



***Welcome***

**River Street Bridge Closure**

***Status Update***

Virtual Public Information Meeting | March 7, 2023 | 6:00PM

Project File Number: 606901





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# Presentation Speakers:

- **MassDOT Project Manager**
  - Amy Getchell
- **MassDOT Producer**
  - Leah Grodstein
  - Joseph Yoo
- **Presenter**
  - Nathaniel Cabral-Curtis, WSP
- **District 6 Team**
  - Dave Belanger, MassDOT District 6
  - Mark Abbott, MassDOT District 6
- **Bridge Designer**
  - Joe Gill, Gill Engineering

## Language Translation Speakers

- **Haitian Creole**
  - Cassandre Pilou
  - Gina Miranda
- **Spanish**
  - Alexandra Fortich
  - Marta Ceron



# Public Information Meeting - Advertisement

## MassDOT Email Burst

- Save-the-Date mass e-mail – 2/6

## Mass Media

- *Bulletin Newspapers* - 2/16 and 3/2
- *El Mundo* (Spanish) – 2/16 and 3/2
- Boston City TV – 2/16 to 3/7
- Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN) – 2/16 to 3/7

## Social Media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- <https://www.infohaiti.net> (Haitian Creole)



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# Public Information Meeting – Flyer Drops and Staffed Tables

## Staffed Tables:

- Boston Public Library Hyde Park Branch
- Shaw's Market on Hyde Park Avenue

## Flyer Drops:

- BCYF Hyde Park
- Blake Estates
- Cleary Square barbershops/salons
- Hyde Park Cooperative Bank
- Hyde Park Main Streets
- Malone Apartments
- Rockland Trust
- Thomas M. Menino YMCA
- True Value Hardware
- U.S. Post Office on Hyde Park Avenue





# Thank You To Those Who Shared Our Flyers

## State and Municipal:

- State Delegation for Hyde Park
- Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Registry of Motor Vehicles
- Office of Mayor Michelle Wu
- Boston City Council
- Age Strong
- Disability Commission
- Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
- Office of Immigrant Advancement
- Boston Center for Independent Living

20 community organizations supplied by Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

