



Design Public Hearing

*Haverhill - Roadway Reconstruction of
North Avenue, from Main Street (Route 125)
to Plaistow, NH*

Virtual | Wednesday, January 25, 2023 | 6:30 P.M.

Project File No. 608788



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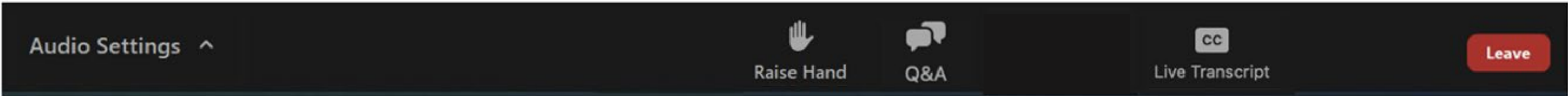
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Thank you for joining our meeting. We appreciate your participation!

Agenda

- Introductions
- Public Outreach
- The Project
- Construction Process & Impacts
- Right-of-Way
- Environmental Permitting
- Questions & Discussions



Introductions

- **MassDOT**
 - Stephanie Upson, Project Manager
 - Dan Fleury, MassDOT District 4 Representative
 - Rosemary Scrivens, ROW Community Compliance
 - Kayla Sousa, Producer/Facilitator
 - Joseph Yoo, Producer/Facilitator
- **City of Haverhill, MA**
 - Mayor James Fiorentini
 - John Pettis, P.E., City Engineer
 - Gary Albanese, Senior Engineering Aide
- **Consultant Design Engineer – Alfred Benesch & Company**
 - Anthony Timperio, P.E., Project Manager
 - Ashley Bomely, P.E., Project Engineer
- **Consultant Design Engineer – EA Engineering**
 - Amy Hunt, P.E., Dam & Environmental Project Manager

Public Outreach

Newspaper

- Haverhill Gazette
- The Eagle Tribune



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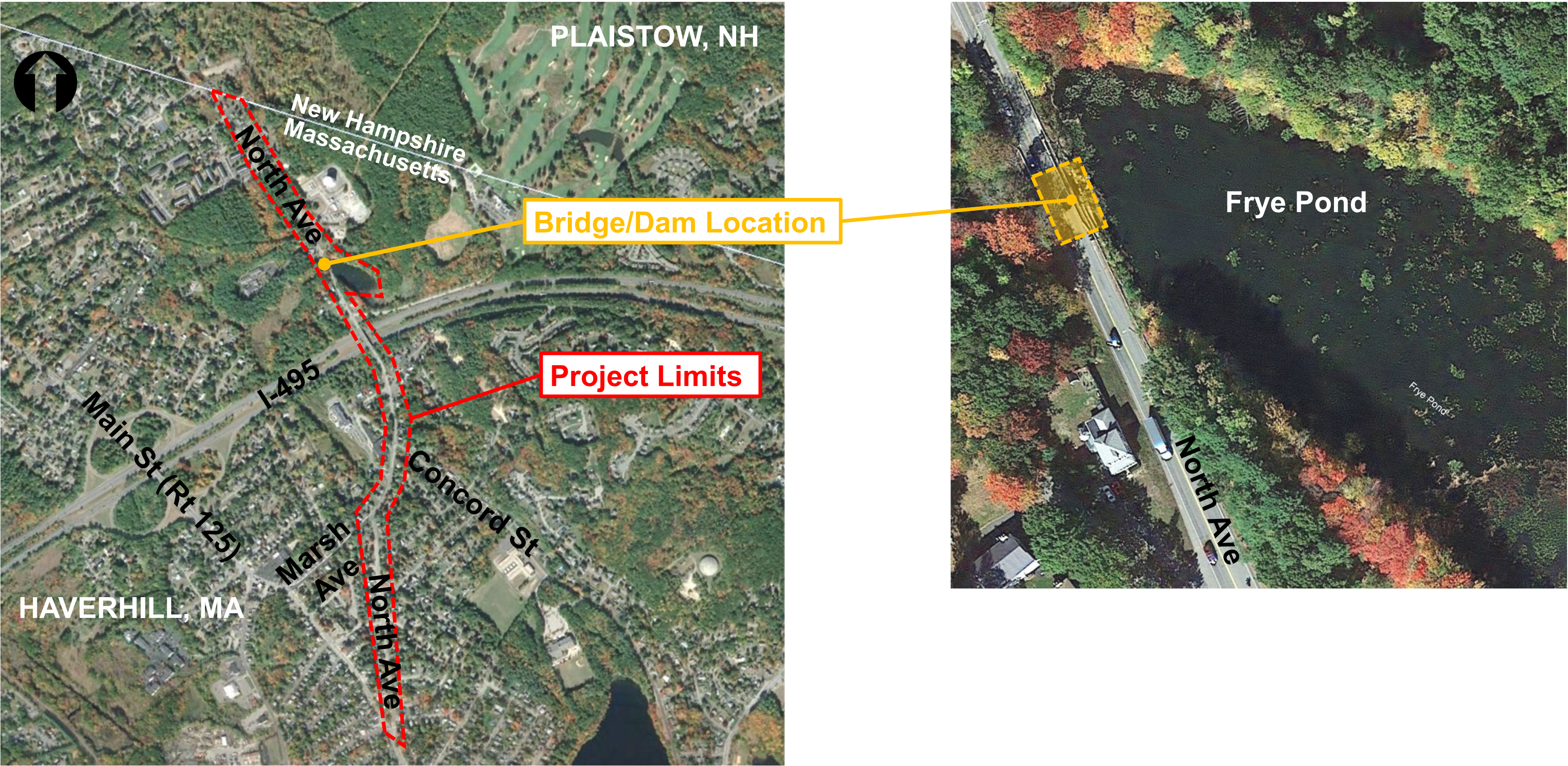


