



September 16, 2025
**Public Information Meeting
Construction Update
and Traffic Milestones**

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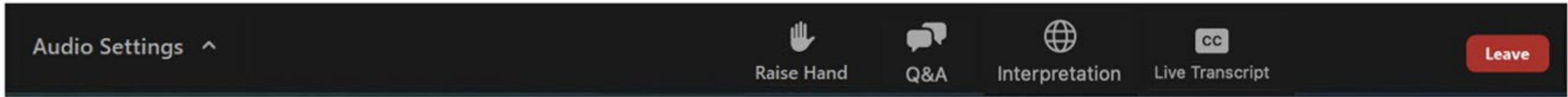


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Thank you for joining our meeting. We appreciate your participation!

Agenda

01 Project Overview

02 Ongoing Construction

- 2025/2026 Overview
- Ramp WS update
- Ramp WN update

03 Traffic Milestones

- Fruit Street Reopening
- I-90 – Whitehall Brook Shift
- I-495 NB @ Flanders Shift

04 Outreach & Communications



Tonight's Panel

MASSDOT'S REPRESENTATIVES:

- Chris Gagne, the MassDOT PM
- Jean-Pierre Telemaque, Assistant Construction Engineer, District 3
- Joe Frawley, District 3 Operations Engineer
- Our Producers, Patrick Snyder and Hung Pham

FROM THE DESIGN-BUILD TEAM:

- Mark Shamp, the PM from Barletta Heavy Division
- Don Cooke, the Design Manager from VHB
- Anu Agrawal, VHB's Traffic Lead
- Sarah Paritsky, RVA
- Liam Kearney, RVA



Project Overview

Project Goals



Reduce crashes
in the project area for
all movements



**Reduce recurring
congestion**
within the interchange



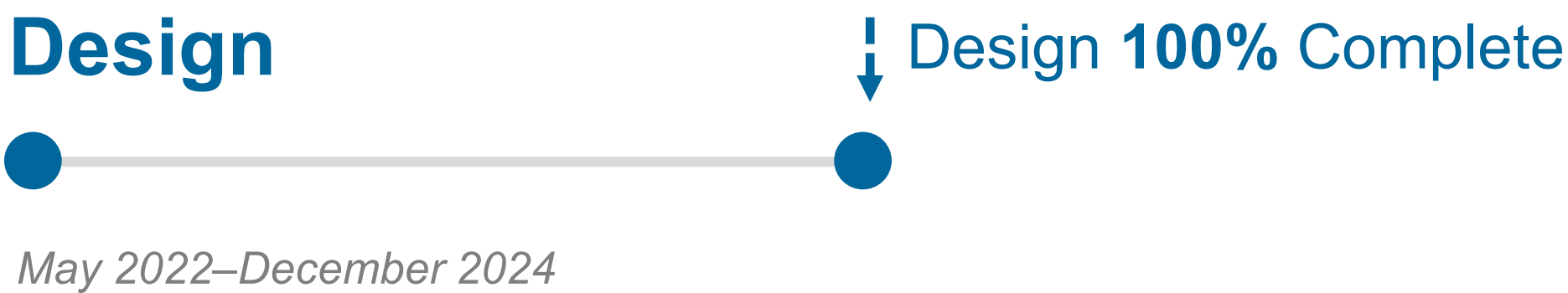
Reduce queuing
that currently extends
from the interchange
onto the mainlines of
I-90 and I-495



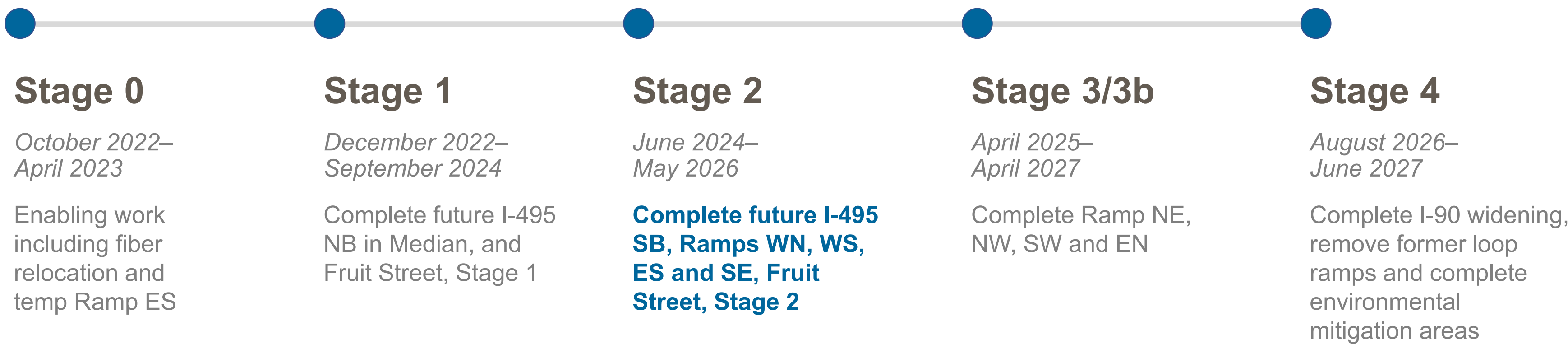
Reduce travel time
the interchange,
especially for
high-volume
movements

