



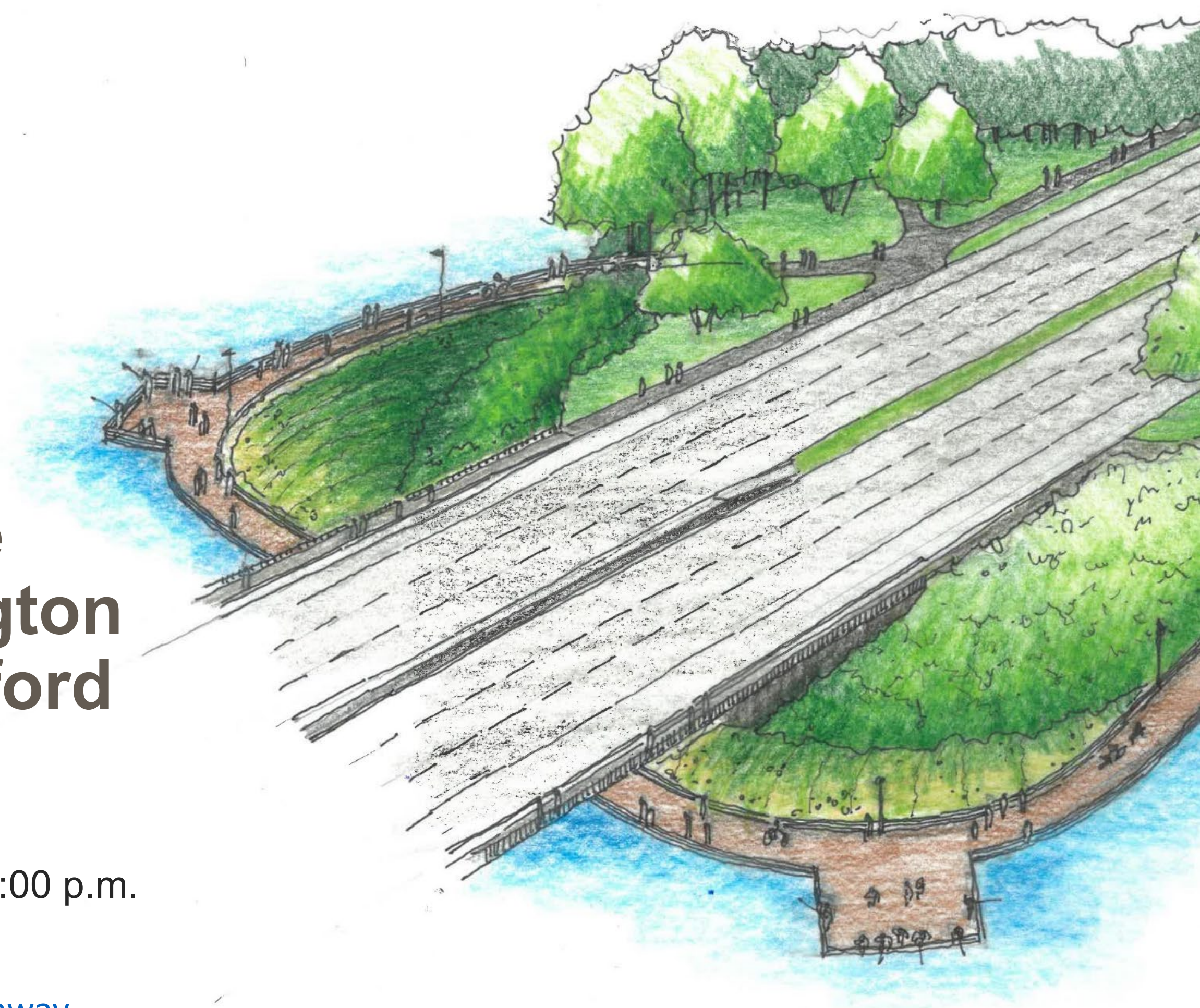
Shared Use Path Connection at the Route 28 / Wellington Underpass - Medford

*Virtual Design Public
Hearing*

December 8, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Project File # 611982

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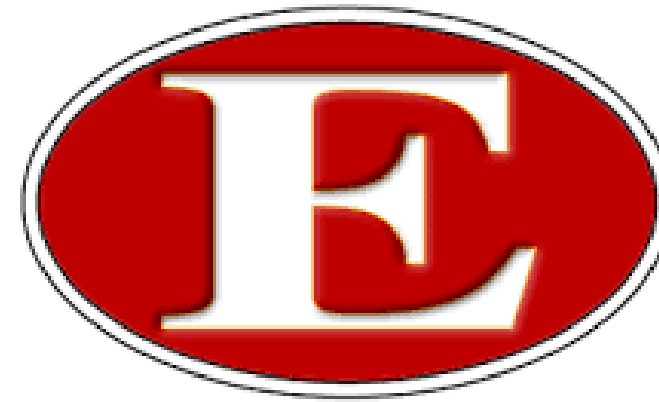
Panelists

- **MassDOT :**
 - **Project Manager:** Linda Walsh
 - **District 4 Project's Engineer:** Daniel Fleury
 - **Right of Way Representative:** Angela Schofield
 - **Producers:** Joseph Yoo, Christopher Klem
- **DCR:**
 - **Project Manager:** Amber Christoffersen, Trails and Greenways Planner
- **City of Medford:**
 - Alicia Hunt, Director of Development, Planning, & Sustainability
 - Timothy McGivern, PE, Commissioner of Public Works
- **Nitsch Engineering Design Team:**
 - John Michalak, PE, ENV SP, Project Manager

Public Outreach

Newspaper

- The Transcript & Journal
- Everett Independent



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- Medford Council on Aging
- Partners for youth with Disabilities
- The Welcome Project
- Center for Citizens and Social Responsibility
- Walk Medford



WalkMedford



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- Somerville Bicycle Safety
- Friends of the Mystic to Charles
- Our Revolution Medford
- Environmental Business Council
- Friends of the Malden River
- Gentle Giant Rowing Club
- Mystic River Watershed Association
- Massachusetts Gaming Commission



