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Design Public Hearing

Virtual | November 1, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Project File No. 609471



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Presentation Participants

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- **MassDOT ROW Agent:**
 - Michael Ruderman
- **MassDOT Producer/Facilitator**
 - Hung Pham/ Billy Woolford
- **MassDOT District 4**
 - Daniel Fleury
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 - Sean McIntyre, P.E.



Agenda

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The Eagle-Tribune

The Merrimack Journal



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Municipal Organizations:

City of Methuen

Disability Commission

Council on Aging



Community Organizations and Others:

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

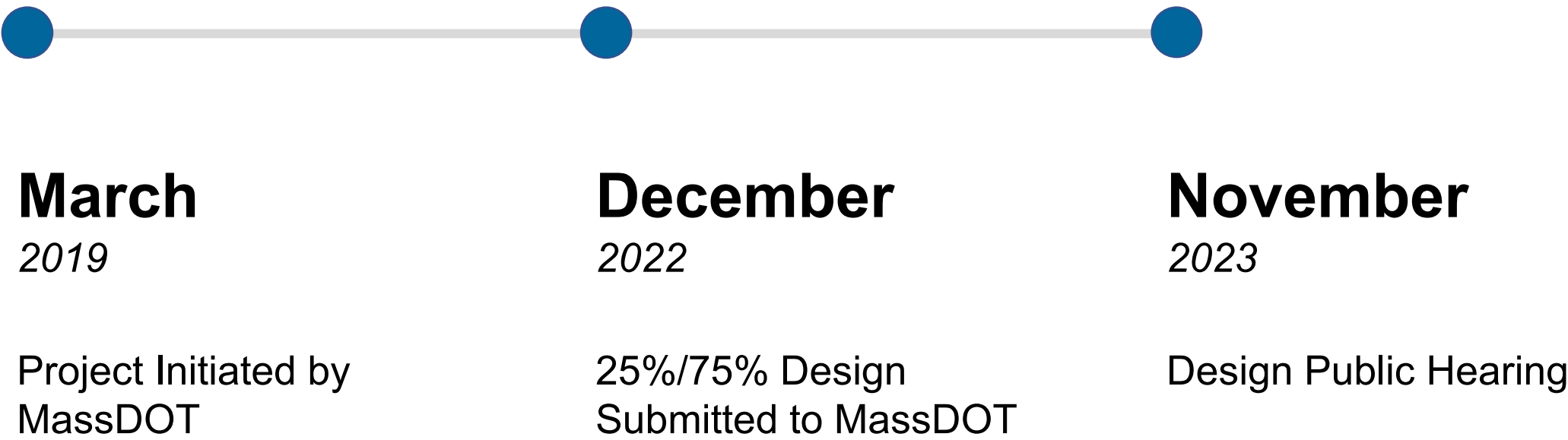
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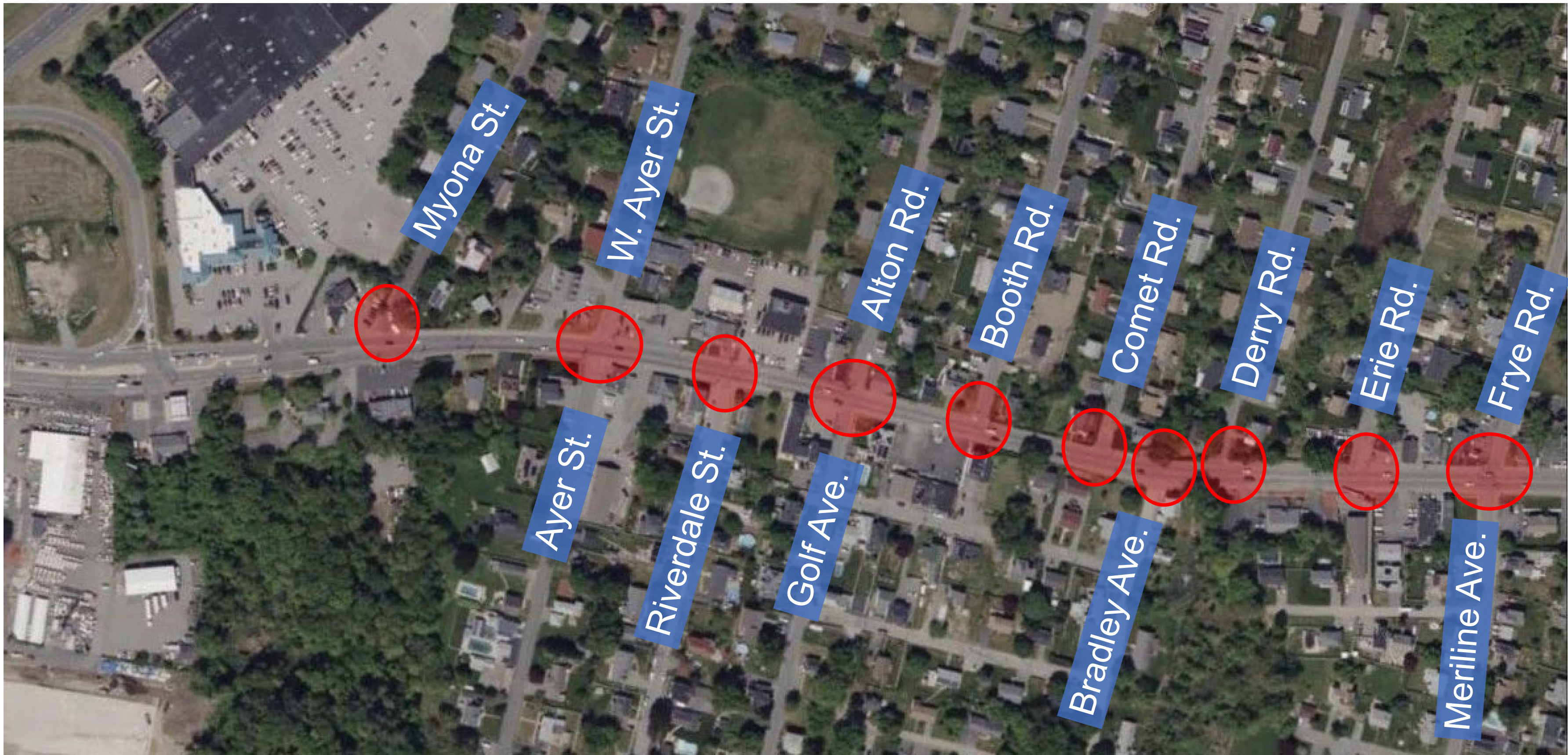
Project Background

