



New Bedford Bicycle & Pedestrian Ramp - Route 6 (WB) to MacArthur Drive

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Design Public Hearing

25% Virtual Design Public Hearing
September 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM
MassDOT Project 612263



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Presentation Participants

- **MassDOT**

- Adetoyin Olaoye - Project Manager
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- Nathan Mangelson - District Project Engineer
- Theresa Kanuse - ROW Agent
- Matt Grew - Legislative Affairs
- Marissa Foti - Producer
- Hung Pham - Producer

- **Michael Baker International**

- Megha Parameswaraiah - Project Engineer
- Darryl Gallant - Project Manager

- **City of New Bedford**

- Shawn Syde - City Engineer
- Jennifer Carloni - City Planner

Language Translation Speakers

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- Robinson Alvarado Vargas
- Ilse Meiler

- **Portuguese**

- Maíra Mendes Galvão
- Grace Holleran

- **Cape Verdean Creole**

- Elsa Alves Santiago
- Vanusa Gomes-Green

- **Stenographer**

- Lynn Meyer

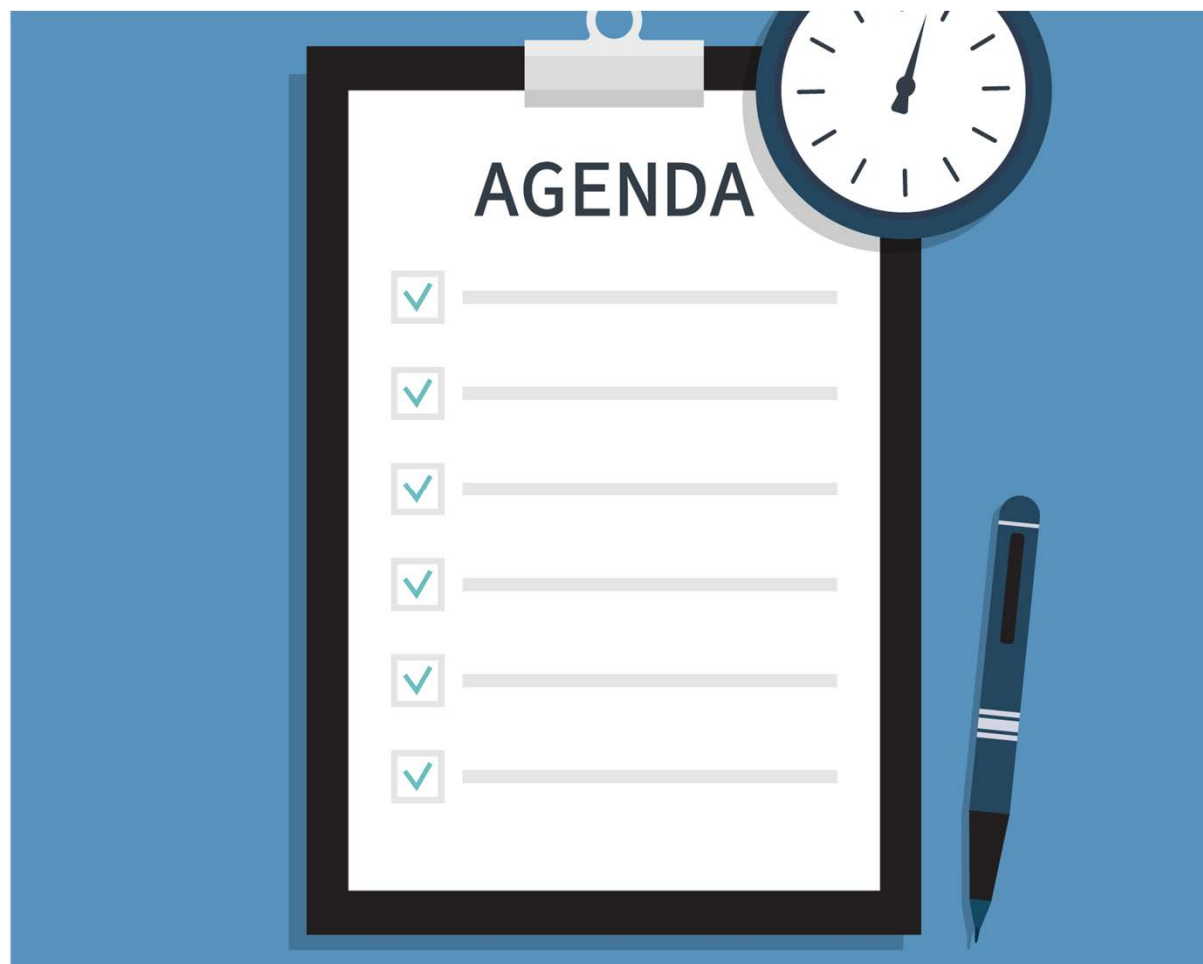
Recent public outreach

- Newspaper advertisements published in *The Standard-Times* and *Portuguese Times* on August 26, 2026, and September 2, 2026
- Flyers posted on the City's Facebook page
- Notices and flyers posted on the City's website, and the event listed on the Citywide Calendar
- The hearing notice published on the MassDOT website as an official Design Public Hearing announcement
- Information shared by local media outlets, including *The New Bedford Light* and *New Bedford Guide*
- Ongoing coordination continues with MassDOT and the City of New Bedford
- Design Public Hearing scheduled for September 10, 2026 (tonight), to present the 25% design and answer questions regarding the proposed improvements

