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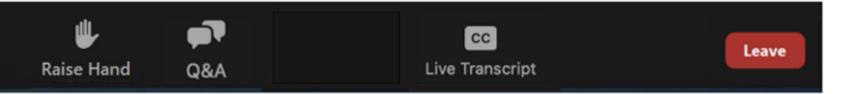


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### Agenda

- Introductions
- Timeline
- Existing Conditions
- Alternatives
- Preferred Alternative
- Right of Way
- 07 Environ. Permitting
- Construction Impacts
- 09 Next Steps
- Questions and Answers





### **Presentation Participants**

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Town of Milton

Milton Council on Aging

#### **Community Organizations and Others:**

Boston Center for Independent Living

Boston Metro Regional Planning Commission

Code Wiz

Registry of Motor Vehicles













### How did we get here?

**Spring** 

2019

Town of Milton hires BETA Group, Inc., to be Design Consultant for project Fall

2020

25% Design
Submission to
MassDOT

Winter

2023

Meeting

Traffic Commission
Meeting
Public Information

Summer

2023

Revised 25% Design Submission to MassDOT Fall

2023

Design Public Hearing





# Why was this project initiated?

### **Existing Conditions**

**Traffic Congestion** 



Accident History





### **Existing Conditions Continued**

### Wide Open Travel Lanes



#### Substandard Sidewalks/Crosswalks





### **Existing Conditions Continued**

Lack of Bike Accommodations – Small shoulders



Poor sign retroreflectivitiy







What do we want to accomplish?

### Milton – Adams St / Squantum St Project Goals

- Address traffic congestion/safety concerns
  - Add traffic signal
  - Add dedicated turn lanes and reduce overall width of travel lanes
- Improve mobility for all users
  - Reconstruct sidewalks
  - Upgrade pedestrian curb ramps to latest ADA standards
  - Add bicycle accommodations





What alternatives were considered?

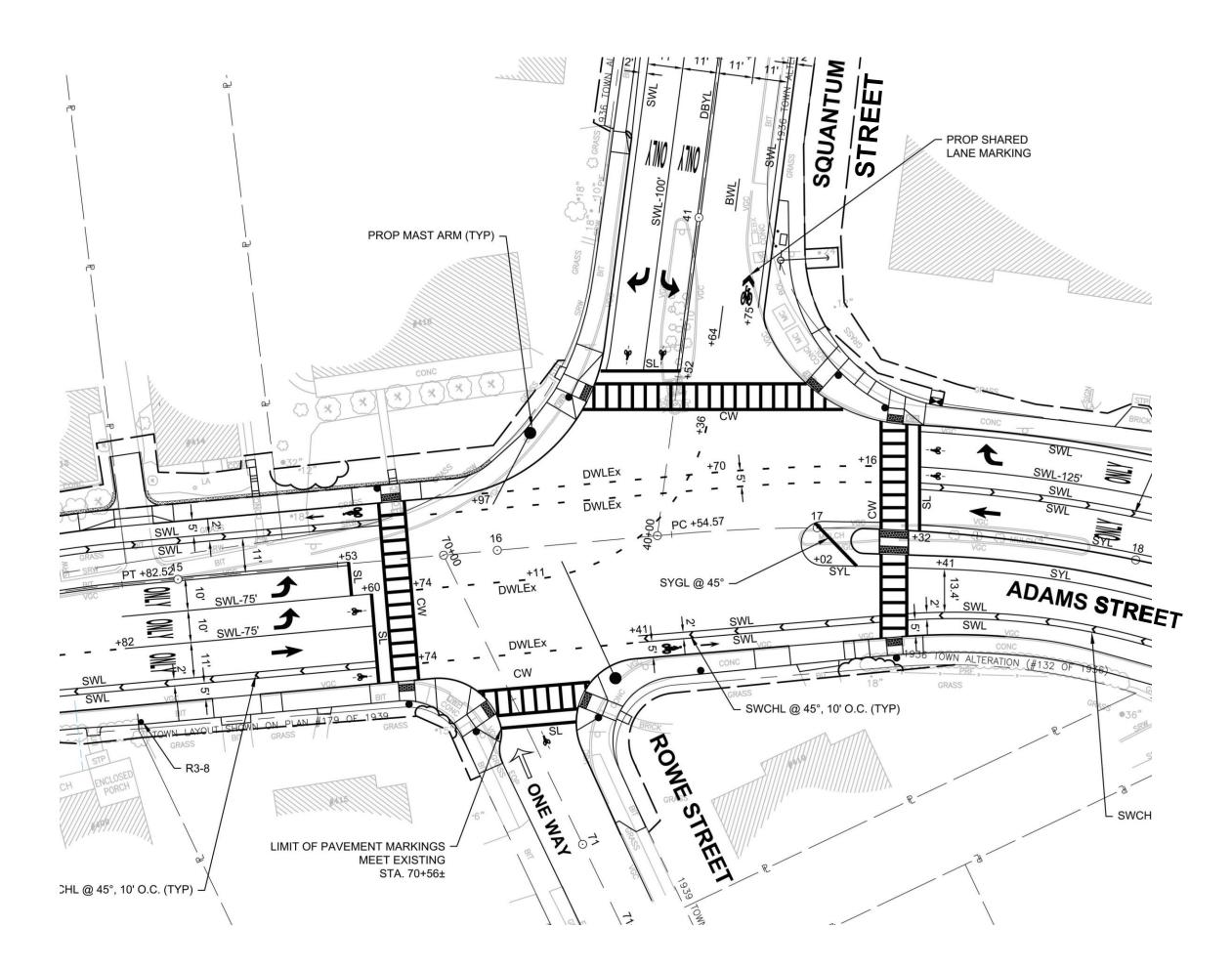
### Milton – Adams St / Squantum St – Alternatives