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**Mystic to
Charles**



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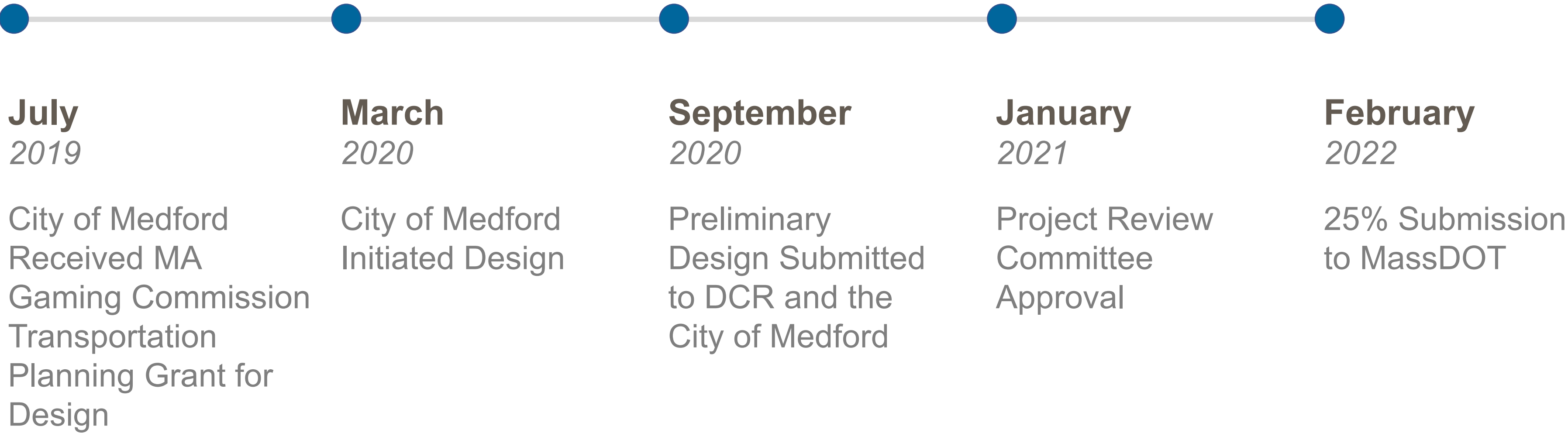
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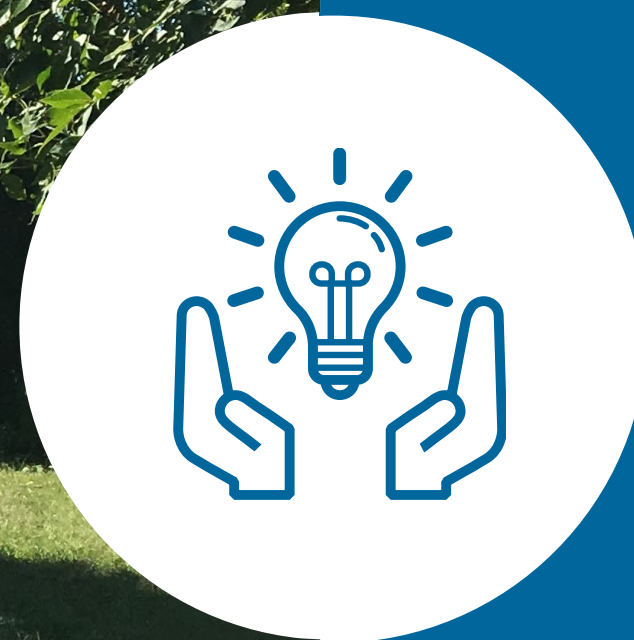
Agenda

- 01 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 02 Project Overview
- 03 Existing Conditions
- 04 Project Goals
- 05 Proposed Design
- 06 Impact to Environment
- 07 Right of Way
- 08 Next Steps
- 09 Questions & Feedback



How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Project Initiation

- Identified as a desired connection on several regional plans:
 - Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Regional Greenway Network (LandLine)
 - Mystic Greenways Initiative by the Mystic River Watershed Association
 - 2009 Mystic River Master Plan created by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)



