



# Natick Routes 27/9 Bridge Replacement and Interchange Improvements

*In-Person Public Information Meeting*

March 26, 2026, 6:30 pm

Wilson Middle School, 22 Rutledge Road, Natick, MA

Project File No. 605313



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# Project Renderings, Design Development

- Please note that the project is a Design-Build project.
- Some project components are subject to further design development – such as project landscaping, or utility pole locations.
- The contractor must meet the Base Technical Concept (BTC).
- **Specific elements shown in project renderings are subject to further design development.**



# Introductions

## Project Panel

Personnel	Organization	Role
Joe Frawley	MassDOT	District Operations Engineer
Daniel Racicot	MassDOT	Legislative Affairs
Michael Ruderman	MassDOT	Right of Way
Adam Cline	MassDOT	Resident Engineer
Jean-Pierre Telemaque	MassDOT	Assistant District Cons. Eng.
Billy Parent	HNTB	Public Involvement
Tim Pybus	McCourt-Jacobs	Project Manager

# Agenda

**01** Project Overview

**02** Project Schedule

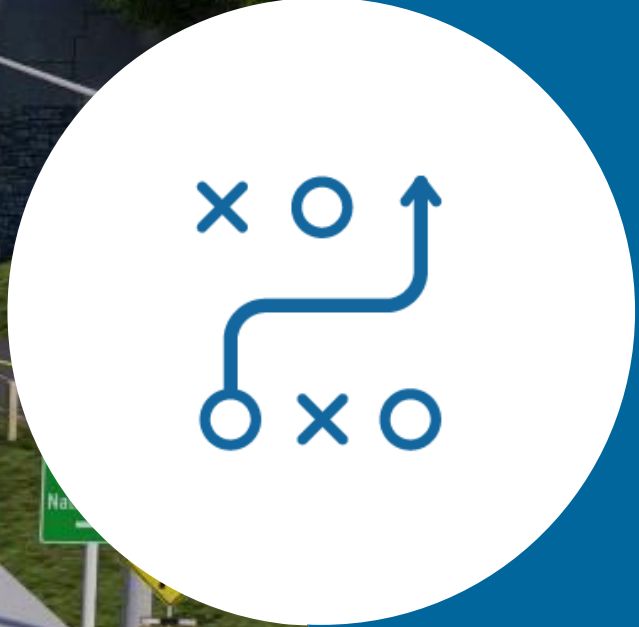
**03** Construction Update

- 2025 in review
- 2026 look ahead

**04** Public Involvement

**05** Questions and Answers





# Project Overview

# Project Location, Existing Conditions



**ROUTE 9**



  
**65,000**  
Vehicles / Day



**ROUTE 27**



  
**23,000**  
Vehicles / Day



## Project Overview

- Replaces the existing Route 27 bridge with two new roadway bridges.
- Constructs a dedicated shared use path bridge.
- Reconstructs Route 9 and Route 27 roadways and ramps.
- Creates a modified diverging diamond interchange.
- Provides an extensive shared use path network.
- Plants over 226 new trees in the project limits.



# Design Overview



**Stop & Shop**

**9**

**Volvo**

**27**



# Multi-Modal Accommodations

Bicycle/Pedestrian Network

4 New Proposed Bus Stops 

- Shared Use Path = 
- Sidewalk = 
- Bus Stop = 



## Project Landscaping – Tree Planting Plan

- Includes planting 226 new trees within the project limits along the Shared Use Path, along Route 27, and areas within the interchange.
- Tree plantings are selected with a preference of native species and the feasibility of maintenance.
- MassDOT maintenance limits include Route 9, the new Route 27 bridges and ramps at the interchange, and the Shared Use Path.



*Example of future landscaping  
American Hophornbeam Tree*



# Construction Overview

# Design-Builder Project Schedule Overview

Years	2026												2027												2028												2029												2030											
Month	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
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<b>Project Completion</b>																																																												

*Note: This schedule is subject to change.*

## Construction Updates – 2025 Review

- Utility work on Route 9
  - **South Abutment Ductbank**
    - Eversource Electric, Natick Fire, Crown Castle, MCI, LightPath, RCN, Comcast, AT&T & Verizon
  - **Eastbound Gas Main Relocation**
    - Eversource Gas
- Tree and vegetation removal
- Work zone preparation
- Began construction on retaining wall at 190 North Main Street



# Design-Builder 12-Month Project Schedule

Activity	2026												
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Overhead Utility Relocation (Interchange, Route 9)													
Eversource Gas Relocation (Route 9 Westbound)													
Retaining Wall, 190 North Main Street (Southern Section)													
Install Drainage Pipe on Route 27 (Rutledge Road to Bacon St.)													
Roadway Construction on Route 27 (Route 9 to Bacon St.)													
Median Construction (Route 9, East & West of Route 27)													
Implement Stage 2A Traffic Plan (Route 27)													

*Note: This schedule is subject to change.*

## Construction Updates – 2026 Look Ahead

- Drainage work on Route 27 (Rutledge Road to Bacon St.)
- Median work on Route 9 (east and west sides of Route 27)
- Overhead utility pole and wire transfers on Routes 9 and 27
- Gas relocation work on Route 9 westbound
- Retaining Wall Construction at 190 North Main Street
- Roadway Construction on Route 27 (Route 9 to Bacon St.)



