

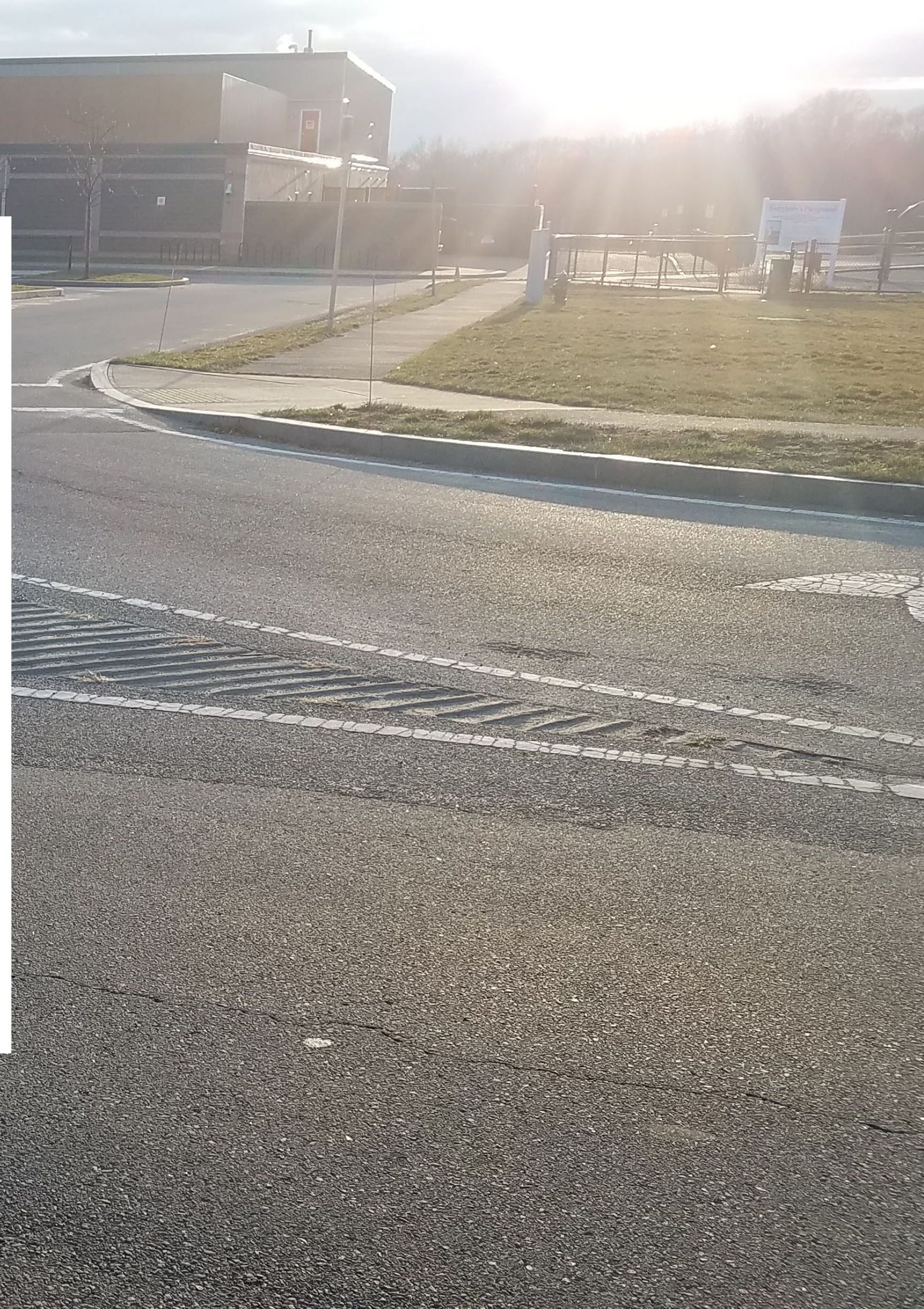


Leroy Wood Elementary School Design Public Hearing

*Safe Routes to School
Sconticut Neck Road*

Thursday September 15, 2022 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Project File No. 609518



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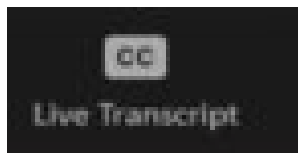
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1. Newspaper Advertisement

