



Intersection Improvements at Route 1 & Merrimac Street Newburyport, MA

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Public Information Meeting

Virtual Meeting | June 13, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Project No. 608029

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- Notice printed on May 30th, 2024 and June 6th, 2024

The Town Common

- Notice printed on May 29th, 2024 and June 5th, 2024



Intersection Improvements at Route 1 and Merrimac Street Virtual Public Information Meeting

What is happening?

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection Improvements at Route 1 and Merrimac Street. Public comment and concerns are being solicited and will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

How will this affect you?

The purpose of this project is for the installation of two traffic signal systems on Merrimac Street at the Route 1 on and off-ramps in Newburyport, MA. The project limits extend along Merrimac Street from Strong Street to Market Street and to Pleasant Street to the south. The Project shall improve the functionality of the Route 1 ramps at Merrimac Street by incorporating adequate sight distance, roadway micro resurfacing and restriping, inclusion of complete street elements including ADA accessibility, pedestrian curb ramps and bicycle accommodations, pavement markings and signage, and associated utility adjustments.

When

Thursday, June 13th, 2024
6:00PM

Attend

www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us. Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 608029**

Presentation Participants

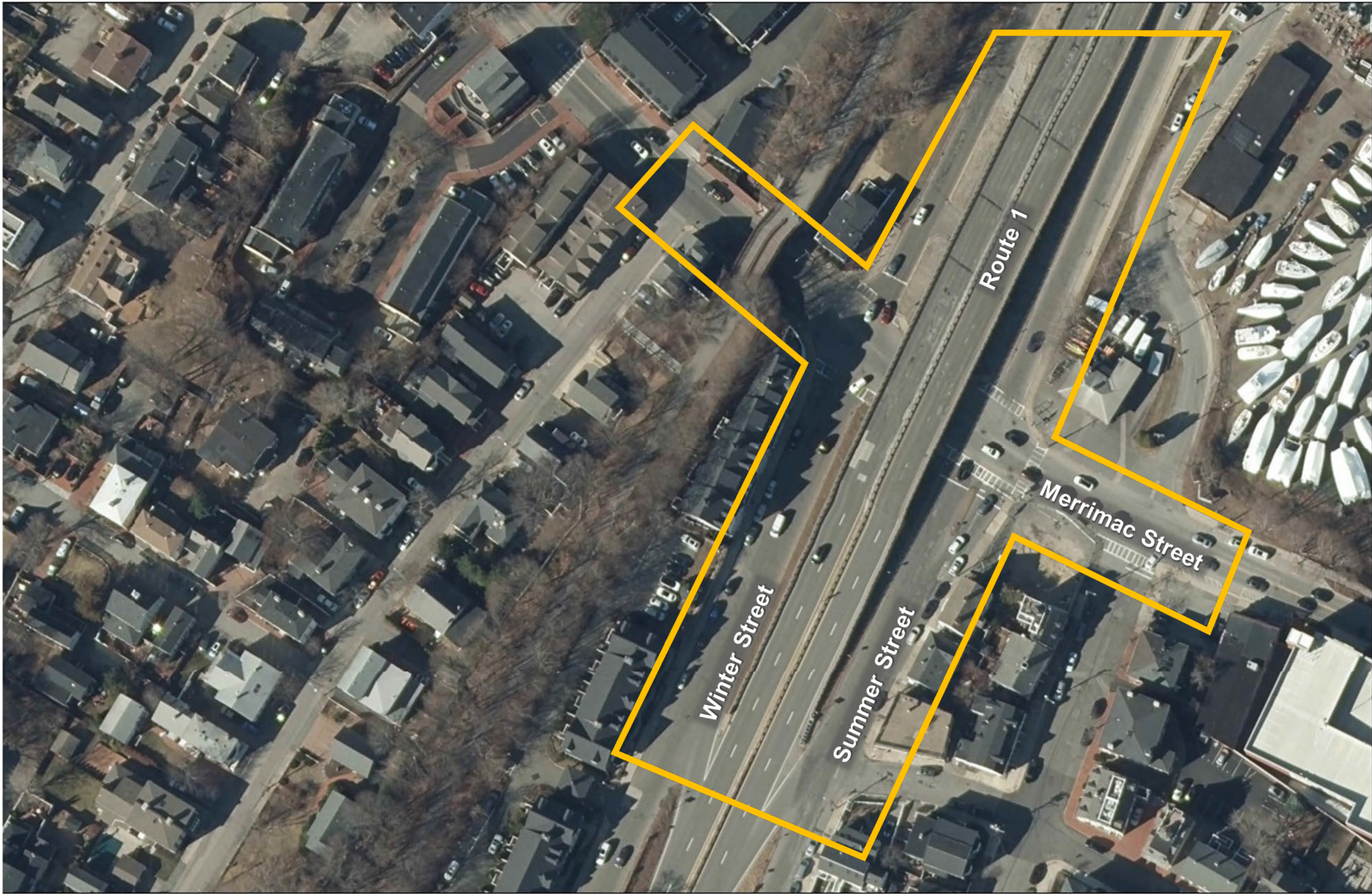
- **MassDOT Project Manager**
 - Adam W. Kiel, P.E.
- **MassDOT District 4 Office**
 - Daniel Fleury
- **MassDOT Legislative Affairs Office**
 - Daniel Fielding
- **MassDOT Right of Way Office**
 - Michael Ruderman
- **MassDOT Producer/Facilitator**
 - Leah Grodstein
 - Patrick Snyder
- **City of Newburyport, Director of Public Services**
 - Wayne Amaral
- **Design Consultant - Jacobs**
 - Michael Dube, P.E.
 - Jayson Gauvin
 - Christopher Deacetis, P.E.

