



Concord – Alternatives to Improve the Route 2 Concord Rotary

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This meeting will begin shortly.



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Public Information Meeting

June 24, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Project File No. 602091

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Recent Public Outreach

- Meeting posted to Mass.gov event calendar
- Local flyer distribution by Concord DPW
- Notice published in local newspapers
 - *The Concord Journal* – 6/11 and 6/18
 - *Action Journal* –6/12 and 6/19
- Notice shared with Go Green Streets, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Walk Massachusetts





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What is happening?

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division will be holding a Public Information Meeting (PIM) regarding MassDOT Project No. 602091, Improvements & Upgrades to Concord Rotary. This meeting is open to everyone and will provide the public with the opportunity to review and express thoughts on the alternatives being advanced to improve traffic operations, improve safety, and provide multi-modal transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

How will this affect you?

The proposed project has advanced four alternatives for the improvements to the Route 2 Concord Rotary and Elm Street intersections to address traffic and safety concerns at these locations. Three of the alternatives propose a grade-separated interchange for the Concord Rotary and one alternative proposes an at-grade solution. All four of the alternatives include replacing the bridge structure that carries Route 2 over the Assabet River and improvements to the Elm Street intersection at the Baker Avenue Extension.

When	Where
June 24, 2026 6:00 PM	Concord Middle School Auditorium 835 Old Marlboro Road Concord, MA 01742



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to MassDOTMajorProjects@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: Major Projects, PROJECT FILE NO. 602091**

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Presentation Participants

- **MassDOT Project Manager**
 - Anthony Christakis
 - Joanne Ruddy
- **MassDOT ROW**
 - Michael Ruderman
- **MassDOT District 4**
 - Peter Tramontozzi
 - Brian Fallon
- **MassDOT Legislative Affairs**
 - Dan Racicot
- **AECOM**
 - David Patnaude
 - Keven Mulcahy
 - Dave Derrig
 - Michael Sarazen
- **Howard Stein Hudson**
 - Nicole Sharma

Agenda

- 01 Project Initiation
- 02 Project Area
- 03 Project Goals
- 04 Proposed Concepts
- 05 Right of Way
- 06 Impacts
- 07 Next Steps
- 08 Questions and Answers





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

How Did We Get Here?