- The Fairhaven Neighborhood News
- The Standard Times



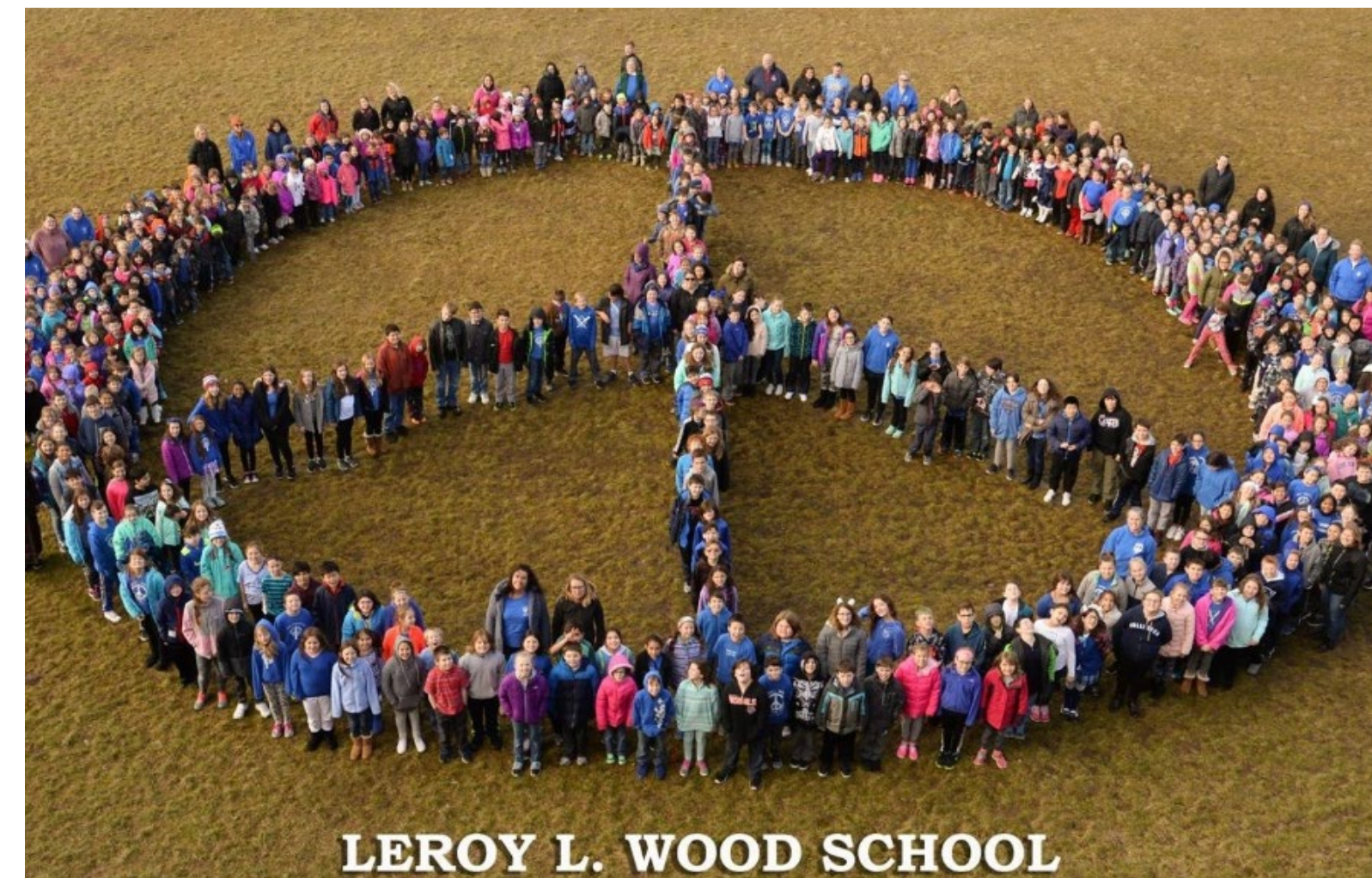
2. Social Media

- Facebook
- Twitter



3. Other Outreach

- Fairhaven Council on Aging
- Fairhaven Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Plans Available on Town Website and at the DPW



Agenda

- Project History
- Existing Conditions
- Project Goals
- Proposed Improvements
- Impacts
- Next Steps
- Public Comments & Questions



