



MassCentral Rail Trail (MCRT) – Wayland to Sudbury

Shared Use Path

Virtual Design Public Hearing

March 2, 2023 – 6pm

Project No. 610660



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1. Local Newspaper Advertisement

MetroWest Daily News

- February 17, 2023
- February 24, 2023

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3. MPO: Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization



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4. Other Outreach (from OPEO Staff Calls)

- MetroWest Center for Independent Living
- Wayland Senior Center
- Wayland Public Library



Introduction

MassDOT

- **Project Manager:** Shahpar Negah
- **District 3:** Ann Sullivan
- **ROW:** Angela Schofield
- **Facilitators:** Hung Pham & Leah Grodstein

DCR

- **Project Manager:** Paul Jahnige

VHB

- **Highway Engineer:** Josh Cone-Roddy
- **Project Manager:** Tracie Lenhardt
- **Traffic Engineer:** Erin Thompson

Agenda

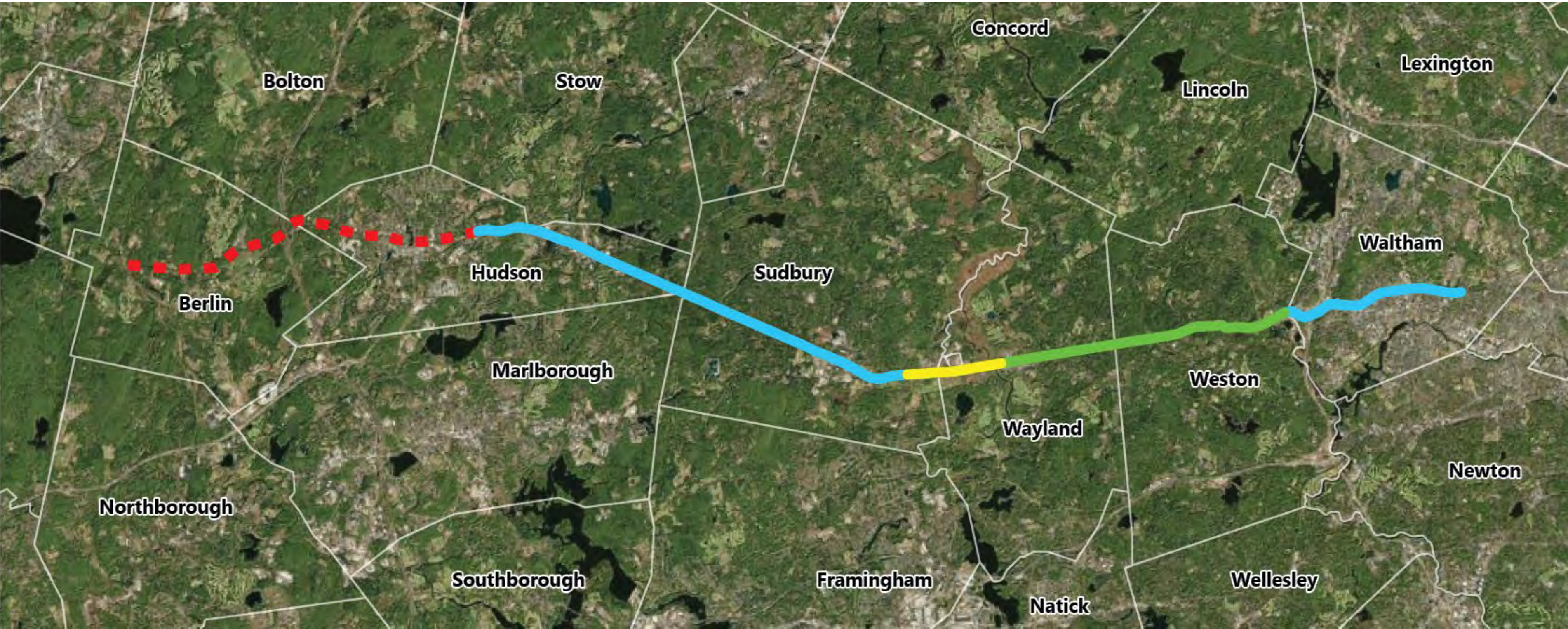
- Project Overview
- Project Goals
- Proposed Design
- Impacts
- Next Steps
- Right of Way
- Questions & Feedback





Project Overview

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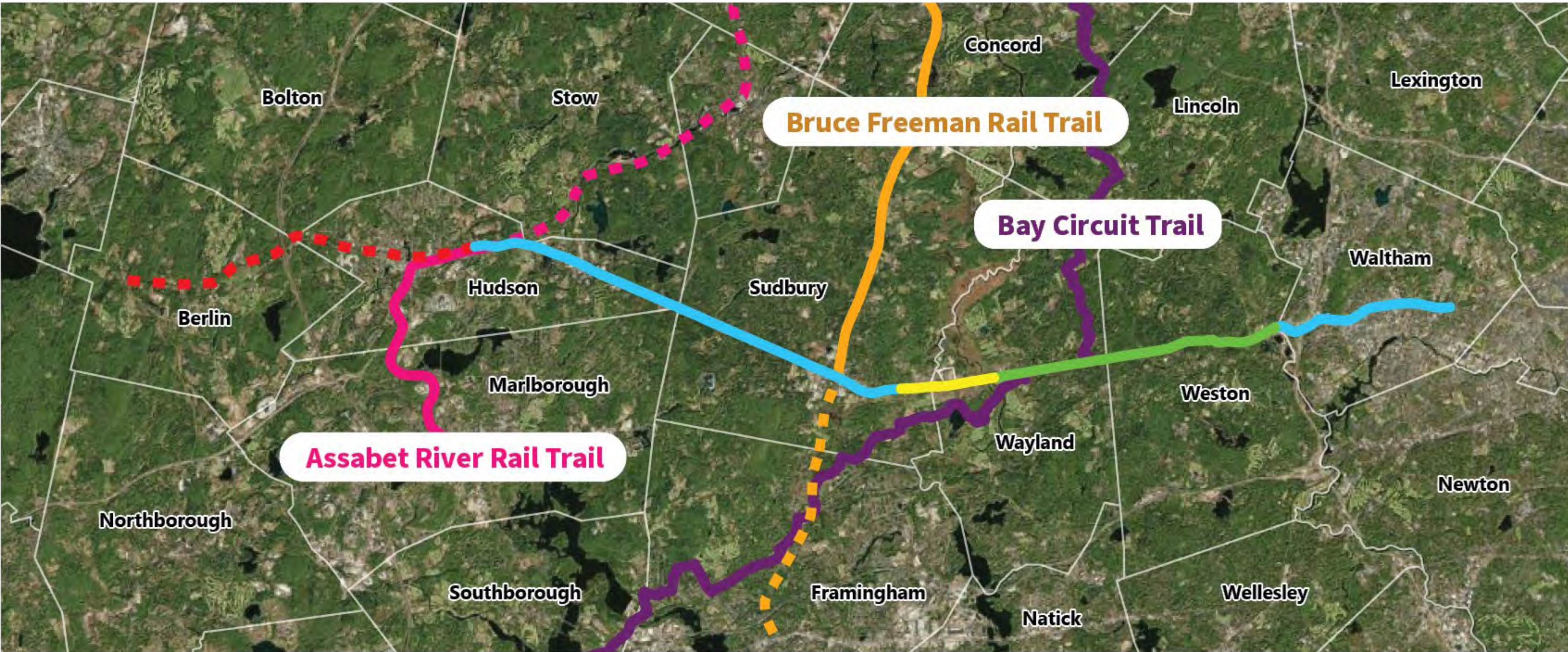


