

Neponset River Greenway to Blue Hills

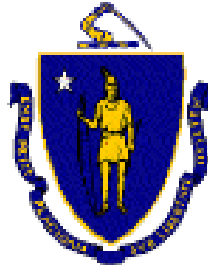
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Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Summary
- Public Input Survey Results
- Feasibility Study Process
- Recommendations
- Questions and Feedback
- Next Steps



Project Team

- DCR: Gerald Autler - PM
- Consultant Team:
 - Toole Design
 - Kathleen Fasser - PM
 - Taylor Dennerlein – Project Engineer
 - BSC - Survey and Environmental Assessment
 - PAL - Archeological and Cultural Assessment



The Neponset River

A photograph of a stone bridge arch, likely made of rough-hewn stones in shades of grey and brown. The arch is partially hidden by thick green trees and bushes in the foreground. At the bottom of the image, a river or stream is visible, its surface reflecting the surrounding greenery. A semi-transparent white banner is positioned across the middle of the image, containing the text "PROJECT SUMMARY" in a dark, sans-serif font.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Goal and Objectives

Identify and evaluate alternative routes for greater community connections, resulting in a preferred shared-use path alignment connecting between the Neponset River Greenway's southern end at Truman Parkway to the Blue Hills Trailside Museum.

- Enhanced community connectivity
- Improved access to recreation and healthy living for all
- Safety and convenience
- Preservation of natural resources
- Protection of historic and archeological areas
- Climate resiliency
- Straightforward implementation and maintenance



Example rendering of a shared use path

Neponset River Greenway

PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGE KICKOFF
&
NEPONSET - BLUE HILLS
FEASIBILITY STUDY
KICKOFF

EDGEWATER TRAIL
KICKOFF

BLUE HILL AVE TO
CENTRAL AVE

TENEAN BEACH TO
MORRISSEY
BOULEVARD
(ANTICIPATED)

TRUMAN PARKWAY -
NORTHERN
SECTION

TRUMAN PARKWAY -
SOUTHERN
SECTION

1999

POPE JOHN
PAUL PARK

2010

2015

2017

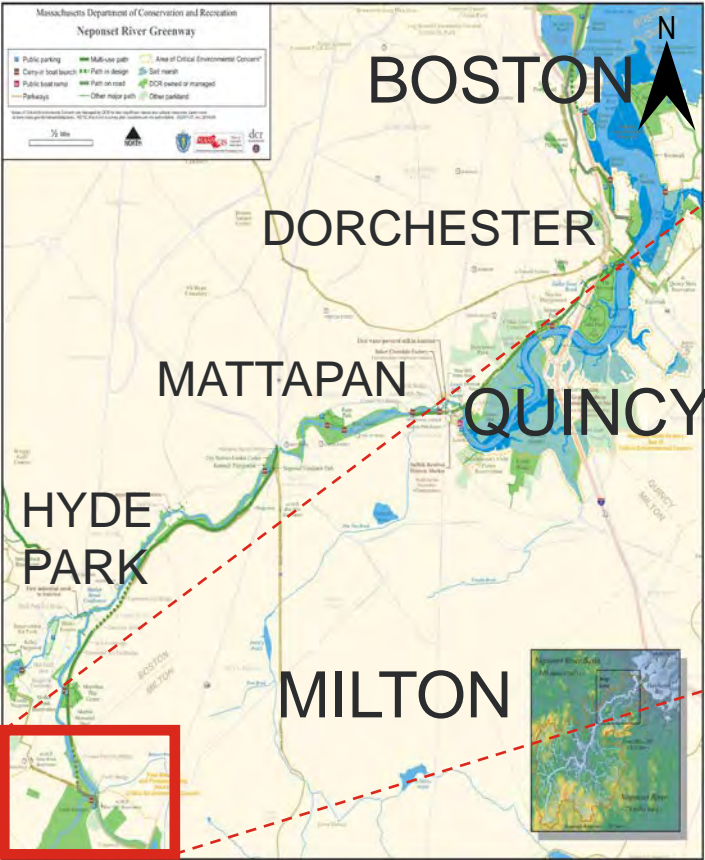
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2022-2025



Project Location

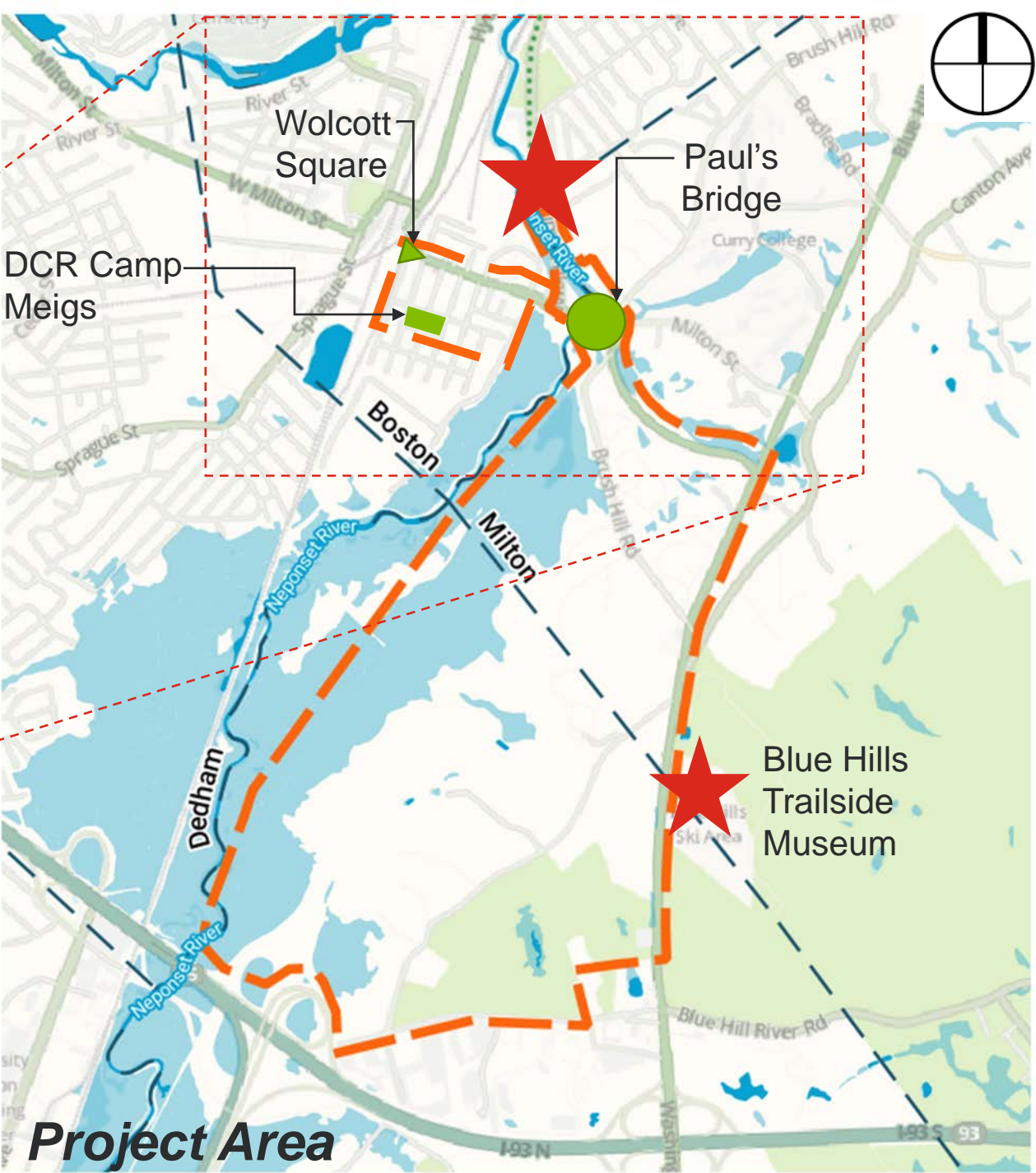


DCR Neponset River Greenway Map

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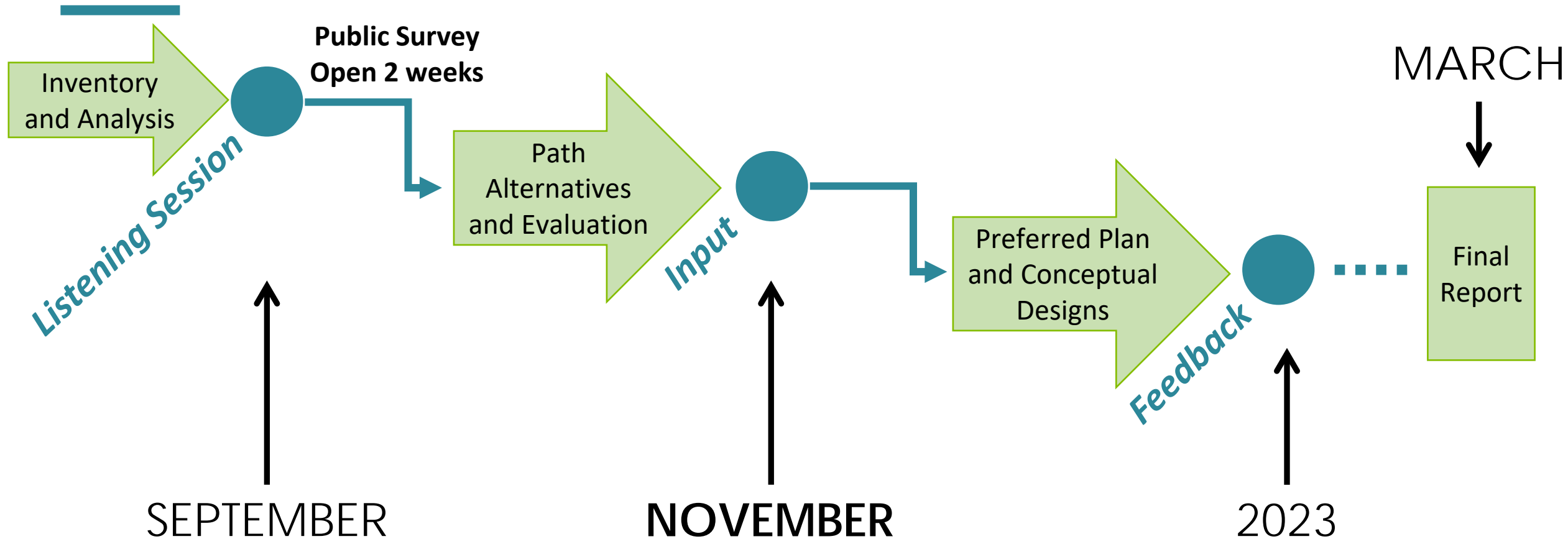
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Project Area

Project Scope and Timeline



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PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

Public Input Survey Results

22 Respondents – *thank you!*

Q: What destinations would you like to reach?

