



# Greenfield – Resurfacing and Related Work on Montague City Road

## *Design Public Hearing*

Virtual Meeting - Zoom | November 16, 2022 | 6:00 PM

Project No. 609202





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# Agenda

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# Introductions

## MassDOT

- **Project Manager** - Eric Nova
- **Designer** - In-House: MassDOT District 2 Projects Section
- **District 2** - Tom Ruta, Yichao Xu
- **ROW Bureau** - Erik Kristensen, Angela Steinman
- **VPI Producers/Facilitator** - Christopher Klem, Hung Pham

**Municipality** - City of Greenfield: Marlo Warner, Alan Twarog, Mark Holley



# Design Public Hearing - Advertisement

## 1. Newspaper Advertisement

*The Recorder*, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 - November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*The Republican*, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 - November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022



## 2. Social Media

- MassDOT Facebook
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- Franklin Regional Council of Governments





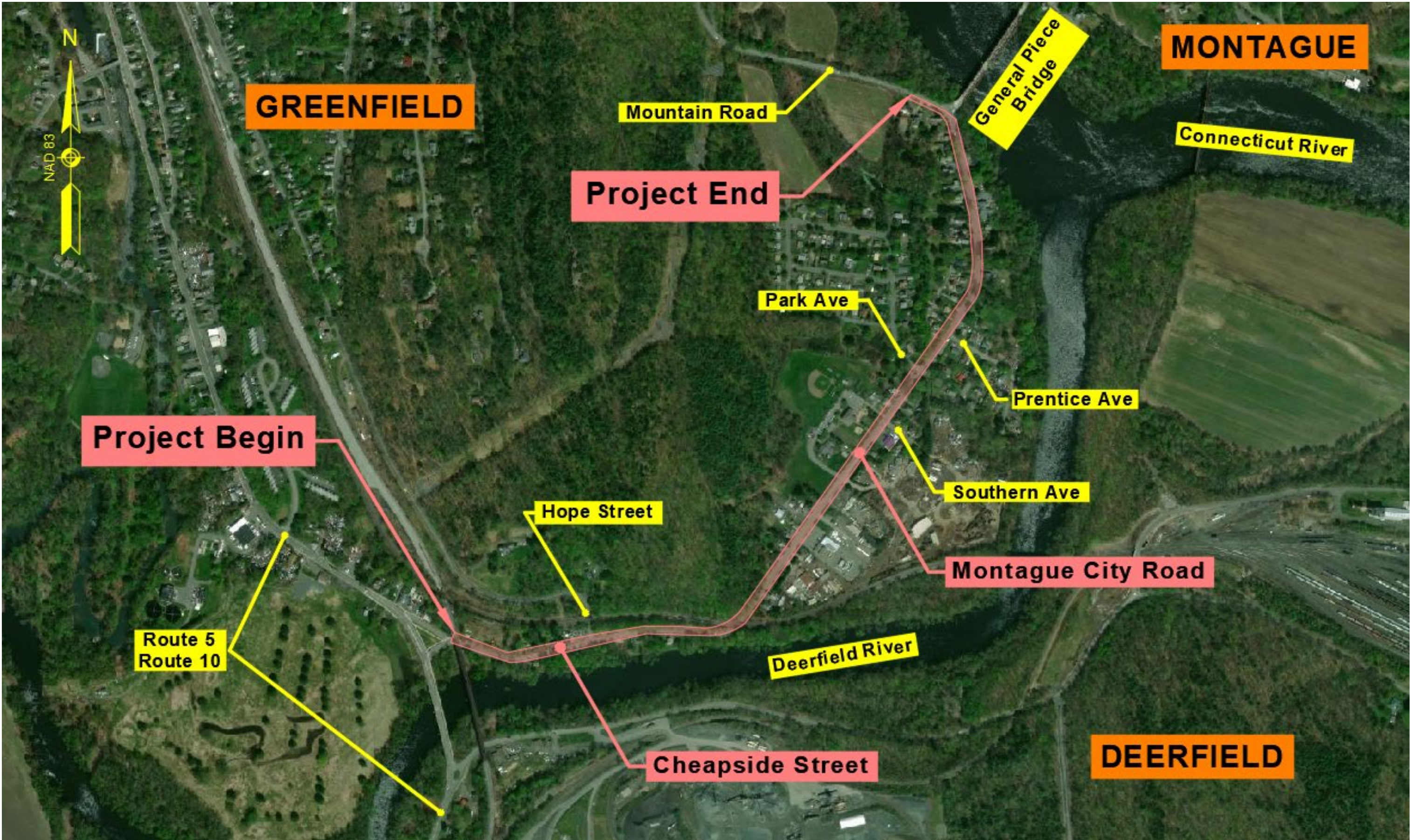


# Project Background



# Project Location

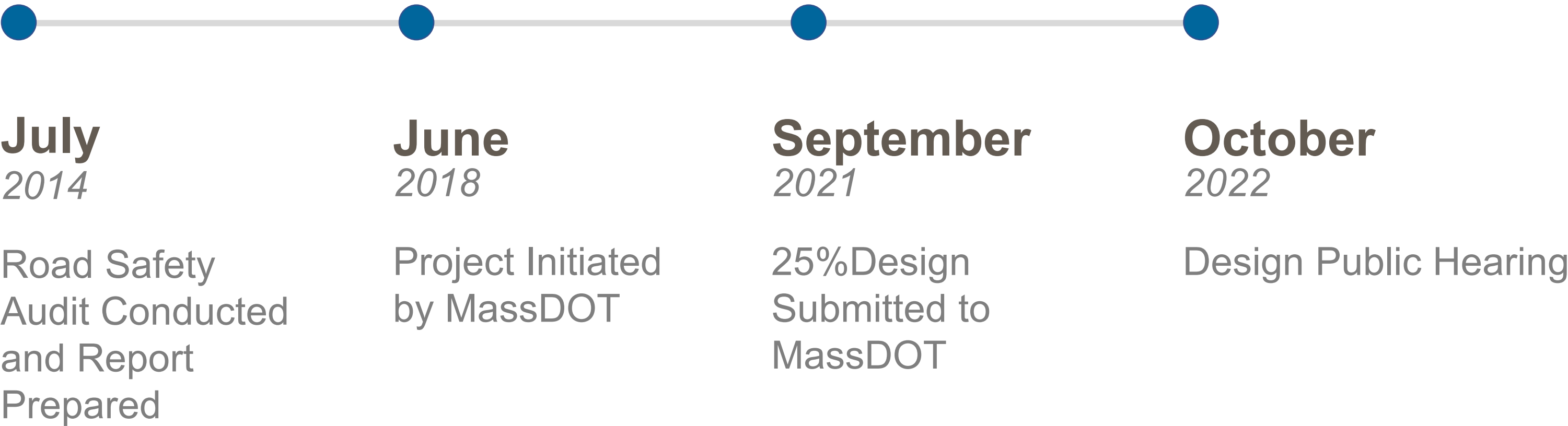
Cheapside St. and Montague City Rd., Greenfield, MA







# How did we get here?







**Why was this  
project  
initiated?**



# Existing Conditions

Crosswalk and Sidewalk not ADA Complaint



Deteriorated Pavement



Drainage Issues







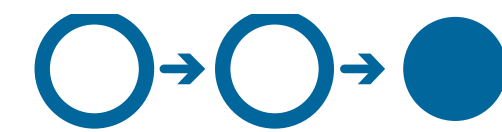
**What do we  
want to  
accomplish?**



# Project Goals and Objectives

- Improve Roadway Rideability
- Add/Improve Pedestrian Accommodations
- Add Bicycle Accommodations
- Provide Safety and Access for All Modes of Transportation
- Improve Access Management
- Drainage System Improvement





How has our  
design  
progressed?



# Pedestrian Accommodation

- 5' wide sidewalks are proposed at the most areas of the project.
- Two short sections of 4' wide sidewalk are proposed near the sidewalk bridge.
- Crosswalks and pedestrian curb ramps are proposed at the end of each sidewalk.