- Early alternatives considered
  - Roundabout
  - Shared-Use Path
  - Unidirectional Shared-Use Path
- Original 25% design
  - Traffic signal
  - Dual left turn lanes on Adams St EB
  - Buffered Bike lanes
- Additional alternatives
  - Alt 1 Single left turn lane on Adams St EB keeping Rowe St as one way NB
  - Alt 2 Single left turn lane on Adams St EB with Rowe St one way SB
  - Alt 3 Single left turn lane on Adams St EB with Rowe St dead ended



### Original 25% Design

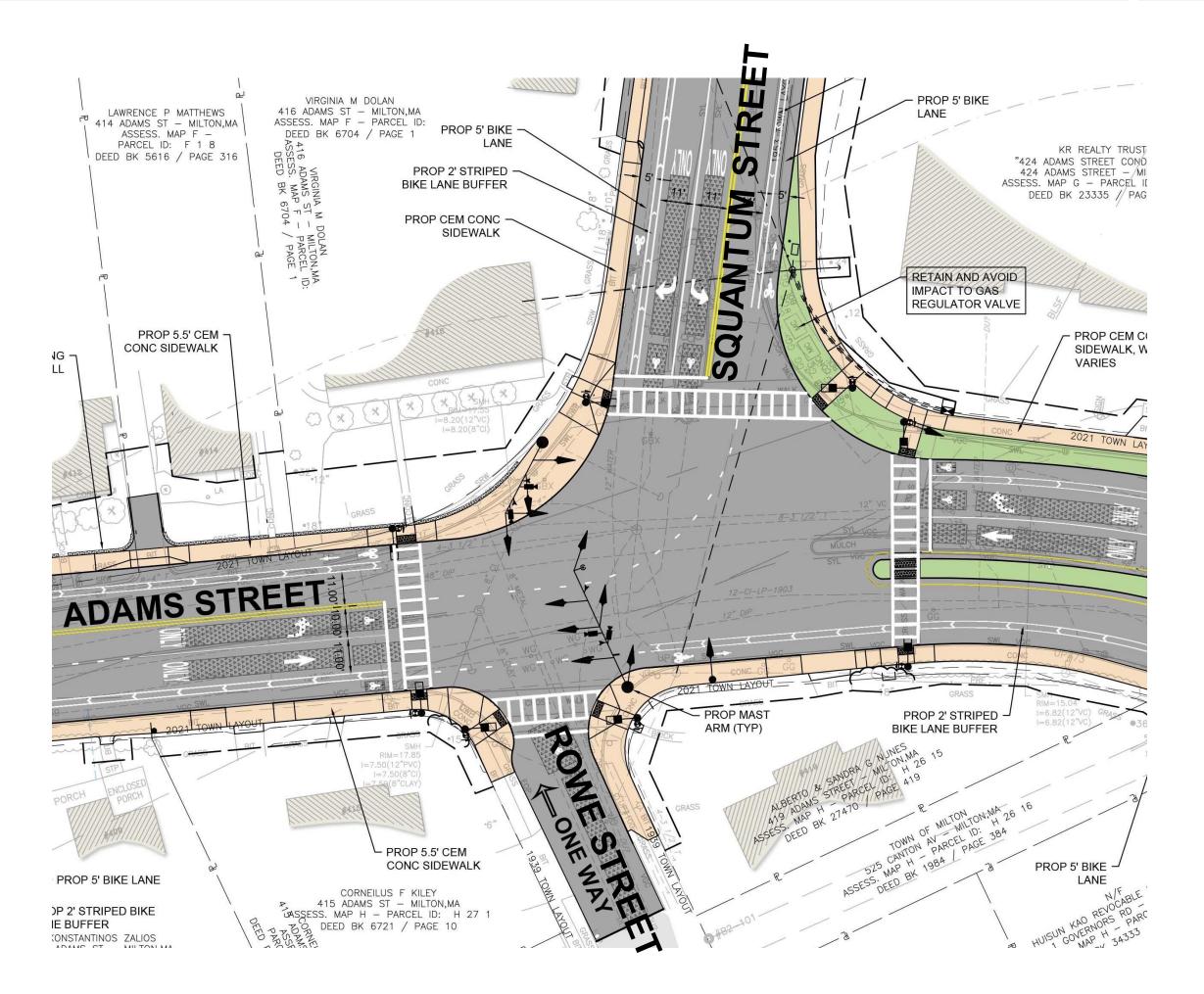
- Dual left turn lanes on Adams
   Street Eastbound
- 3 phase traffic signal
- Rowe Street remains one way in Northbound direction