- Neponset River Reservation
- Fowl Meadow and/or Burma Road Trail
- Blue Hill trails towards Canton Avenue
- Blue Hills Trailside Museum
- Trails around Little Blue Hill
- Destinations south of Interstate 93

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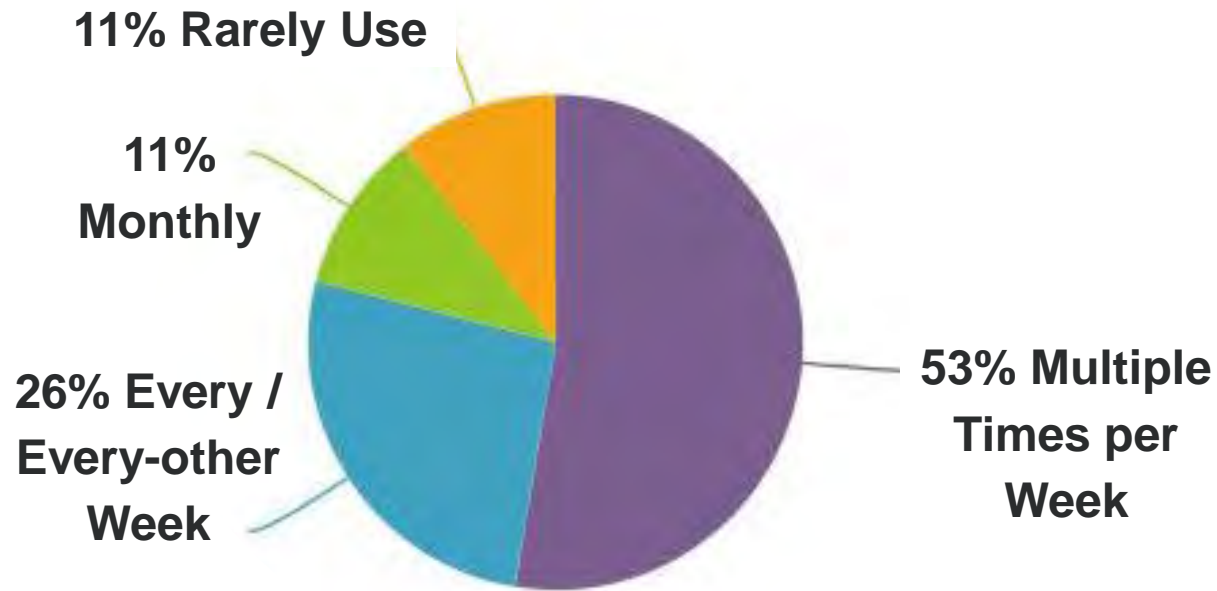
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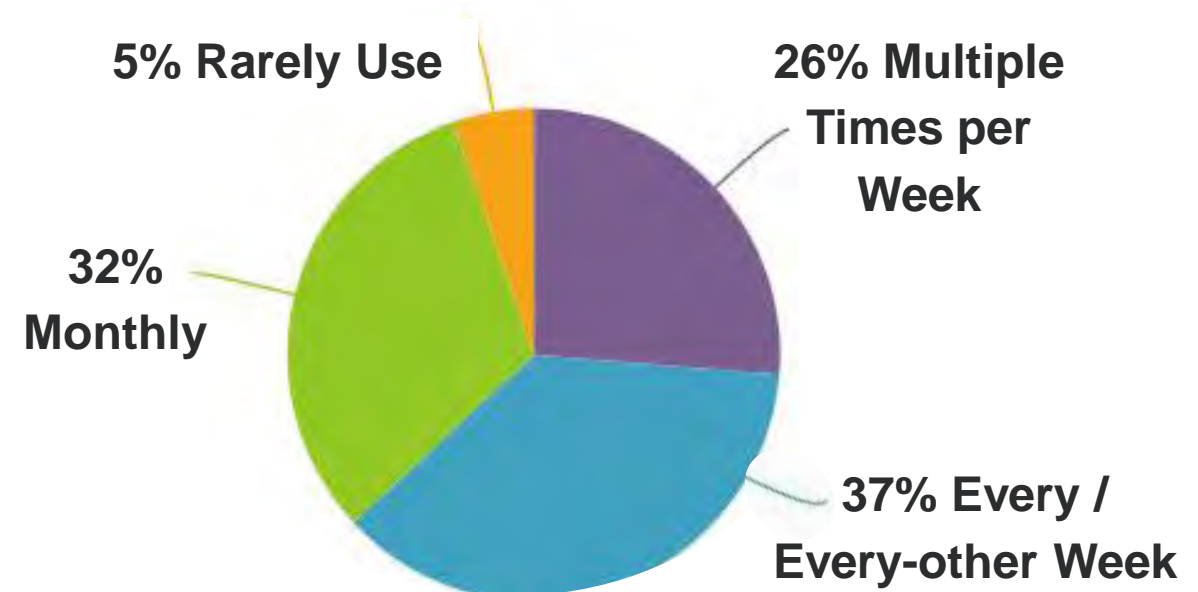


Public Input Survey Results

Q: How often you use the Neponset River Greenway and/or Blue Hills Reservation?



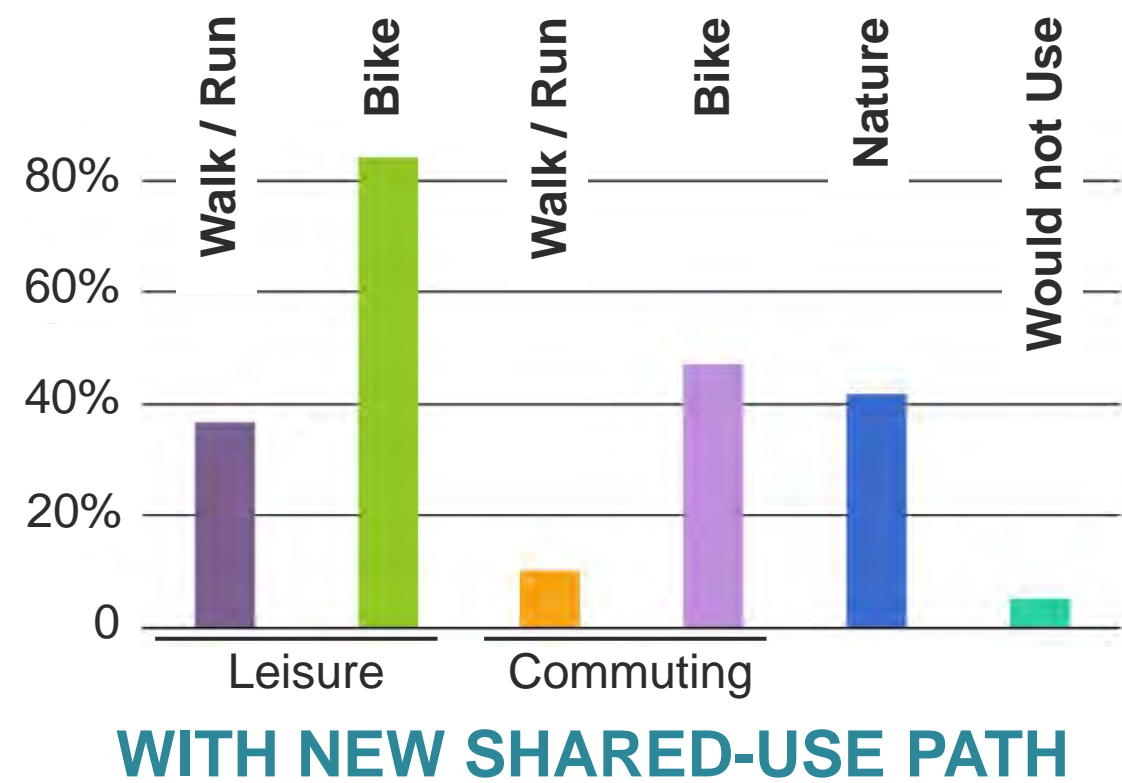
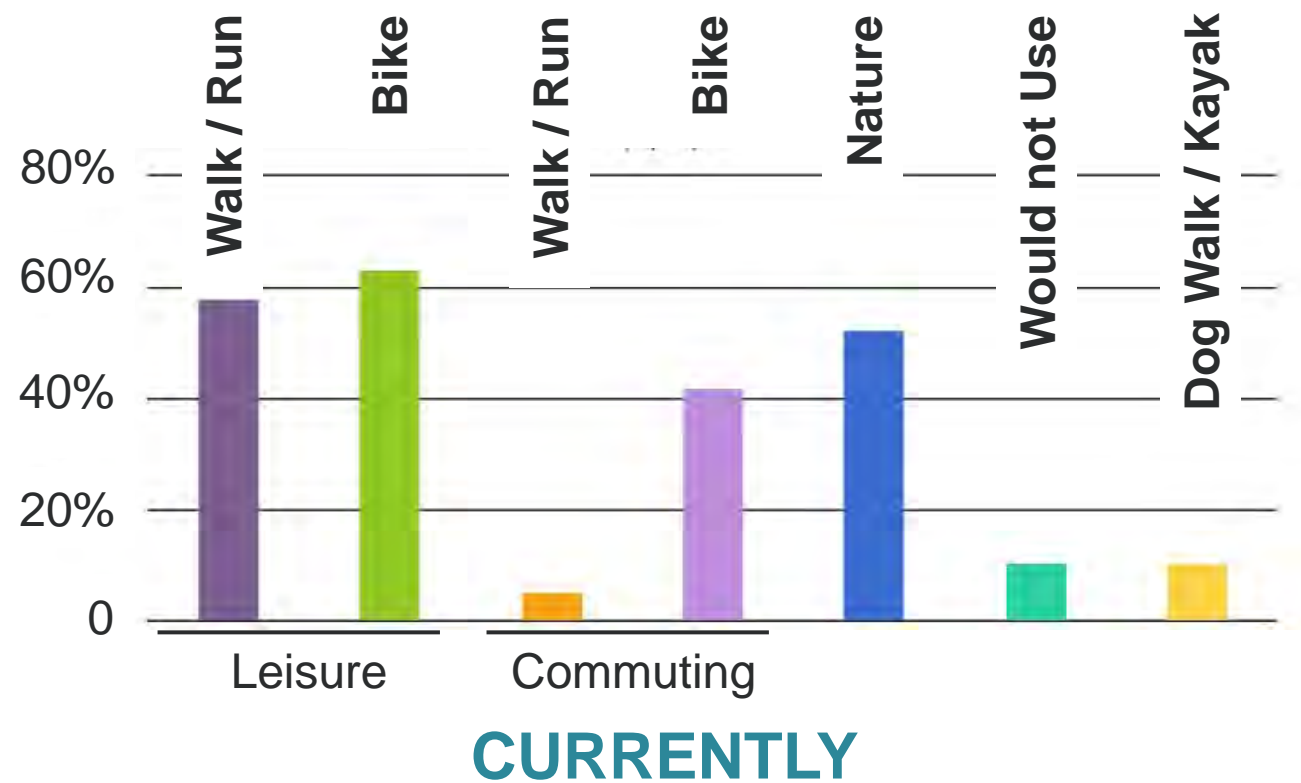
CURRENTLY



