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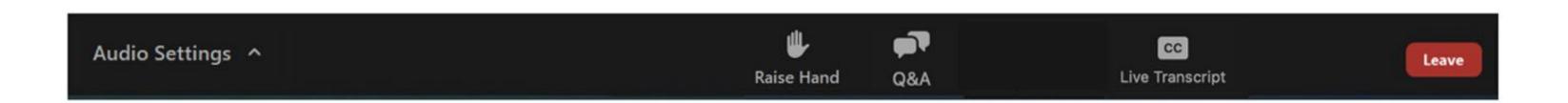


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Introduction

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- MassDOT Right of Way: Zachary Feury
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- Stenographer: Greg Tarbox
- Design Consultant Project Manager: Jeff Lewis, P.E.
- Town of Westhampton: Bill Jablonski & Douglas Finn



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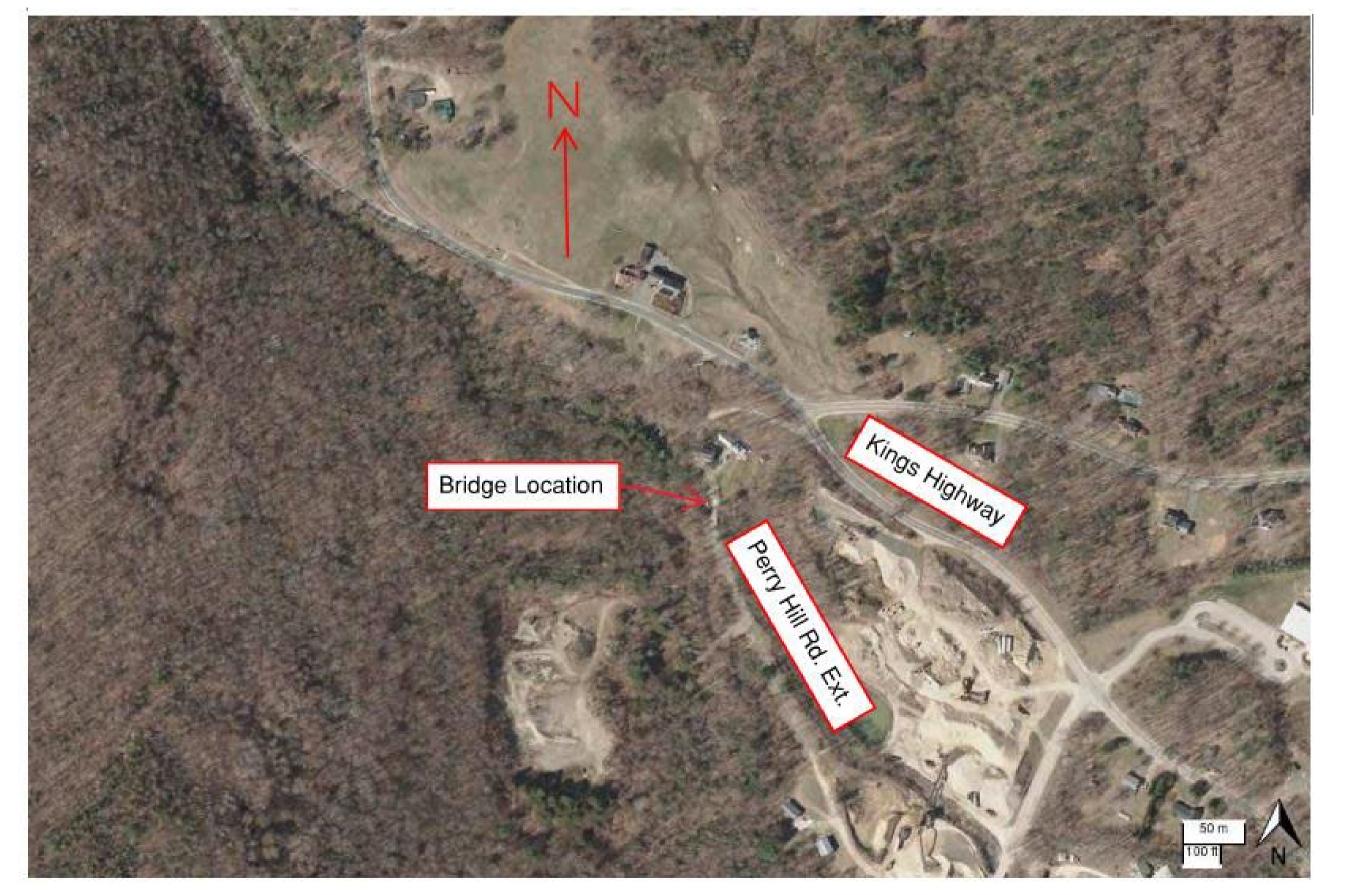








Project Location: Perry Hill Rd. Ext. over North Branch Manhan River





How did we get here?