# Project Staging and Traffic Management

- Traffic on Route 9, Route 27, and on local streets will be maintained for the duration of the project
- Traffic stage shifts and ramp closures will occur at the interchange
- **Breakdown lane closures along Route 27 will be in effect daily, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday – Friday**

## Typical Work Hours:

- Nighttime work hours are typically 8:00 PM – 5:00 AM on Route 27; 10:00 PM – 5:00 AM on Route 9, Sunday – Thursday nights
- Lane and ramp closures have been occurring and are expected to continue



# Upcoming Construction: Retaining Wall at 190 North Main Street

Anticipated March 2026 – May 2026

- A new retaining wall will be installed
- Work will be performed off-roadway, during daytime work hours
- Access to the driveway will be always maintained



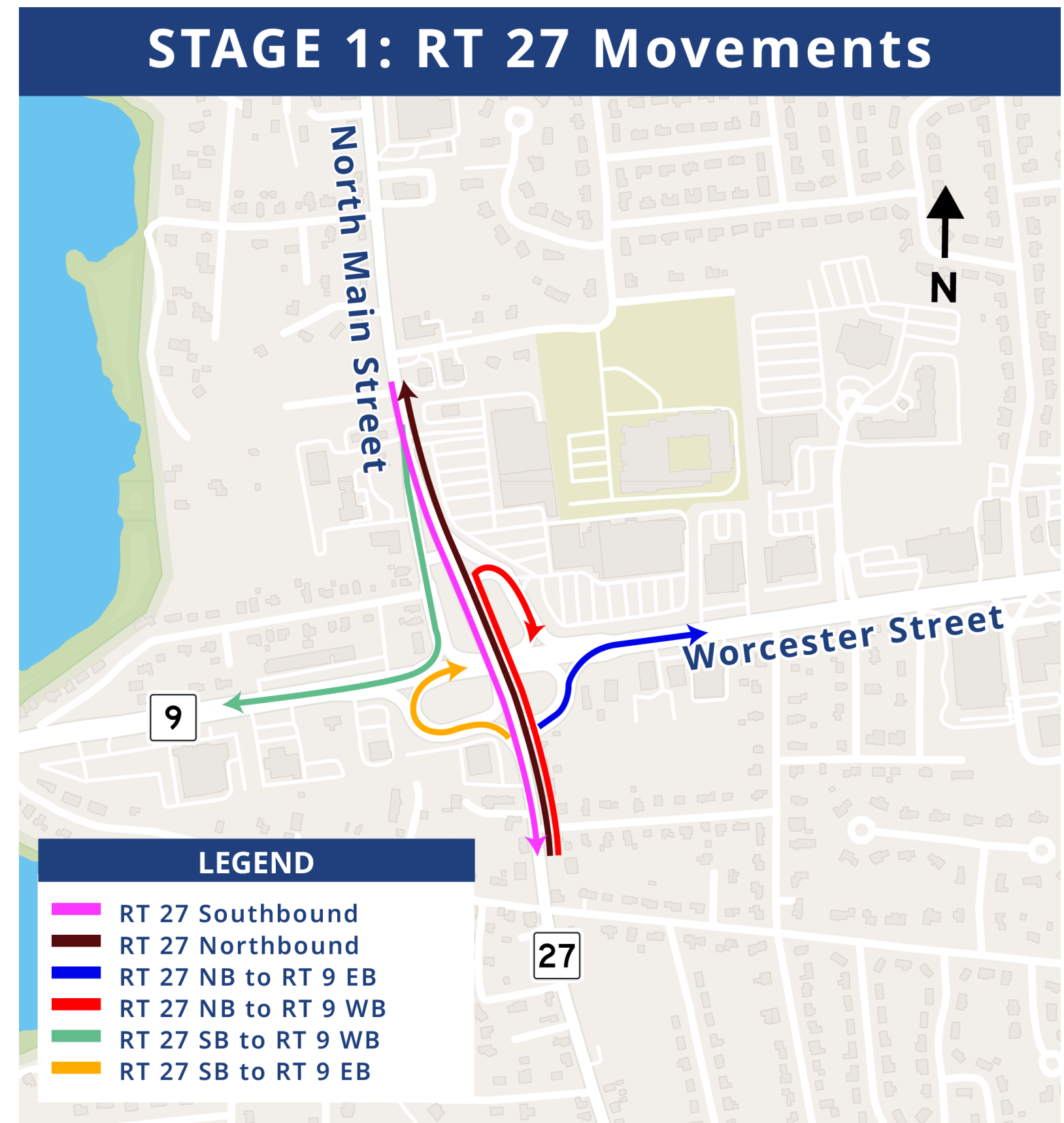
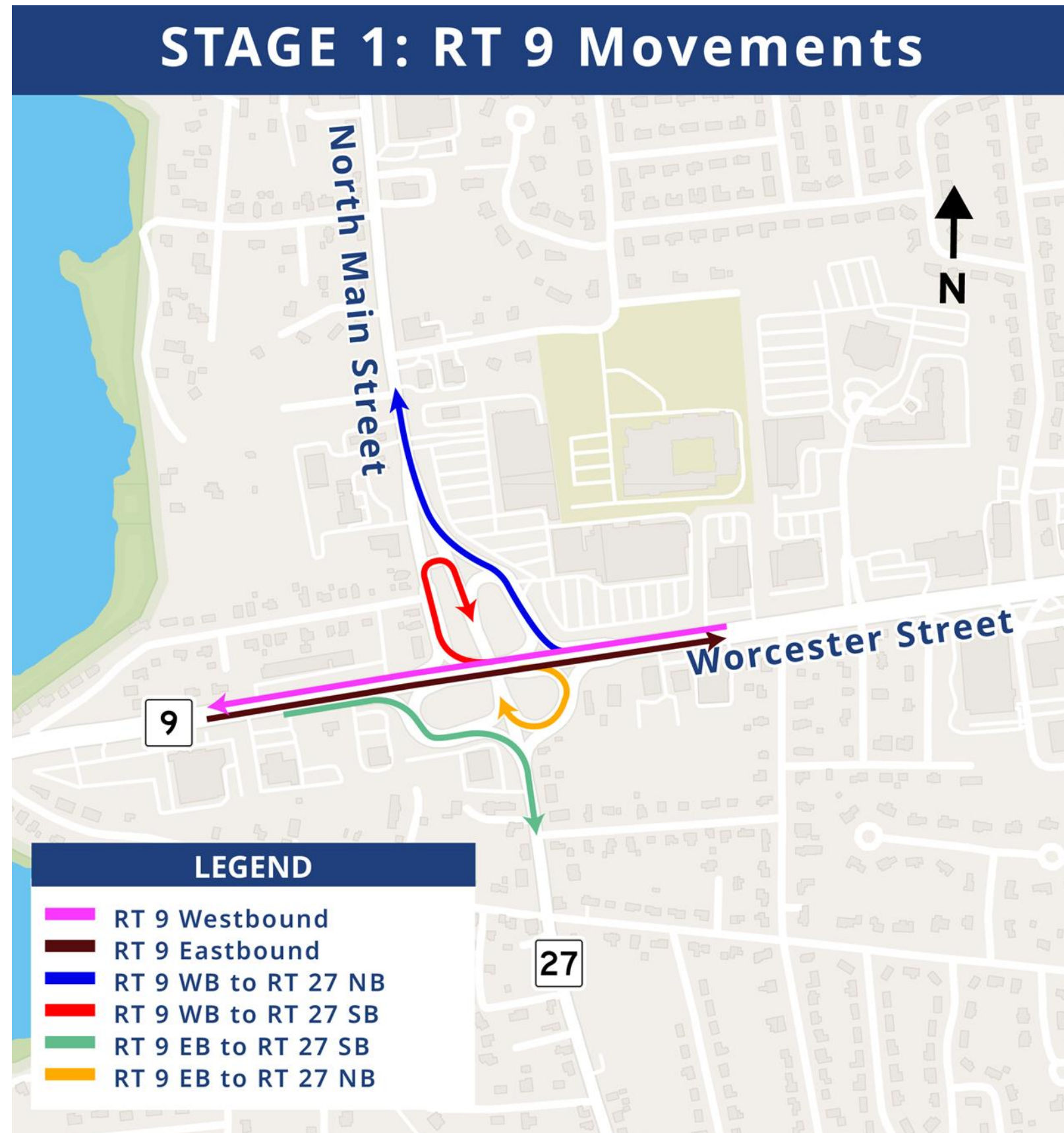
# Upcoming Construction: Drainage Pipe Installation on Route 27