## Alternative 1 – Rowe Street NB One-Way

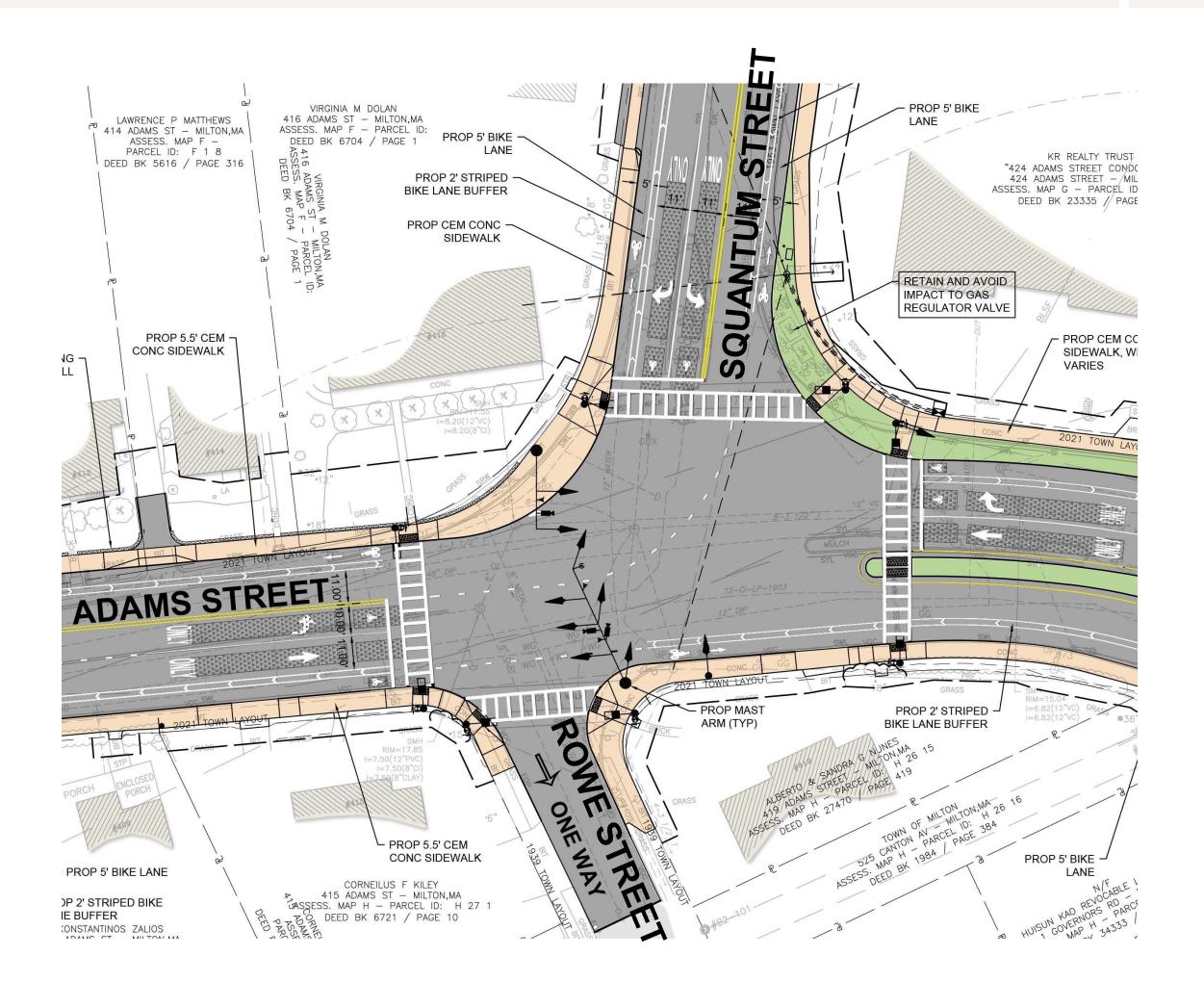
- Single left turn lane on Adams
   Street Eastbound
- All other turn lanes/bike lanes unchanged
- 3 phase traffic signal
- Rowe Street remains one way in Northbound direction