June

2021

Complete Field Survey

June

2022

Submit Bridge Type Study August

2022

Submit 25% Design January

2023

Design Public Hearing

February

2023

Proceed with final design





Why was this project initiated?

Existing Issues

- Structurally Deficient Bridge
- Substandard Bridge Rail and Approach Guard Railing
- Bridge Abutment Geometry not Aligned with Edge of River



Looking North Across the Bridge - Missing and Outdated Guardrail



Scour Void Along the Base of the North Abutment





Westerly Elevation: Erosion & Collapse of NW Wingwall & Embankment – Upstream Side



Southeast Corner: Full Height Crack along Southerly Abutment – Downstream Side





Substandard Bridge Rail across Bridge



Deteriorating Bridge Beams at South Abutment





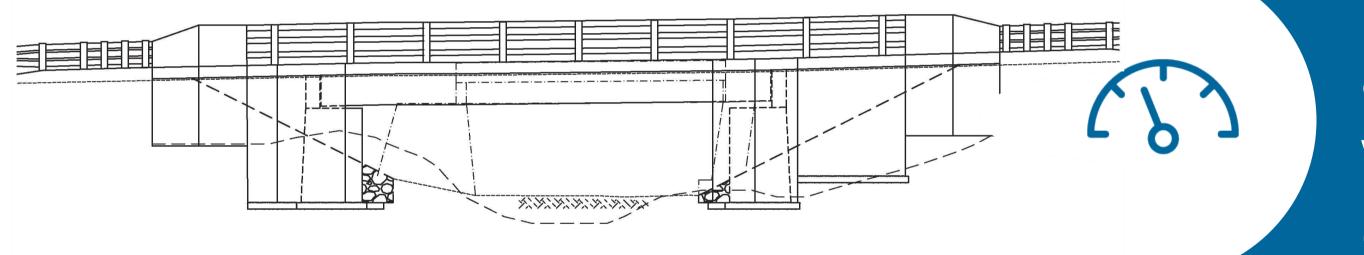


What do we want to accomplish?

Project Scope

- Replace Structurally Deficient Bridge Deck and Beams
- Replace Bridge Abutments and Realign Geometry with Riverbanks
- Widen New Roadway Width to Improve Safety
- Add Railing to Bridge and Guardrail Roadway





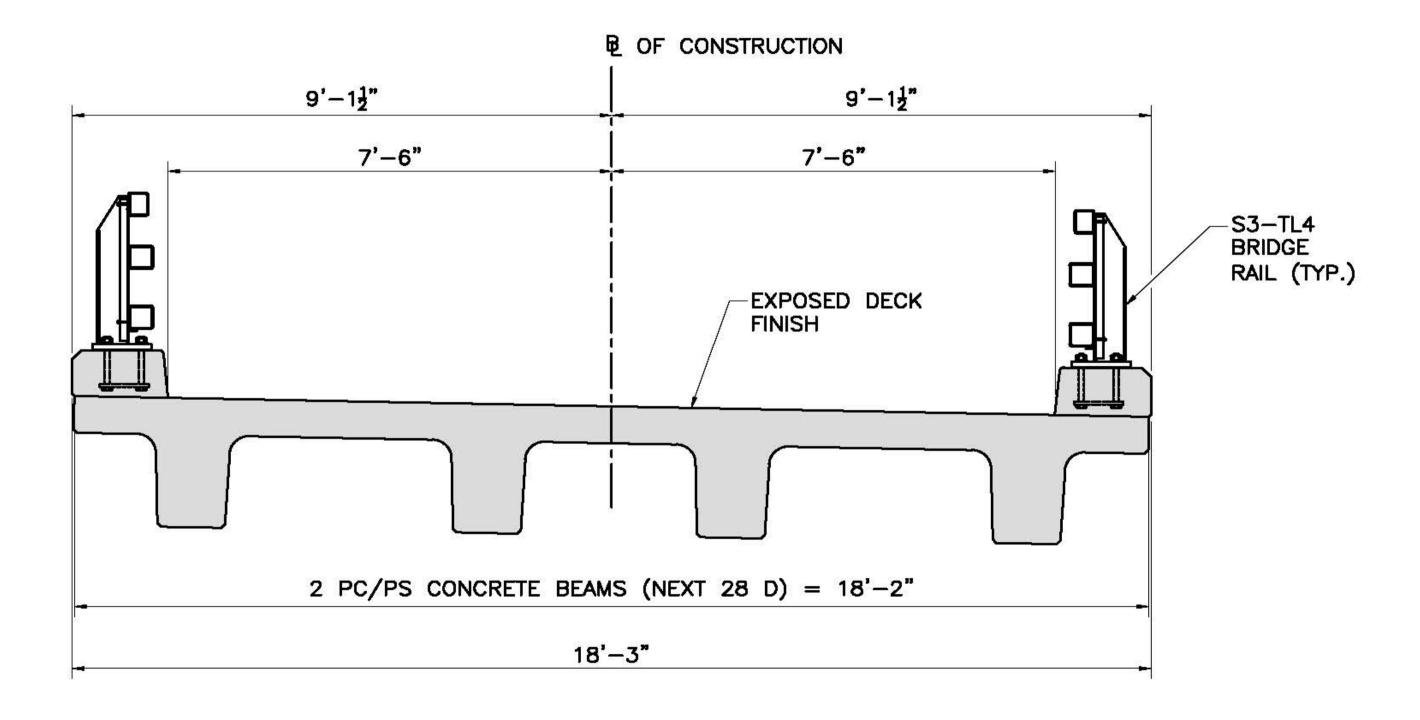
What alternatives were considered?

