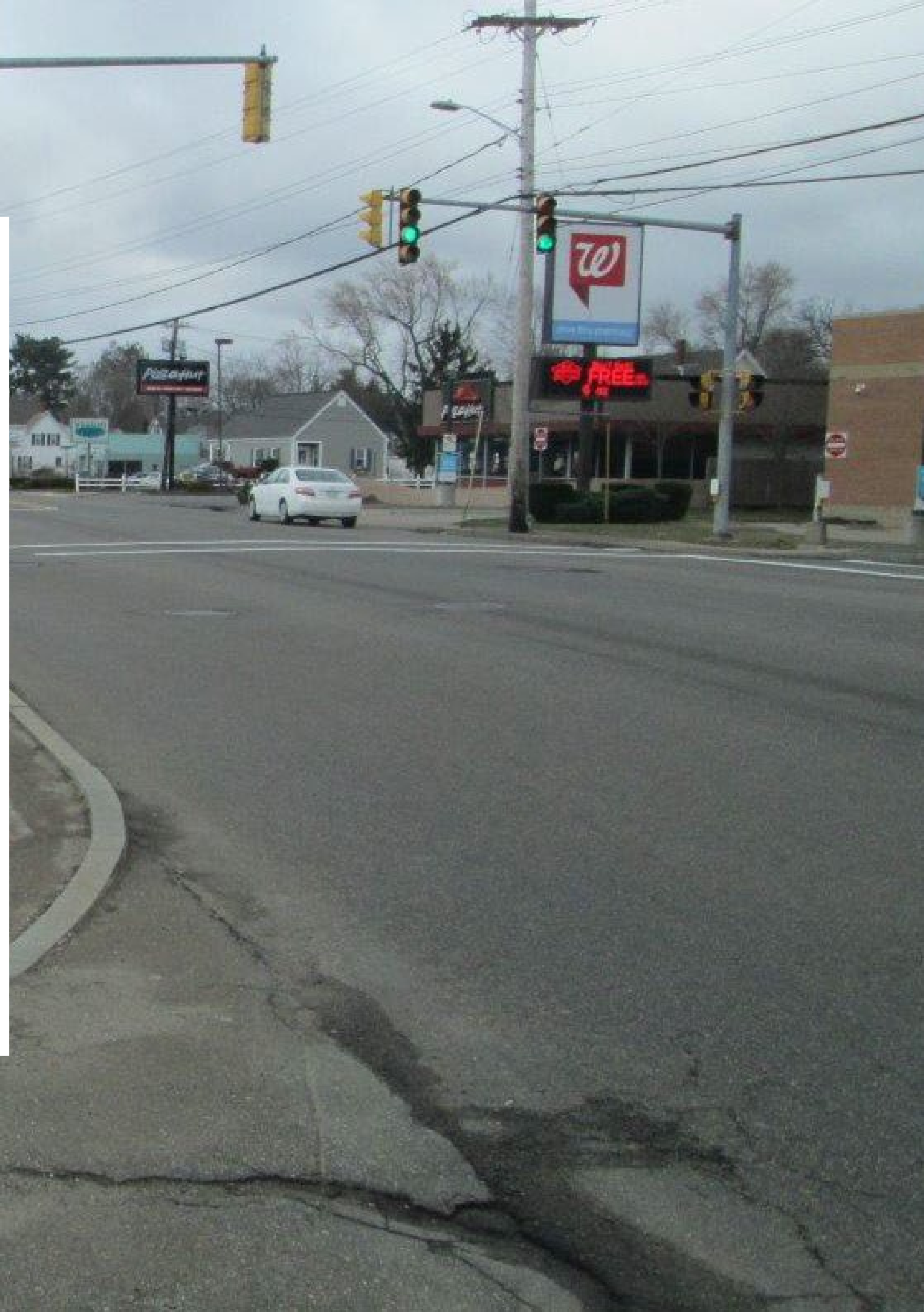




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Virtual Design Public Hearing –
December 14, 2022 – 6:30