Agenda

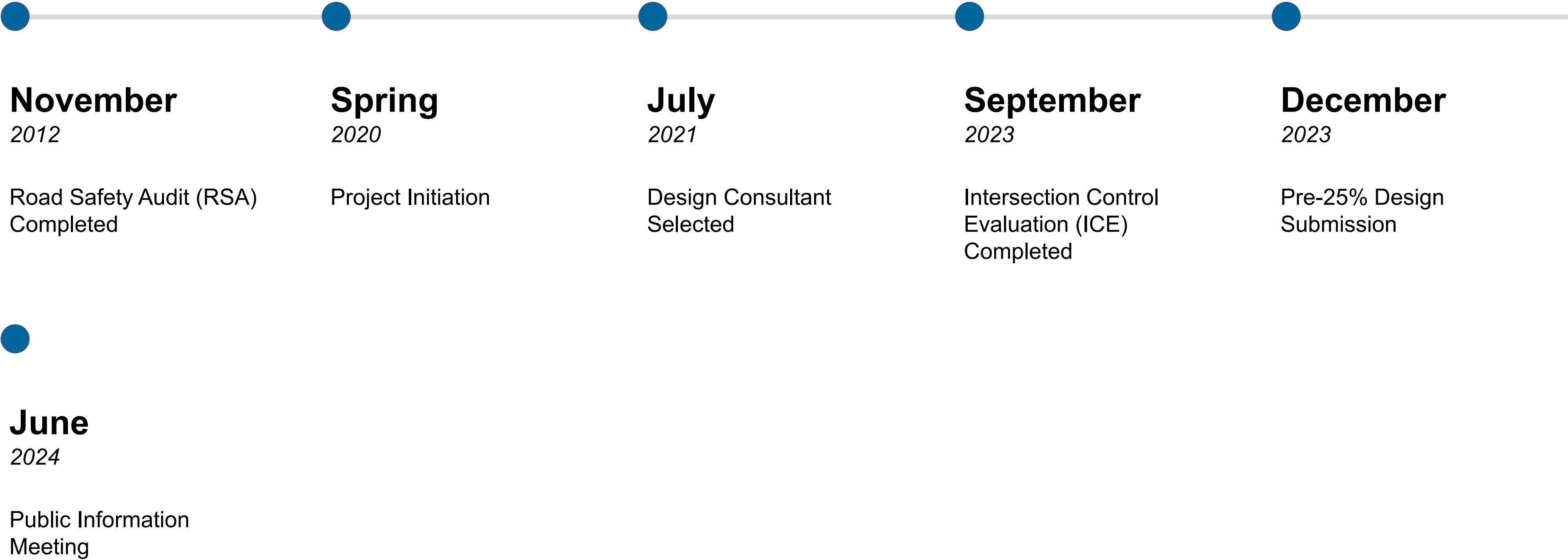
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Project Area