How did we get here?



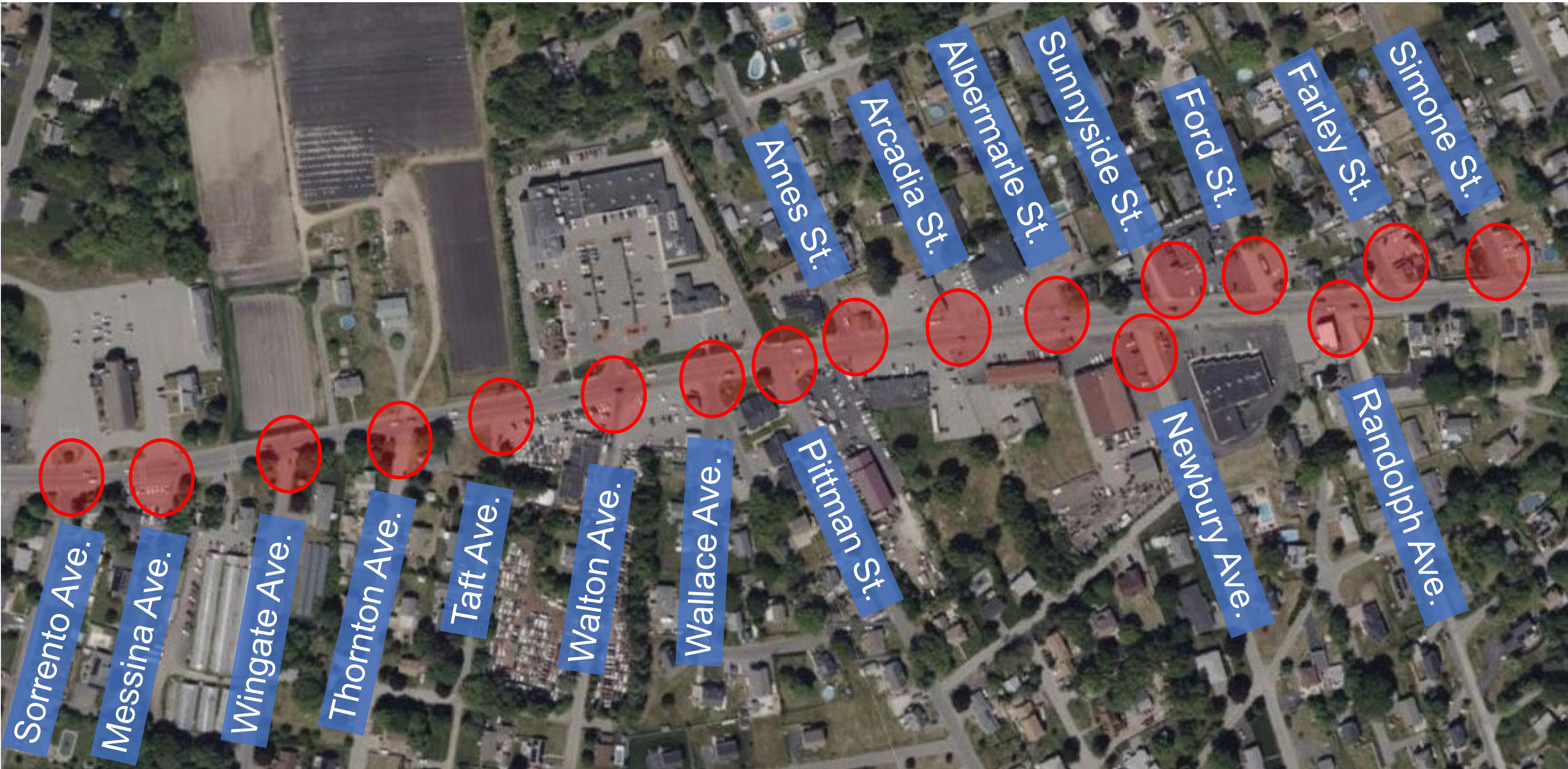
Project Location

Methuen– Merrimack Street (Route 110)
From Myona Street to Frye Road



Project Location

Methuen– Merrimack Street (Route 110)
From Sorrento Avenue to Simone Street



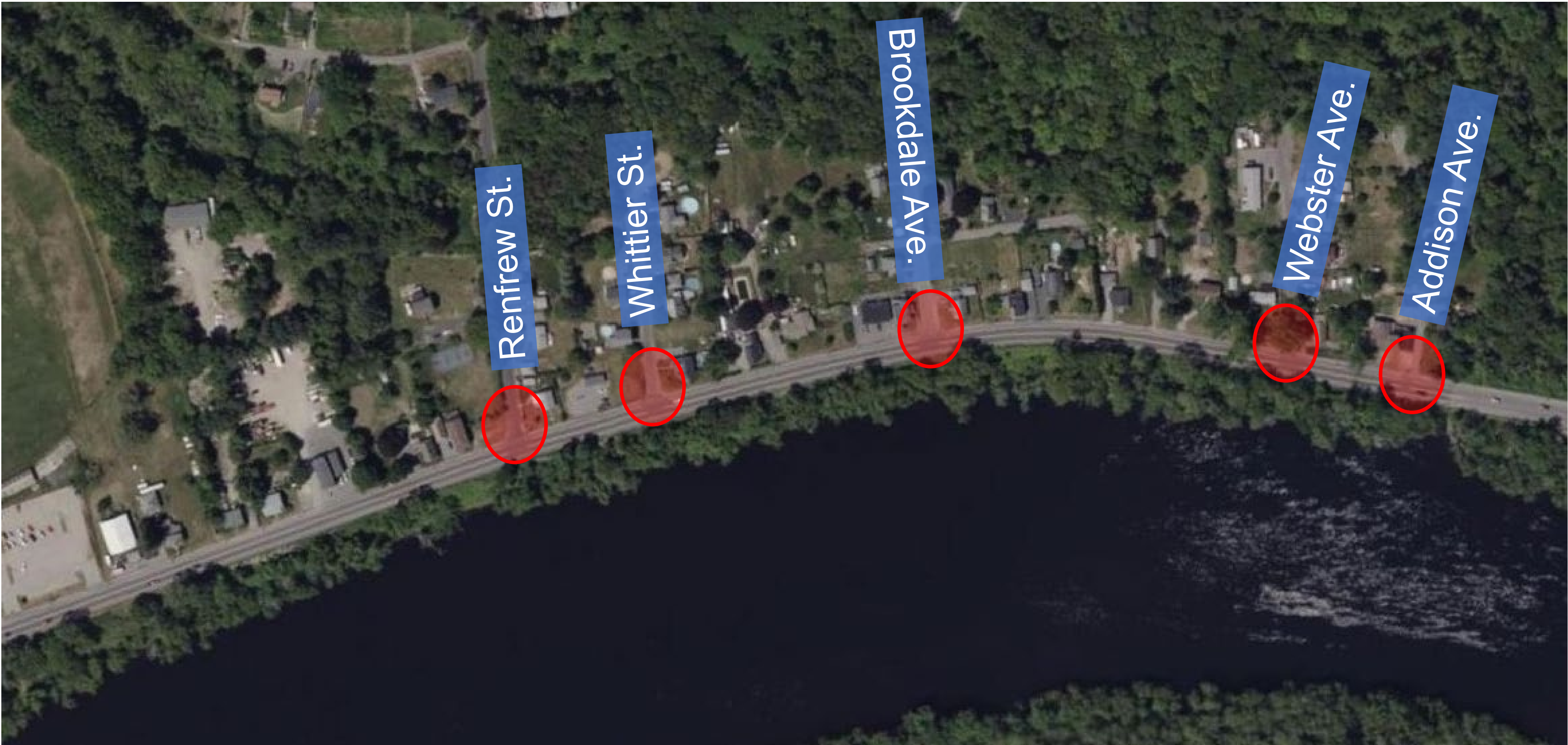
Project Location

Methuen– Merrimack Street (Route 110)
From Campbell Street to Village Lane



Project Location

Methuen– Merrimack Street (Route 110)
From Renfrew Street to Addison Avenue

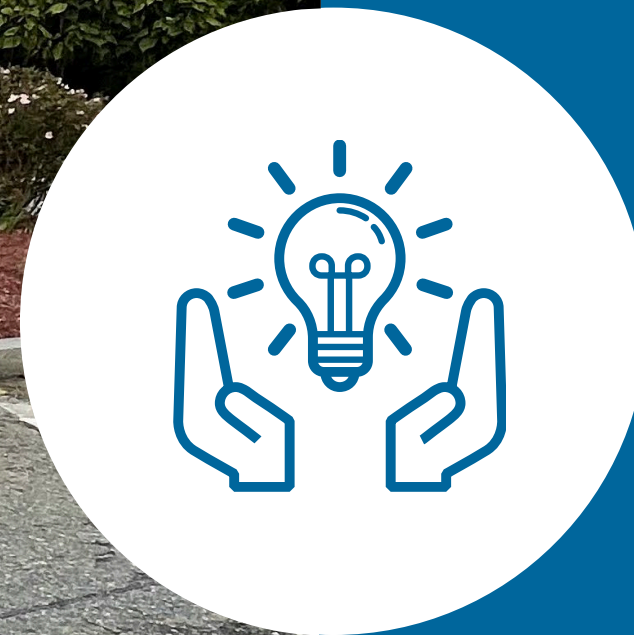


Budget and Funding

- Estimated total project cost ~ \$2.0 Million

The total estimated cost of the project does not include any Right of Way acquisition costs.

- This project is Non-Federal Aid.
- MassDOT funding 100% of the construction cost.
- This project has been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- The current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) year is 2024.



**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Reason for Project

Existing Pedestrian Curb Ramps are not Americans with Disabilities Act / Architectural Access Board compliant for one or more of the following reasons:

- Level landing or turning space do not meet standards
- Cross slope or longitudinal slope exceed limits