Thanks to the following for sending notice of this meeting:

- Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
- Registry of Motor Vehicles
- City of Haverhill



Location Map





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Photos Documenting Existing Roadway Condition

No pedestrian or bicycle facilities along North Avenue



Non-compliant pedestrian facilities and no bicycle facilities along North Avenue



Photos Documenting Existing Bridge/Dam Condition

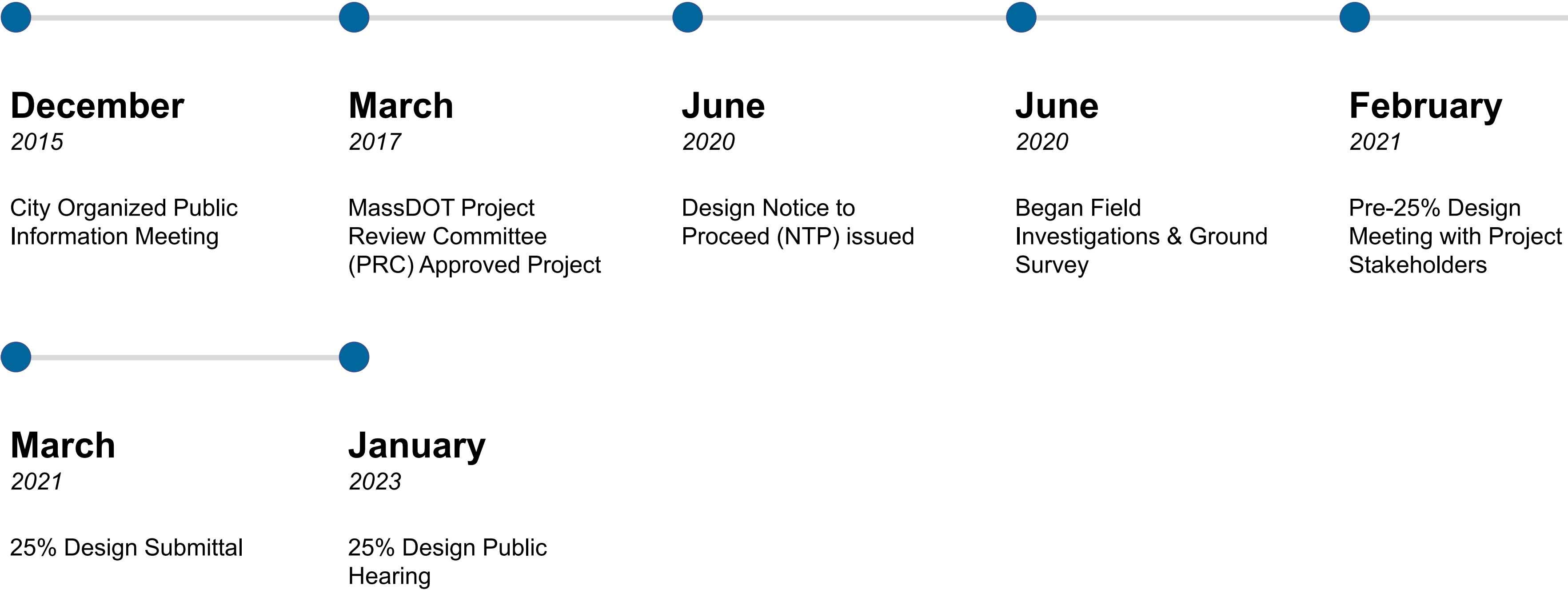
Structurally deficient bridge
(downstream side shown)



Structurally deficient dam



How did we get here?





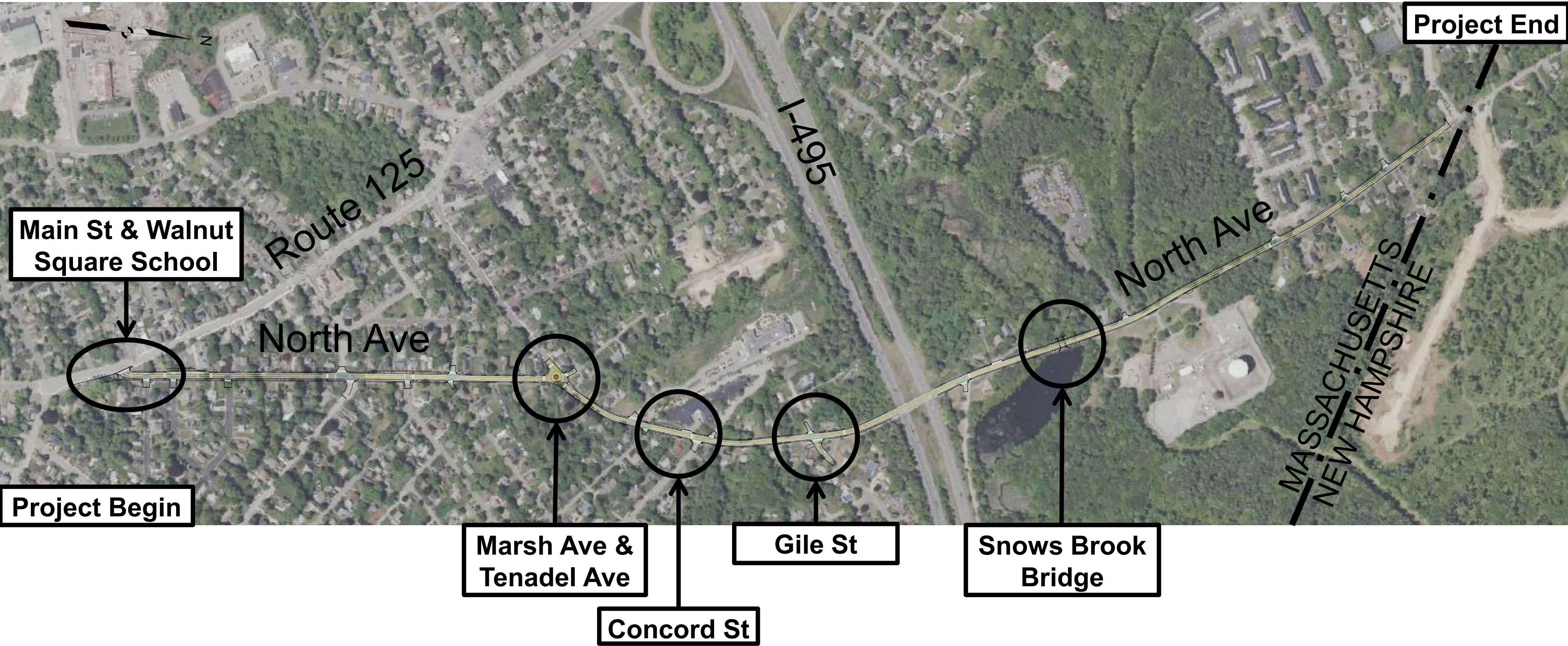
**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goals

