



**Sudbury-Framingham
Bike Path Construction Of Bruce
Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 3), from the
Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing to
Eaton Road West**

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May 15, 2025 | 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Project File No. 613319

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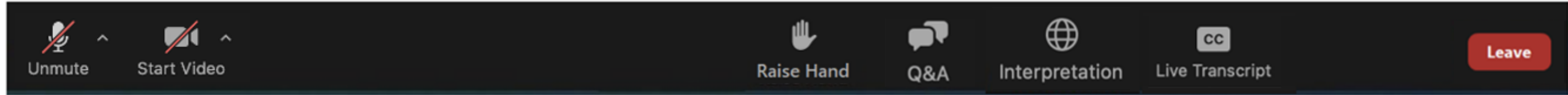


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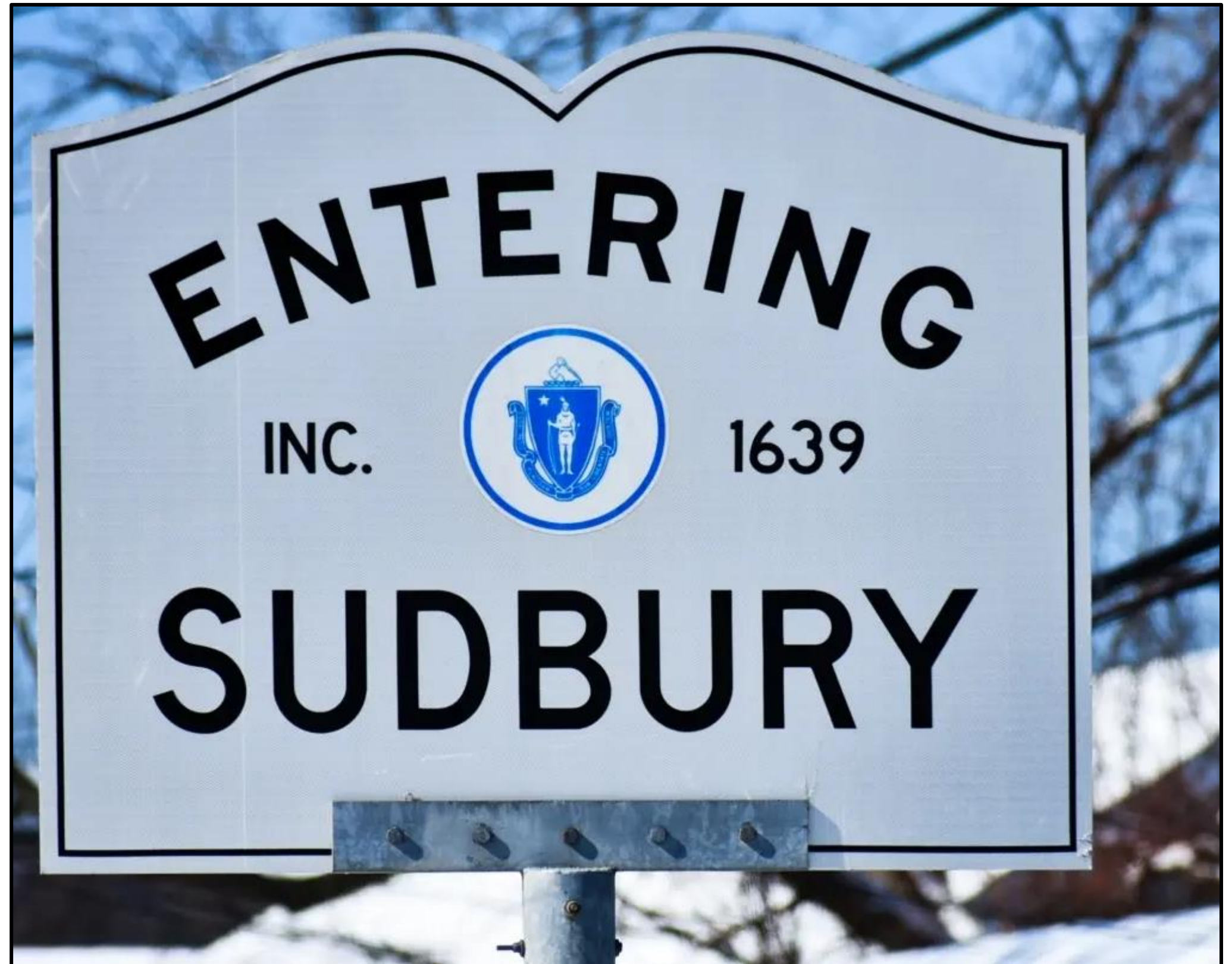
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VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Bike Path Construction Of Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, from the Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing to Eaton Road West Sudbury/Framingham, MA

What is happening?

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed extension of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail from the Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing to Eaton Road West in Framingham. All views and comments submitted to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

How will this affect you?


The proposed project consists of extending the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail from the Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing to Eaton Road West in Framingham. This project will include a shared-use path through the existing railroad corridor, ADA compliant ramps and signal equipment at the intersection of Route 20 and Nobscot Road, and a new parking lot along Nobscot Road for trail users.

When

Thursday, May 15, 2025
6:30PM

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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. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 613319**

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Project Description: Sudbury-Framingham – Bike Path Construction Of Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, From The Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing To Eaton Road West (Framingham)
Project File No. 613319

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Sudbury, MA.

WHEN: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of extending the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) approximately 1.3 miles from the existing terminus at the Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing to Eaton Road W in Framingham. The proposed trail will be a 10 foot paved shared-use path along the former railroad corridor with 2 foot dense graded crushed stone shoulders, consistent with the other portions of the BFRT in Sudbury and Concord. Sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps at the at-grade intersection of the trail and Route 20 are proposed to be updated to create an ADA compliant and accessible crossing at the existing signalized intersection of Nobscot Rd/Route 20. A new paved parking lot is also being proposed along Nobscot Road, approximately 550 feet south of Route 20. Other work includes fixing or replacing culverts and stream crossings where necessary and implementing safety fencing along the trail where appropriate.

A secure right-of-way is required for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Sudbury and City of Framingham are responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. **613319**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

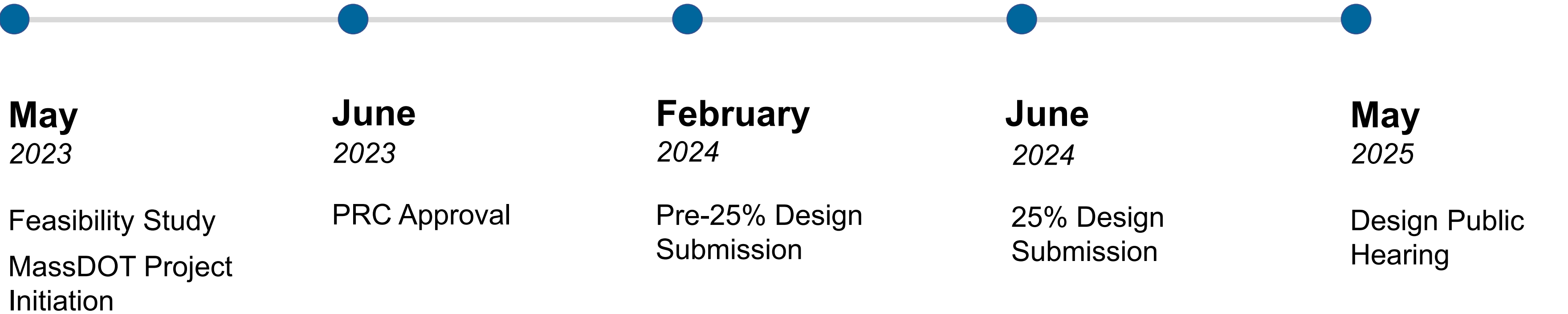
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Project History



