



Community Day Arlington Elementary School (Lawrence) Safe Routes to School

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Virtual Design Public Hearing

June 24, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Project File No. 612002



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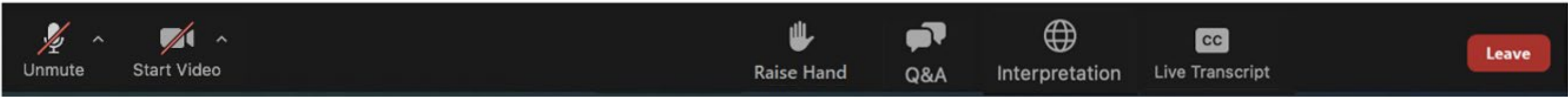


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- Your microphone and webcam are automatically disabled upon entering the hearing.
- The hearing will be open to questions and answers at the end of the formal presentation.
- Please take time to respond to our survey at the end of the hearing. Your feedback is important.

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

Public hearing notice

- Handout of this hearing is available on MassDOT website where this hearing was advertised
- Handout contains relevant project information
- Notice of this hearing in Page 2 of the handout
- Notice sent to **City of Lawrence** on June 10th
- Notice Appeared on **Eagle Tribune** and **Valley Patriot** on both June 10, 2025 and June 17, 2025



MassDOT



City of Lawrence

Agenda

- 01** Introduction
- 02** Project Overview
- 03** Right-of-Way (ROW)
- 04** Construction Impacts
- 05** Next Steps
- 06** Questions / Discussions