3 local public schools

Area E-18 Community Relations Officer Paul Broderick

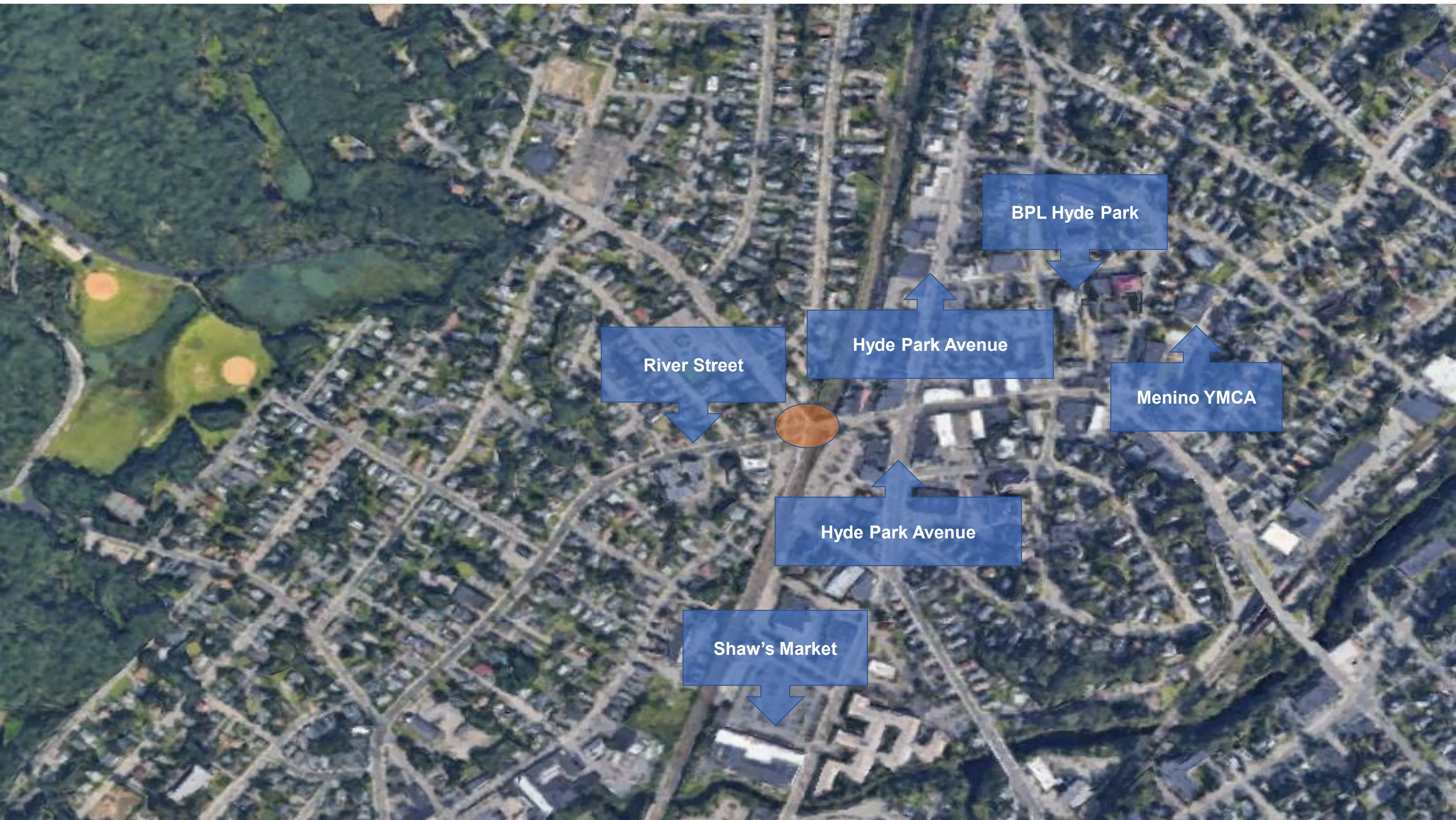


## Agenda

1. Why are we here tonight?
2. What do we want to accomplish?
3. How are roadway users affected?
4. How will we keep you informed?
5. Question & Discussion







River Street

Hyde Park Avenue

BPL Hyde Park

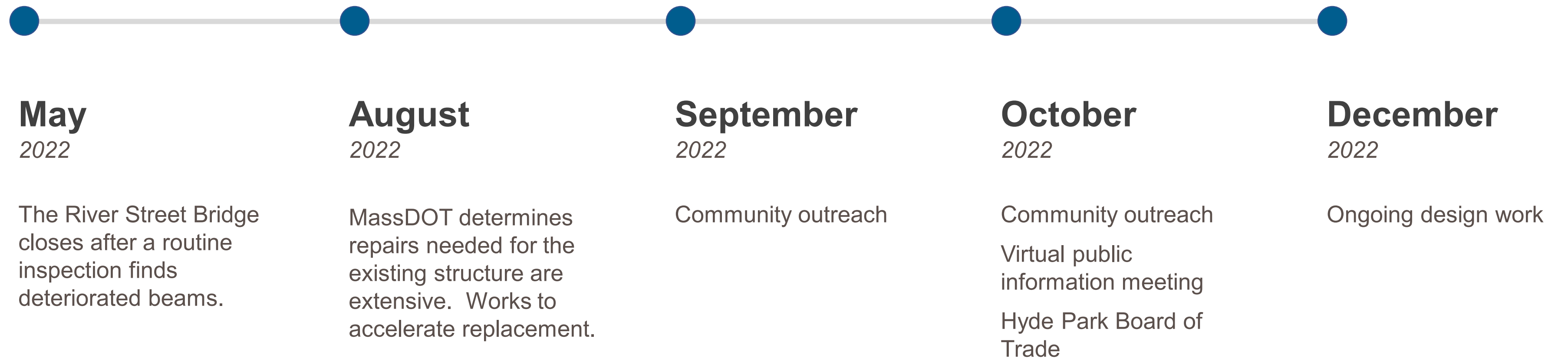
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Hyde Park Avenue