Project Area

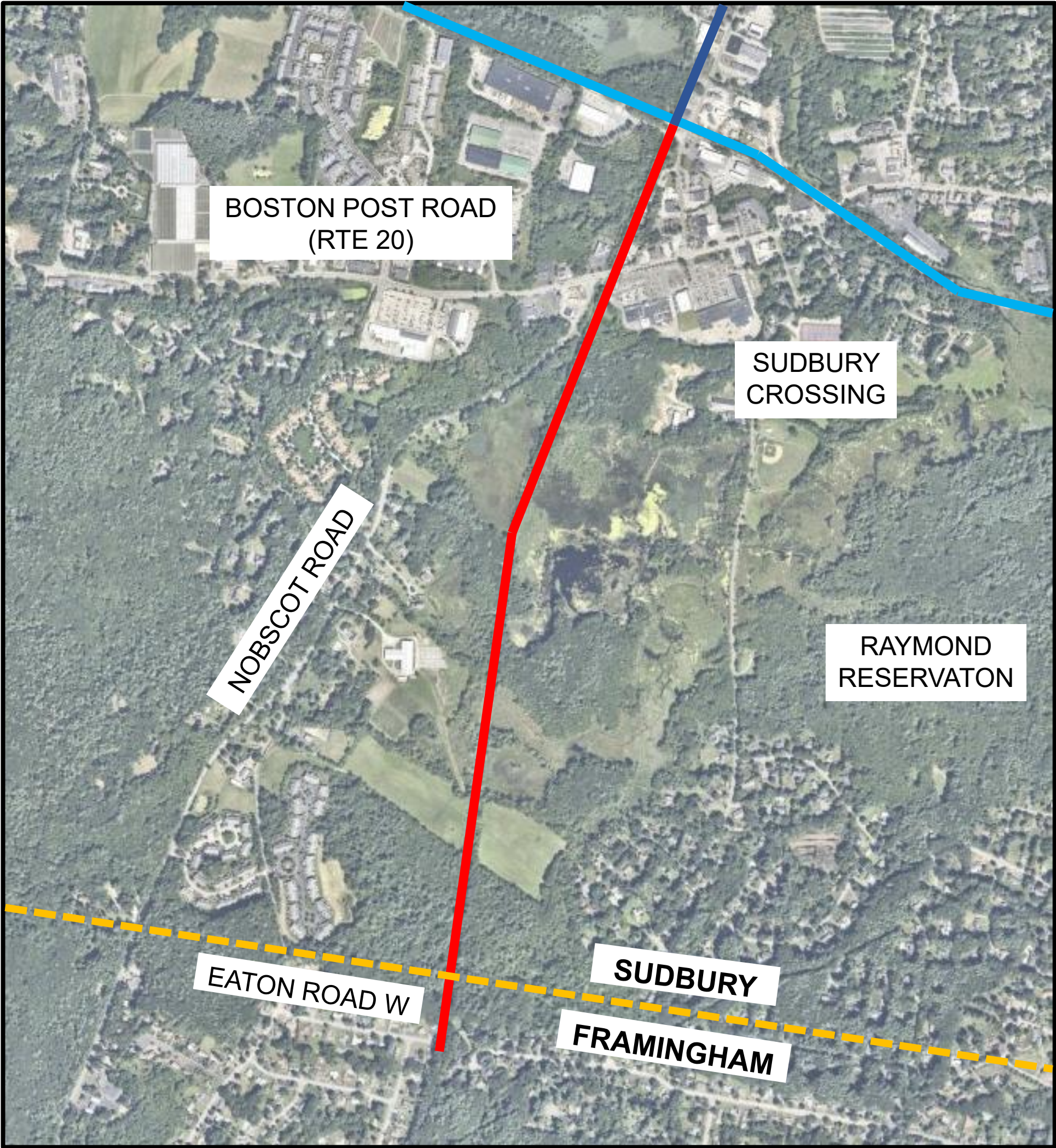
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PROJECT LIMITS

BFRT PHASE 2D

MASS. CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL

TOWN LINE

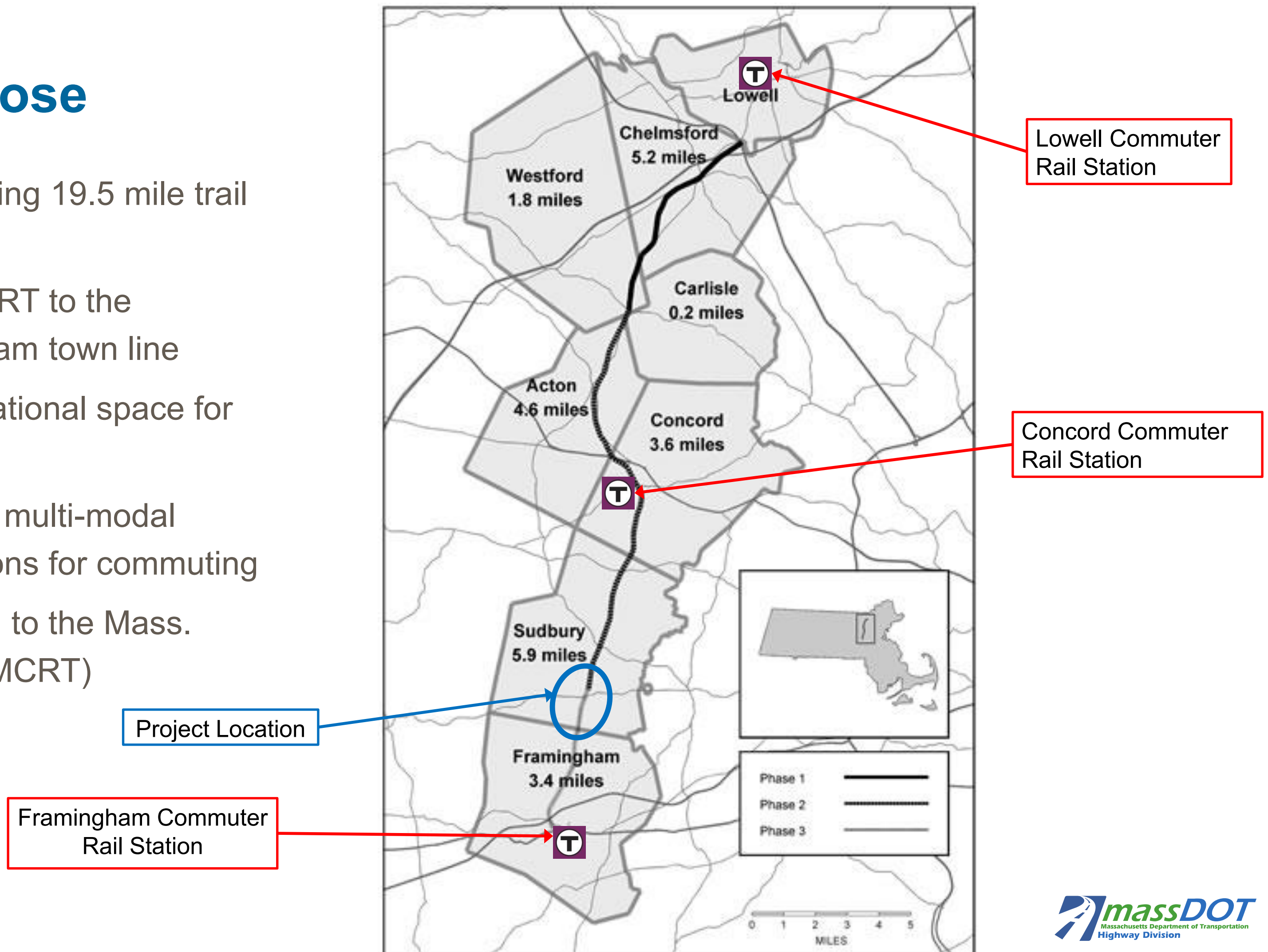




**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Project Purpose

- To extend the existing 19.5 mile trail further south
- To continue the BFRT to the Sudbury/Framingham town line
- Provide safe recreational space for the public to utilize
- Provide alternative multi-modal transportation options for commuting
- Provide connection to the Mass. Central Rail Trail (MCRT)