Schedule

Design



Construction

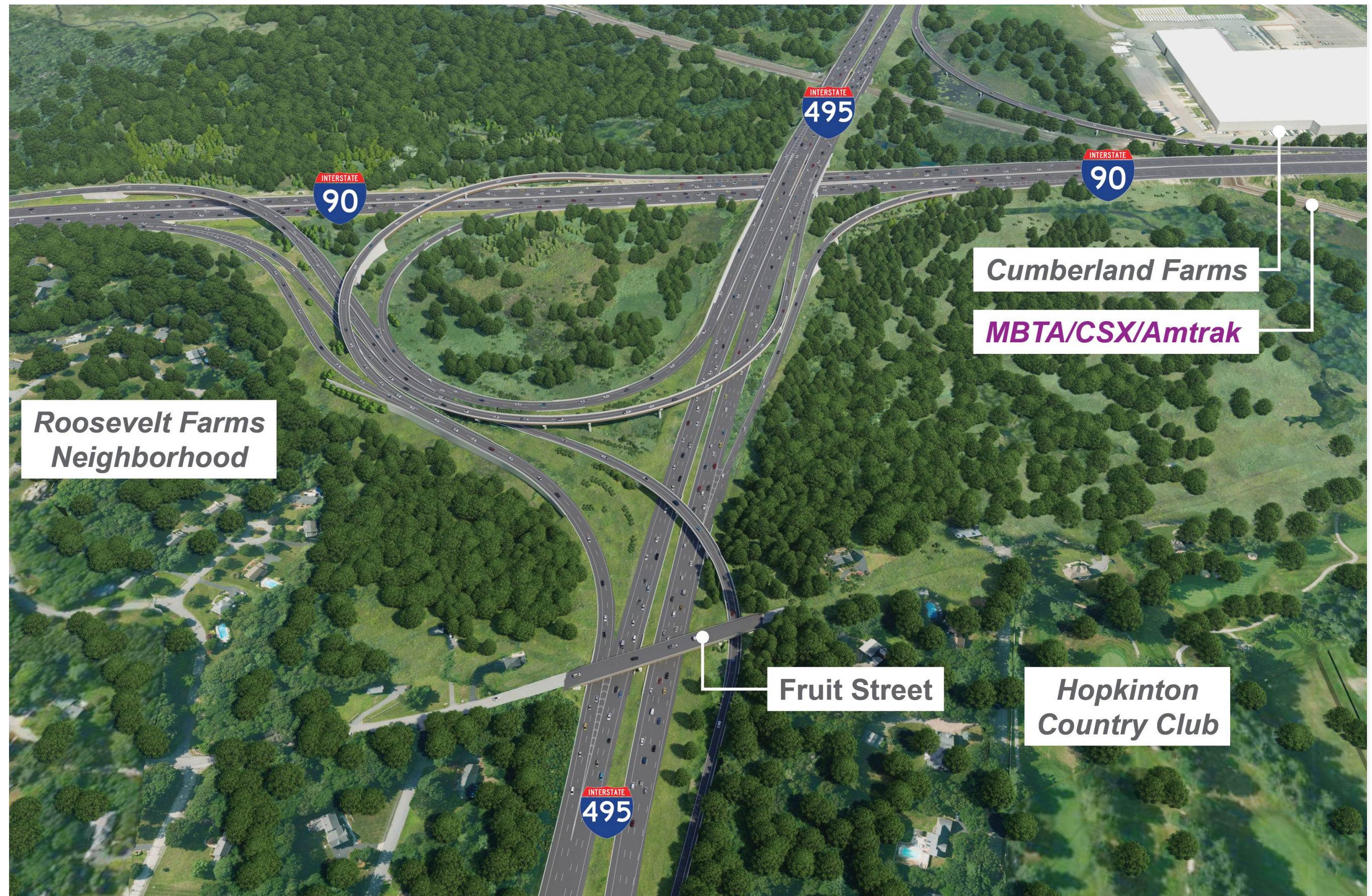


Key Project Elements and Proposed Modifications

- Project limits extend approximately 3/4 mile in each direction
- Complete replacement of the Interchange
- Elimination of old toll booth area and weaving areas
- Extremely sensitive environmental resource area

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I-90

- 3 lanes in each direction with minor widening
- Minimal changes to roadway profile and cross slope
- Bridge over MBTA/CSX/Amtrak to be replaced
- Fiber optic cables in median and EB shoulder to be relocated
- Culvert at Whitehall Brook to be replaced



I-495

- 3 lanes in each direction
- Additional (4th) lane will be provided to Route 9
- Future I-495 NB will be constructed within the existing median
- Future I-495 SB will be in its existing location
- Bridges over MBTA/CSX/Amtrak and I-90 to be replaced
- I-495 NB bridge over Flanders Road to be replaced



Interchange Ramps

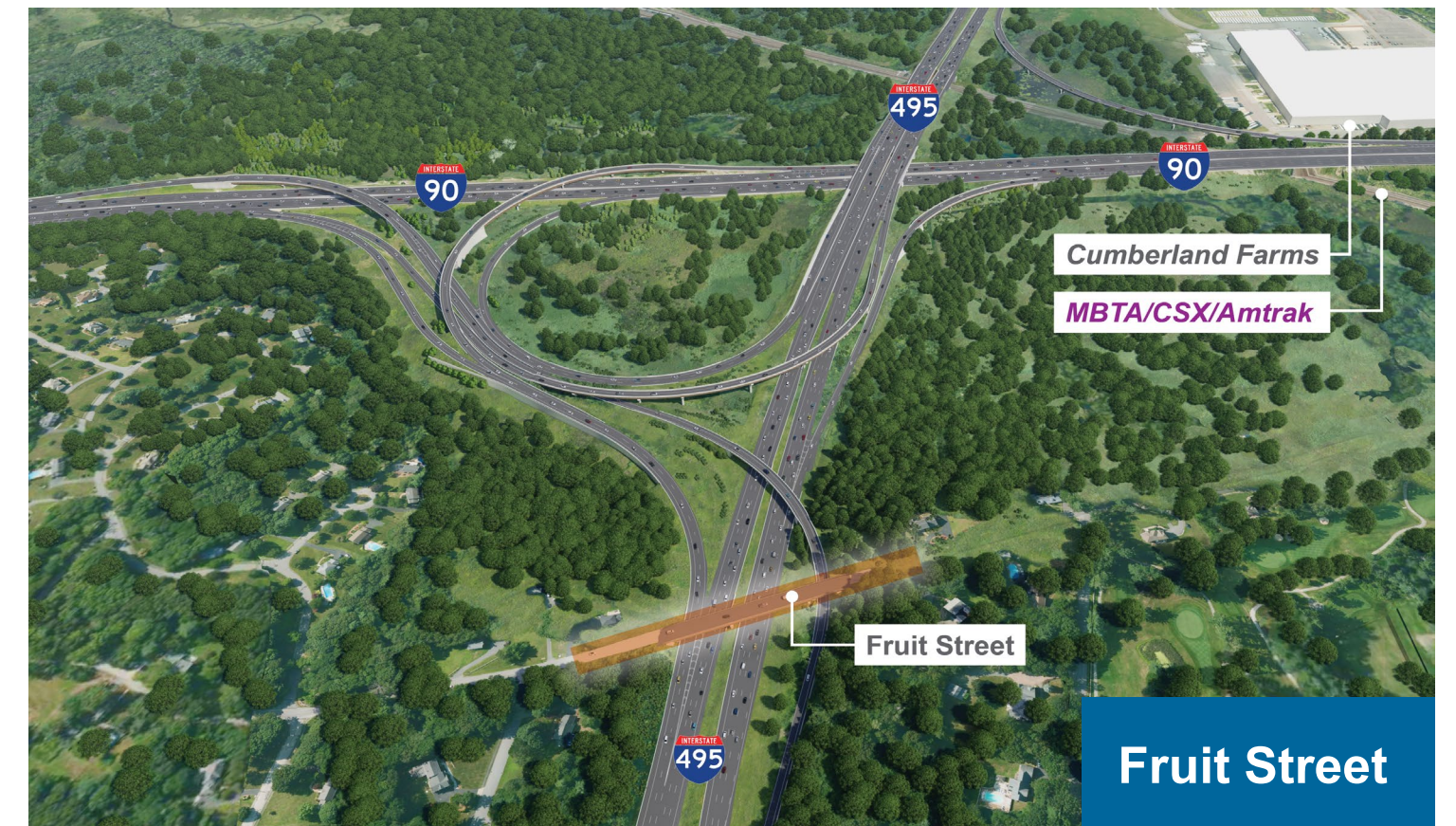
- New direct, semi-direct and loop ramp configurations
- Support up to 40-50 mph design speed
- Single or two-lane ramps based on traffic demand

*Ramp Designations indicate directionality—i.e., **Ramp WN** connects I-90W to I-495N



