



New Bedford I-195/Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project

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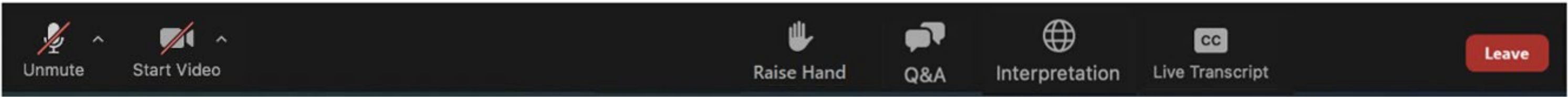


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Project Team

MassDOT

- Valerie Kilduff (Project Manager)
- Gareth Saunders (Legislative Affairs)
- Dan Mastrangelo (District 5)

Howard Stein Hudson

- Taylor O'Neill (Public Involvement)

DWW SPS JV

- Steve Cobb (Construction Project Manager)

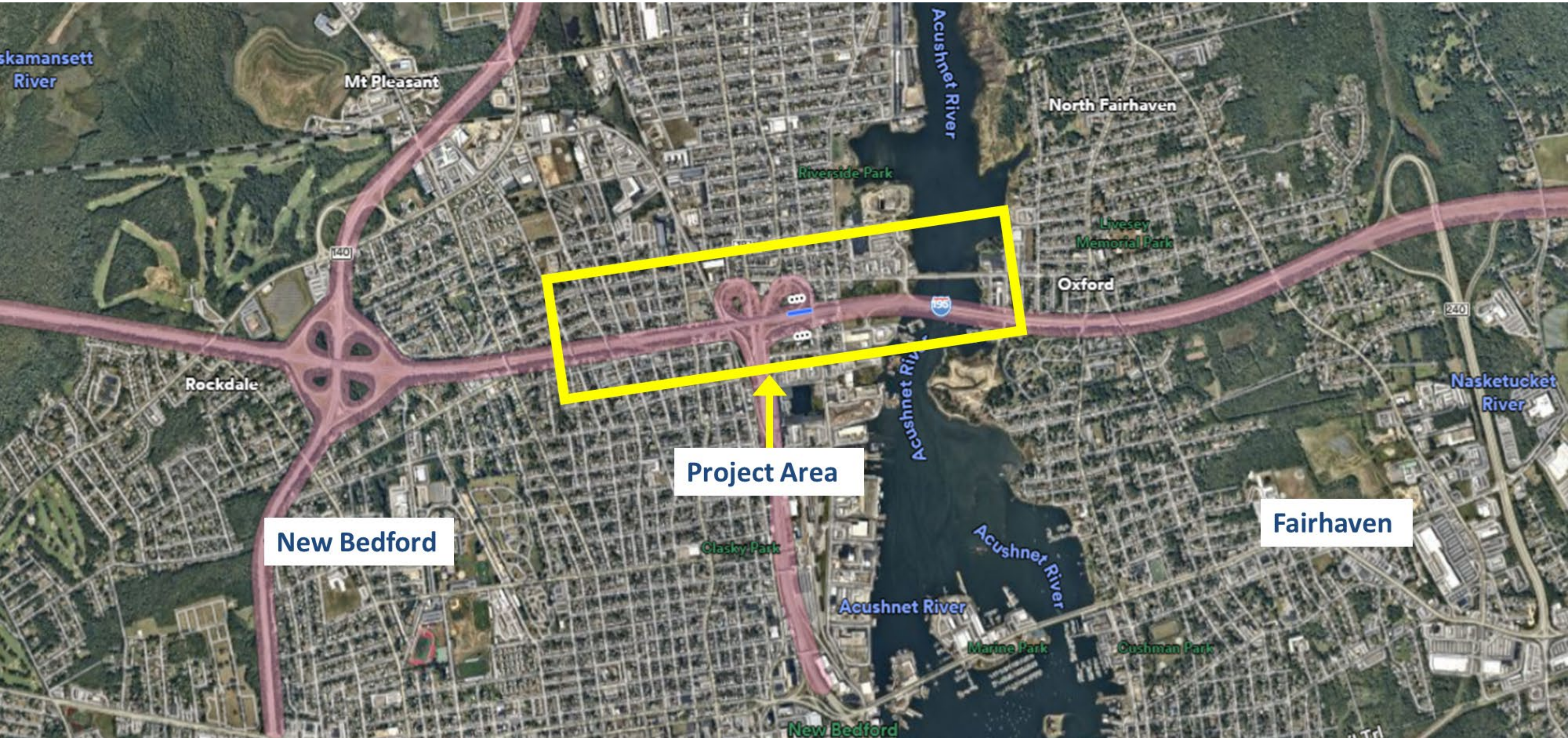
HNTB

- Jonathan Kapust (Design Project Manager)
- Patrick Marvin (Public Involvement)



Project Background

Project Area



How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Existing Conditions



Current Bridge Conditions

- Structure is obsolete and has reached the end of its useful life.
 - Interchange functions poorly due to short or non-existent acceleration and deceleration lanes.