**What are the
existing
conditions?**

Existing Conditions

- Highly vegetated abandoned railroad corridor
- Granite masonry culverts in poor condition
- Steep side slopes leading to wetland areas
- Non-compliant pedestrian facilities at Boston Post Road crossing



Existing Conditions (cont.)



Google Street View





**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goals

- Enhance connectivity
 - Construct 1.3 miles of new rail trail into Framingham
 - Improve pedestrian connection to existing businesses
 - Provide connection to the MCRT
- Upgrade curb ramps and traffic signal equipment to meet ADA standards
- Update traffic signal timings
- Replace existing masonry culverts and reinforce existing cattle crossing
- Minimize Environmental Impacts
- Minimize Right-of-Way impacts



BFRT Phase 2D



**What is the
proposed
design?**

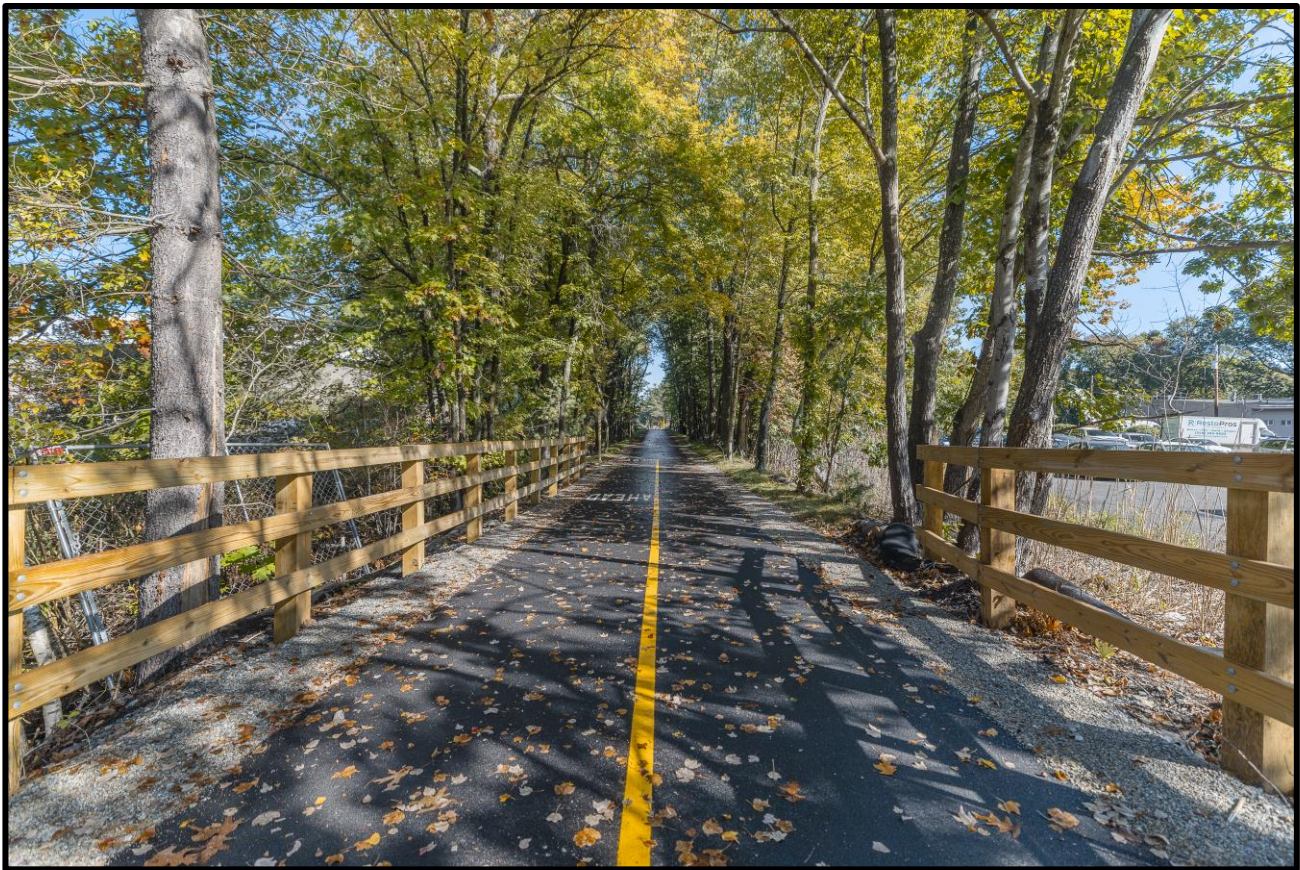
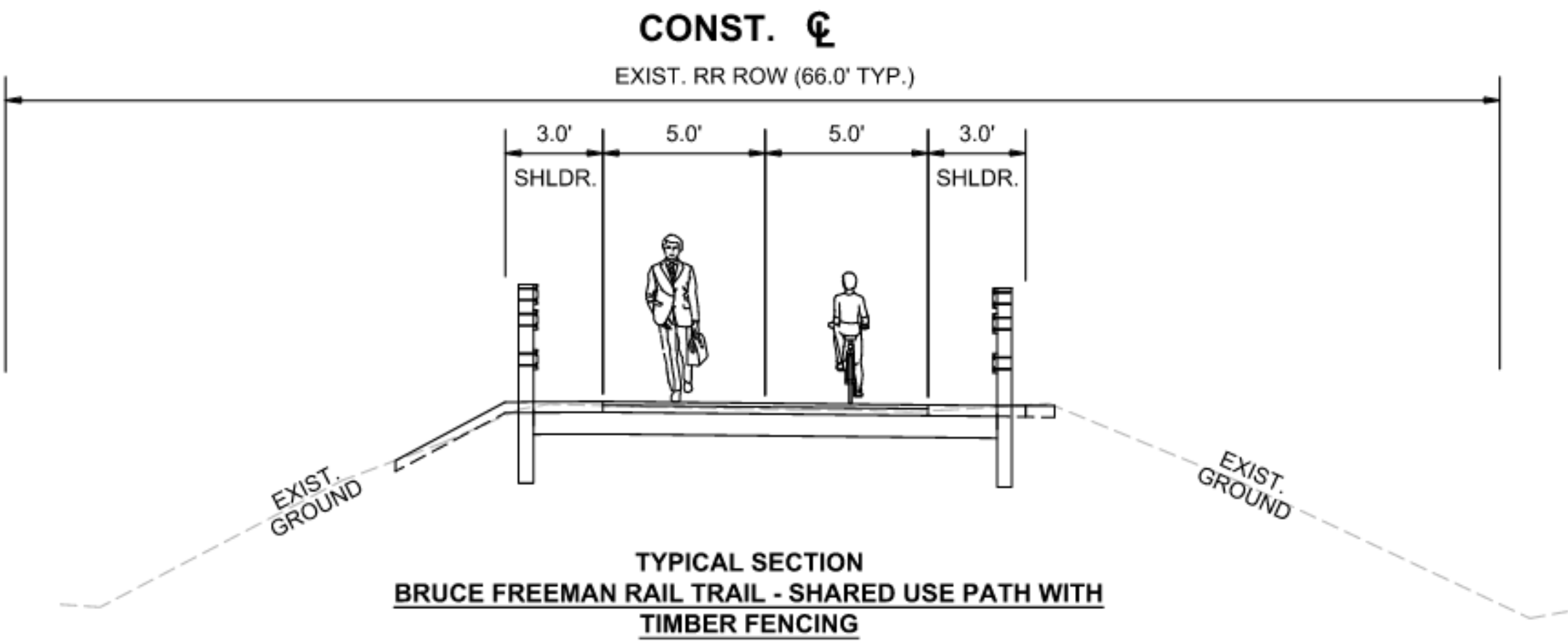
Design Features

