



Rebecca M. Johnson Elementary School

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Safe Routes to School *Springfield*

Virtual Meeting June 11, 6:30PM

Project File No. 612080



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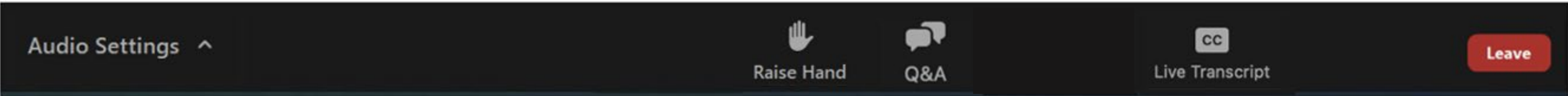


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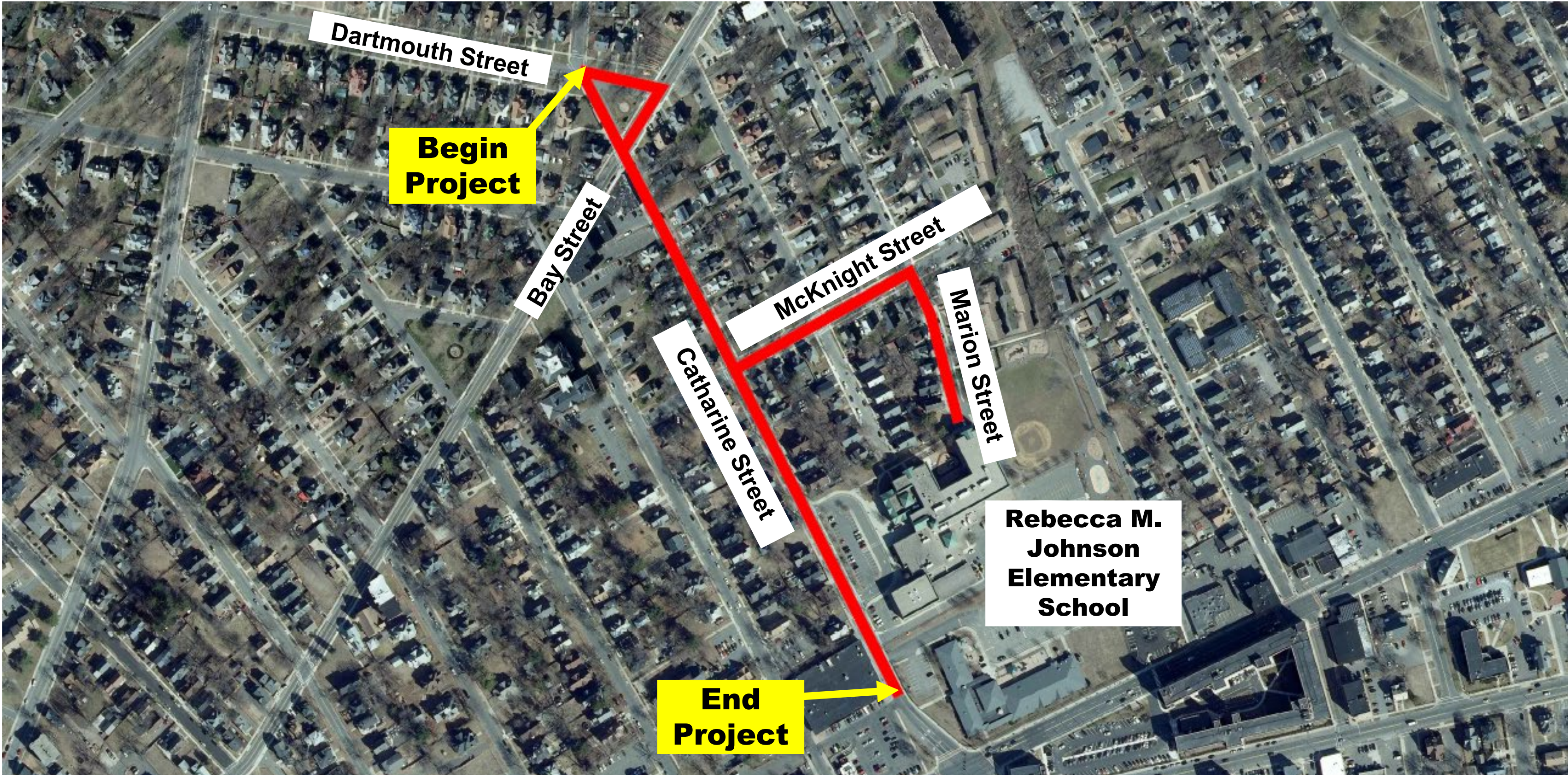
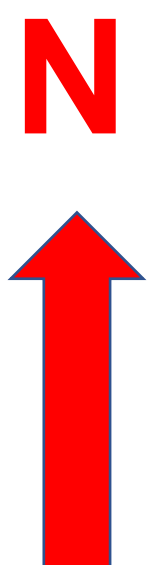
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Agenda

- **Project History**
- **Existing Conditions**
- **Project Goals**
- **Proposed Improvements**
- **Impacts**
- **Next Steps**
- **Public Comments & Questions**