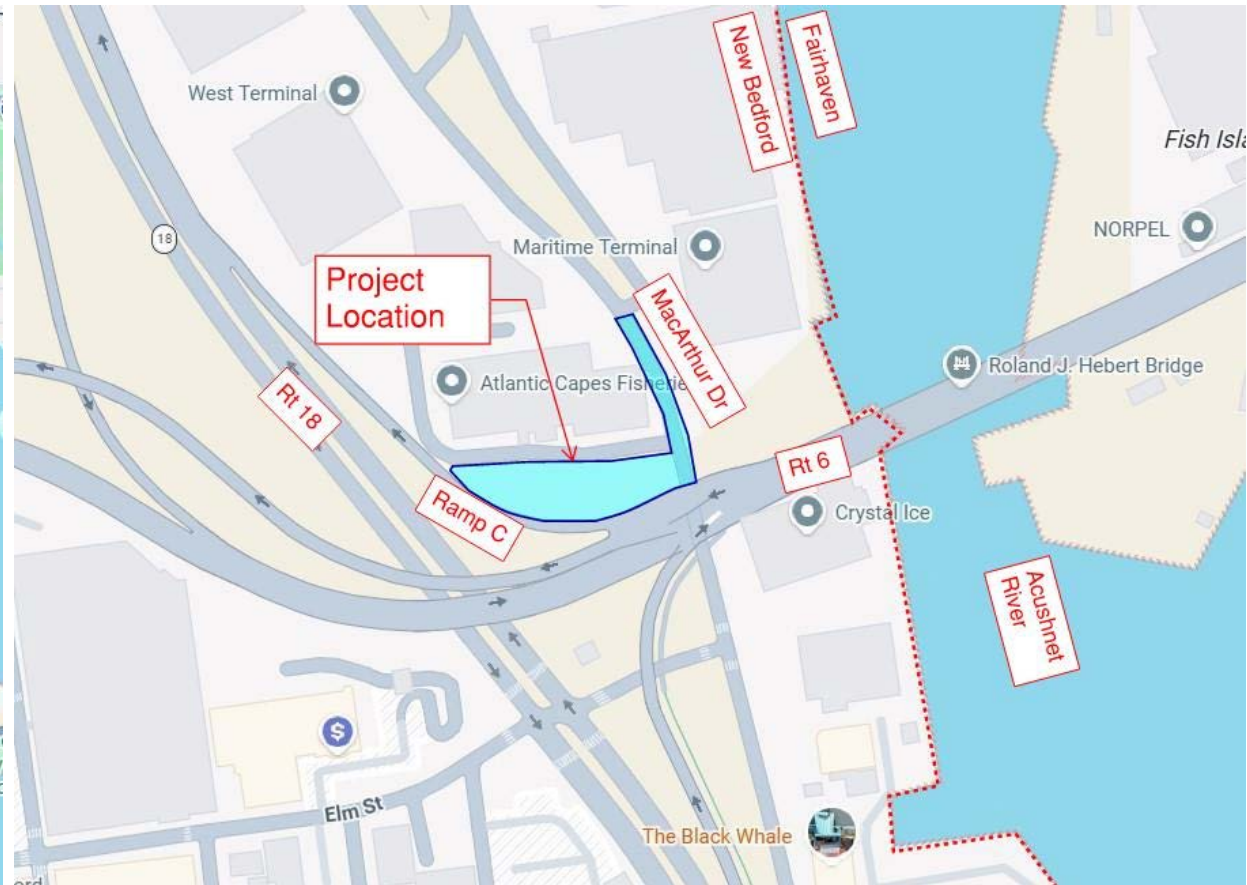
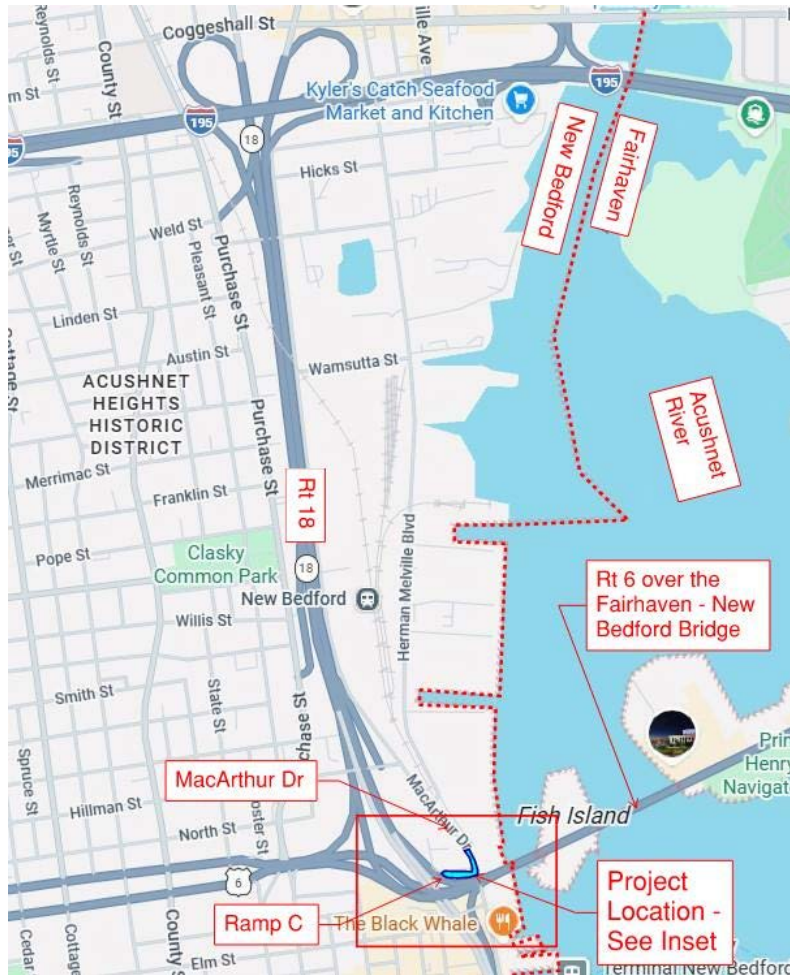


