



# Route 20 Reconstruction Project in Charlton & Oxford: Construction Update






## *Public Information Meeting*

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# Agenda

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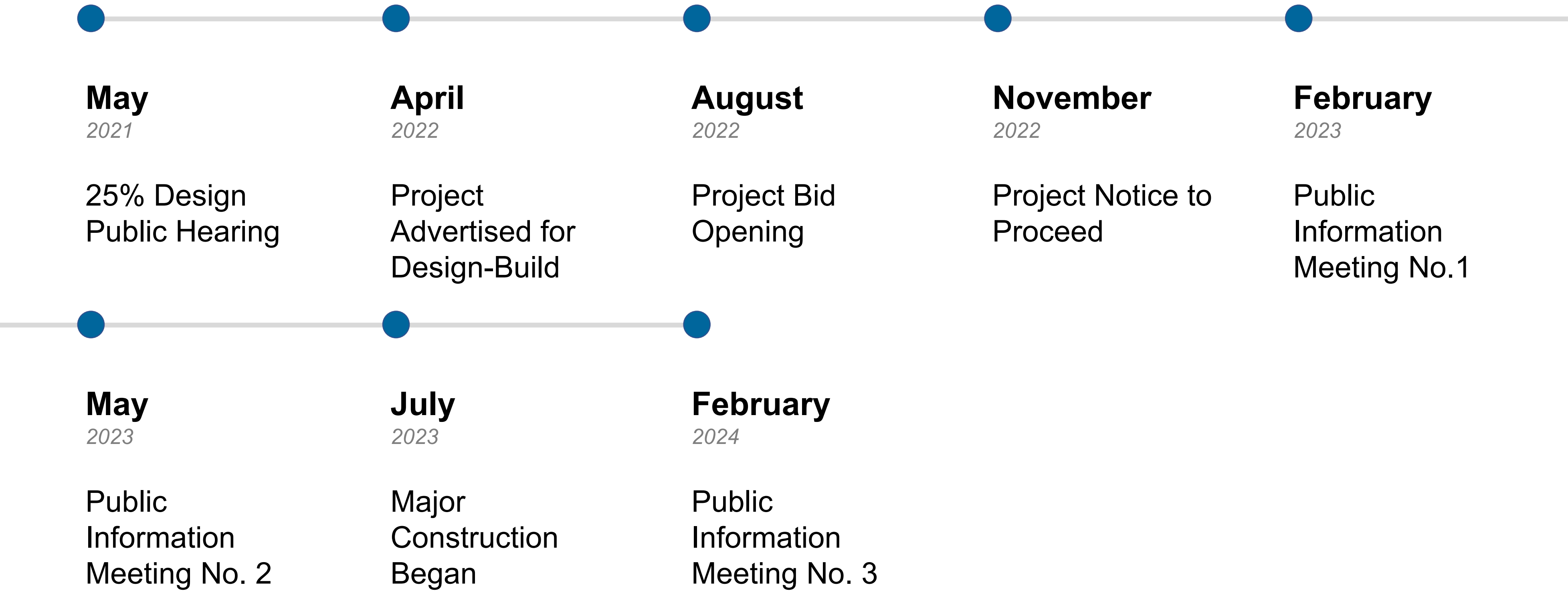


# Presentation Participants:

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- **MassDOT Producers/Facilitators**
  - Joe Yoo and Hung Pham
- **MassDOT Highway Division**
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  - Joe Frawley, District 3 Operations Engineer
  - Klodian Polisi, Resident Engineer
- **Design Build Construction Team**
  - Contractor: D.W. White – Peter Pavao, Project Manager
  - Design Engineer: TranSystems – Lenny Velichansky, Design Manager
  - Environmental Permitting: BETA Group – Jonathan Niro
  - Public Outreach: Regina Villa Associates – Amanda Poggenburg