WITH NEW SHARED-USE PATH

Public Input Survey Results

Q: How do you use the Neponset River Greenway and/or Blue Hills Reservation?



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FEASIBILITY STUDY PROCESS

Feasibility Study Process

Assessing the practicality, pros and cons, and viability of a proposed plan

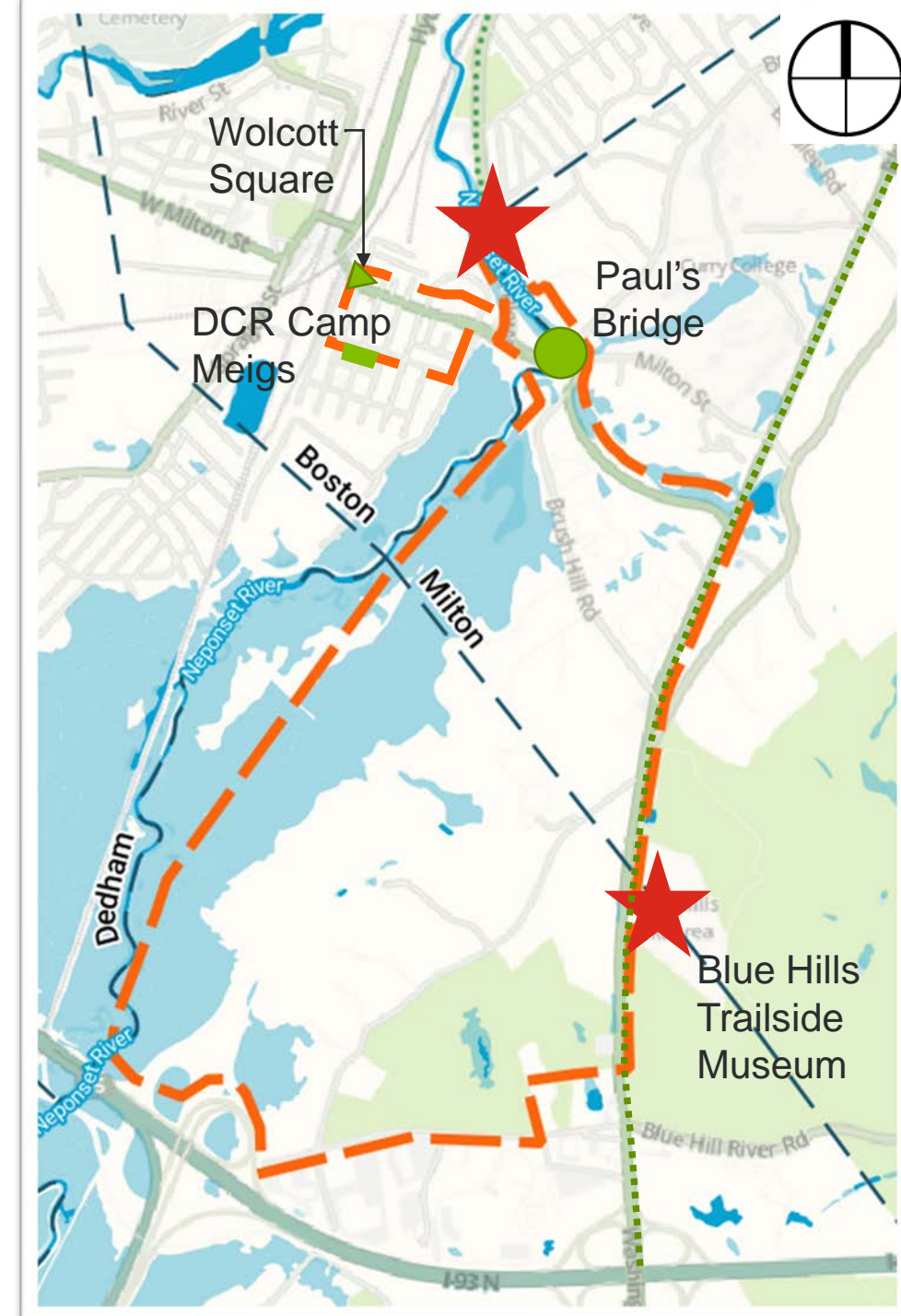


Paul's Bridge

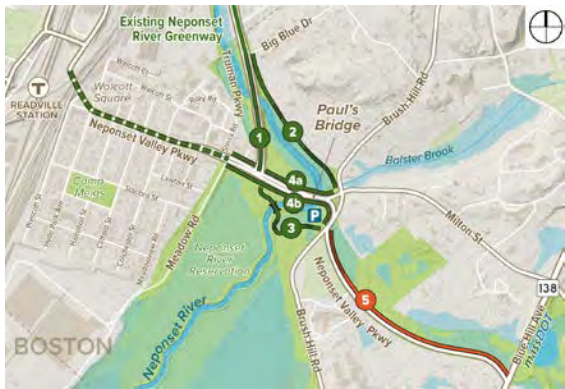
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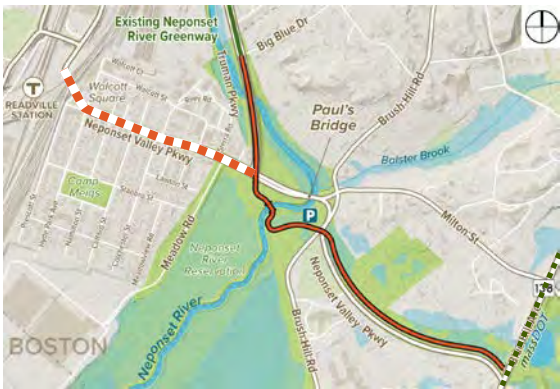


Feasibility Study Process



OBJECTIVES	1 TRUMAN PKWY	2 EAST OF TRUMAN PKWY	3 SOUTH OF NEPONSET VALLEY PKWY (EAST)	4a PAUL'S BRIDGE NORTH	4b PAUL'S BRIDGE SOUTH
ENHANCED COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY					
IMPROVED ACCESS TO RECREATION AND HEALTHY LIVING FOR ALL					
SAFETY - CONVENIENCE					
PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
PROTECTION OF HISTORIC & ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS					
CLIMATE RESILIENCY					
STRATEGIC FORWARD IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE					
TOTAL SCORE					