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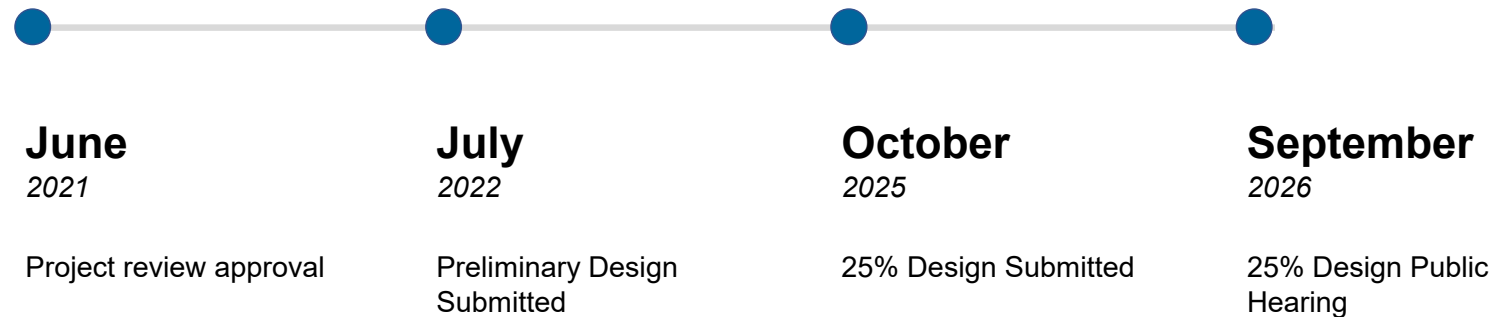


Project Area



Project Location – See Inset

How did we get here?



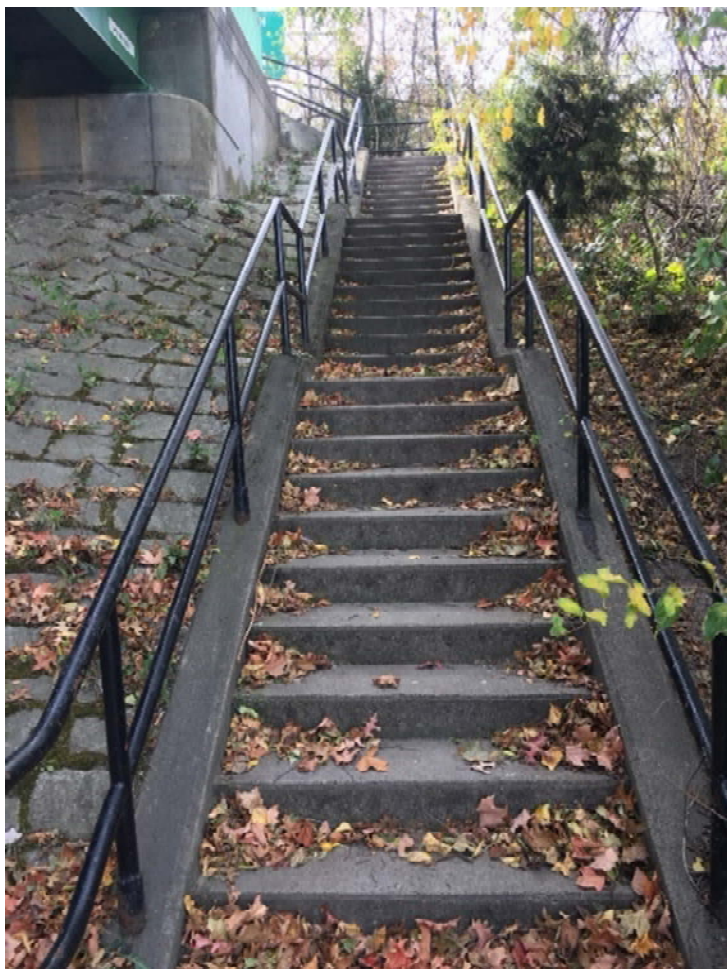


**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Existing Conditions

- Sidewalk along Route 6 ends at the west end of the New Bedford - Fairhaven bridge, creating a gap in the pedestrian network.
- Existing access is provided only by a staircase with approximately 33 steps and a 20-foot elevation change.
- Connection is not ADA accessible and limits access for users with mobility challenges.
- Existing gap in the sidewalk on the west side of MacArthur Drive.