How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**



Existing Issues

- Excessive delays on the Route 1 Southbound Off-Ramp and Summer Street approaches
- Restricted sight lines for drivers exiting Route 1 Southbound Off-Ramp and Summer Street
- Lack of safe pedestrian and bicycle accommodations



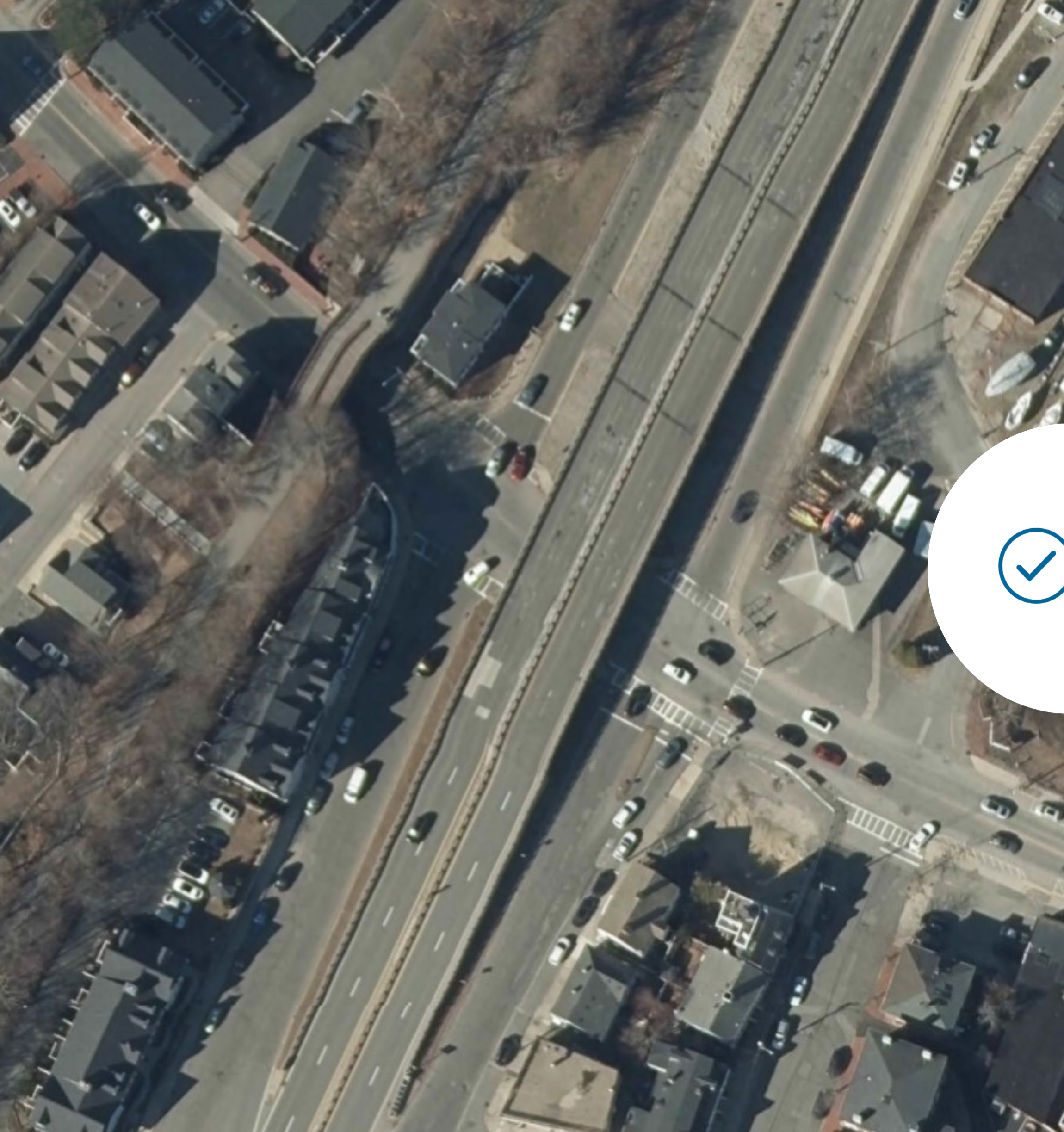
**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Purpose