FALLS SHORT
MEETS CRITERIA



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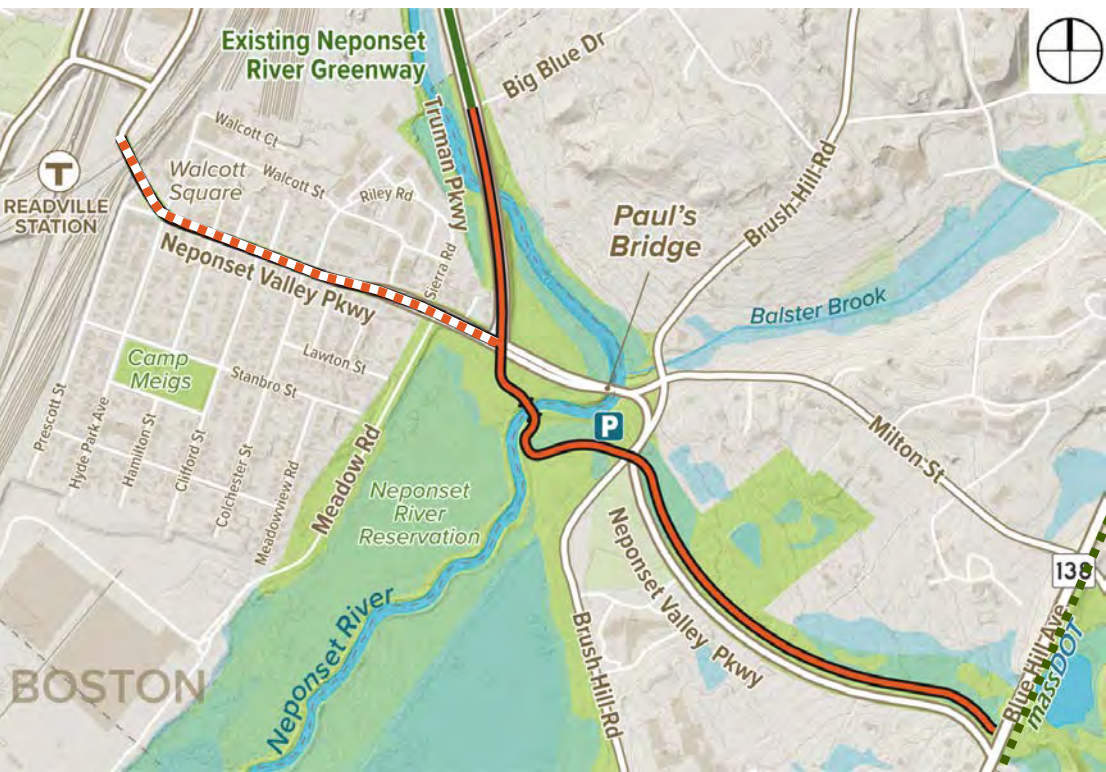
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations



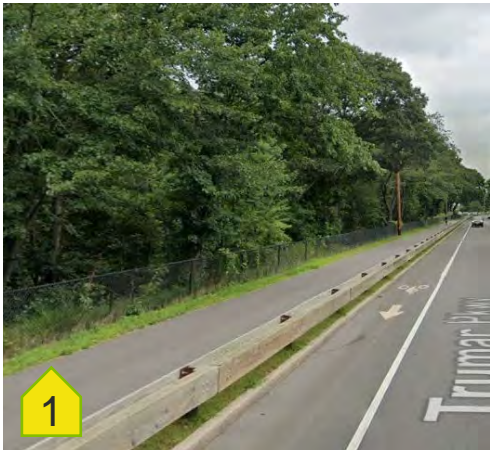
OBJECTIVES	SEGMENT 1	SEGMENT 2	SEGMENT 3	SEGMENT 4A	SEGMENT 4B
	TRUMAN PKWY	EAST OF TRUMAN PKWY	SOUTH OF NEPONSET VALLEY PKWY (WEST)	PAUL'S BRIDGE NORTH	PAUL'S BRIDGE SOUTH
ENHANCED COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY	3	2.5	3.5	3	3
IMPROVED ACCESS TO RECREATION AND HEALTHY LIVING FOR ALL	2	4	4.7	2	2
SAFETY + CONVENIENCE	3.7	3	3.7	3	3.7
PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	4.1	4.1	2.9	4.1	3.9
PROTECTION OF HISTORIC + ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS	2.7	2.3	2.3	3	3
CLIMATE RESILIENCY	4.7	2	2.7	3.3	3
STRAIGHTFORWARD IMPLEMENTATION + MAINTENANCE	3.5	3.5	3.25	2.5	2.5
TOTAL SCORE	23.6	21.4	23	21	21.2



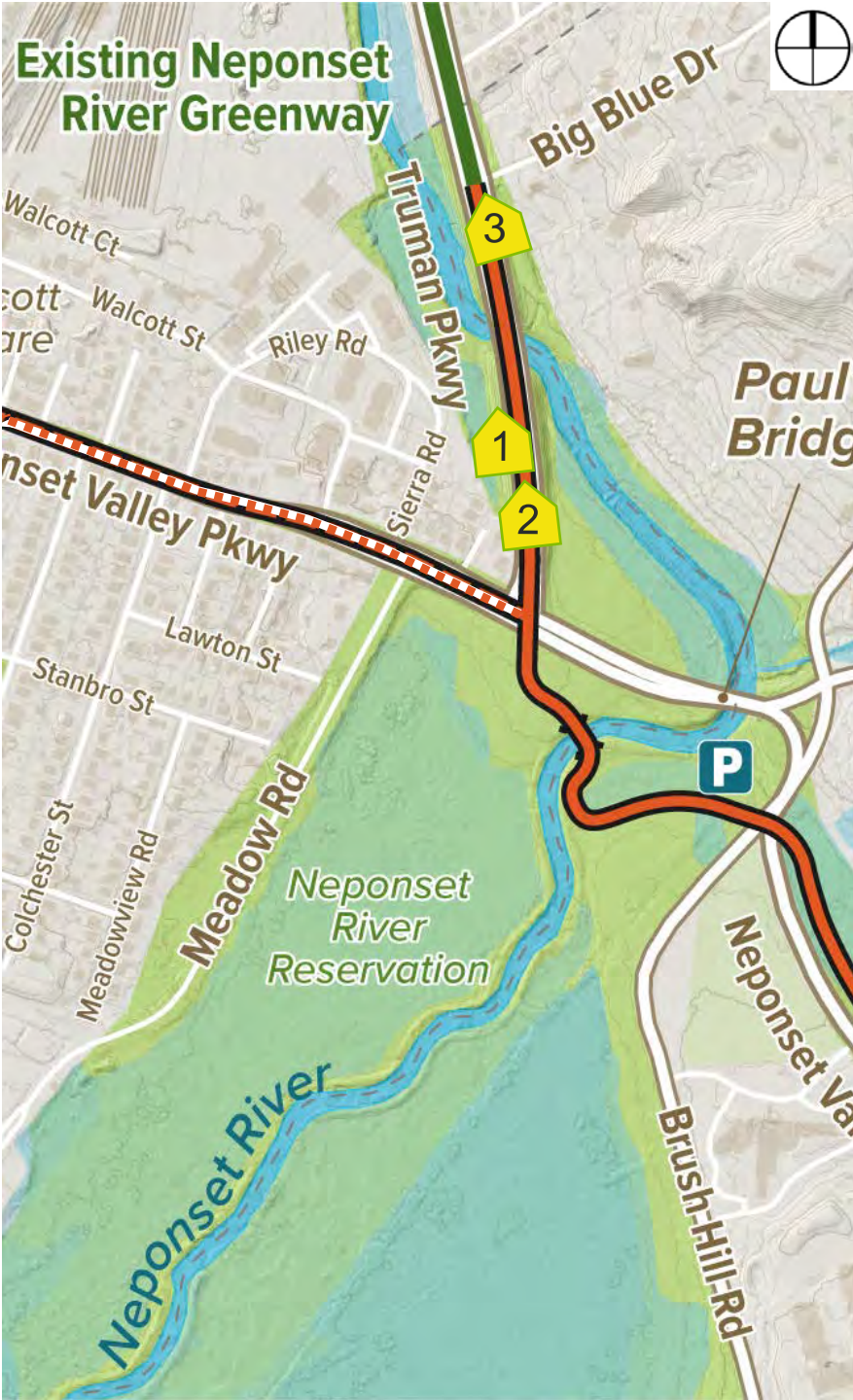
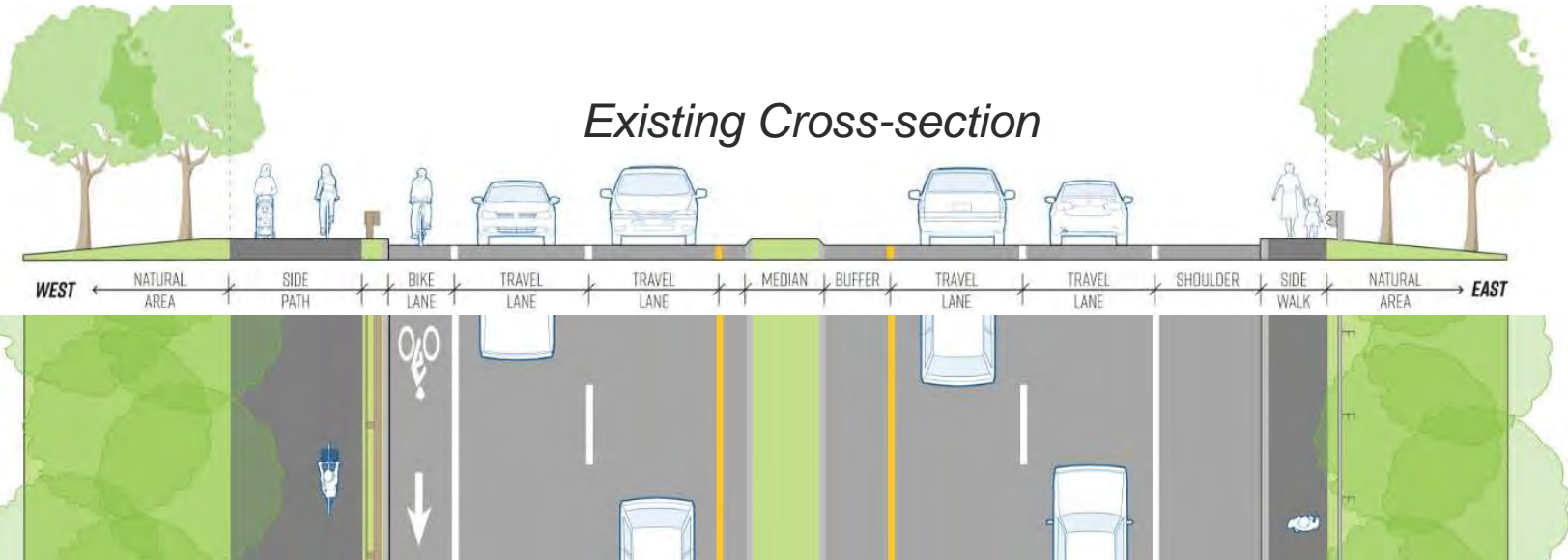
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Truman Parkway