Project File No. 608753



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- 1. **Newspaper**
The Sun Chronicle
Taunton Daily Gazette



- 2. **MassDOT Social Media**
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 - Registry of Motor Vehicles
 - Council on Aging
 - Disability commission
 - Taunton Diversity Network



Introduction

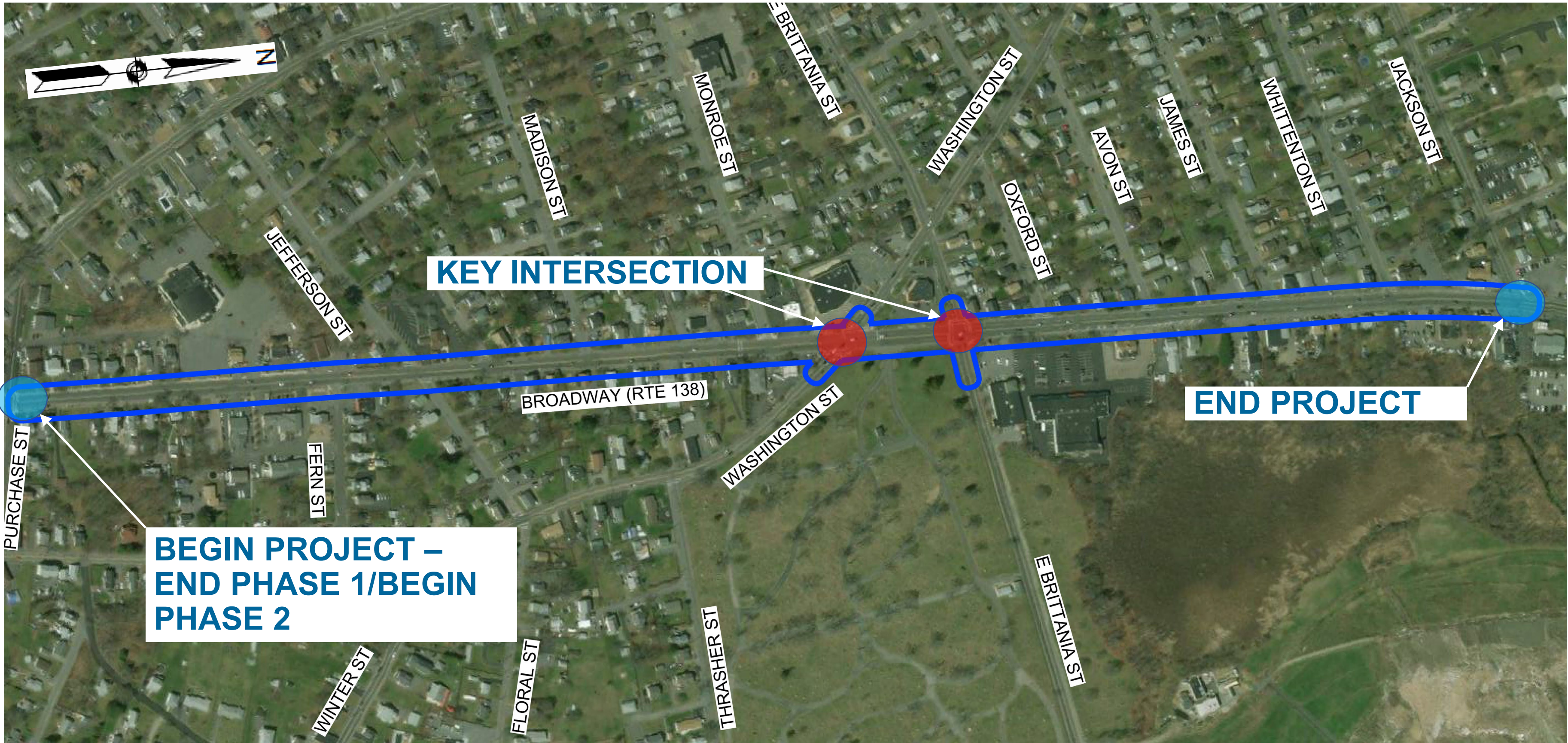
- **MassDOT Highway Division** - Responsible for administering the Design Process and providing Resident Engineer Services
- **MassDOT Project Manager** – Janhavi Limaye, P.E.
- **MassDOT Community Compliance** – Craig Sheehan
- **MassDOT District 5** – Pamela Haznar, P.E., Richard Madsen, P.E.
- **MassDOT Producers & Facilitators** – Raissah Kouame, Adetoyin Olaoye
- **Design Consultant** – BETA -Matt Shute, P.E. , Jaklyn Centracchio, P.E., PTOE
- **City of Taunton** - Michael Patneaude, P.E., City Engineer
- **Federal Highway Administration** – Responsible for oversight
- **Stenographer** – David Fraser