- Future Project

— Currently Under Construction
- Previously Constructed

— This Project

Regional Connectivity



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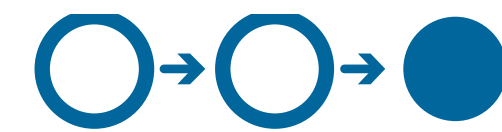


**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goals

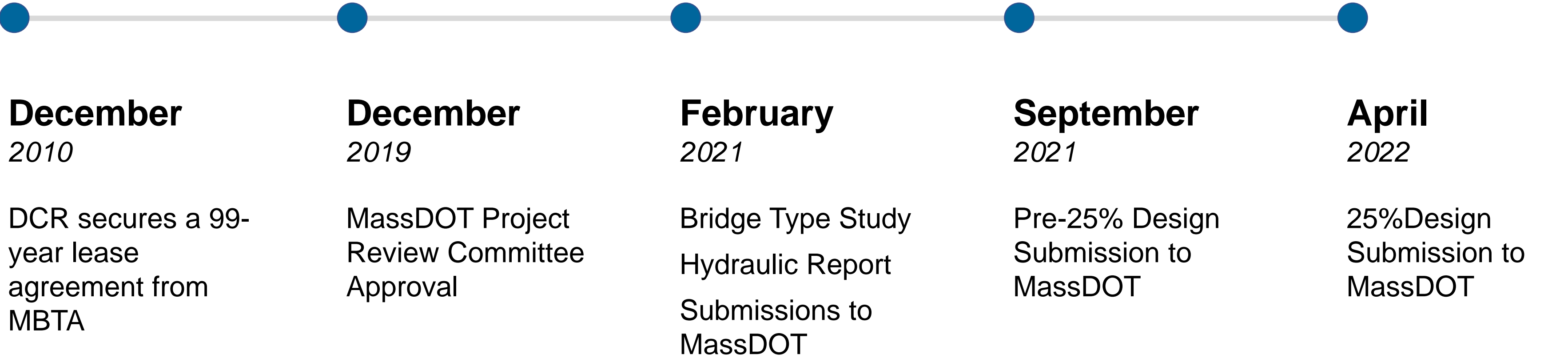
- Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
- Provide regional connections
- Limit Impacts
- Create an accessible shared-use path
- Preserve historic railroad features





How has our
design
progressed?

How did we get here?