## Alternative 2 – Rowe Street SB One-Way

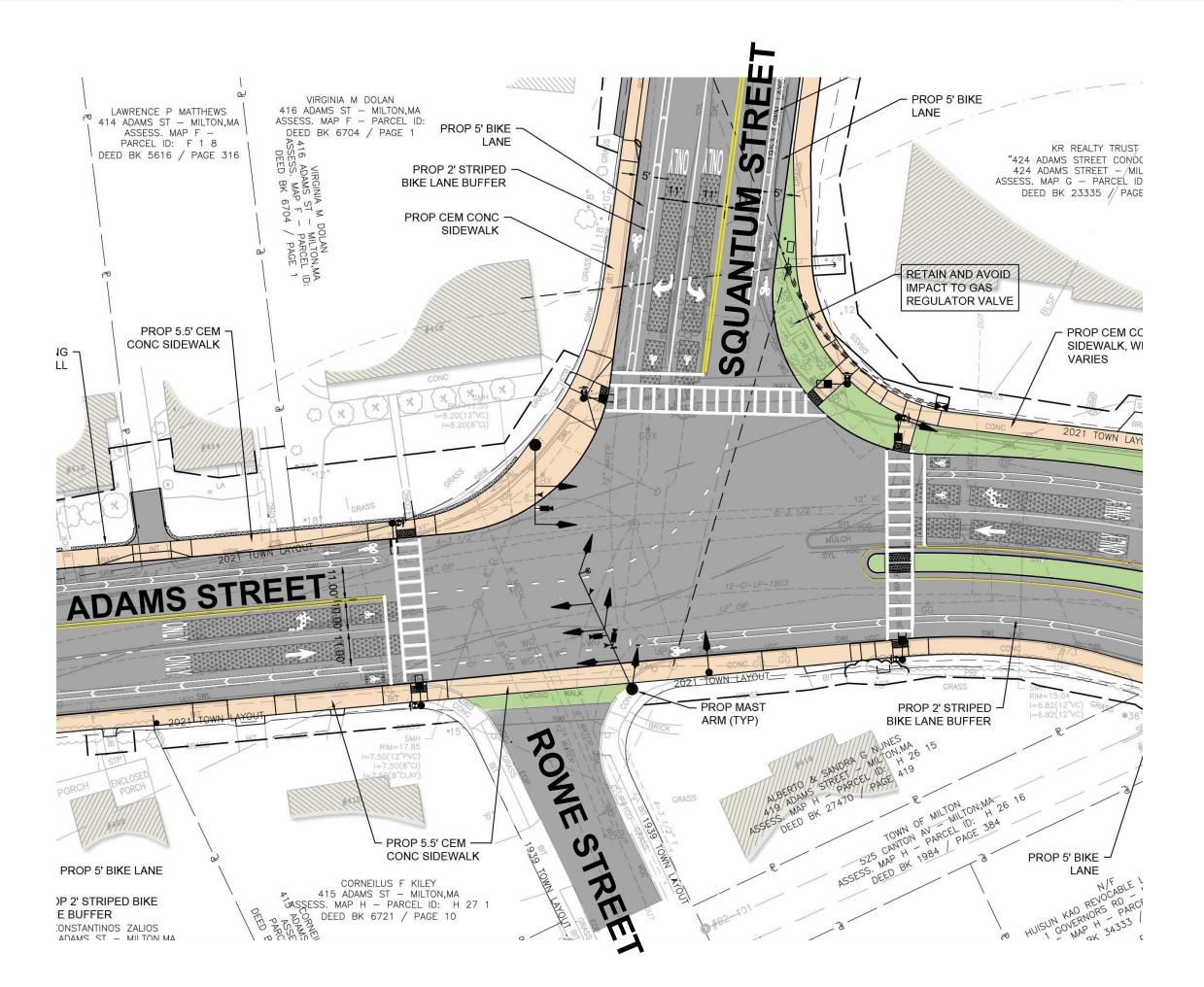
- Single left turn lane on Adams
   Street Eastbound
- Rowe Street changed to one way in Southbound direction
- 2 phase traffic signal