Alternatives

- No-Build alternative will further compromise the structural integrity of the bridge
- Option 1: Adjacent Precast Prestressed Concrete Deck Beams or Precast Prestressed NEXT D Beams
- Option 2: Steel Rolled Stringers
- Option 3: Three-Sided Precast Concrete Culvert on cast-in-place concrete footing

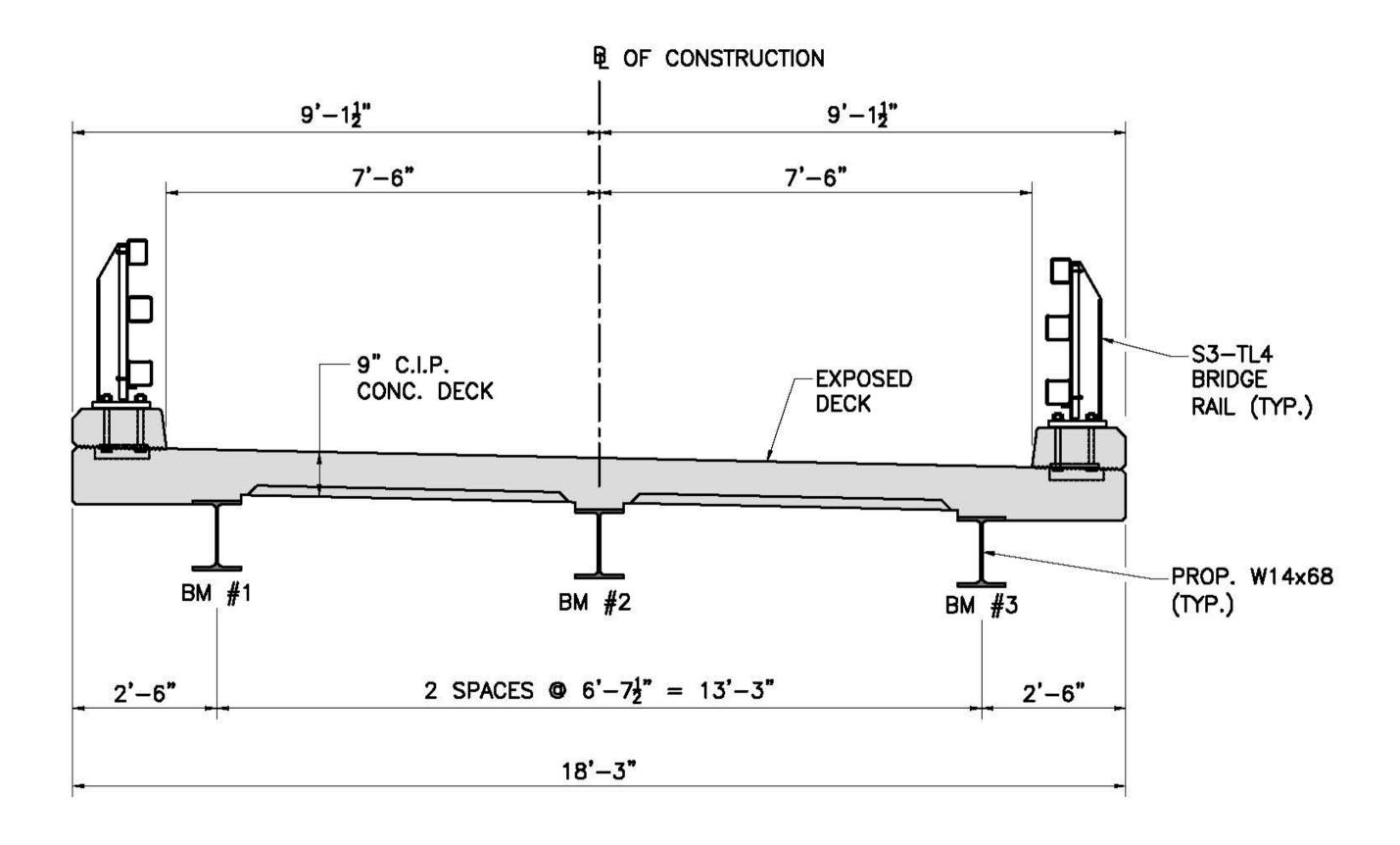


Option 1: Adjacent Precast Prestressed Concrete Next Beams