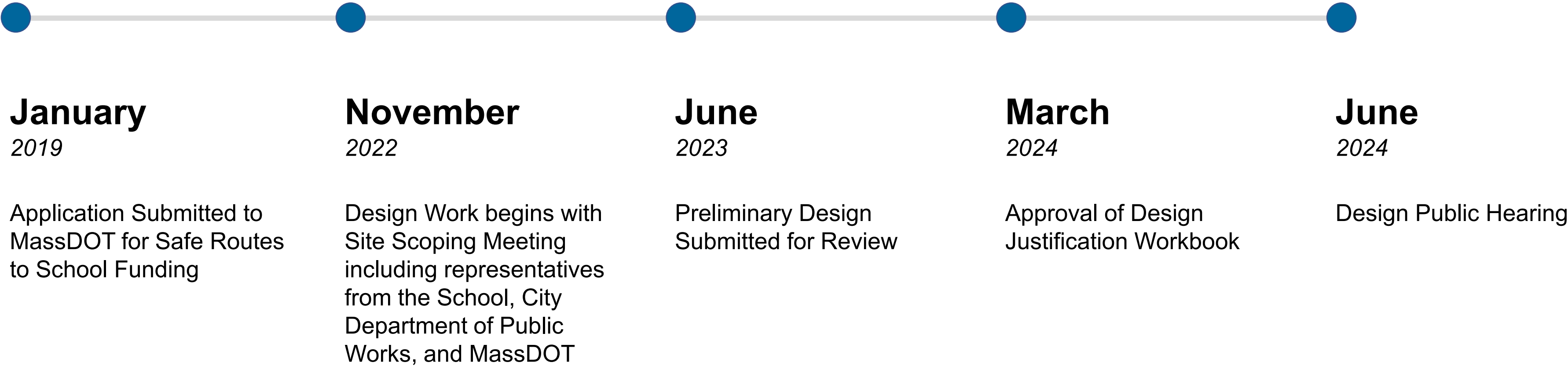
Project Location



Presentation Participants

- **MassDOT Project Manager**
 - Greg Mischel, PE
- **MassDOT District Two**
 - Laura Hanson, Paula Simmons PE
- **MassDOT ROW Agent:**
 - Zachary Feury
- **MassDOT Producer/Facilitator**
 - Hung Pham, Joseph Yoo
- **Chappell Engineering Associates**
 - Keith Lincoln, PE, Patrick Bradley
- **City of Springfield**
 - Andrew Krar, PE, City Engineer

How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Existing Conditions – Yale at Dartmouth



- Non-Compliant Pedestrian Curb Ramps
- Confusing and lengthy pedestrian crossings within the intersection

Existing Conditions – Bay Street at Catharine Street



- No Pedestrian Crossing Accommodations
- Poor Visibility to Traffic Signal Heads
- Lacks Crossing of Bay Street on North Side of Intersection

Existing Conditions – Catharine Street at McKnight



- Two-way stop, with Catharine Street operating freely and McKnight Street operating under STOP control
- Pedestrian crossings on all legs of the intersection, leads to the assumption that all approaches operate under STOP control
- Lack of Speed Control



Existing Conditions – Entrance to School at Catharine Street

- Non-Compliant Pedestrian Curb Ramps
- Uncontrolled pedestrian crossings on Catharine Street



Existing Conditions – School Entrance at Marion Street



- Marion Street Entrance to School
- Non-Compliant Pedestrian Curb Ramps
 - No Sidewalk Connection to steps Leading to the School