Intersection Safety | Address safety and operational deficiencies on the Route 1 Southbound Off-Ramp and Summer Street approaches

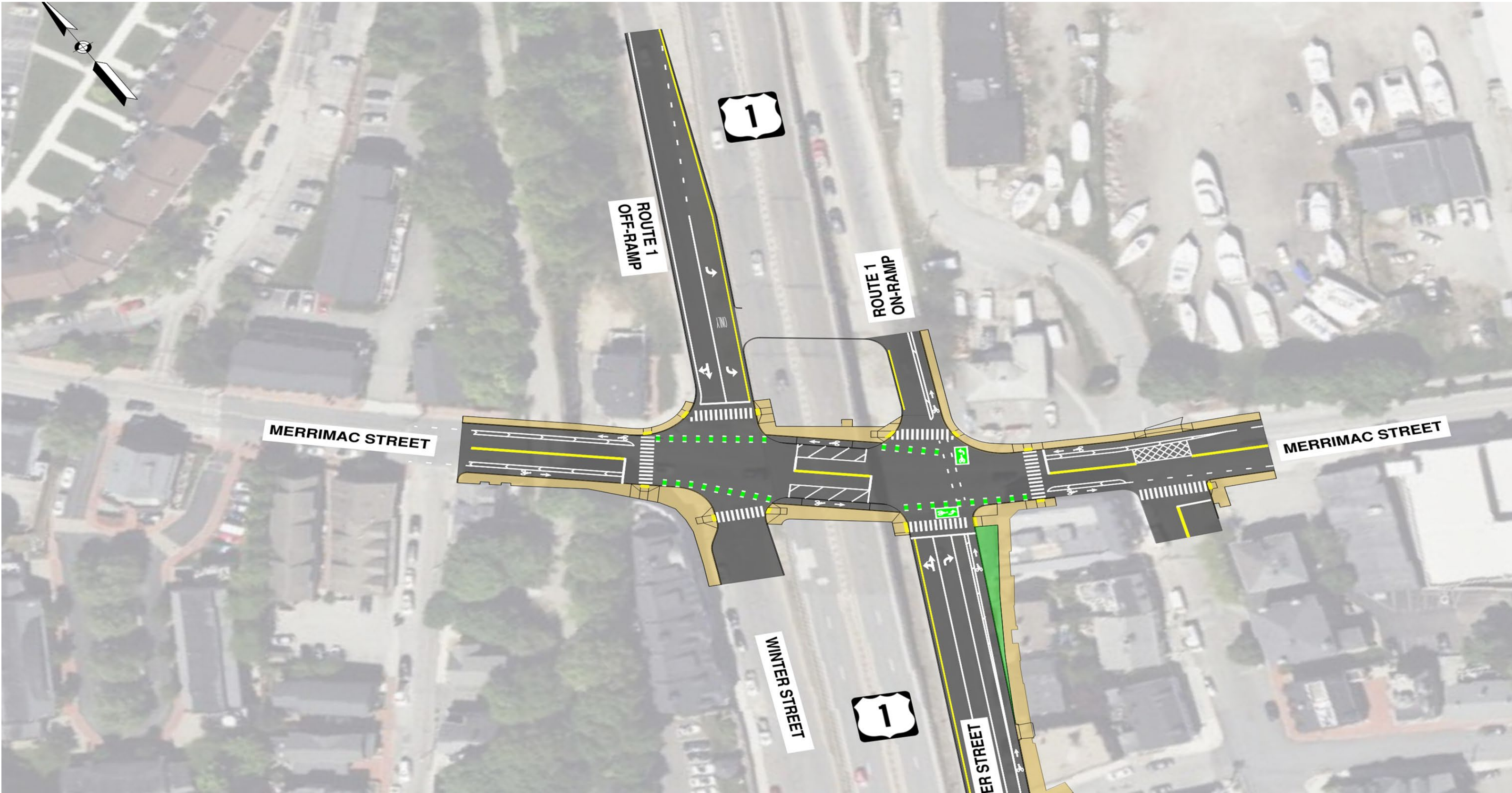
Pedestrian & Cyclist Improvements | Provide safe and accessible facilities along Merrimac Street and Summer Street