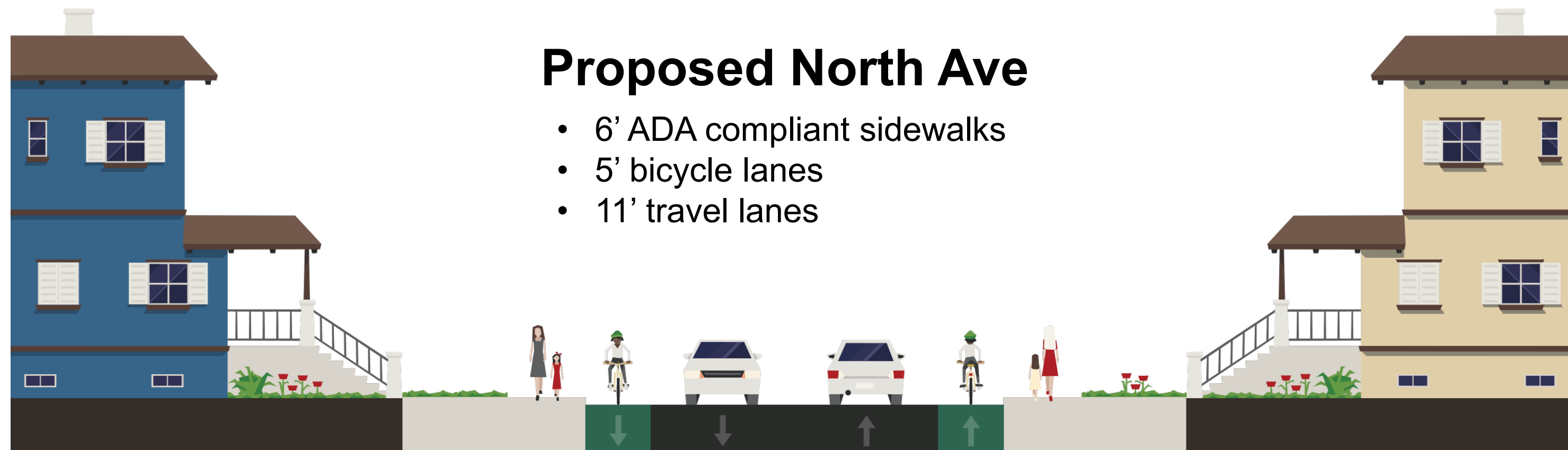
- Remove structurally deficient dam and restore Snows Brook
- Replace structurally deficient bridge
- Minimize impacts to traveling public and abutters
- Traffic and Complete Street Improvements
 - Implement mini-roundabout at North Ave/Marsh Ave intersection
 - Implement geometric improvements at North Ave/Main St (Route 125) and North Ave/Giles St intersections
 - Bicycle lanes full length of project limits
 - Install ADA compliant pedestrian sidewalks