## Legend

- 5' Sidewalks
- 4' Sidewalk
- Sidewalk Bridge
- Crosswalks





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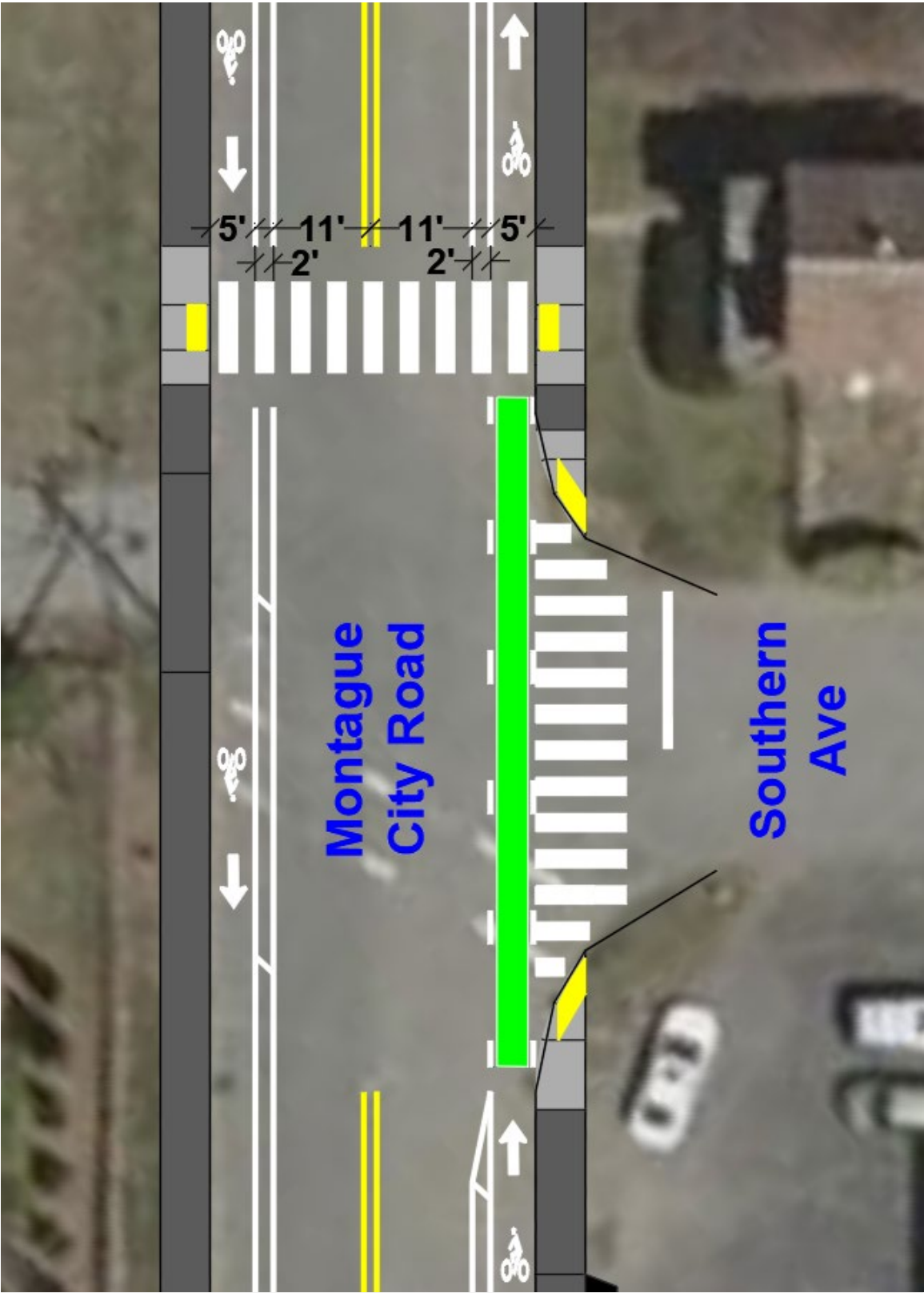
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- Crosswalks