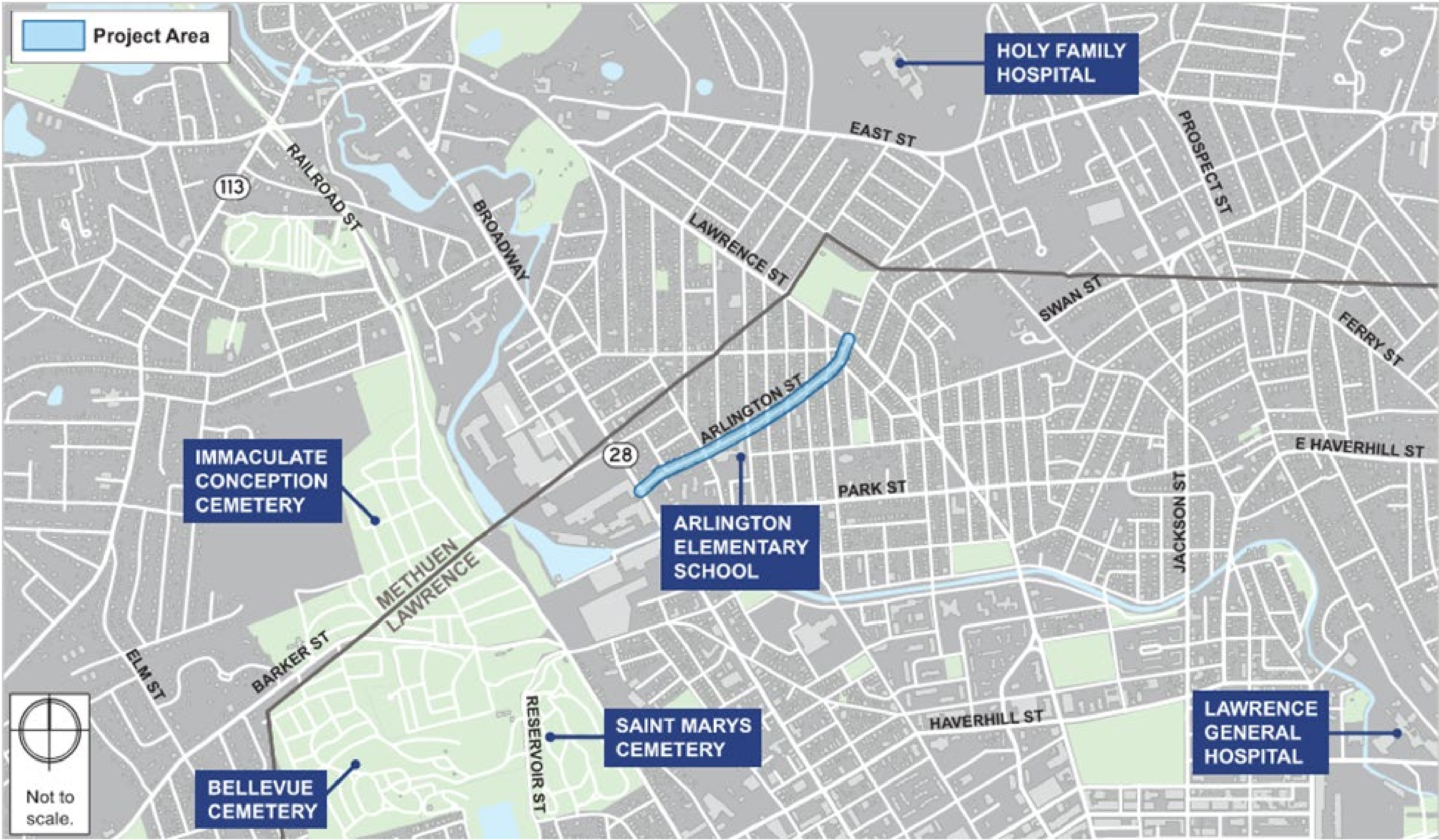
Presentation Participants

- **MassDOT Project Manager**
 - Jon Freeman
- **MassDOT District 4:**
 - Daniel Fleury
- **MassDOT ROW Agent:**
 - Nancy Knight
- **MassDOT Producer/Facilitator**
 - Hung Pham
 - Joseph Yoo
- **City of Lawrence**
 - Daniel McCarthy
- **Designer**
 - Sainey Badjie, Howard Stein Hudson
 - Emma Enteadó, Howard Stein Hudson