- Width of panels do not meet minimum limits
- Missing ramps, detectable warning panels, or reciprocal ramps
- Pedestrian signals do not meet current standards





**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goals and Objectives

- Provide safety and access for all users
- Remove all obstacles
- Meet all accessibility codes and requirements



**Proposed
Design**

Proposed Design

Goals

- Provide Access for All Users
- Improve mobility
- Upgrade existing signals
- Enhance visibility at crossings
- Add RRFBs (Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons) where needed
- Minimize Right of Way impacts





How will your
property be
impacted?

Right of Way (ROW) discussion – 25% / 75% 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.



**How will
pedestrians
be impacted?**

Pedestrian Impacts

- Improving 35 intersections on Merrimack Street (Route 110) in Methuen
- Temporary sidewalk closures on one side of the road at a time
- Signage will be provided
- Temporary pedestrian curb ramps and crossings





**What is the
construction
approach?**



Construction Process

- Construction begins Fall 2024
- Duration approximately 2 years
- Intersections will be constructed one at a time
- 5-10 days per intersection
- Work will be performed during daytime hours
- Work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday

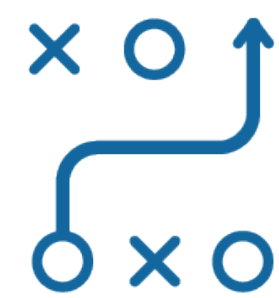


**How will the
road user be
affected?**



Traffic Impacts

- Temporary Traffic Control per Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
- MassDOT Traffic Section will review all plans
- Minimal impacts to traffic
- Police details used where necessary



Next Steps



Review and respond
to comments received
during the Design
Public Hearing



Finalize Design
December 2023



Right of Way
Coordination Early
2024



Advertising Date
Tentatively Scheduled
June 2024



Construction
Tentatively October
2024 Through
October 2026

How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:
DOTHighwayDesign@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
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Boston, MA 02116
Attention: MassDOT Project Management, PROJECT FILE NO. 609471





Questions and answers

Questions and Answers



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



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- Please state your name before your question



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