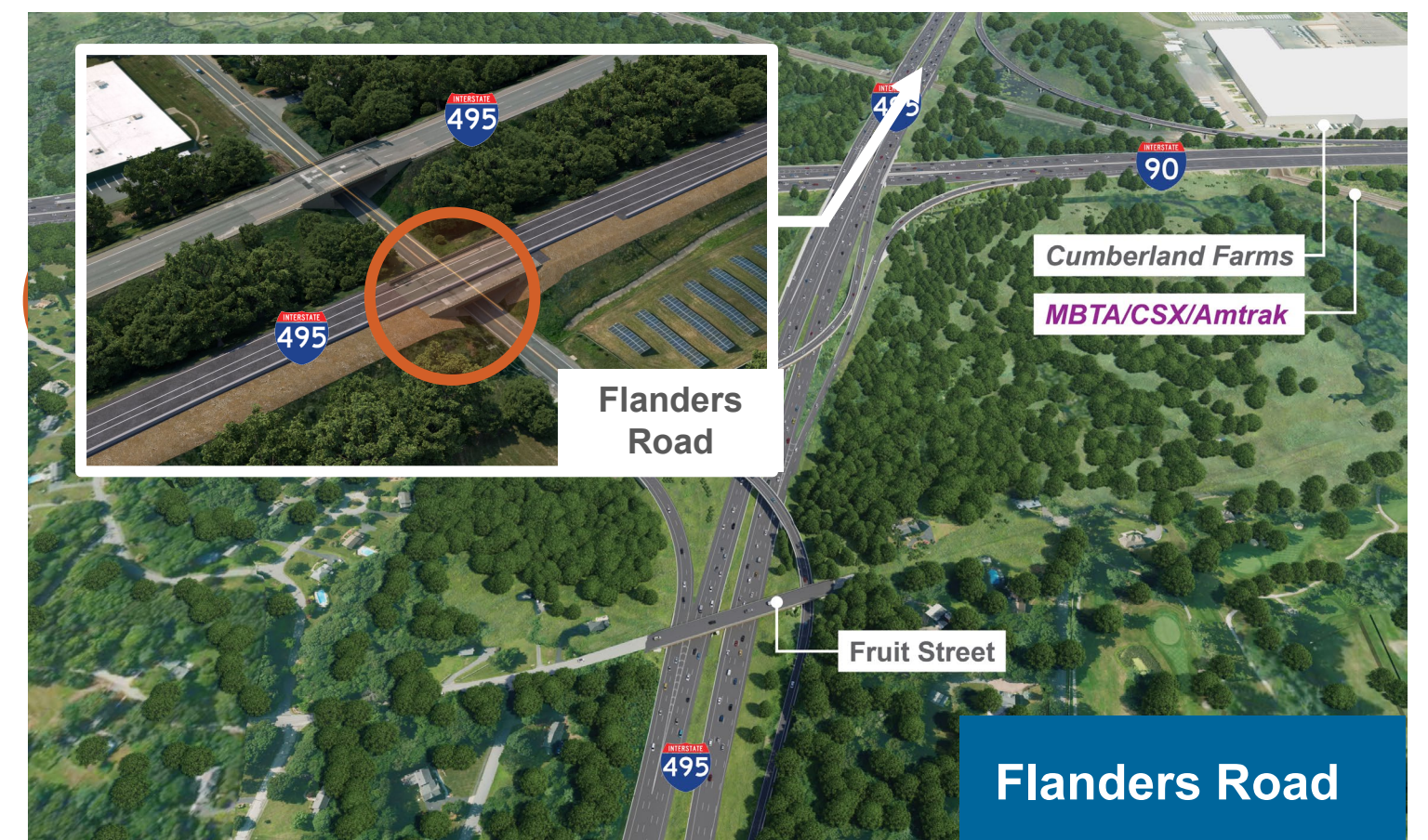
Fruit Street

- Will be completed in 2 major stages
- 2-way, 1-lane alternating traffic (under signal control) during major stages



Flanders Road

- Replacement of I-495 NB bridge superstructure over Flanders Road
- Constructed with an overbuild to maintain 3-lanes of travel
- Utility work on Flanders Road below I-495



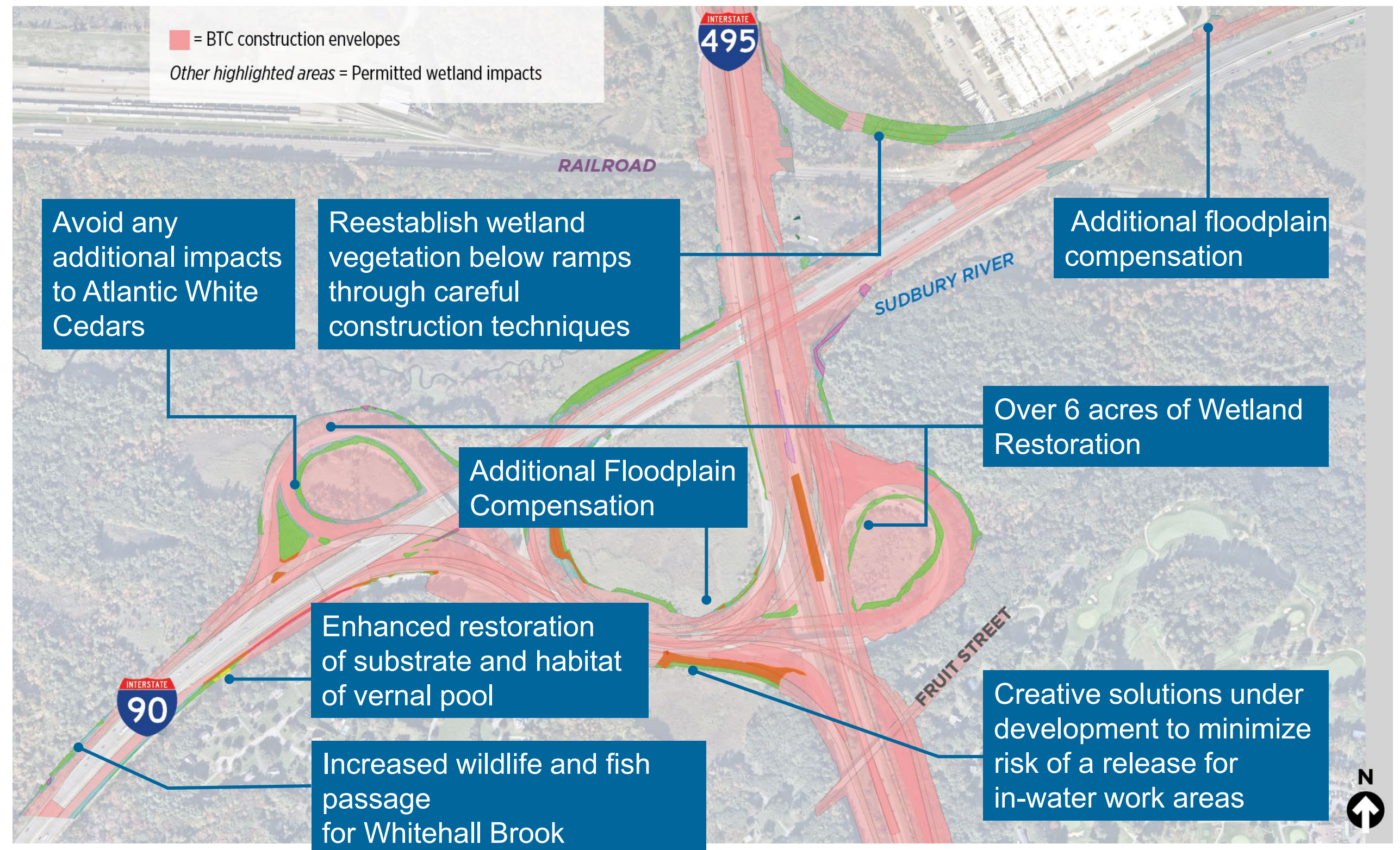
Environmental Considerations

Interchange is located near sensitive natural resources

- Cedar Swamp ACEC
- Sudbury River
- Whitehall Brook
- Surrounding wetlands and floodplains