# How did we get here?





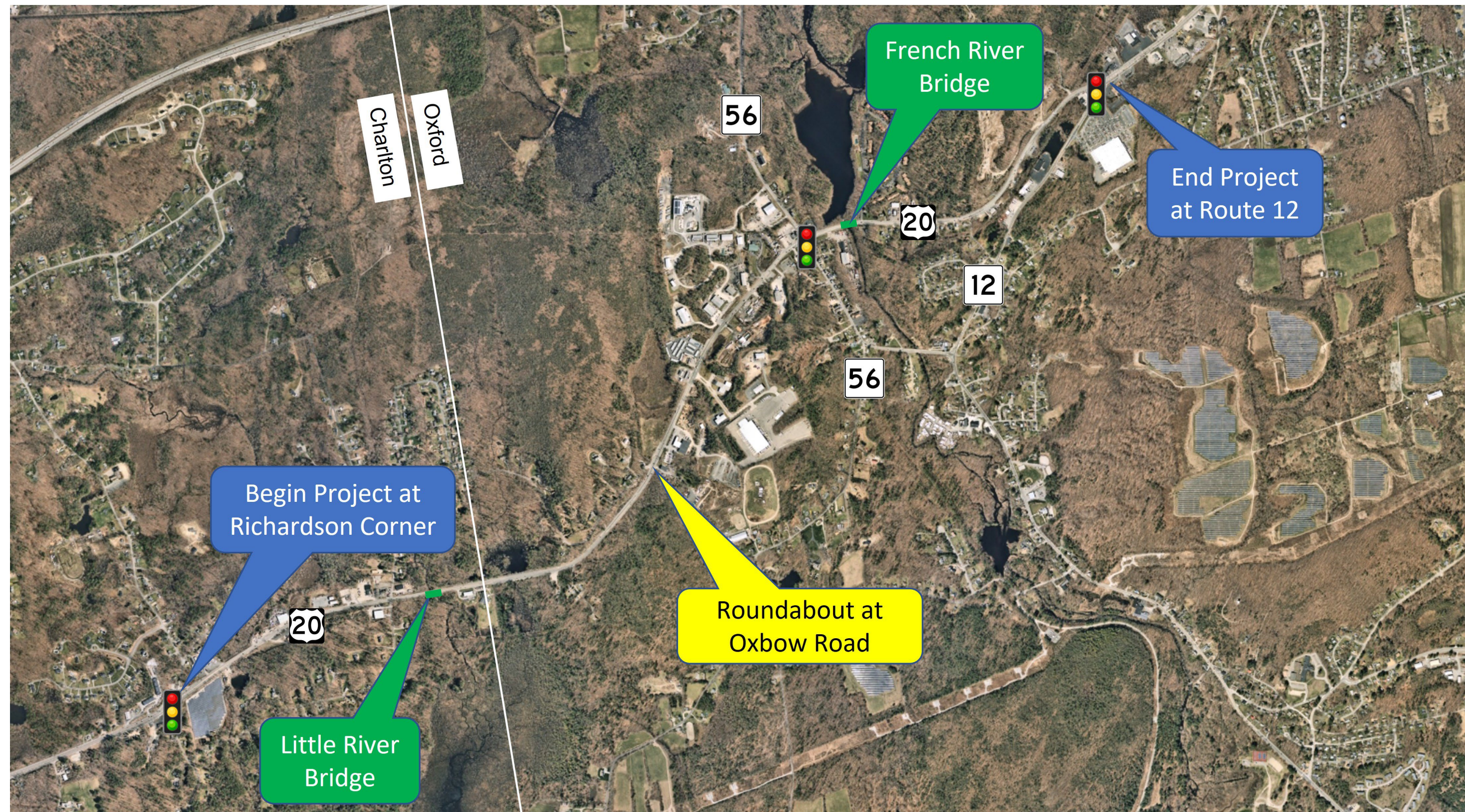


# Project Scope



# Overview and Highlights

- Reconstruct Route 20 between Richardson Corner in Charlton and Route 12 in Oxford
- Replace Route 20 Bridges over the Little River and French River







# Construction and Staging Update



## Construction Overview

### Original project timeline – approximately 4 years

- Daytime work schedule
  - Typical work hours 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
  - May vary between 5:00 AM and 7:00 PM
- Occasional night and weekend work
- Maintain emergency services

### Mitigation of Construction Impacts

- Major earthwork operations will be within confined work zones
- Minimize construction vehicle turning movements
- Travel speeds reduced through work zones for safety
- Water spray for dust suppression





## Major Milestones Achieved

### Utilities

- Early utility poles relocation
- 3 years reduced to 2 years – eliminating a phase



### 3 Culverts (Across Route 20 Roadway) Replaced



# 2024 Temporary Lane Closures

**1 Lane in Each Direction,  
March 4 through November 2024**

***Changed from what we previously presented***

- One lane from Richardson Corner Rd to Route 12
- Maintaining existing turn lanes at Route 56, Route 12, and Richardson Corner Rd
- U-turns allowed at Richardson Corner Rd, Route 56, and Route 12
- Left turns into and out of other side streets or driveways restricted due to barrier
- Will maintain access to local businesses
- Off season will return to 4 lanes throughout corridor