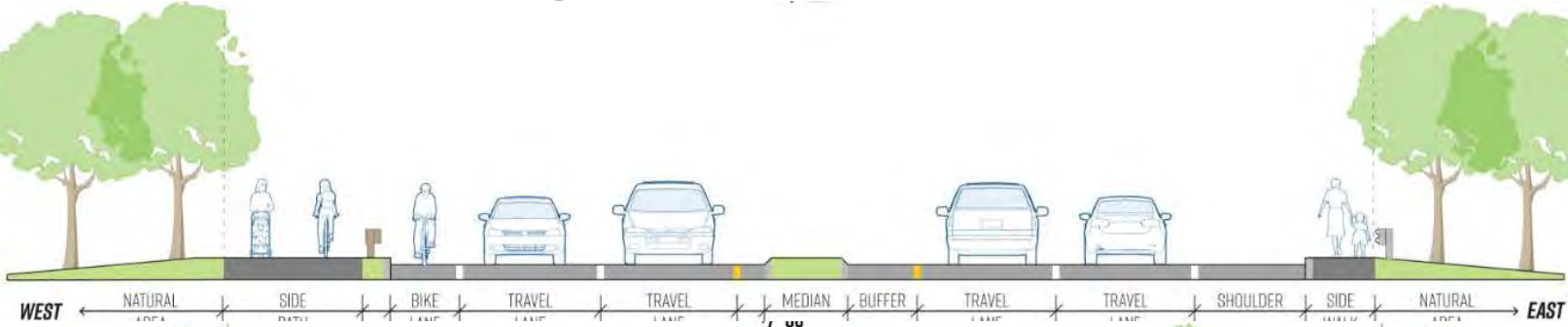


West side looking north Median looking north East side looking north

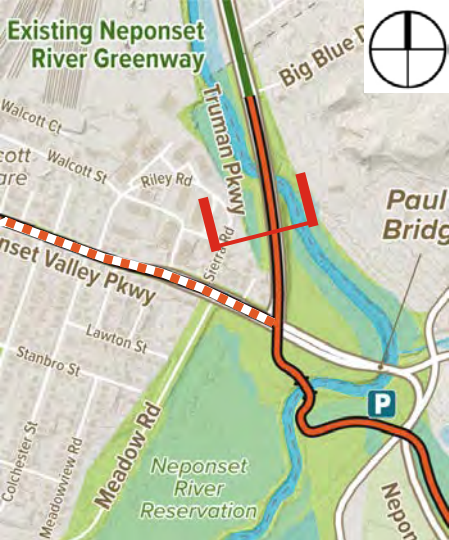
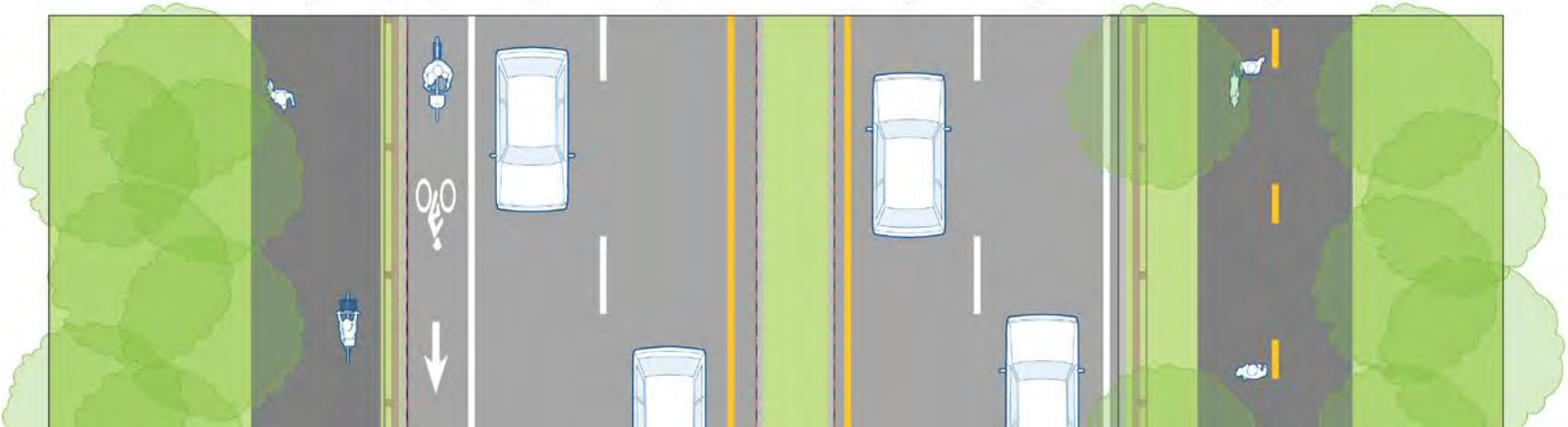
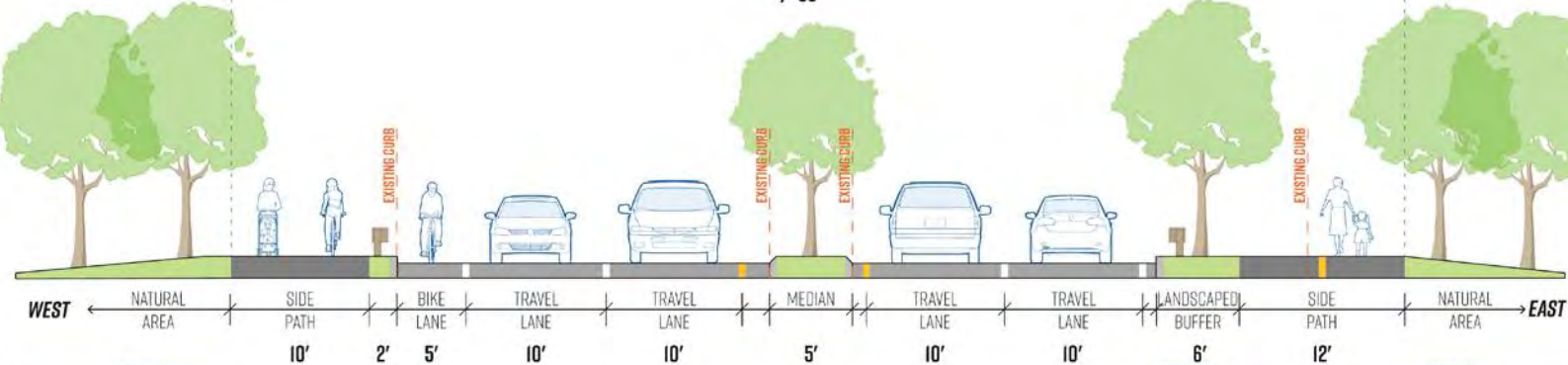