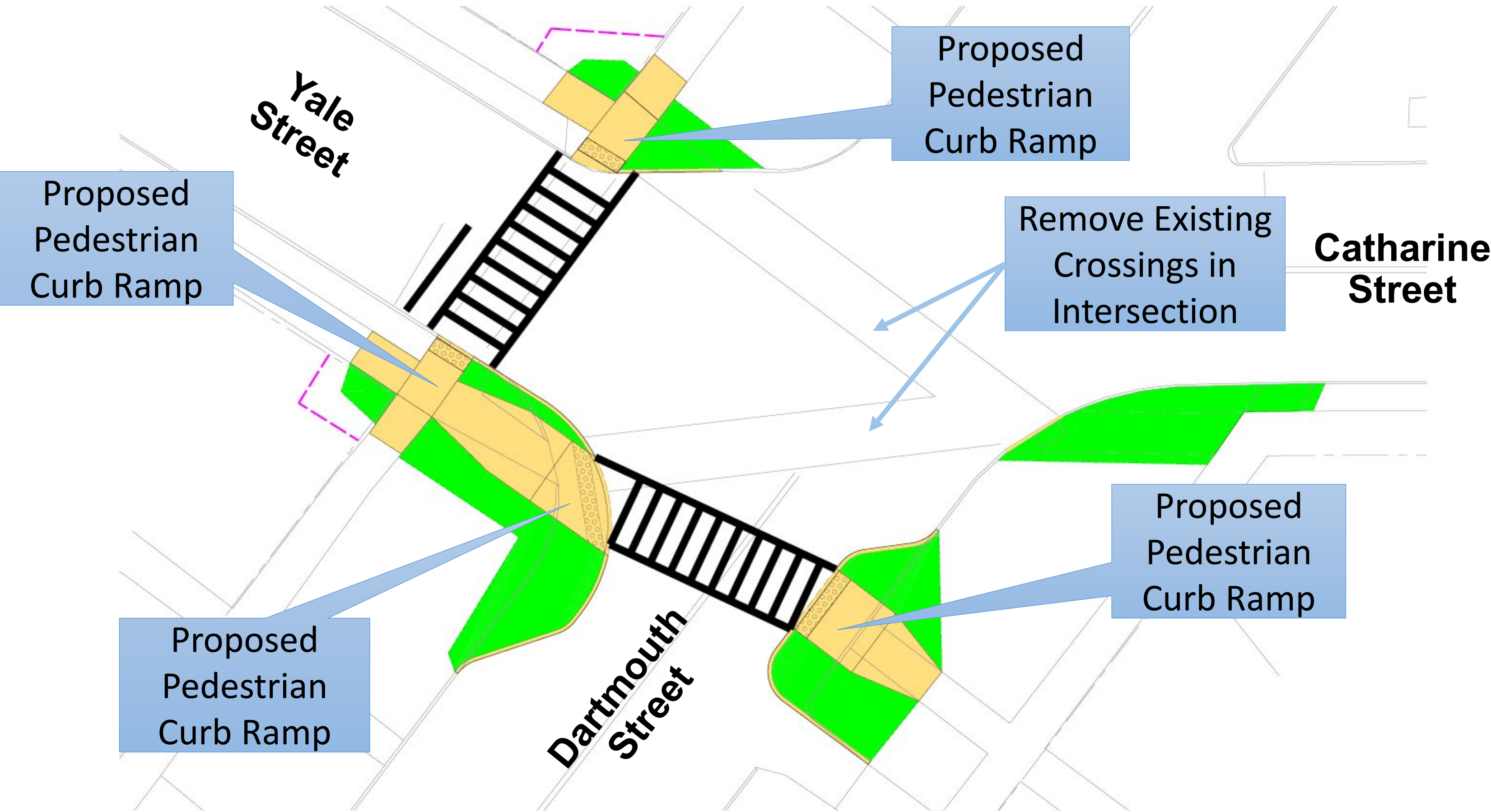


**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

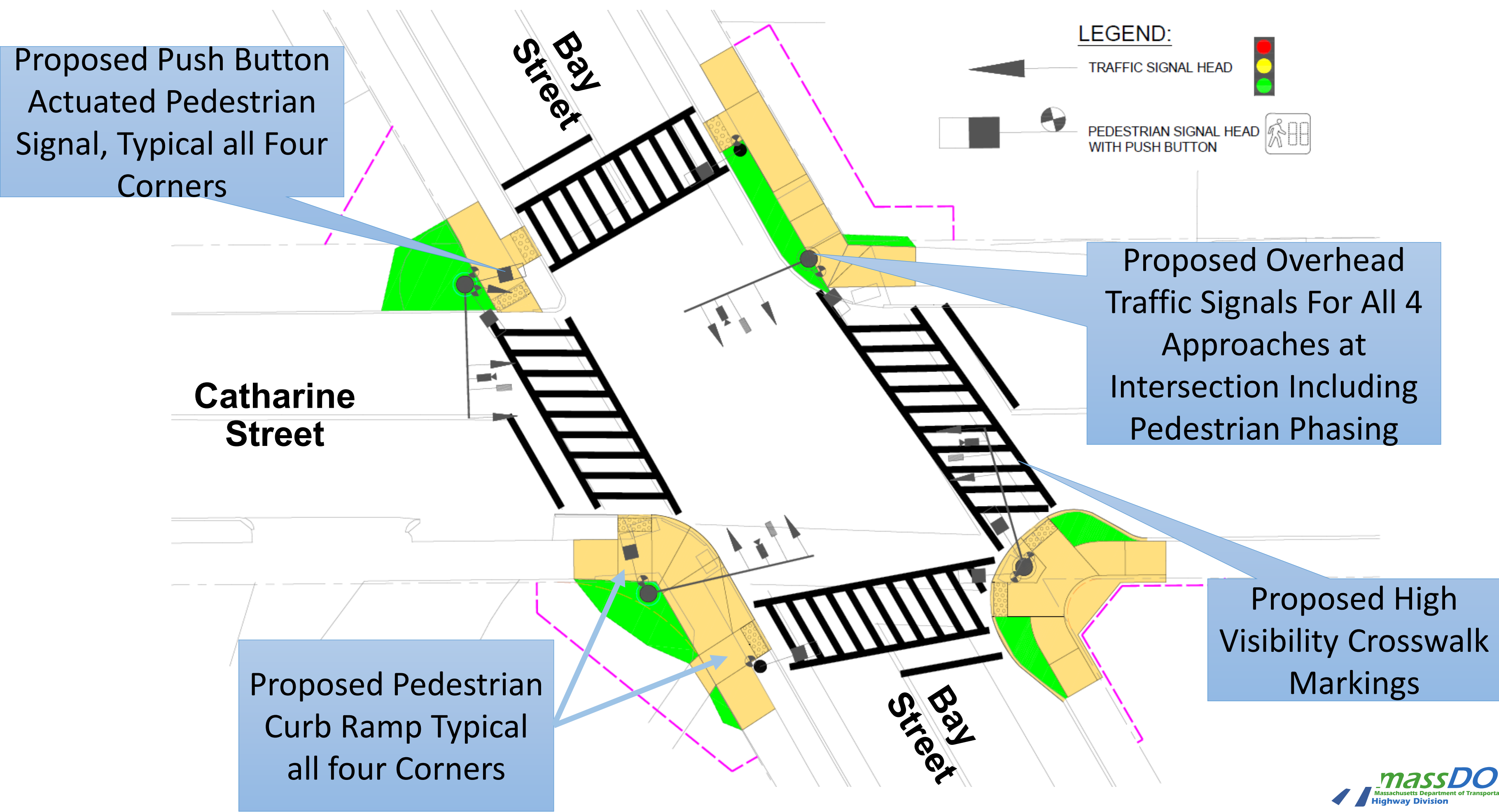
Project Goals

- Improve Safety for all Users with Specific Emphasis on School Access
- Replace Non Conforming Ramps with ADA Compliant Pedestrian Curb Ramps
- Provide Pedestrian Accommodations with Controlled Street Crossings
- Reduce Travel Speeds