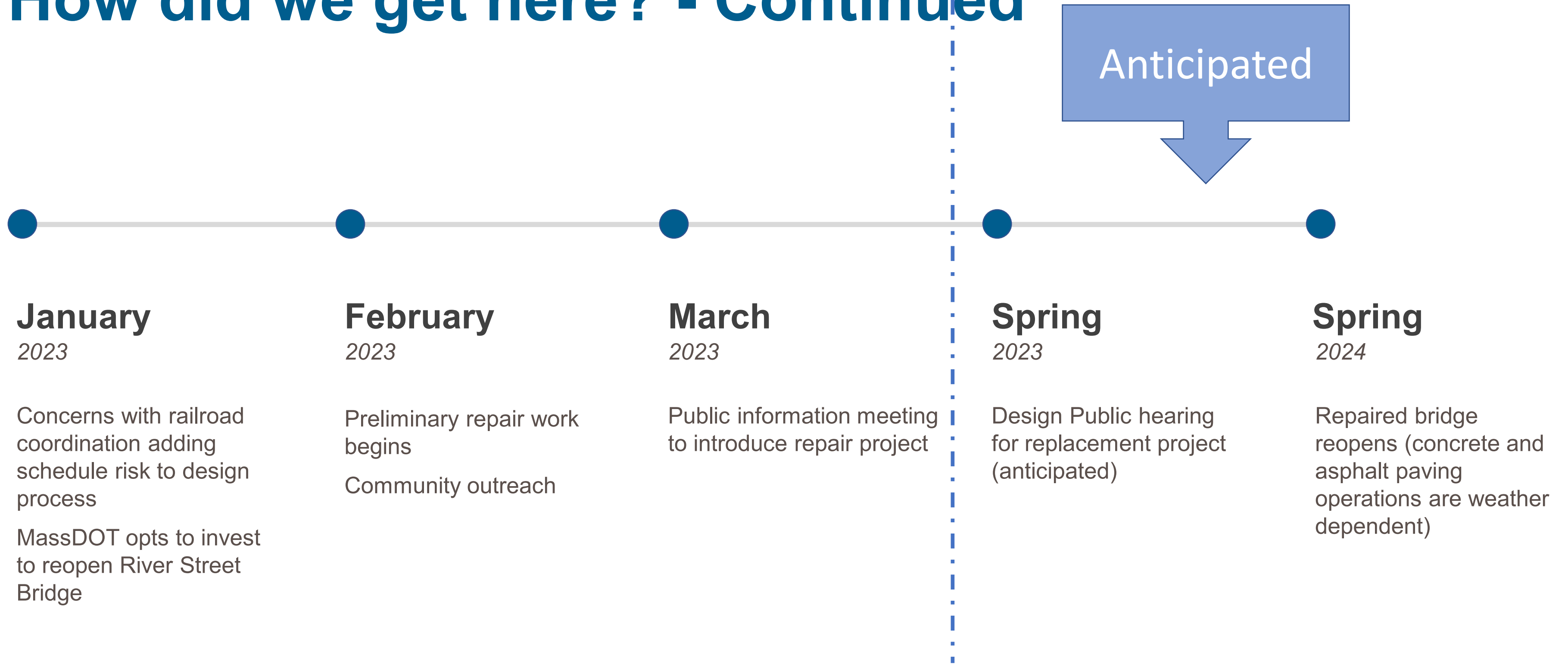
Shaw's Market



# How did we get here?



# How did we get here? - Continued





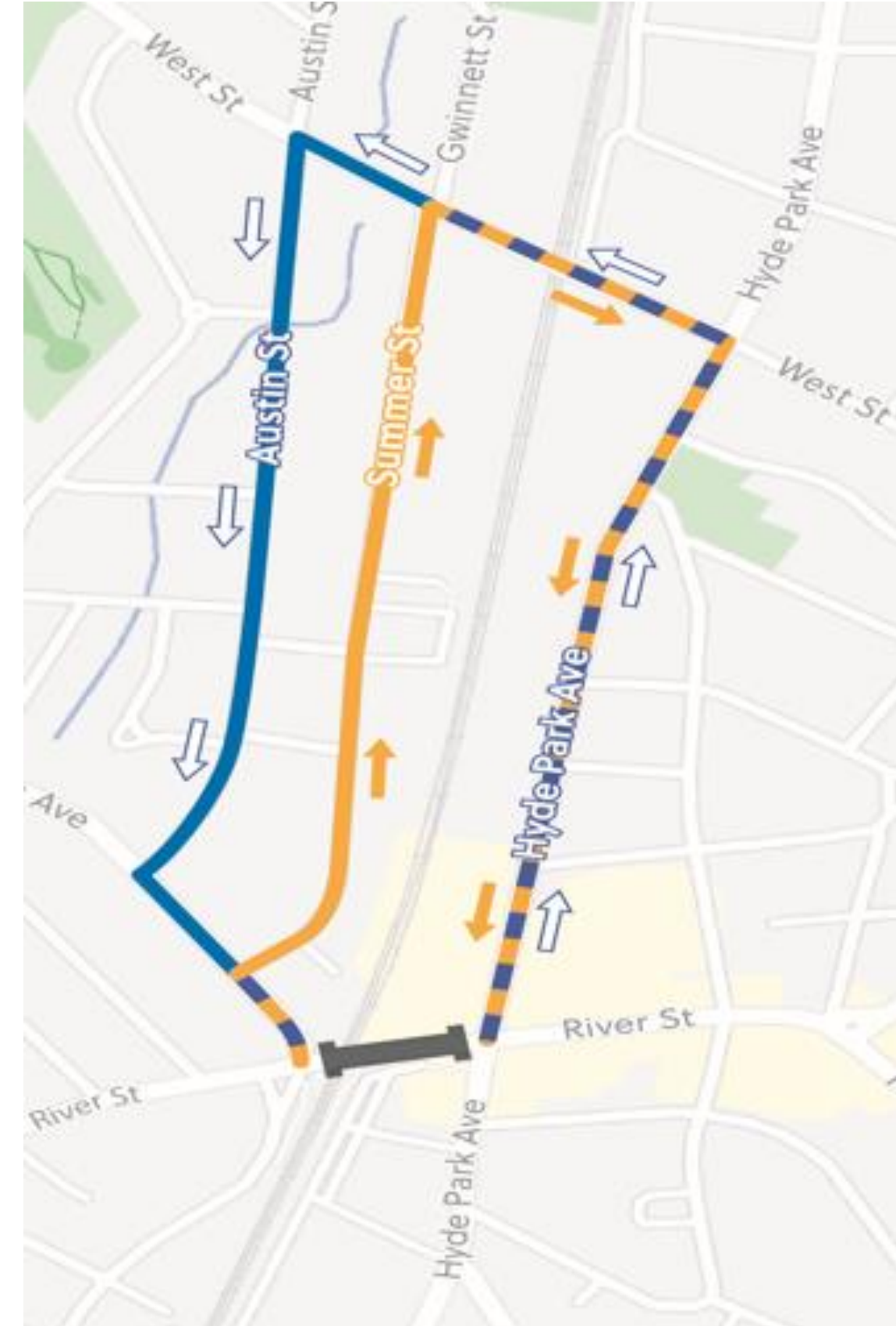


**Why are we  
here tonight?**



## A Closed Bridge: a Community Concern

- May 2022 bridge closed for public safety and detours in place
- Traffic congestion issues:
  - Austin Street
  - Gordon Avenue
  - Business Street
  - Summer Street
- Adjustments to MBTA Bus Routes