- Shared-use path
 - Paved 10 to 12-foot-wide trail width
 - 2 to 3-foot-wide crushed stone shoulders
 - Rest areas with various amenities
- Alterations to intersection of Boston Post Road and Nobscot Road
- New parking lot and trail head along Nobscot Road (14 spaces)
- Replacement of existing granite masonry culverts
- Restoration and/or retention of select railroad artifacts
- Vehicle access management on Eaton Road West in Framingham

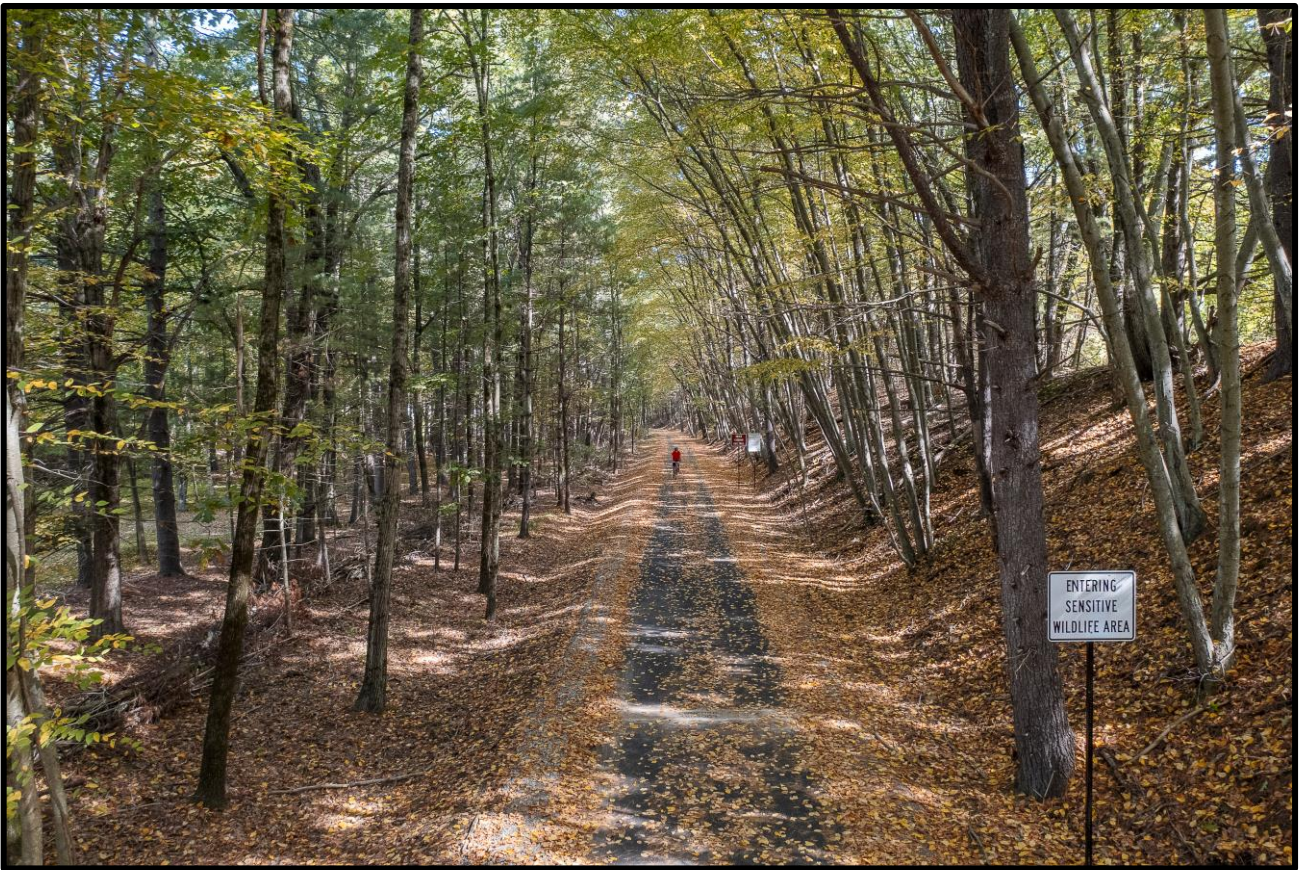


BFRT Phase 2D

Typical Trail Sections



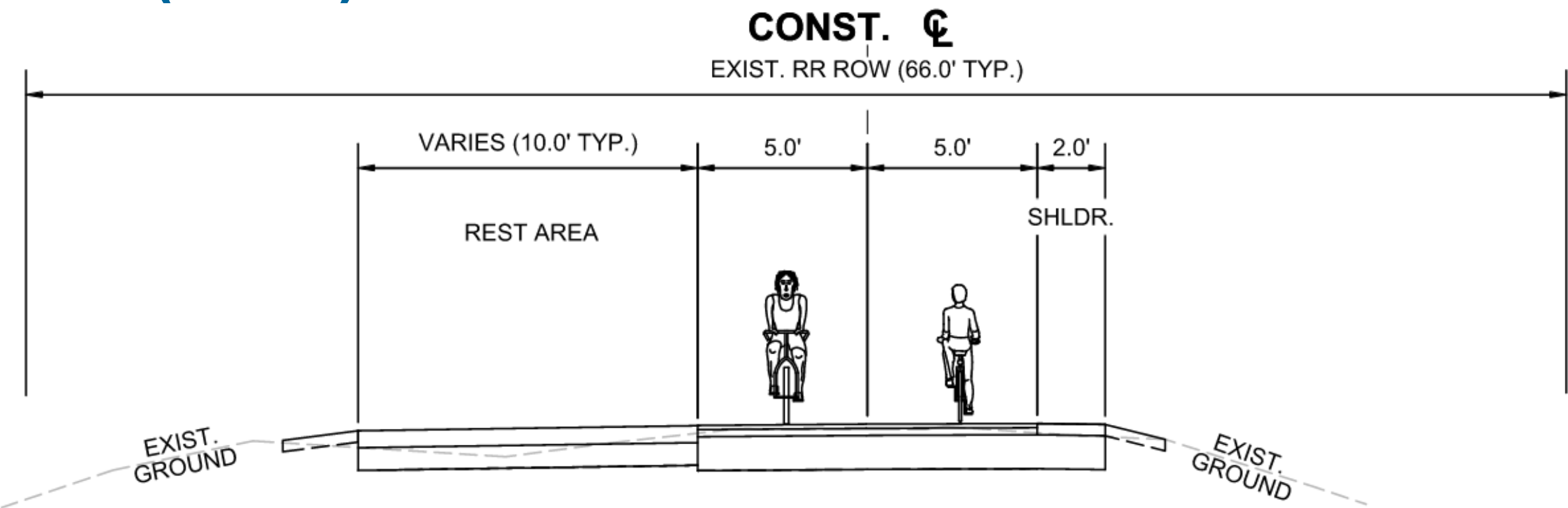
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Typical Trail Sections (cont.)