Agenda

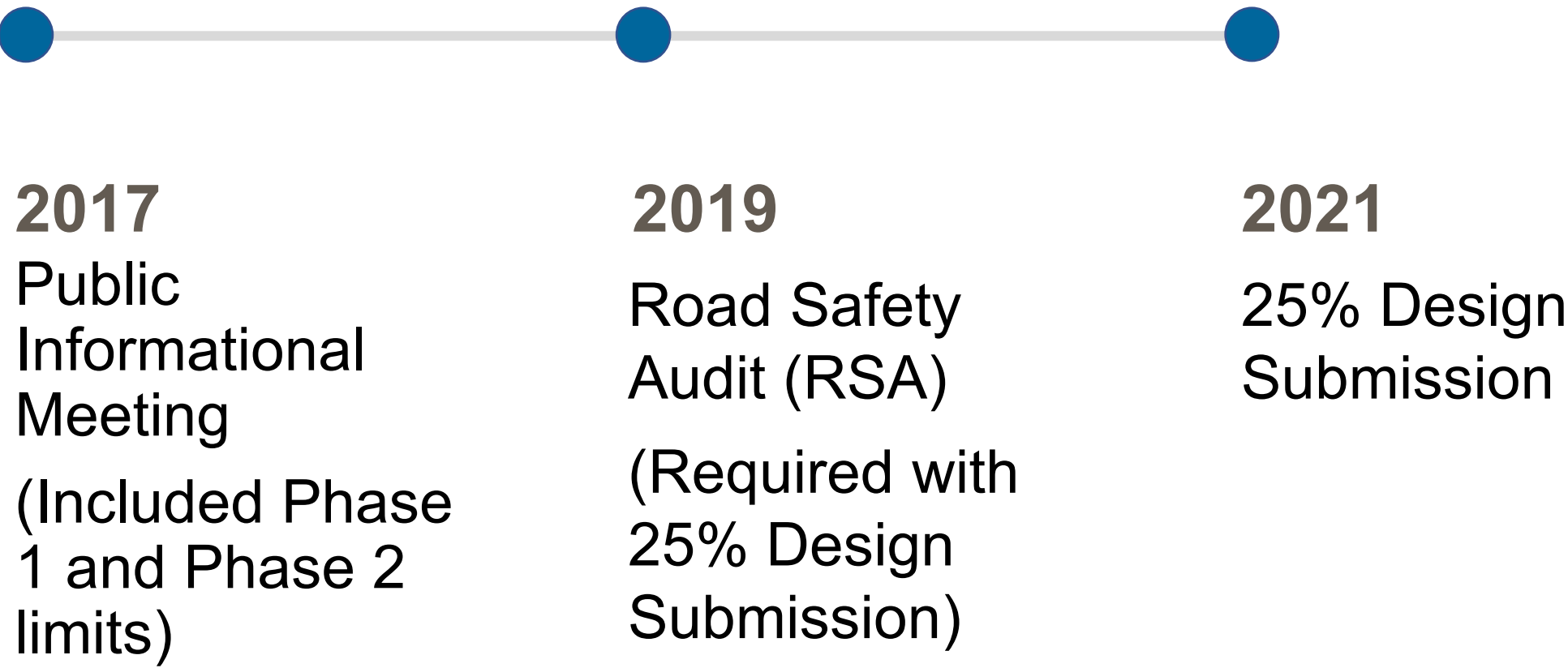
- Project Need
- Project Scope
- Project Impacts
- Schedule
- Questions



Project Locus



How did we get here?