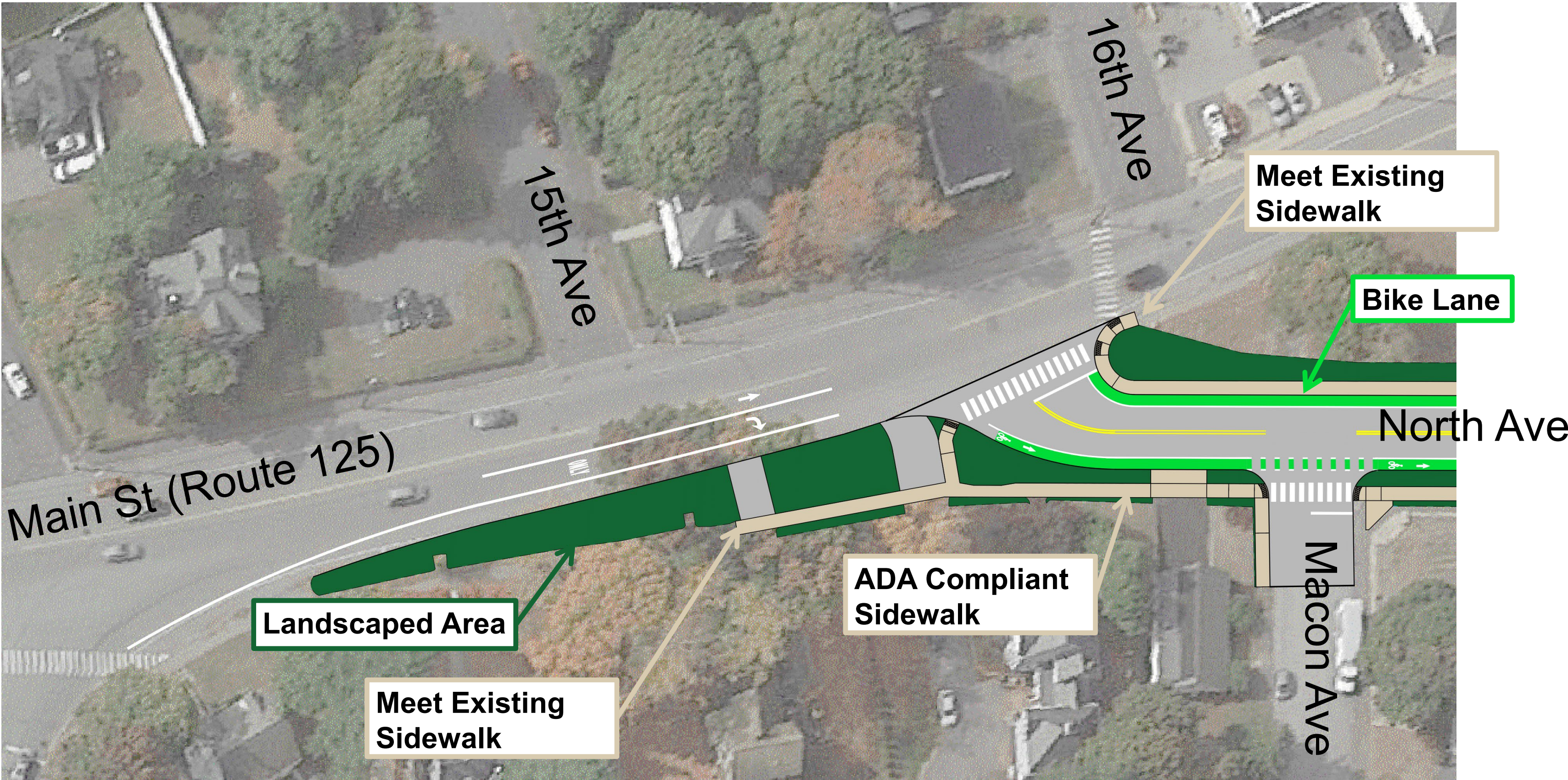
Proposed Improvements Overview – How did we get here?



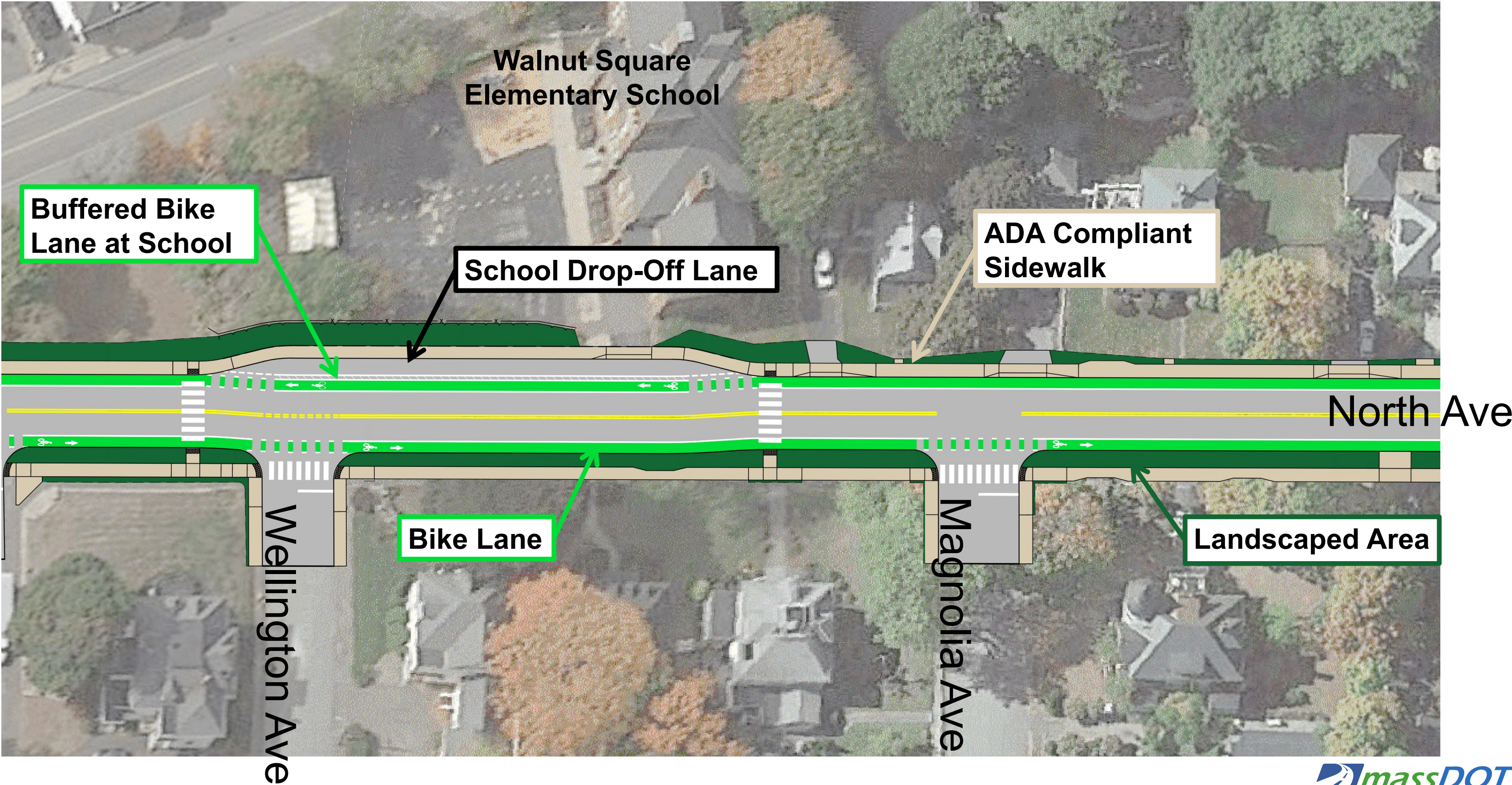
Proposed Improvements – Typical Roadway Cross Section



