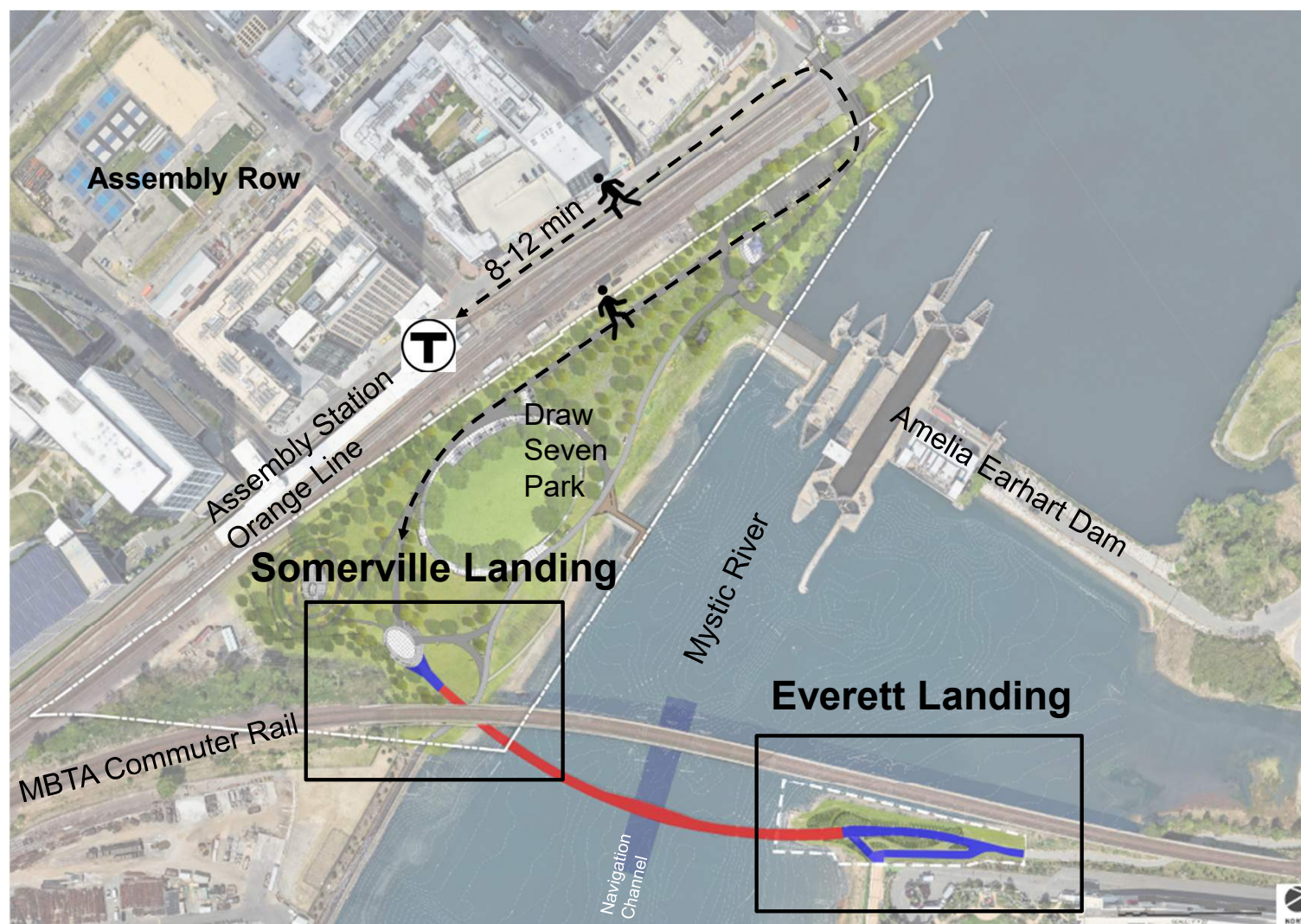
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