Existing Conditions



Comm Ave: Looking North towards the Rotary



Route 2 / Rotary: Looking East

Existing Conditions



Route 2 / Wetherbee Street Looking West

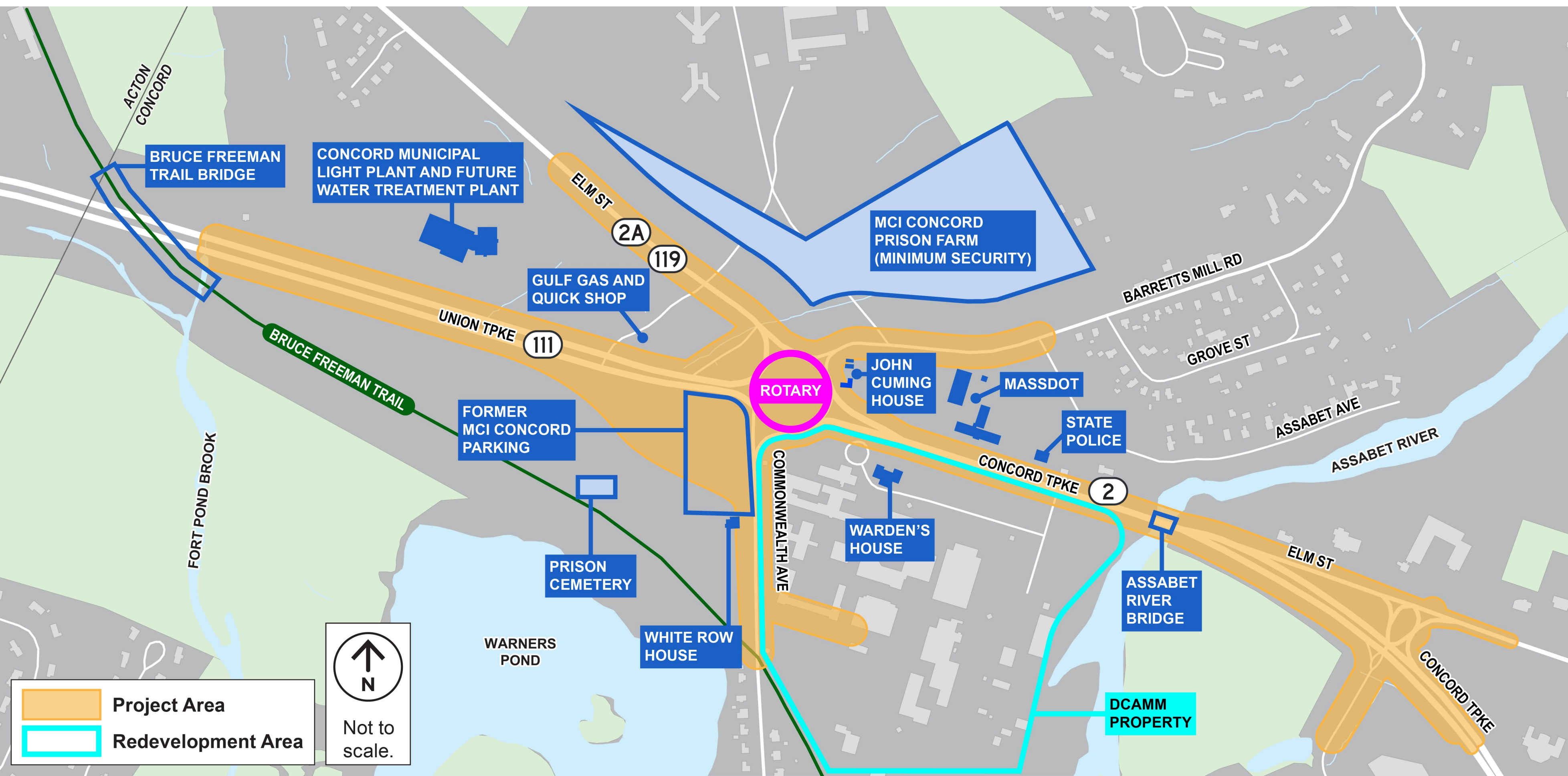


Comm Ave / Bruce Freeman Trail Looking South

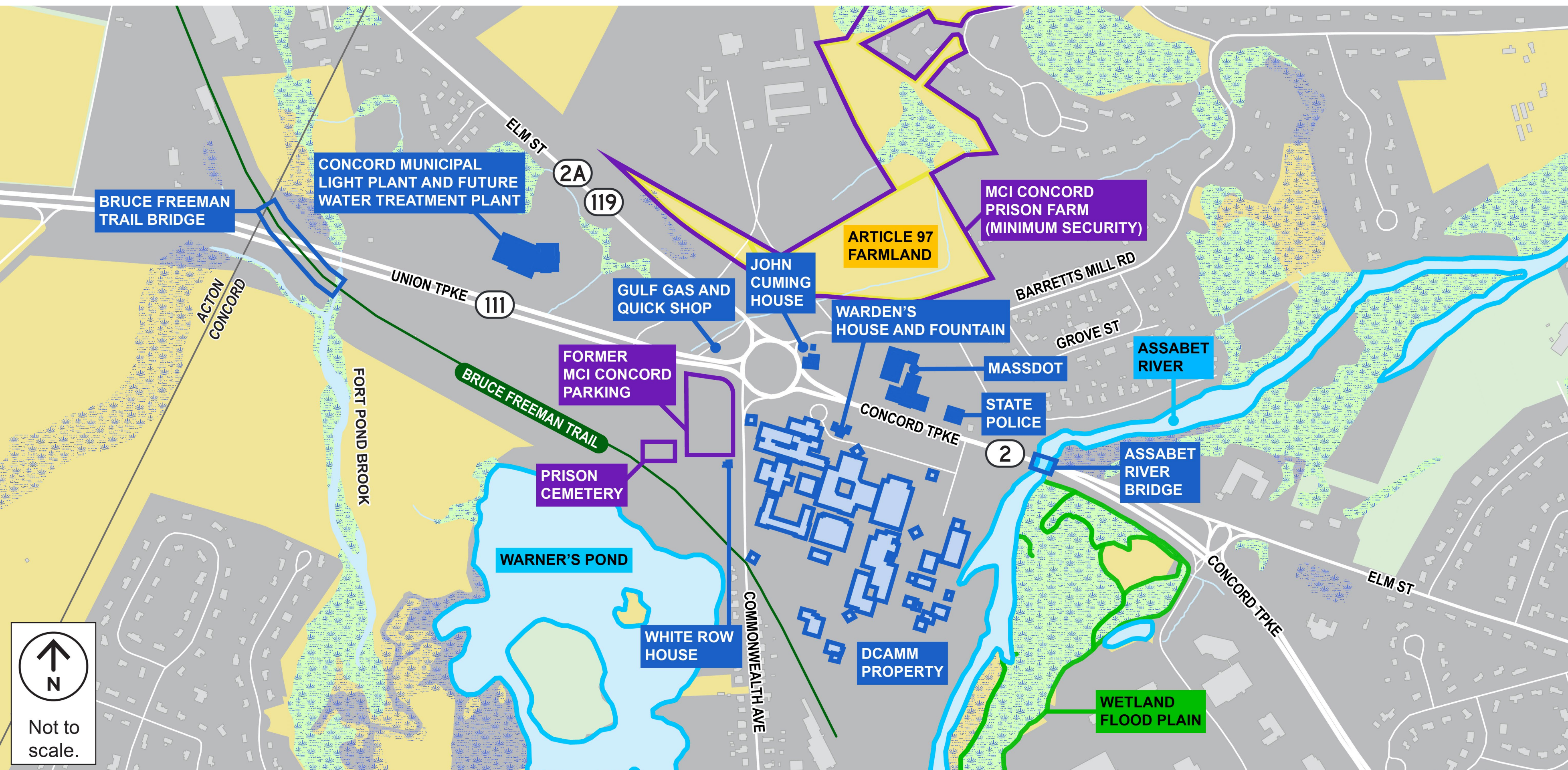
Existing Conditions Crash Severity



Project Area



Environmental and Historic Site Constraints

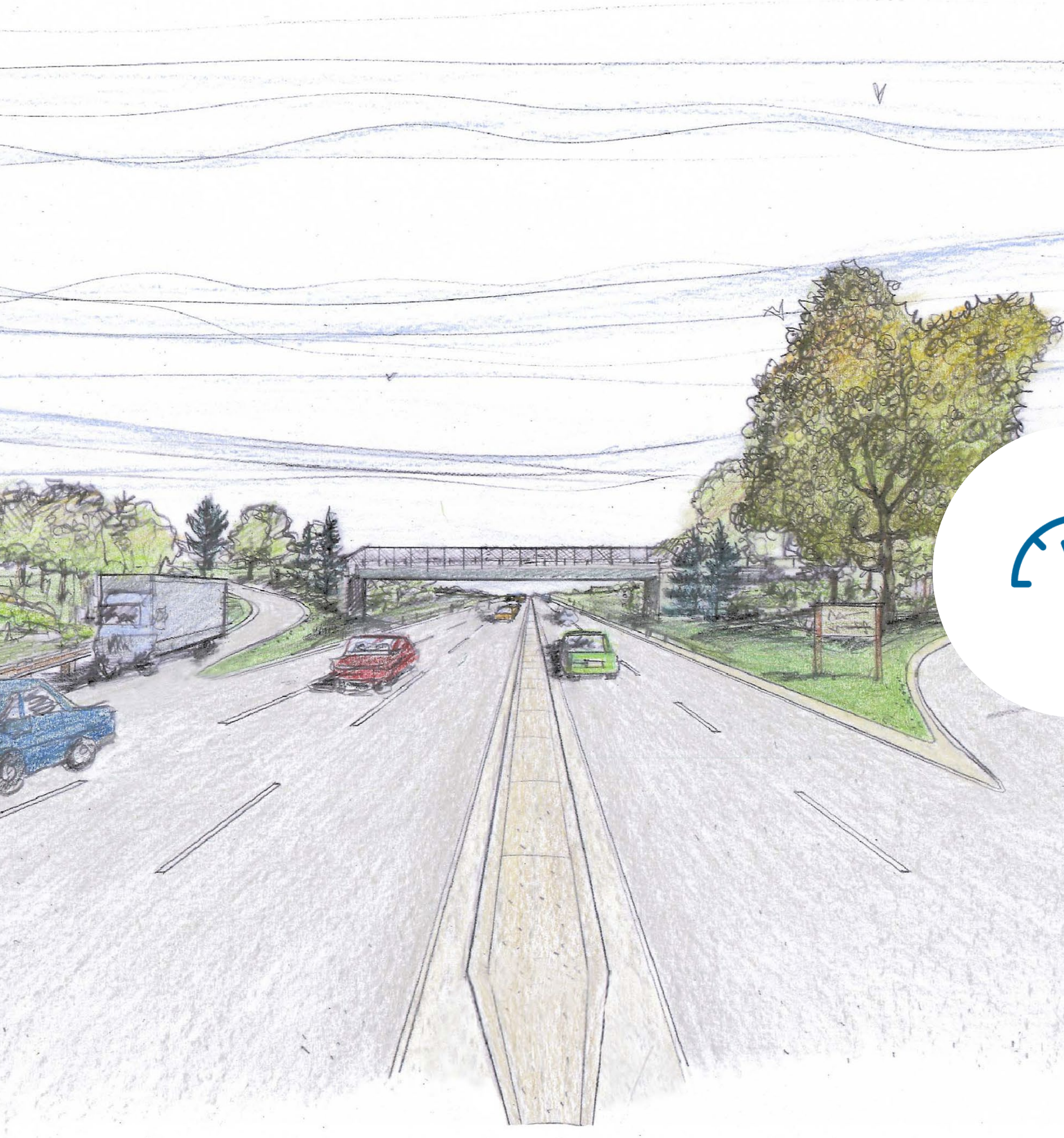




**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

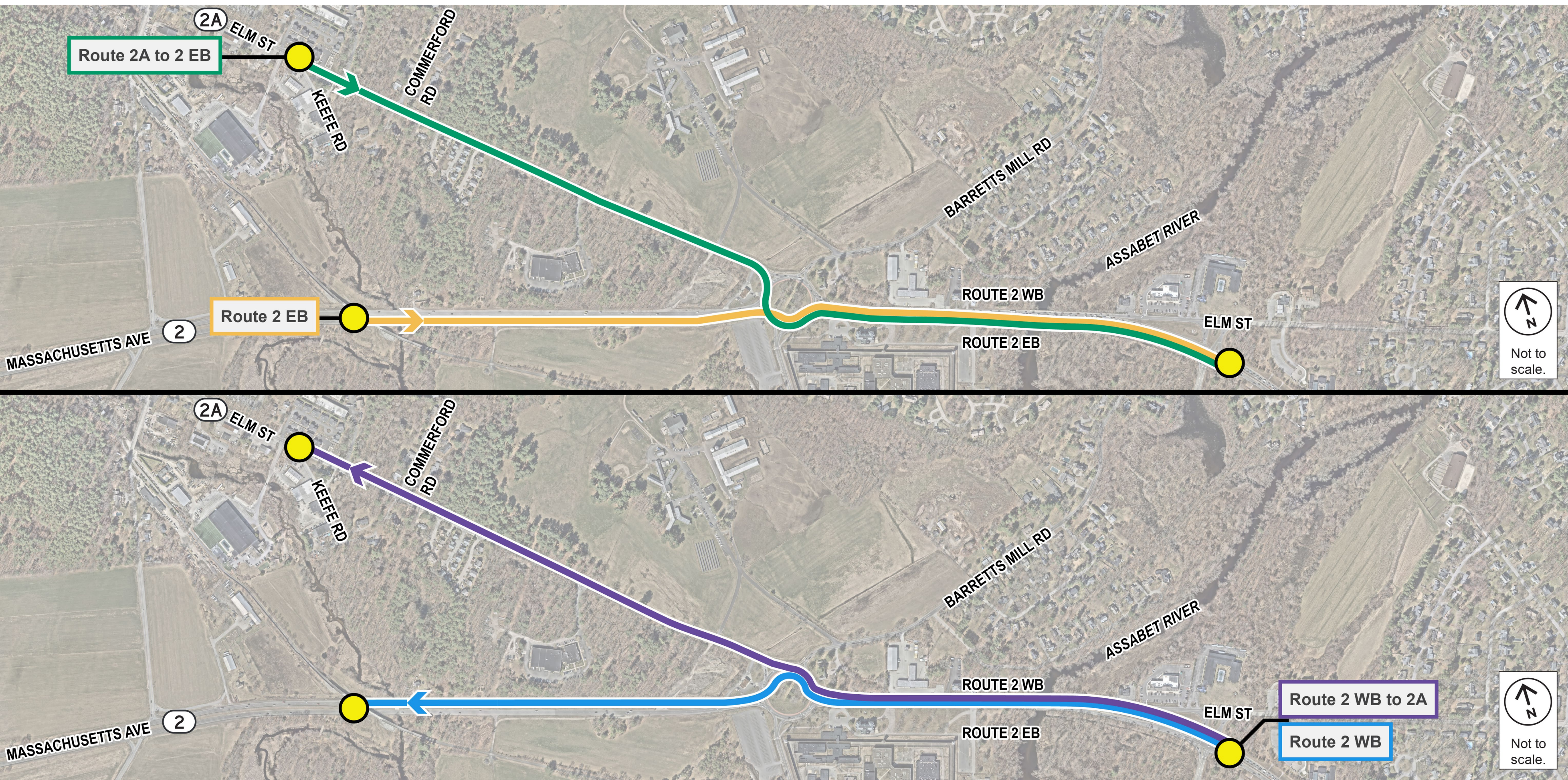
Project Goals

- Improve efficiency and safety of Route 2 within the project area
- Improve local connections by grade separating local and regional traffic movements
- Create a free-flowing Route 2 which reduces delays and improves air quality by reducing congestion
- Keeping highway traffic on Route 2 and easing cut through traffic through Concord will improve local conditions
- Improve safety by decreasing the number of conflicting movements
- Provide safe infrastructure for multi-modal transportation including safe and inviting pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Enable the Town's redevelopment of the former Prison parcel