**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

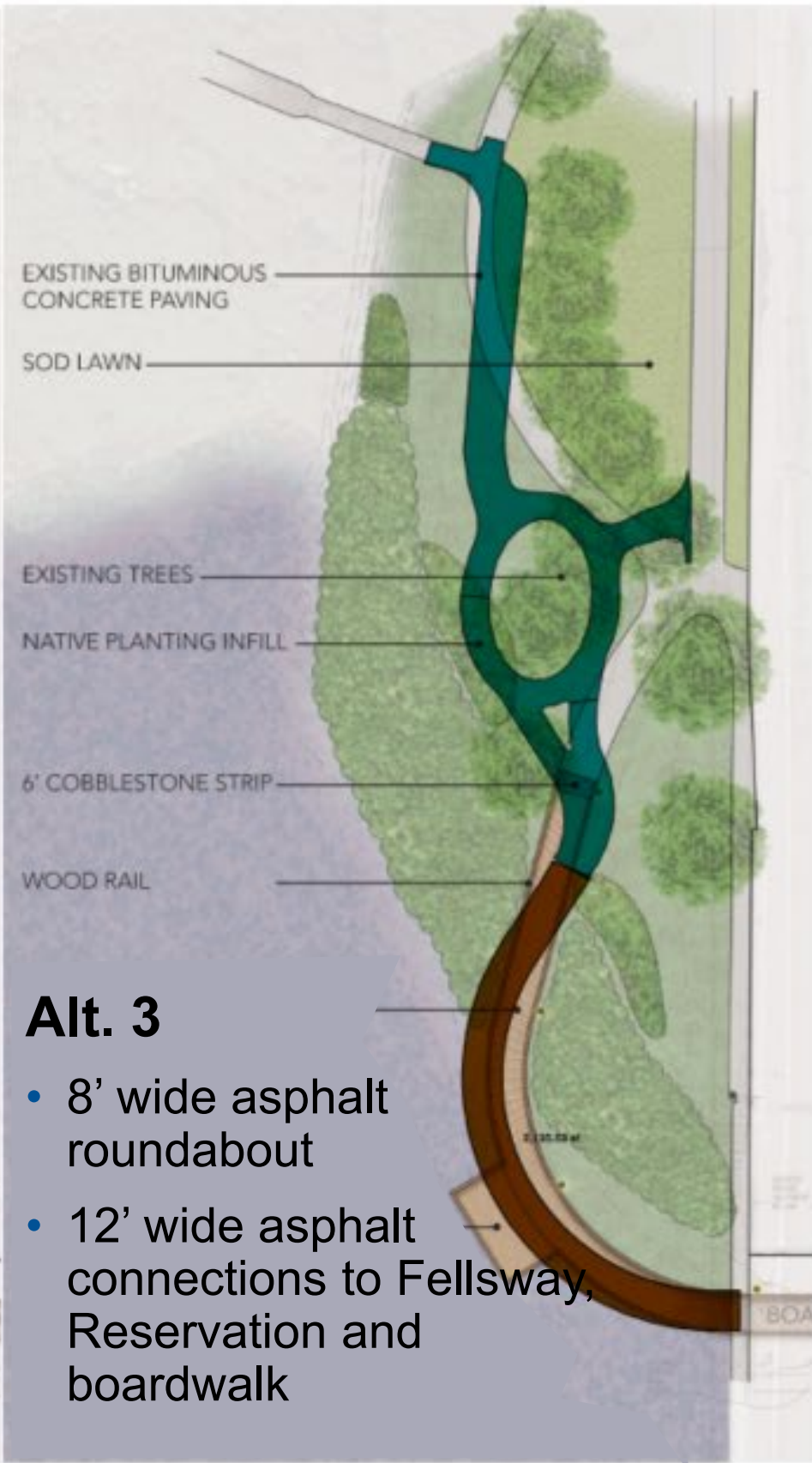