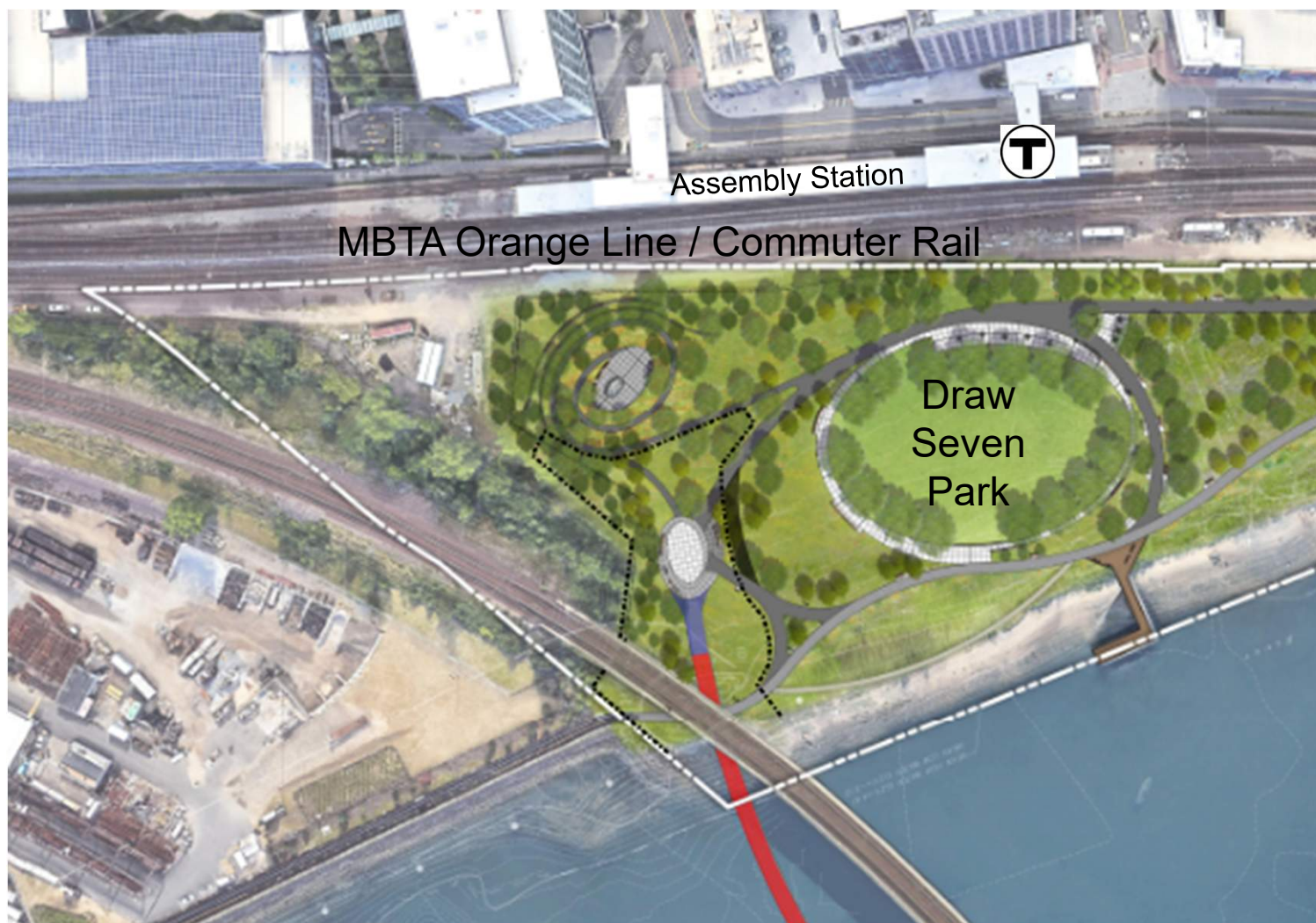
**How has our  
design  
progressed?**