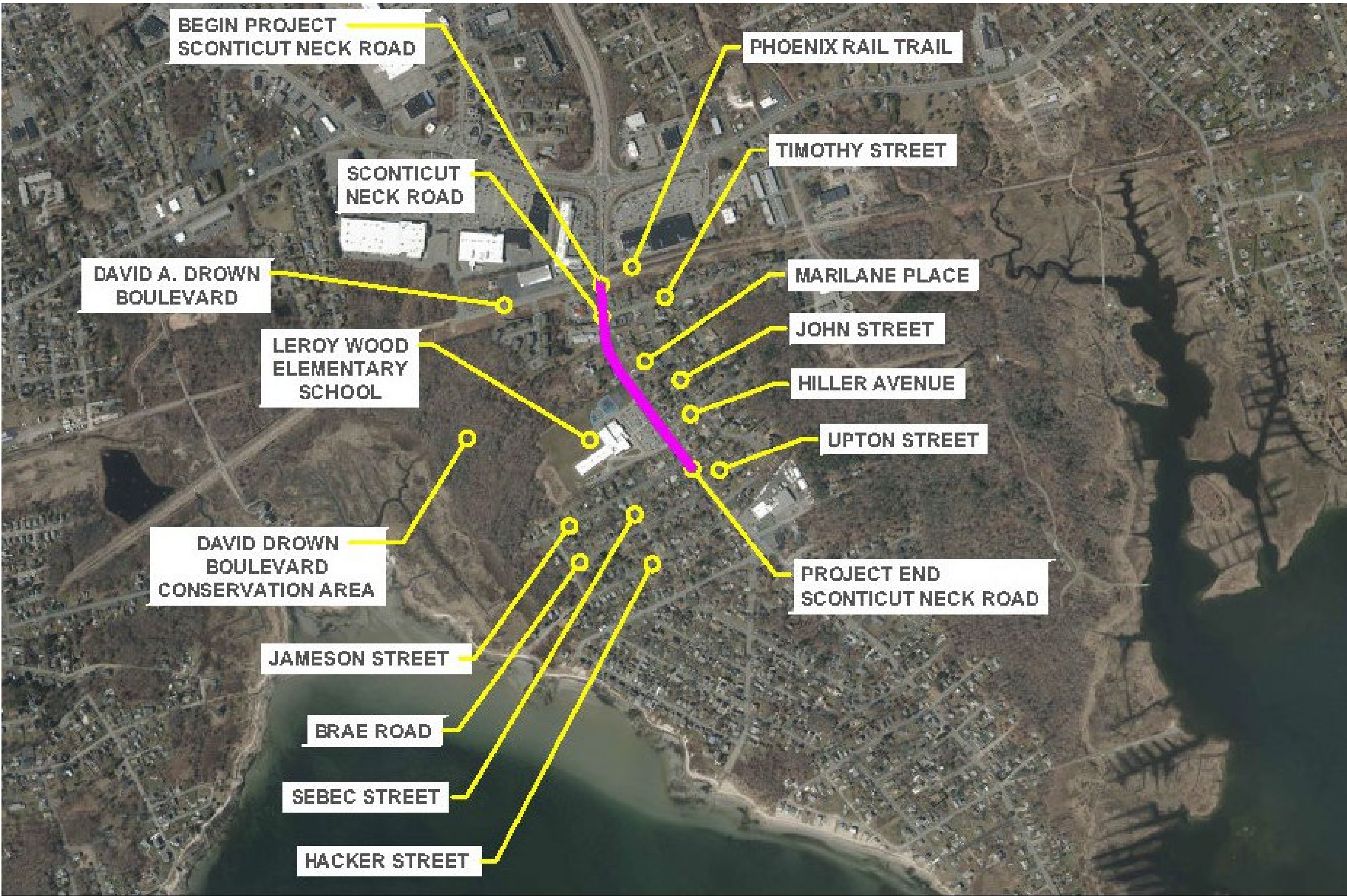
Introduction

- **MassDOT Highway Division**
 - **Project Manager** – Linda Walsh
 - **ROW Bureau** – Craig Sheehan (Municipal), Lisa Szamreta (State)
 - **District - 5** – Richard Bilski
 - **Producers** – Michael McNutt, Courtney Sulerud
- **Design Consultant** – Keith Lincoln, P.E., Chappell Engineering
- **Stenographer** – David Fraser, Arlington Typing & Mailing
- **Town of Fairhaven** – Vincent Furtado, Public Works Director
Michael Carter, Town Engineer