# 2024 Temporary Lane Closures - Benefits

## Schedule Benefits

- Expedited construction timeline – project will be completed **10 months earlier** than originally planned
- Project will be substantially complete in 2025 with only finish work and cleanup remaining (*subject to weather and other factors*)

## Safety Benefits

- Use of a longer-term setup with barrier will provide a buffer between the work zone and lanes open to travel
  - Increases safety for construction workers and the traveling public
  - The corridor is narrow and speeds on the corridor are high (the work zone speed limit is not always followed)

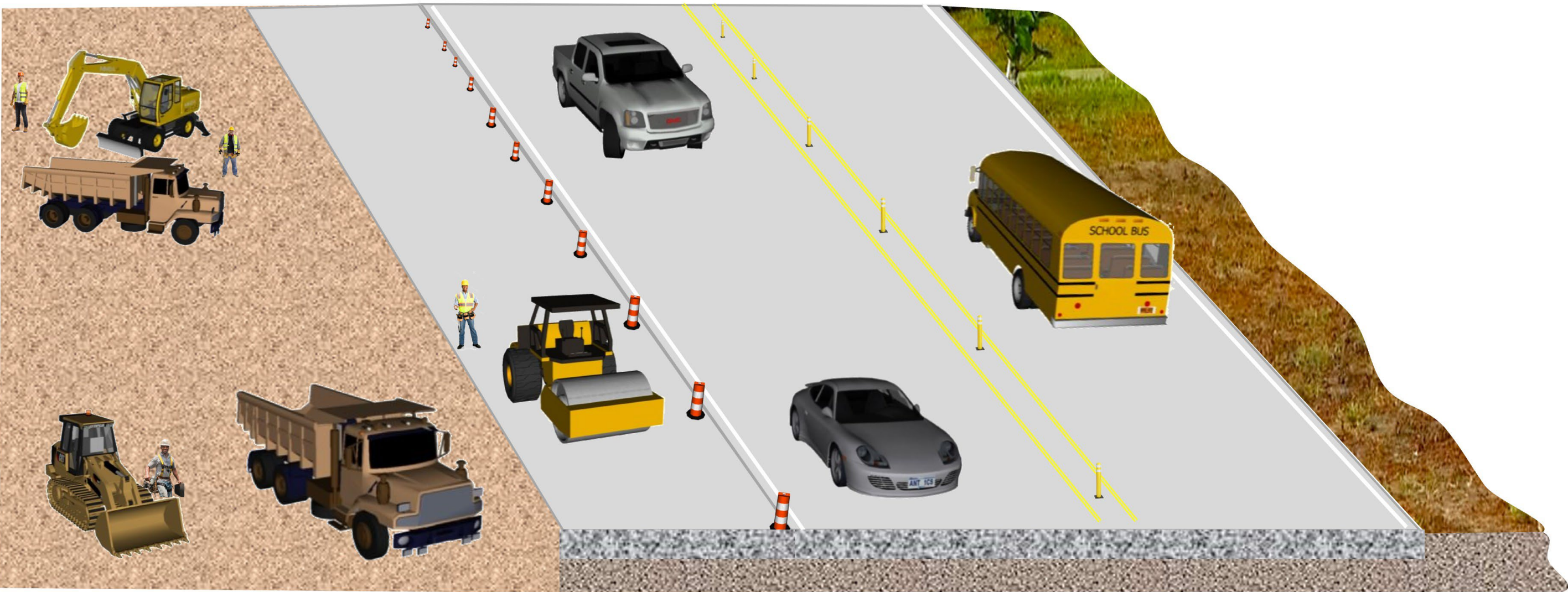
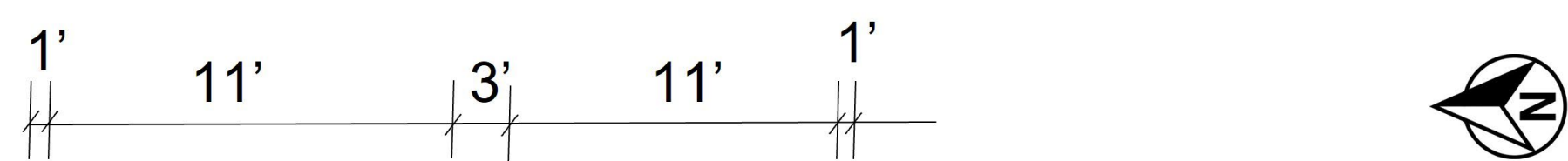


