



Springfield The “X” Intersection Reconstruction

*Reconstruction of Sumner Avenue at
Dickinson Street and Belmont Avenue
In-Person Public Information Meeting*

May 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Forest Park Middle School Auditorium

Project File No. 608717



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City of Springfield



Public Information Meeting Springfield The "X" Intersection Reconstruction

What is happening?

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will host an upcoming In-Person Public Information Meeting to update the public on the status of the reconstruction of Summer Avenue at the intersection of Dickinson Street and Belmont Avenue in Springfield, MA. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in the Forest Park Middle School Auditorium at 46 Oakland Street in Springfield, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

This event will include a formal presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Public input will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

How will this affect you?

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and learn more about the project and provide feedback. There will be information on the project background, the project design, the schedule and construction phasing, early construction activity, public involvement, and next steps. Project improvements include: traffic pattern changes and the addition of transition lanes (i.e. auxiliary lanes), new traffic signals and traffic signal coordination, 5-foot bicycle lanes and widening and reconstruction of sidewalks to shared-use paths, pedestrian facility and accessibility upgrades, bus stop and shelter upgrades, and replacement of street lighting, furnishings, and landscaping.

Early construction activity is underway as of March 2025 and includes the installation of advanced traffic signage, survey work, the contractor mobilizing to the site, and preliminary utility investigation.

When:

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Where:

Forest Park Middle School Auditorium
46 Oakland Street
Springfield, MA, 01108



Visit www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events for more information or to view a recording of the presentation if you are unable to attend the meeting.



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to DOTHighwayDesign@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: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 608717**

Agenda

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- 02** Project Background
- 03** Project Goals and Design
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- 05** Public Involvement Plan
- 06** Questions and Answers

Introductions & Key Personnel

Project Contacts

Personnel	Organization	Role
Patricia Leavenworth	MassDOT Highway District 2	Highway Director
John Donoghue	MassDOT Highway District 2	Construction Engineer
Matthew Minihan	MassDOT Highway District 2	District Operations Engineer
Steve Young	MassDOT Highway District 2	Program Coordinator II
Todd Moylan	MassDOT Highway District 2	Construction Area Engineer
Jeffrey Hendricks	MassDOT Highway District 2	Construction Coordinator III
Daniel Racicot	MassDOT Legislative Affairs	Legislative Highway Liaison
Chris Cignoli	City of Springfield	Director of Public Works
Andrew J. Krar	City of Springfield	City Engineer
Luca Mineo	City of Springfield	Civil Engineer
Stephen Savaria	Fuss & O'Neill/City of Springfield	Design Consultant

Public Involvement, Project Contacts

Personnel	Organization	Role
Patrick Marvin	HNTB/MassDOT	Public Involvement Manager
Billy Parent	HNTB/MassDOT	Team Lead – Public Involvement

Project Partners and Bid-Build Delivery

- **Project development and design:** City of Springfield and Fuss & O'Neill
- **Construction project owner/manager:** MassDOT Highway Division District 2
- **MassDOT public involvement consultant:** HNTB Corp.
- **Project contractor:** Baltazar Contractors Inc.