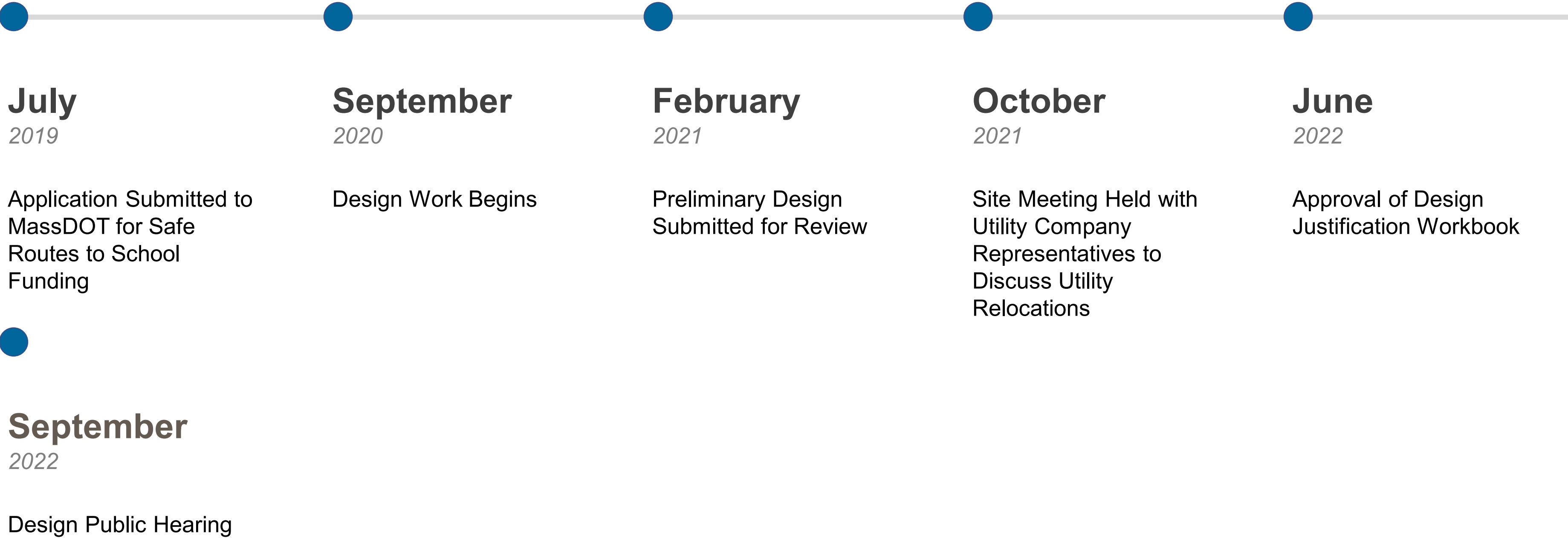


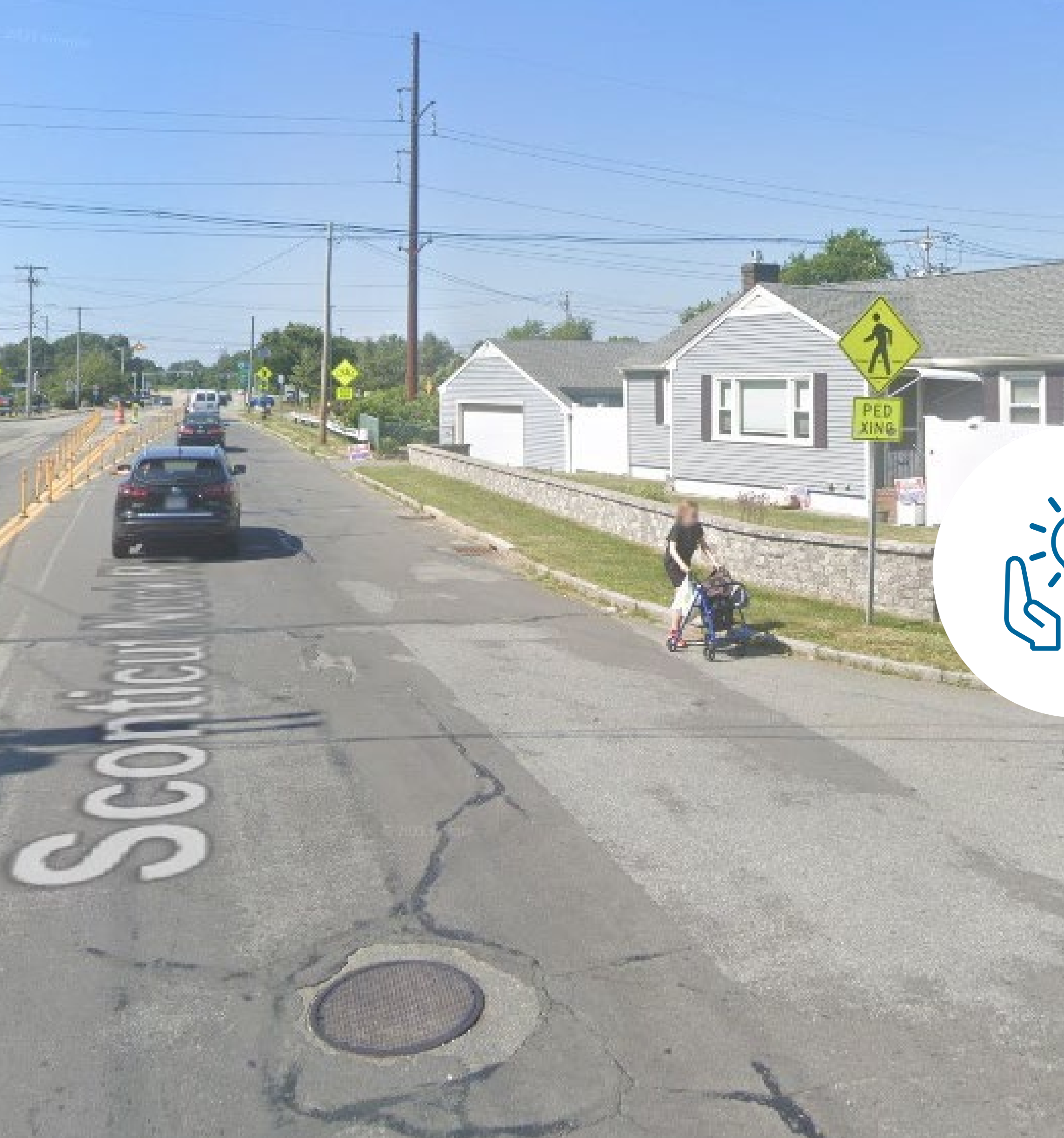
Fairhaven Public Hearing

Project Location



How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Existing Conditions

- **Sidewalks in Poor Condition**
 - Sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps do not meet ADA standards
 - Sidewalk not continuous on Sconticut Neck Road
- **Missing Bicycle Accommodations**
 - Bicycle Accommodations Lacking from Phoenix Rail Trail to Leroy Wood School
- **Utility Poles Interfering with Pedestrian Travel**
 - Poles in Sidewalks Block Pedestrian Path
- **Excessively Wide Roadway**
 - Encourages Higher Speeds

Deteriorated Sidewalk
Curb Reveal Lacking



Sidewalk Missing Timothy Street to Phoenix
Rail Trail



Missing Bicycle Accommodations - No Marked Bicycle Lane from Phoenix Trail to School



