



West Springfield – Elimination of Two At-Grade Railroad Crossings at Front and First Streets

Thank you for joining us.

This meeting will begin shortly.





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Public Information Meeting

West Springfield Town Hall, Justin Morgan Auditorium,
26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA 01089

Thursday June 25th, 2026 6:00 pm

Project File No. 613945



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

Agenda

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- 02 Project Timeline
- 03 Project Overview
- 04 Project History
- 05 Project Purpose & Need
- 06 Project Concepts
- 07 Preliminary ROW
- 08 Next Steps



Presentation Participants



- **MassDOT Project Manager (Rail and Transit)**
 - Scott Conti
- **MassDOT Project Manager (Highway Design)**
 - Anthony Christakis
 - Joanne Ruddy
- **MassDOT ROW Agent:**
 - Zach Feury, Municipal ROW
 - Brenda Codella, State ROW



- **Design Consultant (HNTB)**
 - Gaby MacNeil, Project Manager
 - Erik Rolser, Highway Design Lead
 - Patrick Marvin, Public Involvement Lead

How did we get here?





**Where is this
project
located?**

Project Overview



Project Overview

Front Street Crossing



Project Overview

First Street Crossing

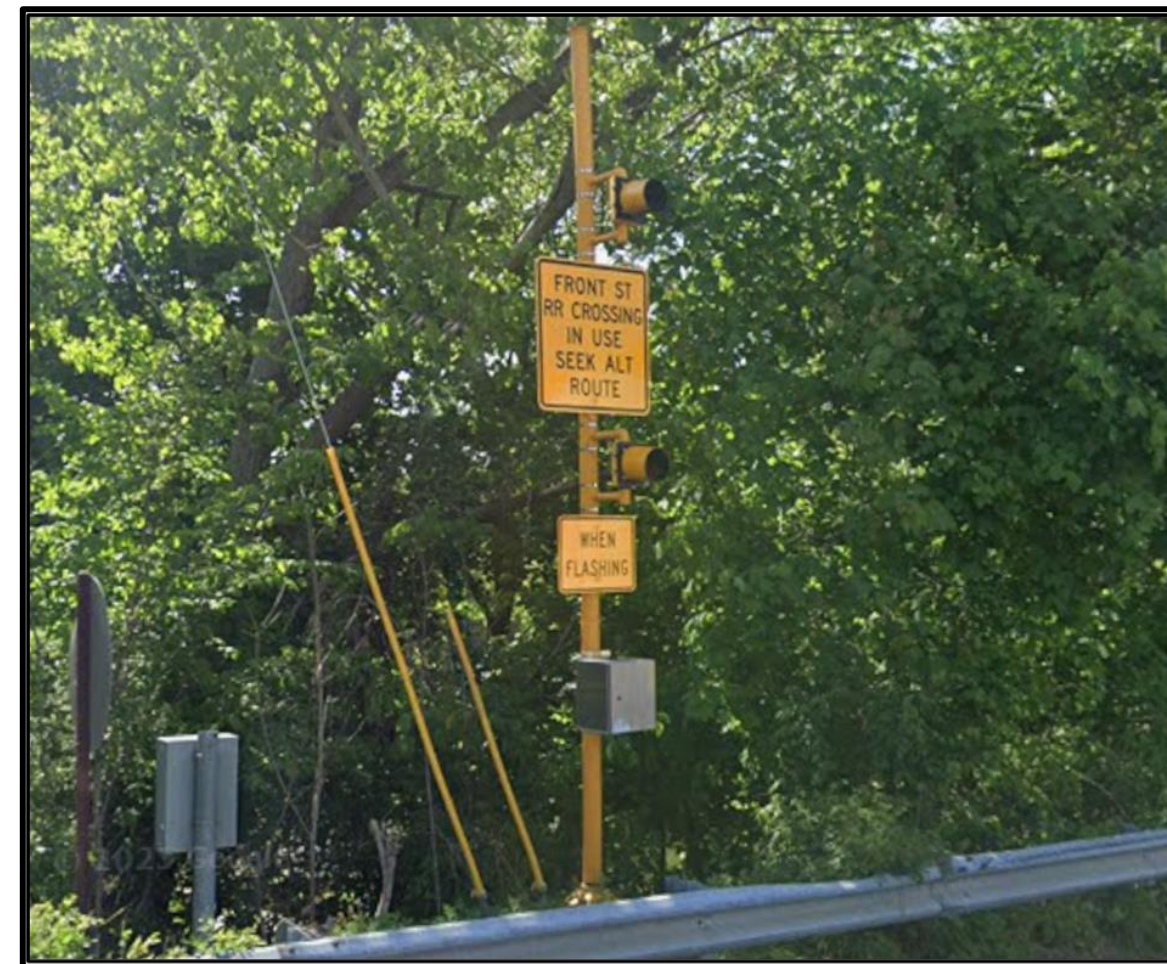
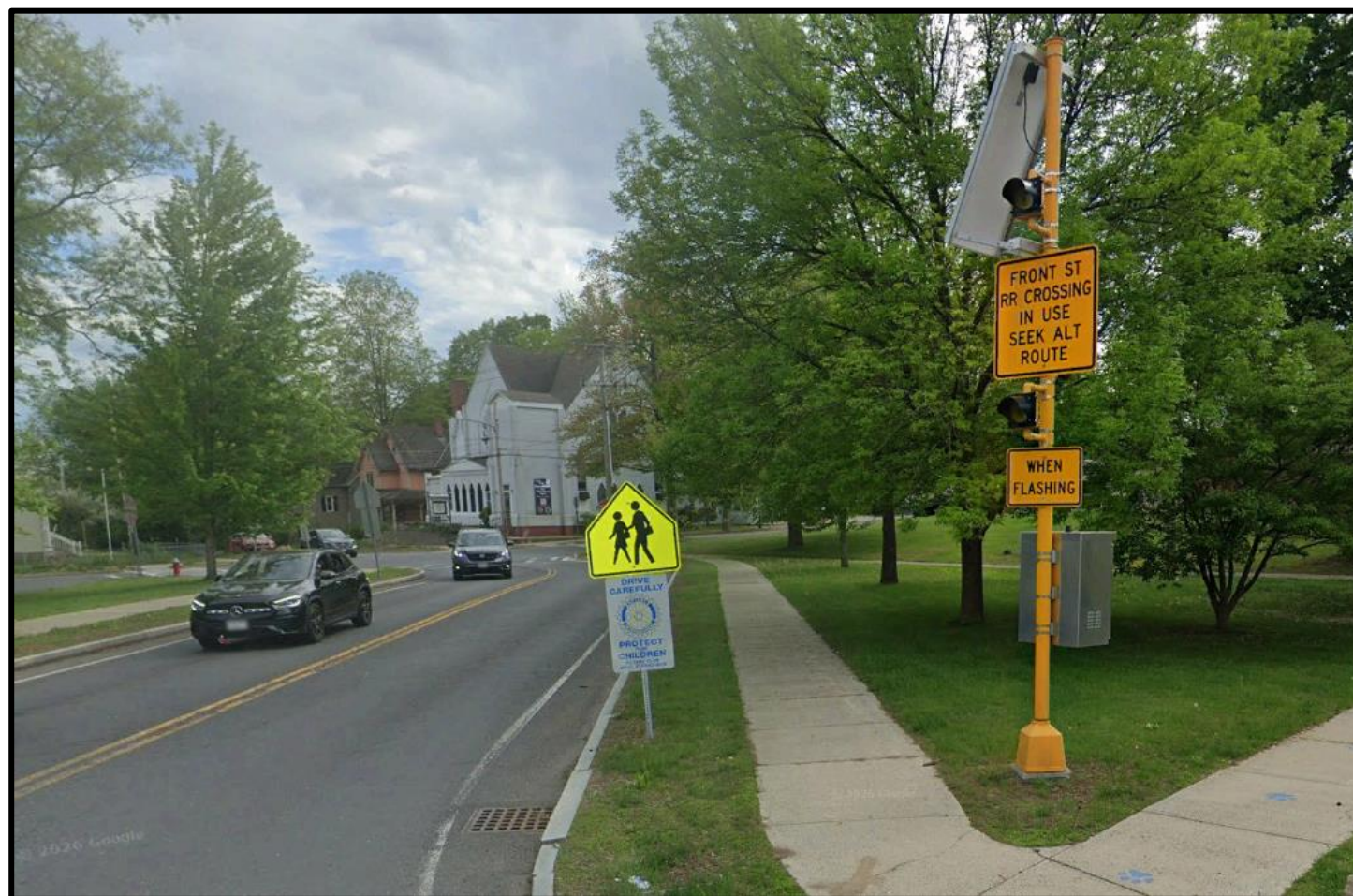
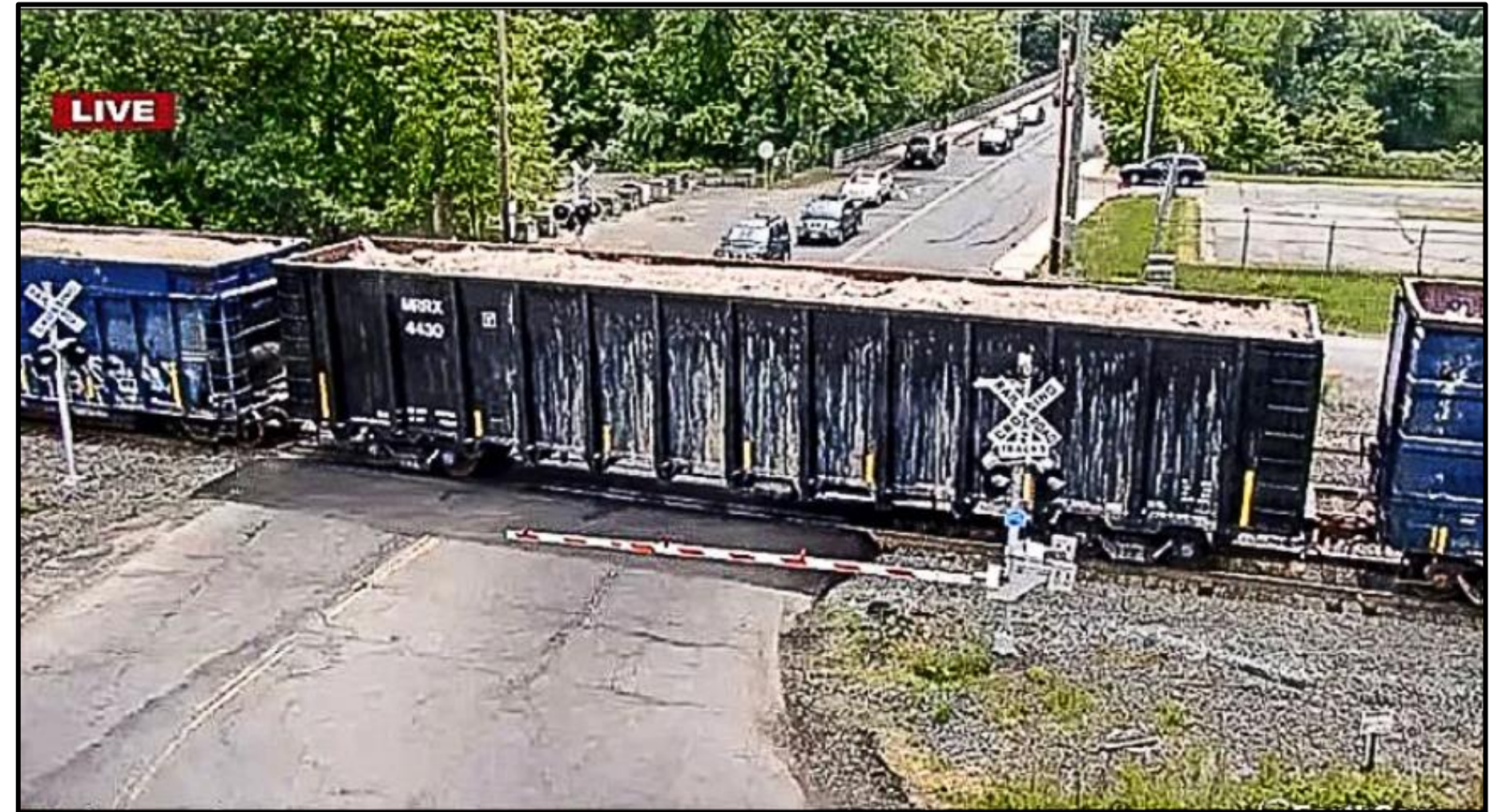