## Amtrak Coordination – Bridge Replacement

- Amtrak design/parameters and review timelines more extensive than initially understood
- Increase in the number of catenary supports required by Amtrak





## MBTA Coordination – Bridge Replacement

- Installation of permanent utility/temporary pedestrian bridge would impact accessibility ramps at Hyde Park Station
- Discussion of upgrade requirements at Hyde Park Station ongoing





## A Delicate Balance

- Coordination with railroad agencies introduced a significant risk to the initial bridge replacement schedule.
- The investment to repair the bridge has become needed and appropriate to lessen the impact to community.







**What do we  
want to  
accomplish?**



## Goal of Bridge Repairs

- Repair the structure so it can carry traffic until when it must be demolished to make room for the replacement bridge
- Maintain a connection for cyclists and pedestrians during repairs
- Reopen the structure to vehicle traffic by spring 2024
- Take advantage of potential windows to accelerate repair work



## Benefit of Completing Bridge Repairs

- Reduce impacts to community
- Initial phases of bridge replacement can occur while existing bridge is open:
  - Catenary (Amtrak power) relocations
  - Utility/temporary pedestrian bridge
  - Any other required MBTA-associated work



## A Critical First Step



- Wood shielding:
  - Once completed introduces standard workdays with far fewer Amtrak restrictions
  - Limited to 1.5-hour windows during overnight hours
  - Anticipated completion: April 2023



# What Will Be Replaced or Repaired

Replace: 1 new roadway deck

Repair: 4 floor beams  
Replace: 4 floor beams

Replace: 53 stringers

Replace: 14 bridge bearings  
(7 at each abutment)