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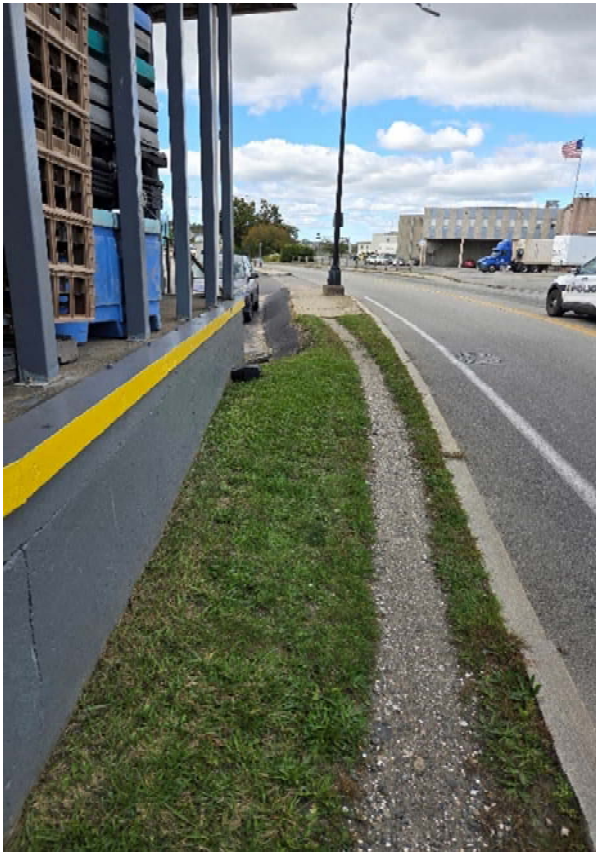


Looking west at existing stairway



Looking down at existing stairway from Route 6

Existing Conditions



**Looking north along
MacArthur Drive**



**Looking south along
MacArthur Drive**



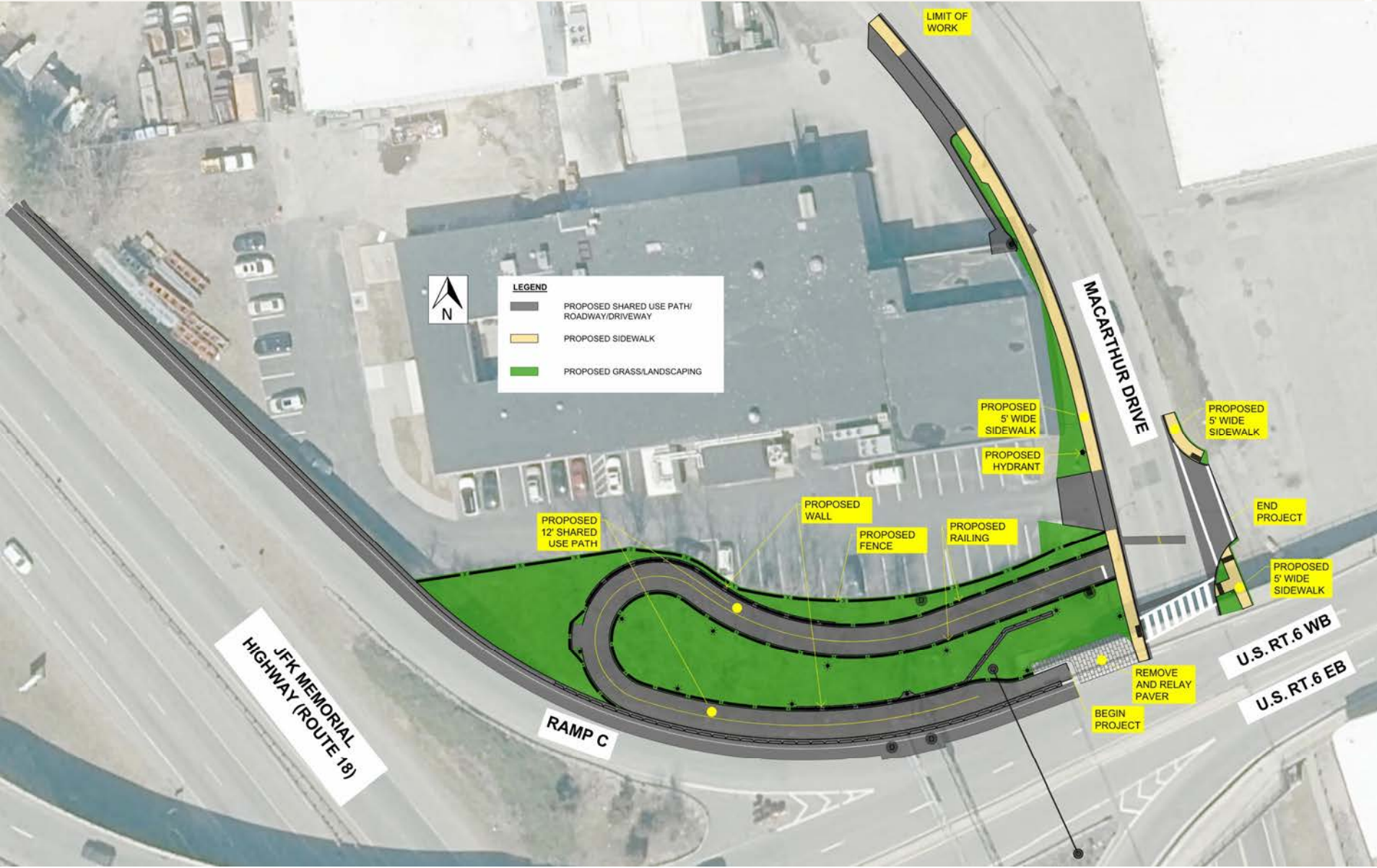
**Looking east at sideway on Route 6
Westbound approaching stairway**