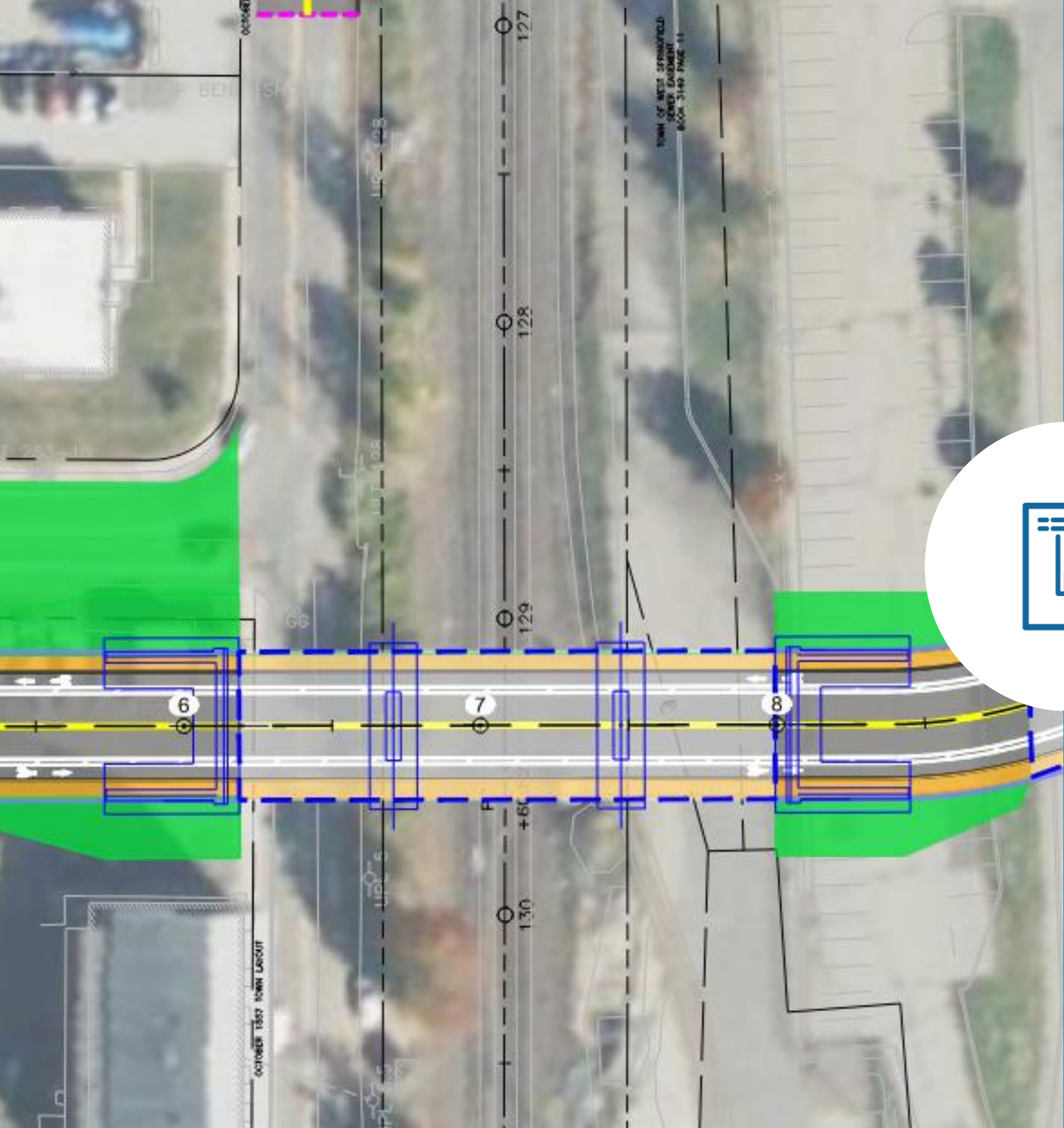


Why was this project initiated?

Project History

- Longstanding concerns of the blocked crossings
- 8 crashes reported at Front Street since 1979
- Front Street crossing named a high-risk crossing
- Local efforts underway with PVPC and CSX to improve safety and traffic flow.





**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Purpose and Need

Project Purpose:

- To provide a **reliable** and **safe** multimodal route between the towns of West Springfield and Agawam.