Anticipated April 2026 – December 2026

- Drainage work from Rutledge Road south to Route 9
- Intermittent lane closures on Route 27
  - Typical daytime hours, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
  - Typical nighttime hours, 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM, to maintain access into 9x27 Plaza

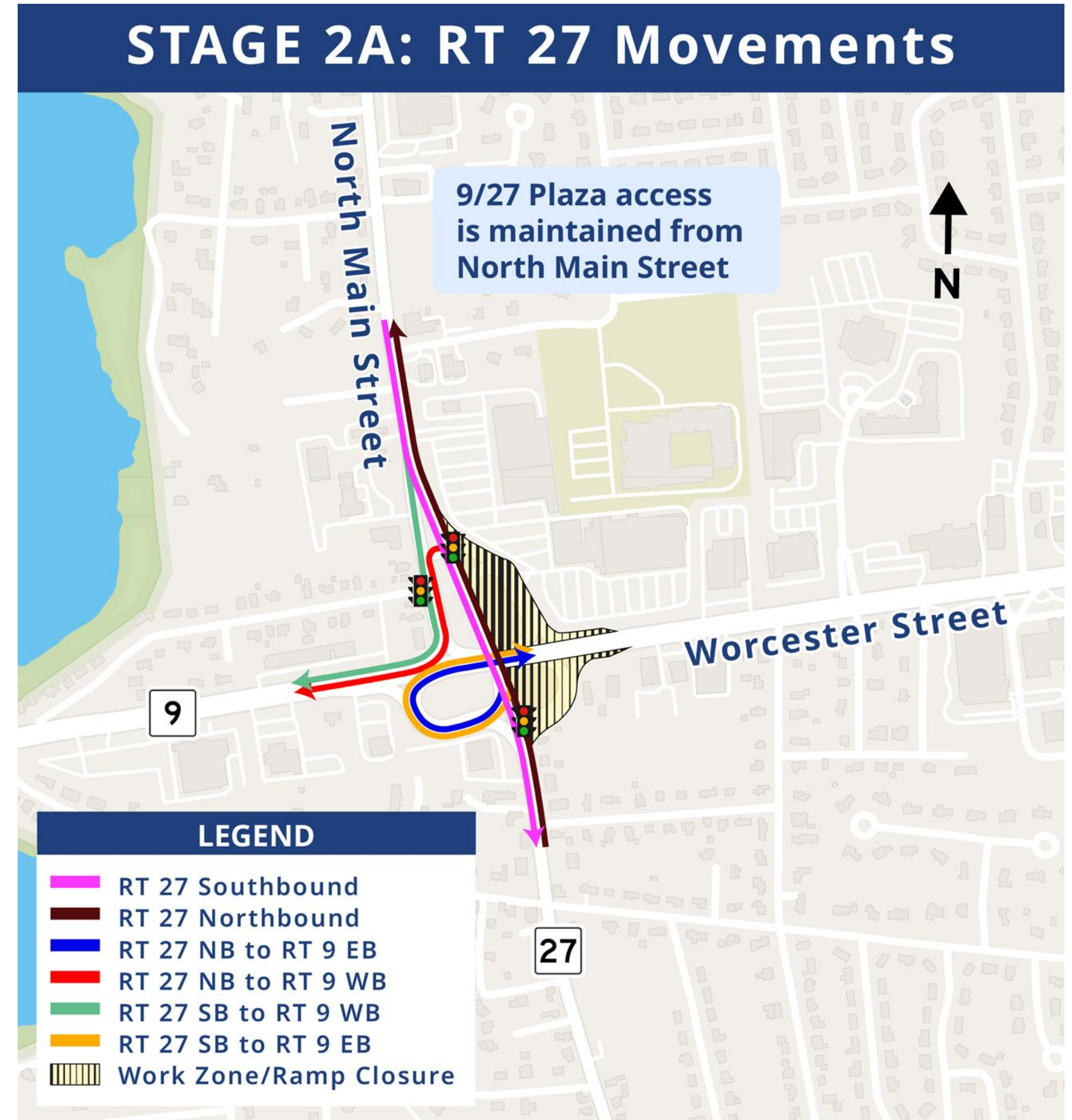
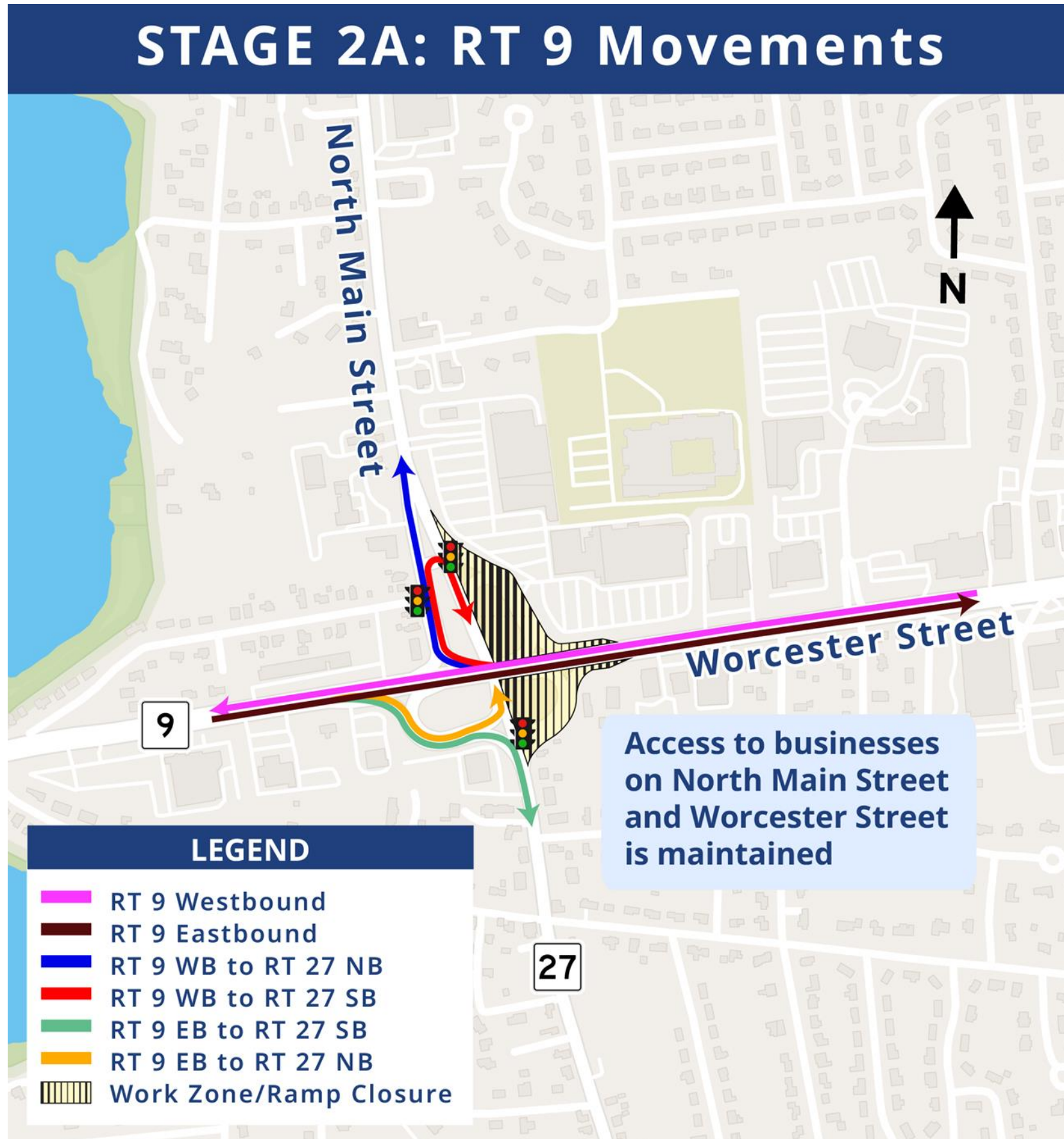