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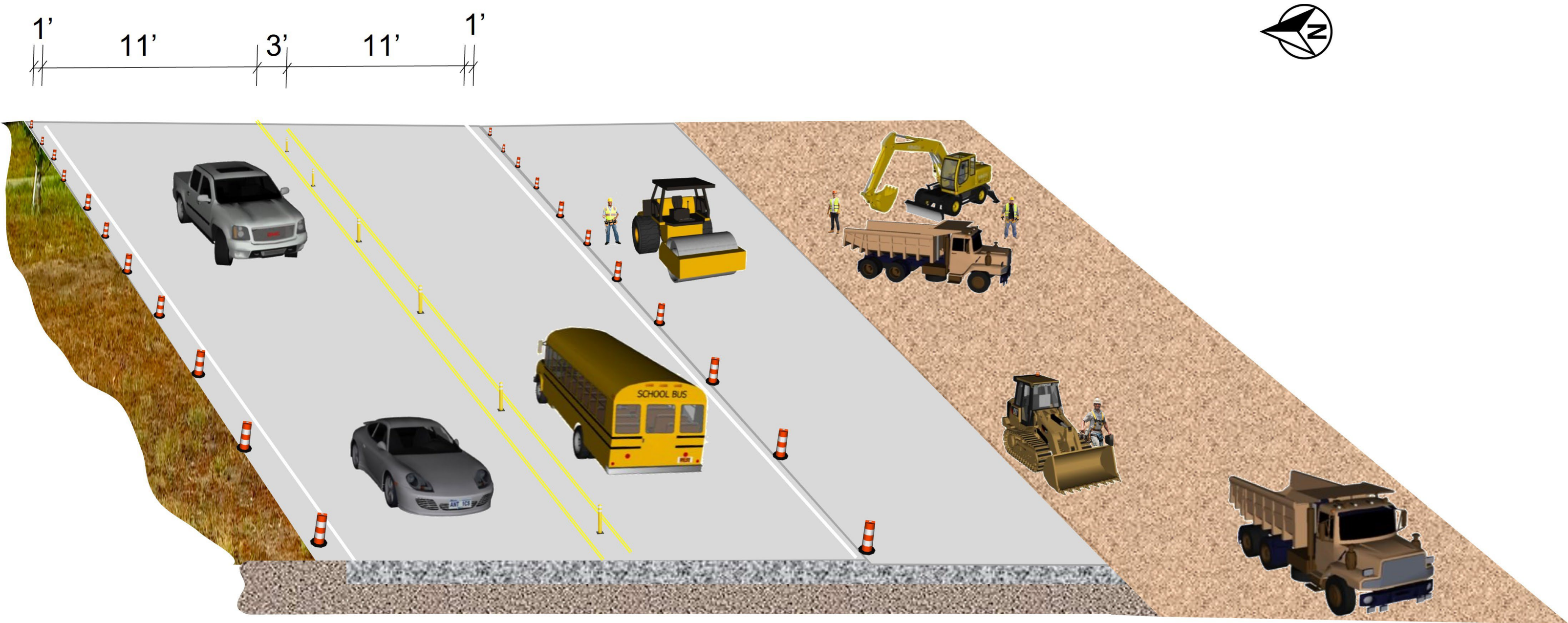
Route 20 Construction on the North (Westbound) Side, March – July 2024





# Stage 2 Configuration

Route 20 Construction on the South (Eastbound) Side, July – November 2024





## Wide Loads Prohibited from Work Zone

- Restriction prohibits vehicles carrying wide loads over 8 ft 6 in on Route 20 between Route 12 and Richardson Corner Road
- In place 24/7 during lane closures
- The project team will continue to coordinate with businesses inside the project limits

Vehicles carrying wide loads should avoid the work zone, seek alternate routes, and contact **MassDOT's Commercial Truck Permits Office:**

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# Current Work Activities



# Roadway Widening and Infrastructure

- **Current work activities:**
  - Utilities
  - Roadway widening
  - Retaining walls
- **Why:** Necessary to widening corridor and alignment configuration
- **Anticipated construction season completion:** November 2024
- **Construction work hours:**
  - Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM,
  - May vary between 5:00 AM and 7:00 PM
  - With occasional night and weekend work
- **Traffic impacts:** Traffic configuration reduced to 1 lane in each direction from Richardson Corner Rd to Route 12







## Next Steps



# Estimated Project Schedule



**February 2024**  
Public Information  
Meeting #3



**March 2024**  
Lane Closures Begin



**December 2024**  
Lanes Reopen



**November  
2025 (anticipated)**  
Project Substantial  
Completion



**September  
2026 (anticipated)**  
Final Completion





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