Project Need:

- Local complaints of **blocked crossing** for almost 60 years
- **Safety risk** for vehicular collisions with oncoming trains
 - Difficult roadway geometry, faded pavement markings, limited sight distance, and poor pavement conditions
- Additional safety concerns for **emergency response impacts**
- **Impacts to mobility** of people and goods
- Substandard bicycle and pedestrian accommodations



**MassDOT Project No. 613945
Alternatives Analysis Report**

West Springfield – Elimination of Two At-Grade Road
Crossings at Front Street and First Street

November 2025

PREPARED FOR:

Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116



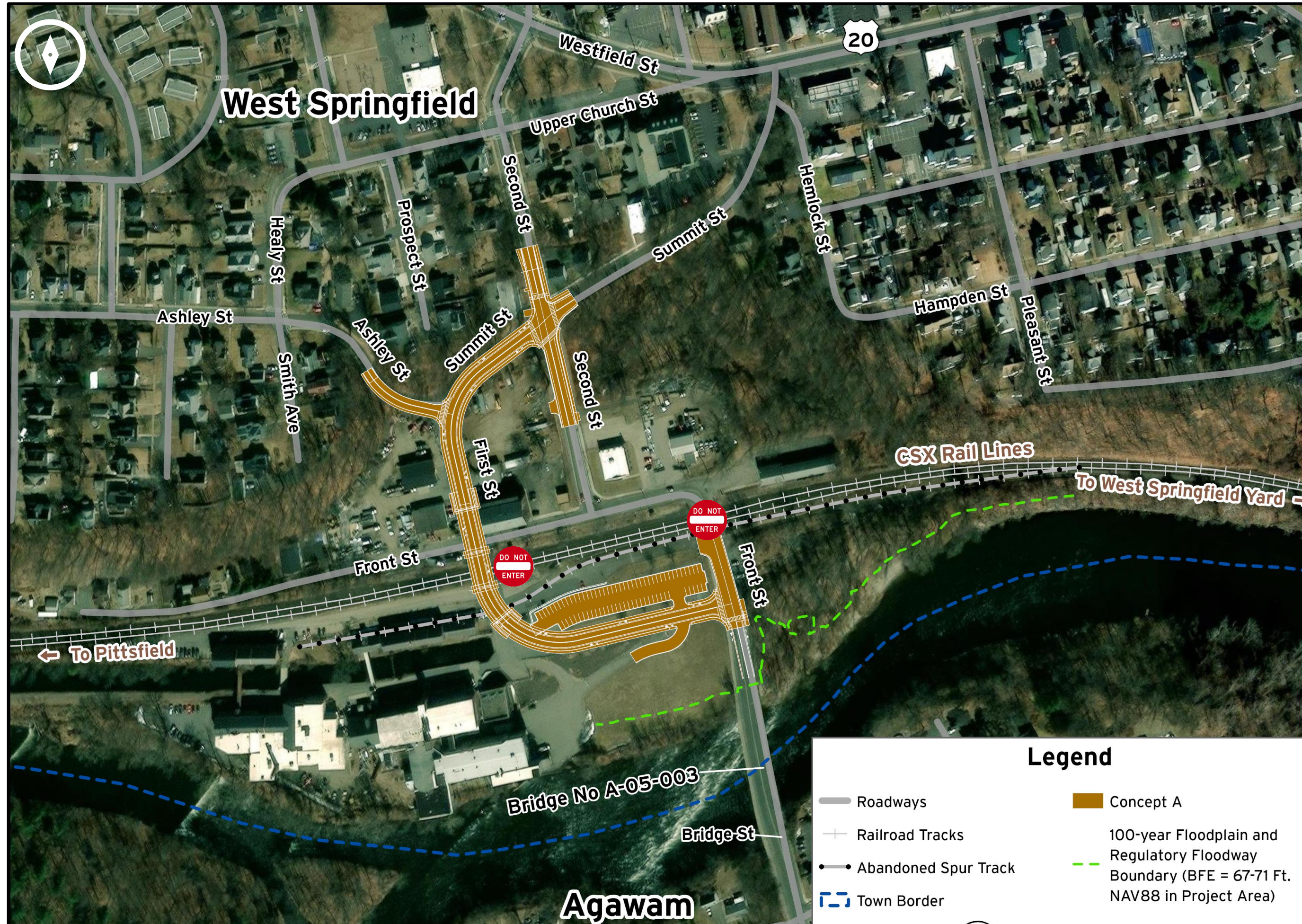
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**What concepts
were considered?**