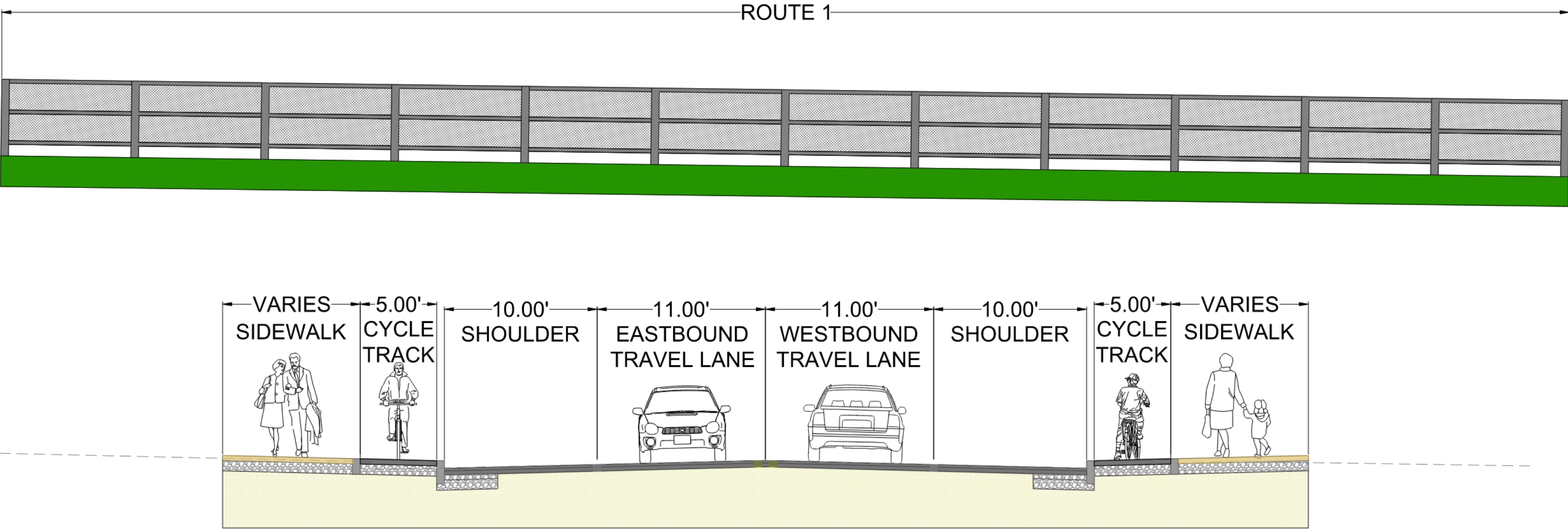


**What is the
proposed
design?**

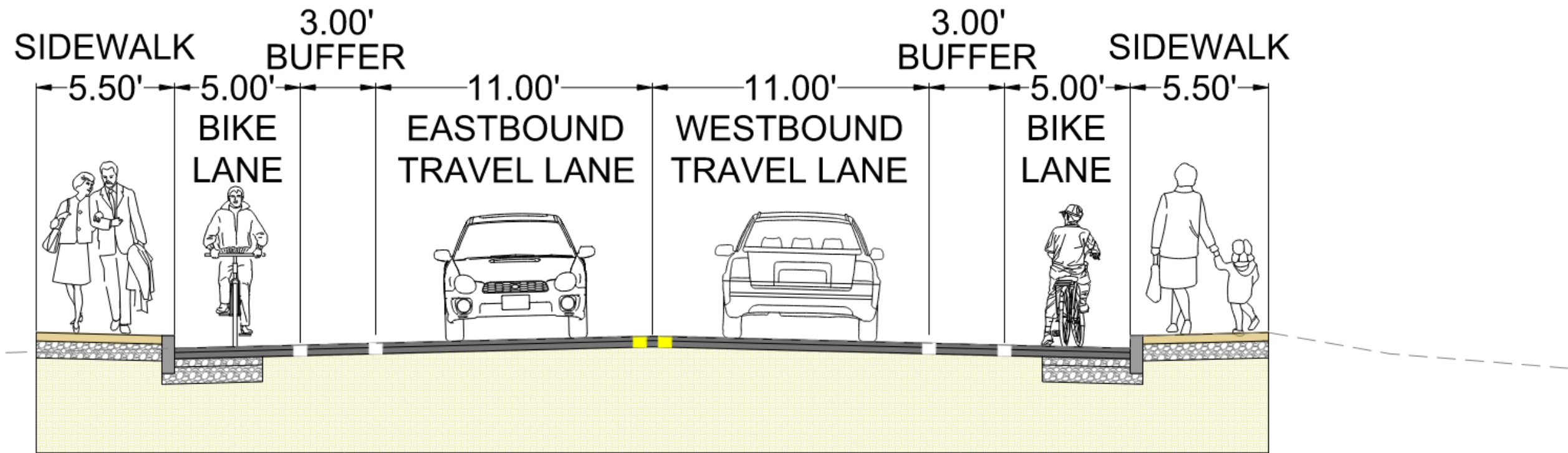