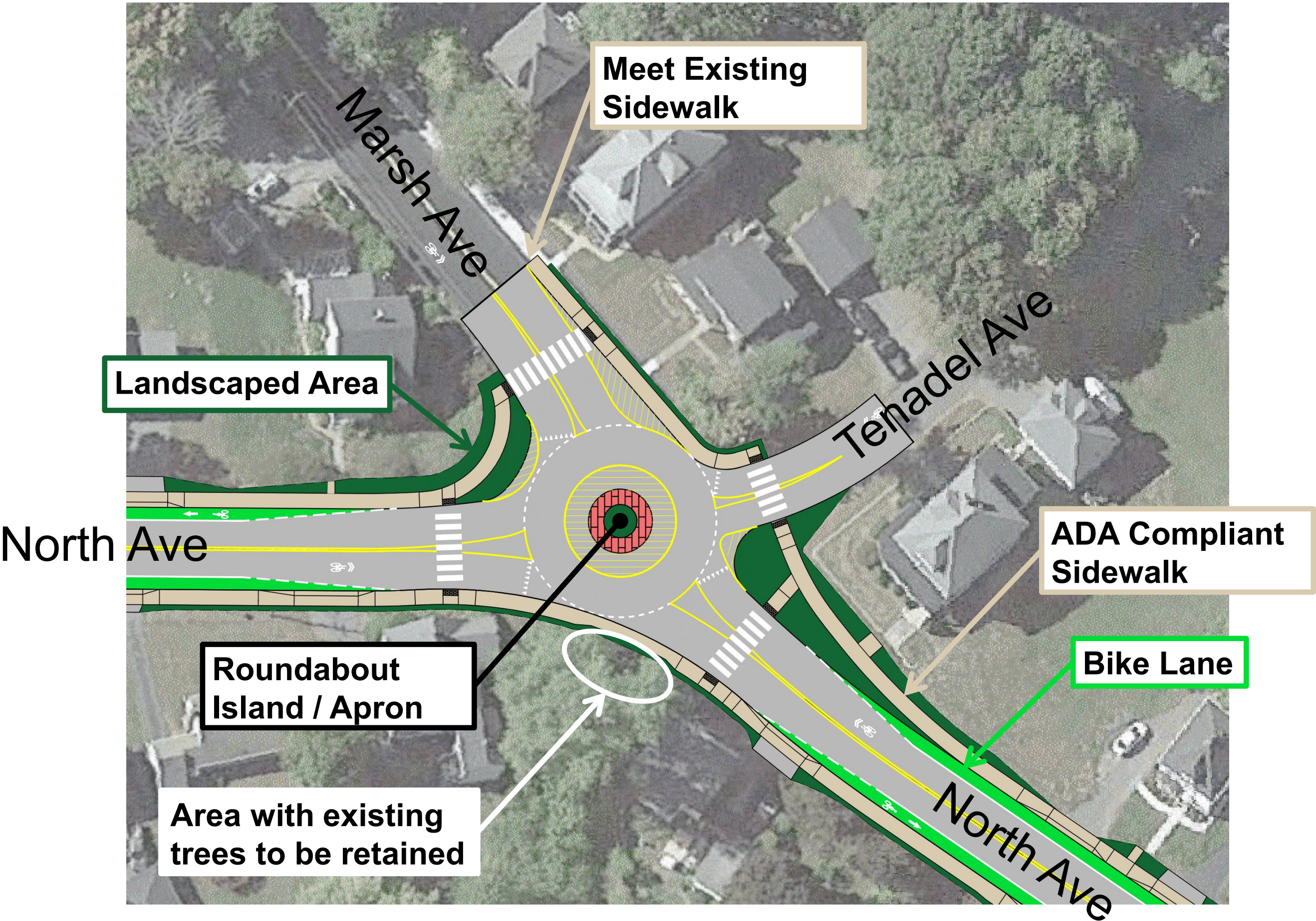
Proposed Improvements – North Ave at Main St (Route 125)