# Stage 1 – Current Condition



**Please note: the speed limit on Route 9 will be reduced to 40 Miles Per Hour starting in June 2026**

# Stage 2A Overview – Anticipated January 2027; 1 Year Duration



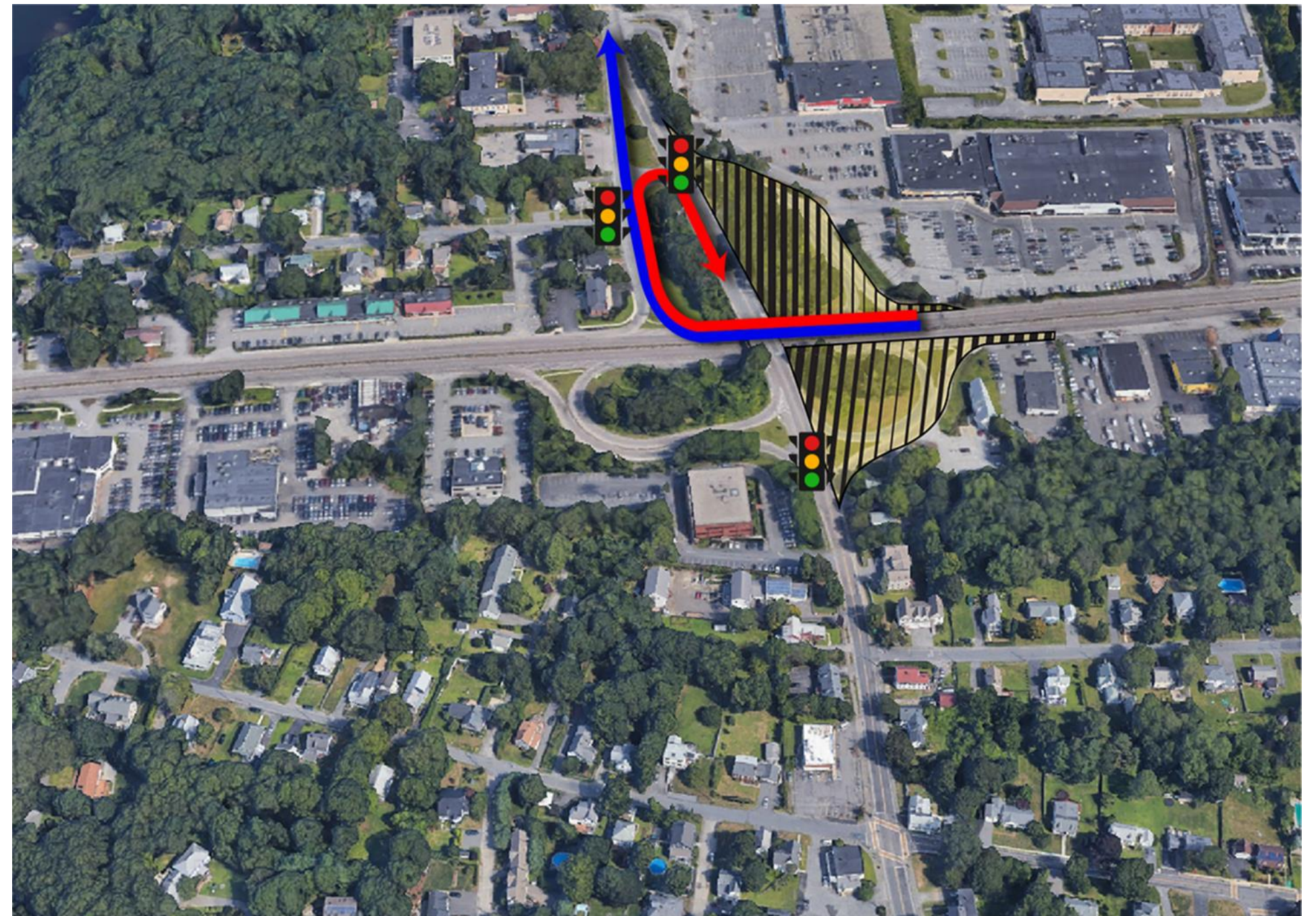
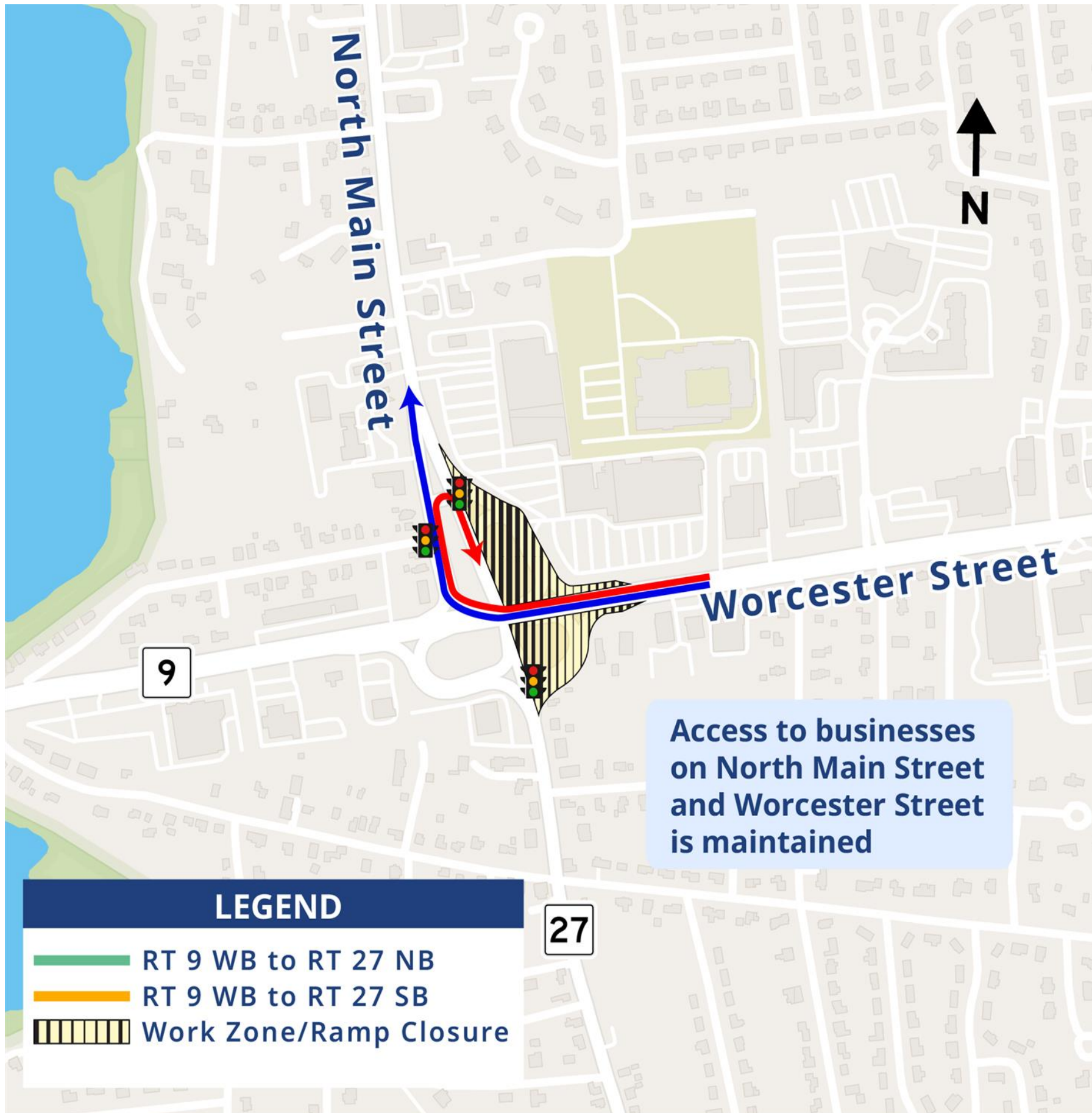
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# Stage 2A – Starting January 2027 for 1 Year Eastbound Route 9 to Route 27