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- Bridge is safe.
 - Recent repairs completed in January 2025.
 - On a 12-month inspection cycle.
 - Additional repairs will be prioritized, if needed.





**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goal

Replace structurally obsolete structure, improve safety at the interchange, and construct noise barrier for community benefit.

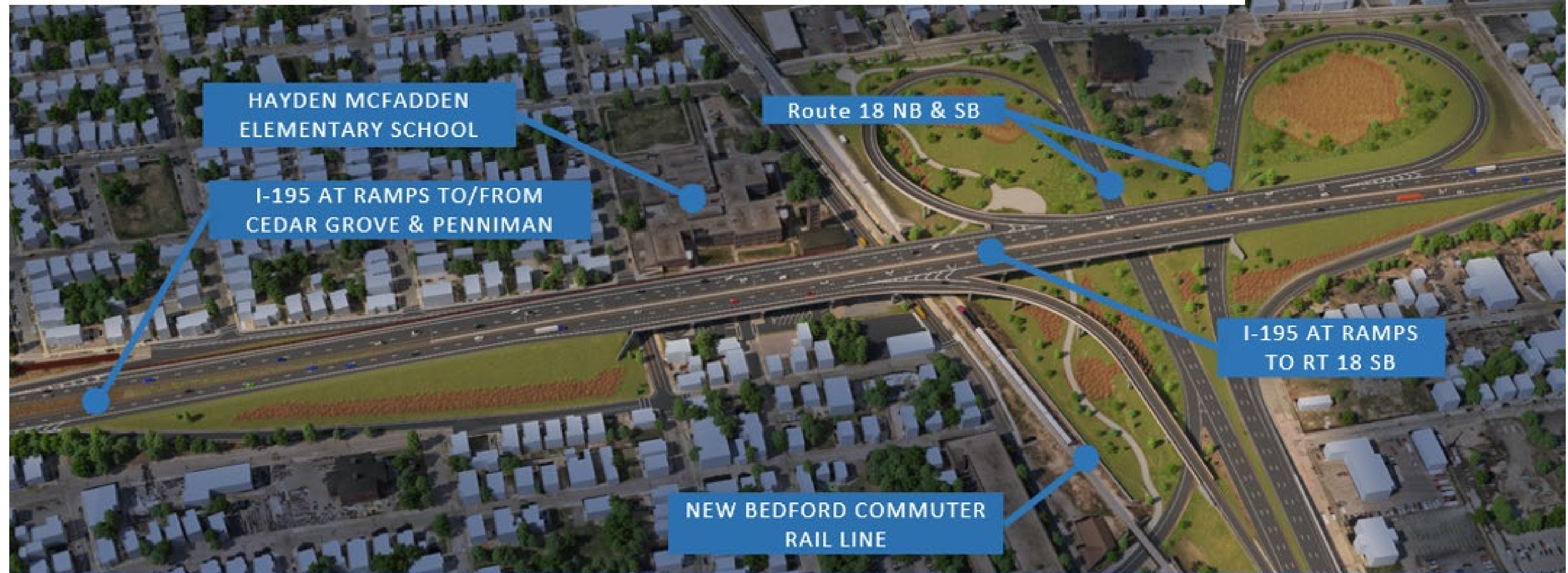


Project Scope – Interstate, Ramps & Route 18



- Replace 3 bridges at the I-195/ Route 18 Interchange (I-195 EB & WB, Ramps from I-195 to Route 18)
- Widen & Reconstruct I-195 from Mt. Pleasant St. to N. Front St. to improve ramp safety (acceleration/ deceleration)
- Outside barrier and median replacement on 3 bridges (I-195 over N. Front St., Belleville Ave. and Acushnet River)
- Approximately 35-foot high retaining wall with noise barrier along Cedar Grove St.