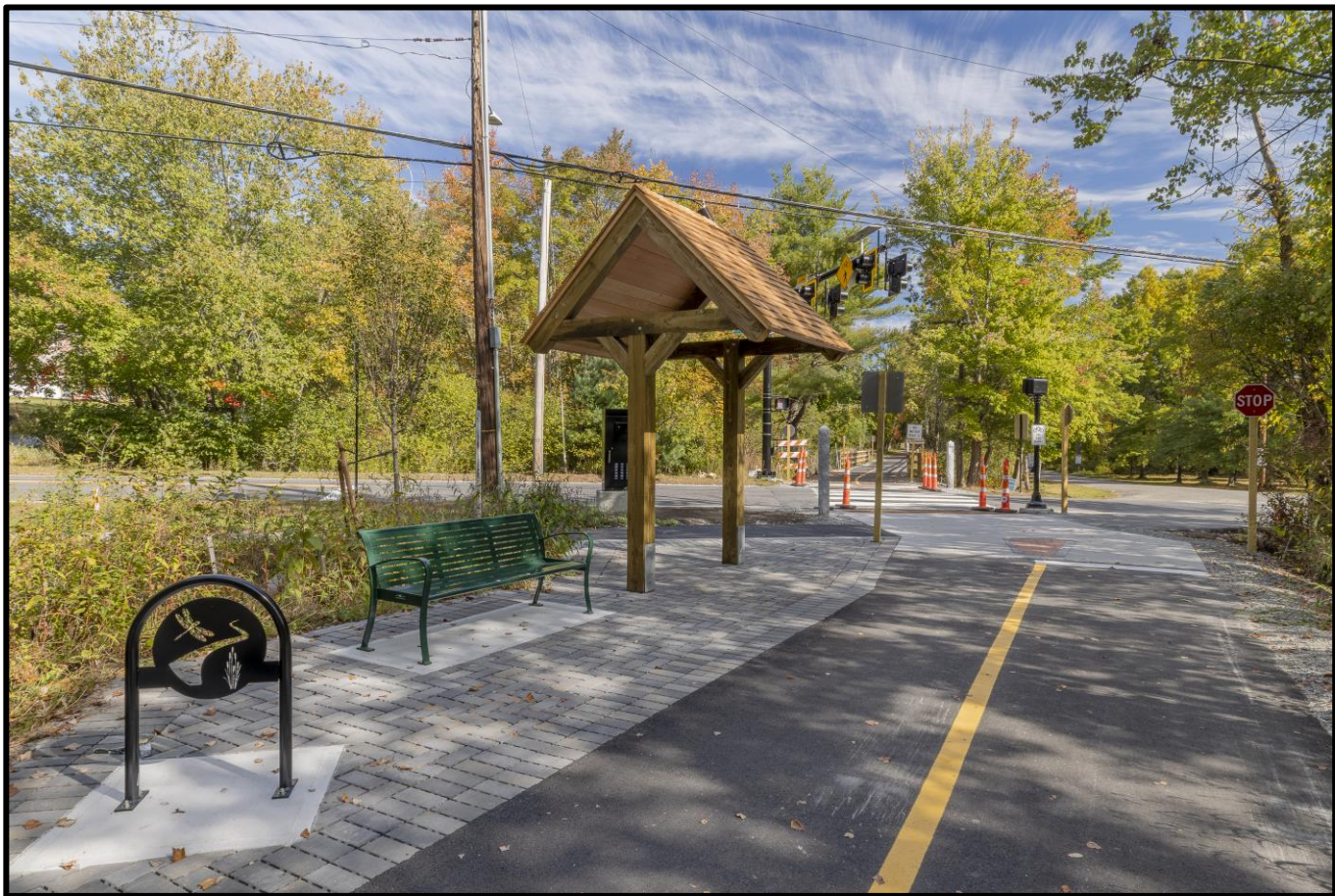
- Rest areas are proposed throughout the corridor
- See below for examples from BFRT Phase 2D



TYPICAL SECTION
BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL - REST AREA



BFRT Phase 2D @ Parkinsons Parking Lot



BFRT Phase 2D @ North Road

Historical Artifacts

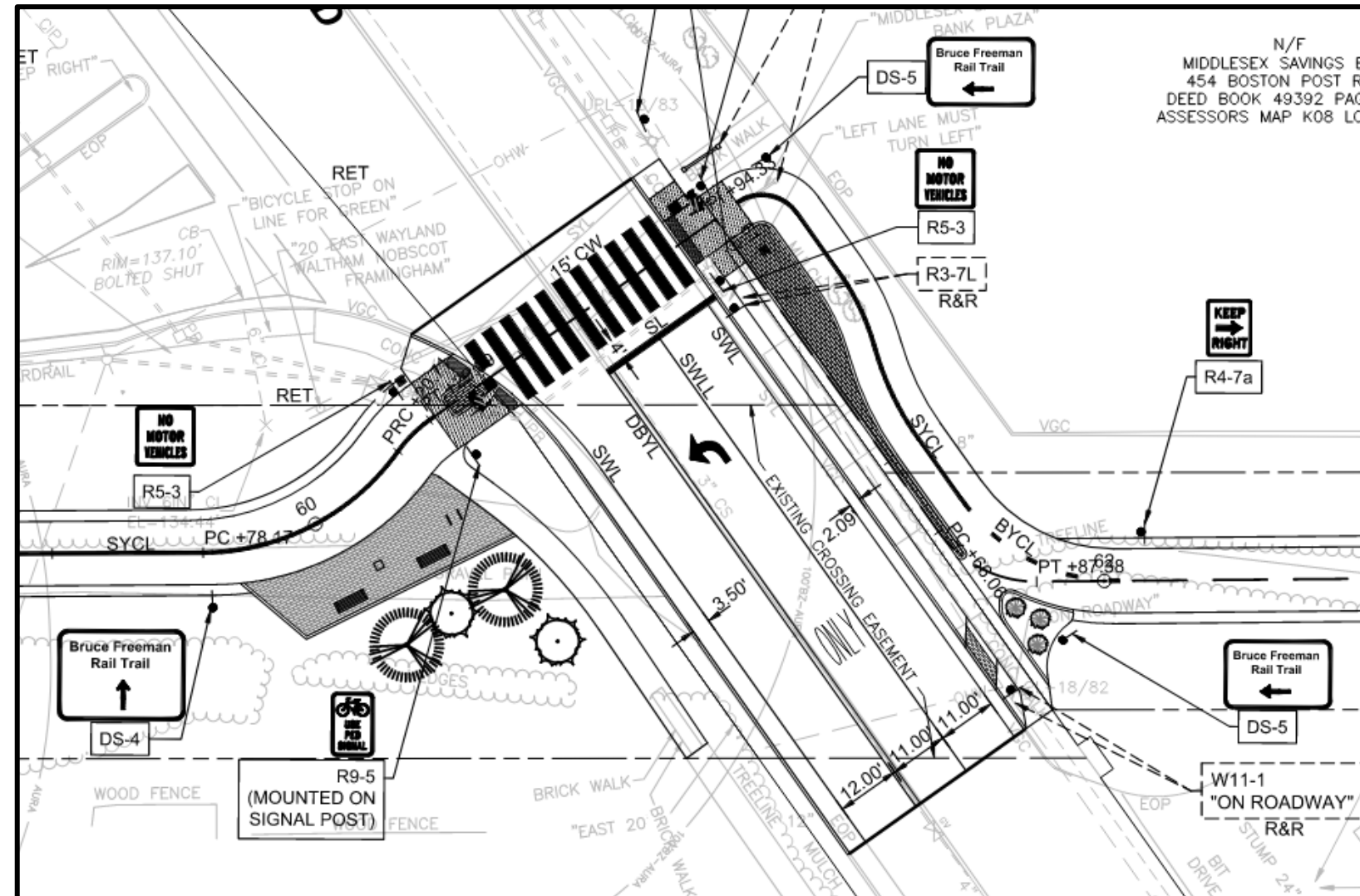
- Historical railroad artifacts exist throughout the corridor including
 - Railroad signal towers
 - Battery wells
 - Electrical boxes
 - Switch pads
 - Cattle crossing
- Select artifacts will be restored/retained to showcase the history of the corridor