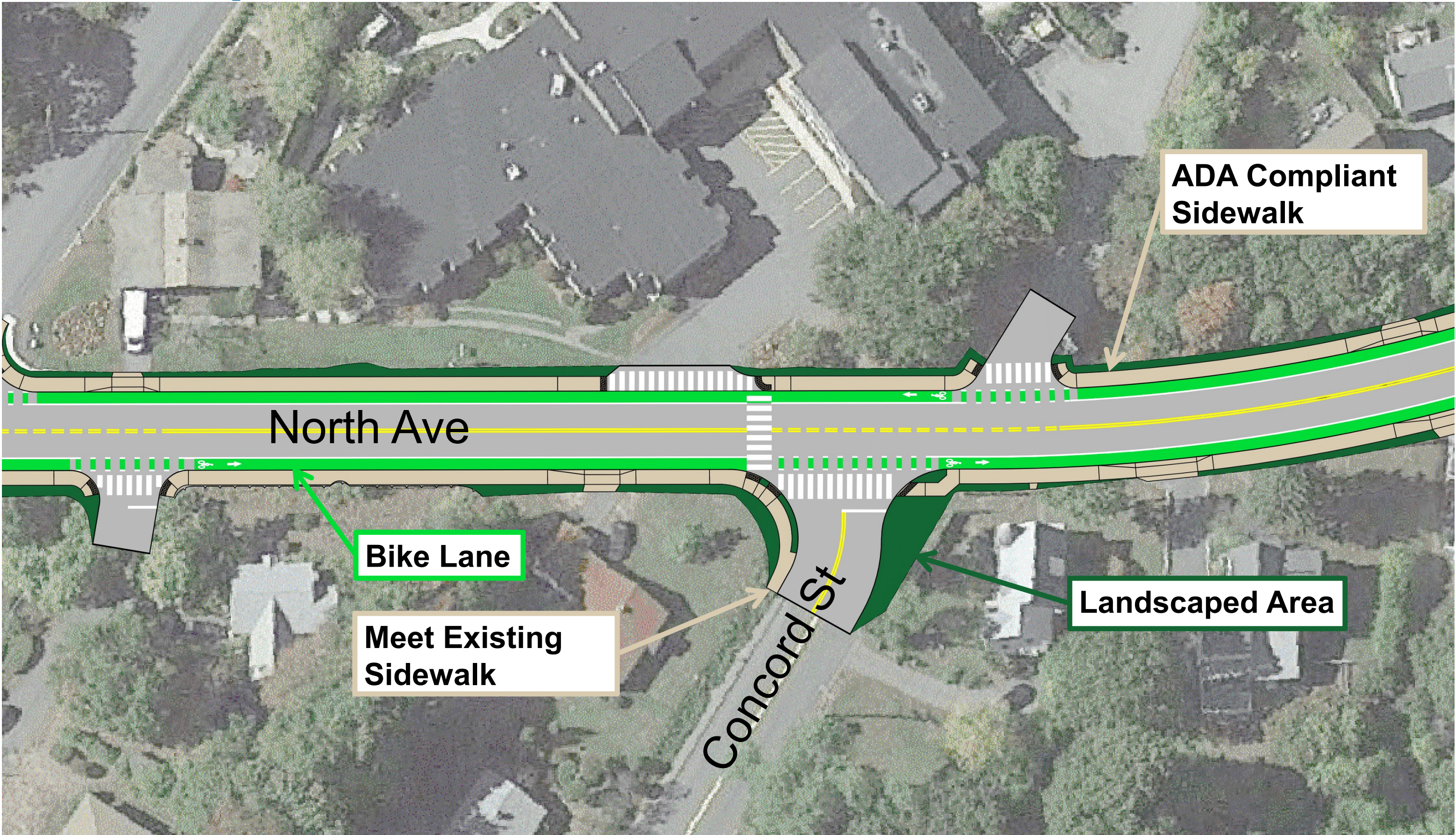
Proposed Improvements – North Ave at School Drop-Off Lane



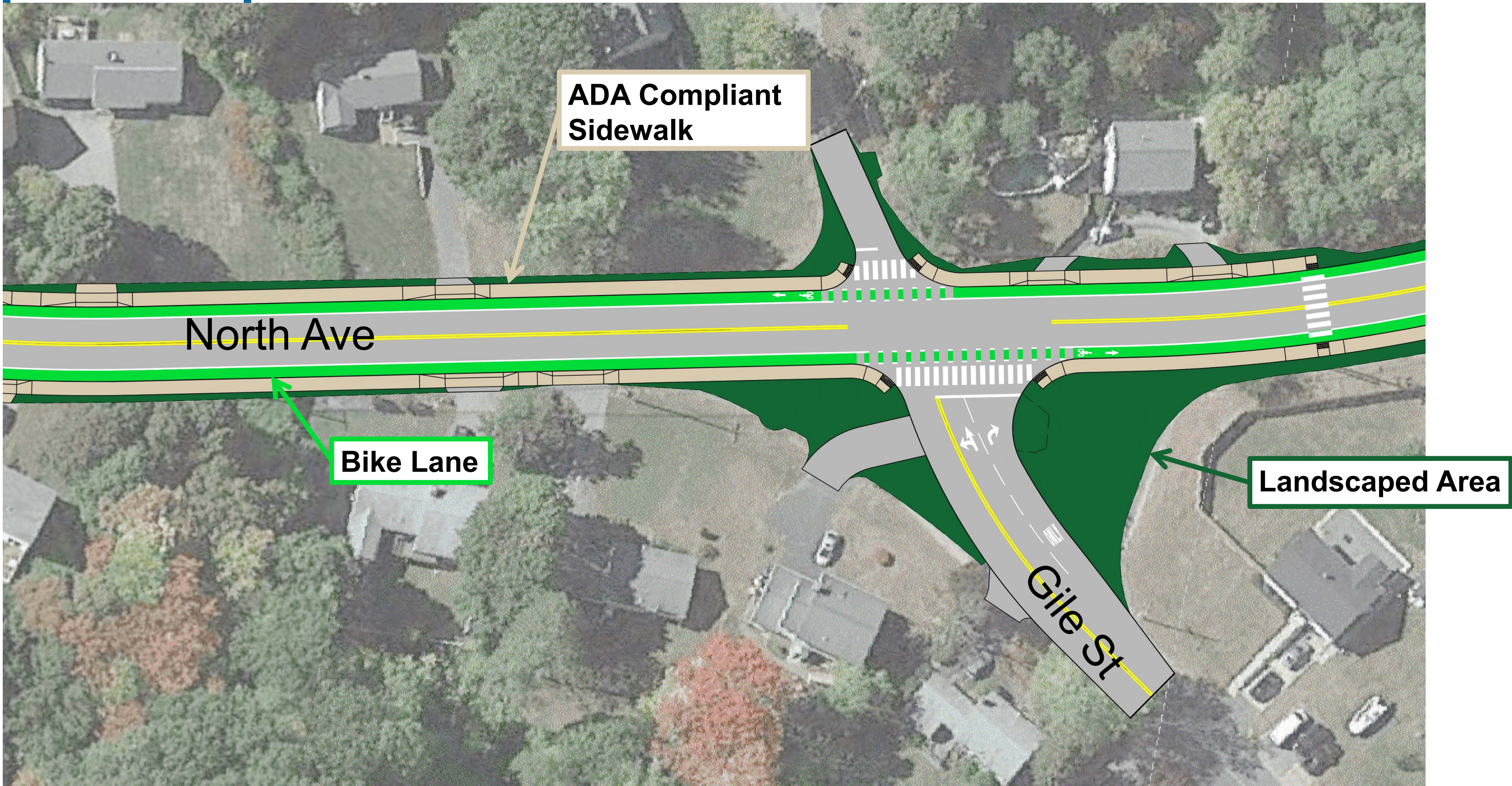
Proposed Improvements – North Ave at Marsh Ave & Tenadel Ave