Permits

- Issued during preliminary design
- Require continued agency involvement as designs advance
- Require construction and post-construction oversight



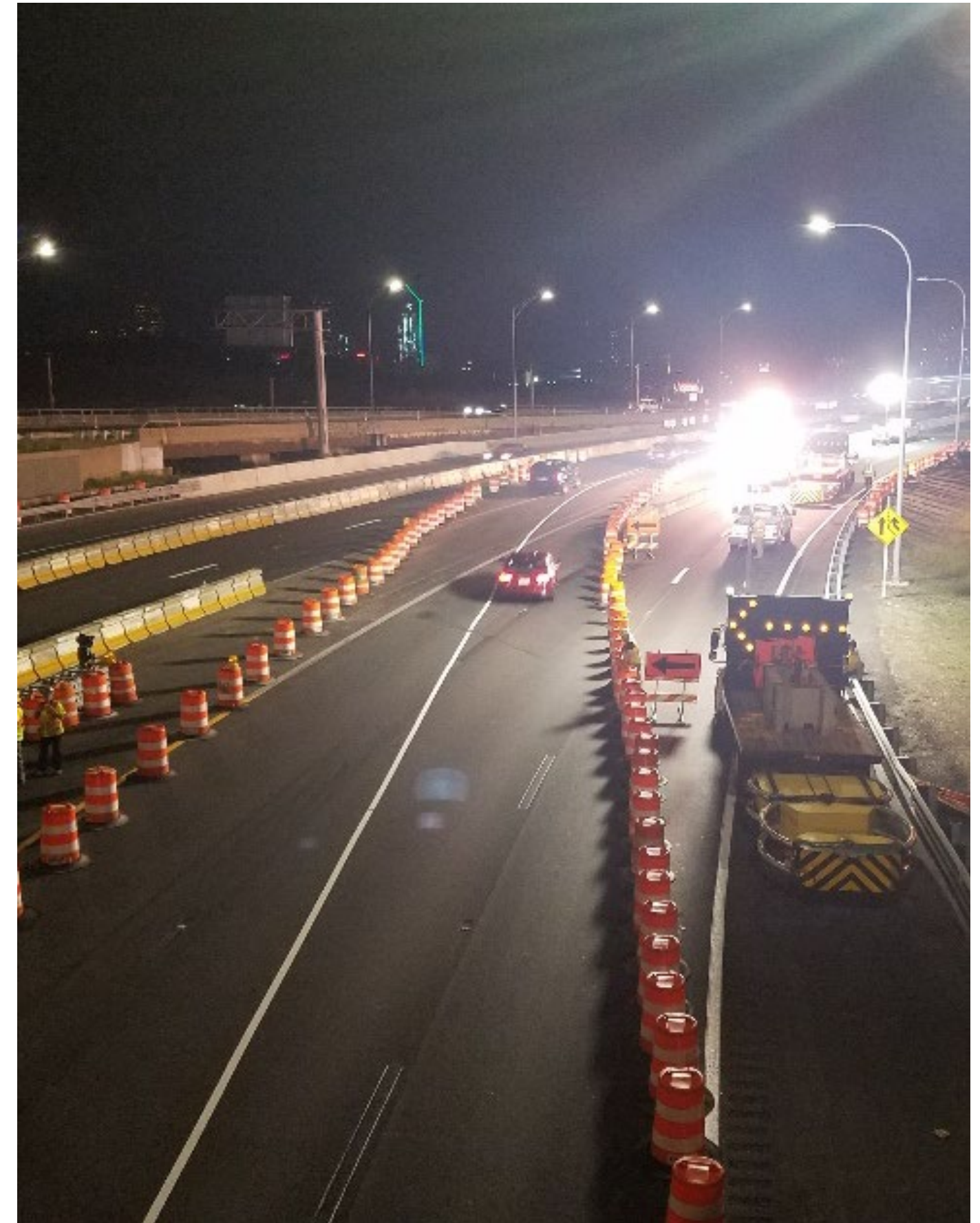
Traffic & Staging Considerations

I-90 & I-495

- Maintain 3 lanes on mainlines, except for short-term closures during approved off-peak hours
- Maintain all ramp connections between I-90 and I-495, including along temporary alignments
- Maintain proper signage and markings
- Provide temporary roadway lighting along ramps
- Provision of safe construction access/egress

Local Roadways

- Maintain resident and local business access/egress
- *Fruit Street*—maintain 1-lane; 2-way alternating traffic with signal during bridge replacement
- *Flanders Road*—short-term lane closures to support bridge and utility work





2025/2026 Construction Overview

Ongoing Construction Activity

- Future I-495 SB Mainline
- I-495 SB Bridges over I-90 and RR
- Fruit Street, Stage 2
- Ramps WN
- Ramp WS
- I-90 over Whitehall Brook, Stage 2
- I-90 over RR, Stage 2
- I-495 NB over Flanders Road
- Ramps NW, NE, SW and EN