Concept A



Concept B



Concept C



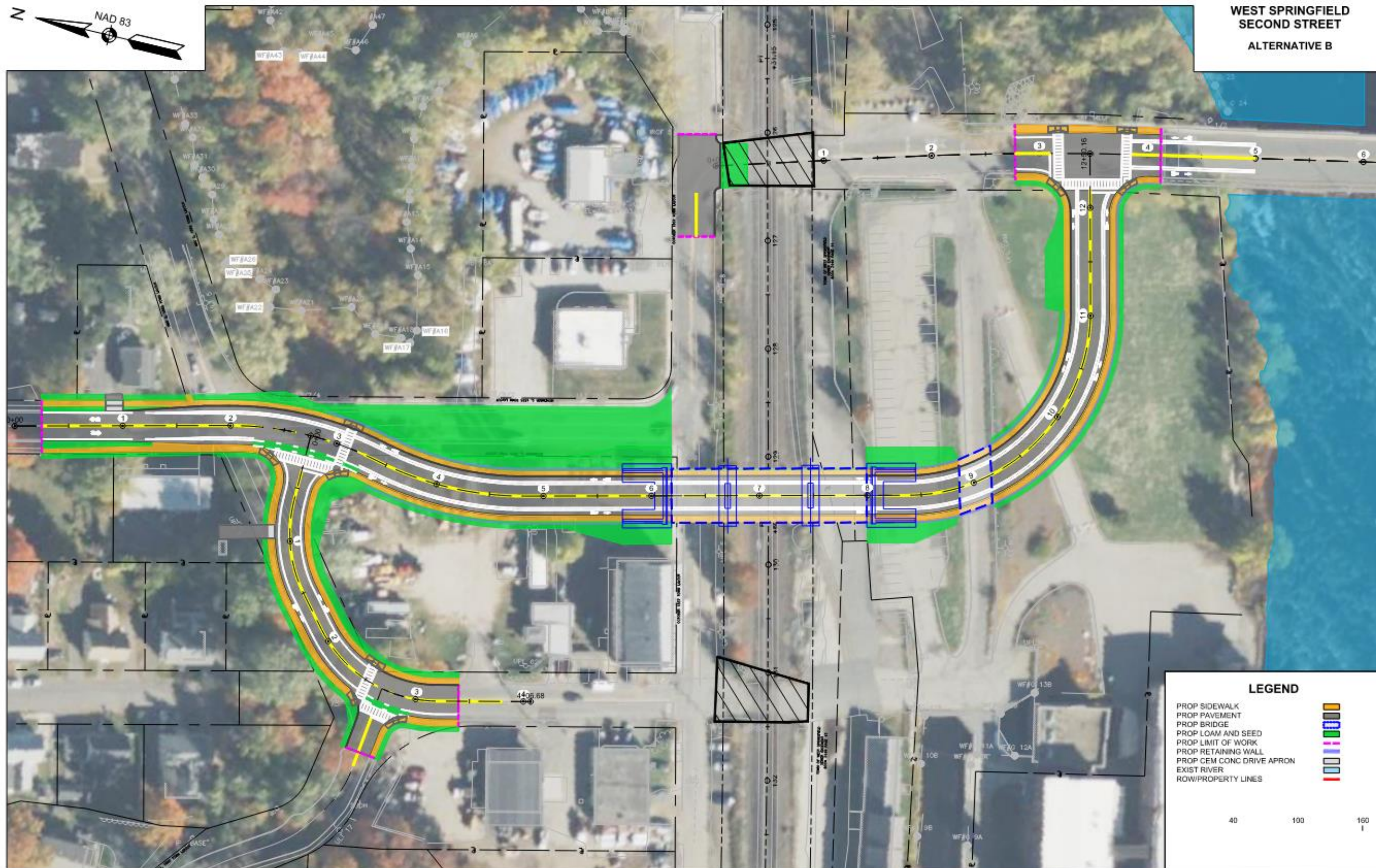


What is the recommended concept?