# Anticipated Construction Scheduled



Complete shielding  
April 2023  
**Night**



Relocate Amtrak wires  
Spring 2023  
**Night**



Demolish the old deck  
Summer 2023  
Day



Replace/Repair  
beams, stringers,  
bearings  
Summer/Fall 2023  
Day/Night



Install new deck and  
reopen existing  
bridge to traffic  
Spring 2024  
Day

**Night = 1.5-hour restricted access (work shifts)**

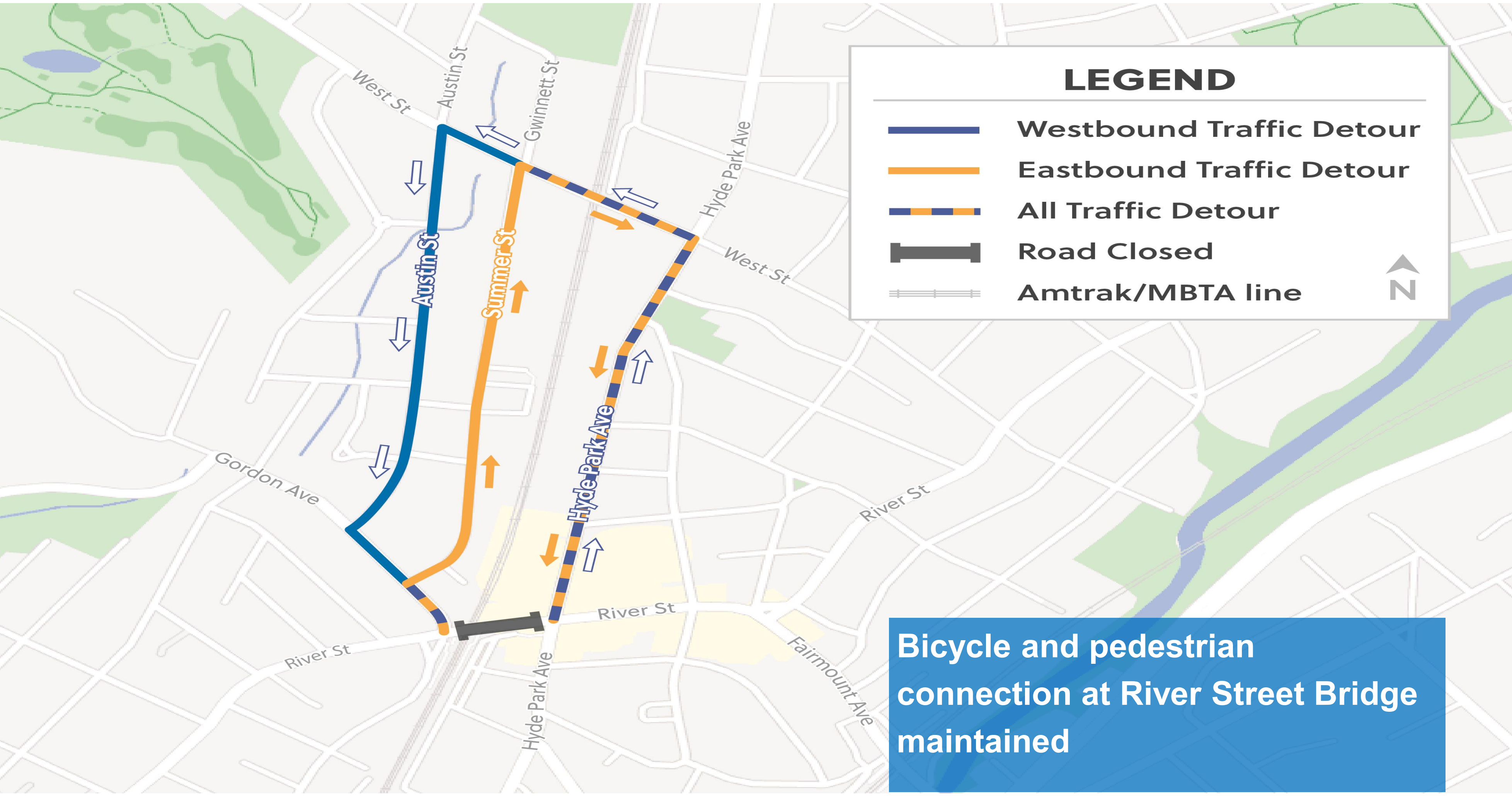




**How are the  
road users  
affected?**



# Vehicular Detours Remain Until Bridge Reopens



**Bicycle and pedestrian connection at River Street Bridge maintained**



## Improved Signage



- Additional signs have been placed per community request:
  - Truman Highway at Fairmount Avenue
  - On River Street towards Dedham
- Regular checks on changeable message signs by District 6 staff to ensure correct operation/alignment to traffic





**How will we  
keep you  
informed?**



## Repair Phase Outreach

- Email with questions and concerns:  
[hydeparkriverstbridge@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:hydeparkriverstbridge@dot.state.ma.us)
- Dedicated project website:  
[www.mass.gov/hyde-park-river-street-bridge-replacement](http://www.mass.gov/hyde-park-river-street-bridge-replacement)
- Progress updates every two weeks by web and email blast





## Spring 2023 Bridge Replacement Design Public Hearing

- Officially present the new bridge design
- Pre-hearing outreach will mirror what was done for tonight's meeting
- Email alerts will be sent to all of tonight's attendees
- Obtain public comment







# Questions and discussion



# Share Your Questions and Comments



- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button



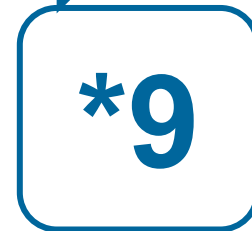
- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions, (Alt + Y to raise your hand)



- 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.



- Please take a moment to complete our survey at the end of the Meeting

**Please be advised that all Q&A and comments are subject to disclosure for public records, therefore use these functions for project-related business only.**





***Thank You***

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# Detour Signage Winterized and Expanded