Project Scope – Local Roadways and at-grade

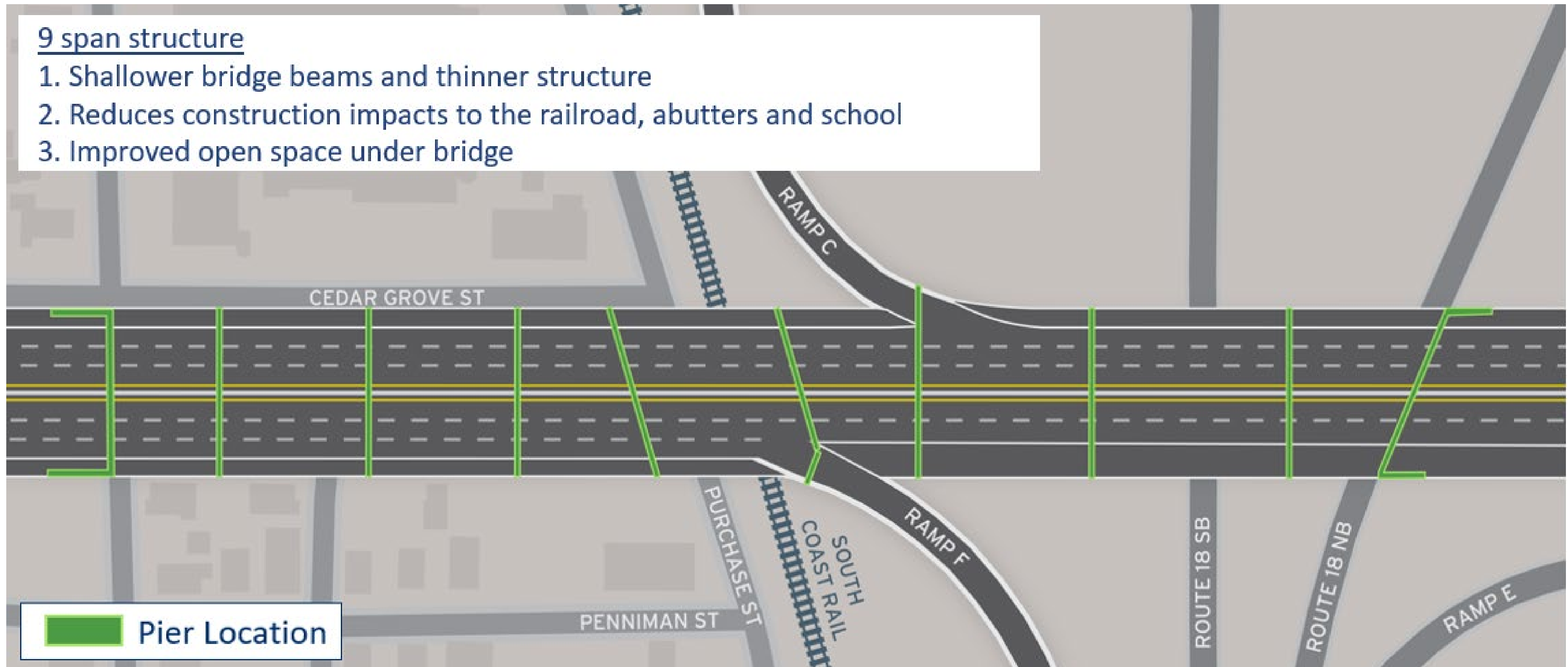


- Resurfacing and/or Reconstruction of Cedar Grove, Purchase, County, Penniman, Kenyon, State (Roadway and sidewalk with accessibility upgrades)
- Stormwater Infiltration basins & State Trunkline / Outfall to Acushnet River
- City Drainage & Utilities
- Landscaped Park within interchange and under bridge, with Shared Use Path, Parking Lot, Skate Park