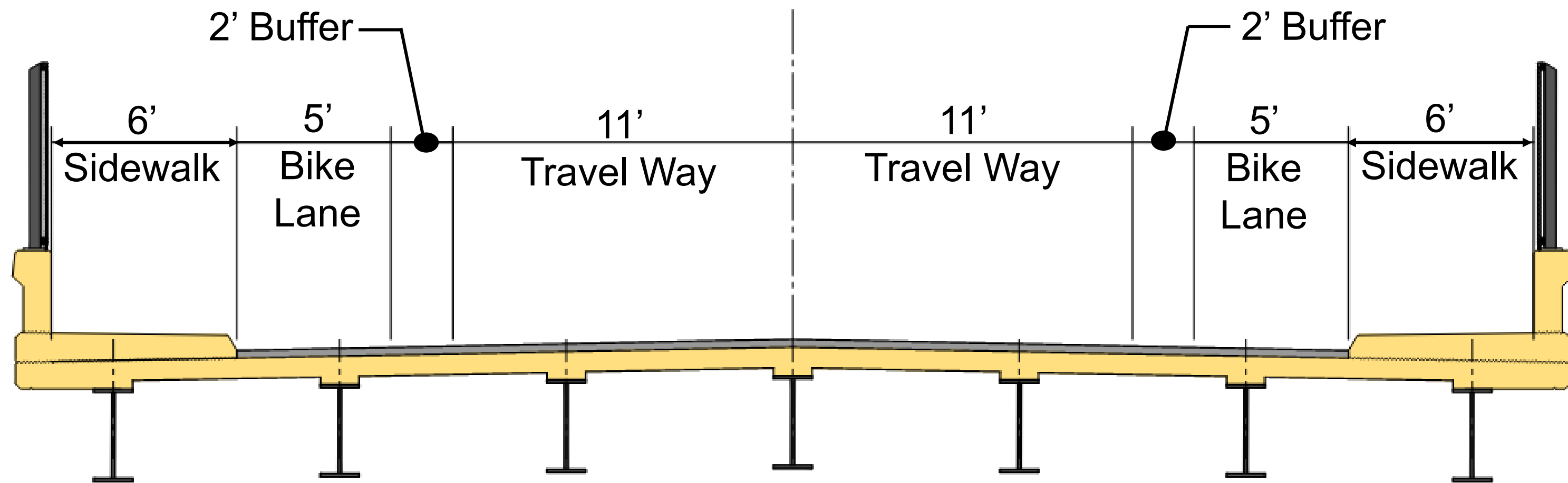
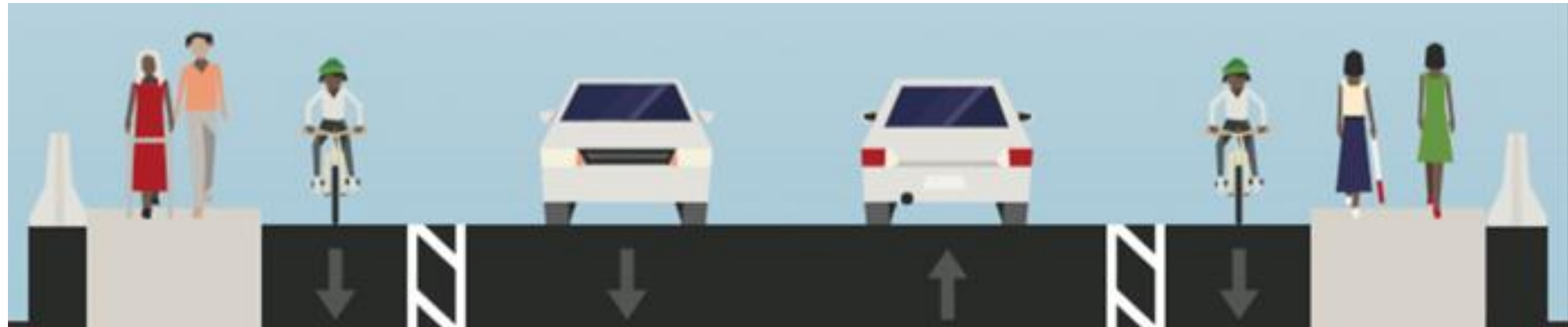
Recommended Concept B



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How will your property be impacted?

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion 25% Public Information Meeting

- The Town of West Springfield and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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 either the Town of West Springfield or the MassDOT ROW Bureau or consultants representing the responsible agency.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
- Preliminary ROW drawings are still being developed and should be available for the 25% design public hearing.

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.



What are the next steps for the project?