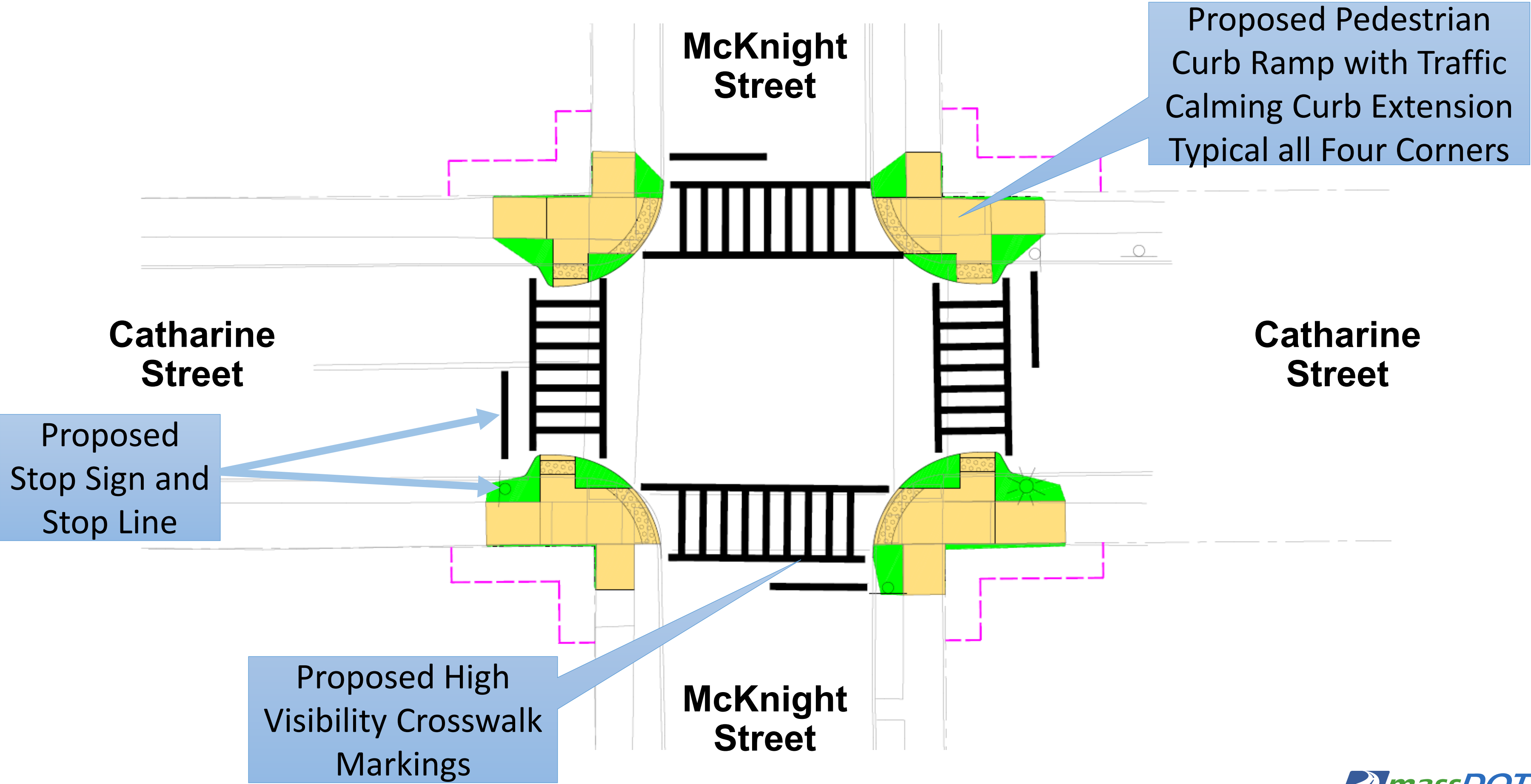
Proposed Improvements – Yale at Dartmouth



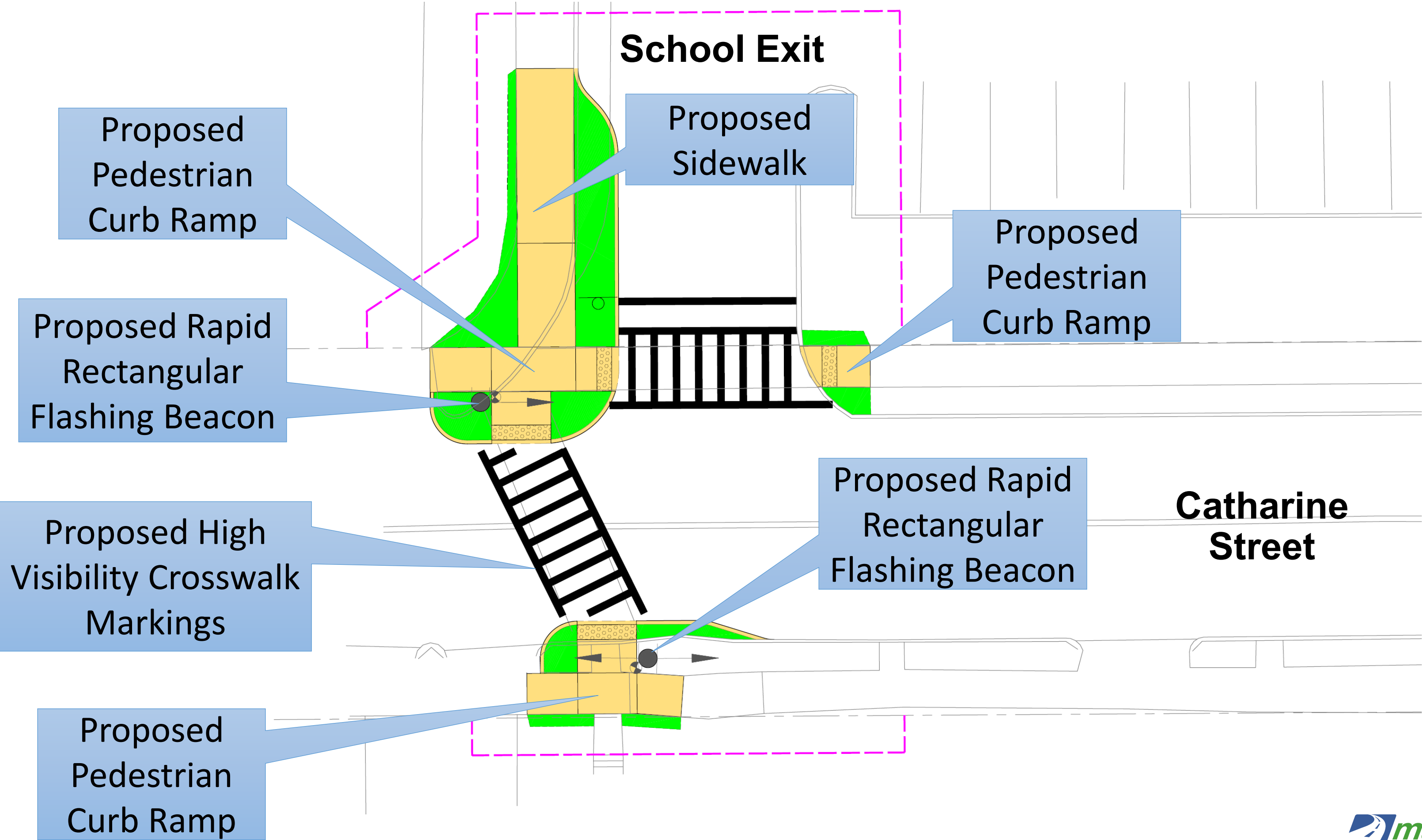
Proposed Improvements - Catharine Street at Bay Street