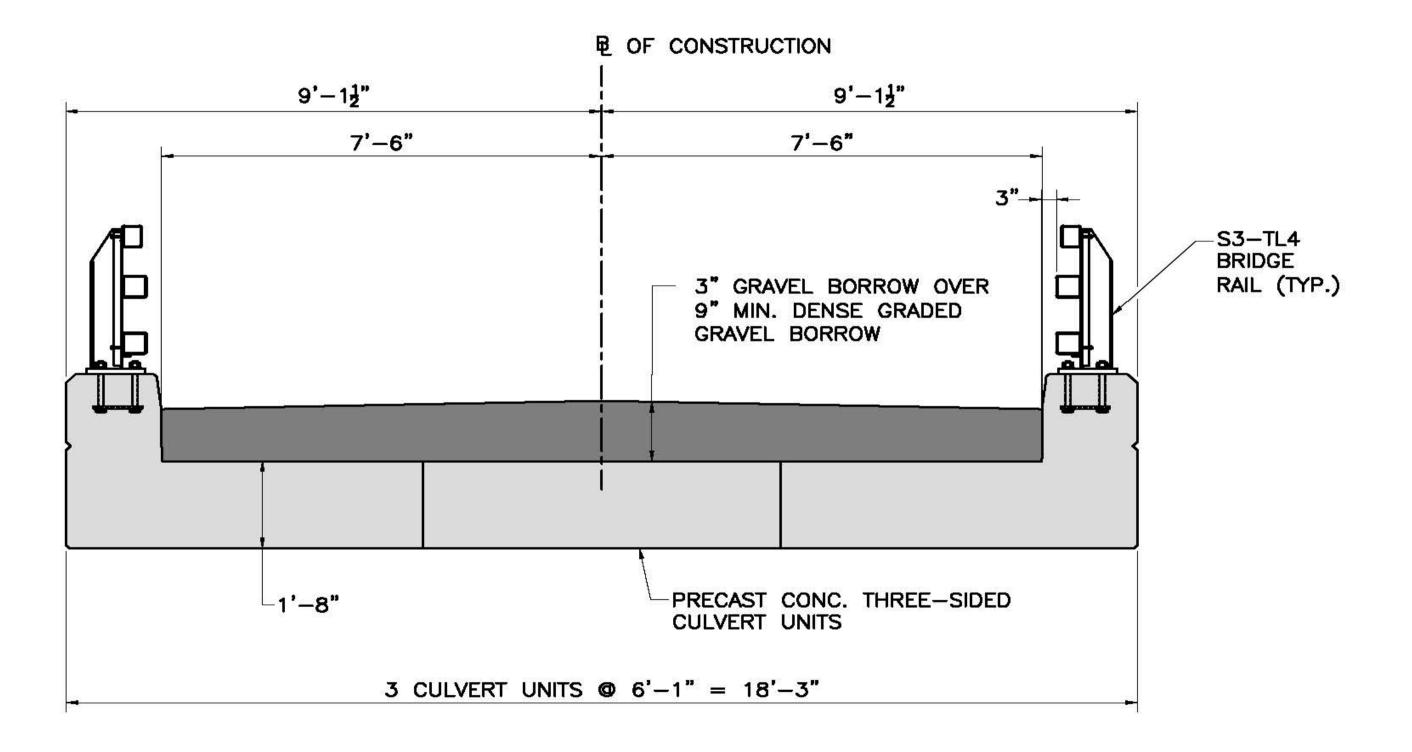


Option 2: Steel Rolled Stringers





Option 3: Three-Sided Precast Concrete Culvert

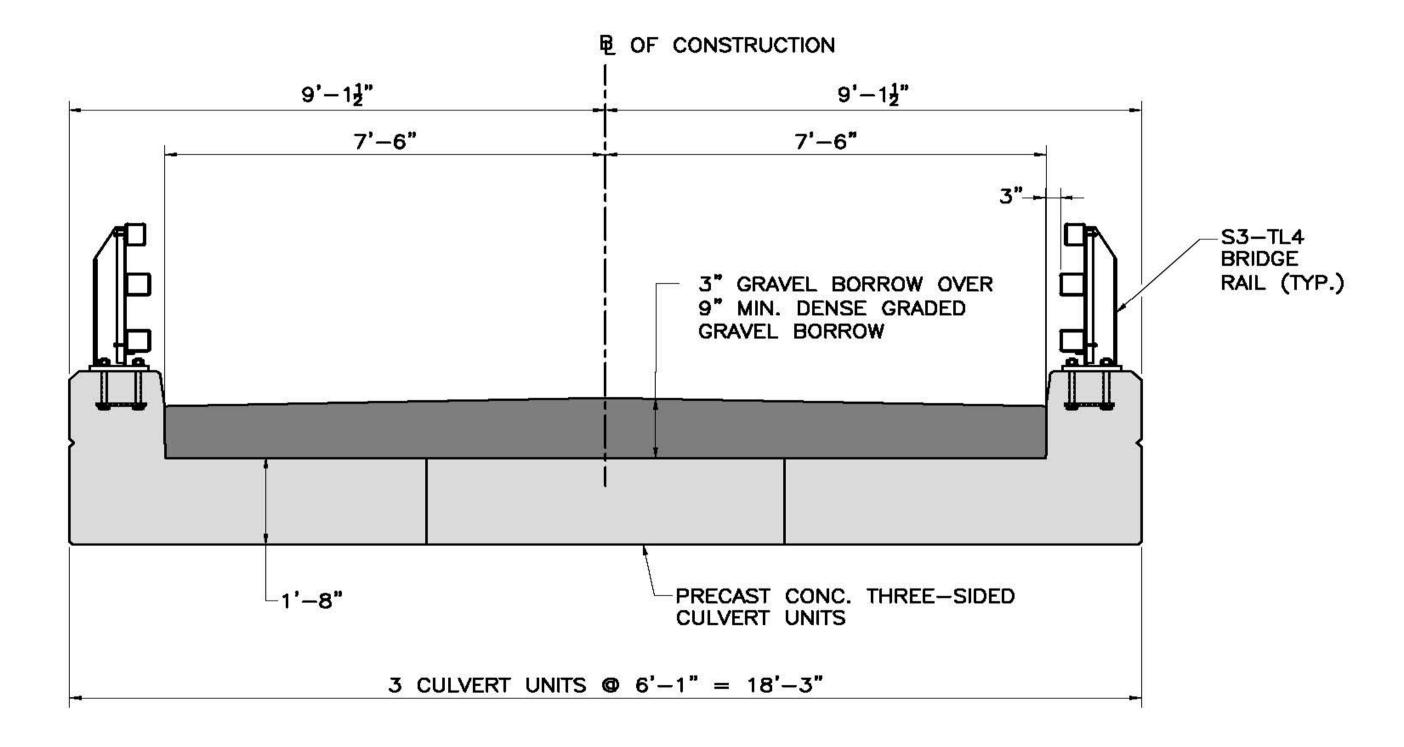