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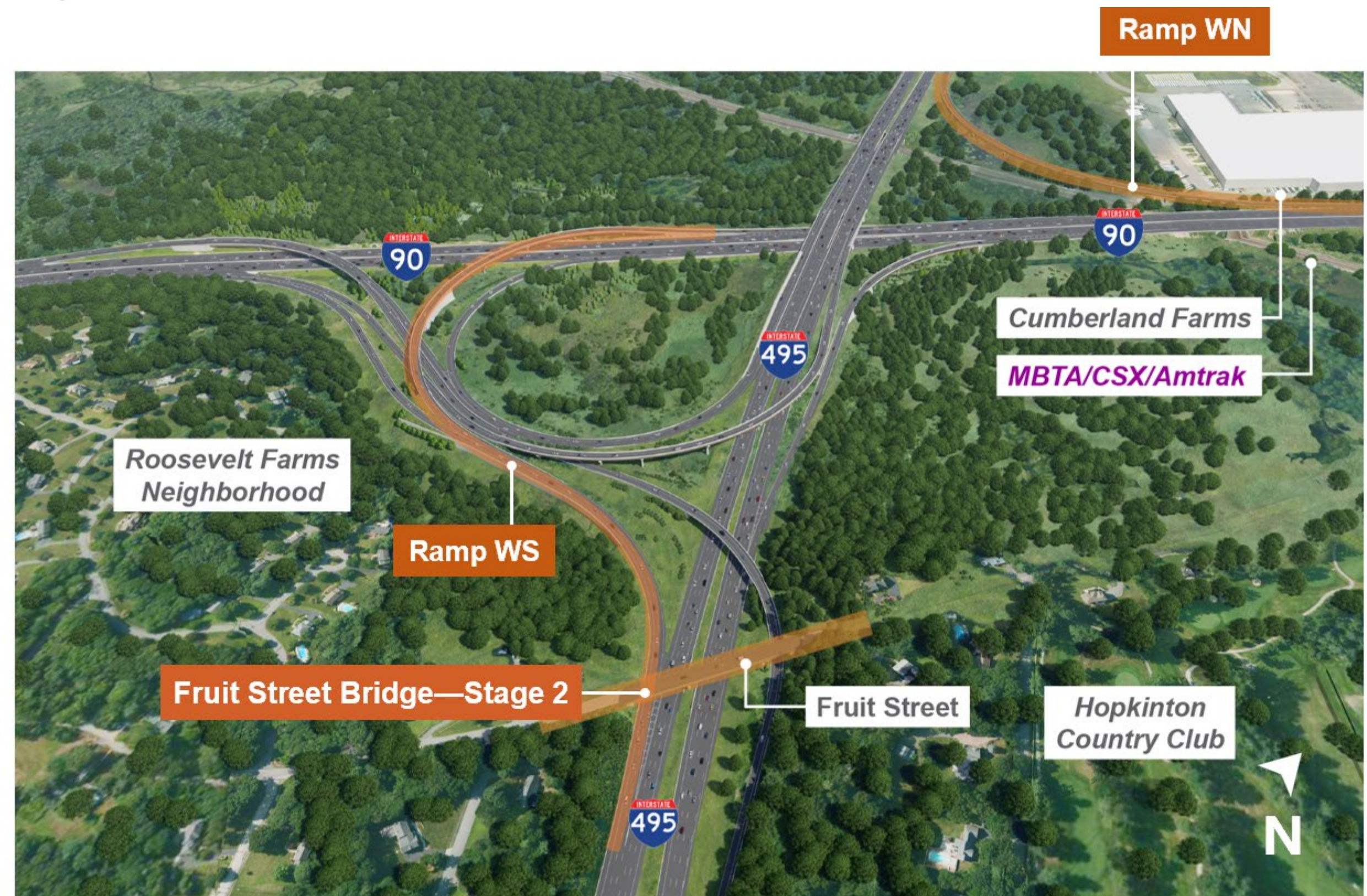


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Ramp WS Update

- Construction Ongoing
- Provides connection from I-90 WB to I-495 SB
- Joins with Ramp ES to provide 2-lane ramp to I-495 SB
- Steel flew in over I-90 earlier this summer

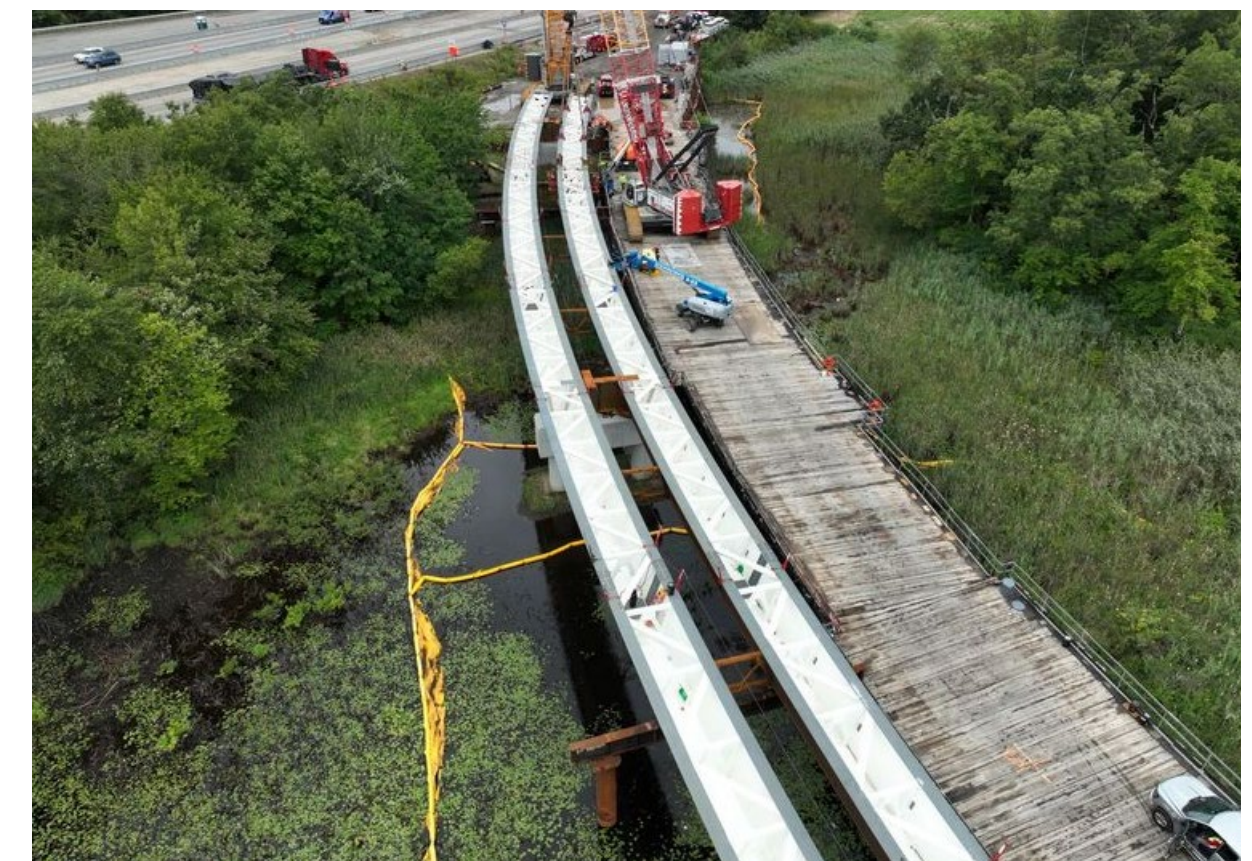
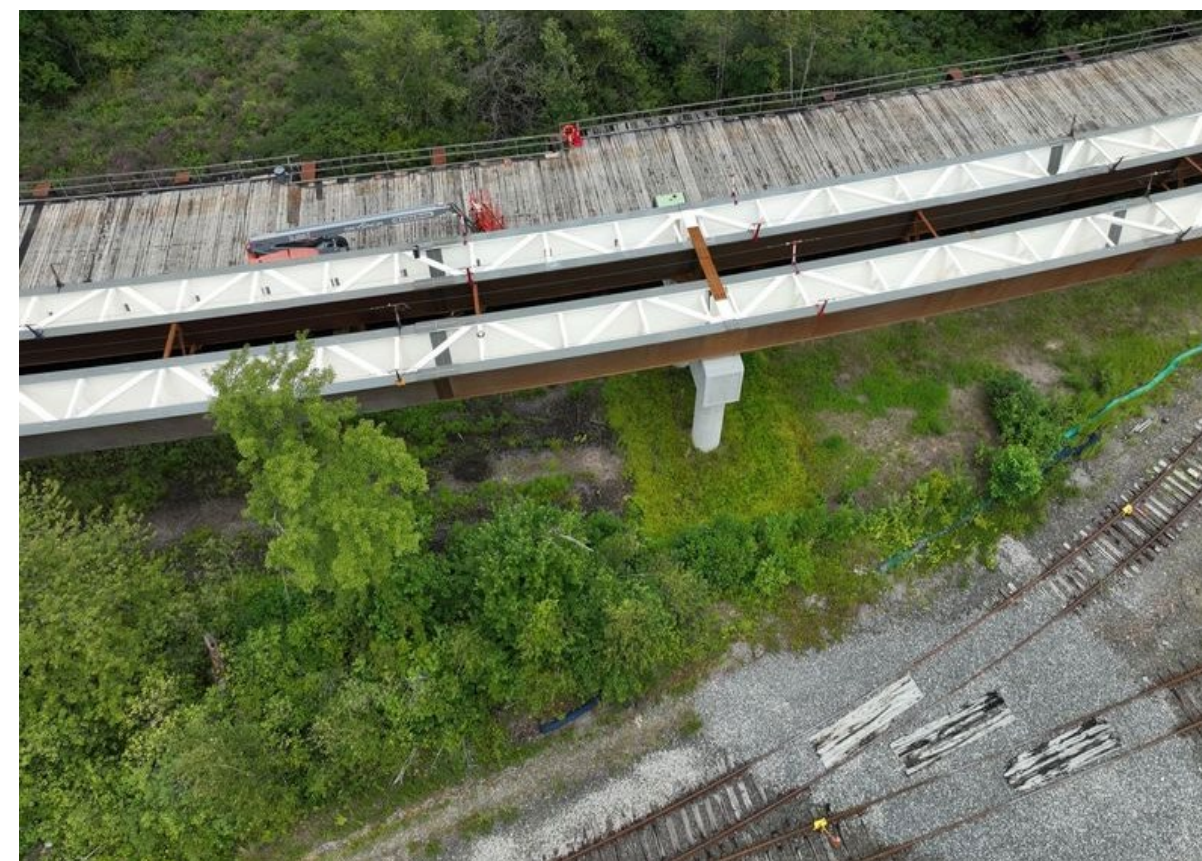
PLANNED OPENING—FALL 2025