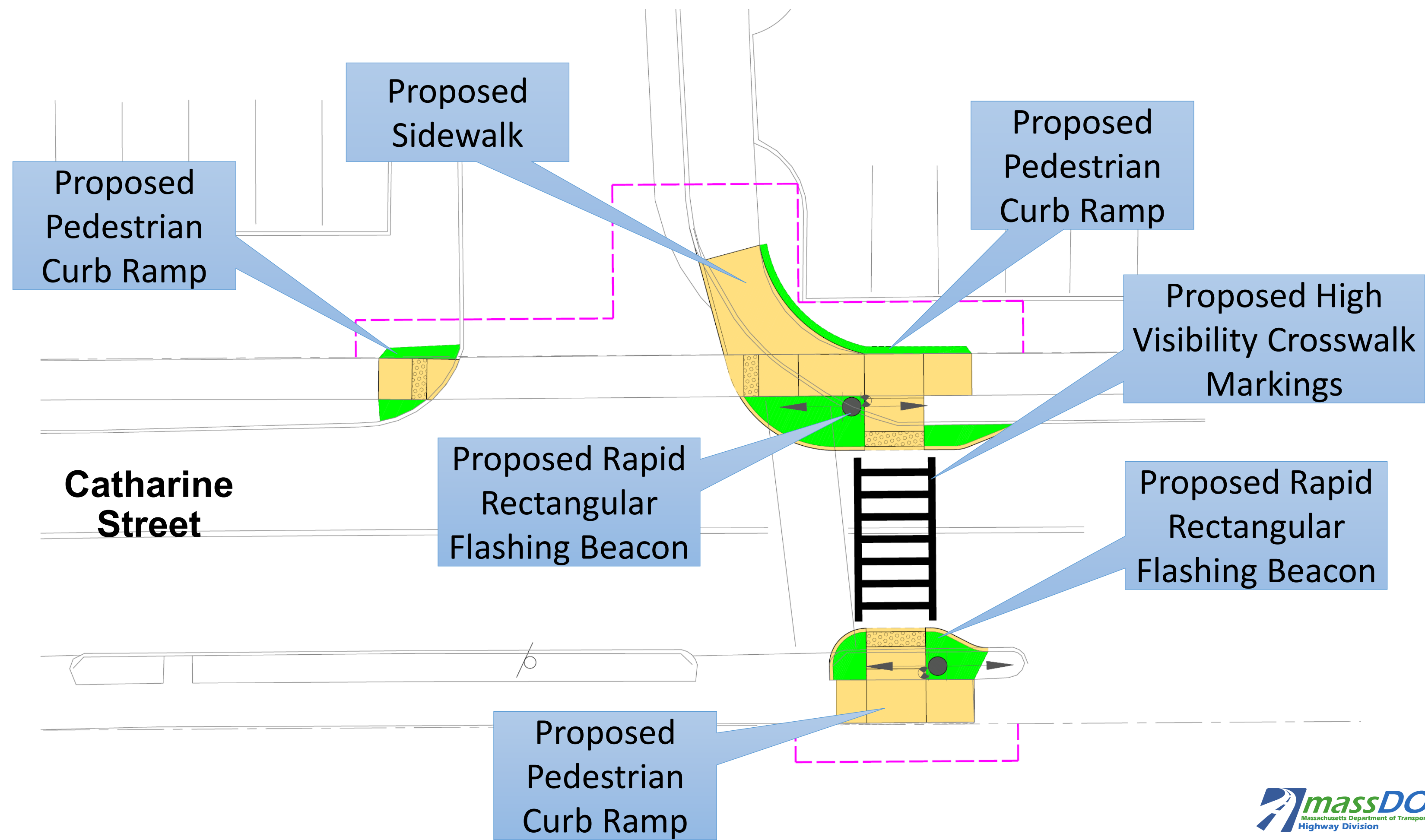
Proposed Improvements - Catharine Street at McKnight Street



Proposed Improvements - Catharine Street School Exit



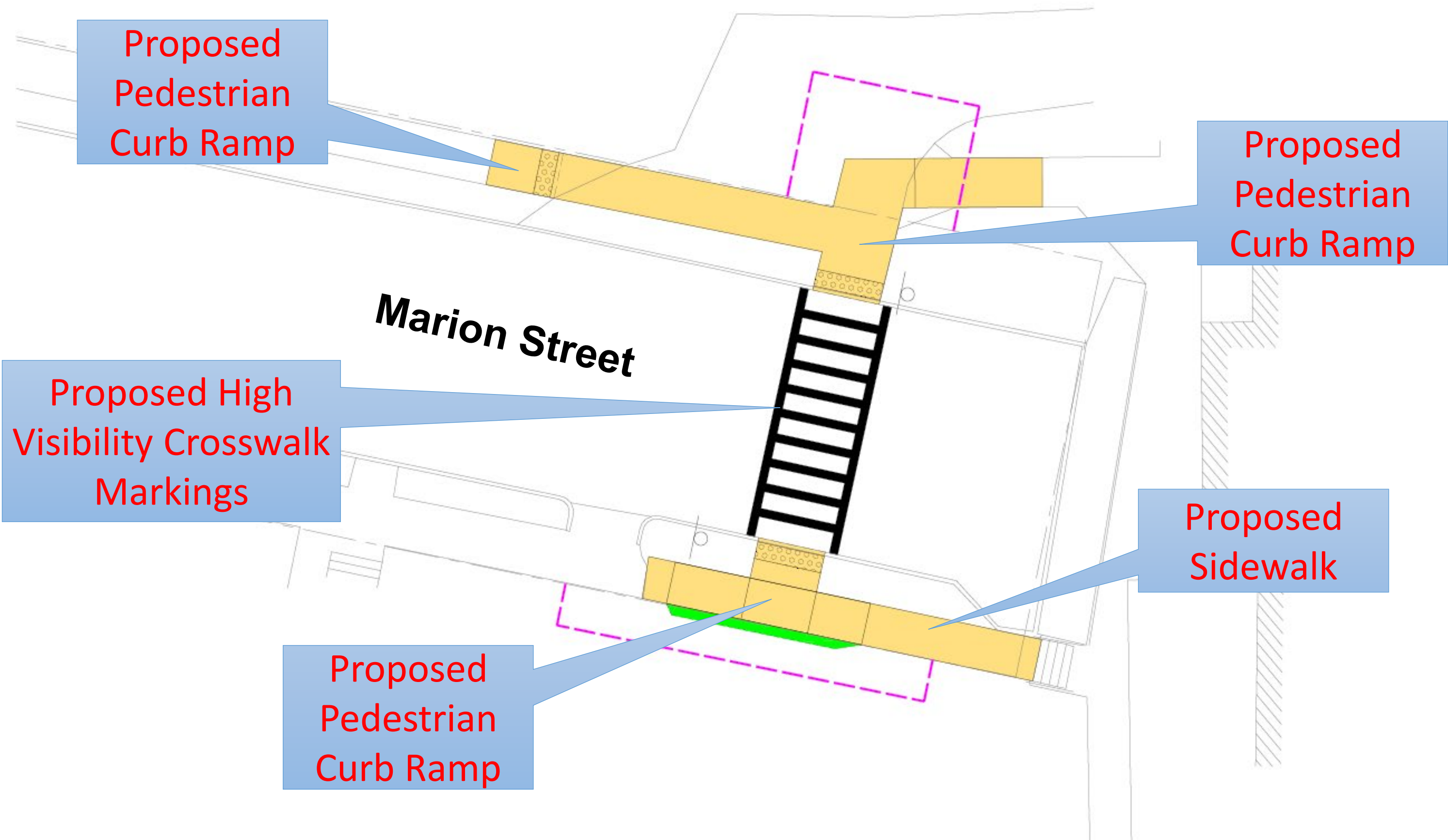
Proposed Improvements - Catharine Street School Entrance