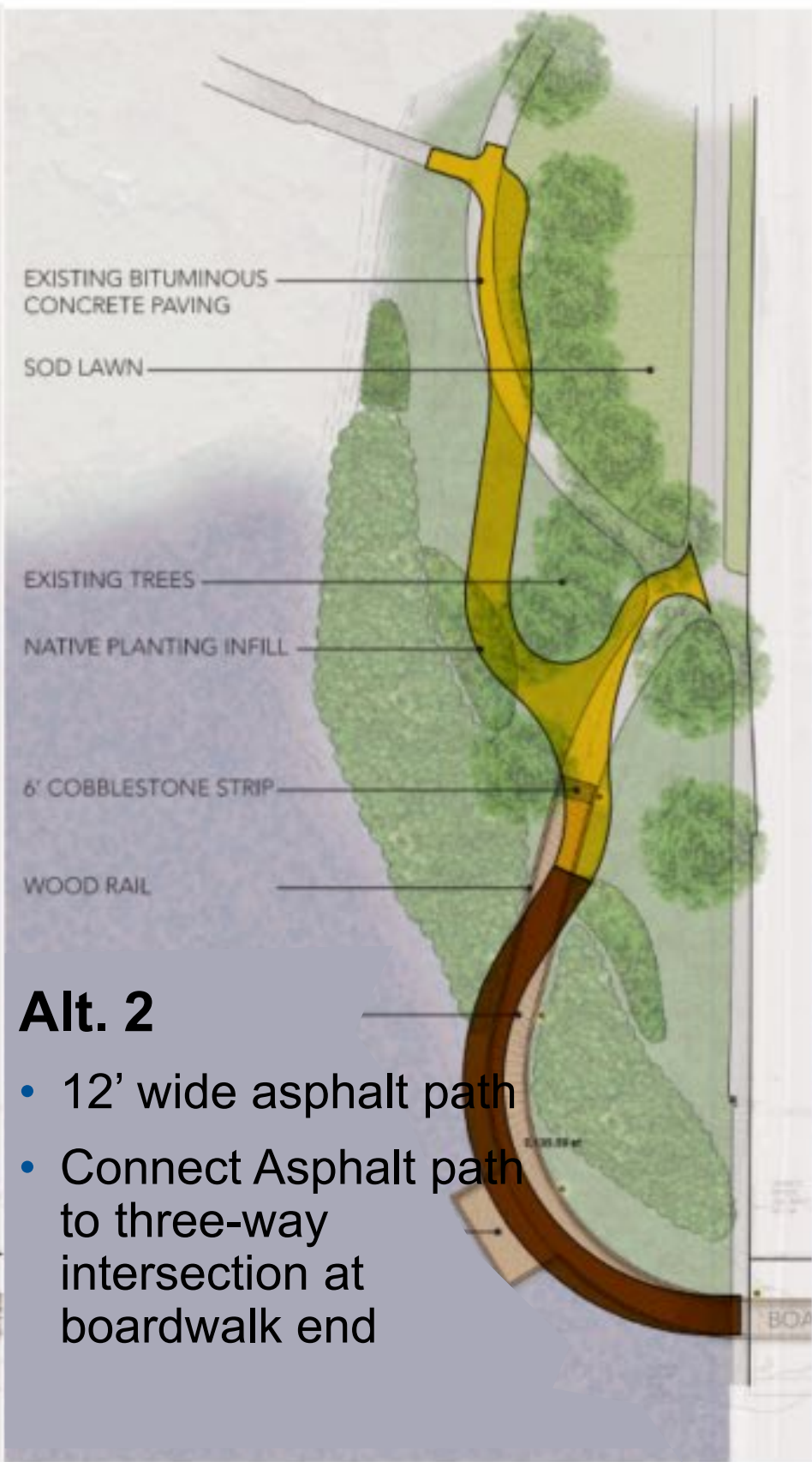
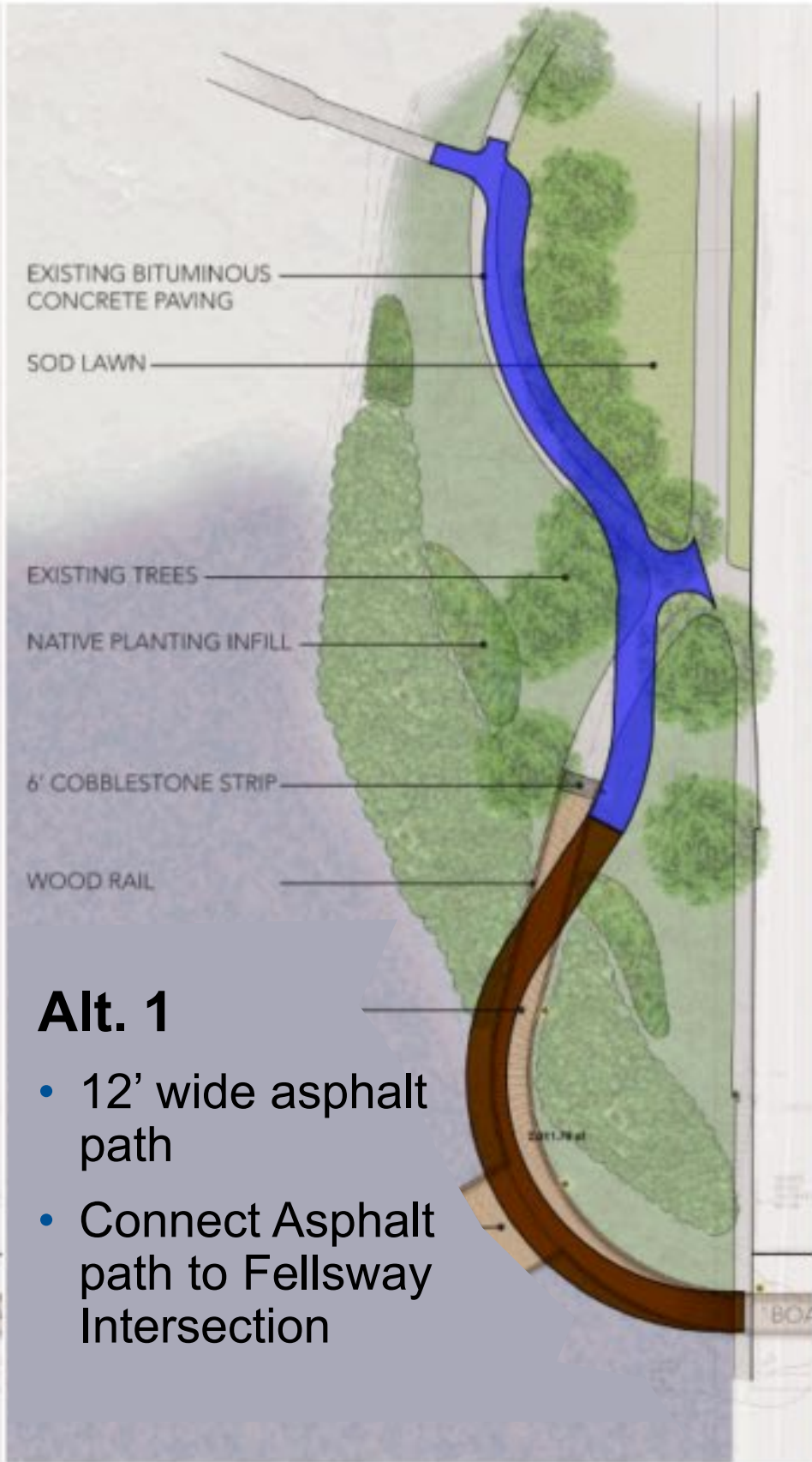
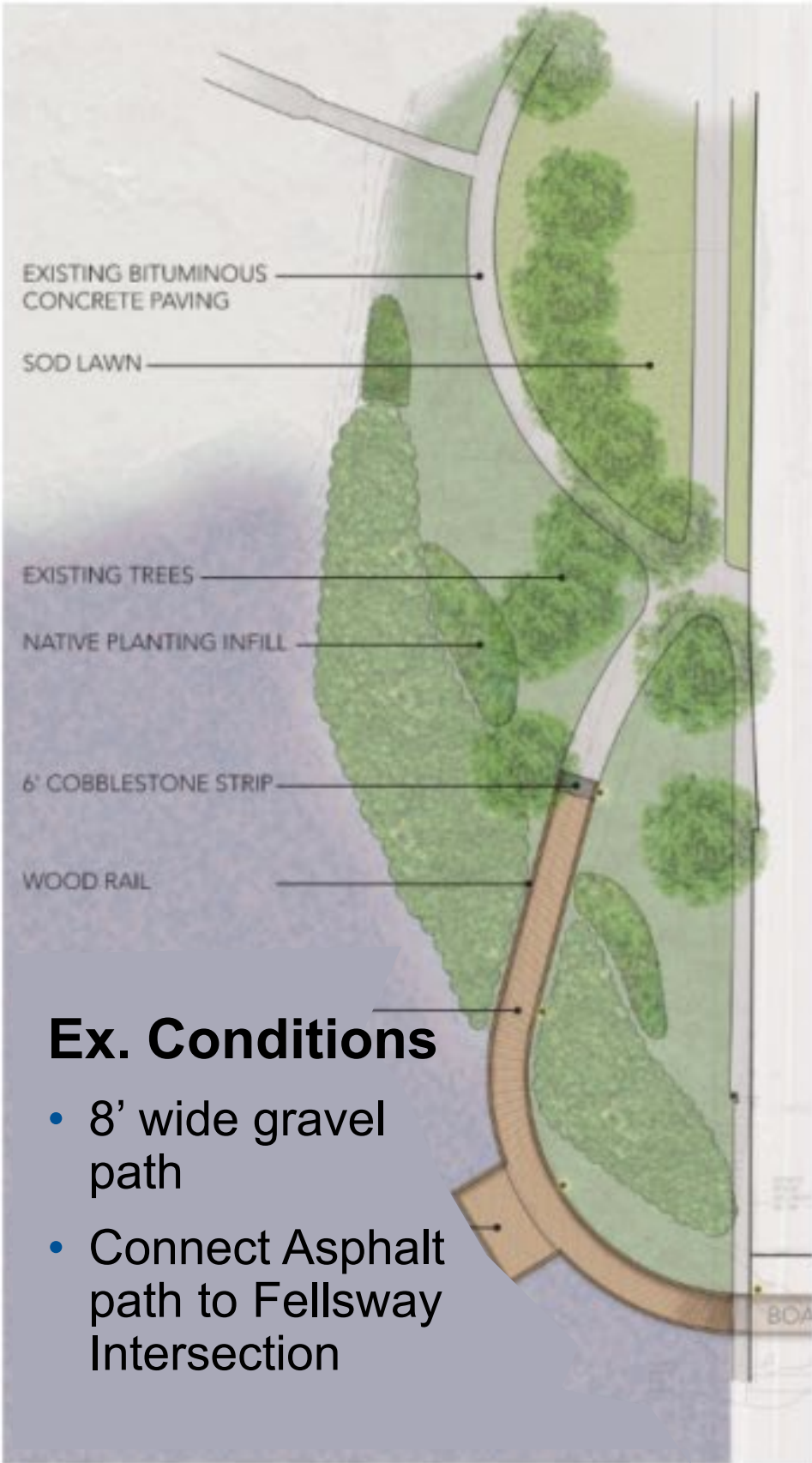
Project Goals

- Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
- Provide a safer connection from MacDonald Park to Station Landing
- Minimize Environmental Impacts
- Create an accessible shared-use path connection
- Connect the shared-use path to the new bike lanes on Route 28



**What
alternatives
were
considered?**

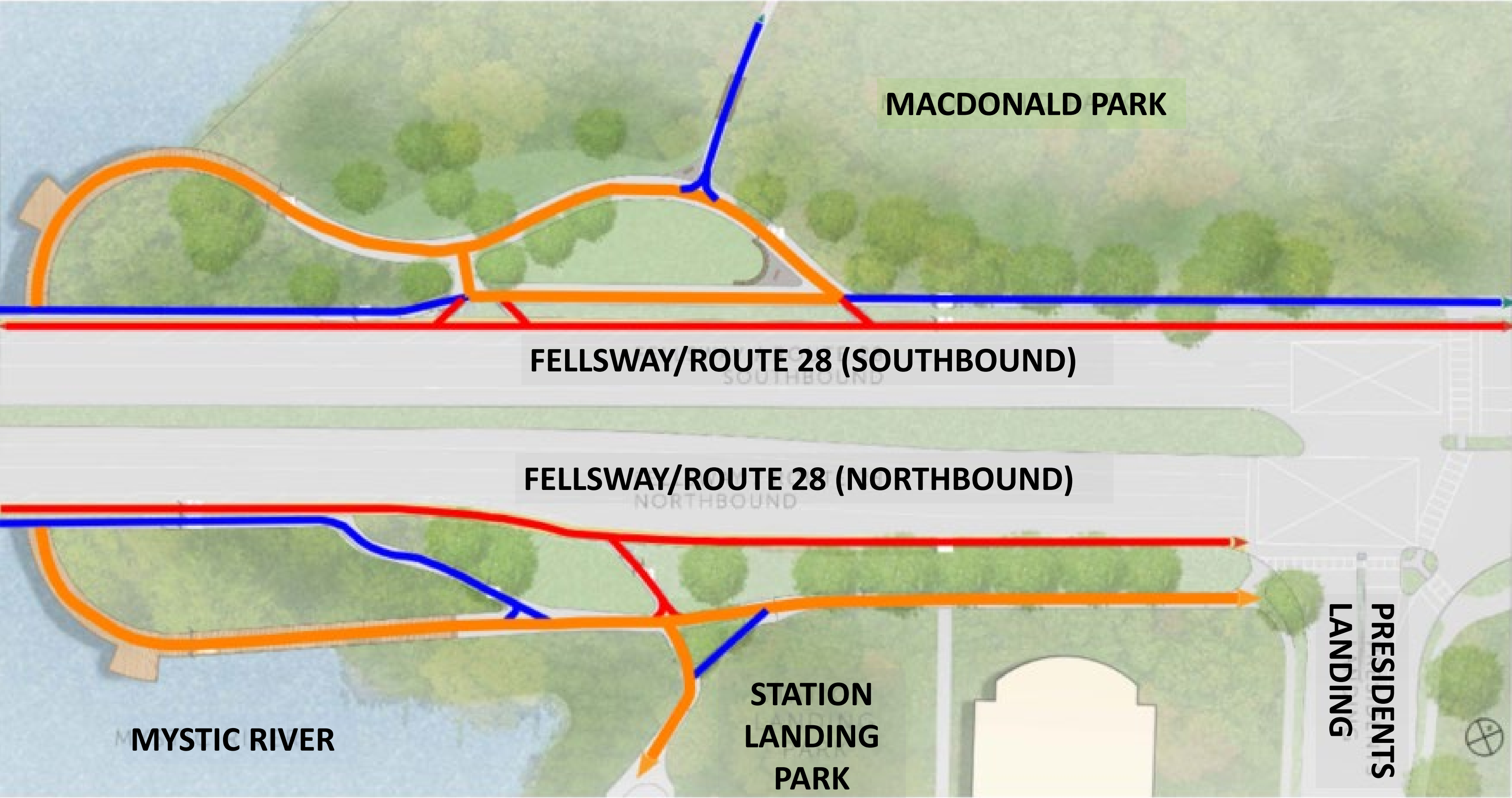
Path Alternatives Considered








What is the preferred alternative?

Preferred Alternative Circulation Plan



LEGEND

		
PEDESTRIAN	BICYCLE	MULTI-MODAL
6' TYP.	5'-6' TYP.	10'-12' TYP.

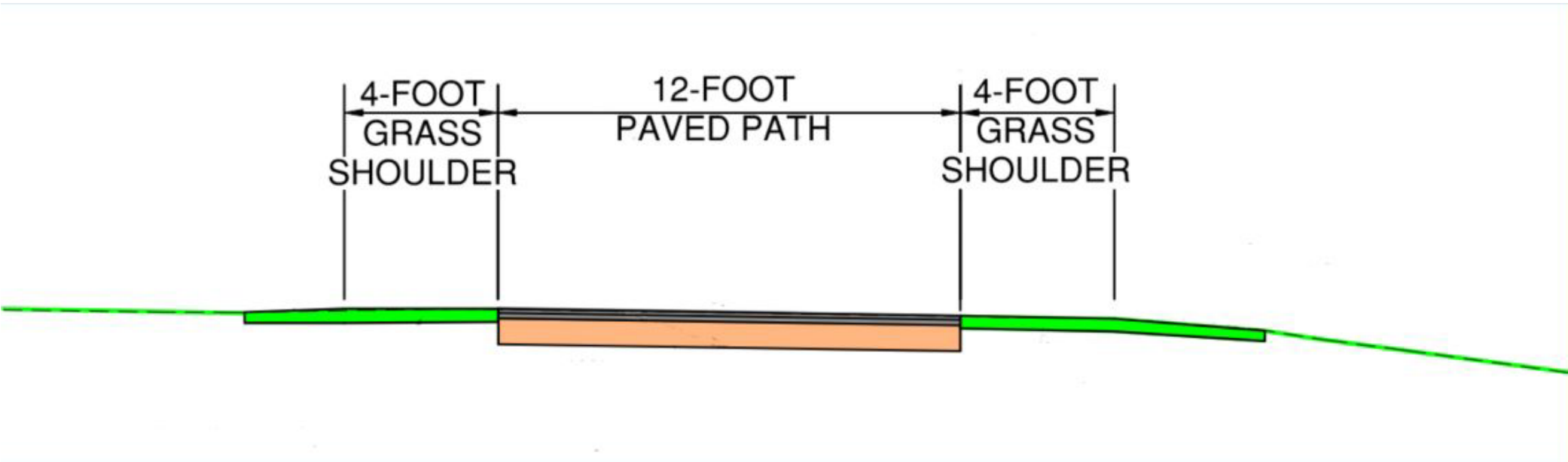


**How has our
design
progressed?**

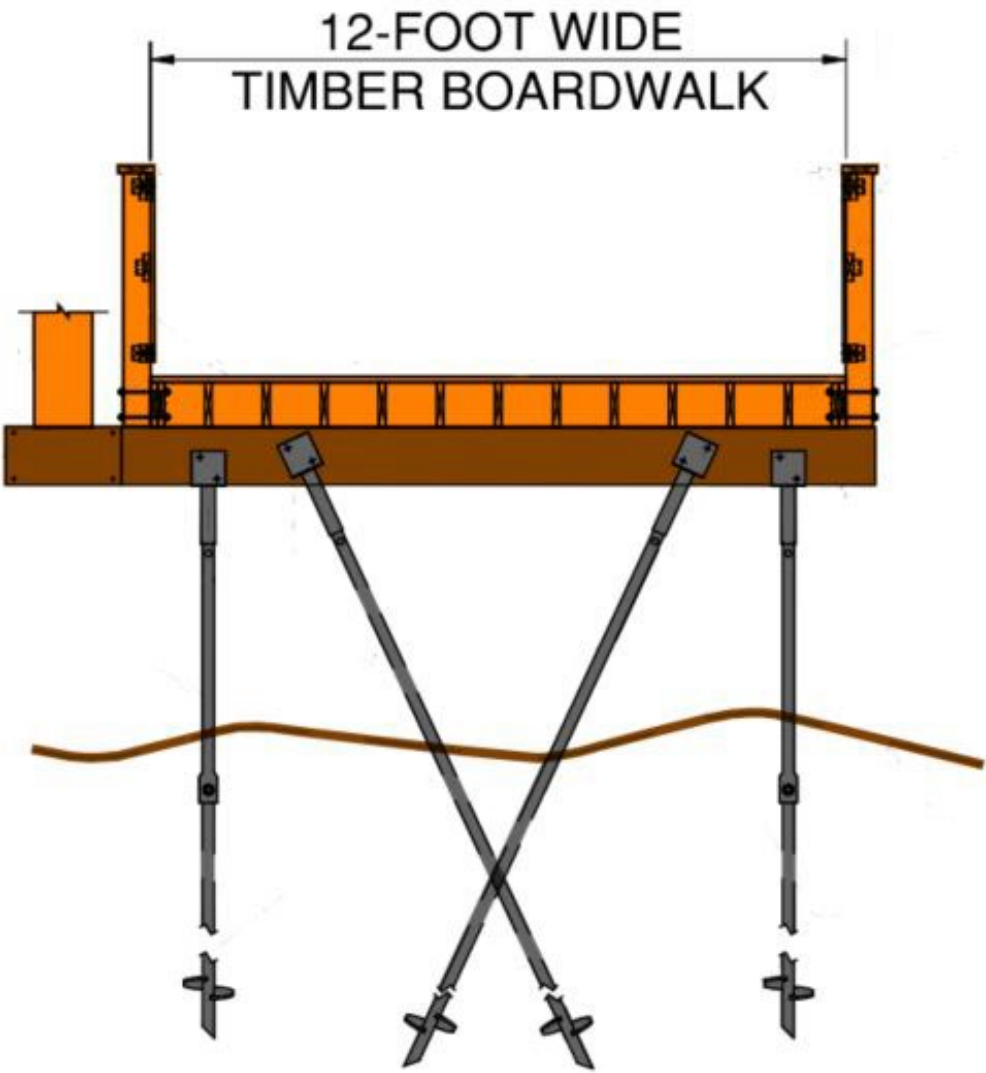
Project Design

- Survey
- Conceptual Design
- Borings
- Utility Coordination
- Permitting Analysis
- Preliminary (25%) Design