Language Translation Speakers

- **Spanish**
 - Susana Carella
- **Stenographer**
 - Advanced Court Reporting

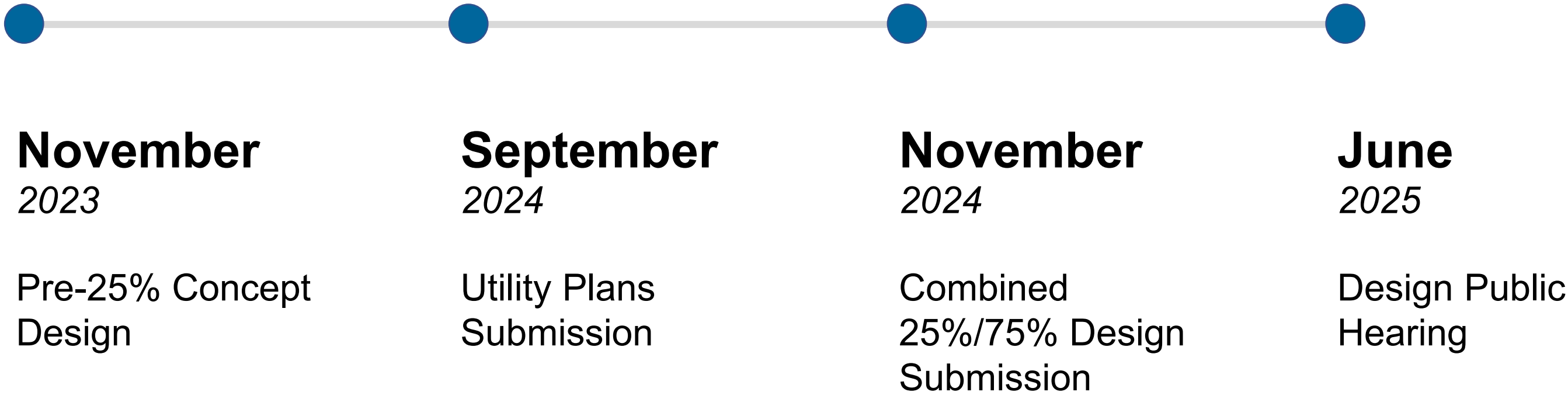
Project Location



Project Budget

- \$3.3M
- 80% from FHWA
- 20% from MassDOT

How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Project Needs

- Traffic congestion and bus maneuvering challenges in the pickup/drop-off area.
- Safety concerns due to:
 - i. obstructed sight lines,
 - ii. two-way traffic on Spruce Street, and
 - iii. driver non-compliance with traffic and parking rules
- Insufficient pedestrian accommodations, including lack of ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps and failure to yield at crosswalks
- Poor drainage along Arlington Street corridor

Existing Conditions

Lack of ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps



Sidewalk in poor condition



Poor Drainage





**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

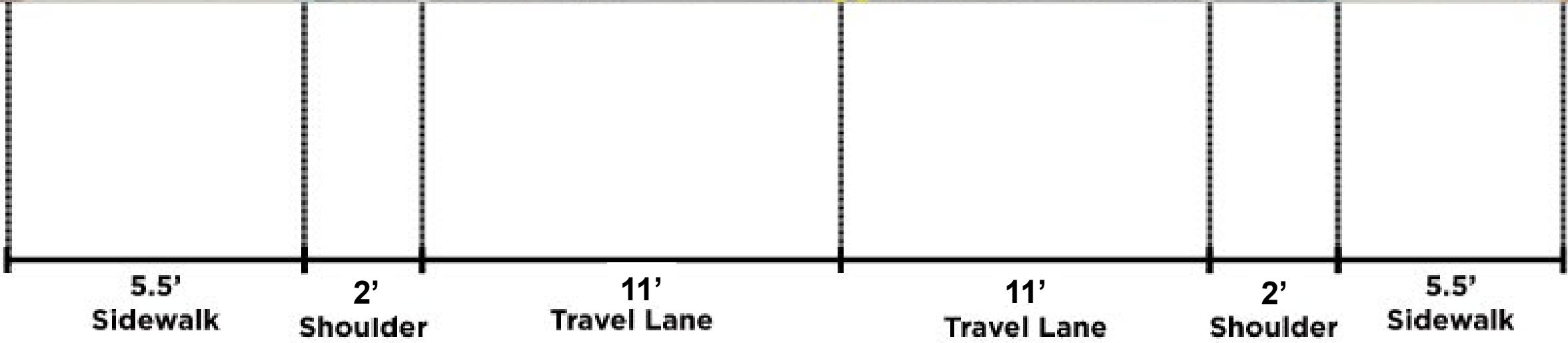
Project Goals

- Enhance pedestrian safety, accessibility, and mobility for students and the community around the school
- Calm vehicular traffic and improve roadway crossing safety near the school
- Enhance Circulation and Mobility around pickup/drop-off area
- Address drainage issues to support a safer and more accessible environment