At-grade Intersection with Boston Post Road

Features include:

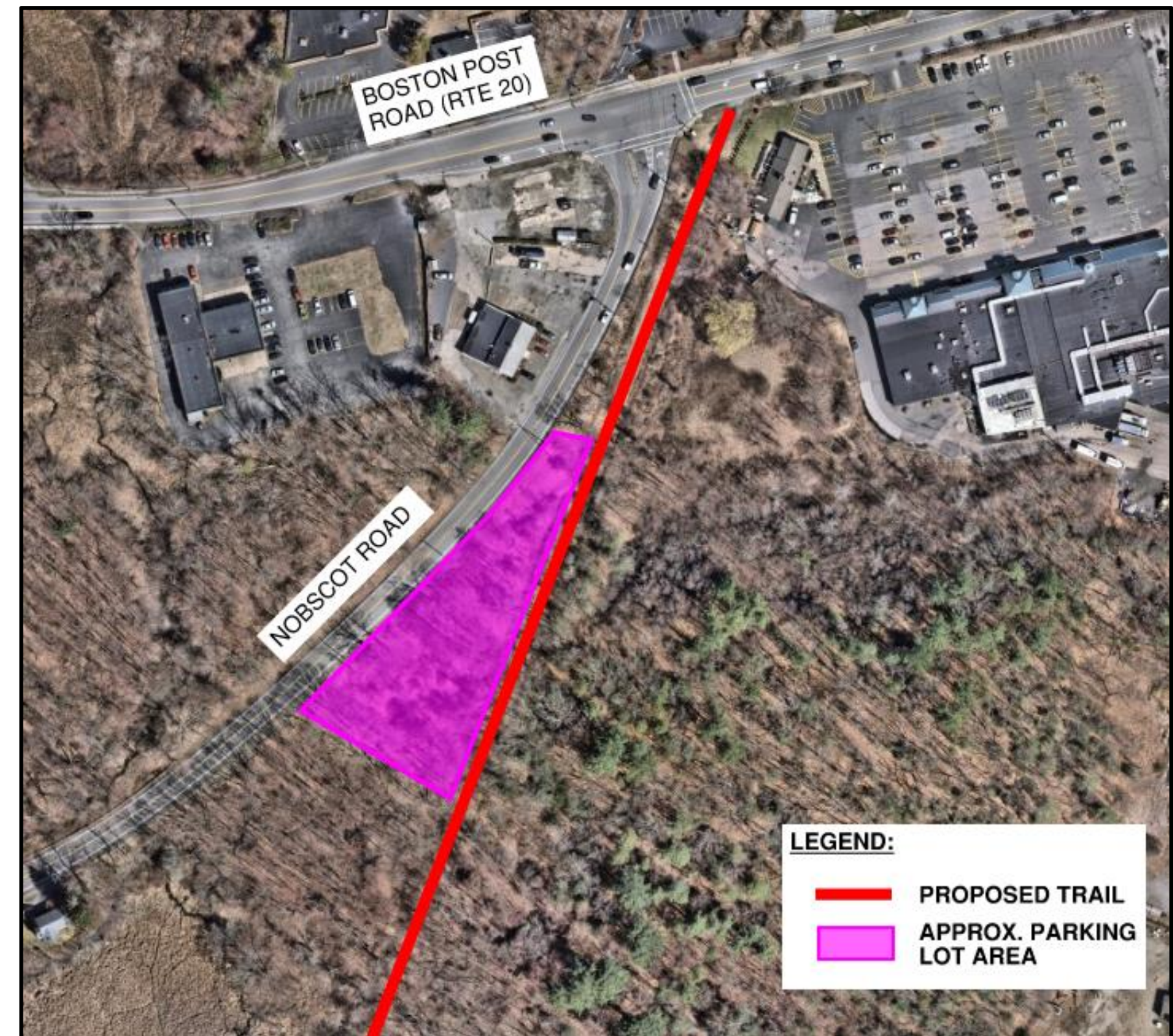
- Updating pedestrian signal equipment
- Replacing existing non-compliant pedestrian curb ramps
- Rest area with benches and wayfinding signs
- New Plantings
- Replacing sidewalk adjacent to the trail



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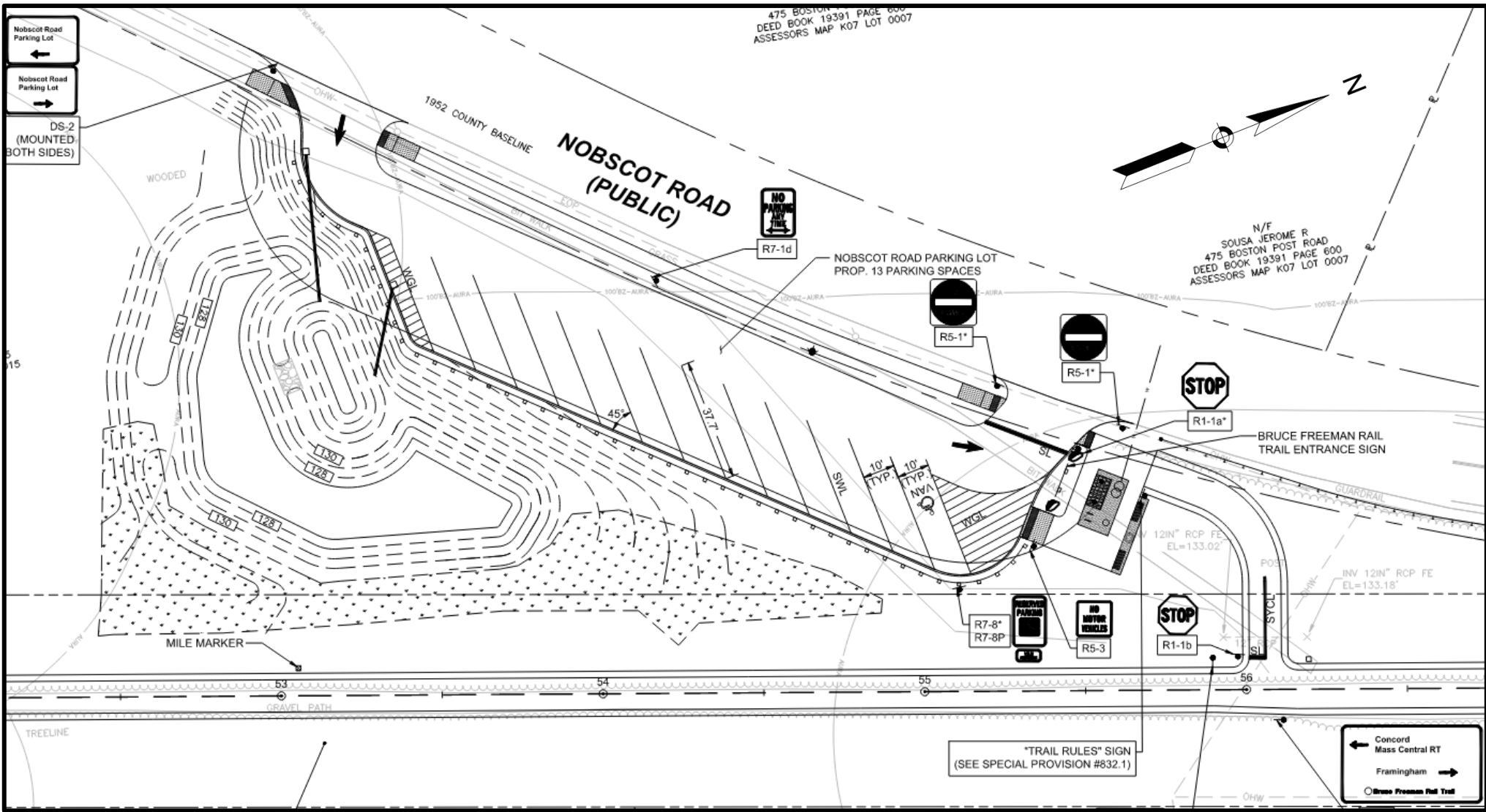
Proposed Parking Lot