## Bridge and Landings

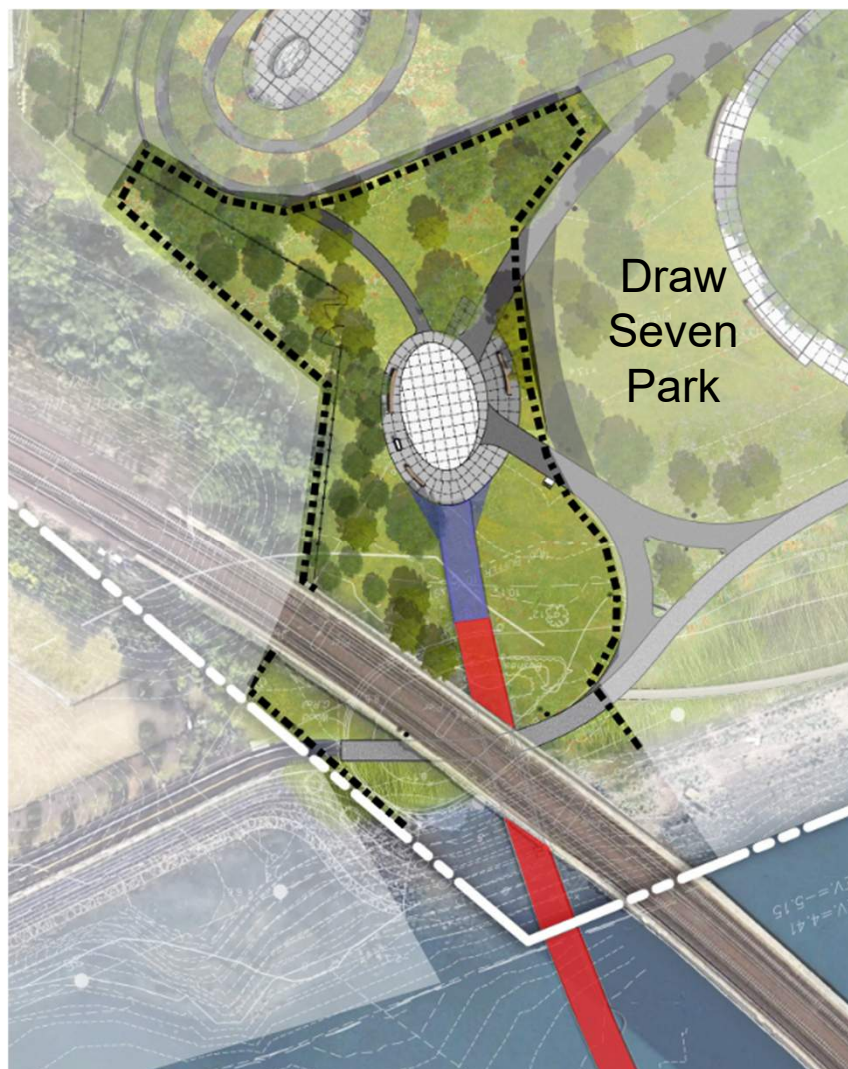




## Somerville Landing



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## Everett Landing



## Bridge Design Concept

Rendering of view from downstream





## Bridge Design Concept

Rendering of Aerial view from Somerville side





## Bridge Design Concept

Rendering of view of the main navigation span





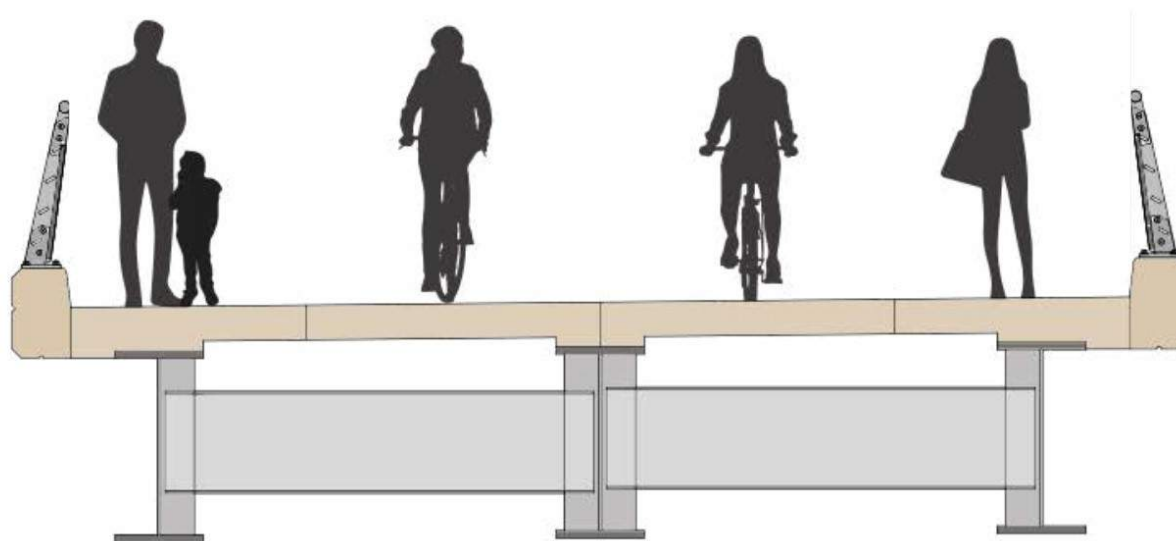
# Bridge Design Concept

Rendering of the bridge deck



## Bridge Design Concept

Usable width increased from 12 feet to 18 feet





## Bridge Design Concept

Rendering of the View from downstream





## Bridge Design Concept

Rendering viewing across river to Everett



## Bridge Design Concept

Nighttime Rendering of bridge deck





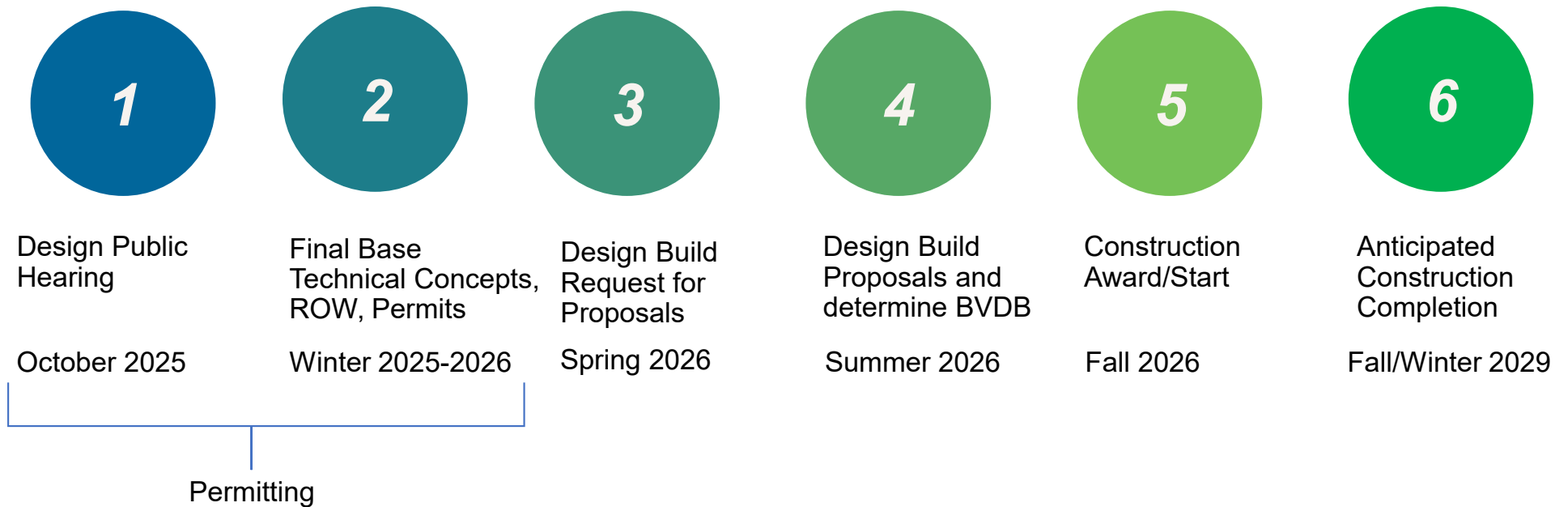
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Nighttime Rendering at Midspan





## Our next steps



## Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion 25% Design Public Hearing

- The Department of Conservation and Recreation is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
- The current plans show fee acquisitions, permanent easements, and temporary construction easements that will be required.
- The property interests for the project will be done by agreement, the parties have been working together to help deliver the necessary Right of Way for the project
- Preliminary Right of Way drawings will be available at 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.**

## Permitting

•Massachusetts EPA	Approved
•Chapter 91 License	Under Review
•401 Water Quality Cert	Under Review
•US Coast Guard	Under Review
•Everett Notice of Intent	Approved
•Somerville Notice of Intent	Approved



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





**What is the  
construction  
approach?**

## Project Delivery: Design Build

- Combines design and construction services into a single contract
  - Authorized for Department use under MGL 149A, subsection 14 - 21
- Allows the contractor and designer to work together on all phases of the project
  - Promotes innovation
  - Reduces project costs
  - Expedites project delivery
- Best Value Design-Build (BVDB) procurement
  - Phase I – short list-best qualified teams as determined by response to Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
  - Phase II – submission of technical and price proposals in response to Request for Proposals (RFP)





**How will we  
keep you  
informed?**

## How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:  
[mysticriverbikapedbridge@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:mysticriverbikapedbridge@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 QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:  
Carrie Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer  
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## Questions and answers



# ***Thank You***

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