Poles in Sidewalk Forces Pedestrians into the Roadway



Wide Expanse of Pavement - Encourages Higher Travel Speeds





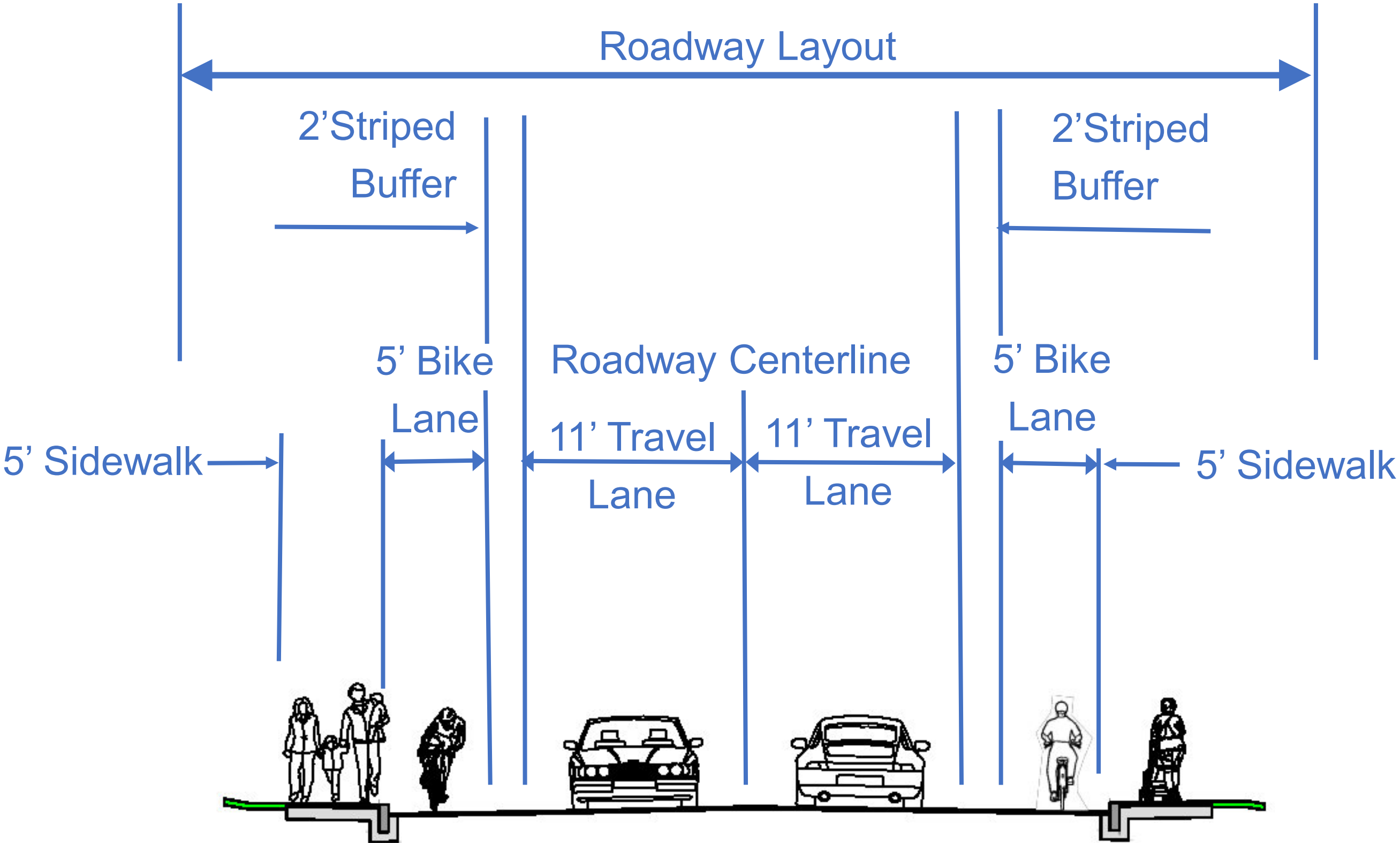
**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goals

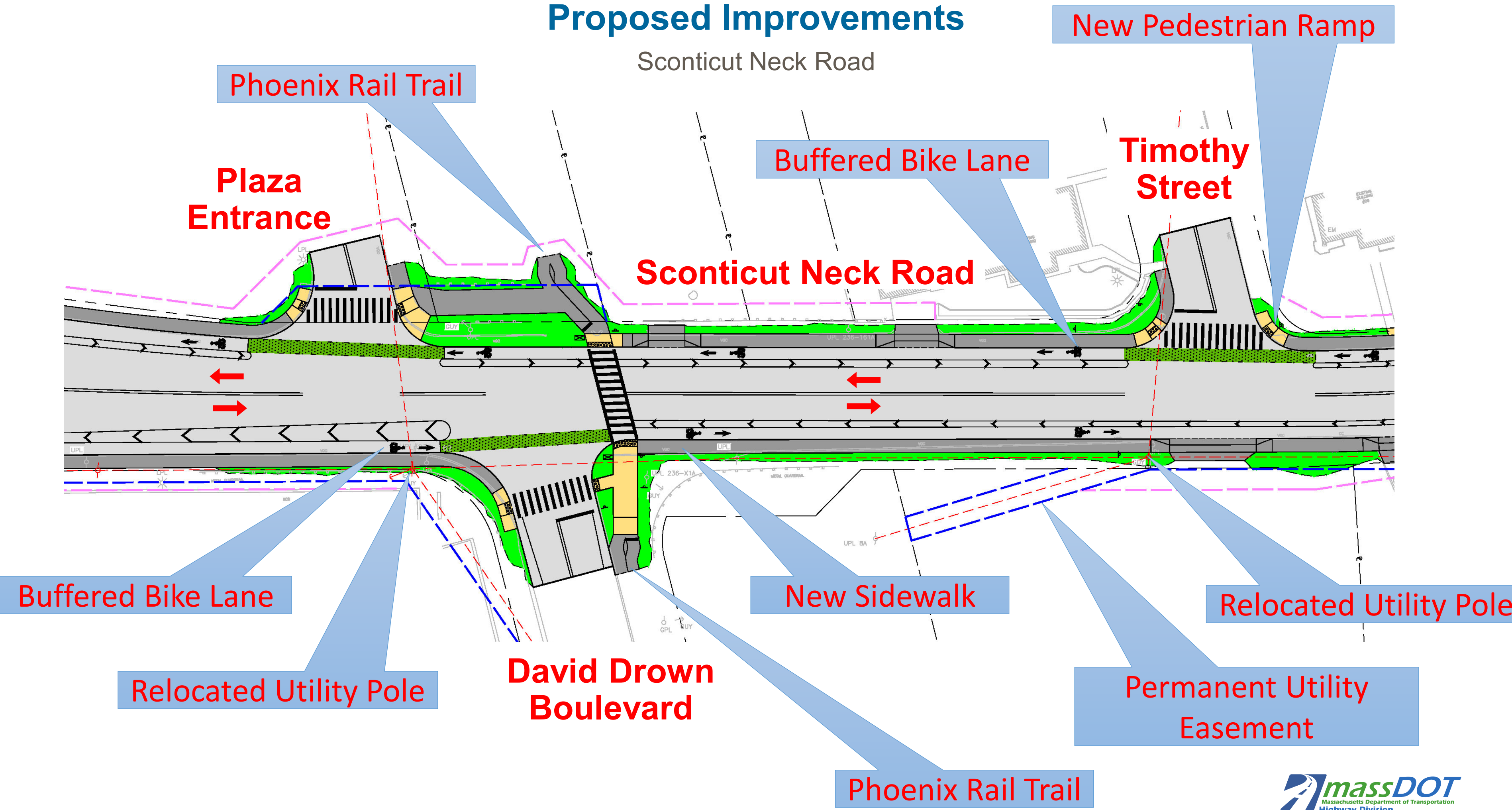
- Improve Safety for all Users with Specific Emphasis on School Access
- Construct ADA Compliant Pedestrian Curb Ramps
- Provide Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations
- Reduce Travel Speeds