Truman Parkway

Existing

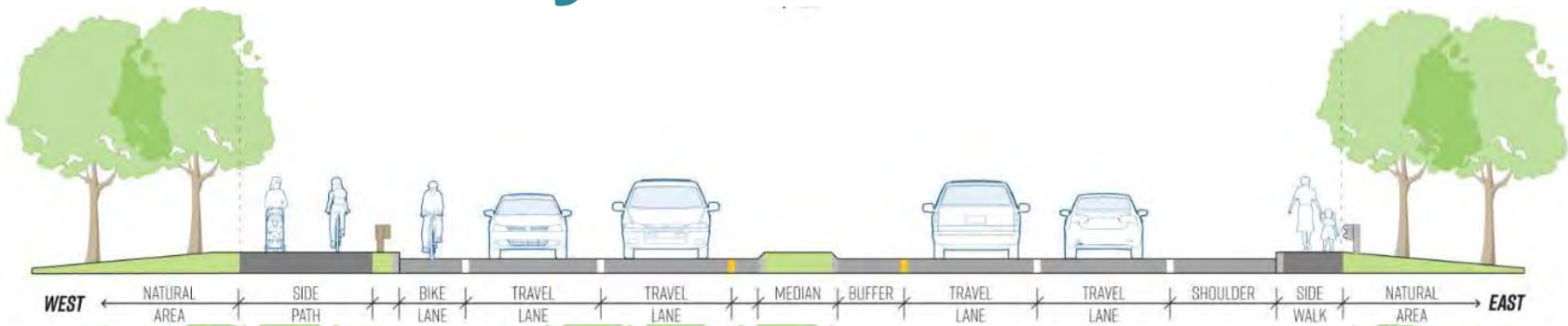


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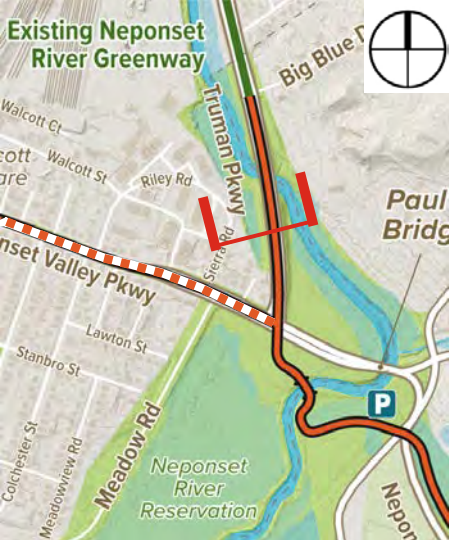
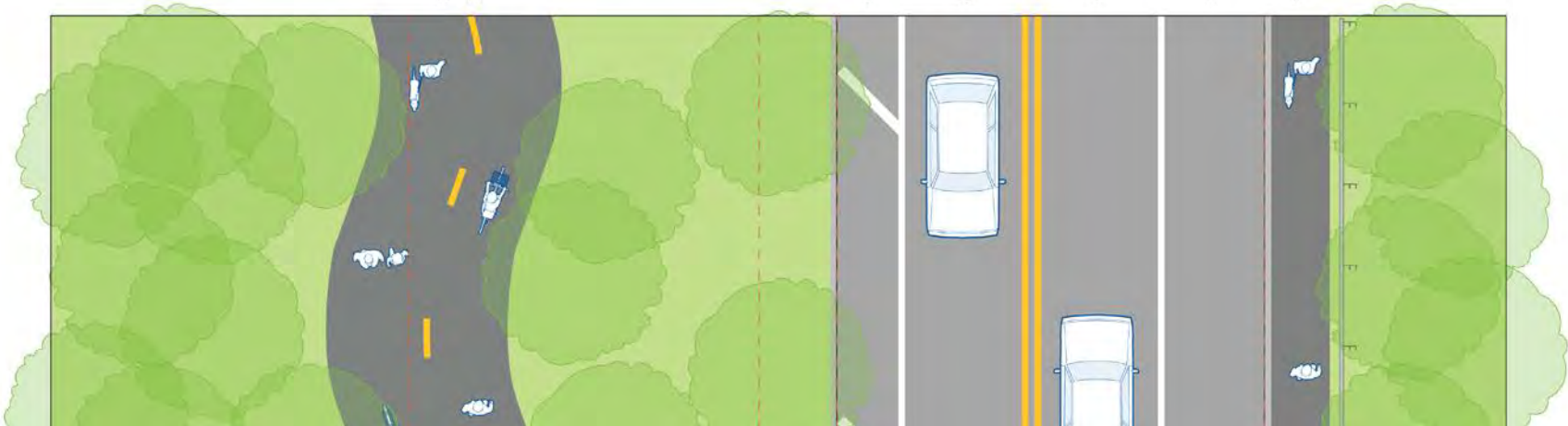
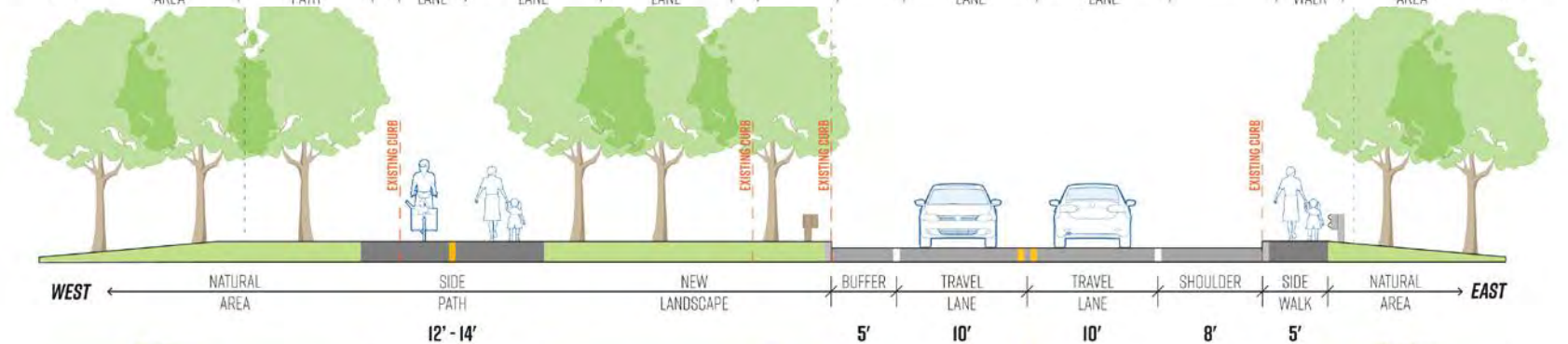


Truman Parkway

Existing



Proposed
(Option 2)



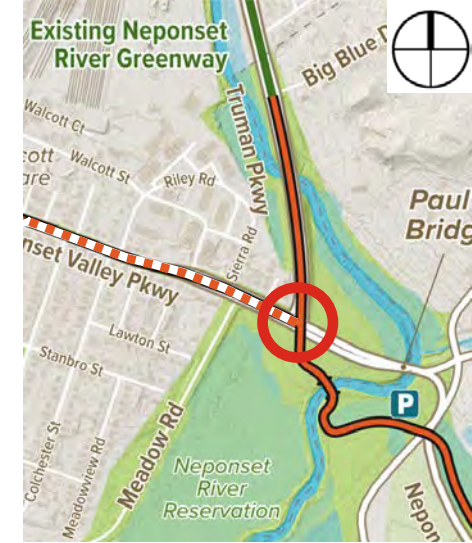
Truman Parkway at NVP



Exiting Conditions



Proposed Approach



South of NVP



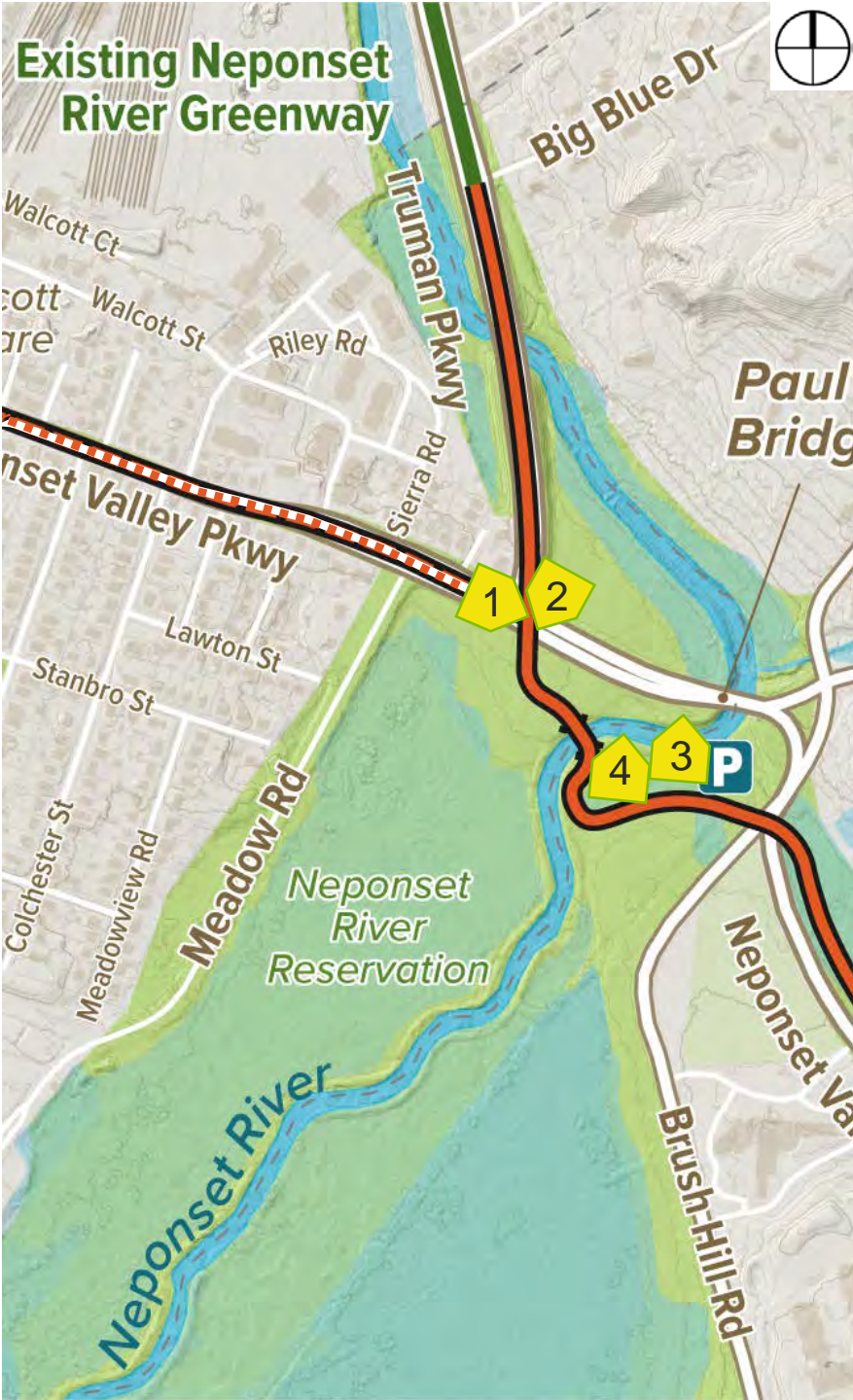
Intersection of Truman and Neponset Valley Parkway
Looking east