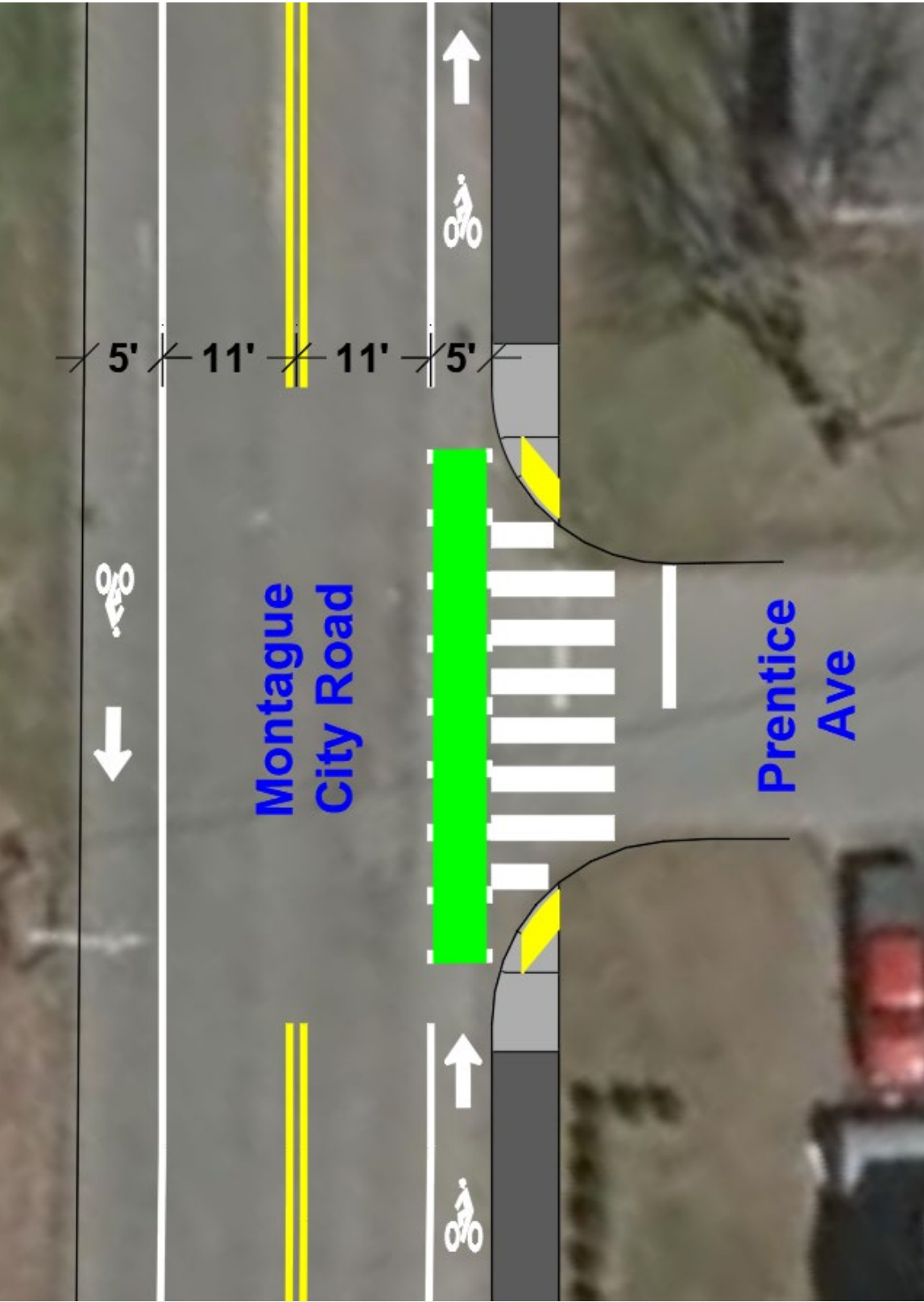


# Bicycle Accommodation

Bike Lanes with Buffer



Bike Lanes without Buffer



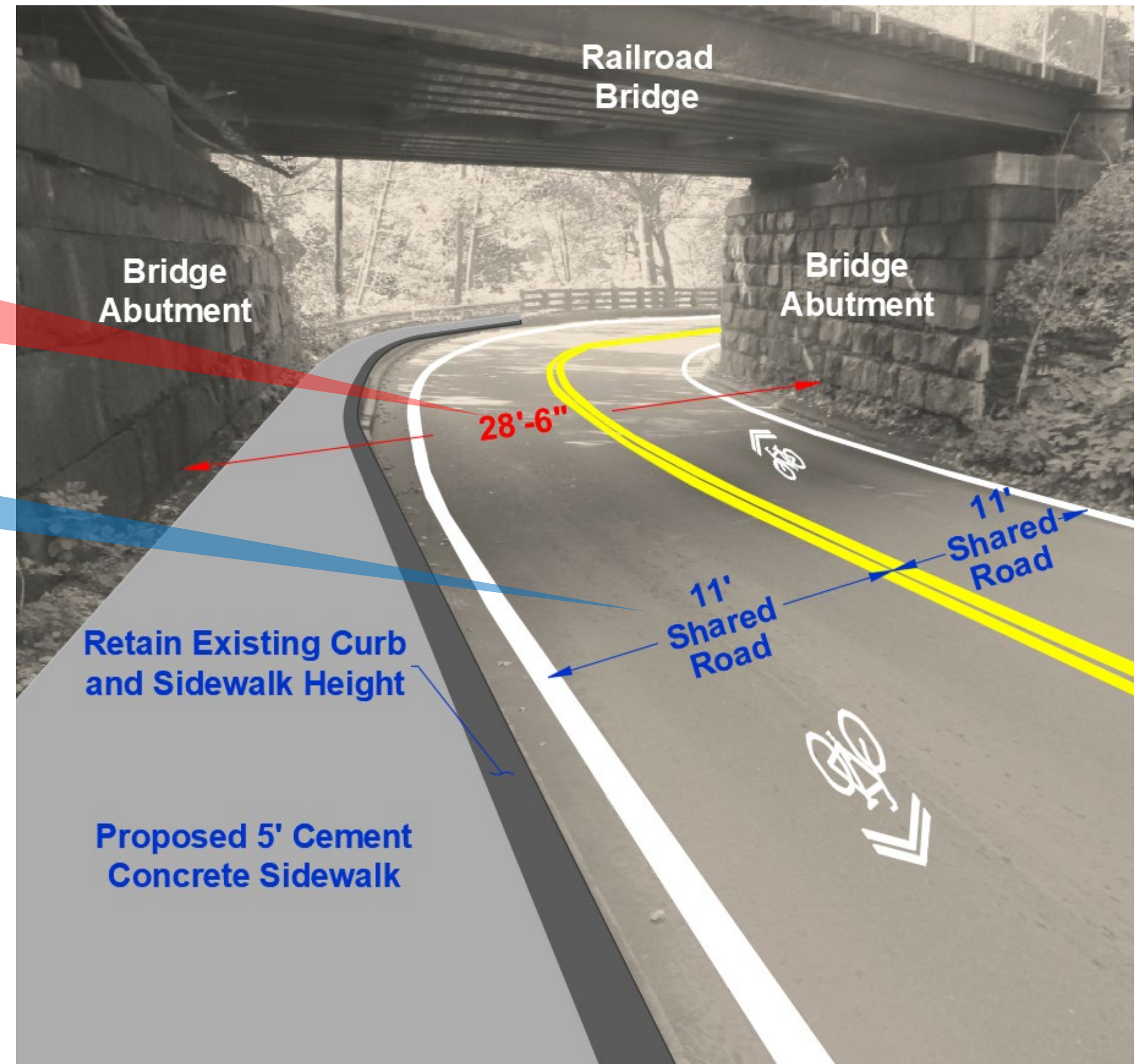
Shared Road without Bike Lanes





# Railroad Bridge

- 28.5' cross-sectional width between abutments significantly limits any improvement for pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.
- Proposed two 11' shared lanes, one 5' wide pedestrian sidewalk, and minimal shoulders.
- Improvements for bicyclists and motorists
  - Paint "Shared Lane Markings" on the roadway
  - Install "Road Narrows" sign
  - Install "Bicycle on Roadway" sign





# Drainage Improvement

- Replace many deteriorated drainage pipes and add many new drainage structures.
- Install two catch basins at all low points of the profile along the roadway.
- Clean all retained drainage structures and pipes.
- New driveway openings to help keep stormwater in the roadway gutter.







**How will your  
property be  
impacted?**



## Right of Way (ROW) discussion – 25% Design

- Responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of a project.
- Owners whose property is affected will be contacted by personnel from the ROW Bureau.
- 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.
- Fee takings, permanent easements, and/or temporary construction easements may be required.





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



# Environmental Permitting

- Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - CE Checklist
- Wetland Requirements







**How will  
pedestrians  
and bicyclists  
be impacted?**



# Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements

- New sidewalks designed where possible throughout the project in compliance with ADA regulations.
- ADA pedestrian curb ramps provided at the end of each sidewalk.
- Highly visible crosswalks at intersections.