Sample Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon



Proposed Improvements - Marion Street School Entrance





**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion

25% Design Public Hearing

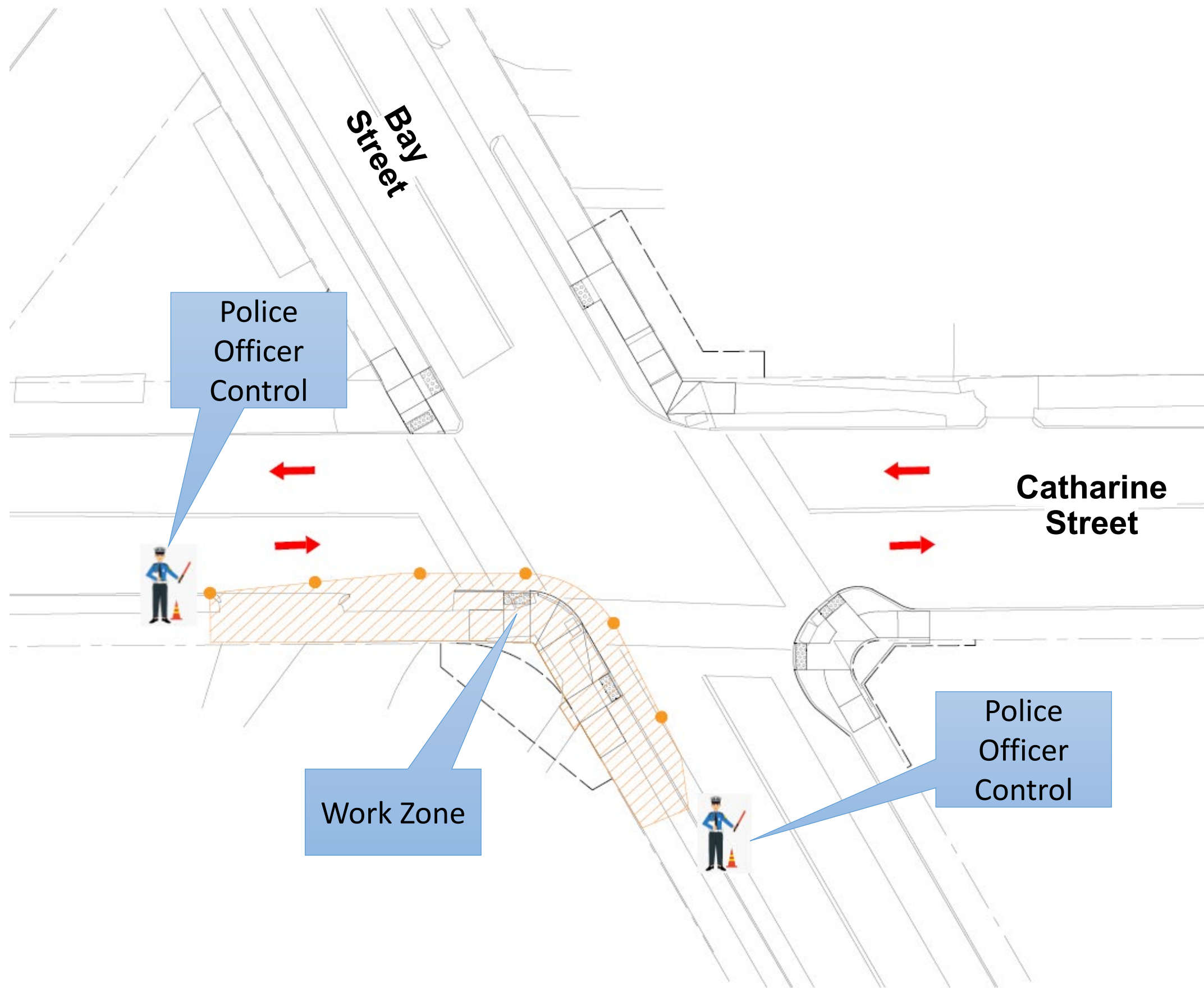
- The City of Springfield is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
 - Fee takings, permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the City of Springfield or consultants representing the City.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
- Since the project receives federal funds, property owners are further protected under Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended
- Preliminary ROW drawings will be available at the City of Springfield Department of Public Works facility at 70 Tapley Street 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.