Ramp WN Update

- Construction Ongoing
- Provides direct connection from I-90 WB to I-495 NB
- Provides add-a-lane on I-495 NB to Route 9

PLANNED OPENING—SPRING 2026



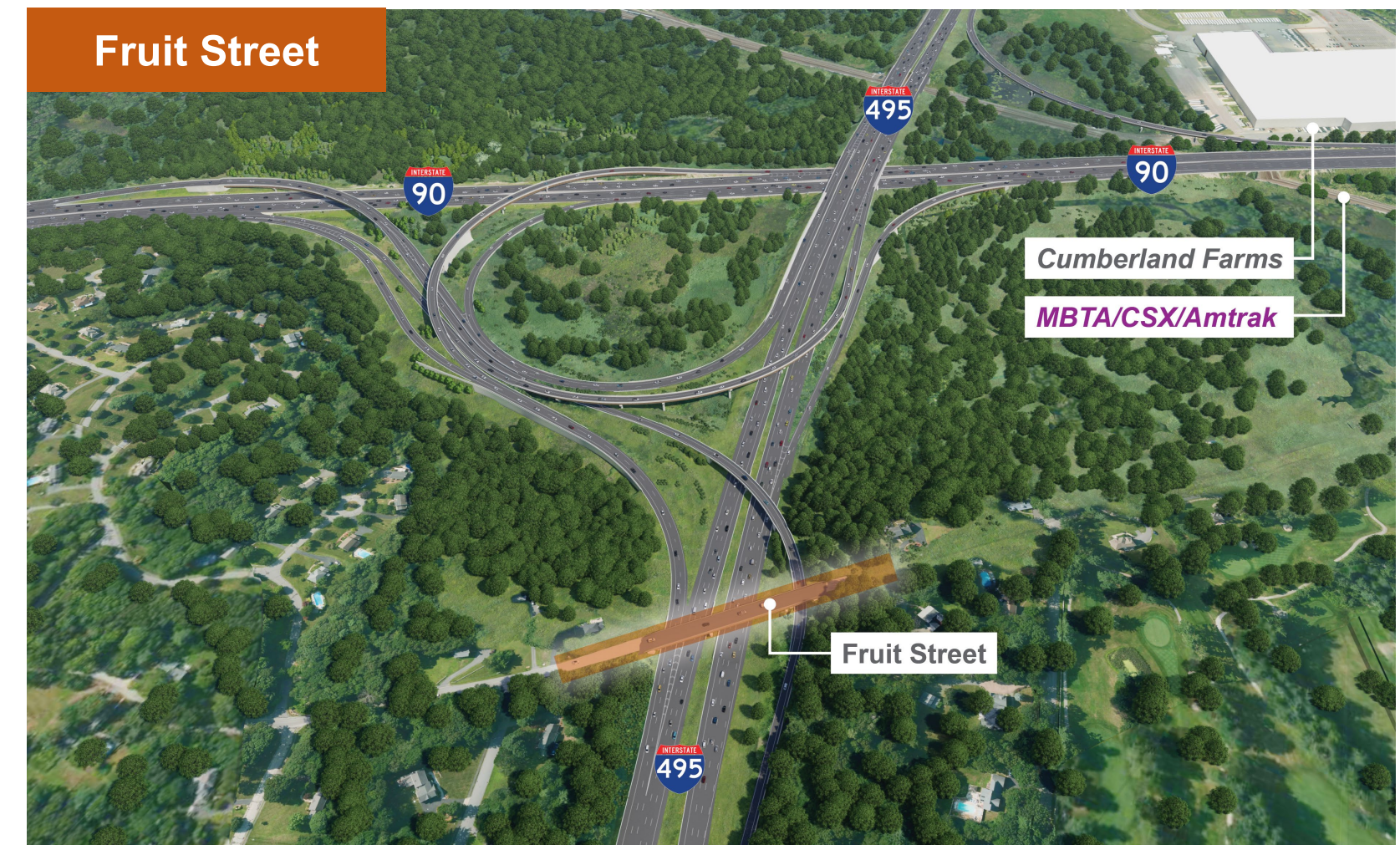


Upcoming Traffic Milestones

Fruit Street Reopening

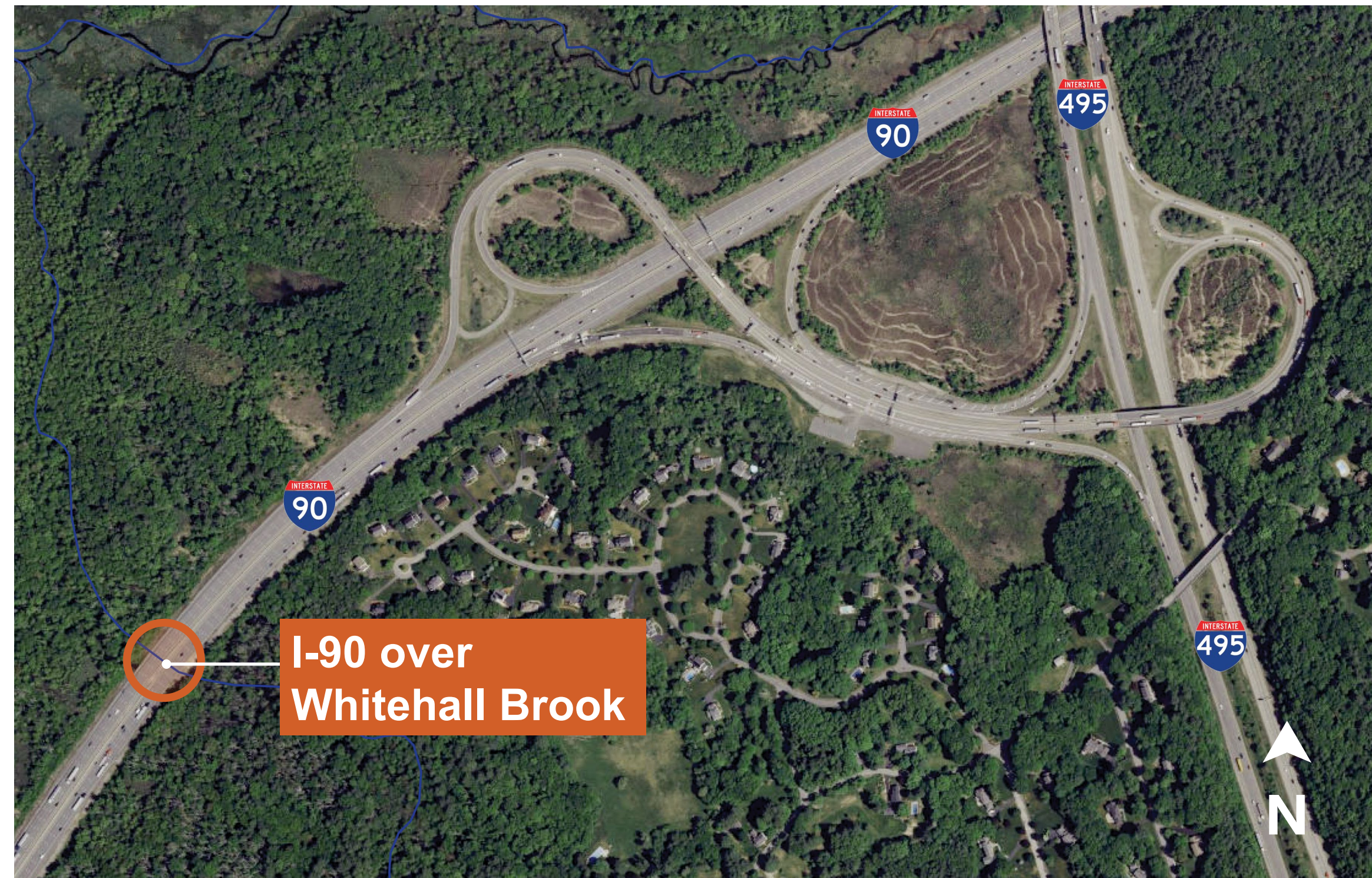
- 2nd Stage of replacement of Fruit Street bridge over I-495 started last fall