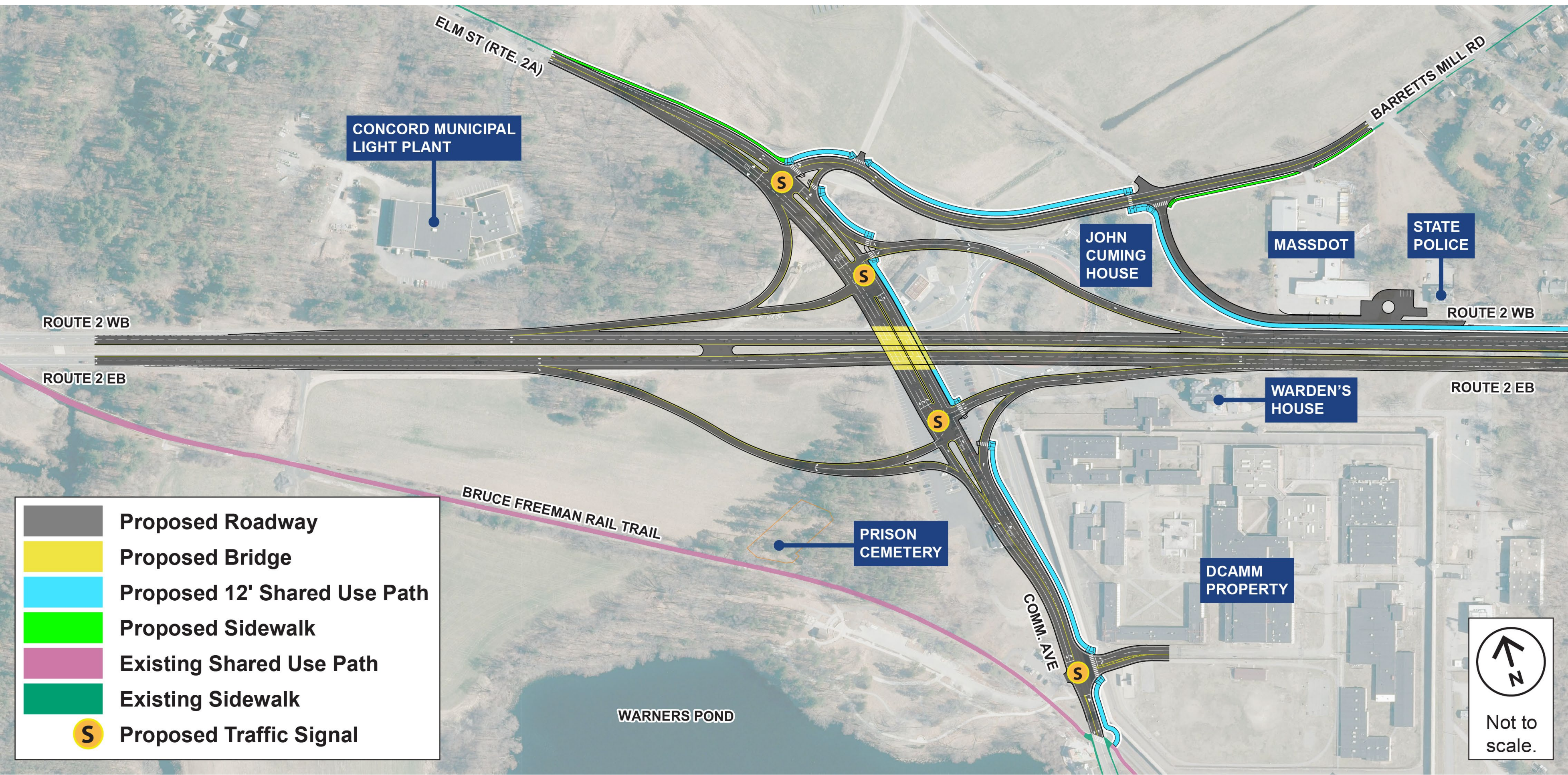


**What
concepts were
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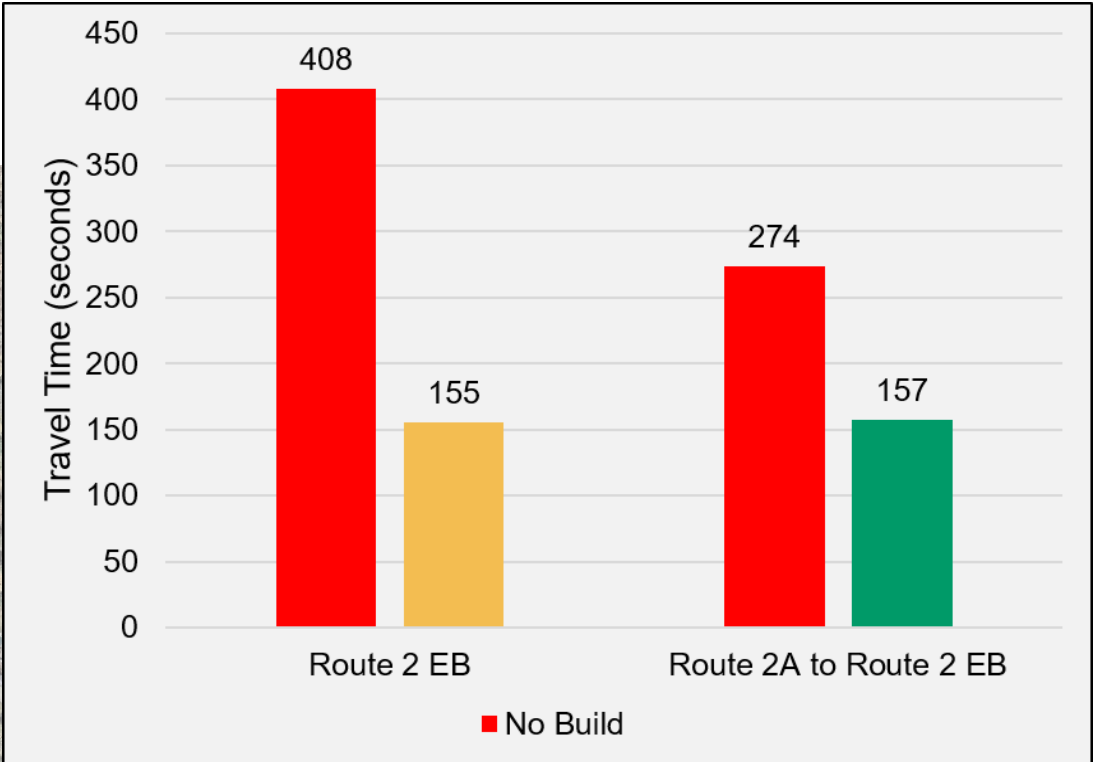
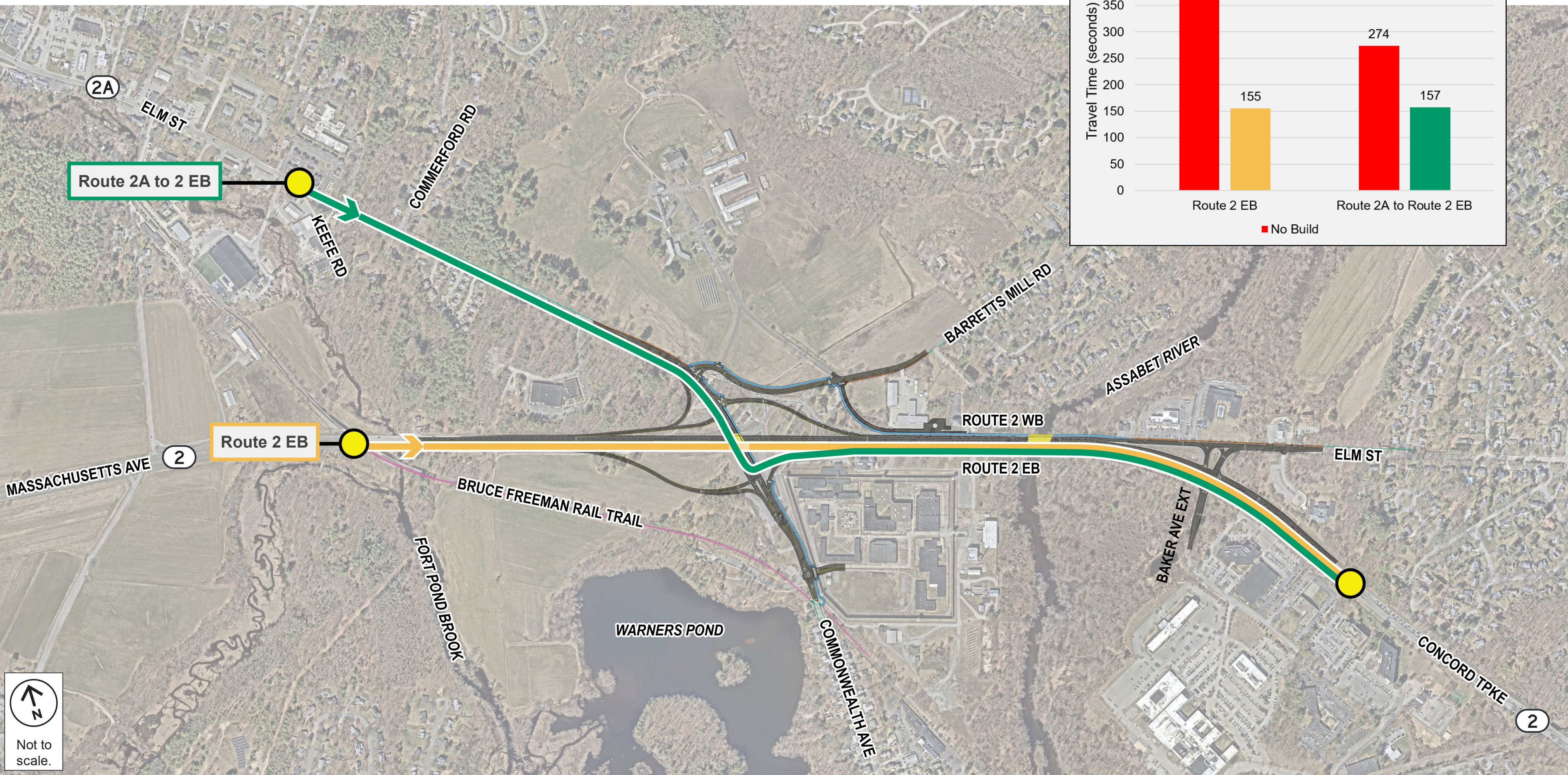
Existing Traffic Movements