Proposed Design



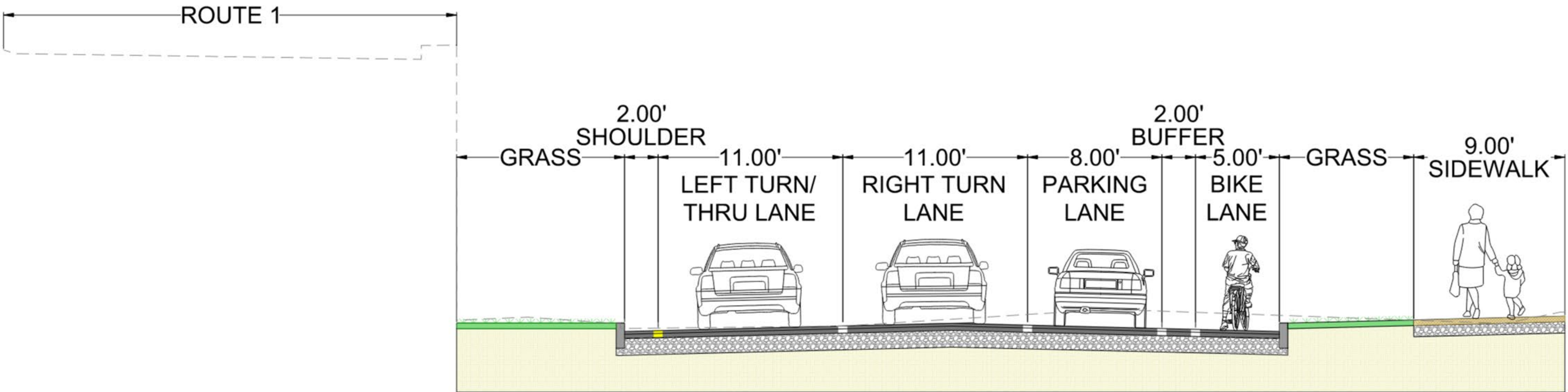
Proposed Design – Merrimac Street under Route 1 Bridge