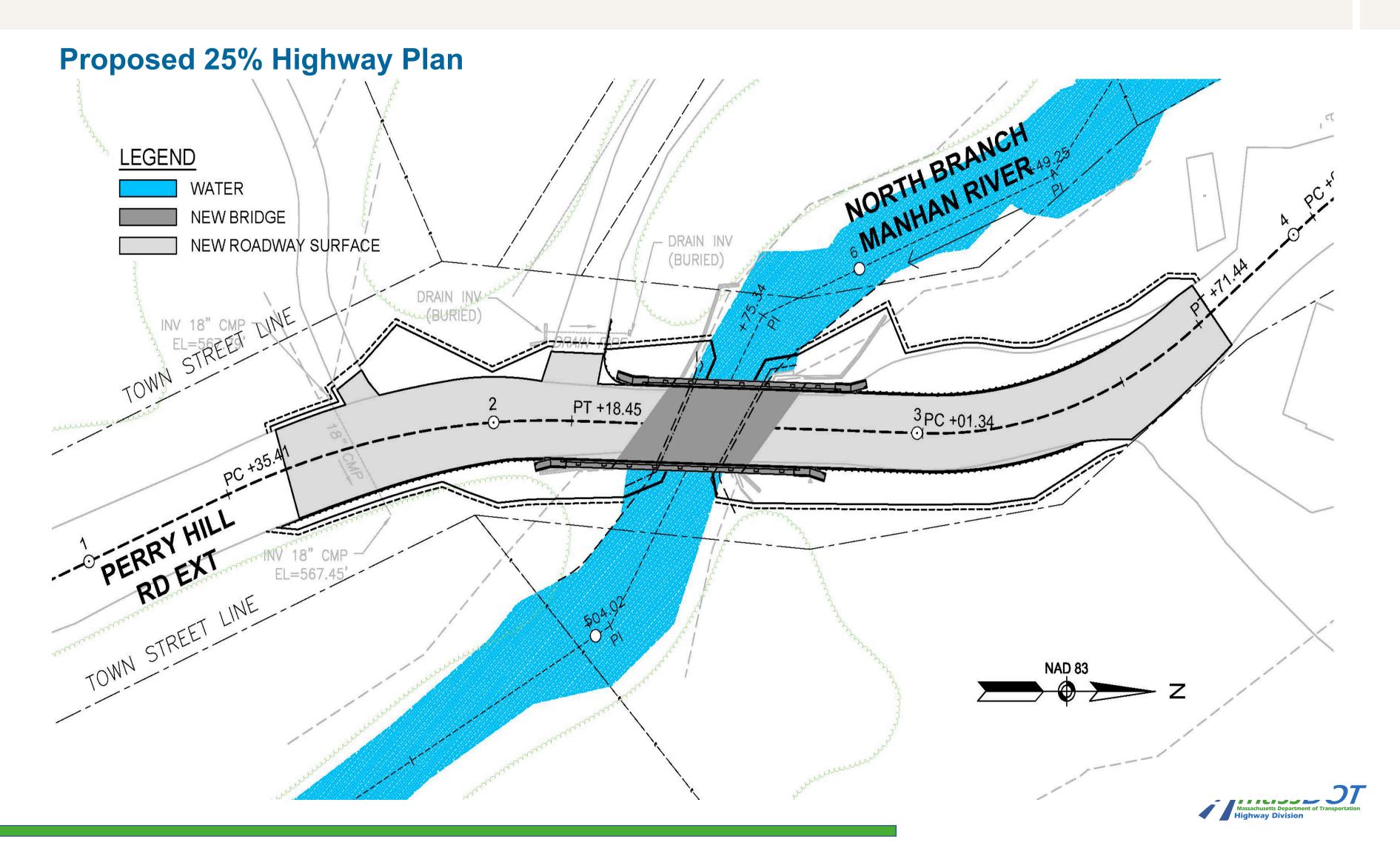


What is the preferred alternative?

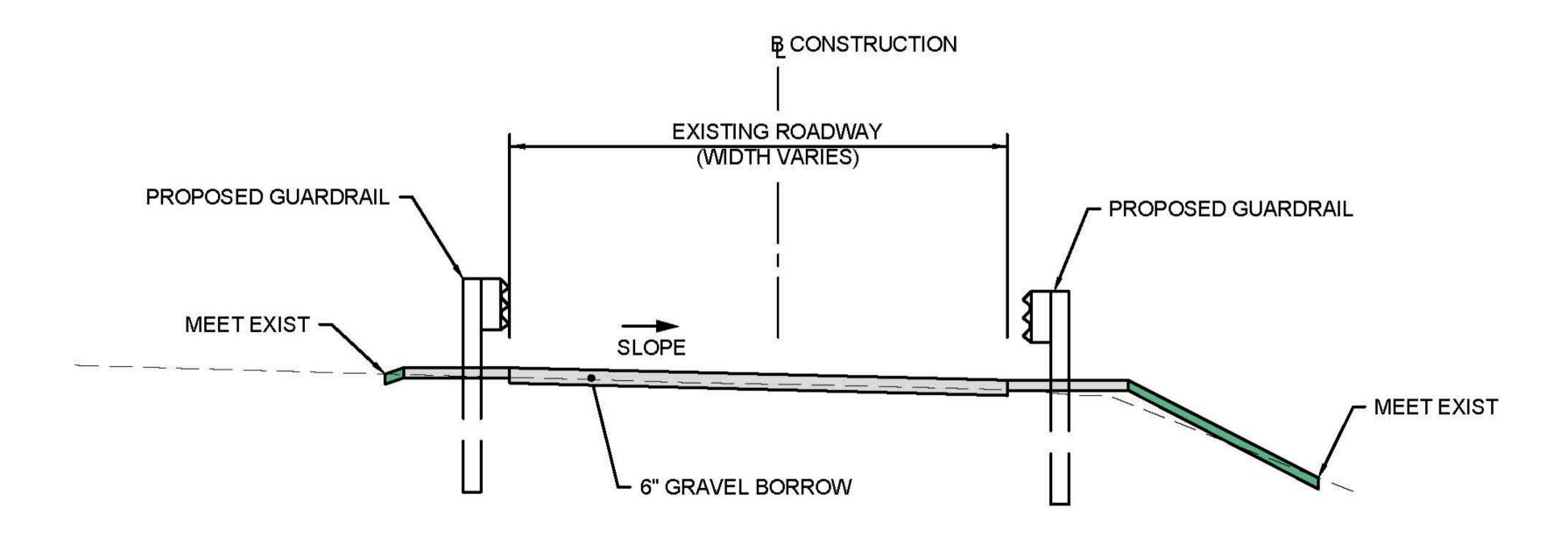
Preferred Alternative: Option 3 - Three-Sided Precast Concrete Culvert