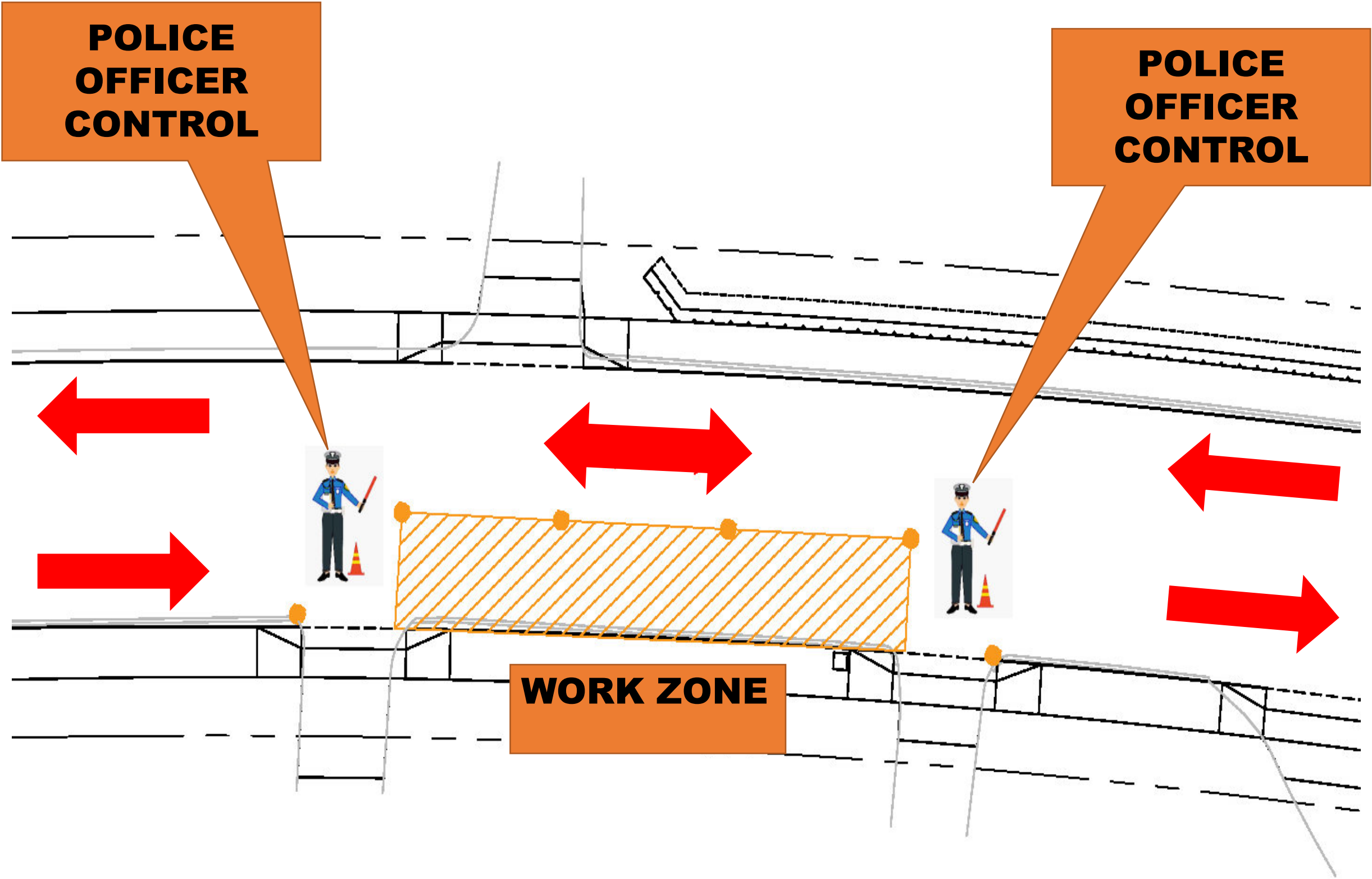
**How will the
road user be
affected?**

Temporary Traffic Control



- Isolated Sections of Sidewalk Closures under Police Control
- Pedestrian access to be maintained through the work zones
- One Lane of traffic to be maintained for any work in the roadway under Police Office Control

Work Within Roadway



Our next steps



Step 1 – Advance to
75% Design,
Considering Public Input
August 2024



Step 2 – Complete
ROW Process
May 2025



Step 3 – Final Design
and Advertisement for
Construction
June 2025



Step 4 – Construction
Begins
Fall 2025



**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 used 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. 612080





**Questions and
answers**

Questions and Answers



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions; *9 for attendees calling into the meeting