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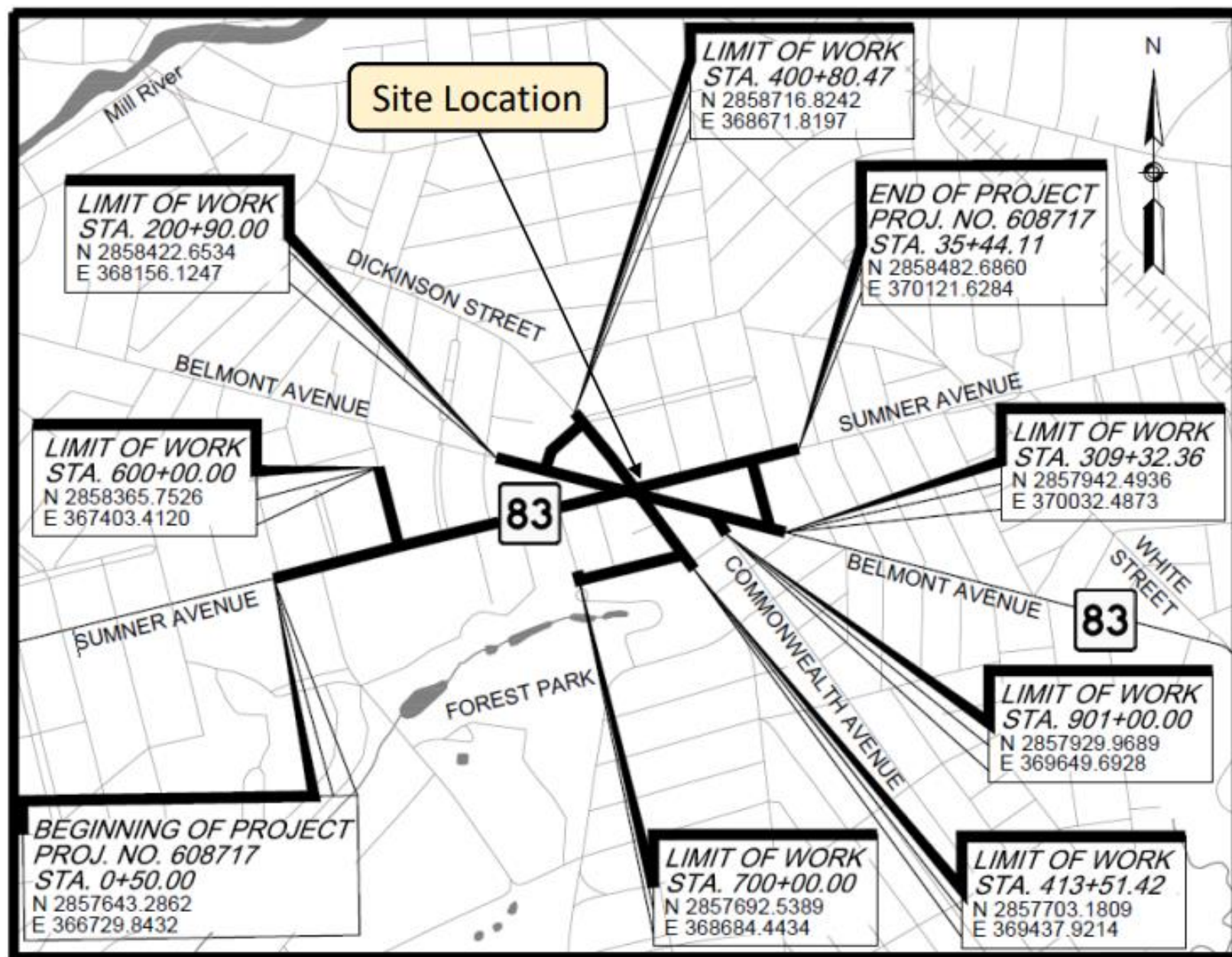