**BRIDGE TO BE REOPENED TO
TWO-WAY TRAFFIC—FALL 2025**



I-90 over Whitehall Brook

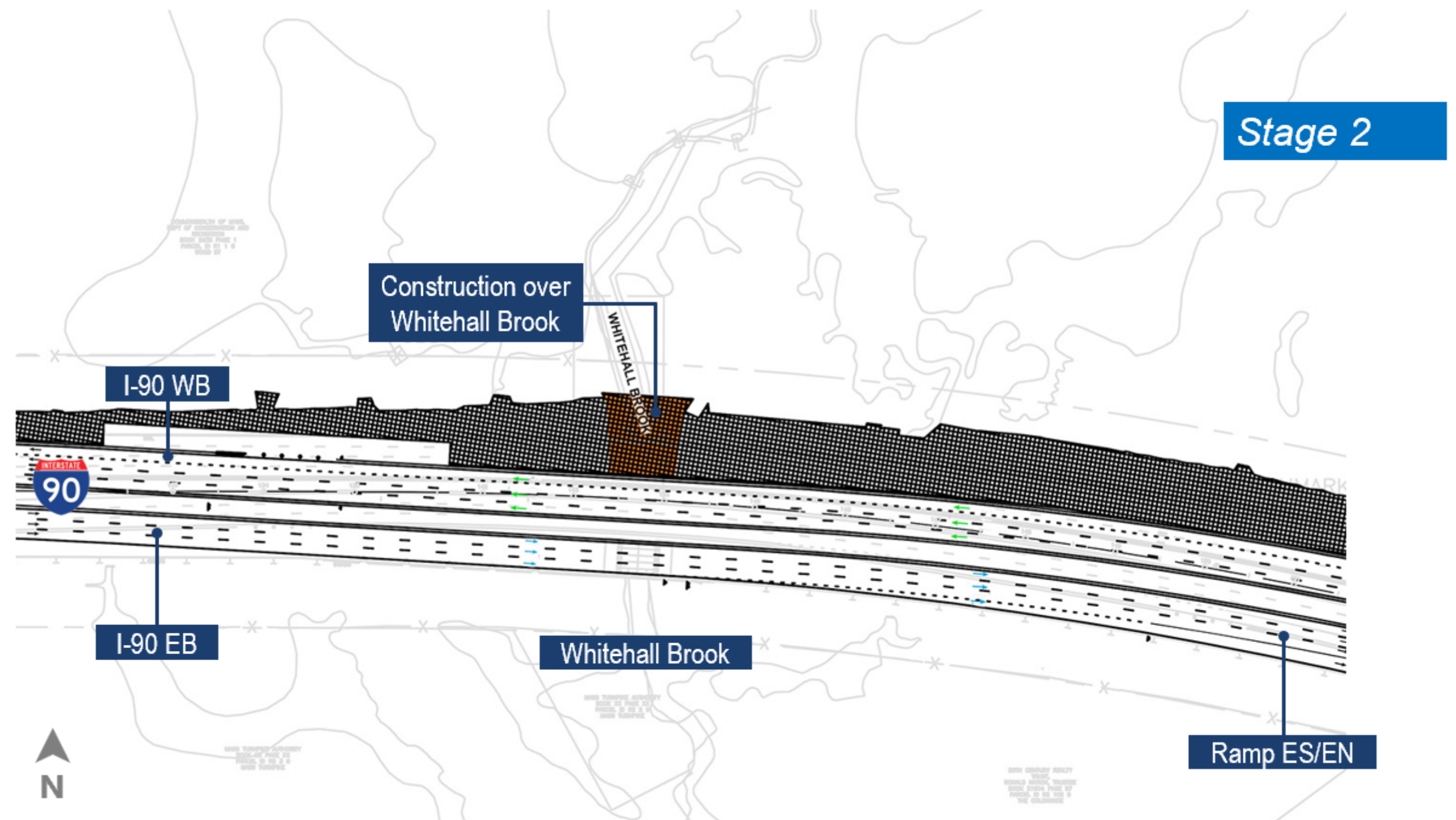
- Bridge carrying I-90 over Whitehall Brook to be reconstructed in multiple stages
- Requires traffic shifts along I-90 EB and WB
- Requires modifications to I-90 WB on-ramp and I-90 EB off-ramp