Proposed Improvements

Typical Roadway Cross Section



Sconticut Neck Road





**How will your
property be
impacted?**

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

- The Town and MassDOT are 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 or MassDOT's ROW Bureau (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 of Fairhaven web site at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/public-works-department> 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?**

Environmental Permitting

- Early Environmental Coordination Checklist Submitted in February 2021
- NEPA - Categorical Exclusion Checklist submitted at 100% design.
- No Other Environmental Permitting Anticipated

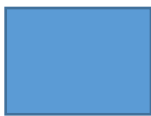


**What is the
construction
approach?**

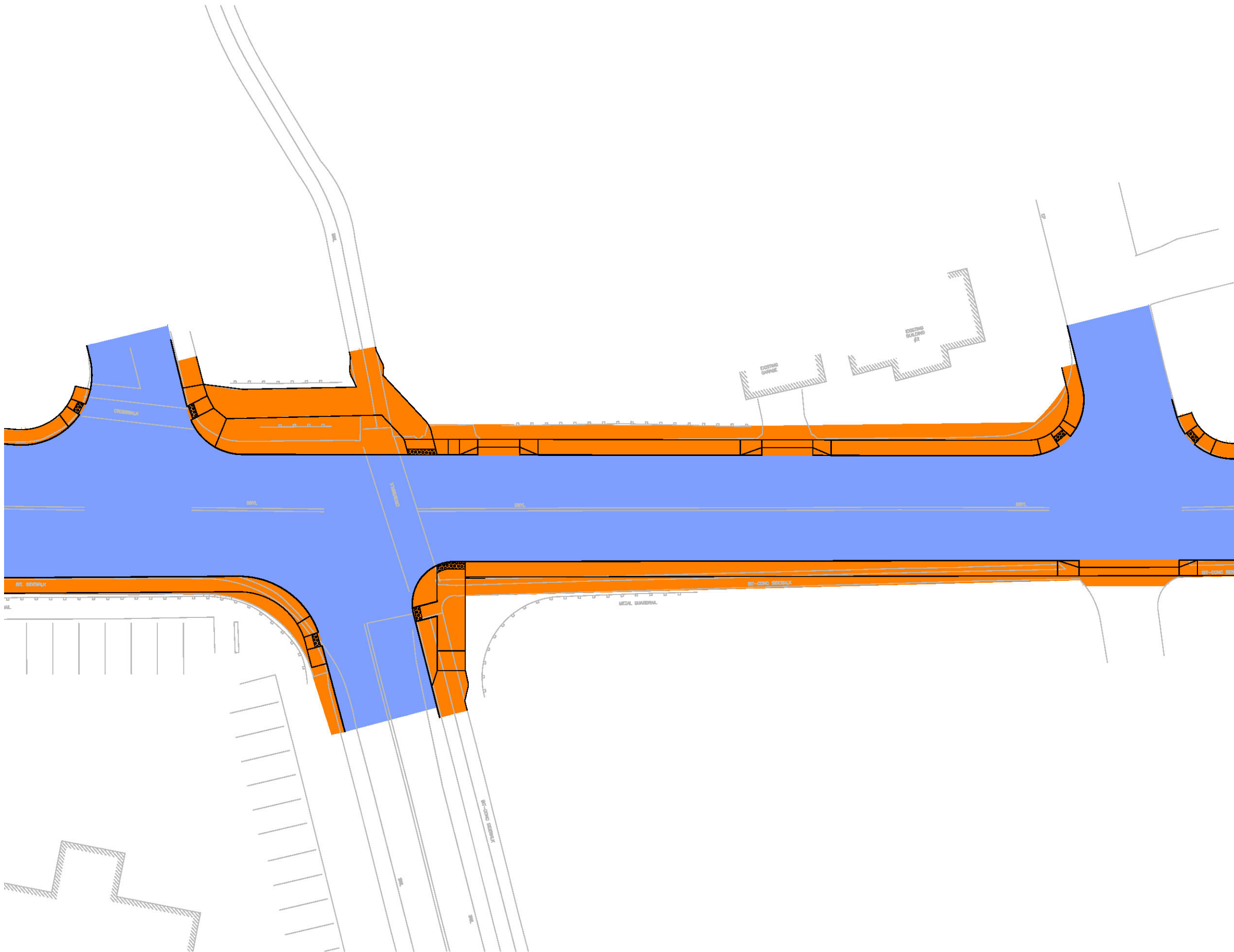
Construction Approach

Phased Construction

 Phase One - Roadway Widening and Sidewalk Construction

 Phase Two – Mill and Pave the Roadway

Message Boards will be placed in advance of project limits 14 days prior to the start of work