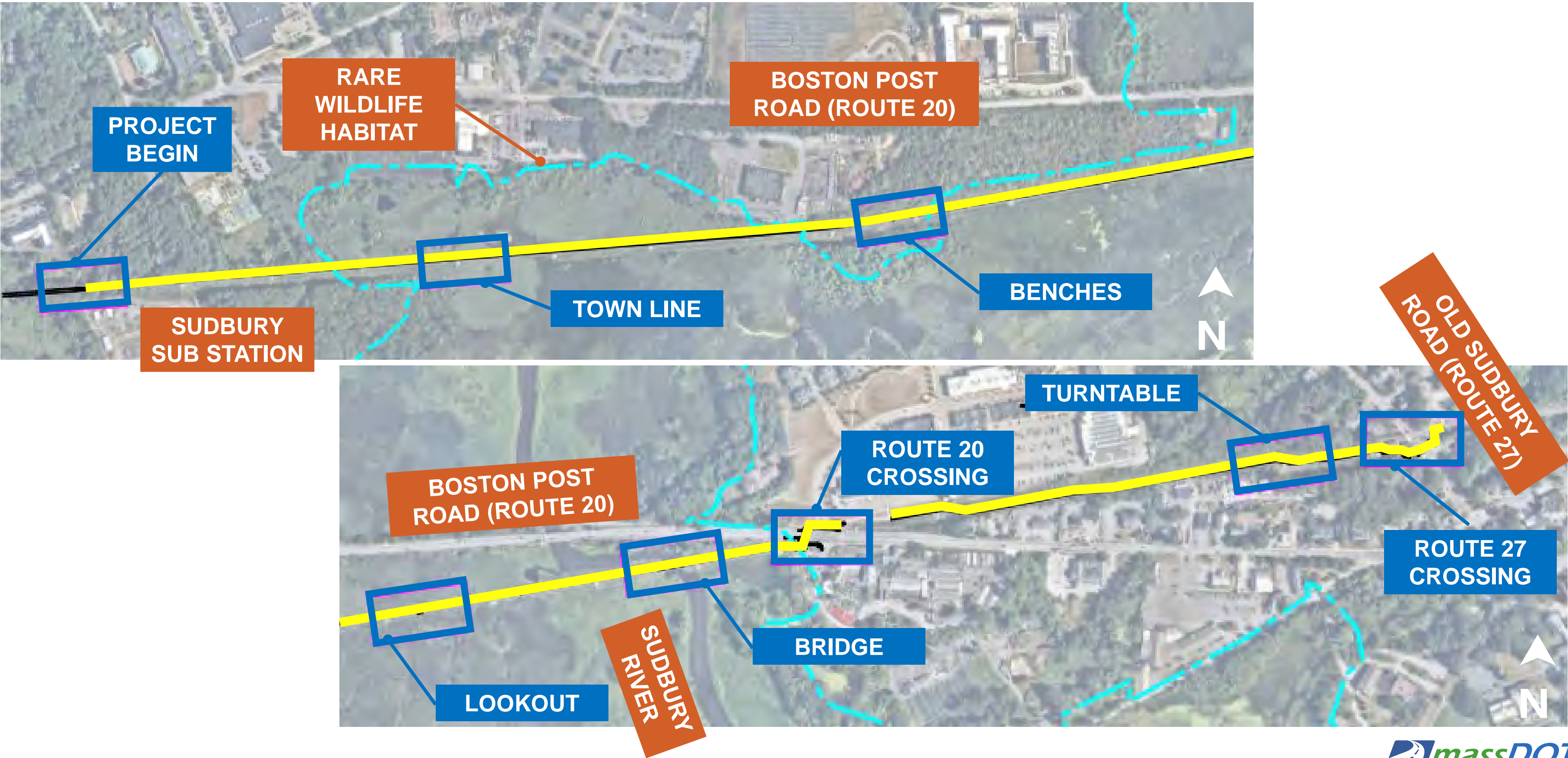


Project Design

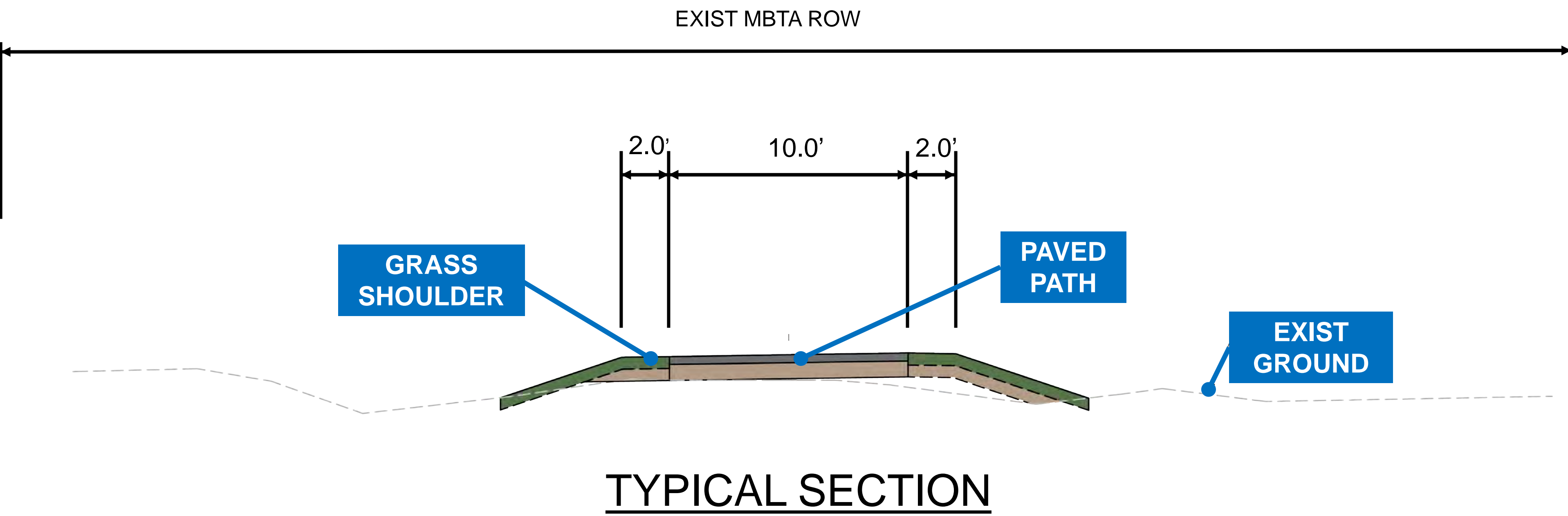
- Survey (on-going)
- Borings
- Utility coordination (on-going)
- Hydraulic Report
- Bridge inspection
- Preliminary (25%) Design



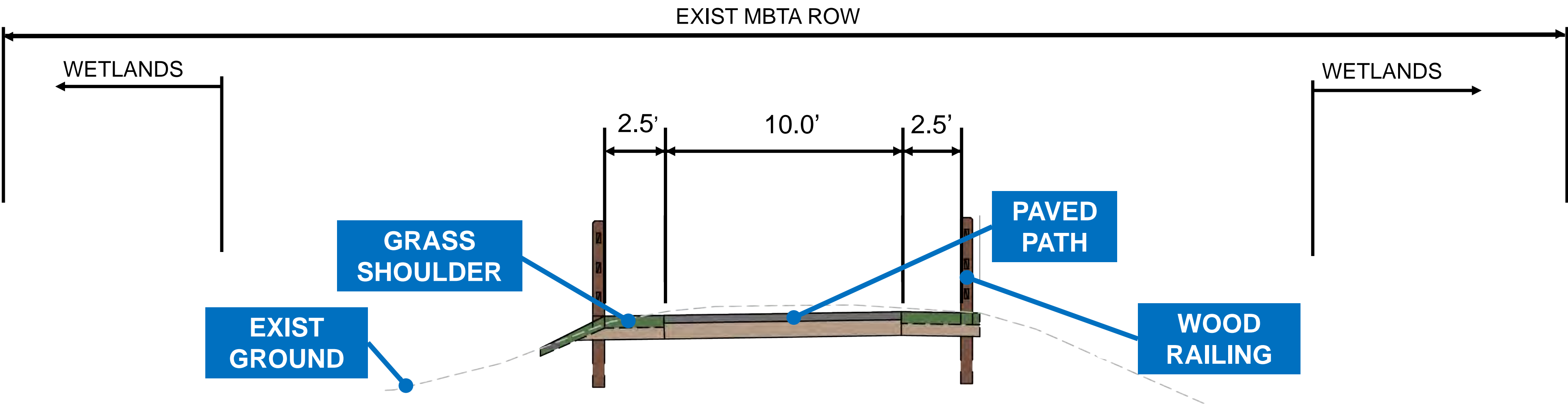
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25% Design Plans: Typical Sections