I-90 over Whitehall Brook Stage 2

Stage 2 Fall 2025

- Stage 1 complete
- Stage 2 requires traffic shifts along I-90 WB (to the median)– crossing constructed to the north



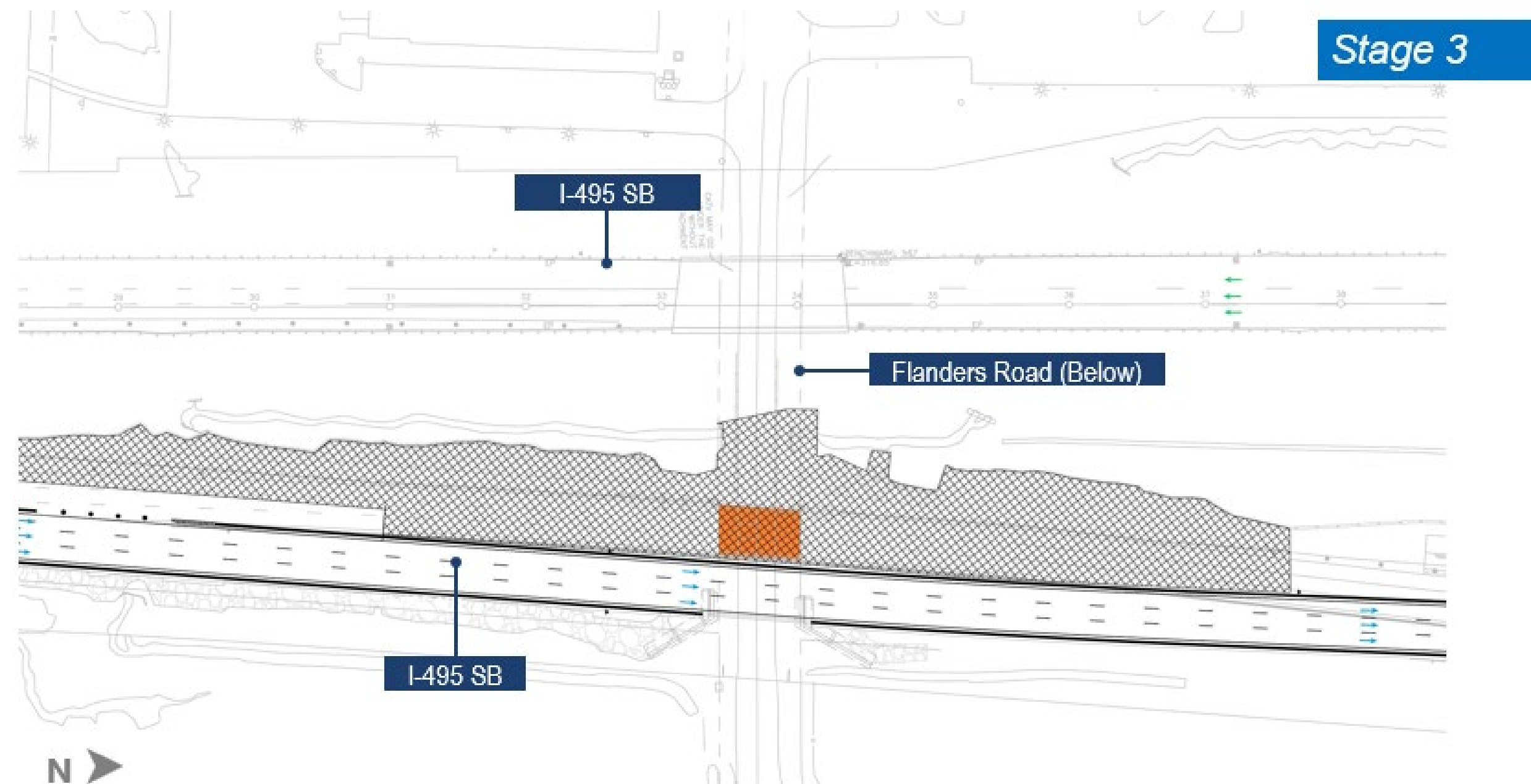
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I-495NB over Flanders Road

Stage 3 Fall 2025

- Stage 2 complete
- I-495 NB traffic will be shifted to the east in Stage 3
- Allows for the reconstruction of the remainder of the superstructure



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Outreach and Communication Plan

Public Outreach Schedule

Task	Date	Details
Legislative Briefing	October 26, 2022	Completed
495/MetroWest Partnership Meeting	November 3, 2022	Completed
Public Information Meetings (prior to tonight)	November 16, 2022 January 25, 2022 April 26, 2023 September 27, 2023 May 8, 2024	Completed – to continue as needed
Hopkinton North Woods Coalition Neighborhood Meeting	January 10, 2023	Completed
75% Design—Fruit Street/ Ramps ES, SE	January 25, 2023	Completed
75% Design—I-495 & Ramp WN	April 26, 2023	Completed
75% Design—I-90 & Remaining Ramps	September 27, 2023	Completed
Stakeholder Database	October 2022	Ongoing—to be updated continually throughout project—announced project to 1,200 property owners and invited them to sign up for emails
Project Emails	Began November 2022 Continuing as-needed	Emails will announce new construction information, traffic impacts, and future meetings
Project Website	Regular updates	Ongoing—to be updated continually throughout project

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Staying Connected

- Project website—updated regularly with construction and traffic information
- **Please join our mailing list! You can sign up on the project website.**

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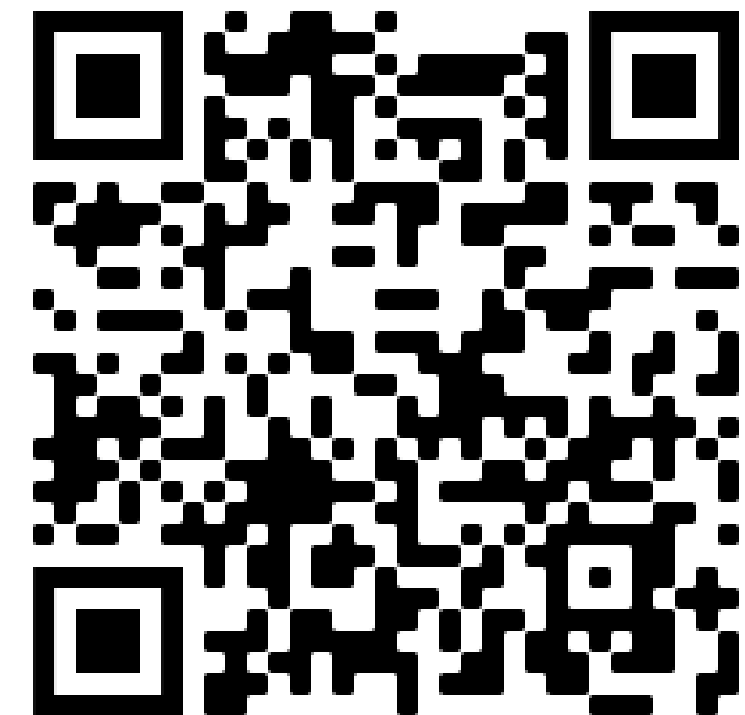
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Questions and Discussion

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



- 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

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Thank You

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