Our next steps



Address public comments



Continue Project Development



Pre-25% Design
Fall 2026



25% Design
Spring 2027



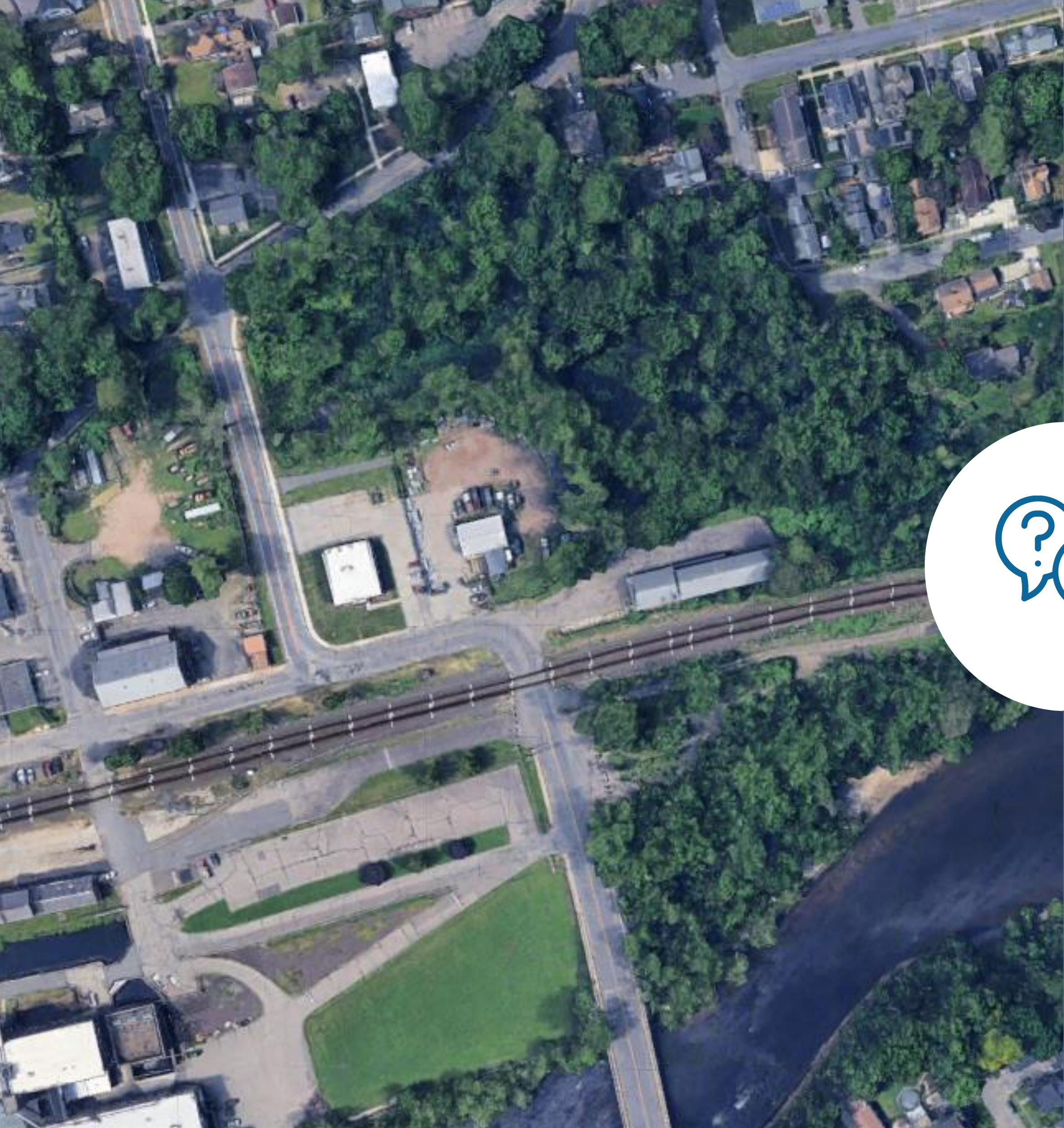
Design Public Hearing
Summer 2027



How can you reach us?

How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:
WestSpringfieldCrossings@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
MassDOT
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116
Attention: MAJOR PROJECTS, PROJECT FILE NO. 613945



Questions and answers



Thank You

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Parcel Map – Potential Impacts