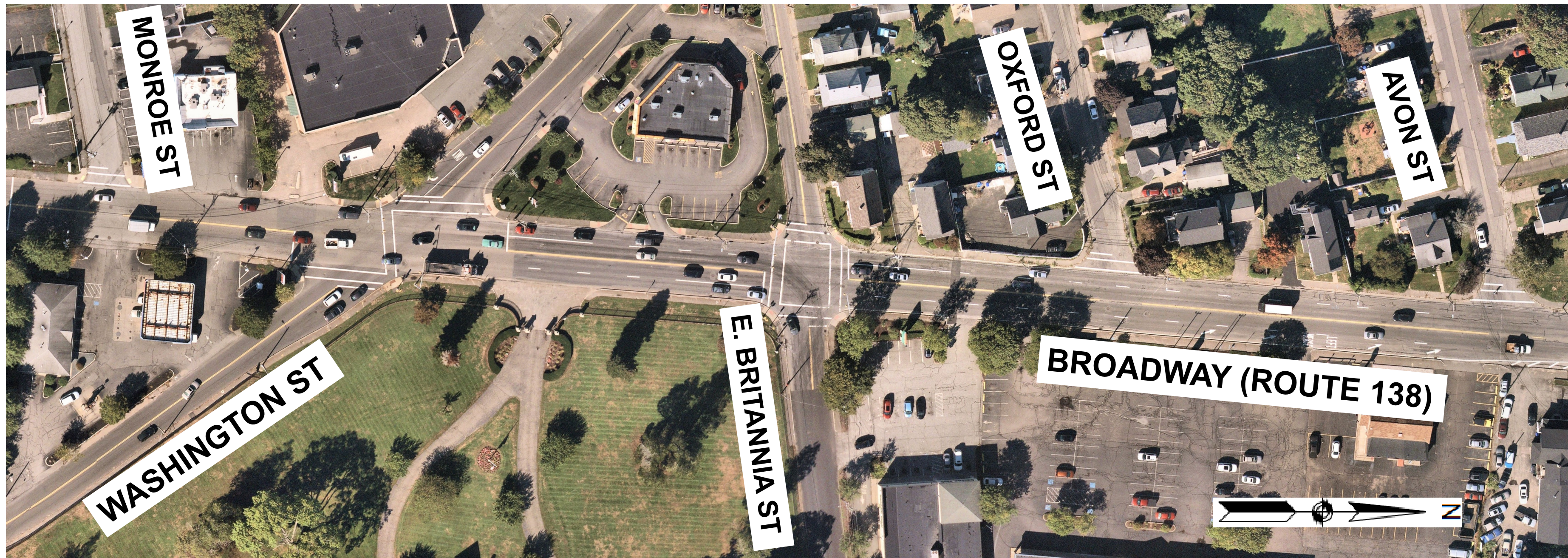
**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Project Need

- Pedestrian Accommodations
 - ADA Compliant Sidewalk
 - Curb Ramps
 - Crosswalks
- Lack of Bicycle Accommodations
- Traffic Signal Upgrade
- Safety