**How will the
road user be
affected?**

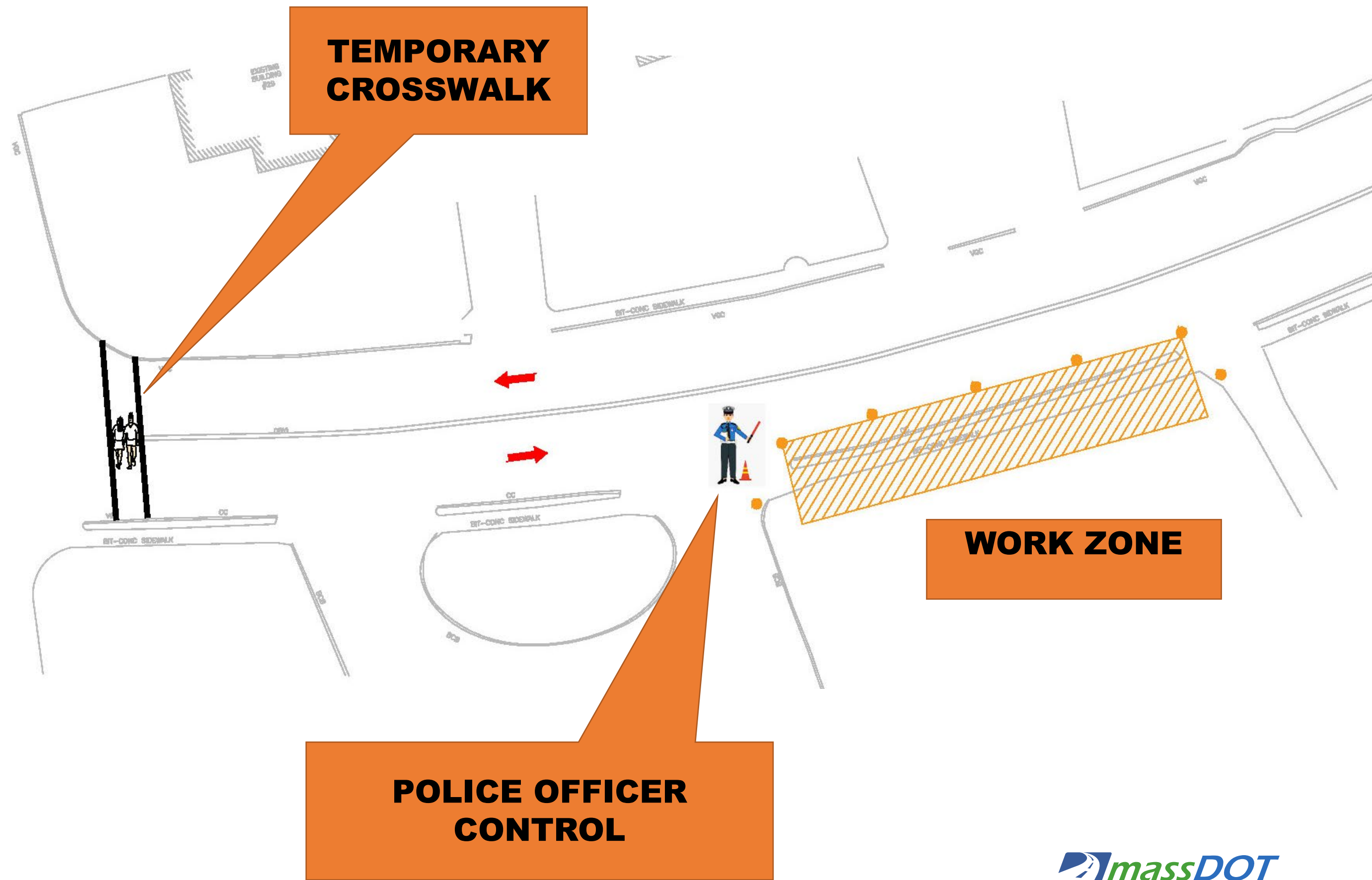
Phase One

Narrowed Road with Police Traffic Control During Construction Activity. Work is Performed Off of the Road.

Drums to be Placed During Off-Peak Hours.