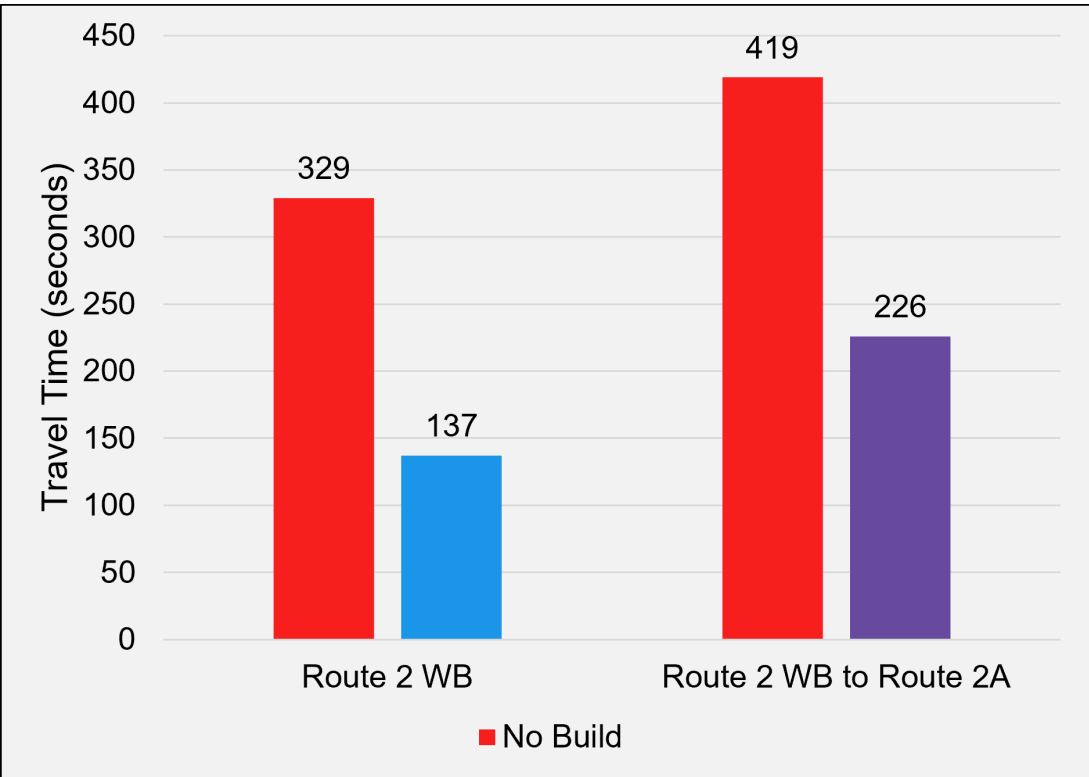
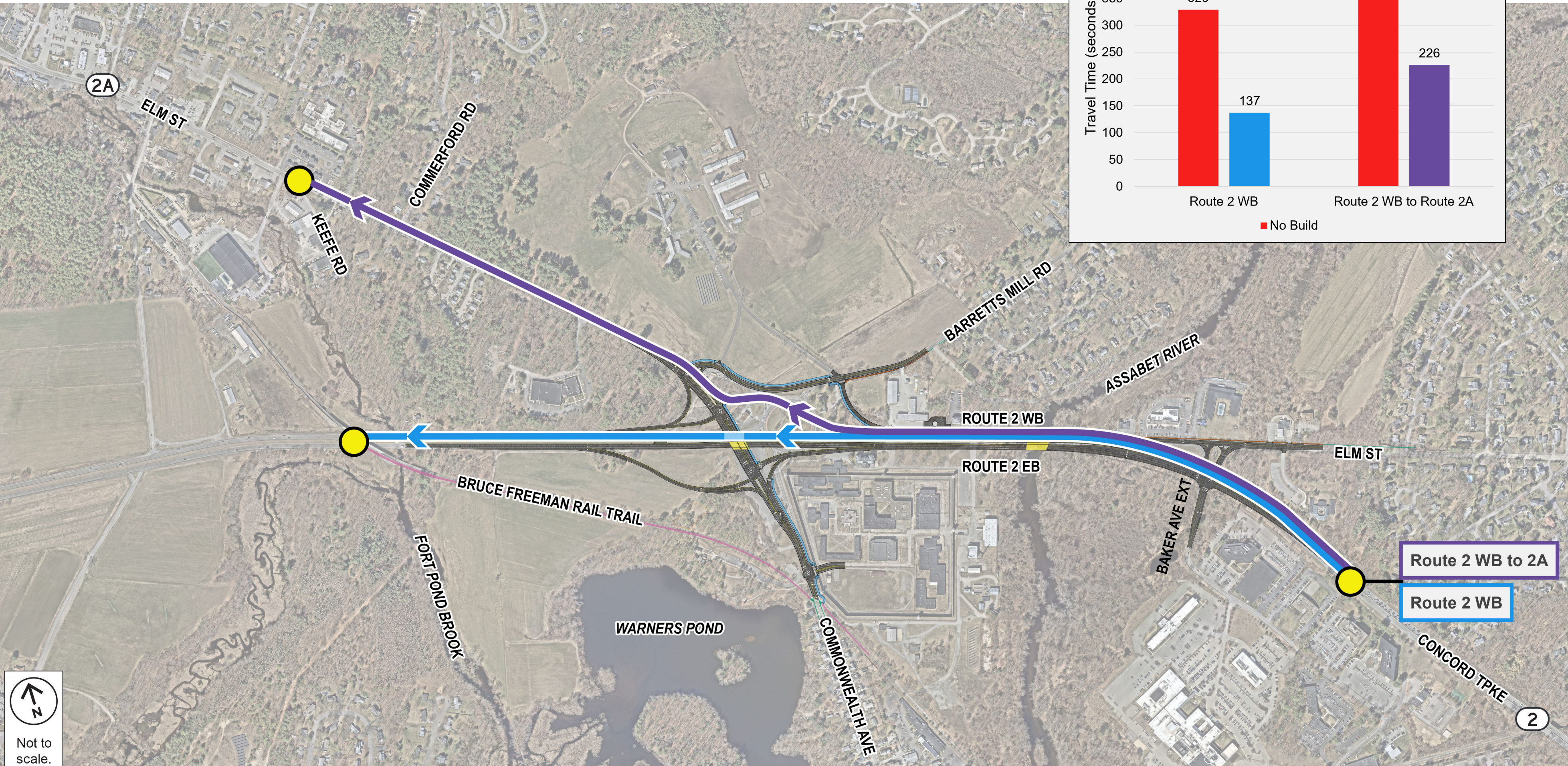
Concord Rotary Concept 1: Diamond Interchange