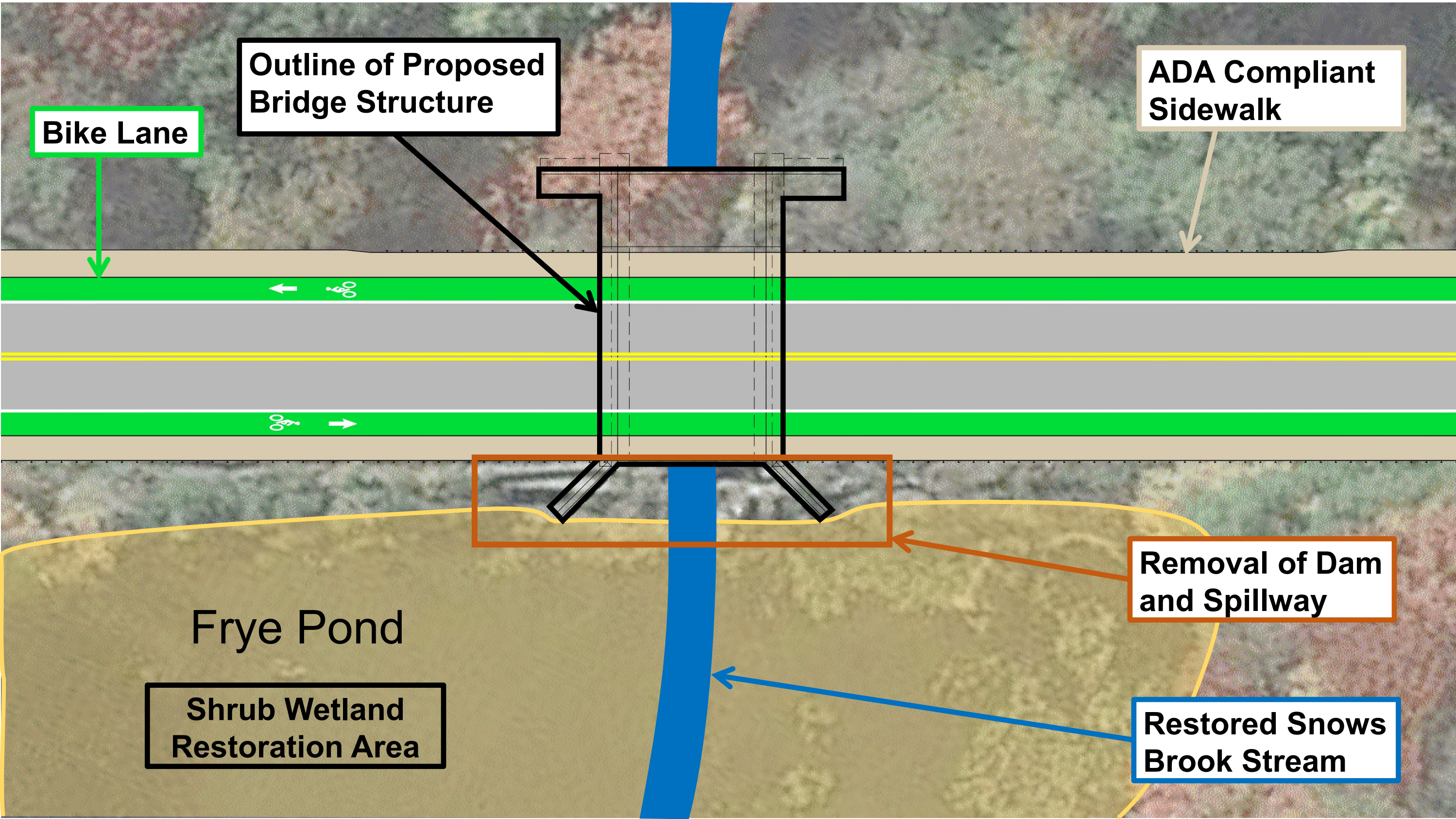
Proposed Improvements – North Ave at Concord St