- Located on Town-owned parcel along Nobscot Road adjacent to the trail
- Includes 14 parking spaces for trail users
- Proposed stormwater basin to treat runoff water
- Replace sidewalk along Nobscot Road
- Provide spur path to access the trail from the parking lot
- Plaza area for trail users with amenities



Proposed Parking Lot (cont.)

- Plaza area including the following:
 - Hydration station
 - Rail trail information kiosk
 - Benches
 - Bicycle racks
 - Bicycle repair station



BFRT Phase 2D Amenities



BFRT Phase 2D Parking Lot

Culverts and Cattle Crossings

- Replace five masonry culverts with 3-sided precast concrete box culverts
 - Will improve structural stability
 - Will improve hydraulic connection/meet stream crossing standards
 - Will allow for safety fencing to be installed
- Reinforce one existing cattle crossing
 - Will allow for safety fencing to be installed



Existing granite culvert



Precast concrete culvert on BFRT Phase 2D



Existing cattle crossing



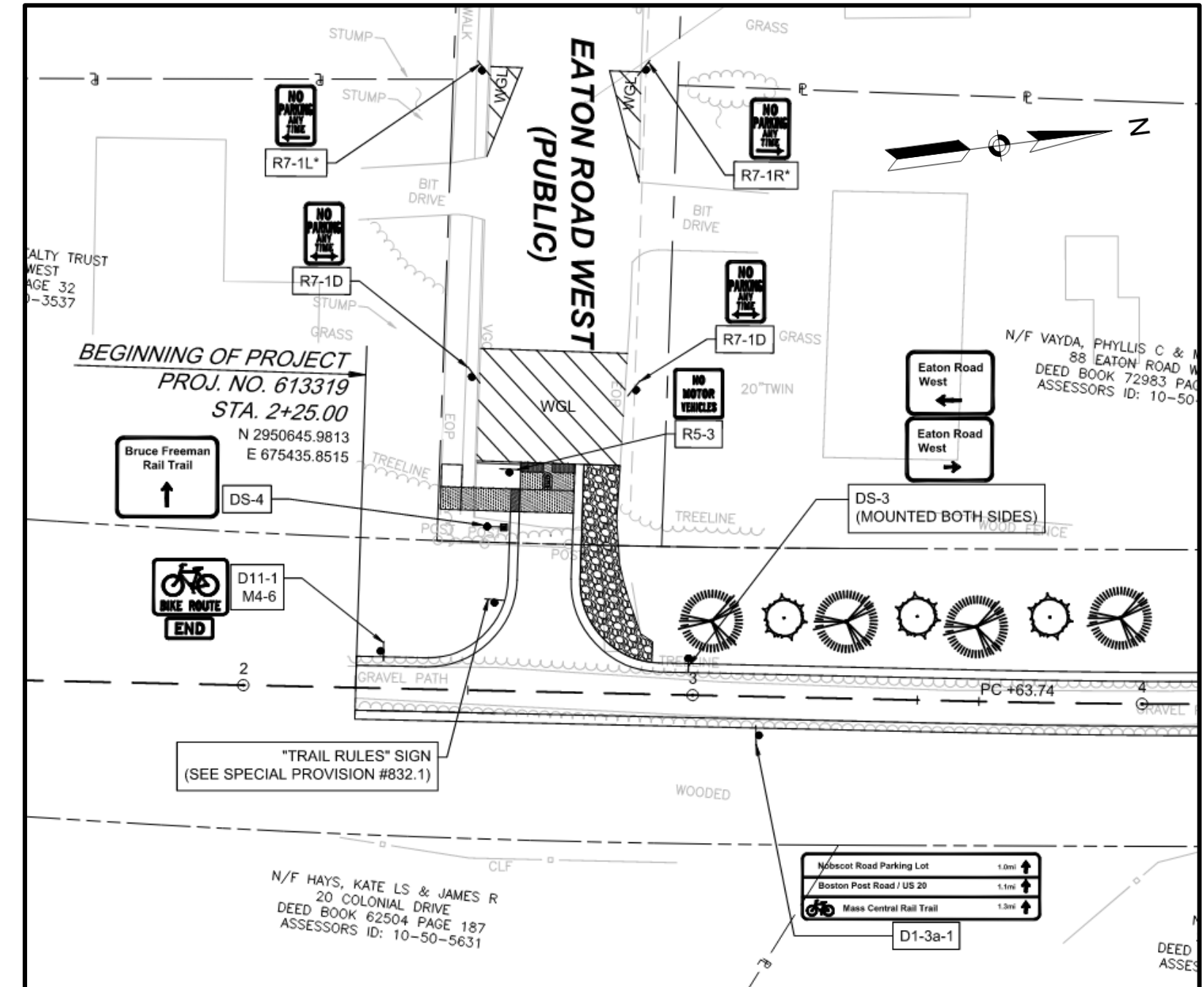
Reinforced cattle crossing on BFRT Phase 2D