Project Need



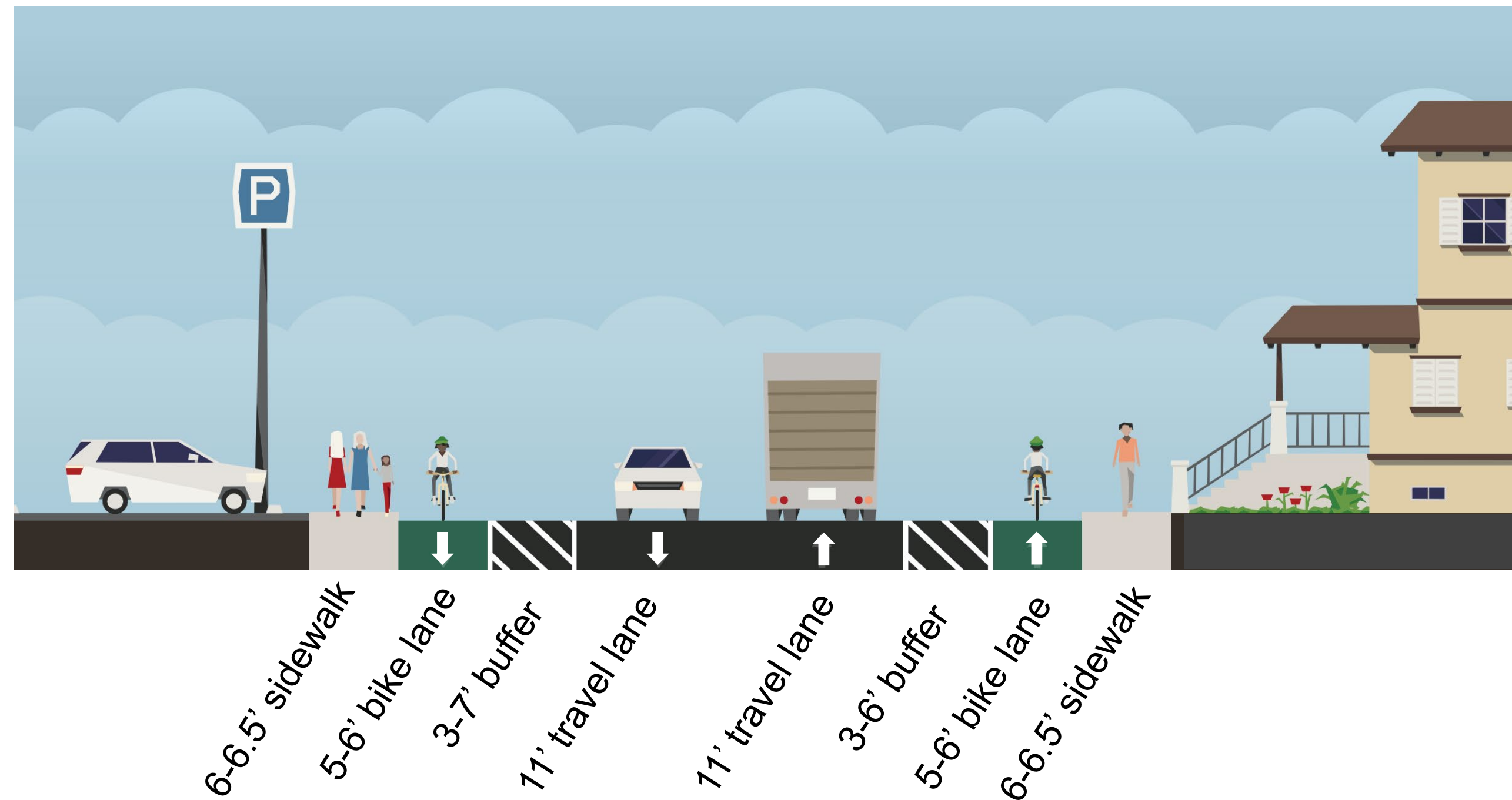
- High crash intersections and cluster
- Intersection geometry / Access Management
- Traffic signal equipment, timing and phasing
- Lack of coordination between the signals
- Conflicting/misplaced pavement markings/signing
- Lane Configuration (Turn lanes / remove merge)