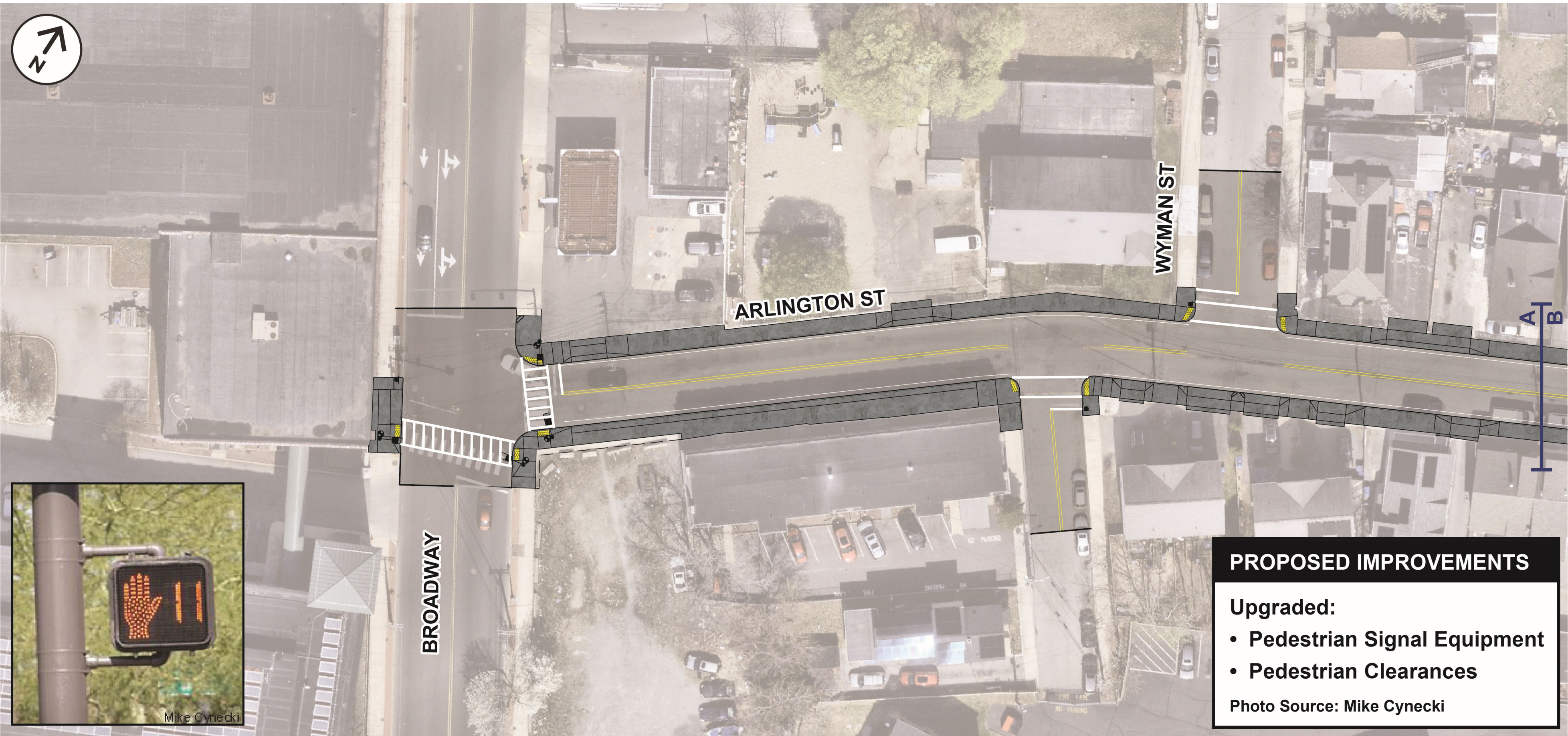


**What is the
proposed
design?**

Cross Section of **Arlington Street Corridor**