**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Improvements

- Provide a new ADA-compliant 12-foot-wide shared use path connecting Route 6 and MacArthur Drive, with lighting and railing.
- Remove the existing concrete stairway.
- Replace the existing overhead guide sign structure.
- Implement minor drainage modifications along Route 6 and Ramp C.
- Upgrade existing sidewalks with ADA-compliant curb ramps and driveway transitions, and extend the west-side sidewalk on MacArthur Drive approximately 200 feet north.
- Add a new crosswalk across MacArthur Drive near the shared use path.

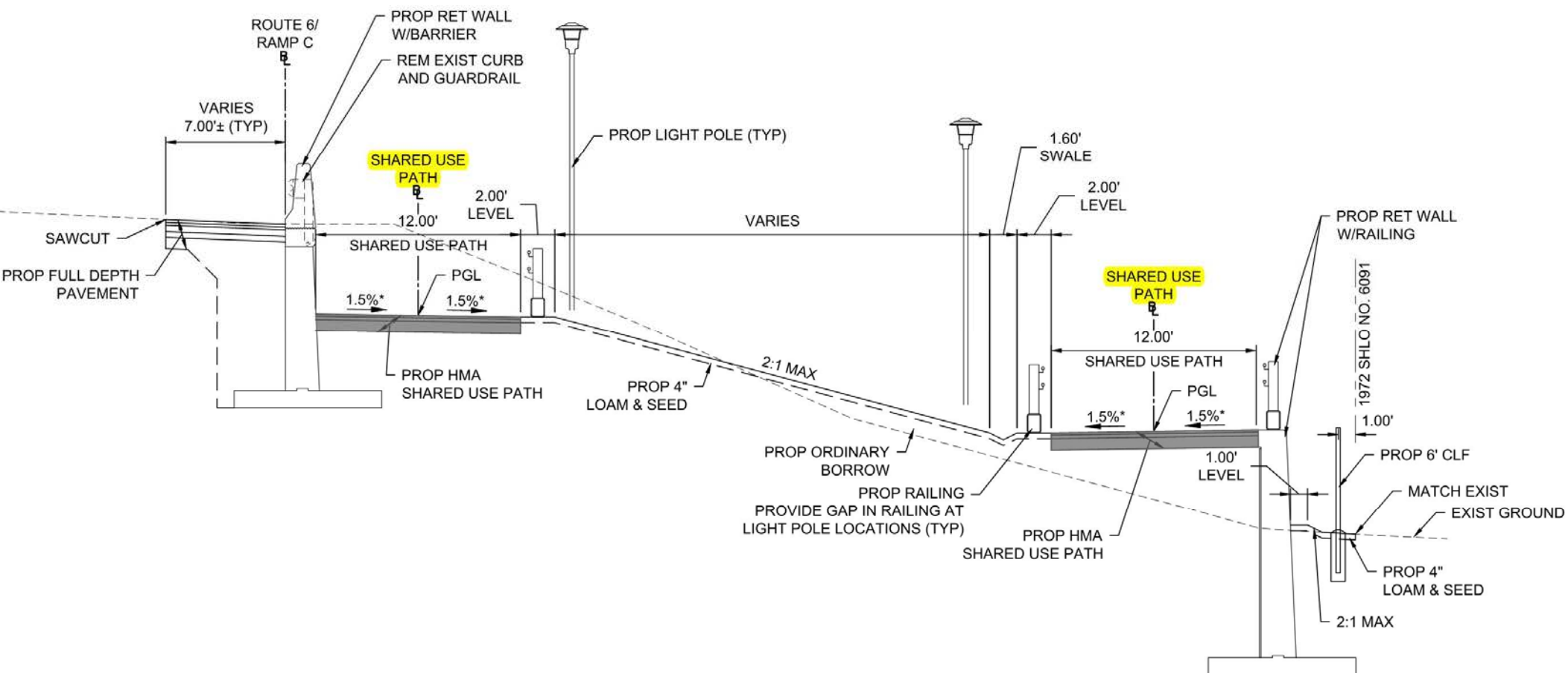




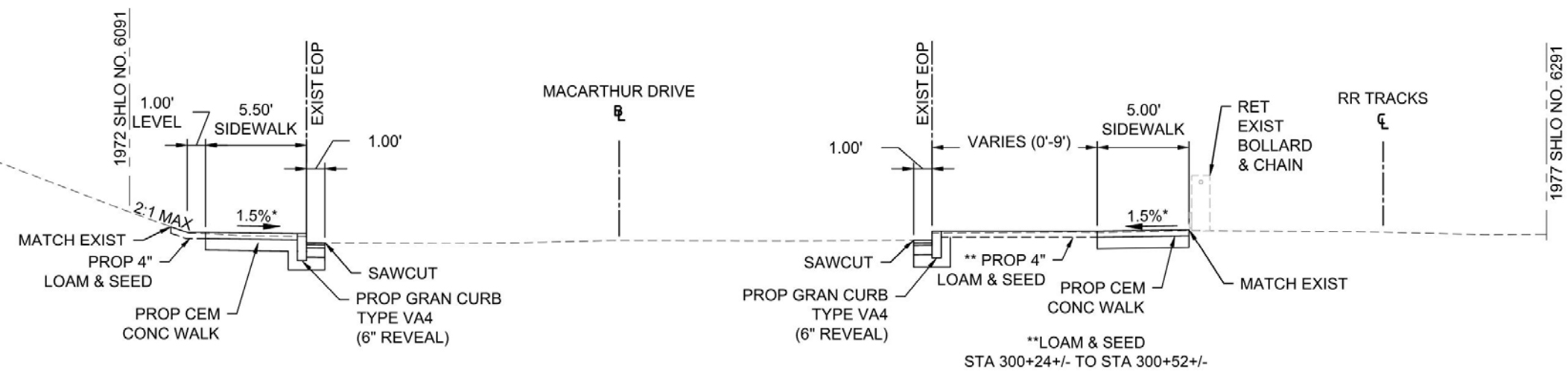
**What
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were
considered?**

Design Revision Alternatives

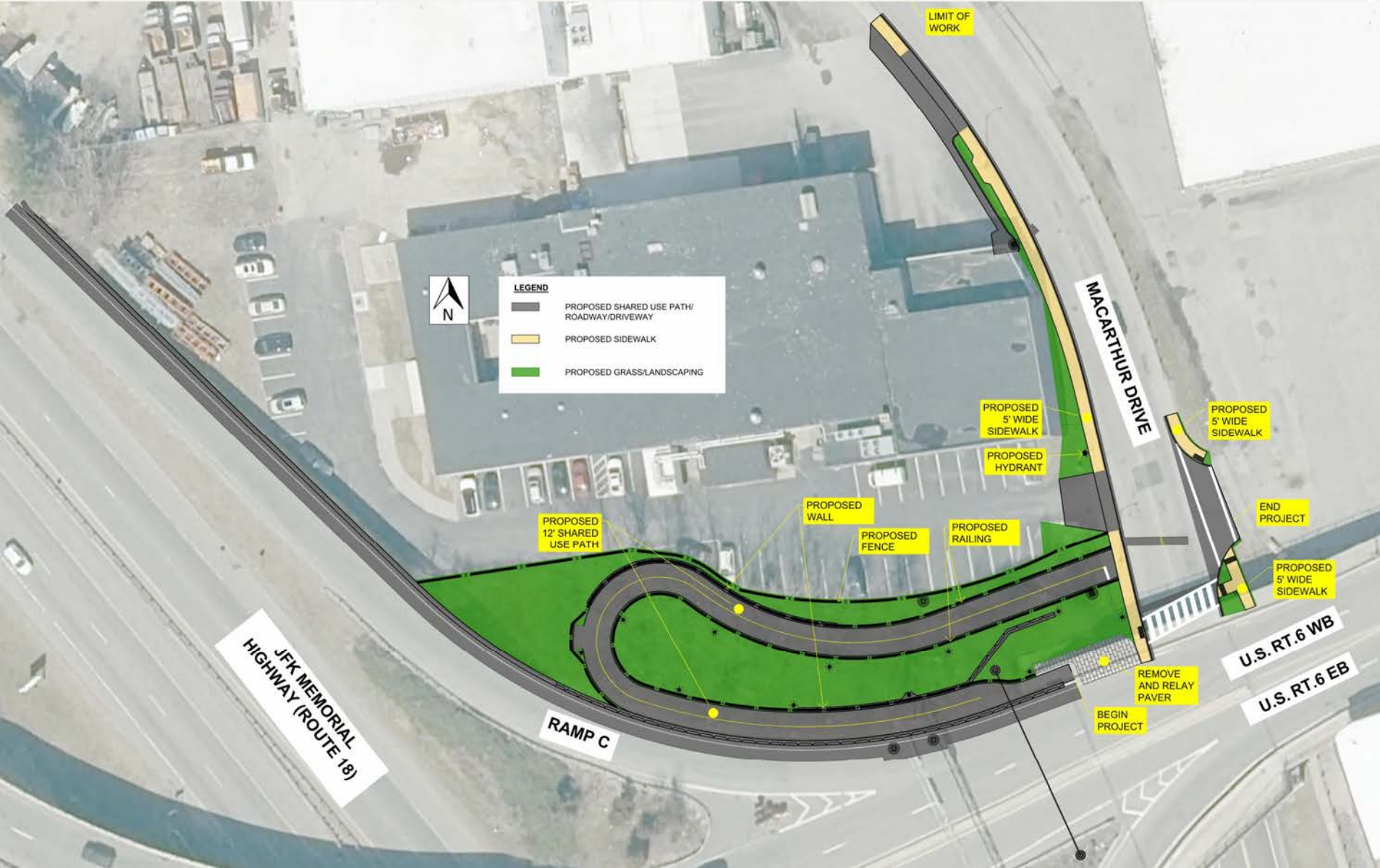
- The proposed ramp design went through multiple revisions to optimize accommodations for both pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - Alternative 1 – Pedestrian Ramp
 - Alternative 2 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Ramp
 - Current Design – Bicycle and Pedestrian Ramp with extended sidewalk on MacArthur Drive