Framingham Terminus

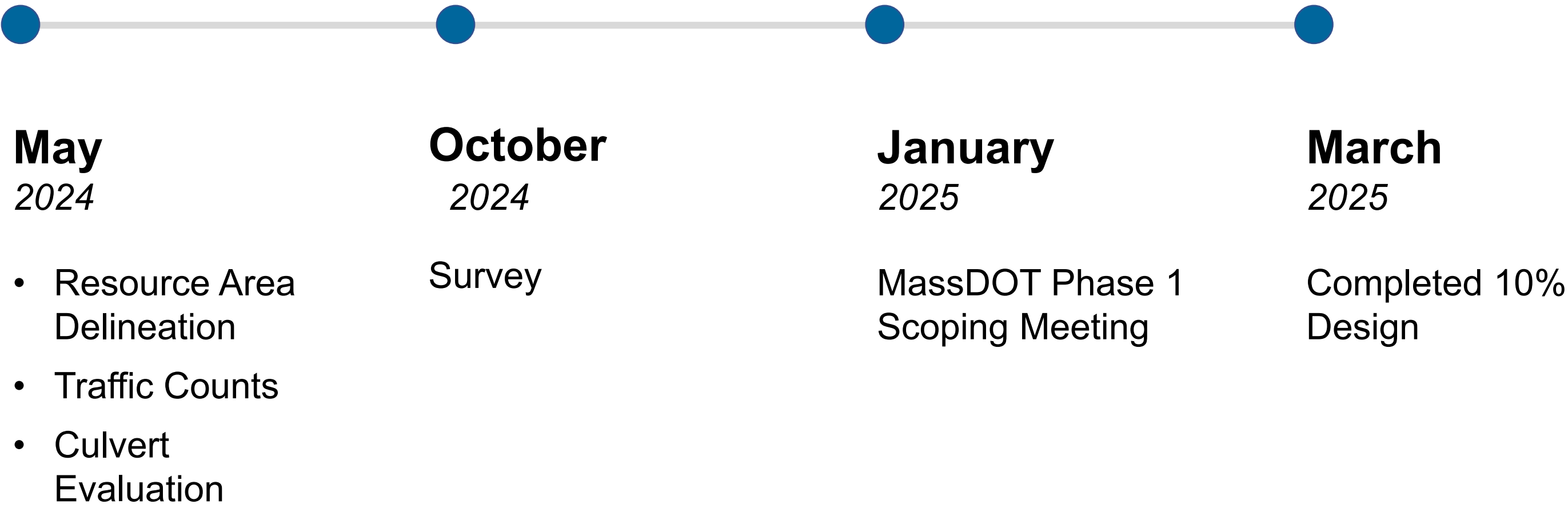
- Trail to connect to Eaton Road West
 - Intent is to provide access for neighborhood only
- Existing sidewalk to connect to the trail
- Signage and pavement markings to prevent parking for trail use
- Plantings to provide additional natural privacy to residences



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City of Framingham Update

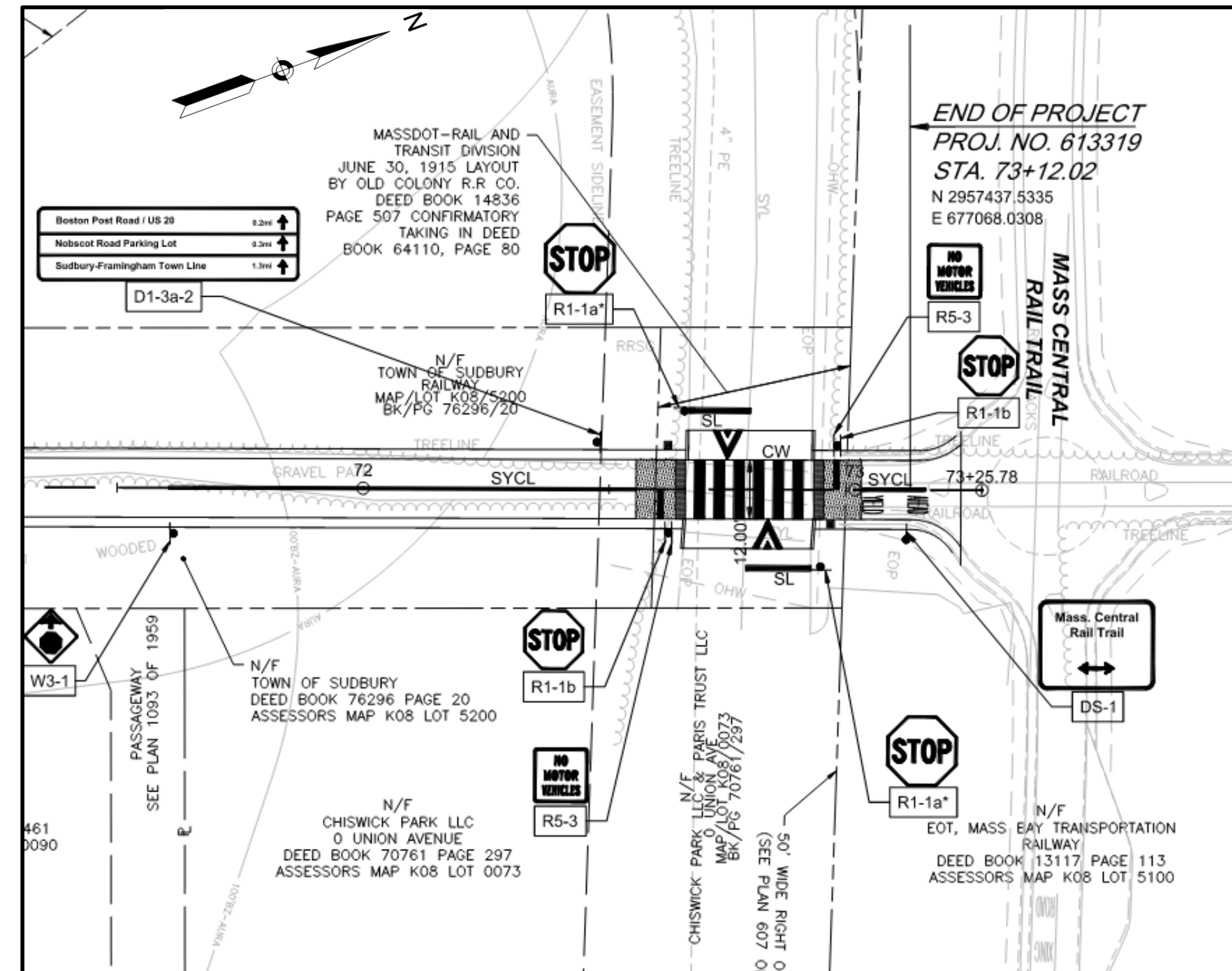


BFRT and MCRT Junction

- Proposed raised crossing across the driveway of 25-33 Union Avenue
- Proposed all-way-stop control for both vehicles and trail users
- Trail to tie into existing at the MCRT/BFRT junction via shared-use path roundabout



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**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion

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- The Town of Sudbury and City of Framingham are 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 Town of Sudbury, City of Framingham, ROW Bureau or consultants representing the responsible agency.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
- Preliminary ROW drawings will be available at the Sudbury Office of Planning and Community Development at 278 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury MA, 01776 and at the Framingham Office of Planning and Community Development at 150 Concord Street (Room 121), Framingham MA, 01702 for public review and comment.



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

Environmental Impacts & Permitting

- Wetland impacts are anticipated due to proximity of the corridor to wetlands and culvert replacements
 - Wetland replication area is proposed to mitigate the net quantity of impacted wetlands
- Water Quality Impacts will be minimized within the Sudbury Water District Zone 2 water resource area
- Federal section 106 and state register review for historical/archeological permitting
- Section 404 of the United States Army Corps permitting related to culvert crossings
- Section 7 of the Mass. Endangered Species Act





**What is the
construction
approach?**

Proposed Construction Approach

- Access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times.
- Closures with alternating traffic during the workday (non-peak hours).
- Phase 3 (this project) will be closed during construction
- Phase 2D will remain open



Our next steps



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Summer
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Complete Final
Design and
Secure ROW



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How to reach us

- Project information website provided by the Town of Sudbury:
<https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/2024/02/14/bruce-freeman-rail-trail-update-info-2/>
- Submit email comments to:
MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us
- For project information visit the MassDOT Upcoming Events for Highway Division web site at
<http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events> or used the QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:
Carrie Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer
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Boston, MA 02116
Attention: Project Management, PROJECT FILE NO. 613319





Questions and answers

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Thank You

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