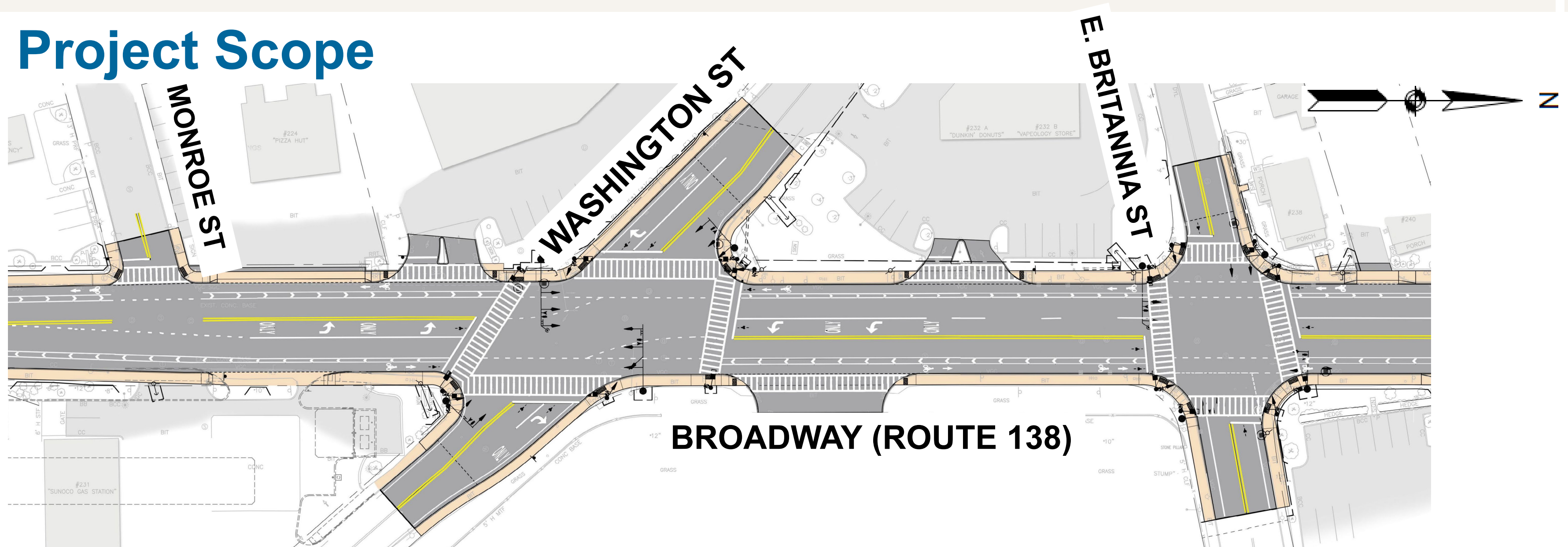
**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Scope

- New roadway pavement
- 40-48 foot roadway width with bicycle lanes and buffer
- 6-6.5 foot sidewalks with curb ramps and ADA compliant crosswalks
- Stormwater improvements
- Utility pole relocations