## Alternative 3 – Rowe Street Dead End

- Single left turn lane on Adams
   Street eastbound
- Rowe Street changed to dead end
- 2 phase traffic signal







## What is the preferred alternative?

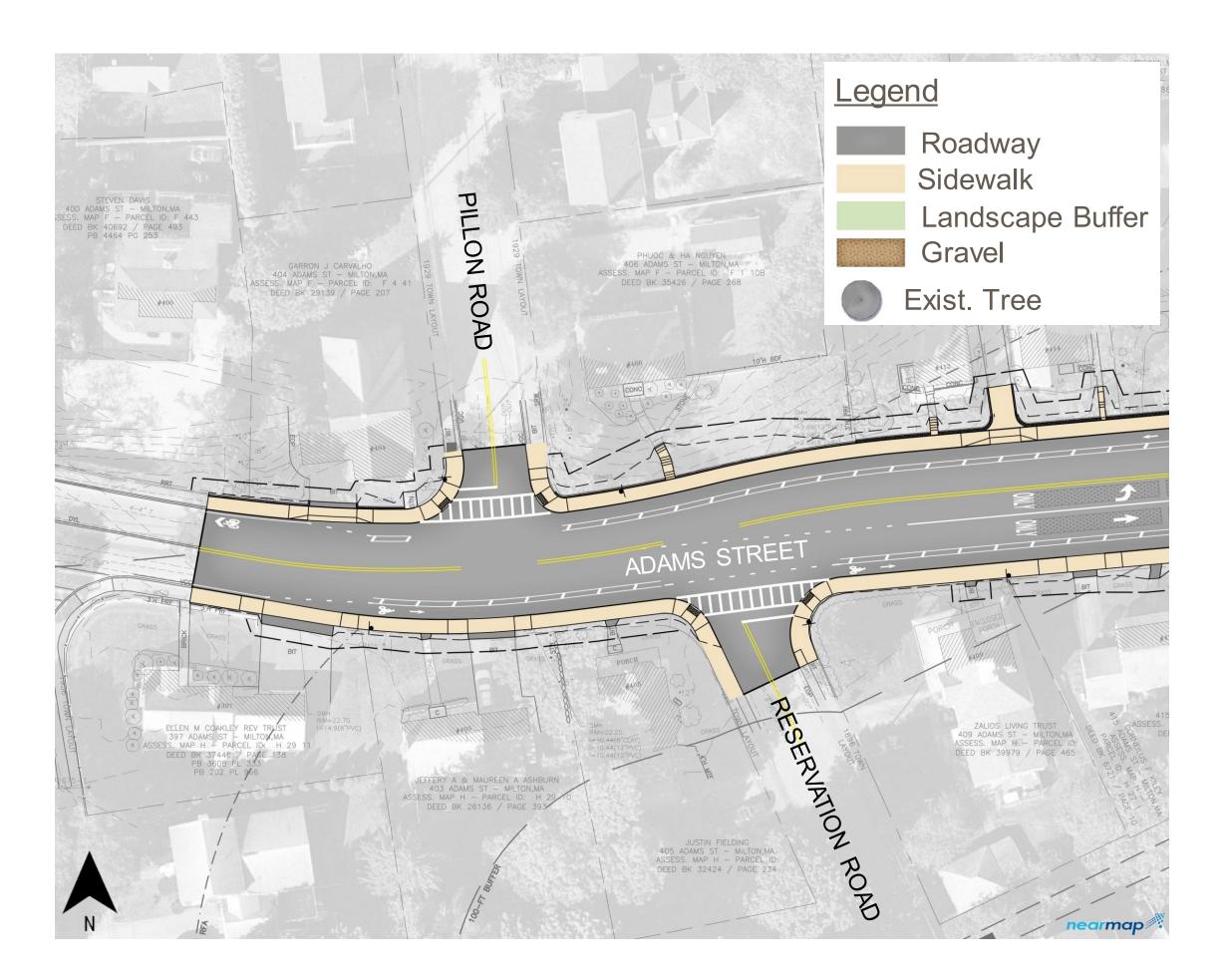






