



Route 20 Reconstruction Project in Charlton & Oxford: Construction Update

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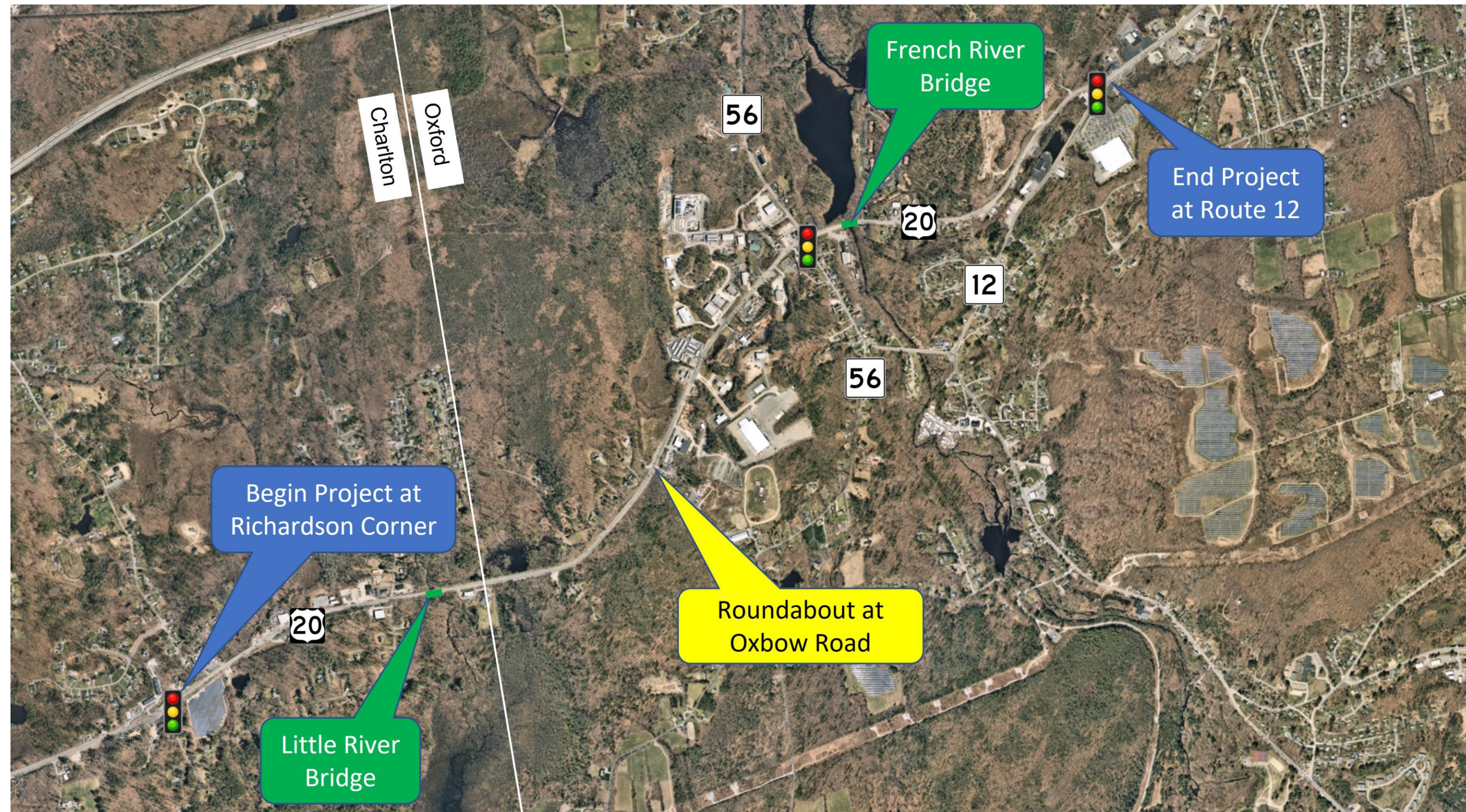
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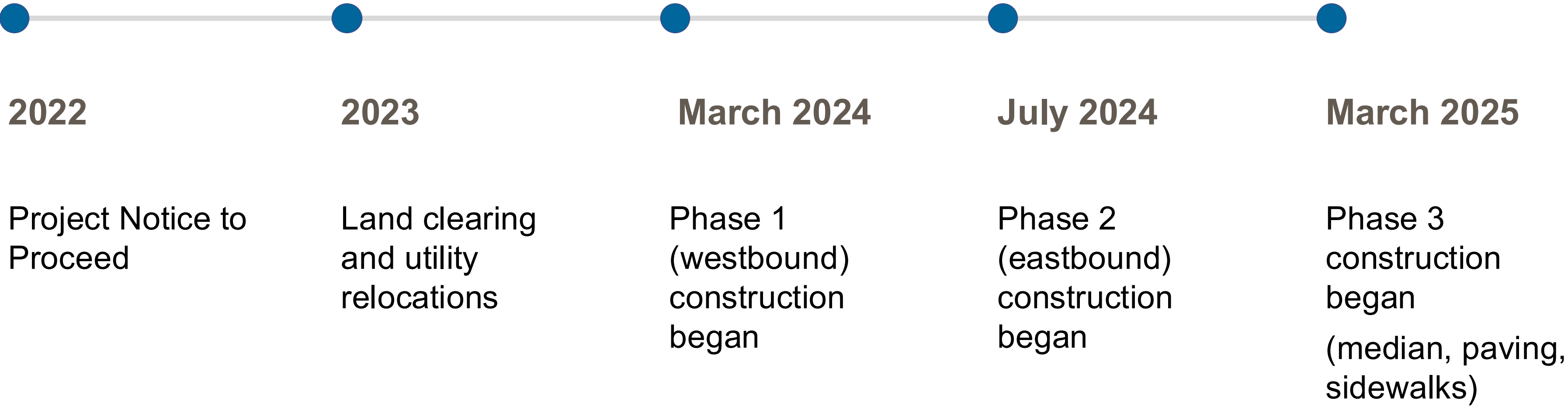
Project Overview & Timeline

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 Timeline





Construction Update

Construction Overview

Original project timeline – approximately 4 years

By completing two phases of construction in 2024, the project will be substantially complete in Fall 2025

- 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
- Posted speeds reduced through work zones for safety



Major Milestones Achieved

Construction Completion:

- Roadway widening
- French and Little River Bridges
- 14 retaining walls
- 8 Miles Underground utilities and stormwater controls
- Precast median barrier (10,000 linear feet)

Returned to 4 lanes of traffic in 2024



2025 Work Activities

2025 Construction: Phase 3

- Installation of remaining sidewalk and granite curb
- Installation of remaining fence and guardrail
- Wetland replication
- Landscaping – slope seeding and plantings
- Final Paving
- Completion of new roundabout at Oxbow Road



2025 Construction: Anticipated Traffic Impacts

- Temporary single lane closures in areas of work
 - Both daytime and nighttime lane closures are anticipated
- Weekend detours for side roads for construction of the roundabout and intersections
 - Route 20 through traffic to be maintained
- Nighttime paving

Wide Loads Prohibited from Work Zone on Route 20

- Restriction prohibits vehicles carrying wide loads over 8 feet, 6 inches (8'-6")
- In place 24 hours per day, seven days per week
- The project team will continue to coordinate with businesses inside the project limits





Next Steps

Estimated Project Schedule



March 2025

- Public meeting #4 (tonight)



November 2025 (anticipated)

- Project Substantial Completion



September 2026

- Project Completion



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