Typical Section – Shared Use Path Along Route 6



Typical Section – MacArthur Drive





**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Right of Way (ROW) discussion - 25% Design

- MassDOT and/or New Bedford is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the ROW Bureau or consultants representing MassDOT
- 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 Final Property Act of 1970, as amended
- Fee takings, permanent easements, and /or temporary construction may be required



**How will
bicyclists and
pedestrians
be impacted?**

Effects on Bikes and Pedestrians

- Existing access between Route 6 westbound and MacArthur Drive is provided by concrete stairs.
- The proposed ADA-compliant shared use path will provide pedestrian and bicycle access between Route 6 westbound and MacArthur Drive.
- During construction, pedestrians will be detoured to the eastbound Route 6 pedestrian path.



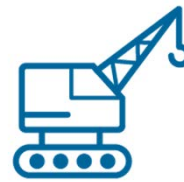
Looking west at existing stairway



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

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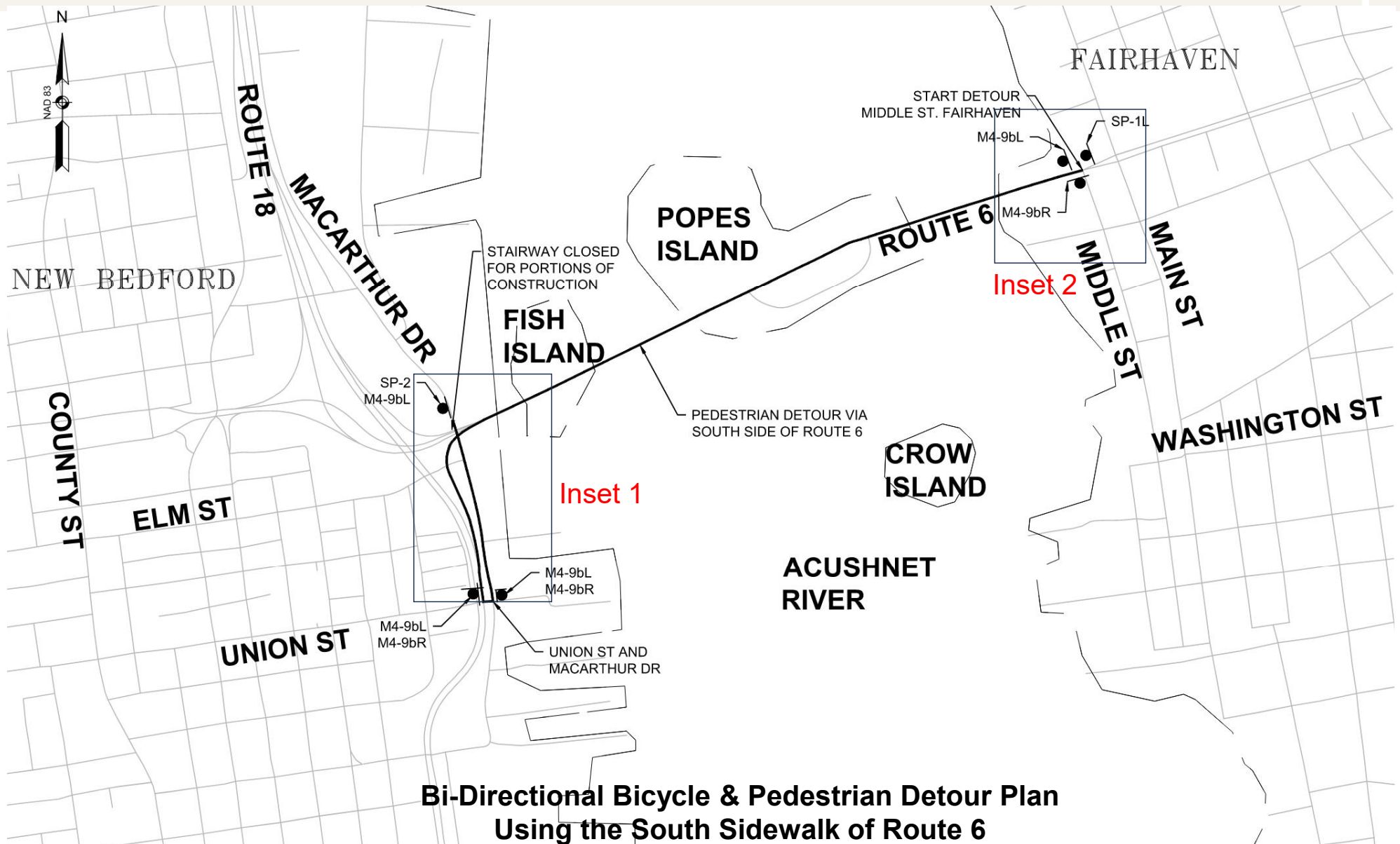
- **Permanent impacts:** vegetation clearing, grading, retaining wall construction, and installation of the pedestrian & bicycle ramp and associated infrastructure.
- **No anticipated impacts:** wetlands, waterbodies, flood storage, parks/open space, historic resources, or hazardous materials.
- **Temporary impacts:** pedestrian detours, limited lane closures, construction access easements, and short-term erosion/sedimentation control during construction.