### **Adams Street**

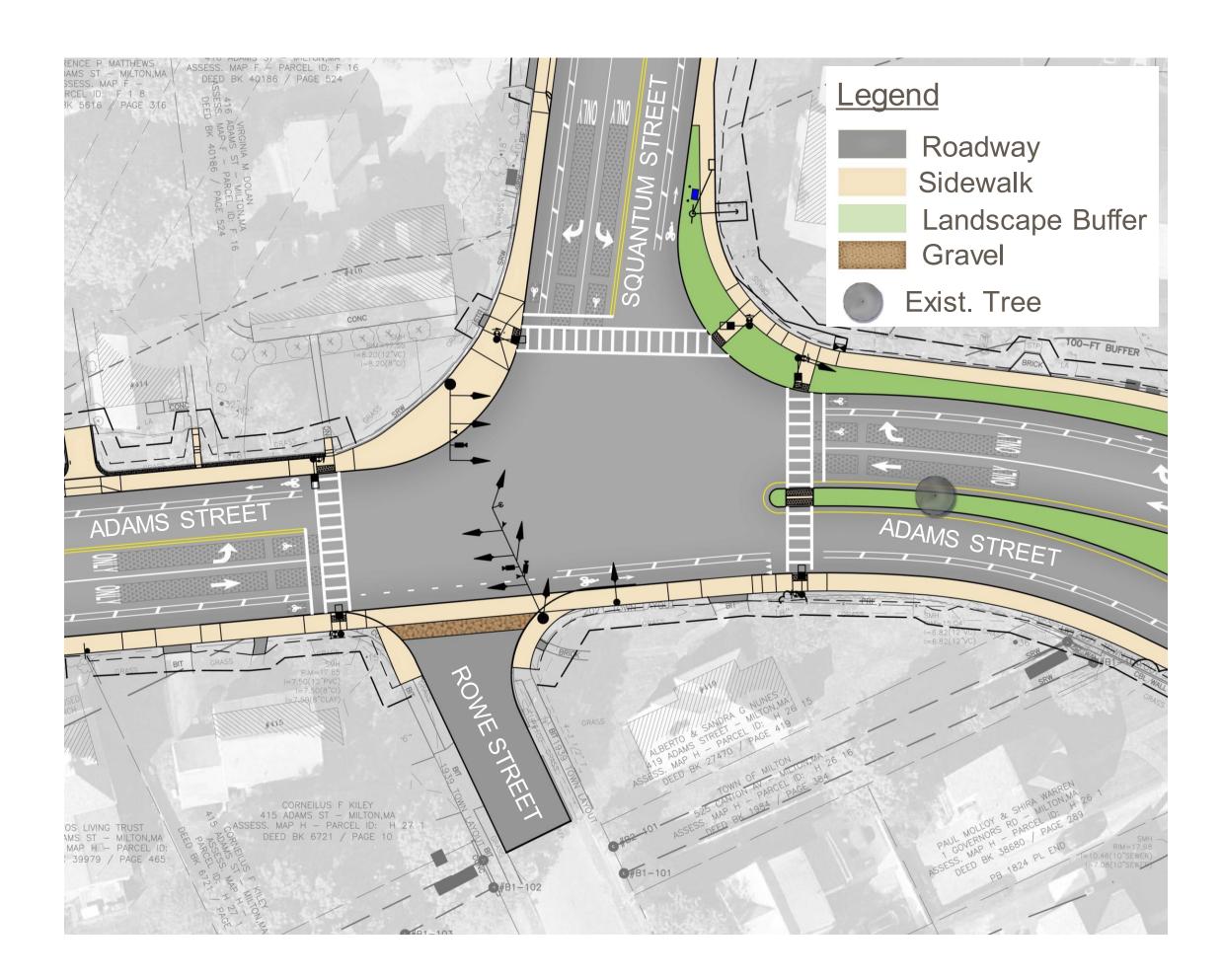
- Project limits just west of Pillon
   Rd
- Roadway widening to the north
- Left turn lane in eastbound direction
- Reconstructed sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
- Buffered bicycle lanes