Project Background

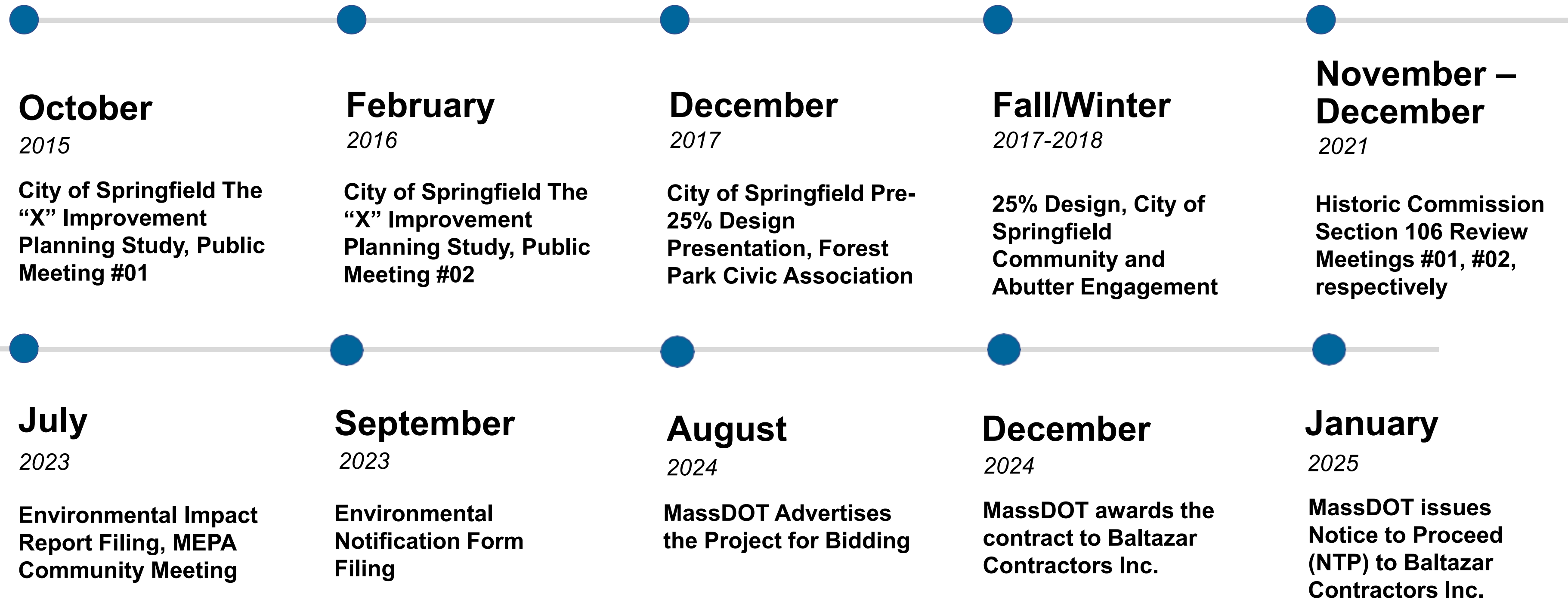
Project Location

Project Limits:

- **Sumner Avenue** between **Churchill Street** and just east of **Daytona Street**
- **Belmont Avenue** between approximately **Burlington Street** and **Ormond Street**
- **Dickinson Street** between **Burlington Street** and **Cliftwood Street**
- Local abutting streets include: **Cliftwood Street, Lenox Street, Ormond Street, Burlington Street, Oakland Street, and Commonwealth Avenue**



Project History











Overview of Project Design

Project Goals, Purpose and Need

Safe, Multimodal, Walkable, Livable, Sustainable

-  Intersection Safety | Increase Intersection Safety
-  Congestion and Delay | Improve Operations, Progression
-  Cut-Through Traffic | Reduce Cut-Throughs
-  Deficient Pedestrian Facilities | Upgrade/Add New Walks, Ramps, Plazas
-  Inadequate Bike Accommodation | Add Bike Lanes
-  Obsolete Signal Equipment | Replace Signals



Project Improvements and Design Overview

- Traffic pattern changes and the addition of transition lanes (i.e. auxiliary lanes)
- New traffic signals and traffic signal coordination
- 5-foot bicycle lanes and widening and reconstruction of sidewalks to shared-use paths
- Pedestrian facility and accessibility upgrades
- Bus stop and shelter upgrades
- Replacement of street lighting, furnishings, and landscaping



Project Design – Vehicular Traffic

The project includes the following changes for **vehicular traffic patterns**:

- Reconfigure Sumner Avenue, including the addition of turn lanes with vegetated concrete median islands.
- Remove the left turn restriction on Dickinson Street northbound.
- Ormond Street becomes one way northbound.
- Modify the T intersection at Belmont Avenue and Burlington Street to include a pedestrian bump out.
- Reconfigure portions of Belmont Avenue to a one-way road.
- Reconfigure Cliffwood Street with a single left-turn lane and a through-right lane.
- Reverse direction of Cliftwood and Lenox; signalize the Cliftwood/Sumner intersection.