Concept 1: AM Peak Hours

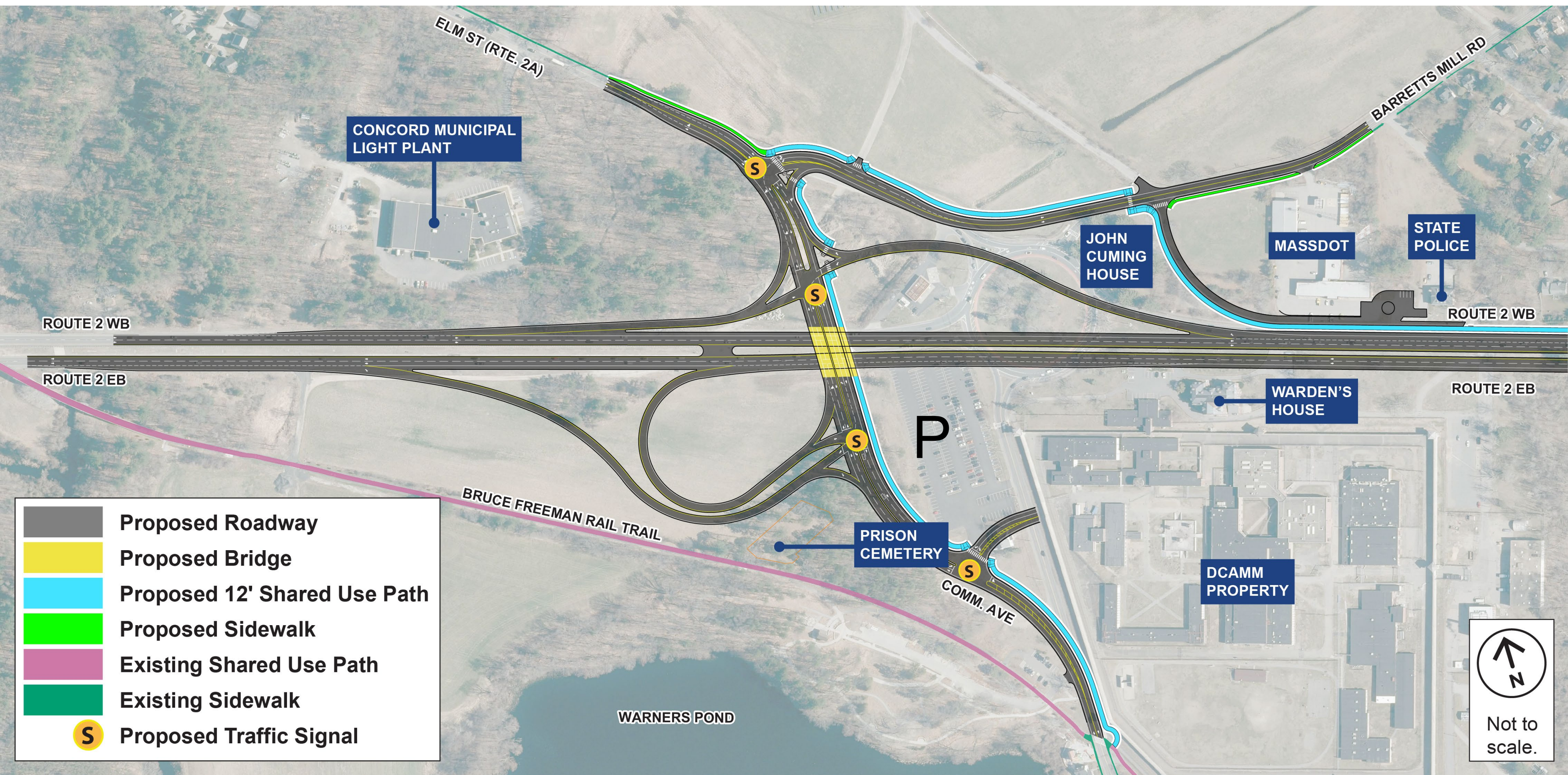


Concept 1: PM Peak Hours

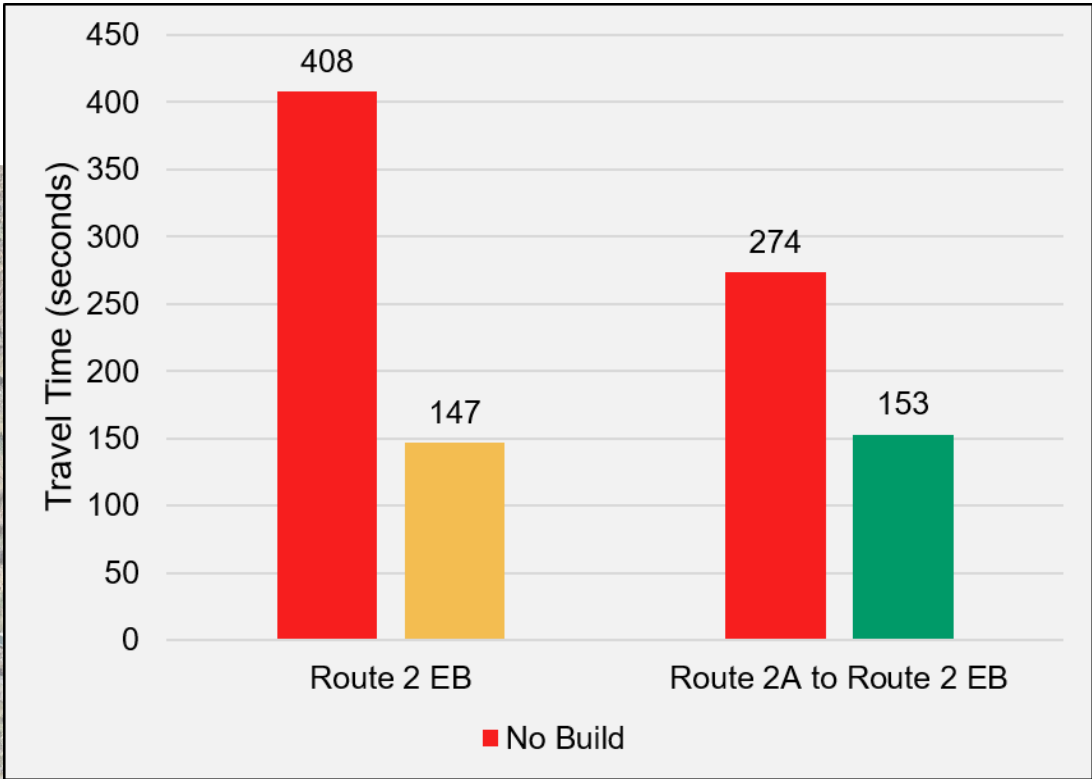
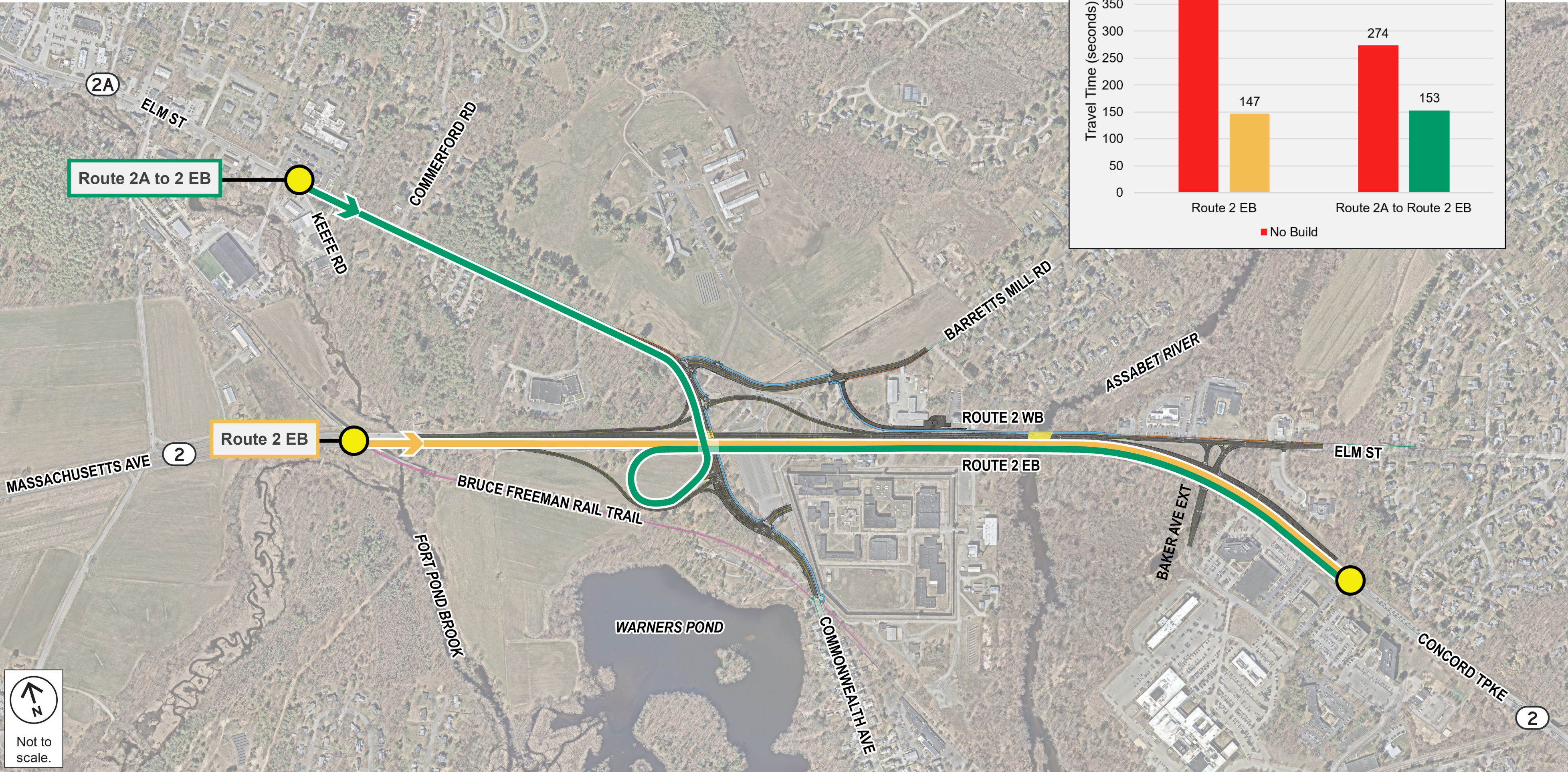


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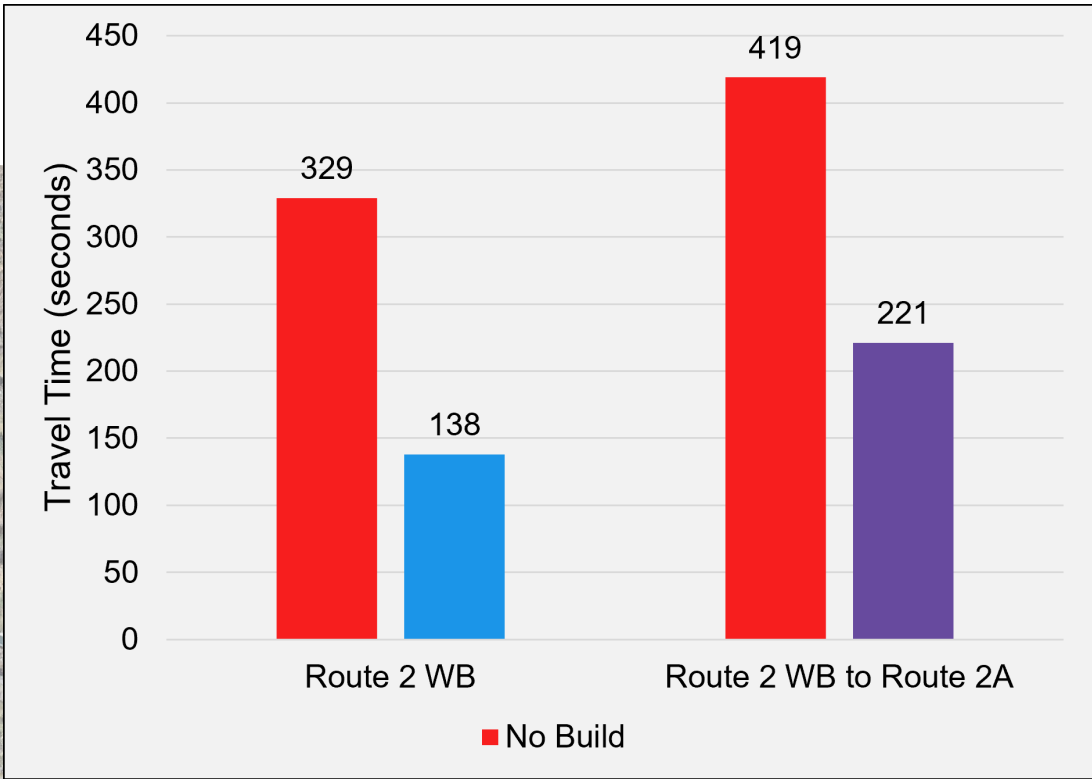
Concord Rotary Concept 2: Partial Cloverleaf Interchange