Project Design

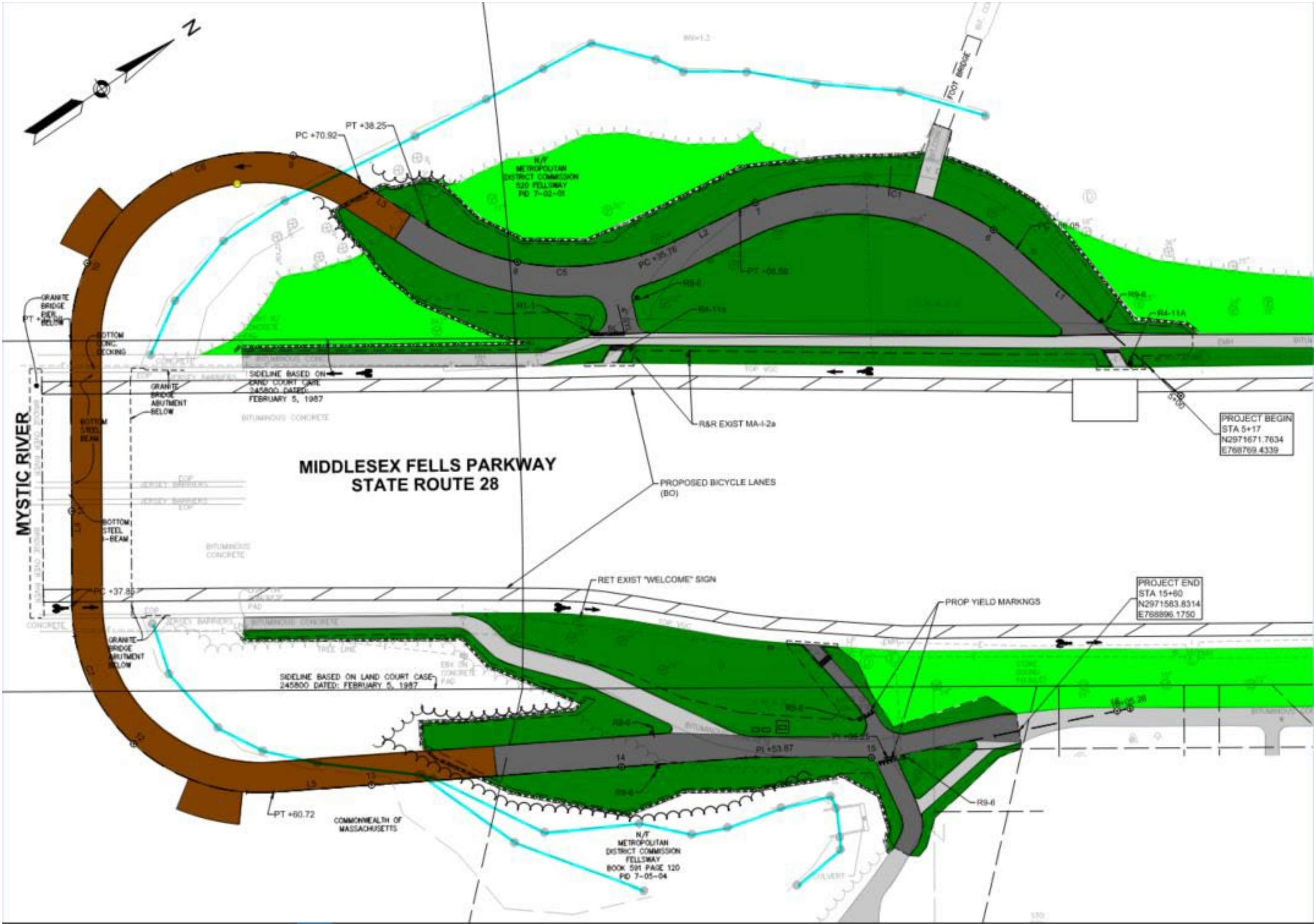


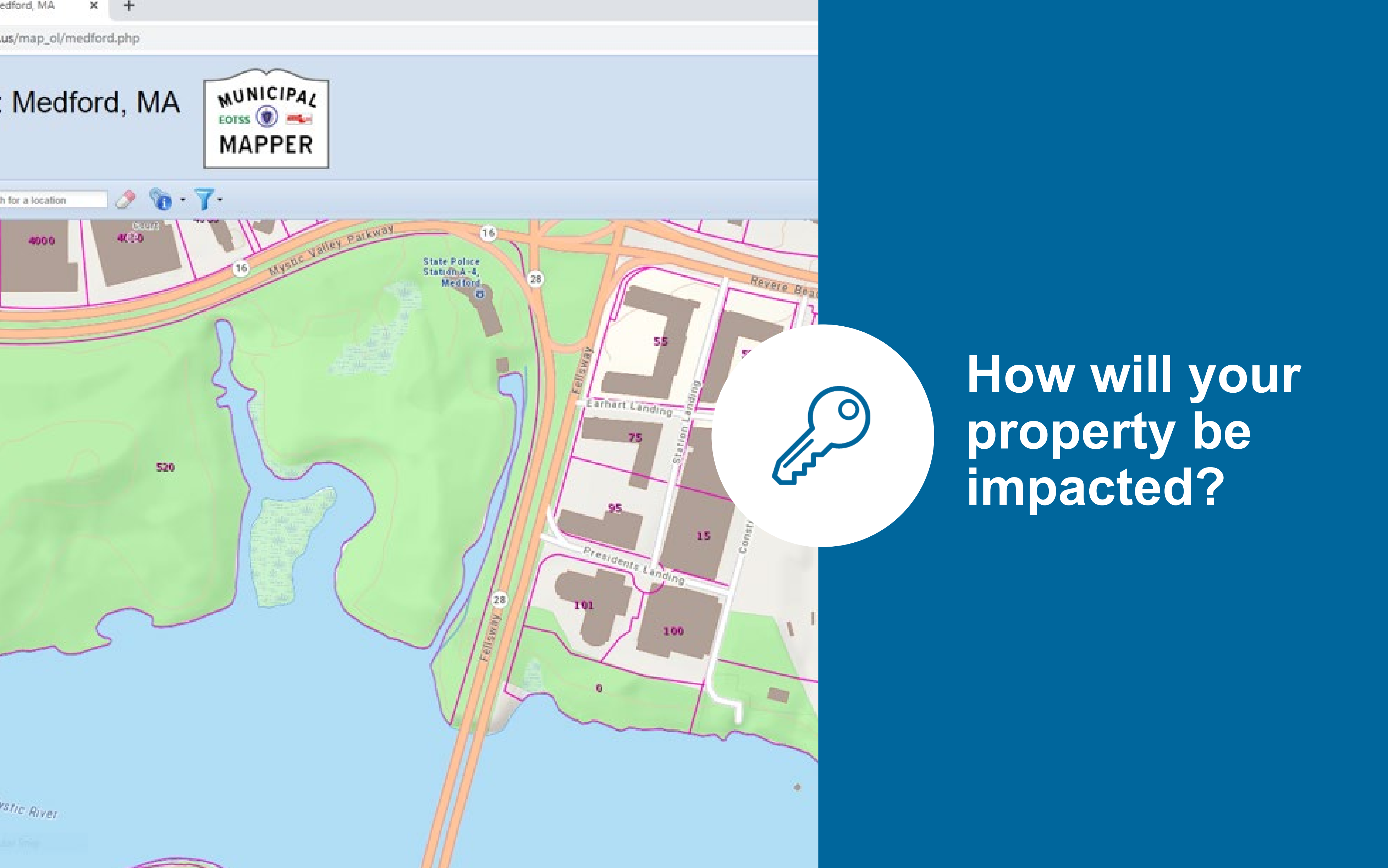
Path Section



Boardwalk Section

Project Design





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.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the City of Medford or the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).
- 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.



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

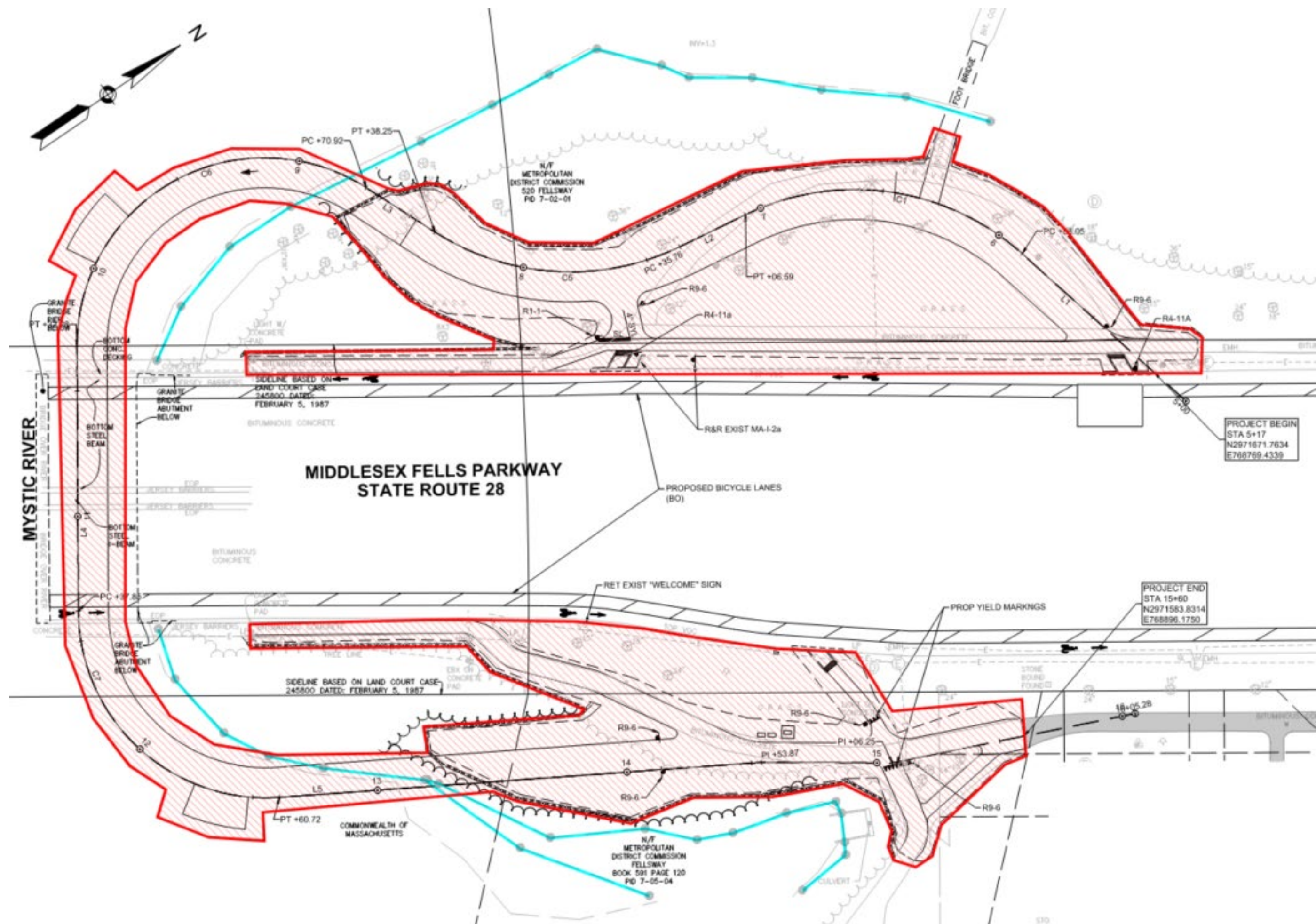
Permitting Analysis

MEPA	US Army Corps of Engineers	Notice of Intent (NOI)	Chapter 91 DEP License Application	DCR
<div>Expanded ENF Required</div> <div>MEPA jurisdiction and proposed work within 1-mile of Environmental Justice (EJ) Community</div>	<div>NE Division General Permit</div> <div>General Permit 8 Self Verification Form or Preconstruction Notification Required</div>	<div>Wetlands Protection Act (WPA Form 3) For Temporary Construction Impacts to Resource Areas</div> <div>City of Medford's Wetlands Ordinance (Chapter 84)</div>	<div>Chapter 91 Water Dependent License (BRP WW01)</div>	<div>DCR Construction Access Permit Required</div>