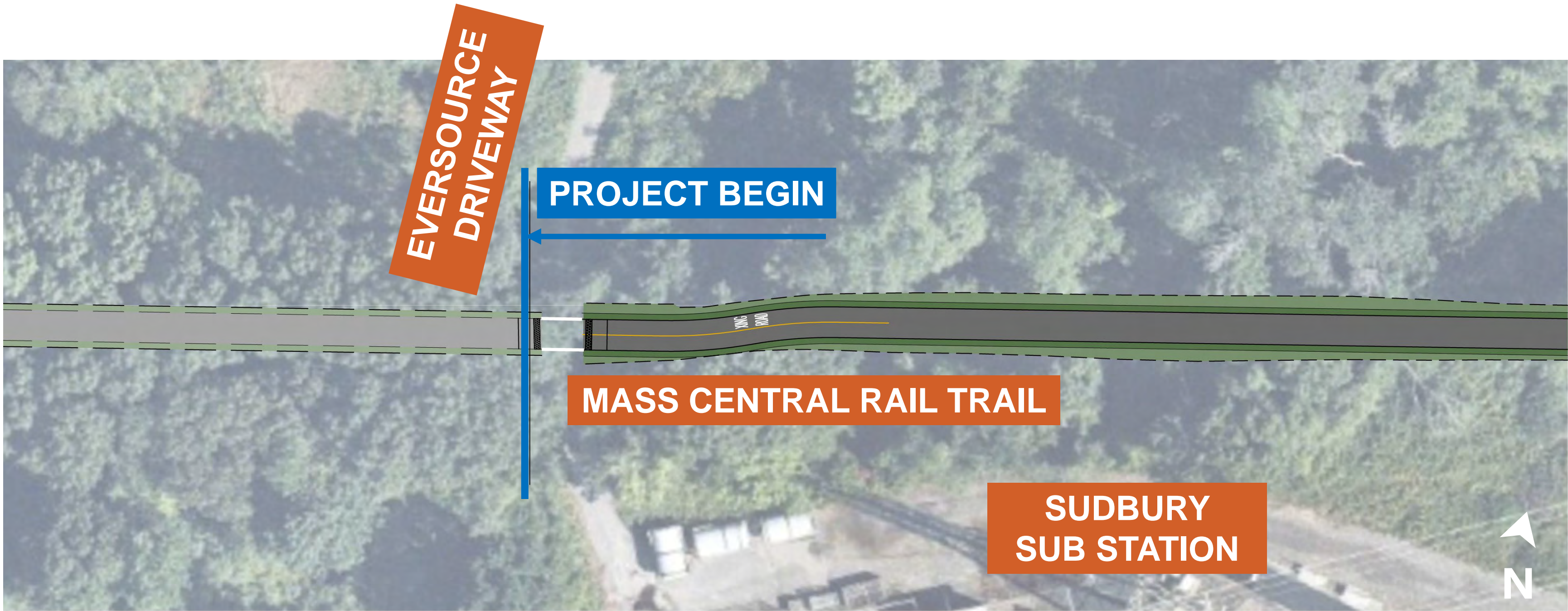


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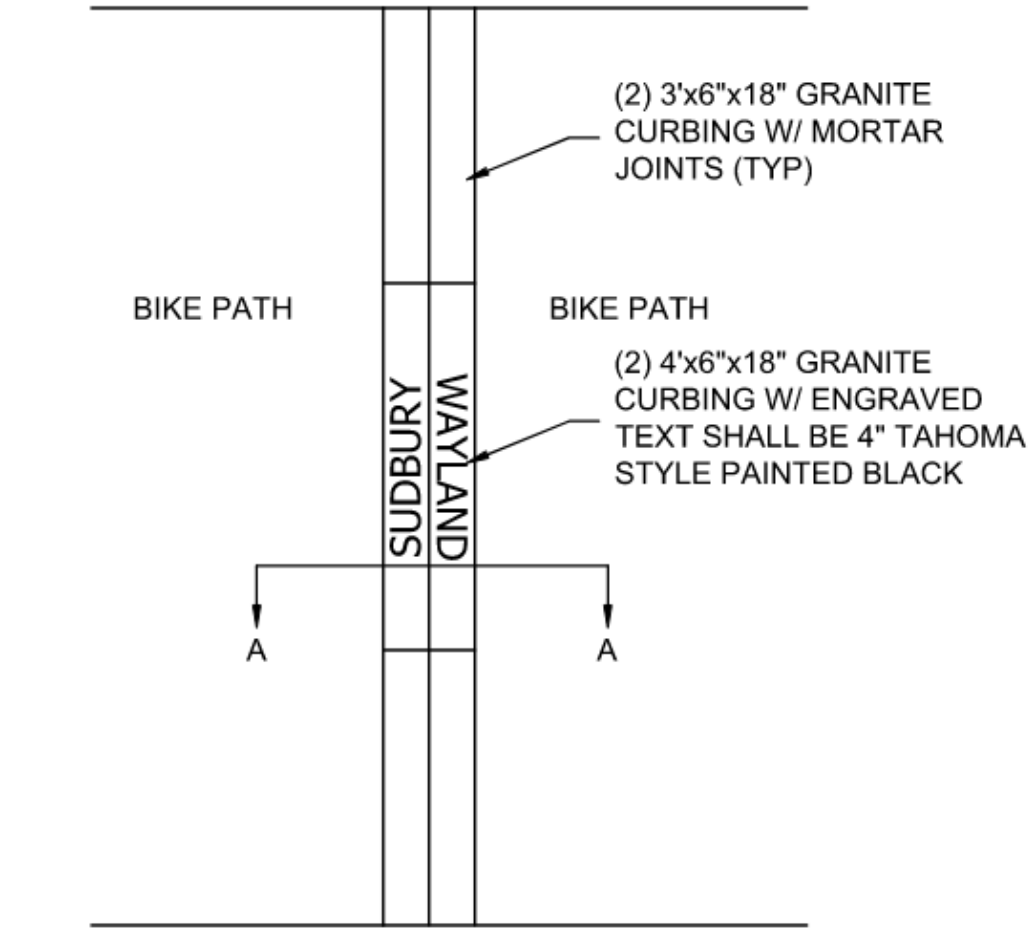
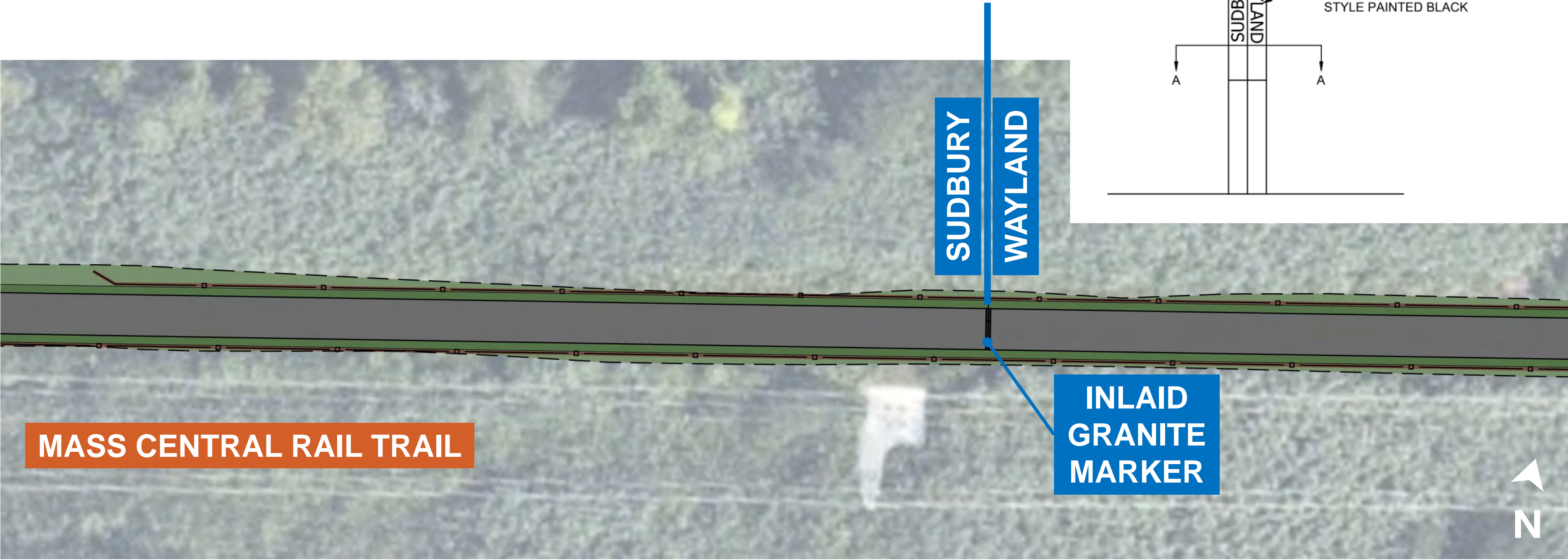