**What is the
construction
approach?**

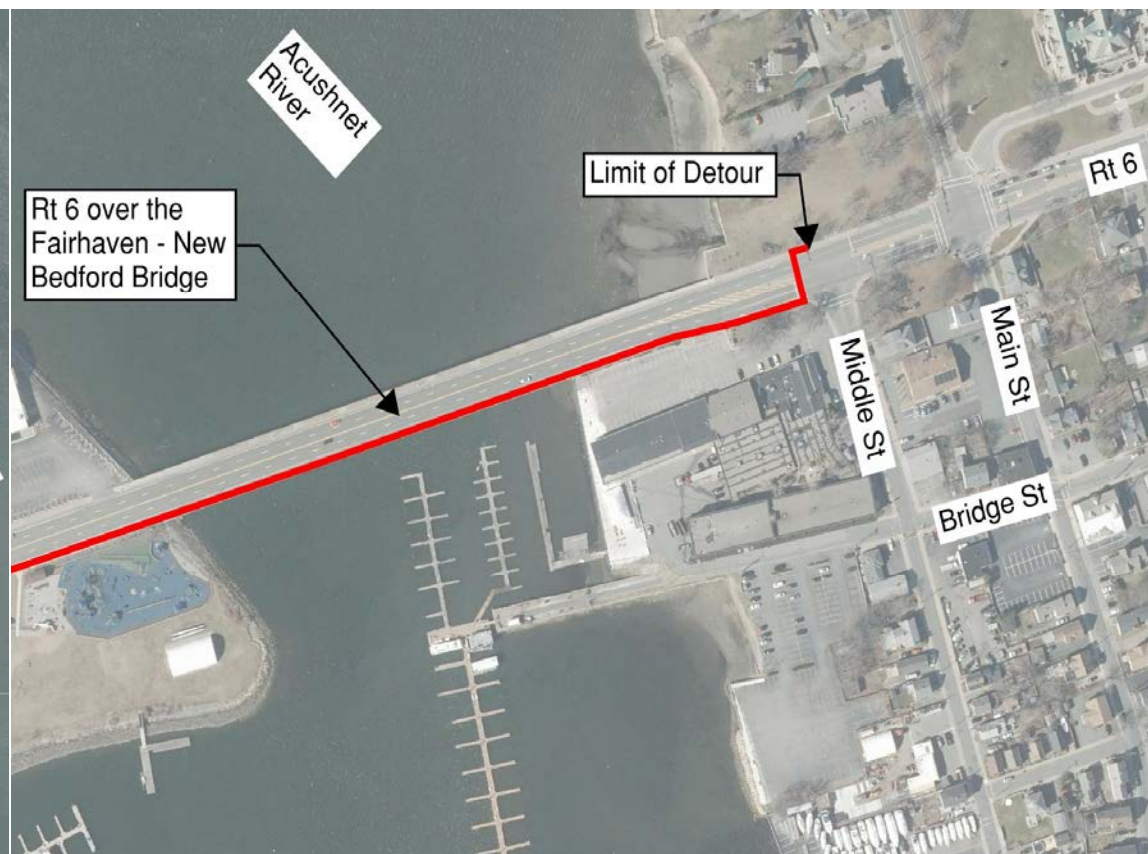
Construction Impacts

- Minor roadway approach work will be completed under temporary shoulder or lane closures
- The existing concrete stairs will be closed during construction of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Ramp
 - A signed pedestrian detour will be provided





Inset 1



Inset 2

Bi-Directional Bicycle & Pedestrian Detour Plan Using the South Sidewalk of Route 6

Our next steps



Winter 2026-2027
75% Submission



Summer 2027
100% Submission



Fall 2027
PS&E Submission



Spring 2028
Advertise Project For
Construction



Summer 2028
Start Construction



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:
MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us
Subject Line: Design Public Hearing: Project File No. 612263
- For project information visit the MassDOT Upcoming Events for Highway Division web site at <http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events> or used the QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:
Carrie Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer
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Boston, MA 02116
Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 612263





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, 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

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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