Project updates - Mainline Spans

9 span structure

1. Shallower bridge beams and thinner structure
2. Reduces construction impacts to the railroad, abutters and school
3. Improved open space under bridge

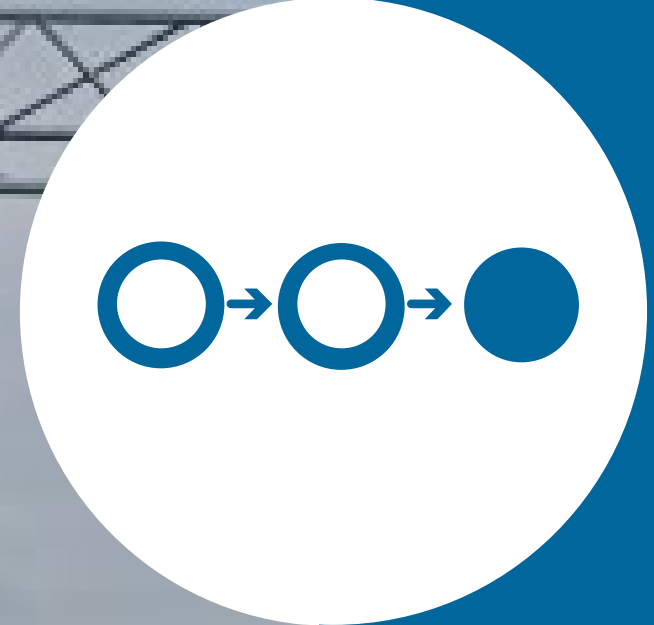


Utilities – limit abutter impact with realigned drainage



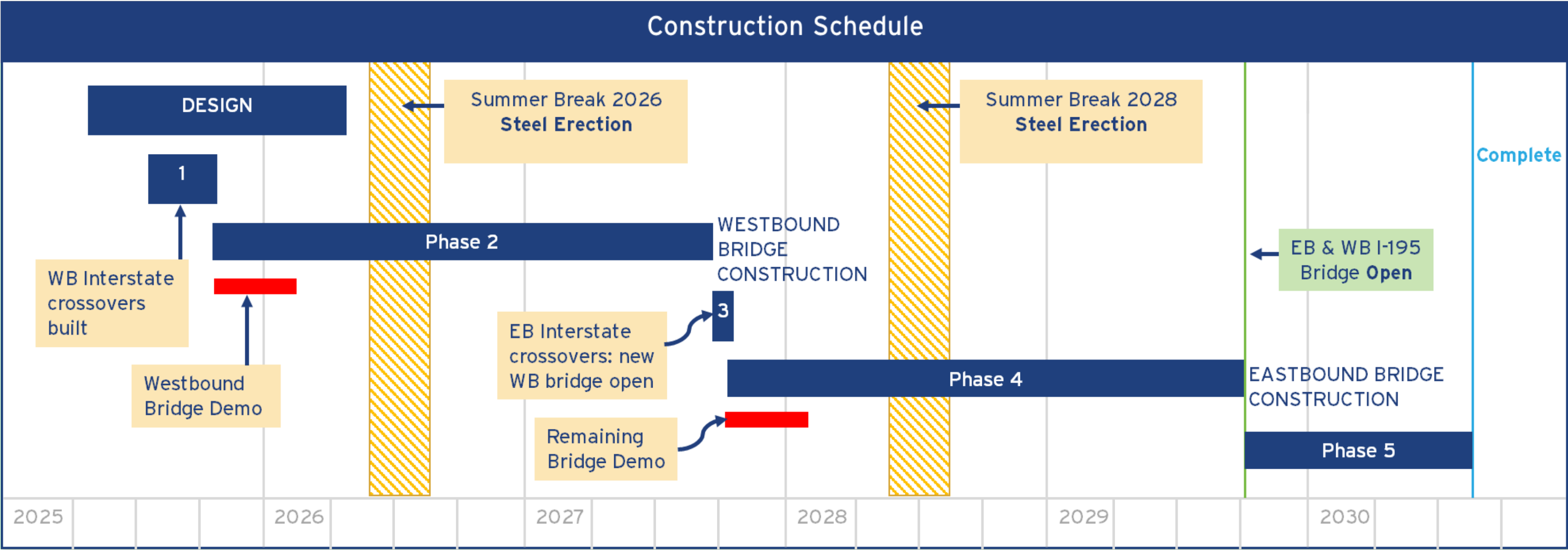
Permanent Noise Wall





Construction Timeline & Impacts

Project Timeline and Staging



Phases 1 & 2

PHASE 1: Summer 2025 to Fall 2025

1. Demolish existing median on I-195 bridges.
2. Pave the I-195 median and construct WB crossovers.
3. Shift I-195 WB traffic to temporary configuration on existing I-195 viaduct.



PHASE 2: Summer 2025 to Summer 2027

1. Demolish existing I-195 WB viaduct superstructure, retaining wall, and westbound ramps.
2. Construct I-195 WB and ramp viaduct structure, Retaining Walls, I-195 EB footings and columns.
3. Construct Route 18 NB, ramps and stormwater basins.

Phases 3, 4, & 5

PHASE 3: Fall 2027

1. Shift I-195 WB traffic to completed WB viaduct.
2. Mill and Pave the I-195 median for EB crossover.
3. Shift I-195 EB traffic to completed WB viaduct

PHASE 4: Winter 2027 to Summer 2029

1. Demolish existing I-195 EB Viaduct and EB ramp.
2. Construct I-195 EB Viaduct and EB ramp.
3. Construct and stormwater basins, parking lot and skate park.

PHASE 5: Summer 2029 to Spring 2030

1. Shift I-195 EB and WB traffic to final alignments on proposed structures.
2. Construct I-195 EB and WB median
3. Final Paving, signing, pavement marking and landscape.



Temporary Traffic Considerations

Local roadway users

- Wayfinding signage for all pedestrian routes
- Detours for local streets announced in advance
- All driveways remain open
- Parking on street and at school will be provided throughout construction
- Ramps to and from Cedar Grove Street and Penniman Street maintained throughout construction with short-term closures for paving

Regional/ Interstate Users

- Real Time Traffic information posted on I-195
- No lanes on I-195 closed during peak traffic times
- Ramp closure durations minimized