TYPICAL SECTION
CUT INTO EMBANKMENT

25% Design Plans: Project Begin



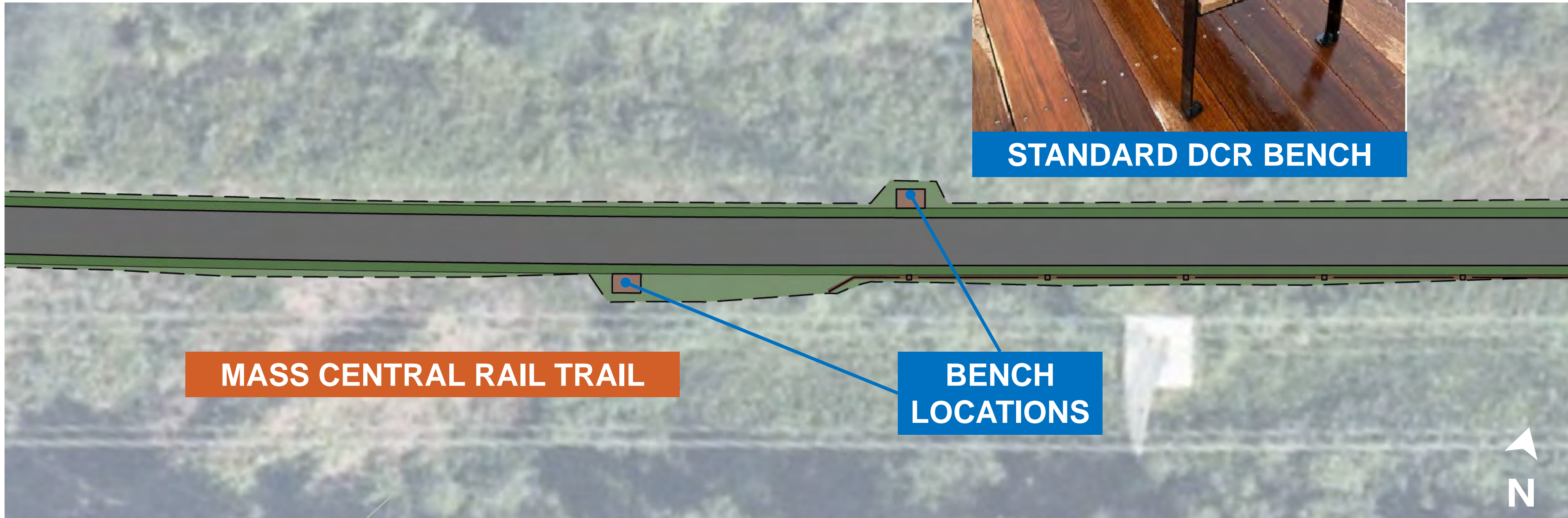
25% Design Plans: Town Line



25% Design Plans: Benches



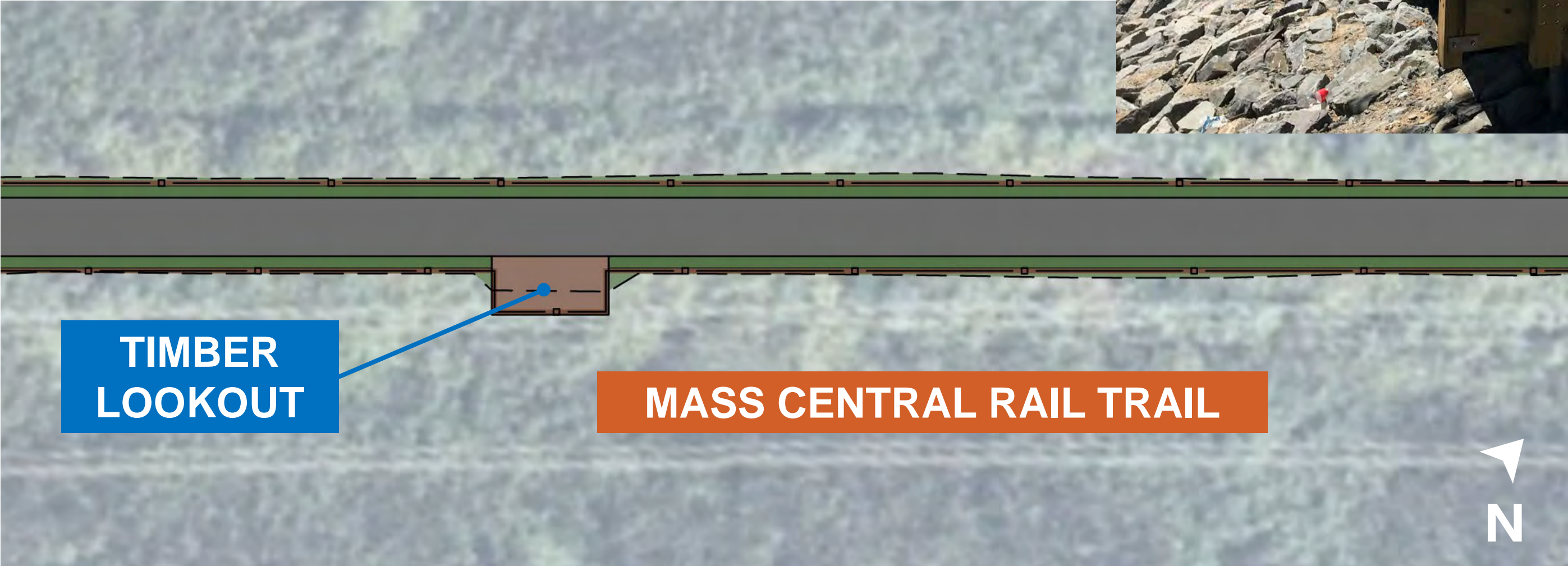
STANDARD DCR BENCH



MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL

BENCH LOCATIONS

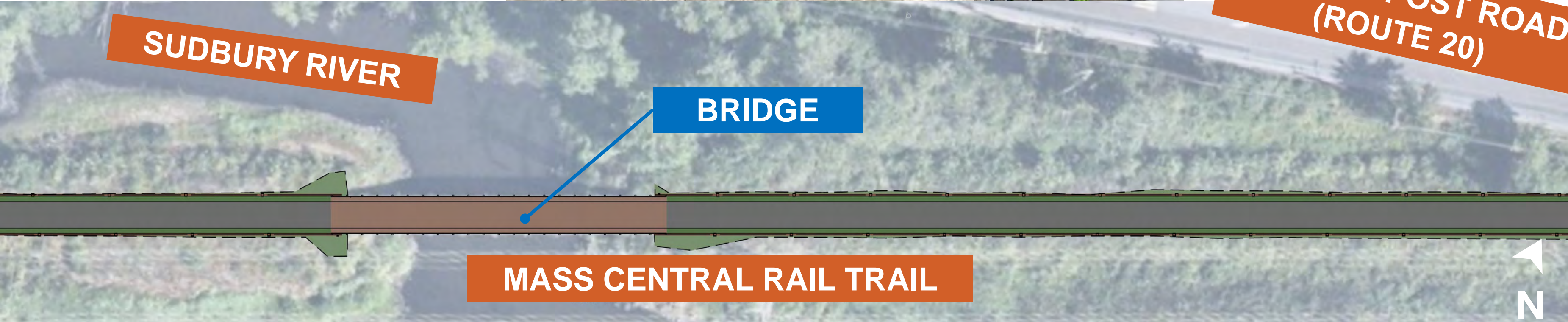
25% Design Plans: Timber Lookout



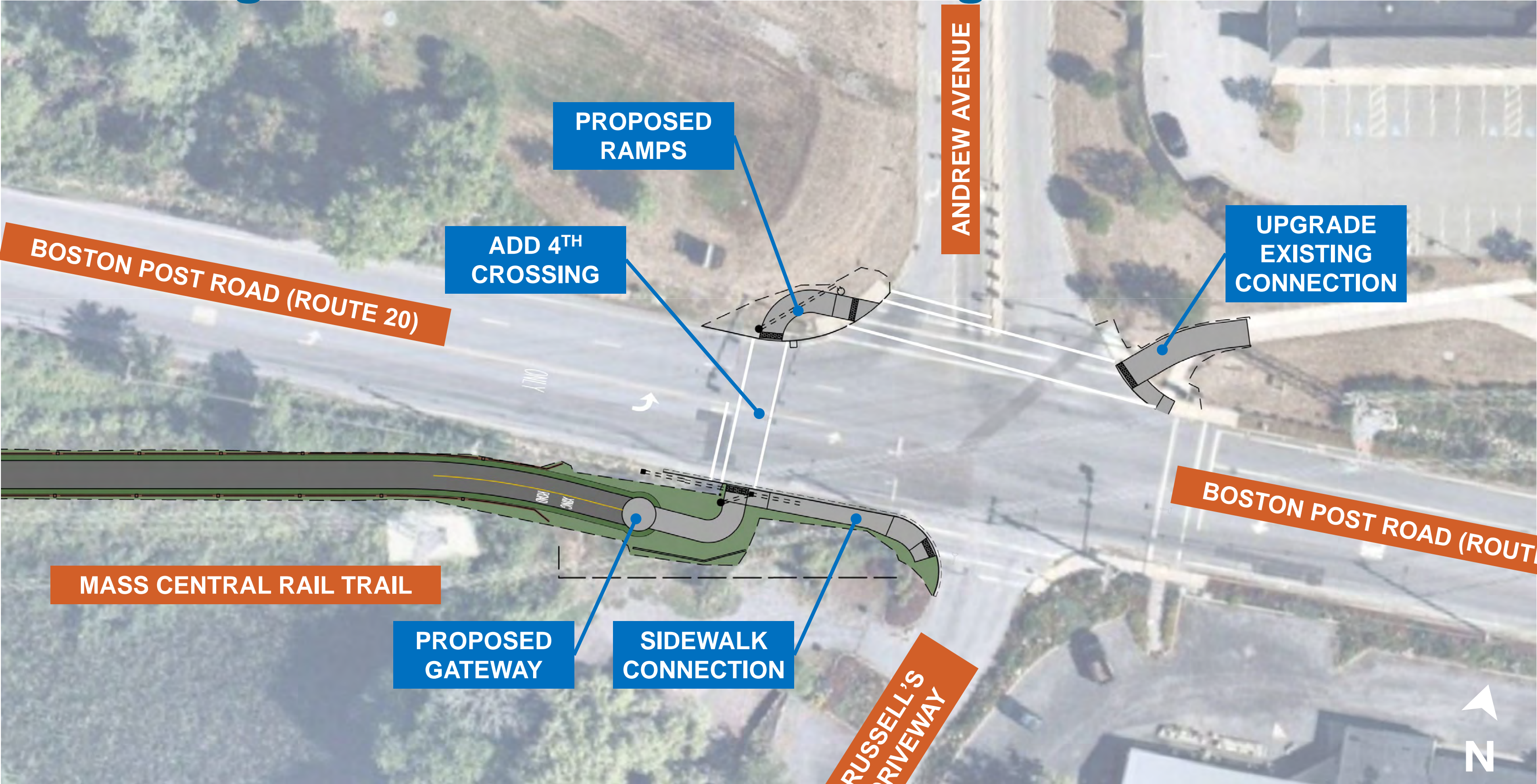
TIMBER
LOOKOUT

MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL

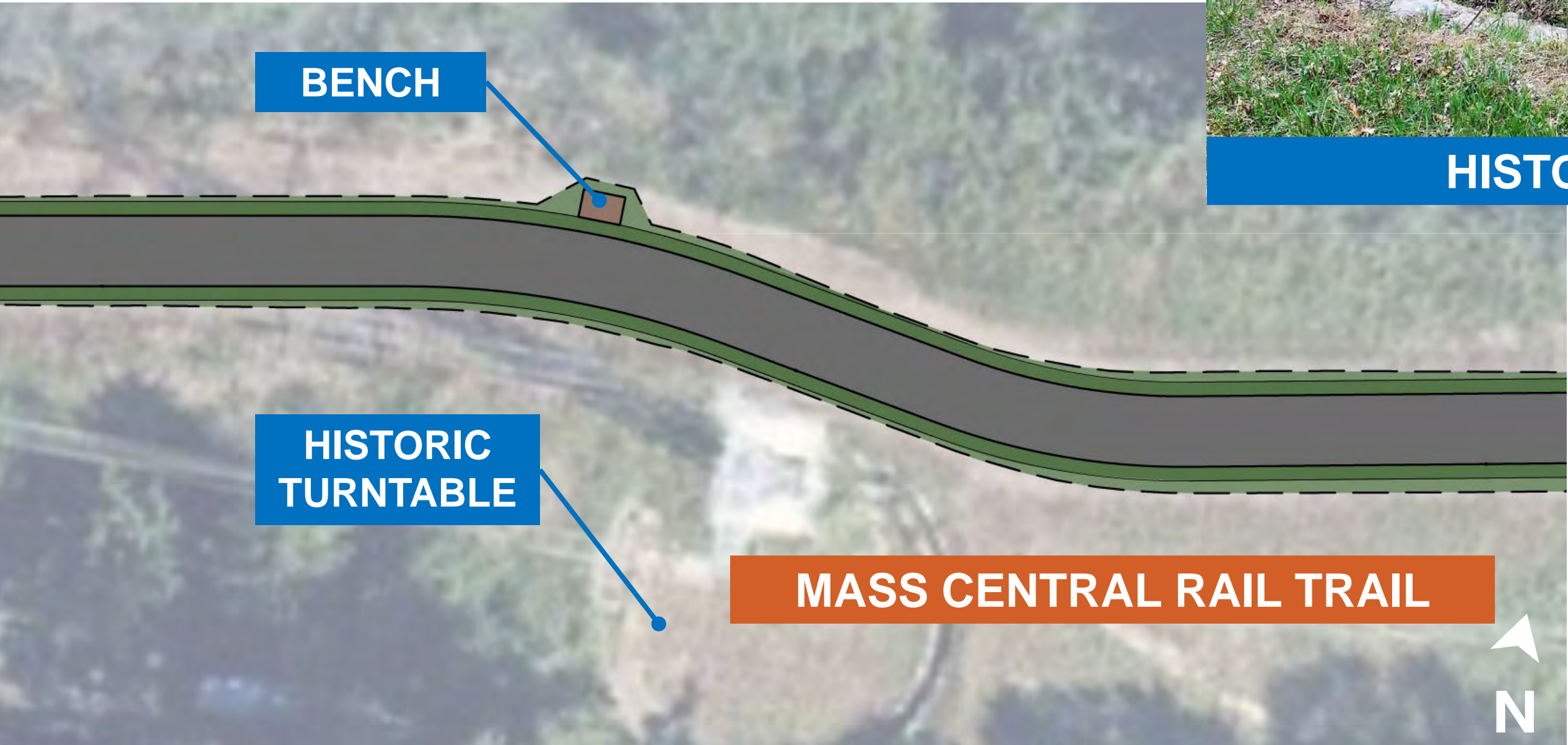
25% Design Plans: Bridge



25% Design Plans: Route 20 Crossing

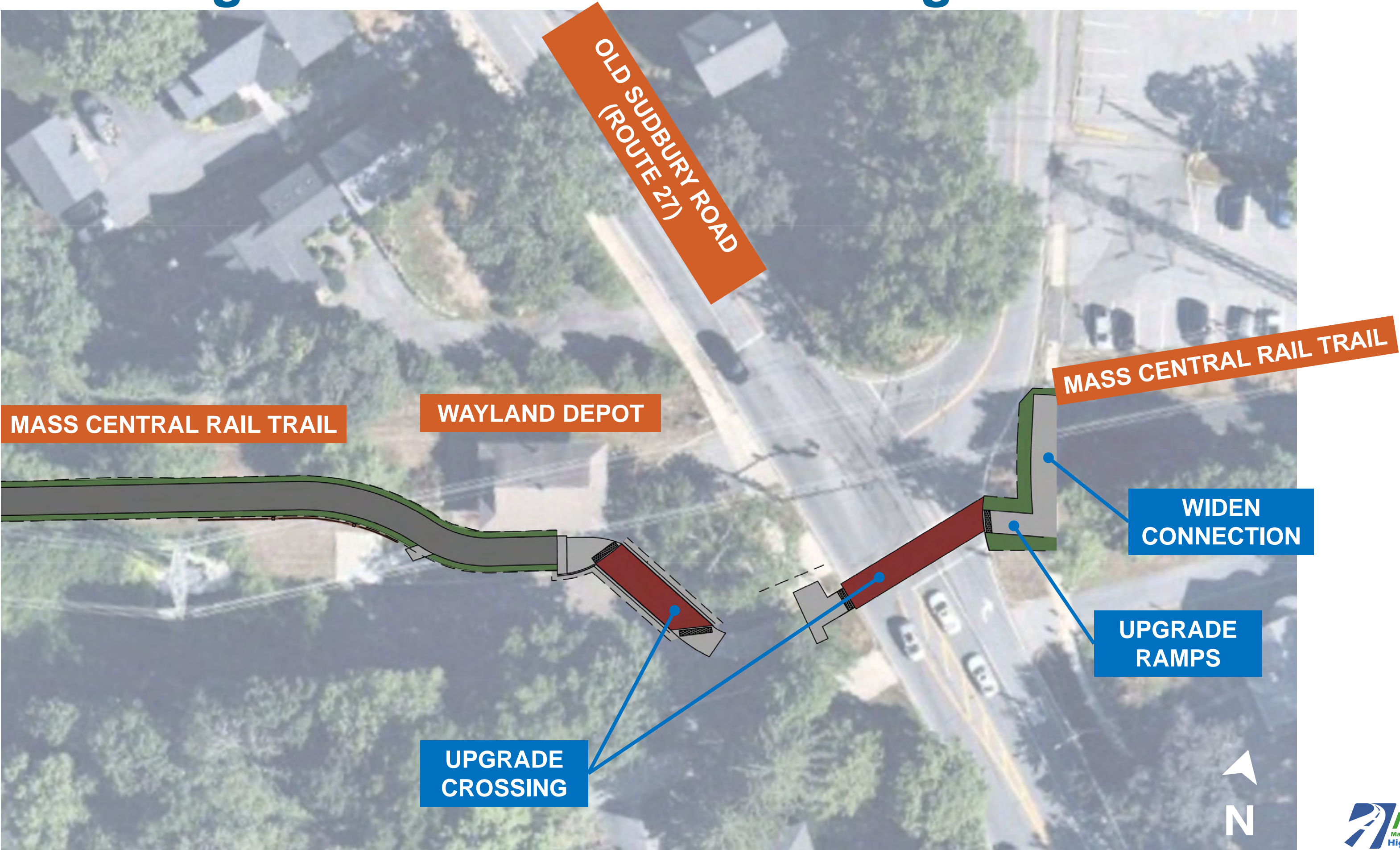


25% Design Plans: Historic Turntable



HISTORIC TURNTABLE

25% Design Plans: Route 27 Crossing



Historic Features



Town Marker



Mile Marker



Ring Post

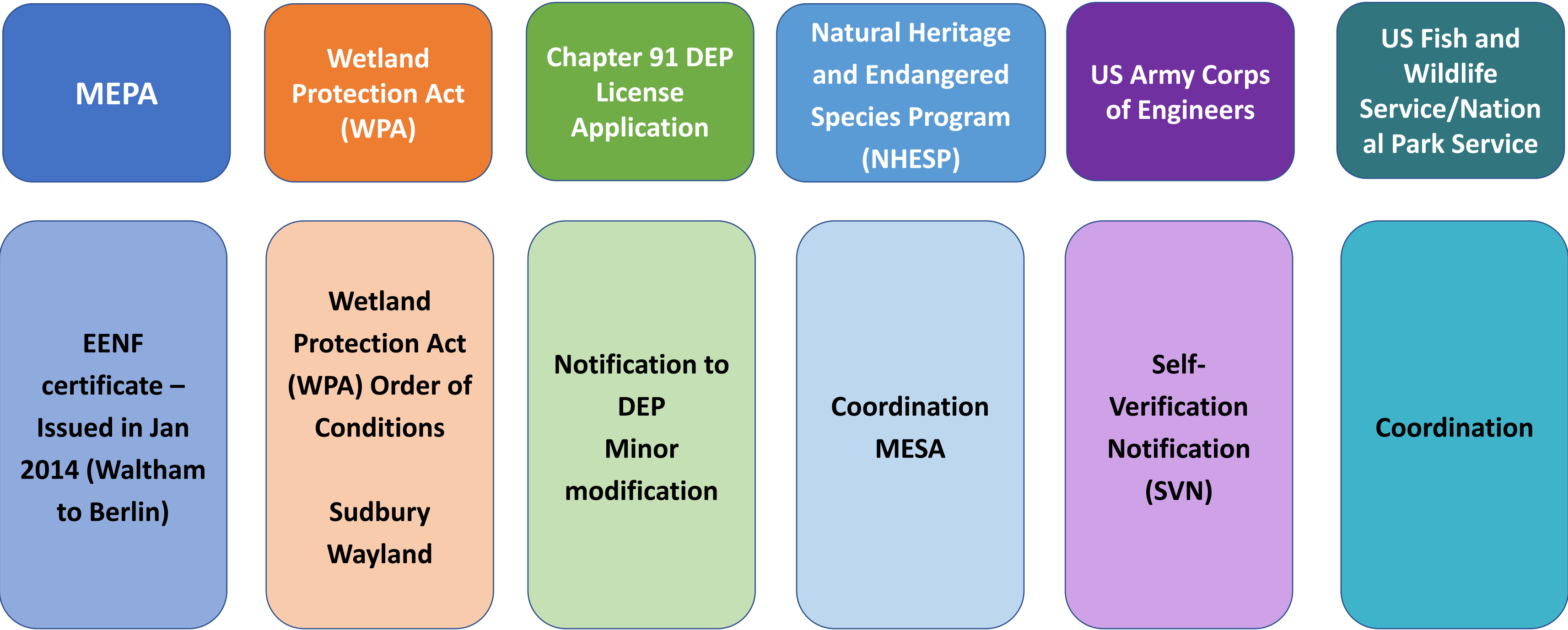


**What are the
environmental,
cultural
resource, and
community
impacts?**

Permitting Analysis

Proposed project shall result in no permanent wetland impacts

There will be impacts to the flood plain due to the construction of the path and compensatory floodplain will be required.





**How will the
road user be
affected?**

Road User Impacts

- Mostly off-road construction
- Minimal impacts to roadways
- Temporary daily traffic set ups



**How will
bicyclists and
pedestrians
be impacted?**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Impacts

- Existing stone dust portion of path to be closed during construction