Typical Approach Roadway Section



TYPICAL GRAVEL ROADWAY SECTION

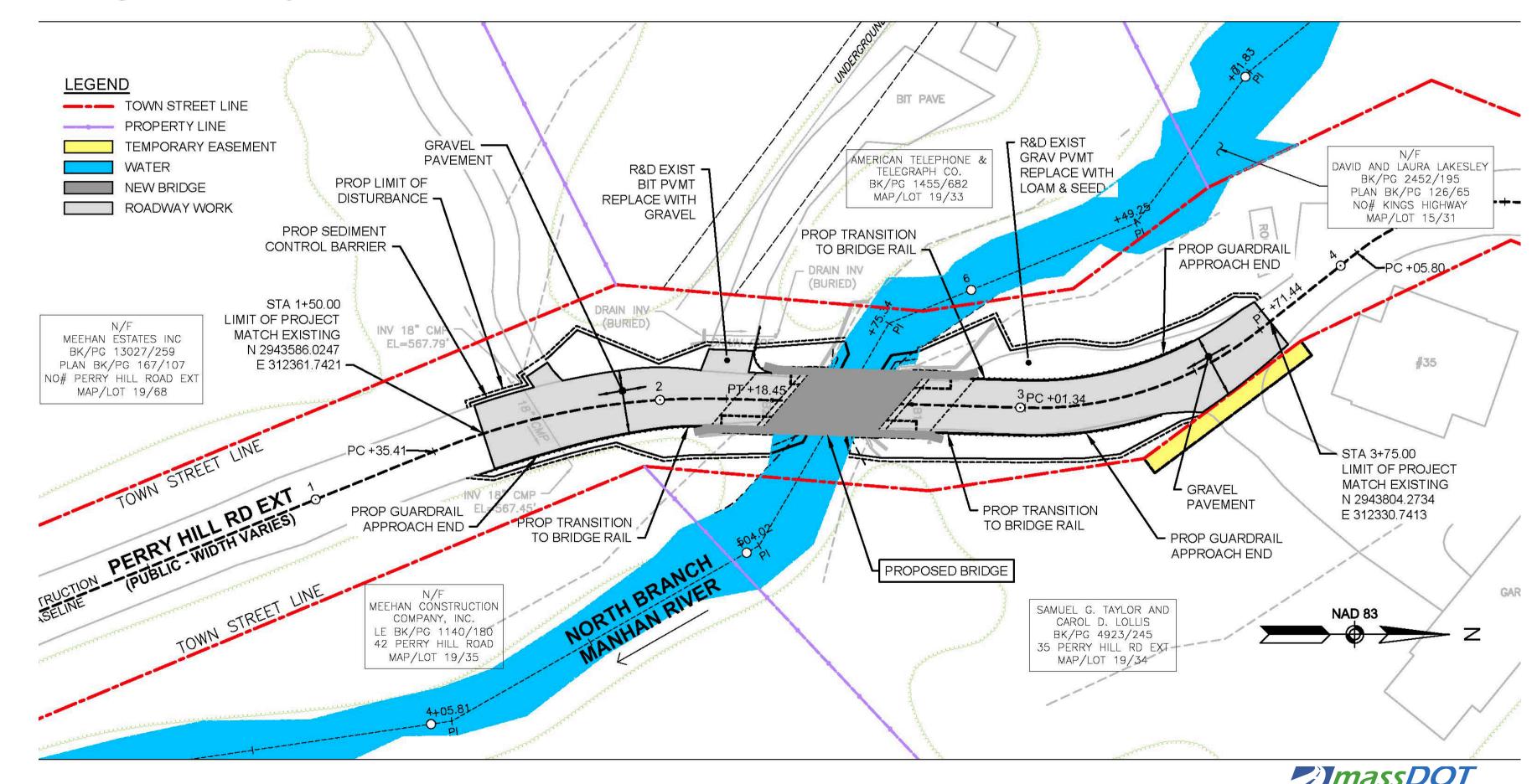
PERRY HILL ROAD EXTENSION (WITH GUARDRAIL)





How will your property be impacted?

25% Right-of-Way Plan



Right of Way (ROW) – General

- 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 Town of Westhampton.
- 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.
- Only temporary easements will be required. Fee takings will not be required.
- The temporary construction easement will be required to blend the new work into the existing driveway.



How will bicyclists and pedestrians be impacted?

Bicyclists and Pedestrian Impacts

- During Bridge and Roadway Construction Complete Bridge Closure. No Bicyclists or Pedestrians will cross the bridge during construction.
- The roadway will be widened slightly within Project Area which will allow more room for bikes and vehicles.





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

Environmental Impact and Permitting

- National Historic Preservation Act 1966 (Section 106) No known Cultural or Historic Resources
- The project will require the following permitting within the Clean Water Act:
 - Section 401 Water Quality Certification
 - Section 404 Army Corps of Engineers
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Categorical Exclusion (CE) Class of Action
- Use of Best Management Practice (BMP)
 - Sediment Control Barrier
 - Shielding under the bridge during demolition





What is the construction approach?

Proposed construction approach: Design-Bid-Build

- Estimated 8 month Construction Time
- Set up Traffic Control for Detour Route and Complete Bridge Closure
- Demolish Existing Bridge
- Construct two new Footings, Earth support or sheeting will be used to support the excavation during the construction of the abutments and wingwalls
- Erect and Place Precast Culvert sections. Construct Approach Wingwalls and Guardrail Transitions.
- Install Bridge Railing and Approach Guardrail
- Prepare Approach Roadway Work
- Install Gravel Roadway Surface over Culvert Roof Slab and Approaches.
- Open Bridge to Traffic





How will the road user be affected?