Improvements at Arlington Street / Broadway Intersection



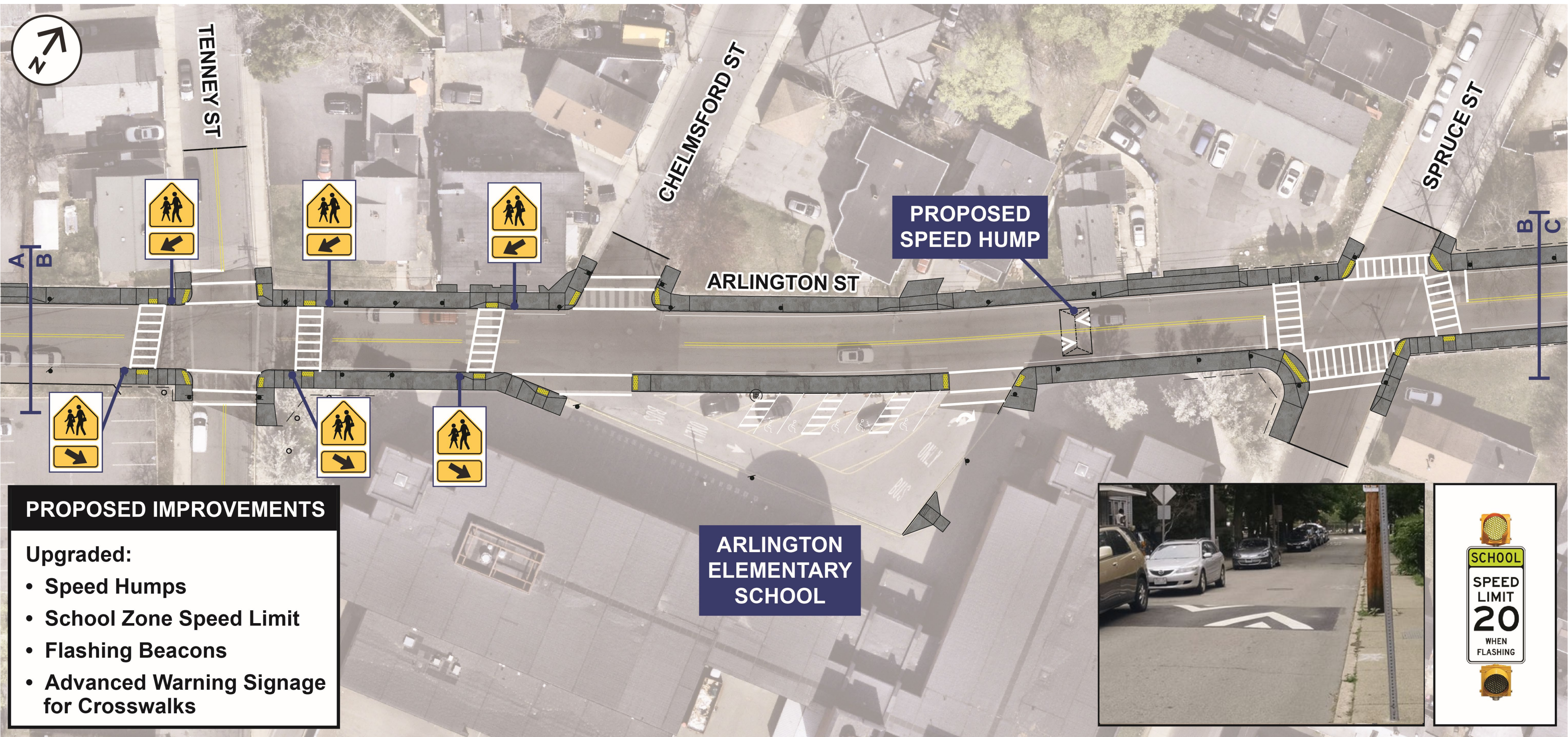
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Upgraded:

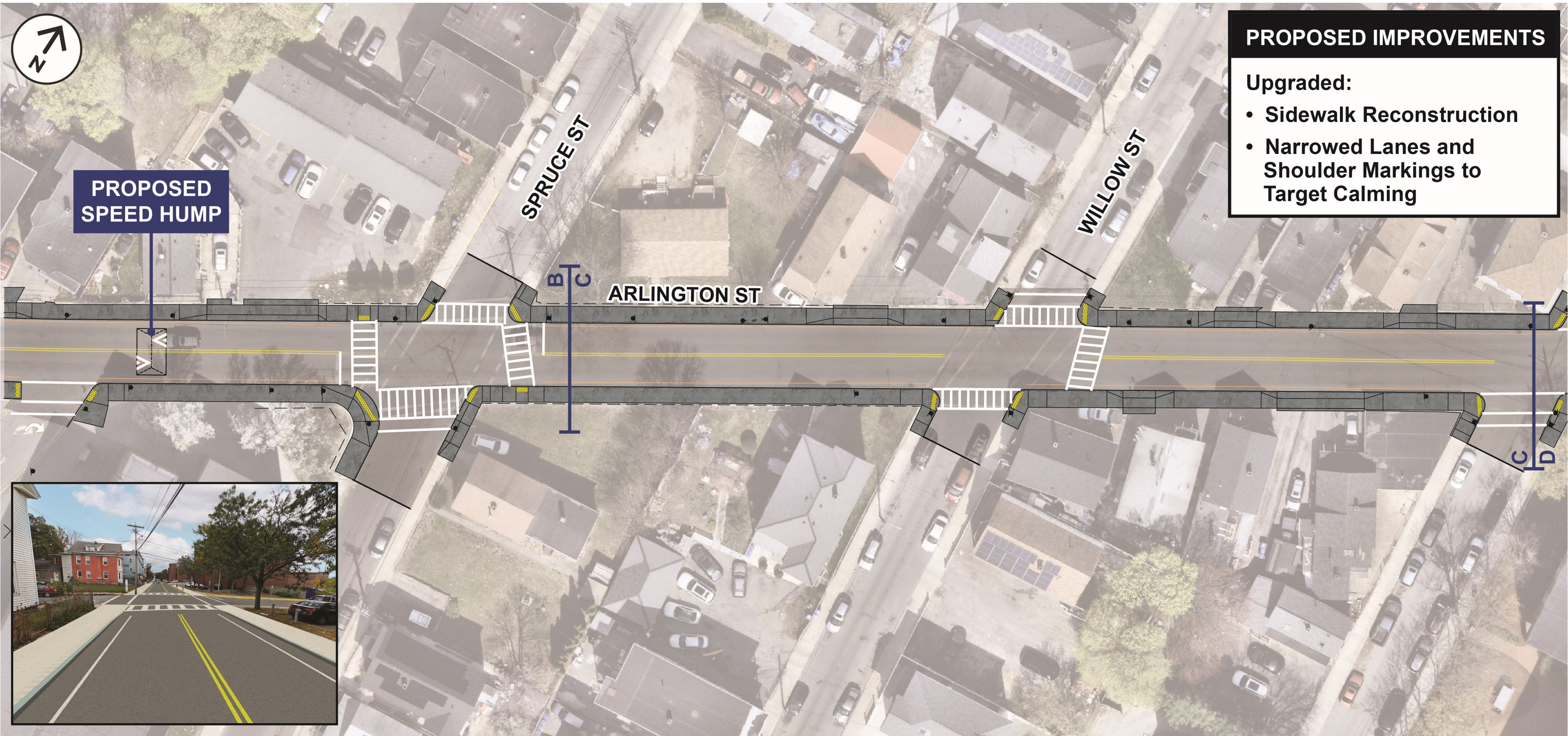
- Pedestrian Signal Equipment
- Pedestrian Clearances