- No access to corridor from Eversource Driveway to Route 20
- Temporary detours at intersections for sidewalk and ramp installation





**Work in
Progress &
Next Steps**

Our next steps



75% Design
Submission
August 2023



100% Design
Submission
April 2024



Environmental
Permitting
TBD



PS&E Submission
October 2024



Advertise for
Construction Spring/
Summer 2027



Begin Construction
Summer/Fall 2027



**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Property Impacts

- Three (3) Temporary Easements
 - Eversource
 - Russell's Greenhouse
 - Town of Wayland
- Abutter and property access is required to be maintained by the contractor at all times for the duration of the project

Right of Way (ROW) discussion – 25% Design

- The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of a project.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the ROW Bureau or consultants representing DCR.
- 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.
- Temporary construction easements will be required.

Project Cost & Funding

- Current/Preliminary Estimate Total Construction Costs ~ \$4,000,000
- Programming the Project in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP)
- Federal Funding by Federal Highway Administration & MassDOT



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

Contact Information

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**Questions and
discussion**

Questions and Answers



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions (Alt + Y if using a phone)



- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button



- Please state your name before your question



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



- To ask a question via phone, dial *9 and the moderator will call out the last 4-digits of your phone number and unmute your audio when it is your turn



- Please take a few minutes to complete the survey after the meeting to let us know how your experience was with this virtual meeting

All questions and comments are subject to disclosure for public records. Please use these functions for project related business only.

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Thank You

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Local Papers

Appeared in the following:

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MassDOT Website:

- Notice and Flyer posted on the MassDOT Website on January 17, 2023
- The meeting was advertised on MassDOT’s official Twitter account



Virtual Design Public Hearing

MCRT Sudbury/Wayland Rail to Trail

What is happening?

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website, below, to present the design for the proposed Rail-to-Trail project. The proposed project consists of approximately two (2) miles of a ten foot (10') wide shared use path along the existing MBTA Railroad Right of Way (currently leased by the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)). The project will extend from the Eversource substation driveway on Route 20 to the Wayland Library (Route 27/126).

How will this affect you?

Minimal disruption to vehicular travel; with the exception of the area near the existing traffic signal where the proposed shared use path crosses Route 20. Benefit of connecting the shared use path currently under construction in the Town of Sudbury to the existing trail in the Town of Wayland.

When	Attend
Thursday, March 2 6 PM	www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings



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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 610660

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Rail-to-Trail project in **Sudbury/Wayland, MA.**

WHEN: Thursday, March 2 @ 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed rail-to-trail project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of approximately two (2) miles of a ten foot (10') wide shared use path along the existing MBTA Railroad Right of Way. The project will extend from the Eversource substation driveway on Route 20 to the Wayland Library (Route 27/126). The project also consists of the rehabilitation the existing timber trestle bridge over the Sudbury River to accommodate non-vehicular travelers.

Secure right-of-way easements are necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent easements may be required. **The Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands.** MassDOT policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

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