### Adams Street & Squantum Street Intersection

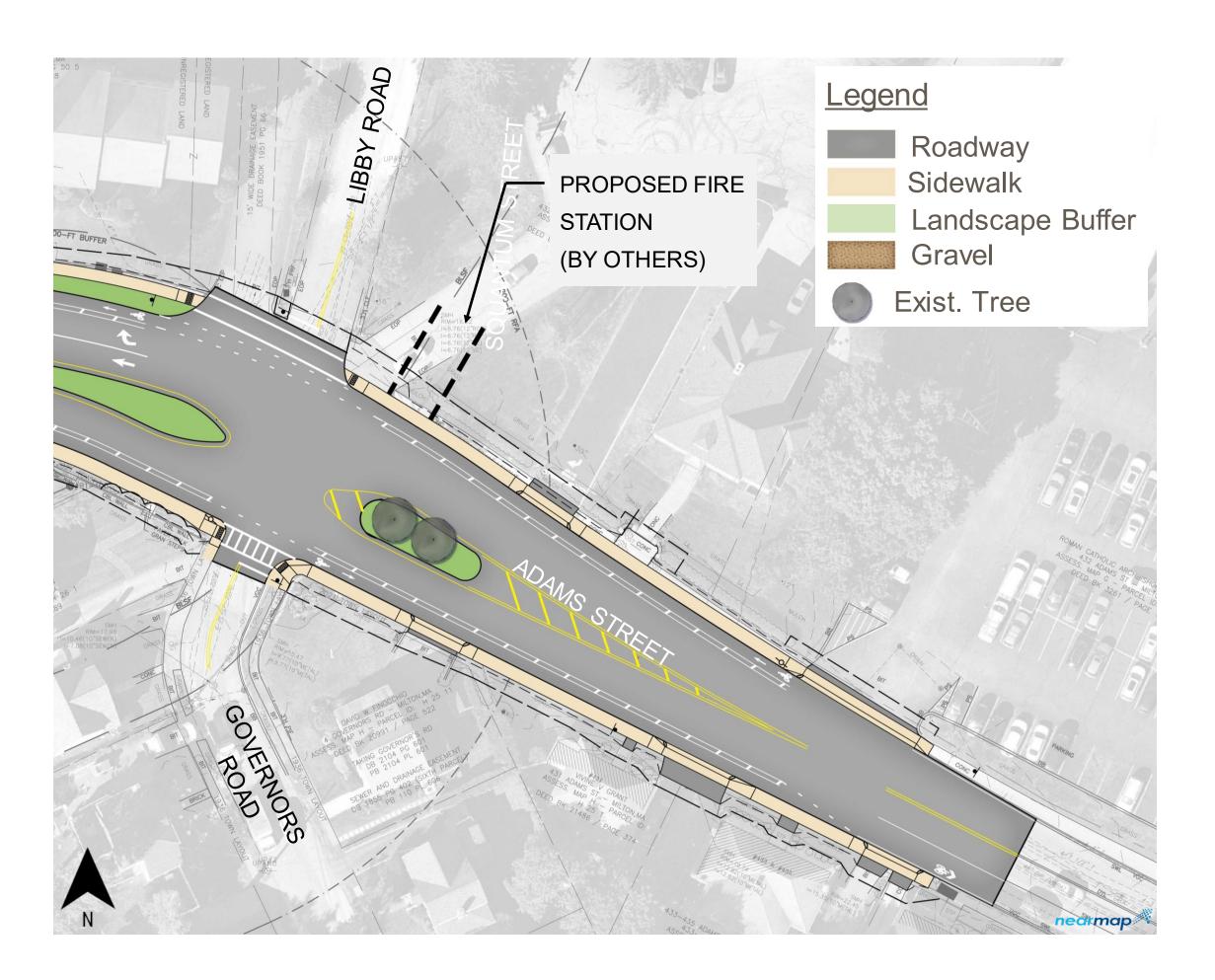
- New traffic signal
- Dedicated turn lanes in all directions
- High visibility crosswalks
- Close off Rowe Street
- Reconstructed sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
- Buffered bicycle lanes





### **Adams Street Cont**

- Project limits just west of Brook
   Rd
- New traffic signal will be coordinated with Brook Rd traffic signal
- Future fire station
- Reconstruct/reconfigure median islands
- Reconstruct sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
- Buffered bicycle lanes





### Squantum Street

- Project limits at Augusta Rd
- Dedicated turn lanes on Squantum Street
- Reconstructed sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
- Buffered bicycle lanes to meet wide shoulders on Squantum
   Street







# How will your property be impacted?

### Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion 25% Design Public Hearing

- The Town of Milton is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
  - Permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the Town's 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 Department of Public Works 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.