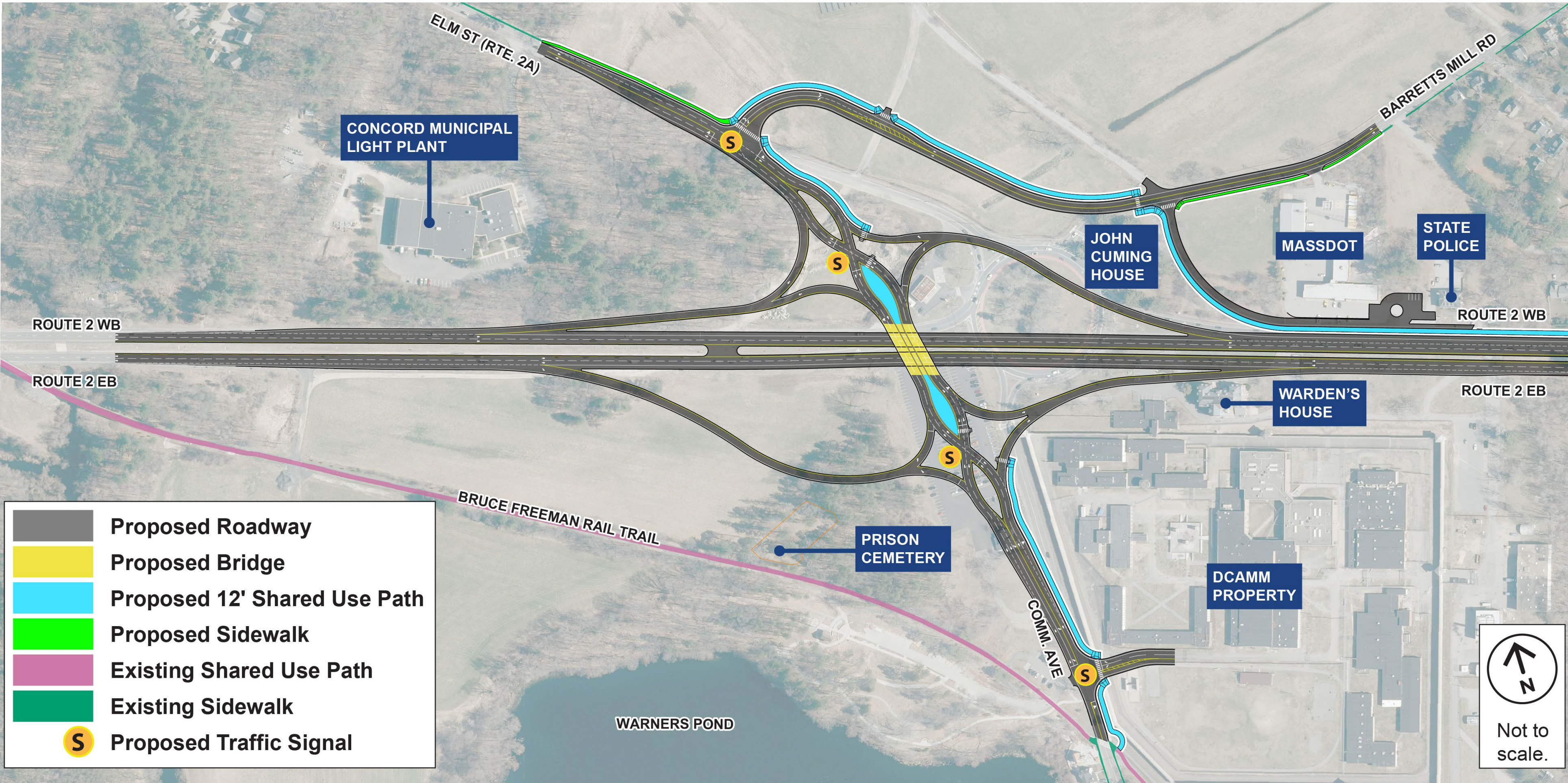
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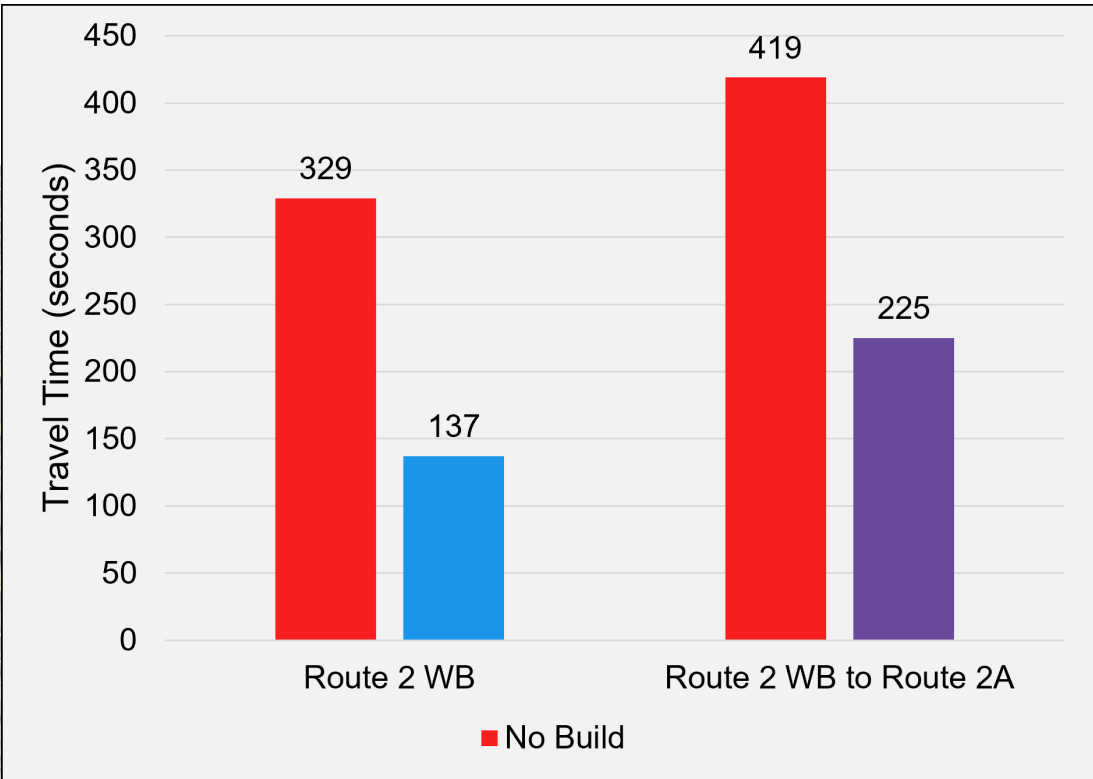
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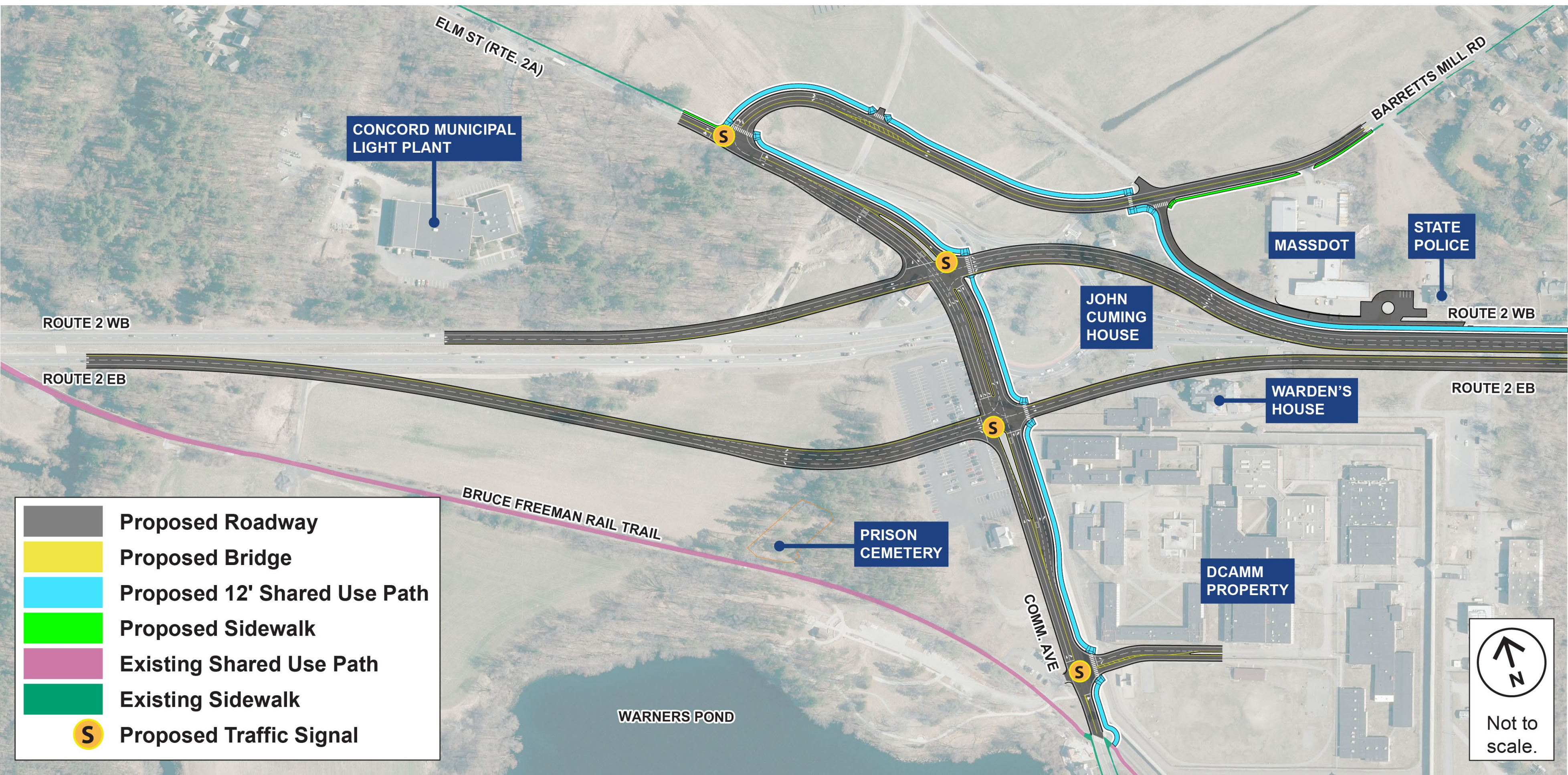
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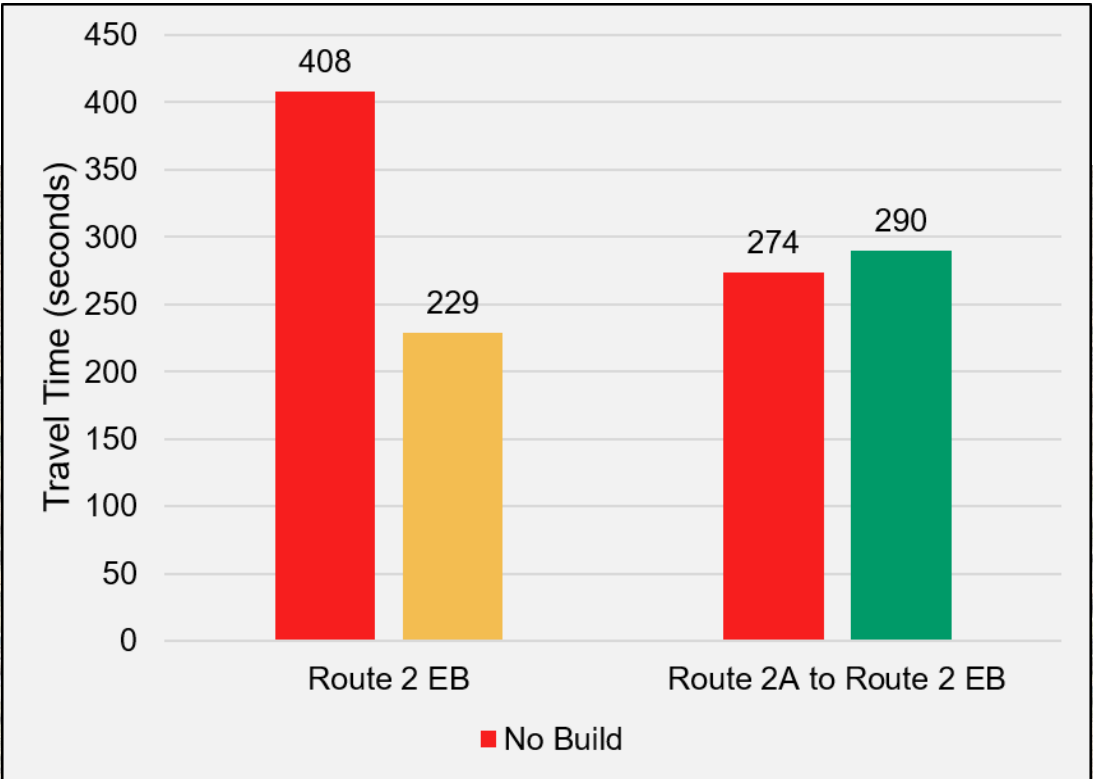
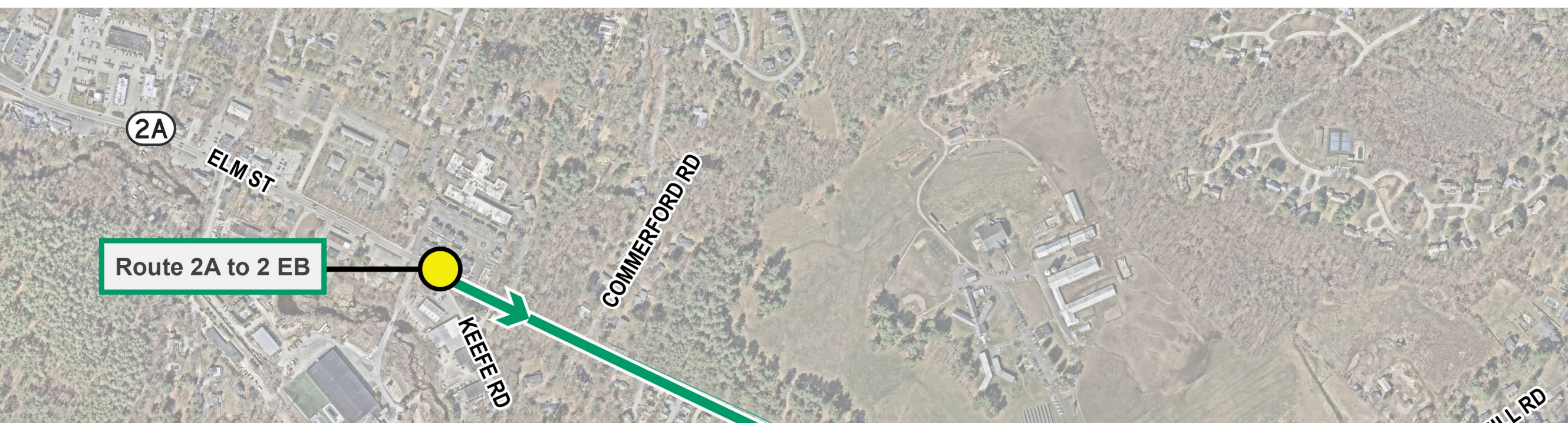
Concept 3: PM Peak Hours