Photo Source: Mike Cynecki

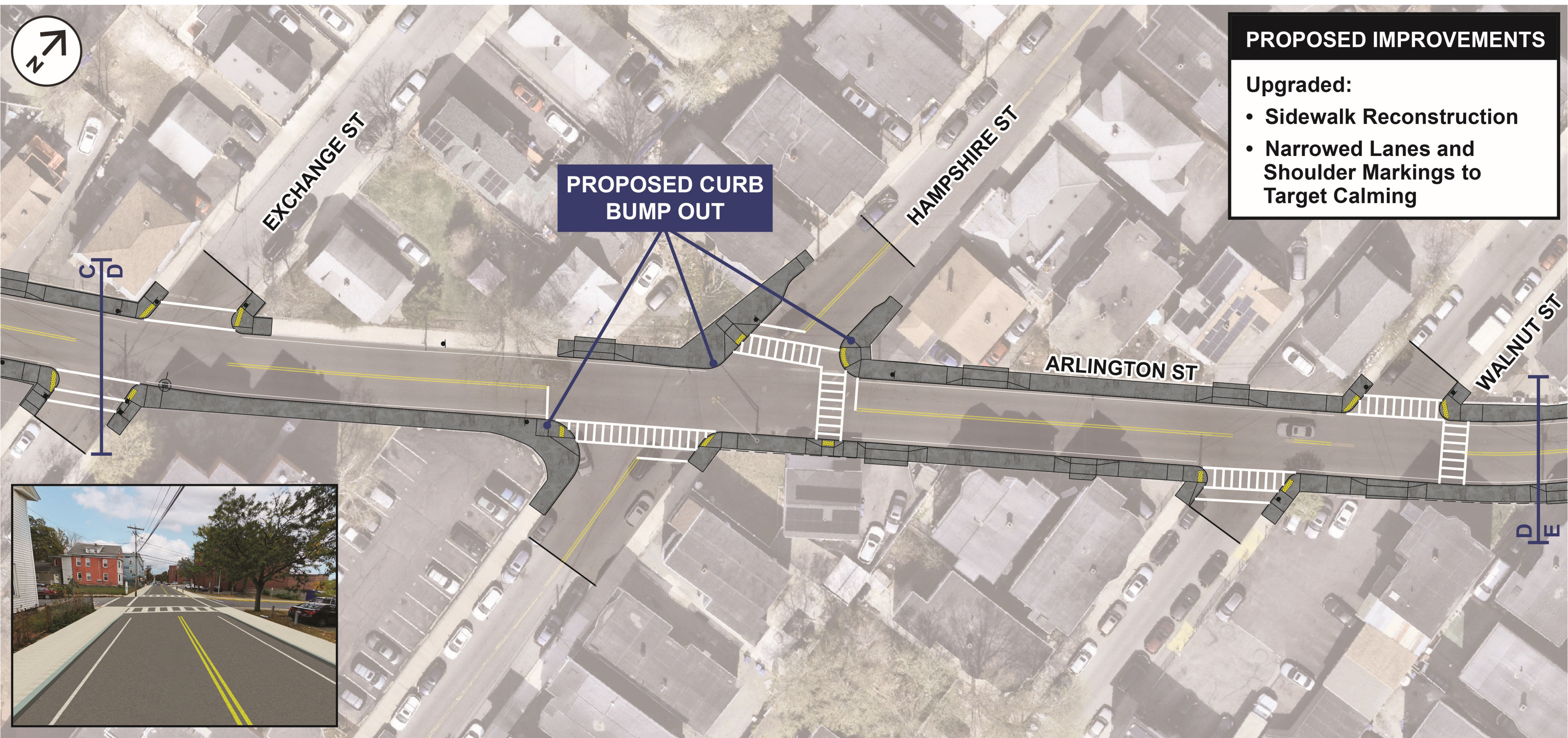
Improvements along Arlington Street near the School