How will bicyclists and pedestrians be impacted?

### **Bicyclists and Pedestrian Impacts**

- Sidewalks reconstructed to latest ADA standards
- Pedestrian curb ramps reconstructed to the latest ADA standards
- High visibility crosswalks
- 5' bicycle lanes and 2' striped buffers
  - Each side of the road
  - Adams St and Squantum St





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

### Environmental, Cultural Resources and Community Impacts

- Categorical Exclusion (CE)
   Determination Checklist –
   required per National
   Environmental Policy Act
   (NEPA)
- Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Historic property at # 416
   Adams St



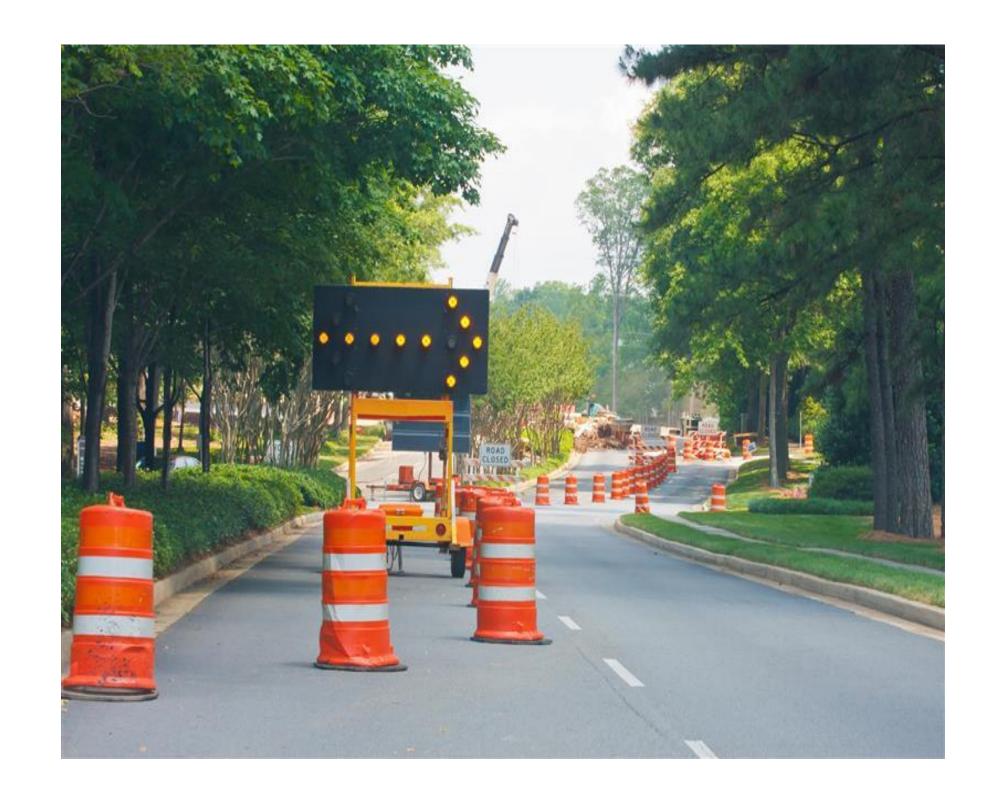




## How will the road user be affected?

### **Construction Impacts**

- One lane of traffic maintained at all times
- Peak hour restrictions
- Shoulder encroachment
- Pedestrian accommodation
- Normal traffic operations during non-work hours
- Potential for limited night work





### Our next steps



Spring, 2024 75% Submission



Fall, 2024 100% Submission



Winter, 2025
PS&E (Plans,
Specifications and
Estimate)
Submission



Winter, 2025
Advertise project for construction



Spring, 2025
Start construction





# How will we keep you informed?

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Carrie Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer

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### Questions and answers

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### Thank You

Milton – Adams St / Squantum St Intersection Improvements
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