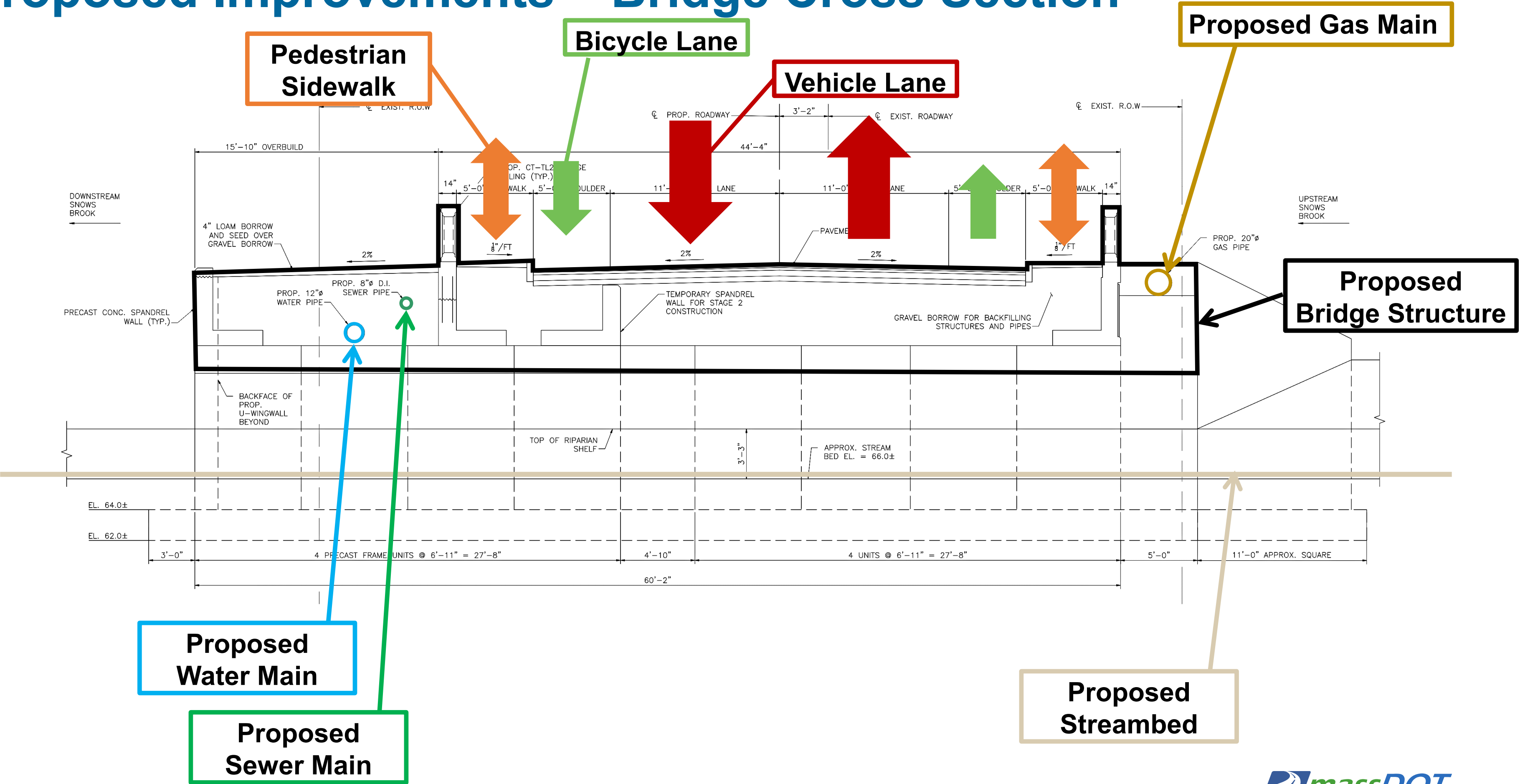
Proposed Improvements – North Ave at Gile St



Proposed Improvements – North Ave at Bridge



Proposed Improvements – Bridge Cross Section





**What is the
construction
approach?**

Construction Approach

- Maintain one lane of travel in each direction on North Avenue
 - No long-term detours or roadway closures are anticipated
- Construction may begin as soon as Spring 2025 (pending funding)
 - Construction duration anticipated to take two years
 - Any construction schedule updates will be communicated on MassDOT project website
- Notices will be provided from the City or Contractor to impacted residents prior to work beginning
- Advanced construction warning signs will be implemented and police details utilized where necessary



**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion

25% Design Public Hearing

- Haverhill 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 City of Haverhill or consultants representing the City of Haverhill
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
 - For any project receiving federal funds, property owners are further protected under Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended.

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

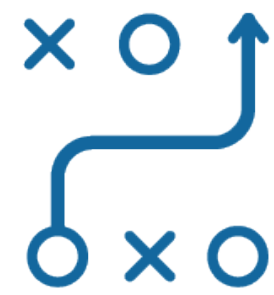


**What are the
environmental,
cultural
resource, and
community
impacts?**

Anticipated Permitting

- Haverhill Conservation Commission Wetlands Application
- MA EPA Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF)
- MA EPA Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- MA DCR Chapter 253 Permit Application
- MA DEP Water Quality Certification & Chapter 91 Waterways License
- US Army Corps. Of Engineers Pre-Construction Notification





**What is the
project
schedule
moving
forward?**

Estimated Schedule Moving Forward



January 2023

25% Design and Design
Public Hearing



Summer 2023

75% Highway Design/
1st Structural Submission



Winter 2023 / 2024

100% Highway Design/
2nd Structural Submission



Summer 2024

Finalize Design (Plans,
Specifications & Estimate)



Winter 2025

Ready to Advertise Project
for Construction



TBD

Advance to Construction



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

How to reach us?

- Submit written comments to:
Carrie Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer
MassDOT
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116
Attention: Highway Design, PROJECT FILE NO. 608788
- Submit email comments to:
MassDOTProjectManagement@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 Answers

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- “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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