Proposed Design – Merrimac Street Approach



Proposed Design – Summer Street

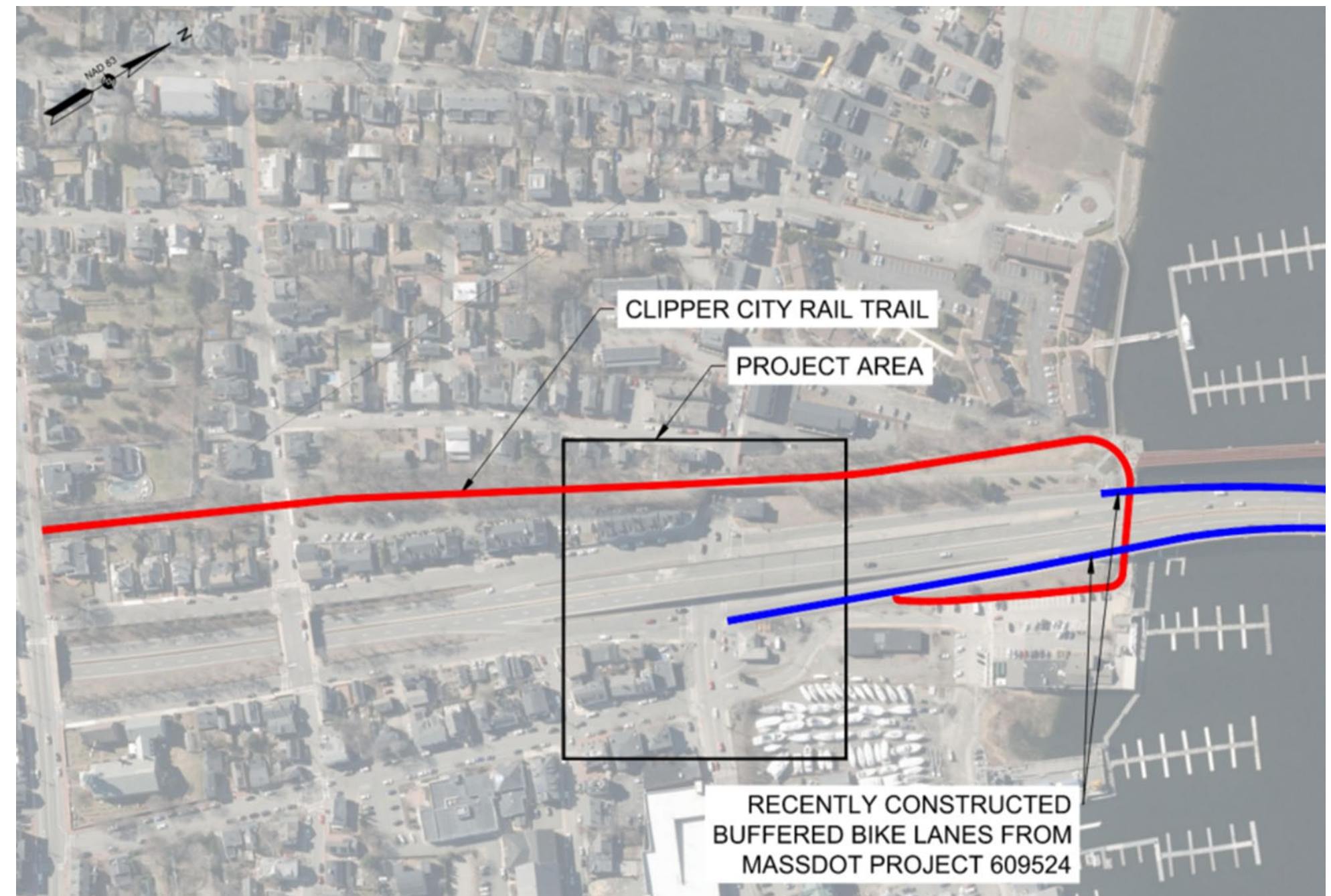


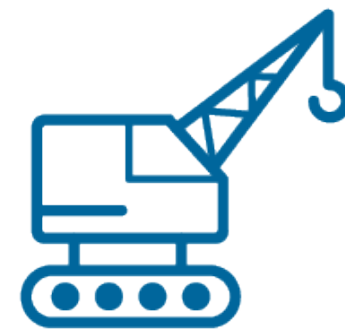


**How will
bicyclists and
pedestrians
be impacted?**

Pedestrians & Cyclists

- 5' Separated Bike Lanes Facilities on Merrimac Street and Summer Street
- Protected Bike and Pedestrian Signal Phase
- Improved connectivity to the Clipper City / Harborwalk Rail Trail
- Improved connectivity to recently implemented separated bicycle facilities on Route 1
- Accessibility improvements for pedestrians throughout project limits

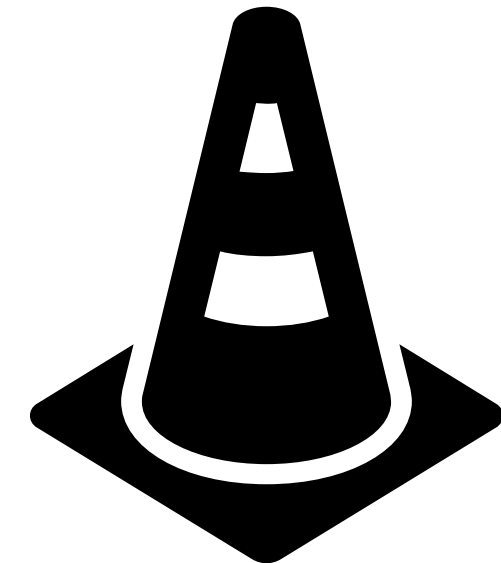
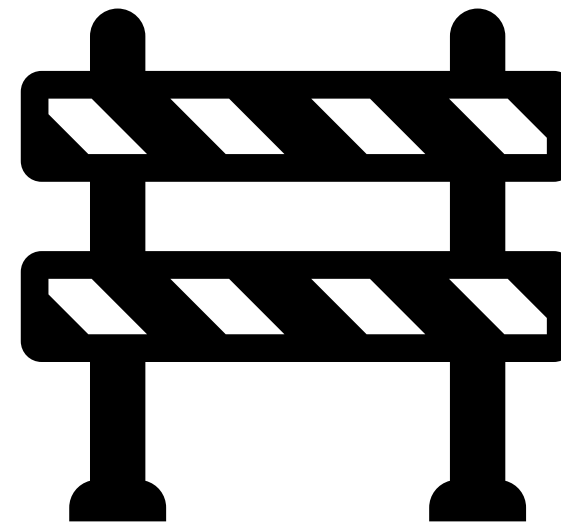




**What is the
construction
approach?**

Construction Impacts

- Existing travel lanes to be maintained as much as possible to limit travel disruption
- Variable Message Boards will be used to convey construction activity information.
- Access to all adjacent businesses and residences will be maintained at all times during construction.
- Businesses will be notified in advance for any construction activities located adjacent to entrance/exit.





**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion

- MassDOT 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, MassDOT ROW Bureau or consultants representing the responsible agency.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.

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.

Our next steps



25% Design
Submission

Fall 2024



25% Design Public
Hearing

Spring 2025



Tentative Advertising
Date

Spring 2027



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:
MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us
Subject: MassDOT Project File No. 608029 – Newburyport
- For project information visit the MassDOT Upcoming Events for Highway Division web site at <http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events> or use the QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:
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