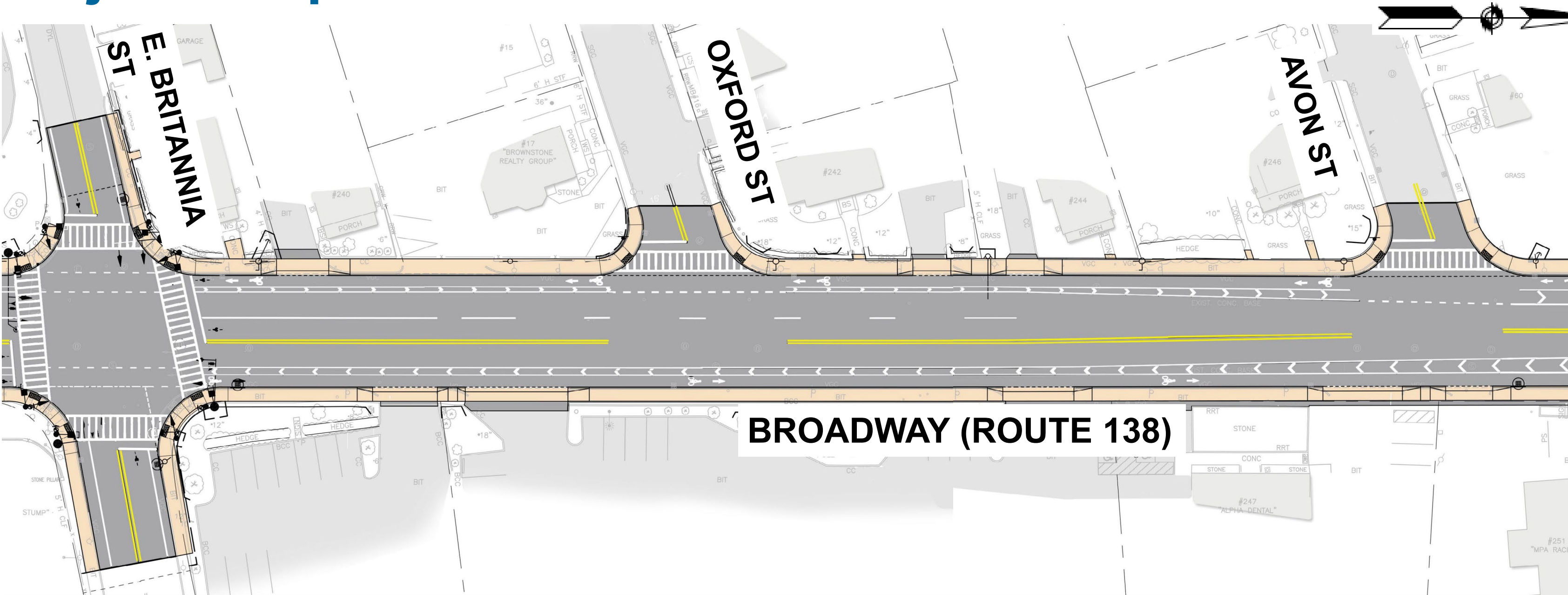


Project Scope



- Provide sufficient corner radii for heavy vehicle turns.
- Improved curb cuts/driveways.
- New coordinated traffic signal systems and equipment for both intersections.
- Defined pavement markings and supplemental signing.
- Lane Configuration (Turn lanes)

Project Scope



- Lane Configuration (remove merge)



**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Right of Way (ROW) discussion

- 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 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 Real Property Act of 1970, as amended.
- Fee takings, permanent easements, and/or temporary construction easements may be required.



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

Anticipated Permitting

- Categorical Exclusion – Federal Highway Administration
- Section 106 (Historic Properties) – Federal Highway Administration





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

Construction Impacts

- Phased Construction
 - To be determined by Contractor
- One lane of traffic maintained at all times
- Shoulder encroachment
- Peak hour restrictions
- Pedestrian accommodation
- Normal traffic operations during non-work hours
- Construction schedule – Estimated 2 years





Project Budget and Funding

Budget and Funding

- Estimated total project cost ~ \$8 Million

The total estimated cost of the project does not include any right of way acquisition costs.

- Federal Highway Administration funding 80% (Federal Aid)

- MassDOT funding 20% (remaining construction cost)

This project must be programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the appropriate Federal Fiscal Year in order for MassDOT to solicit bids for eventual construction.

Our next steps – Estimated Schedule



April, 2023
75% Submission



August, 2023
100% Submission



November, 2023
PS&E (Plans,
Specifications and
Estimate)
Submission



June, 2024
Advertise Project
for Construction



Fall, 2024
Start Construction



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

Project Updates / Contact Information

- Email: Submit Comments to:
Project Manager: Janhavi Limaye P.E. - Janhavi.b.limaye@dot.state.ma.us
- Mail: Submit Comments to:
Carrie Lavalley, P.E.
Chief Engineer MassDOT
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116
ATT: Roadway Project Management
Project File No. 608753
- Project Updates – MassDOT Highway Projects List
Project status, construction cost, key dates:
<https://www.mass.gov/highway-projects-list-projectinfo>





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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