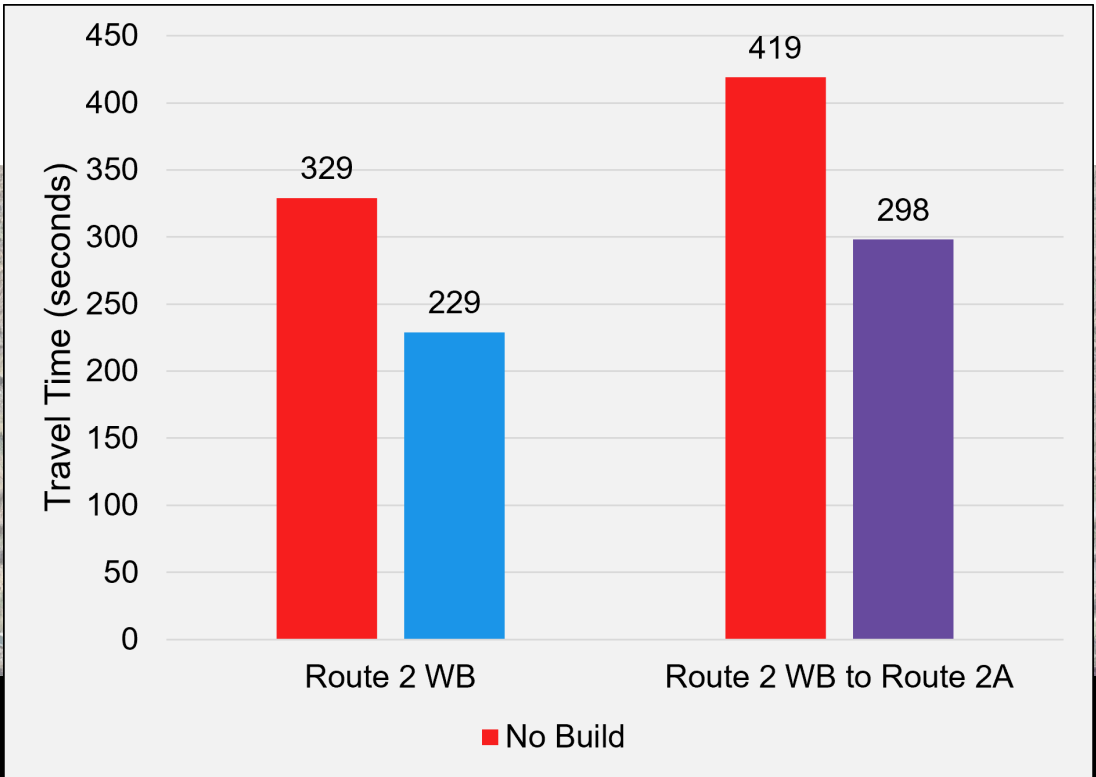
Concord Rotary Concept 4: At-Grade Split Intersection