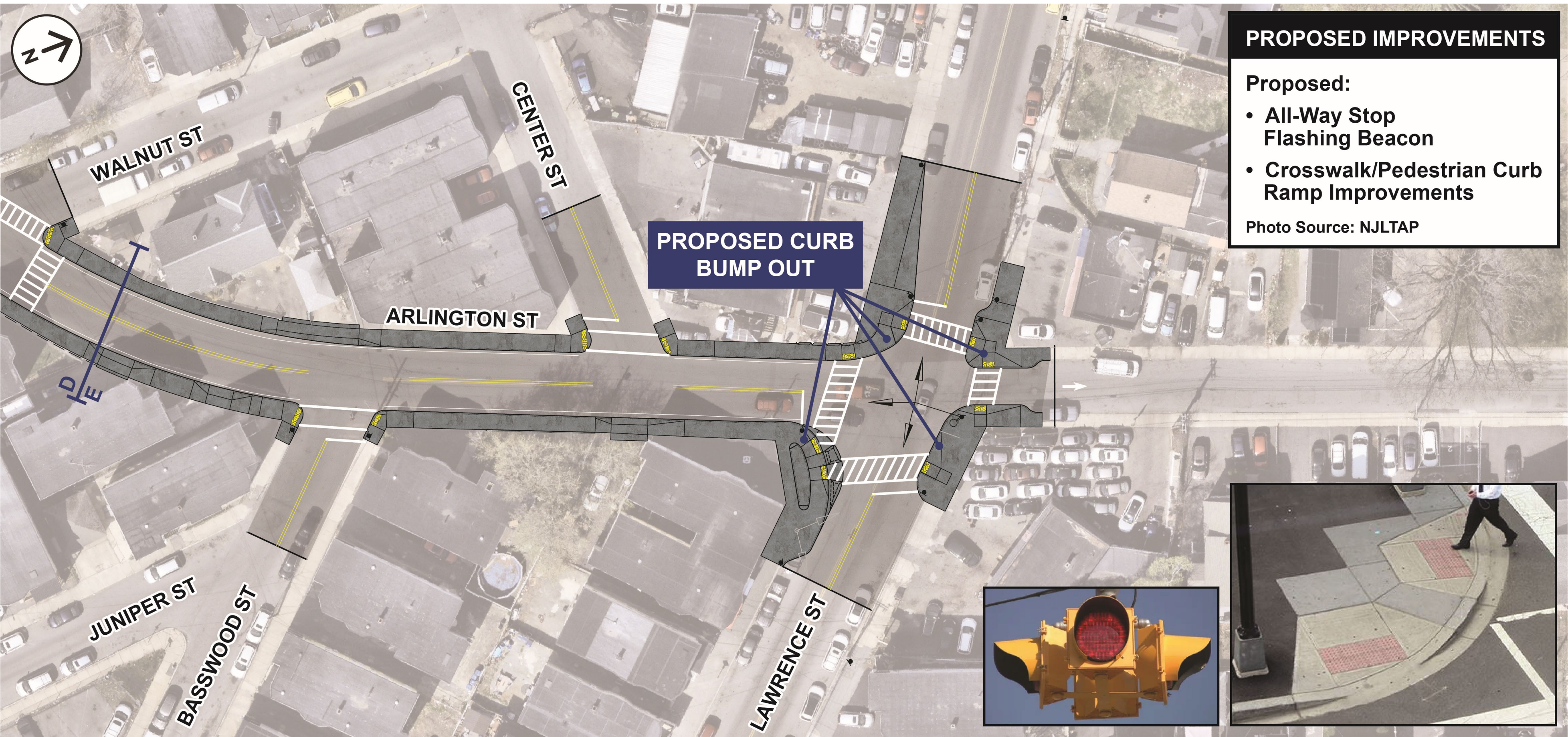
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Improvements at Arlington Street / Lawrence Street



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Proposed:

- All-Way Stop Flashing Beacon
- Crosswalk/Pedestrian Curb Ramp Improvements

Photo Source: NJLTAP



**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion

25% Design Public Hearing

- City of Lawrence 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 Lawrence 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 Office of Planning and Development, City of Lawrence 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 is the
construction
approach?**



Construction Phases

- Administered by MassDOT
- Operations will be coordinated with MassDOT and City Officials
- Access will be maintained as much as possible to abutting homes and businesses
- Pedestrian access will be maintained
- Temporary traffic control signage will be provided
- Night work not anticipated
- Parking may be temporarily impacted



**What are the
next steps?**

Our Next Steps



**Design Public
Hearing**
June 2025



**Coordination
with City**
Summer 2025



100% Design
Fall 2025



**Project
Advertisement**
Spring 2026



Construction
Summer 2026



**Construction
Completion**
Fall 2027



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

How To Reach Us

- Submit email comments to:
MassDOTProjectManagement@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 use the QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:
Carrie Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer
MassDOT
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116
Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 612002





**Questions and
answers**

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 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

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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