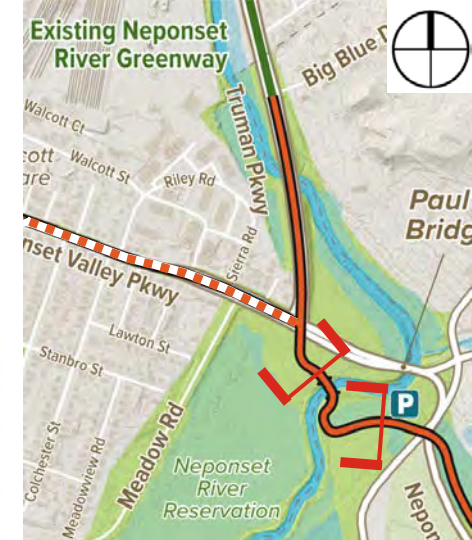
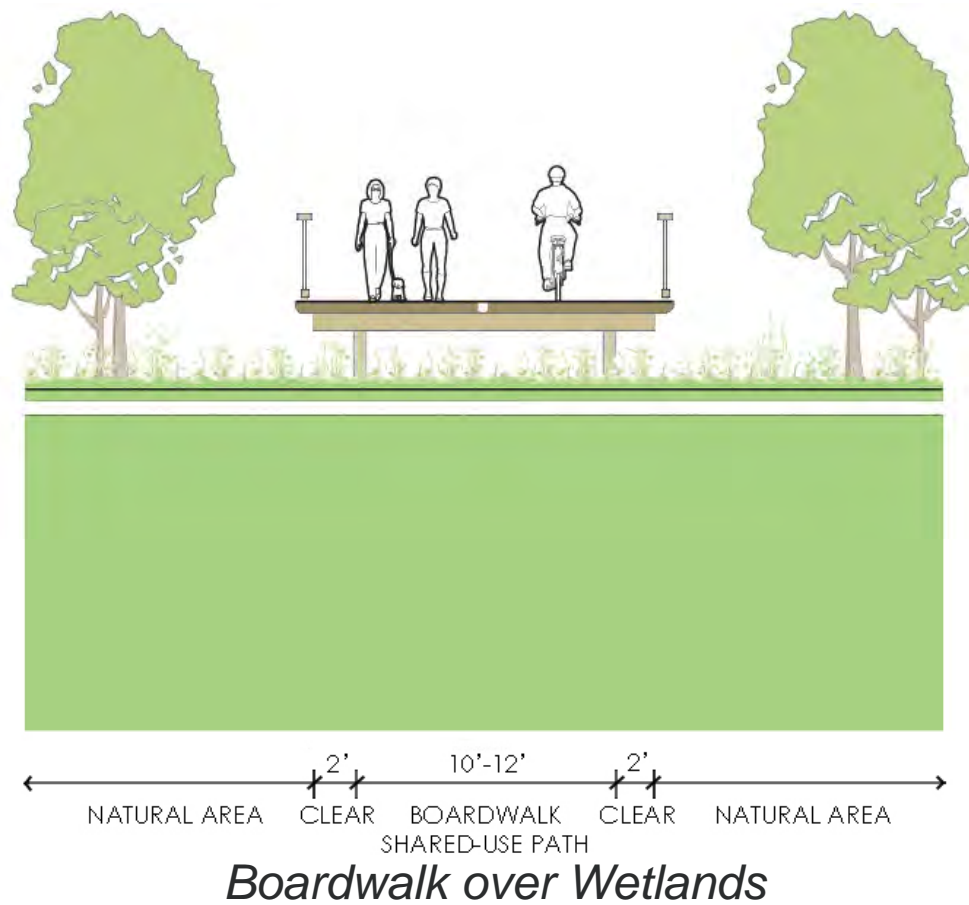
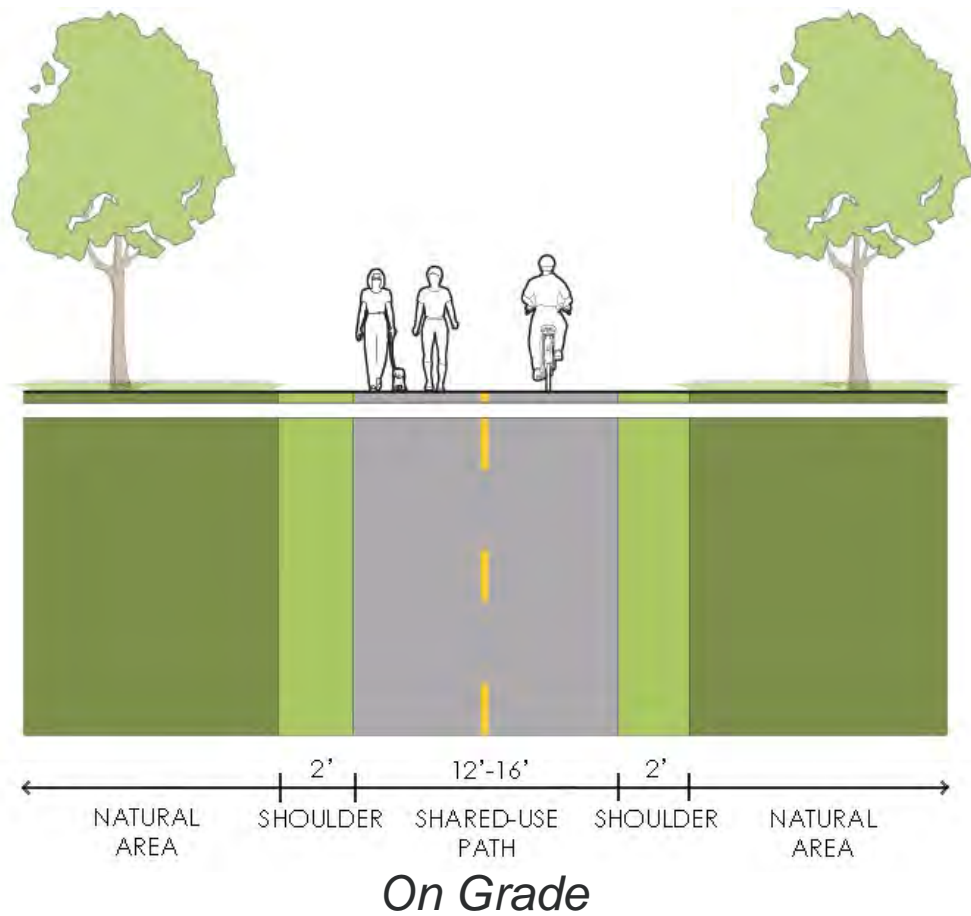
Looking south



Paul's Bridge from the south
Canoe Launch



South of NVP



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South of NVP



*Neponset River Greenway Harvest
River Bridge*



*Bridges along the Charles River
Bike Path*



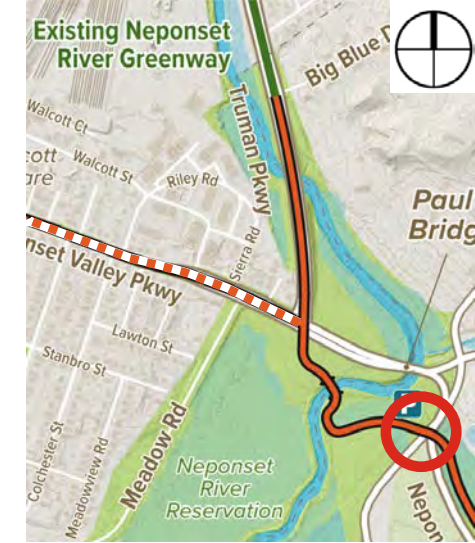
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Potential Approach



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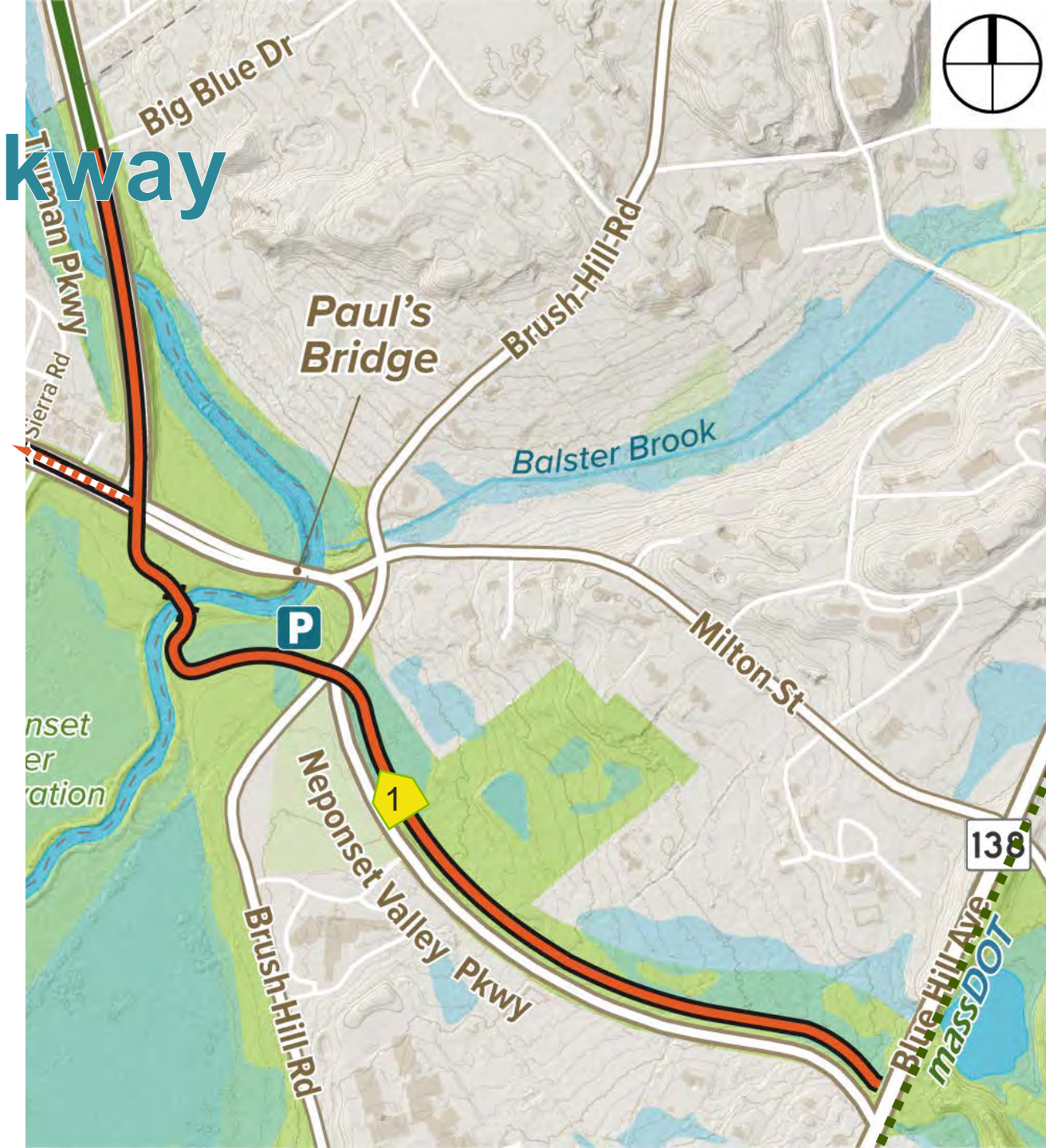
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Neponset Valley Parkway