**What is the
construction
approach?**

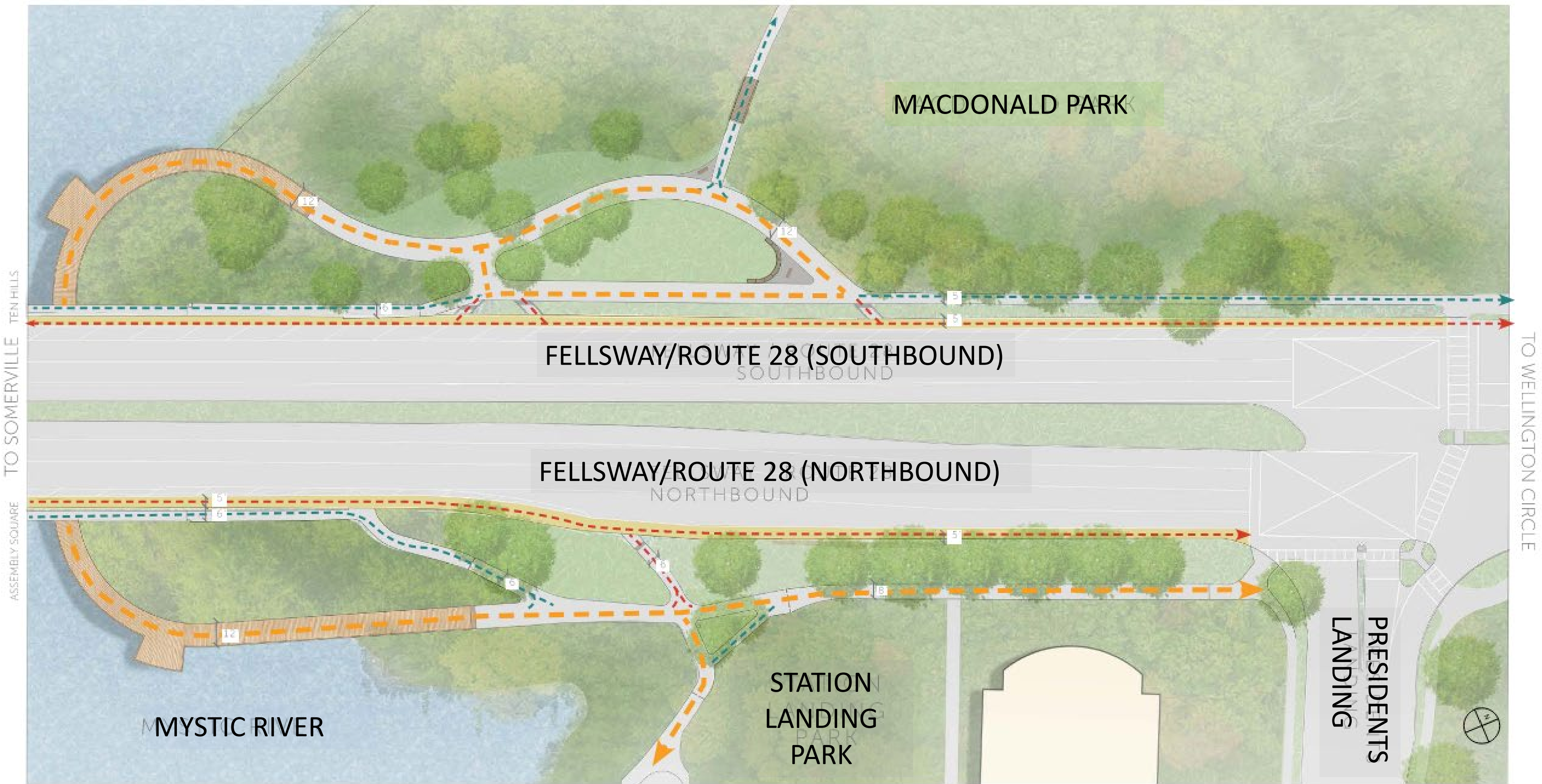
Construction Work Zone





**How will
bicyclists,
pedestrians,
and road users
be impacted?**

Preferred Alternative Circulation Plan



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Our next steps



75% Design
Spring 2023



Completion of
Environmental
Permitting
Fall 2023



100% Design
Fall 2023 /
Winter 2024



Advertise for
Construction
Summer/Fall 2024



Begin
Construction
Winter/Spring
2024

Project Costs

- Total project cost estimated at \$4.5 million
 - 80% Federal Highway
 - 20% State of Massachusetts
- City of Medford and DCR will be responsible for any ROW costs

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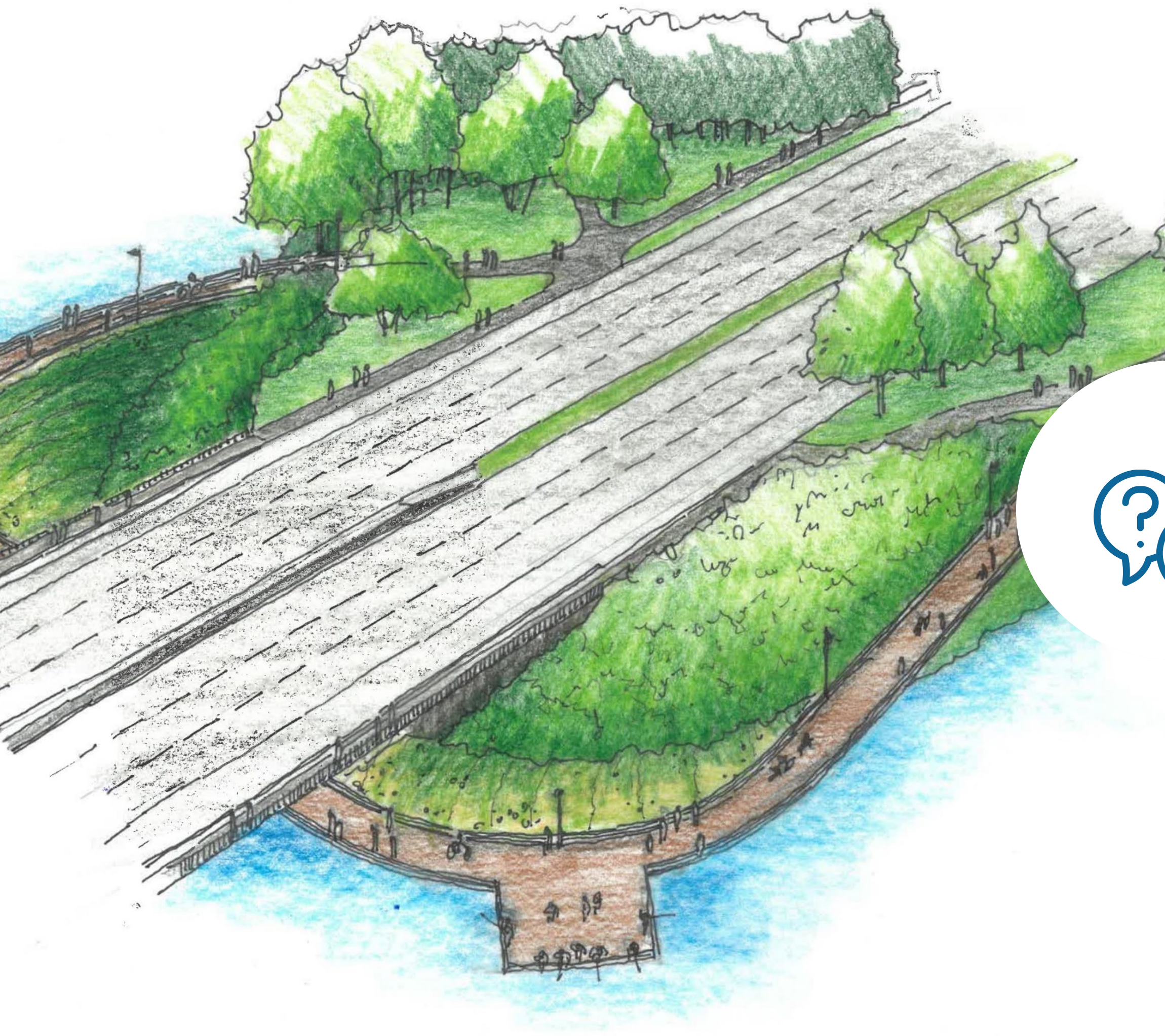
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**Questions and
discussion**

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



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Thank You

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