Anticipated Duration 8 Months

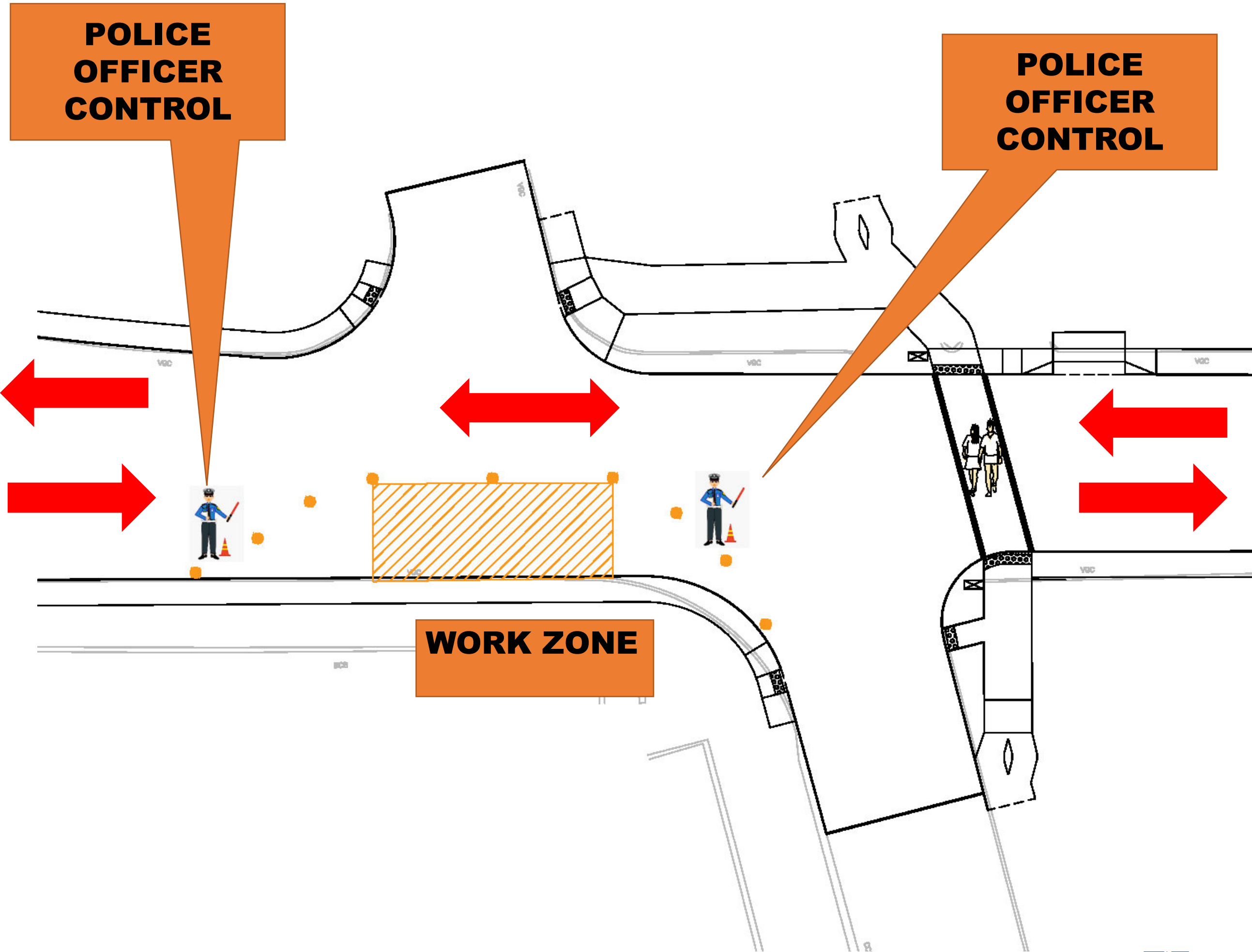
The contractor will accommodate school hours of operation as best possible.



Phase Two

Roadway to be Closed with Temporary Detour. Traffic Restored to Normal Operation During Non-Working Hours.

Anticipated Duration 1 week.



Our next steps



Step 1 – Advance to
75/100% Design
November 2022



Step 2 – File
Environmental Permits
December 2022



Step 3 – Complete
ROW process
September 2023



Step 4 – Final Design
and Advertisement for
Construction
October 2023



Step 5 –
Construction Begins
Spring 2024

Project Cost

Total Project Cost Estimated at \$1,941,711

80% Federal Funds

20% State Funds

ROW Costs are the Responsibility of the Municipality and State

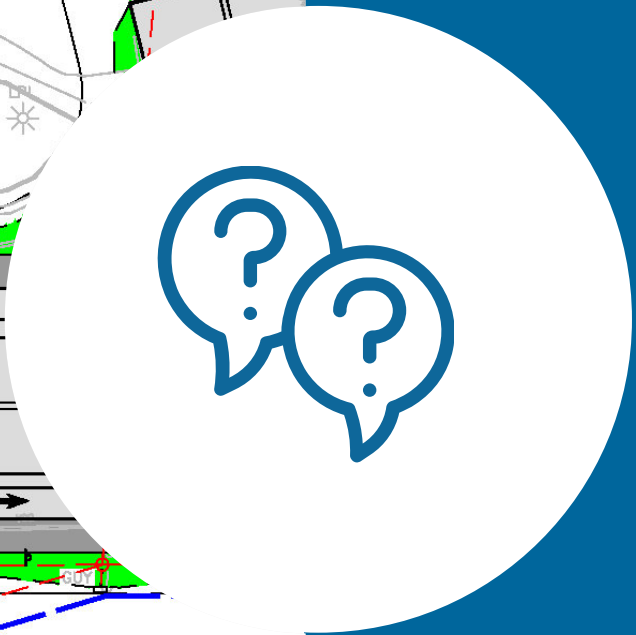


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How to reach us?

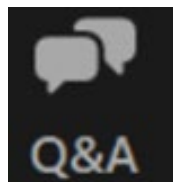
- **Email Comments to:**
MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us
- **Submit written comments to:**
Carrie Lavalley, P.E. Chief Engineer
MassDOT
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116
Attention: Project Management, PROJECT FILE NO. 609518
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The last sheet of handout is a mail –in – Sheet. Mail comments must be postmarked within ten (10) business days for inclusion into the public hearing transcript and will become part of official Record.
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Questions and discussion

Share Your Questions and Comments



- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button



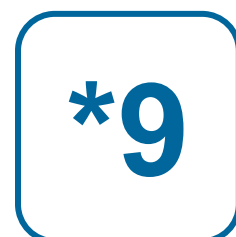
- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions, (Alt + Y to raise your hand)



- 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.



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Thank You

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