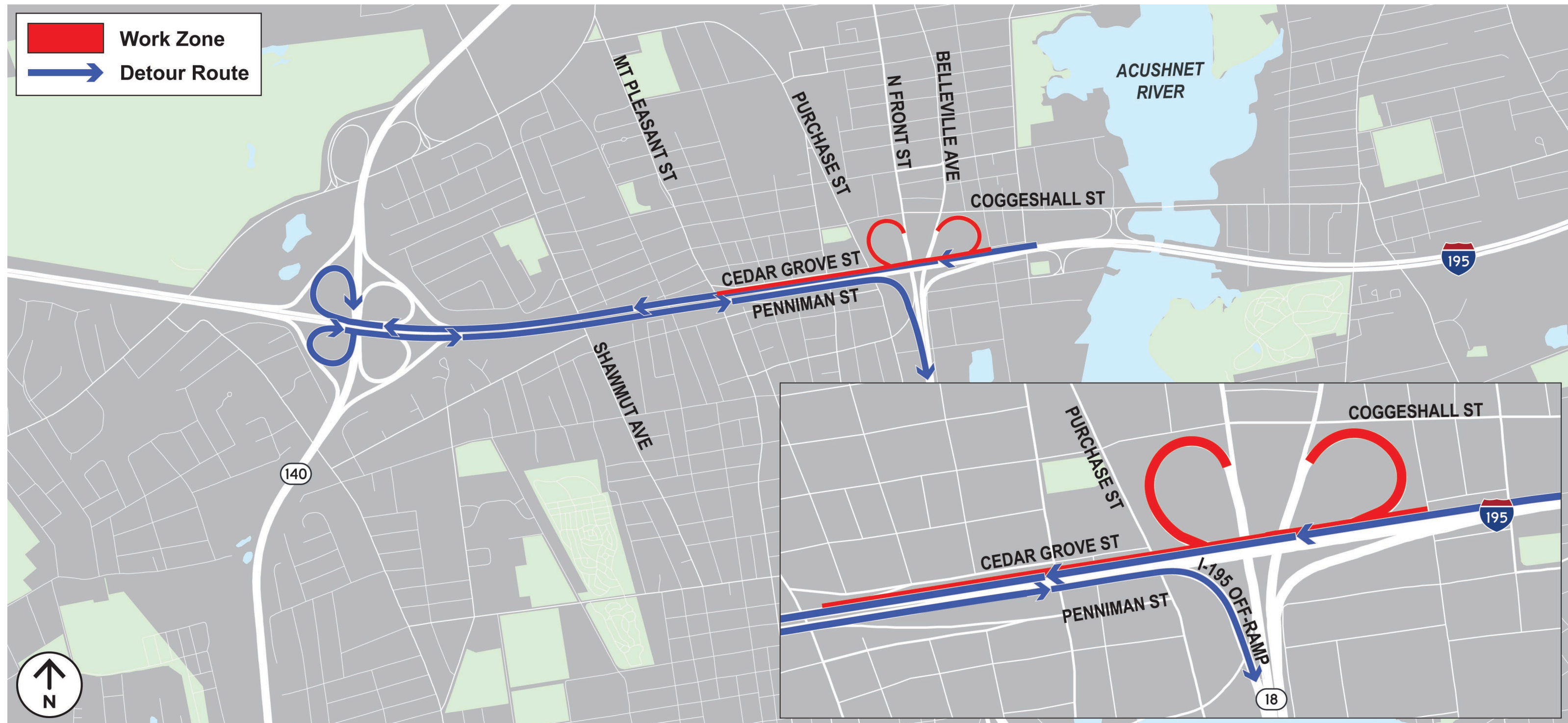
Phase 2 Traffic Flow

- I-195 Westbound traffic will be shifted to the eastbound side
- Construction will take place on the I-195 WB, WB Exit 26 Ramp, and WB On-Ramp