- 5' wide bike lane proposed to separate vehicular traffic.
- Proper traffic signs and pavement markings provided.







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





## Construction Approach

- Work will be performed during daytime hours. No night work is anticipated unless approved by the City and MassDOT.
- Work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.
- Access to businesses and residences will be always maintained.
- Variable Message Boards will be placed 14 days prior to construction.
- Police details and temporary traffic control setups needed for drainage and roadway work.





# Our Next Steps – Estimated Schedule



Review and respond to comments received during the Design Public Hearing



- Continue with design development
- 75% Design Submittal
  - 100% Design Submittal
  - PS&E Submittal



Right of Way Coordination



Advertise project for construction in early 2026 \*



Construction anticipated to start in Summer 2026 \*

*\* Dates based on current project programming. They might be subject to change.*





**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: Highway Design, PROJECT FILE NO. 609202
- Submit email comments to:  
[DOTHighwayDesign@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:DOTHighwayDesign@dot.state.ma.us)
- For project information visit the MassDOT Design Public Hearing web site at:  
<https://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings>  
or use the QR Code:







# 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



- Please take a few minutes to complete the survey after the meeting to let us know how your experience was with this virtual meeting

**All questions and comments are subject to disclosure for public records. Please use these functions for project related business only.**





# *Thank You*

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