Concept 4: AM Peak Hours

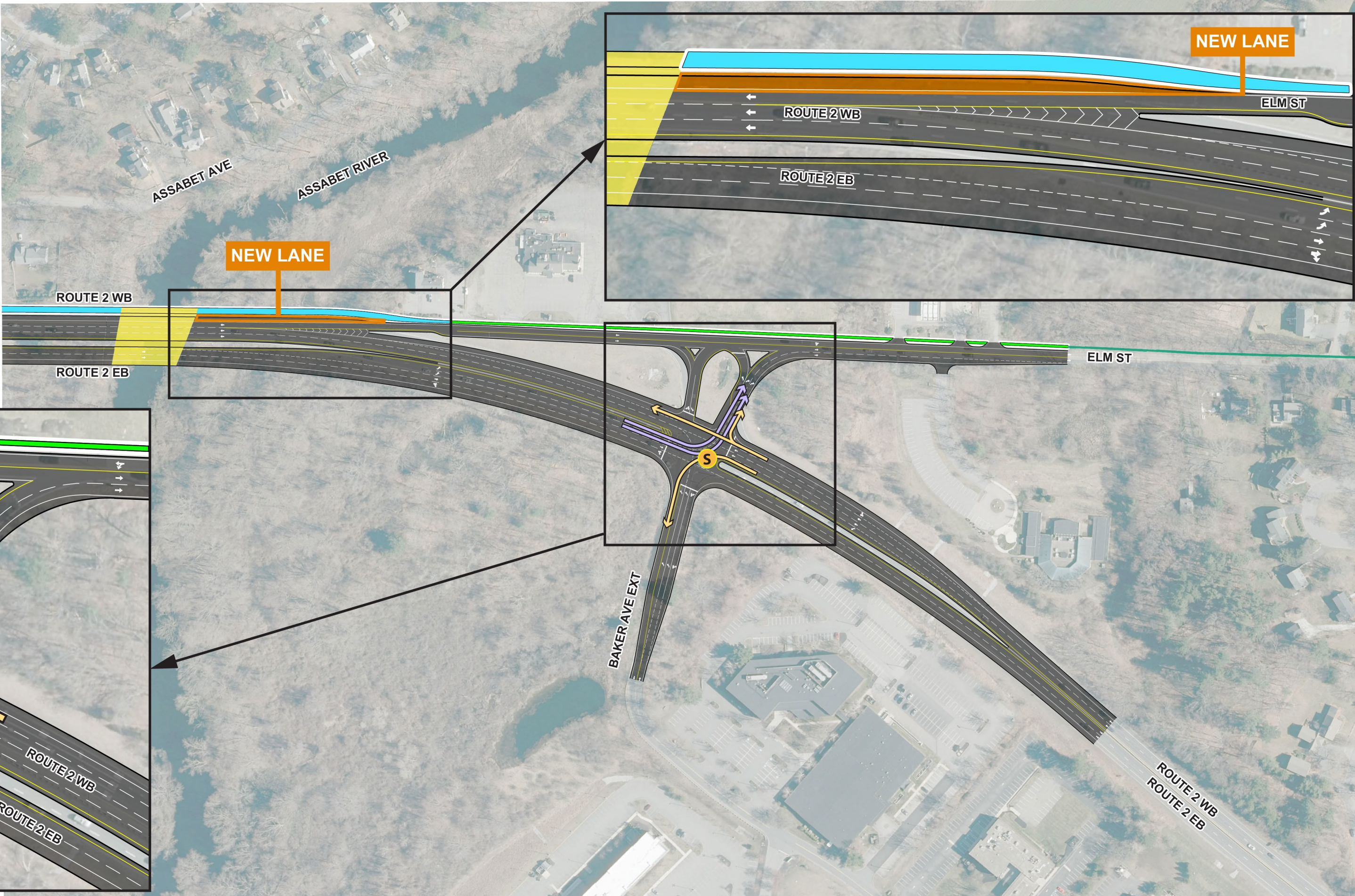


Concept 4: PM Peak Hours



Improvements at Elm Street/ Baker Avenue Intersection

- Proposed Roadway
- Proposed Bridge
- Proposed 12' Shared Use Path
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Shared Use Path
- Existing Sidewalk
- S** Proposed Traffic Signal





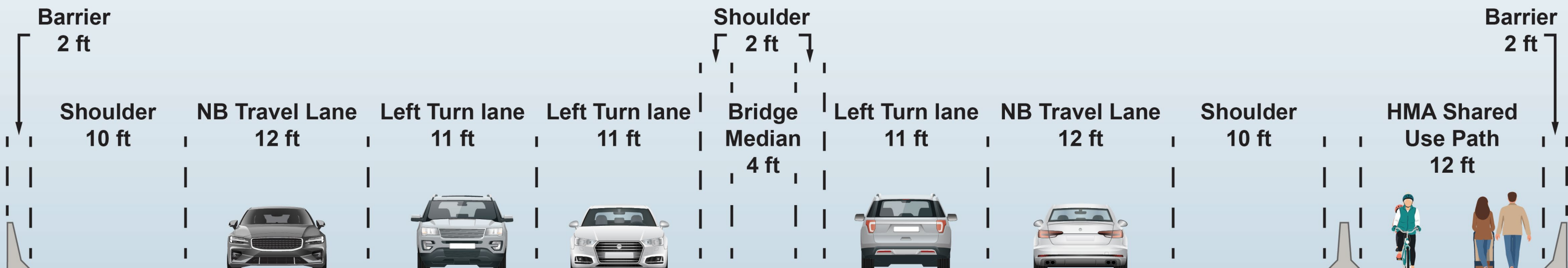
**How will
multimodal
users be
impacted?**

Shared Use Path



Shared Use Path

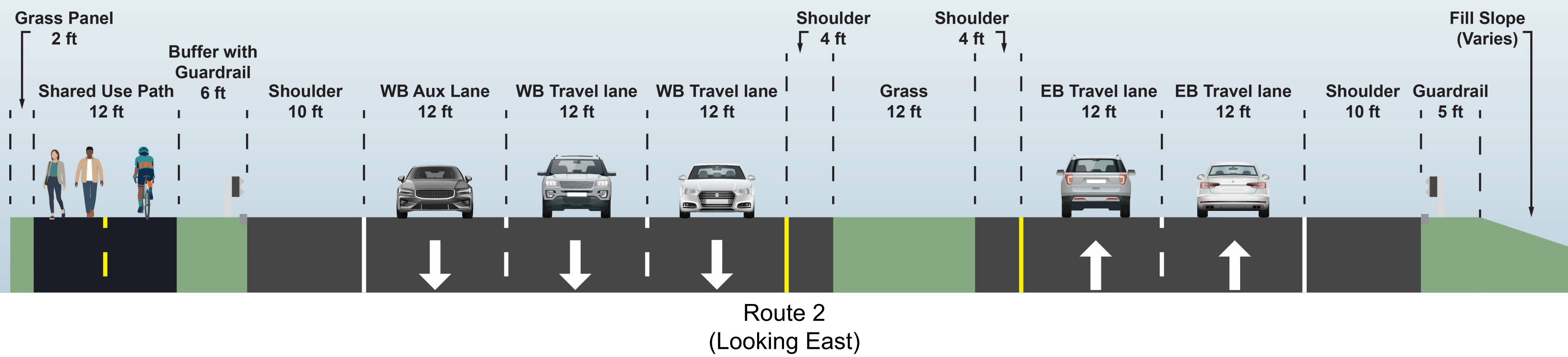
- Improve multimodal connection between Elm Street and Barretts Mill Road with a new 12-foot path



Commonwealth Avenue Over Route 2
(Concept 1: Looking North)

Shared Use Path

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Assabet River Bridge

- All concepts include replacement of the bridge carrying Route 2 over the Assabet River
- Replacement bridge will be longer, wider, and have increased clearance between high water and bottom of the structure
- River user access will be improved



**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) Discussion

25% Design Public Hearing

- Responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of a project.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by MassDOT Right of Way Personnel.
- Procedures must comply with state and federal regulations governing the acquisition process.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
 - If project receives federal funds, property owners are further protected under Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended.
- Fee takings, permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required.

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
environmental,
cultural
resource, and
community
impacts?**

Environmental Impacts

- Ongoing Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) filings
- Separated regional and local traffic movements and decreased congestion will improve air quality on site
- Stormwater improvements

Our Next Steps



Summer 2026
Public Comment
Period



Fall 2026
Define the
recommended
concept



Spring 2027
Start the 25% design
process for the
recommended
concept



Winter 2028/2029
25% Design Public
Hearing



Spring 2030
Complete final
design and advertise
the project for
construction



**How to
engage with
the project?**

How To Reach Us

- Submit email comments to:
MassDOTMajorProjects@dot.state.ma.us
- For project information and to view the recorded presentation 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 Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer
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Boston, MA 02116
Attention: MAJOR PROJECTS, PROJECT FILE NO. 602091





Questions and Answers



Thank You

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