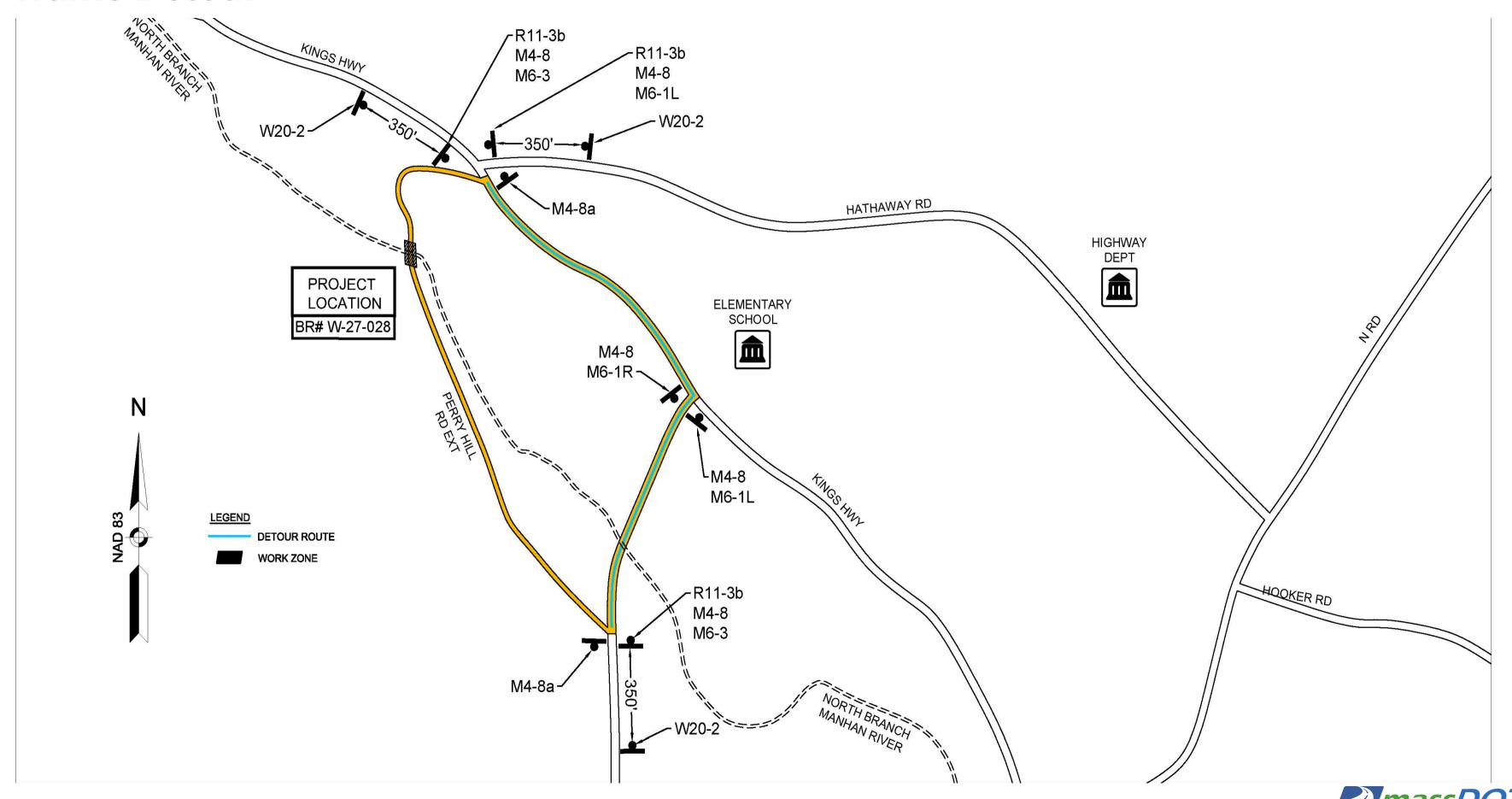
Traffic Impacts

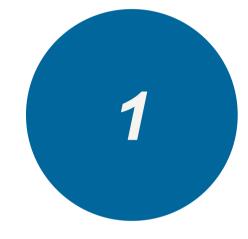
 During Bridge and Roadway Construction – Complete Bridge Closure. Detour to King's Highway

Detour has limited impact on Perry Hill Road Ext. users.



Traffic Detour





Receive, Review, Evaluate & Incorporate Public Input



Advance to the 75% and Acquiring Environmental Permitting



100% and PS&E Design Stages



Advertise the Project for Construction. Tentative Advertising Date in December 2024



Construct the Project. Tentative Start of Construction in Summer 2025





How will we keep you informed

Contact Information

- Email comments directly to MassDOT (preferred)
 - MassDOTprojectmanagement@state.ma.us
 - Subject Line: Public Hearing Comments: Project File No. 610768
- Website address (Project Handout Form)
 - www.mass.gov/MassDOT-highway-design-public-hearings
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Chief Engineer MassDOT

Attn: Project Management

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Questions and discussion

Questions and Answers



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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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