Project Design – Multi-Modal Improvements

The project was designed with a **Complete Streets** approach and includes the following improvements:

- 4 new crosswalks at Sumner Avenue and Cliftwood Street, Belmont Avenue and Burlington Street, and at Ormond Street.
- Enhancing existing crosswalks with higher visibility striping, and by signaling the Ormond street intersection with signal-controlled pedestrian crossings.
- 2 new pedestrian plazas at Sumner Avenue and Belmont Avenue.
- Transit service enhancements with the addition of 13 new bus shelters.
- Addition of 5-foot, on-street, painted bike lanes on Sumner Avenue and Belmont Avenue, and converting the north and south Sumner Avenue sidewalk to a shared-use path.



Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), Project Landscaping

- The project was published in the MEPA Environmental Monitor on July 26, 2023:
<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/MEPA-eMonitor/home>
- A total of 118 trees are proposed to be planted, yielding a net gain of **57 trees** within the project limits.
- The total number of trees preserved increased by 35 trees from the 25% design.





Construction Update

Project Funding

Project Budget Breakdown:

Line Item	Budget
Project Construction Cost (Bid Amount)	\$22,700,755
Contingencies (10%)	\$2,270,075.50
Construction Engineering (5%)	\$1,135,037.75
Traffic Police	\$1,400,000
Trainees	\$4,000
Total	\$27,509,868.25

Federal Aid Funding Sources Include:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STGB)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program – Vulnerable User Safety (HSIP/VUS)
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

City of Springfield Funding Sources Include:

- City of Springfield Non-Participating Town Agreement (NPTA), Lighting
- City of Springfield (NPTA), Water and Sewer

Early Construction Activity

- Comcast utility work, relocation of underground utilities on Sumner Avenue, April – November 2025.
- Baltazar underground utility work on Sumner Avenue; tree removal and pruning in the project limits; April 2025 – Spring 2026.



Requirements During Construction

- Maintain pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, emergency, school bus, and delivery access during all stages.
- Coordinate reconstruction of commercial and residential driveways with property owners.
- Communicate with businesses, residents, and stakeholder groups, in advance of and during construction.
- Dust control measures will be utilized including wetting agents, truck bed covers, and periodic street cleaning.





**Public
Involvement,
Abutter
Coordination**

Public Involvement Plan

- **Stakeholder List**
 - City/First Responder contacts
 - Businesses, residents, stakeholder groups
- **Public Information Meetings**
 - Anticipated bi-annually
 - In-person and virtual
 - Interpretation/translations available in Spanish and Vietnamese, and upon request
 - Tailored outreach as needed and required
- **Legislative Briefings**
 - Anticipated bi-annually or as-needed
- **Outreach and Coordination**
 - Collaboration with City of Springfield
 - Abutter outreach and coordination
 - Media outreach
 - First-responders
 - Adjacent projects
 - PVTa coordination

Public Involvement Plan

RECONSTRUCTION OF SUMNER AVENUE AT DICKINSON STREET AND BELMONT AVENUE (THE "X"), SPRINGFIELD, MA
 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Public Involvement – Project Communication

- **Project Hotline**
 - Available 24/7, logged
 - 413-264-4240
- **Project Email**
 - MassDOTSpringfieldX@dot.state.ma.us
- **Stakeholder Email Updates**
 - Expected monthly or as needed
 - Flyer development/distribution as-needed
- **Web Updates**
 - Project Website:
<https://www.mass.gov/the-x-springfield>
 - Construction and traffic advisories
 - Public Information Meeting material and recordings



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Questions and Answers



- Approach the microphone and wait your turn to ask questions or make comments.



- 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.



- Comments may also be submitted to the project team electronically at MassDOTSpringfieldX@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to 811 N King St, Northampton, MA 01060, Attention: Patricia Leavenworth, P.E., Project File No. 608717; Contract No. 127958.

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Thank you!

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