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- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button (Alt + H)
- 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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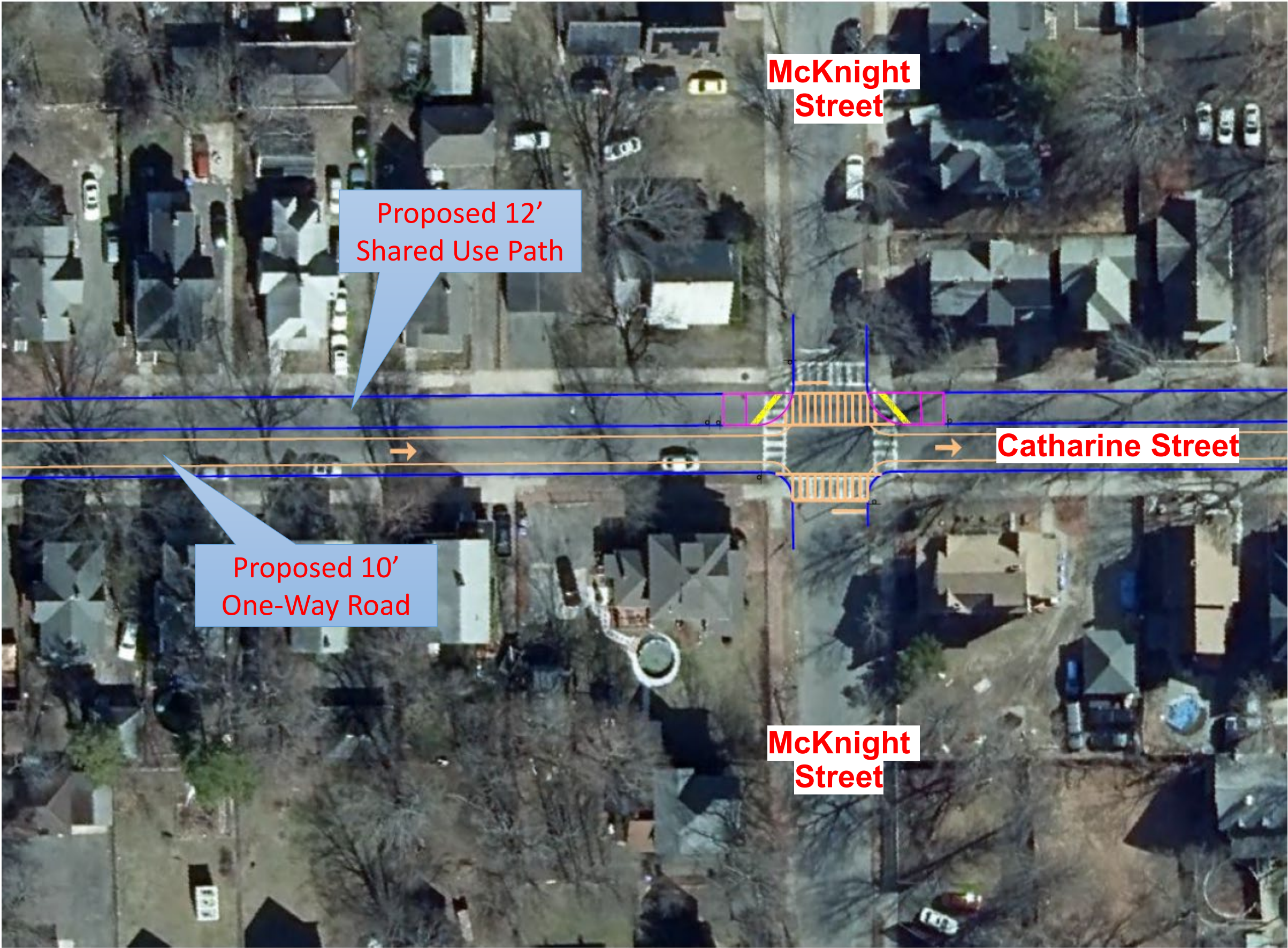


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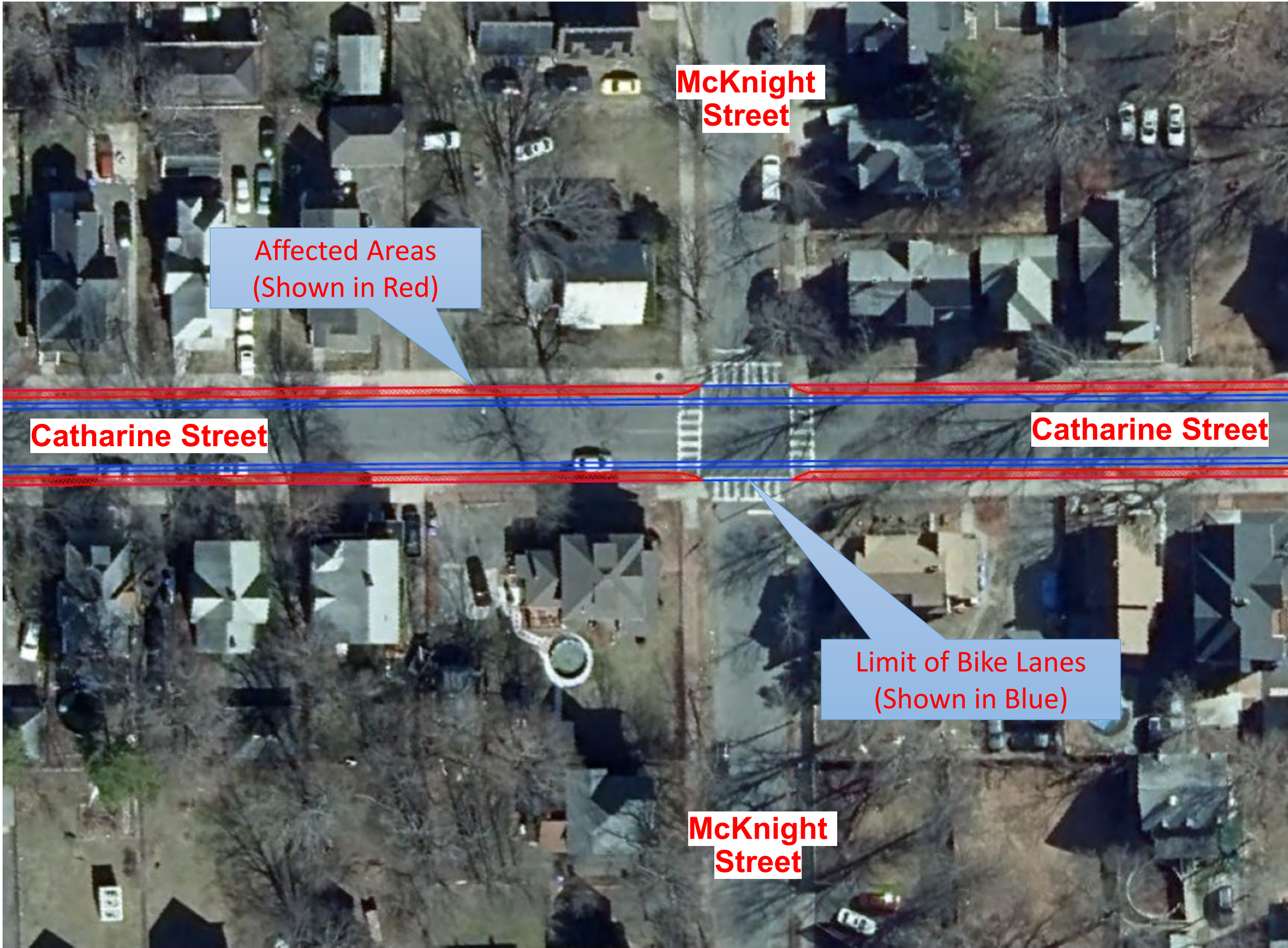
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Alternative 1: Shared Use Path

Requires that Catharine Street be Made One Way



Alternative 2: Bike Lanes with Buffer

Requires Widening the Roadway and Removal of trees which Line Catharine Street