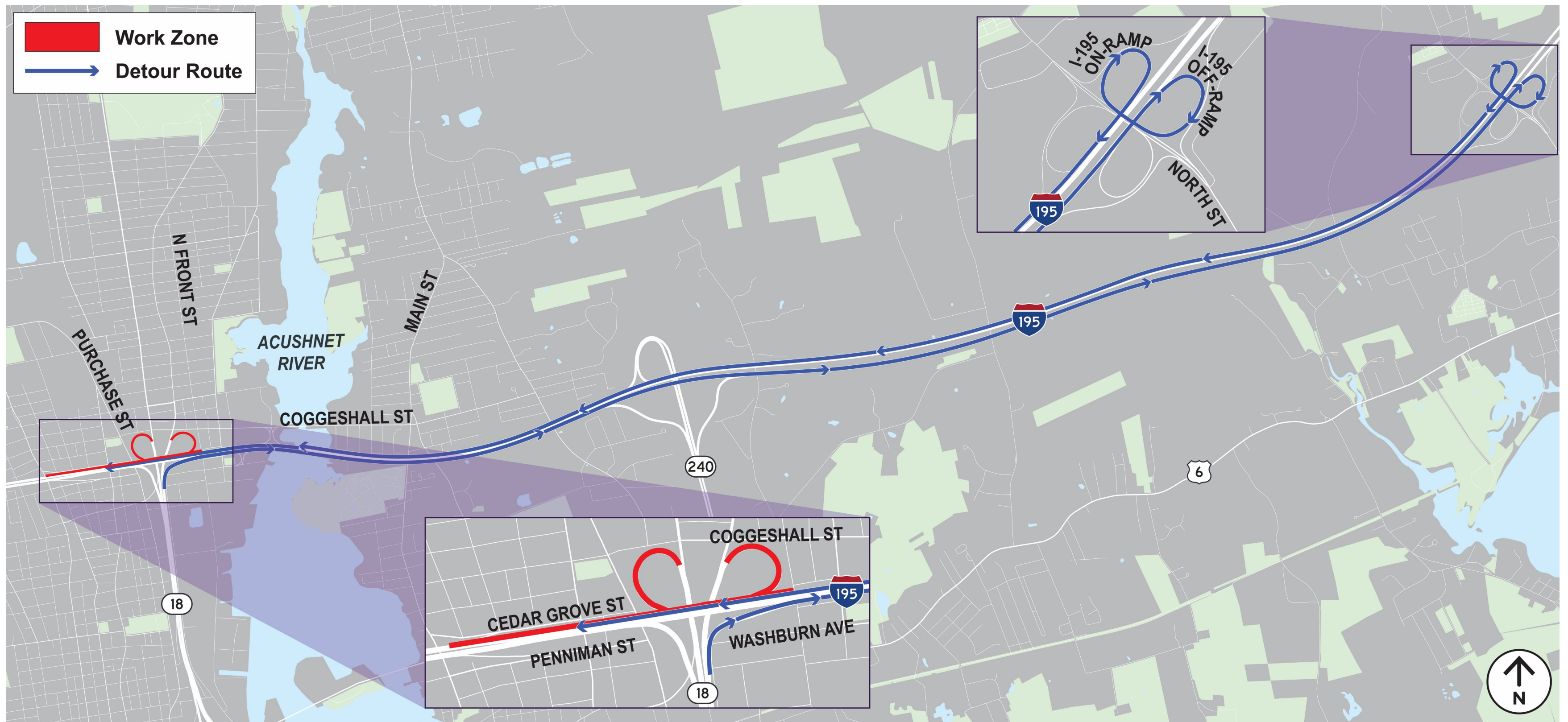
Ramp C Detour to Route 18 SB

- Drivers will continue to travel along I-195 WB to Exit 24
- At Exit 24, they will use the clover interchange to connect to I-195 EB
- Drivers will take EB Exit 26 Ramp to connect to Route 18 SB



Ramp D Detour to I-195 WB

- Drivers will merge onto I-195 EB
- At Exit 31, they will use the clover interchange to connect to I-195 WB



Construction Mitigation Overview

- Work to occur mostly during the day and weekdays
- Some night work is needed for Bridge Demolition, drainage installation, and utility work
- Coordination with emergency services to maintain access
- Keep abutters and community informed throughout the project through public outreach

Construction Mitigation

- Major operations will be within confined work zones
- Minimize construction vehicles on local streets

Noise and Dust control Mitigation

- Noise monitoring systems
- Scheduling of activities based on weather and events
 - Work hours 7:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Water spray for dust suppression





Community Engagement

Community Engagement

- Because of the interchange's location, MassDOT is prioritizing working with the community and keeping the public informed throughout construction
- Community Engagement will include:
 - Coordinating with New Bedford Public Schools and other major stakeholders
 - Briefings for local and elected officials
 - Public information meetings
 - Newspaper advertisements, media advisories, and social media
 - A dedicated project website, email, and phone hotline
 - Sending regular project update emails and special advisories to subscribers

How to connect with the New Bedford I-195/Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project

Email the project team with feedback and questions:

i195route18newbedford@dot.state.ma.us

Visit the project website for more information:

www.mass.gov/route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation-in-new-bedford

Call the project hotline: (508) 441-4532

Scan the QR code and sign up for project updates:





Questions and Answers

Questions and Answers

-  • Raise your hand to be called on for verbal questions

-  • Please state your name and connection to the project before your question

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

-  • Comments may also be submitted to the project team electronically at i195route18newbedford@dot.state.ma.us

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Thank You

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Acoustical Study

- Existing Sound Levels
 - 58 to 72 dB(A)
- Future Sound Levels (Before Sound Wall)
 - 58 to 73 dB(A)
- Noise Reduction
 - 5 to 10 dB(A)
 - Average 6.6 dB(A)
 - 39 Benefited Residences
- Proposed Sound Wall Dimensions
 - 1,850 Feet Long
 - Ranges from 12 to 20 feet high