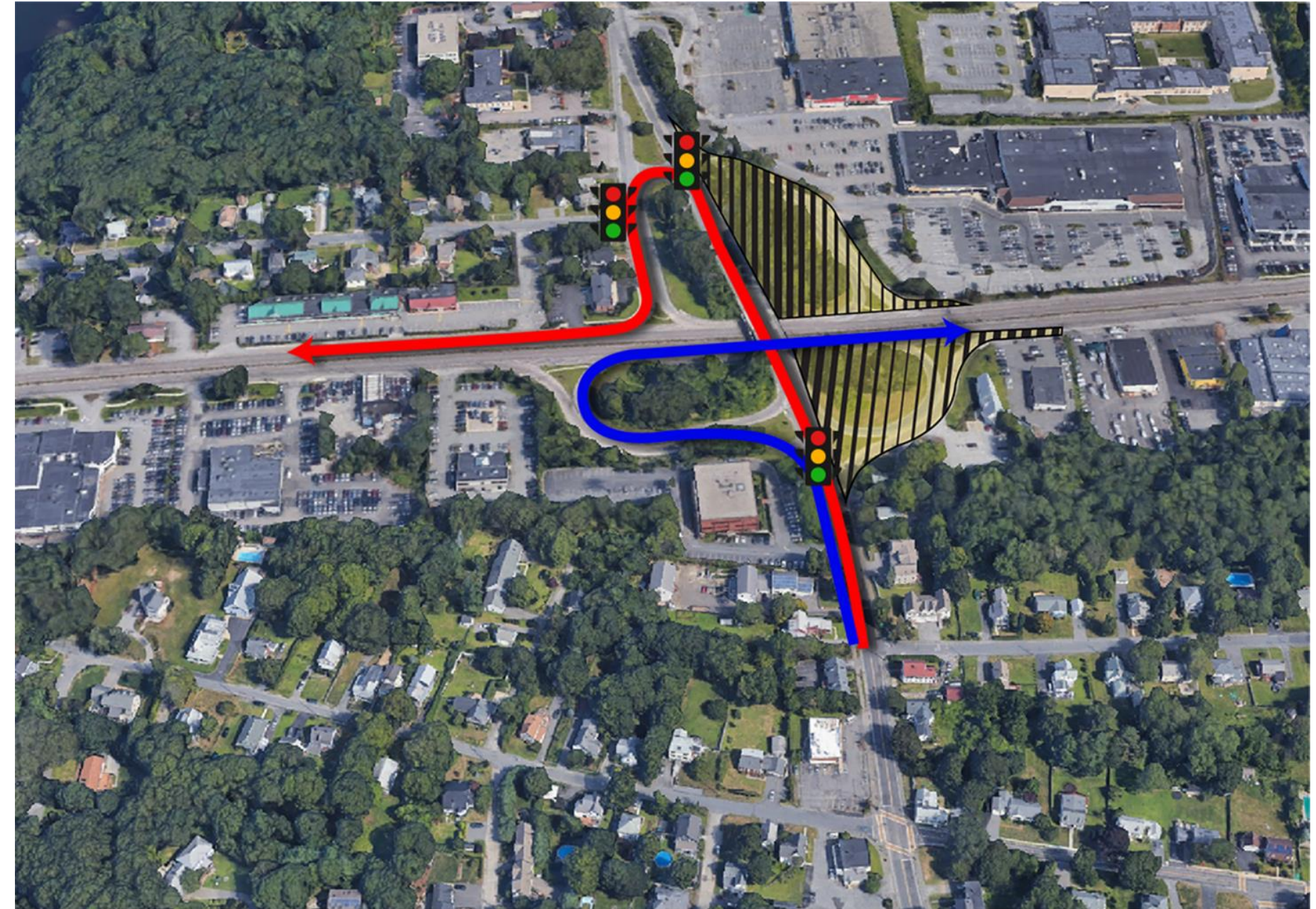


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# Stage 2A – Starting January 2027 for 1 Year Westbound Route 9 to Route 27



# Stage 2A – Starting January 2027 for 1 Year Northbound Route 27 to Route 9



# Stage 2A – Starting January 2027 for 1 Year Southbound Route 27 to Route 9





# Public Involvement

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- **Communication strategies**
  - Regular email and website updates
  - Flyer development/distribution
  - Direct mail in Natick and Framingham
  - Accessible and multi-lingual project information
  - Project groundbreaking; media outreach and social media
- **In the community**
  - Public meetings
    - Virtual and in-person
    - Open house and presentation style
  - Project tabling at the Natick Farmers Market
  - Town of Natick coordination
  - Regular abutter meetings and coordination



# Public Engagement Examples

## Natick Routes 27 and 9

Bridge Replacement and Interchange Improvements

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Route 27 and Route 9 Bridge Replacement and Interchange Improvements Project

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Updated as of May 29, 2025



### Natick - Route 27 over Route 9 Bridge Replacement and Interchange Improvements Project Fact Sheet

#### Project Overview

- This project will replace the existing structurally deficient Route 27 bridge over Route 9 and reconfigure the interchange to be a modified Diverging Diamond that will increase safety, improve mobility, and ease congestion.
- The project includes a network of shared use paths for use by pedestrians and cyclists, which will provide connectivity to schools, transit, major employers, and to the Cochituate Rail Trail.

#### Project Status

- Project construction started in the fall of 2024 and is planned to be complete in stages through summer 2030.
- This Design-Build project, which combines final design and construction into a single phase, is being built by McCourt Construction and Jacobs Solutions Inc.

#### The Modified Diverging Diamond

- The project constructs three bridges, one for each direction of traffic on Route 27, and one for pedestrians and cyclists on the shared use path.
- The modified Diverging Diamond allows left turning vehicles from Route 27 to Route 9 to avoid conflicts with opposing traffic.
- Acceleration and deceleration lanes to merge onto Route 9 will be improved, to increase safety.
- Two new, simple two-phase traffic signals will be installed where the northbound and southbound travel lanes cross on Route 27.
- New median and roadway barriers, and guardrail will be installed along Route 9 and Route 27.
- 226 trees of native plant species will be planted as part of the project.

#### Pedestrian and Cyclist Connectivity

- An extensive shared use path network will include links to MathWorks campuses, local businesses, schools, and the Cochituate Rail Trail.
- Pedestrian actuated signals, warning systems, and crosswalks will be installed at pedestrian crossings.
- The project constructs four new MWRTA bus stops within the project limits.
- All pedestrian, cyclist, and transit facilities will conform to current ADA standards.

#### Contact Us:

For questions and concerns, please contact us at the below project email and phone hotline number. To stay connected and receive project updates, please visit the project website and subscribe for project updates.

Phone  
Project Hotline: (305) 270-4445

Online  
617-270-5100 or [617-270-5100@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:617-270-5100@dot.state.ma.us)  
<https://Mass.gov/NatickRoutes27a9>



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  - Project email: [Rt27Rt9Natick@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Rt27Rt9Natick@dot.state.ma.us)
  - Phone hotline number: 305-270-4445
  - Project Website: <https://mass.gov/NatickRoutes27and9>
  - **Subscribe for project updates!**



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# Questions and Answers

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- Please identify yourself by name and affiliation and spell your last name before your question or comment.



- Please share only 1 question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate.



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