Neponset Valley Parkway looking northwest

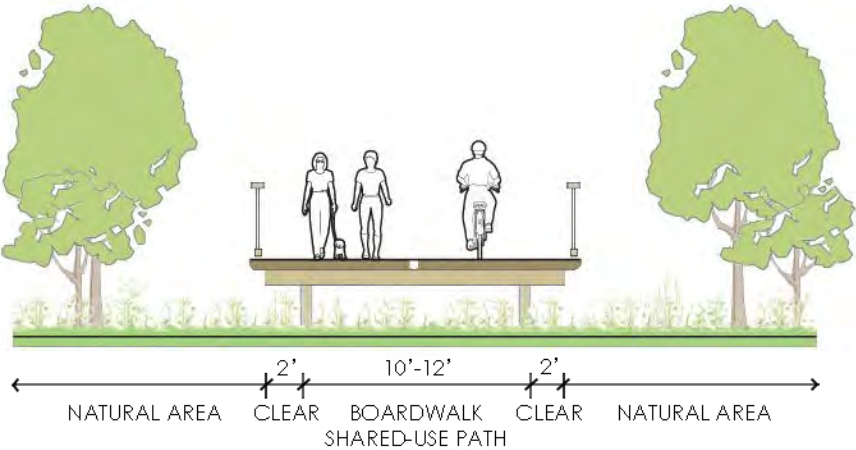
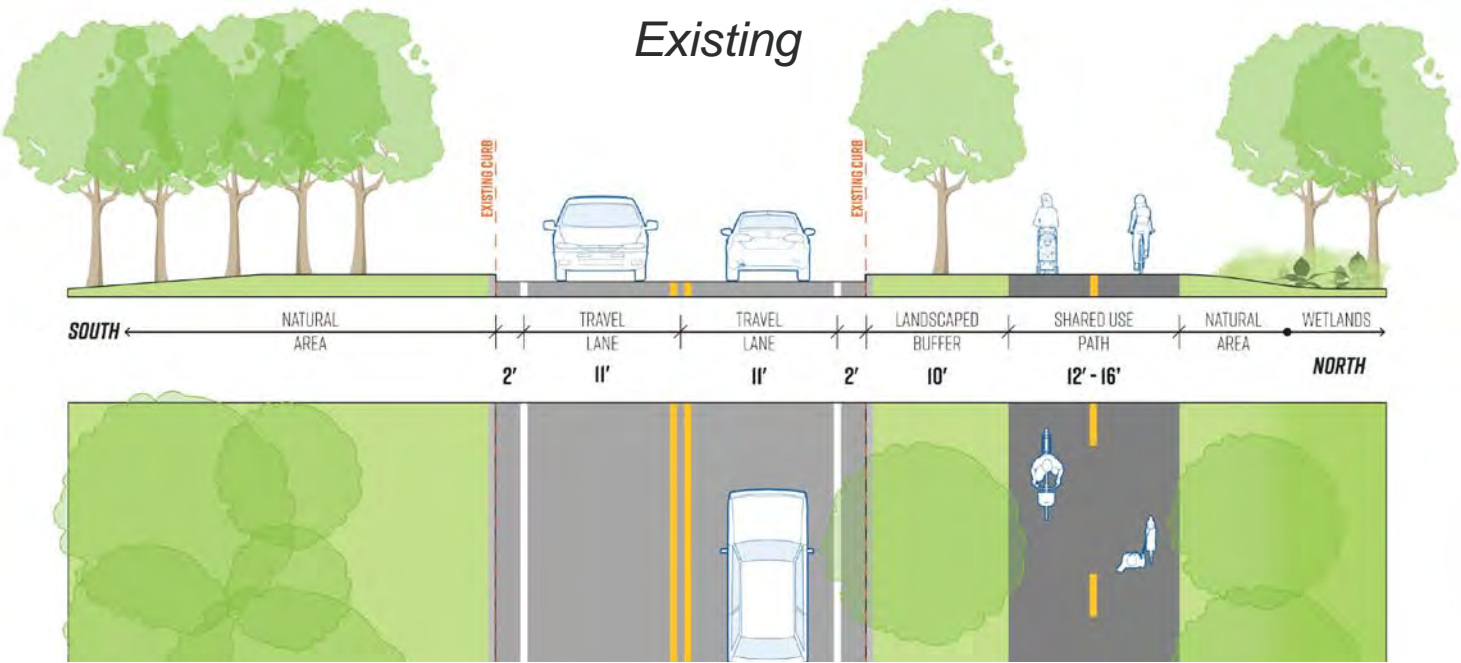


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Boardwalk over Wetlands

Neponset Valley Parkway



Neponset Valley Parkway Existing



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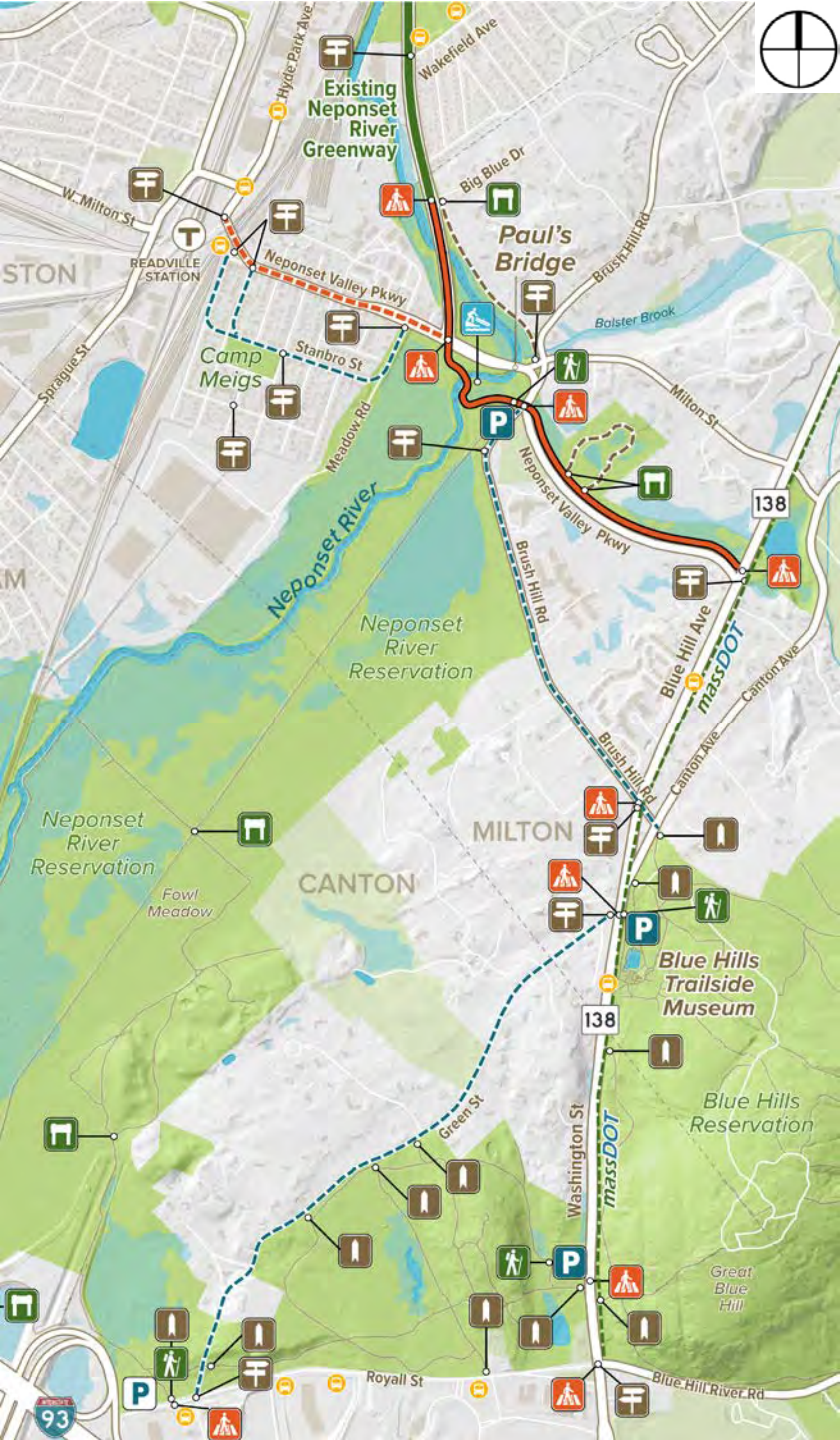
Community Connections

















Gateway Marker

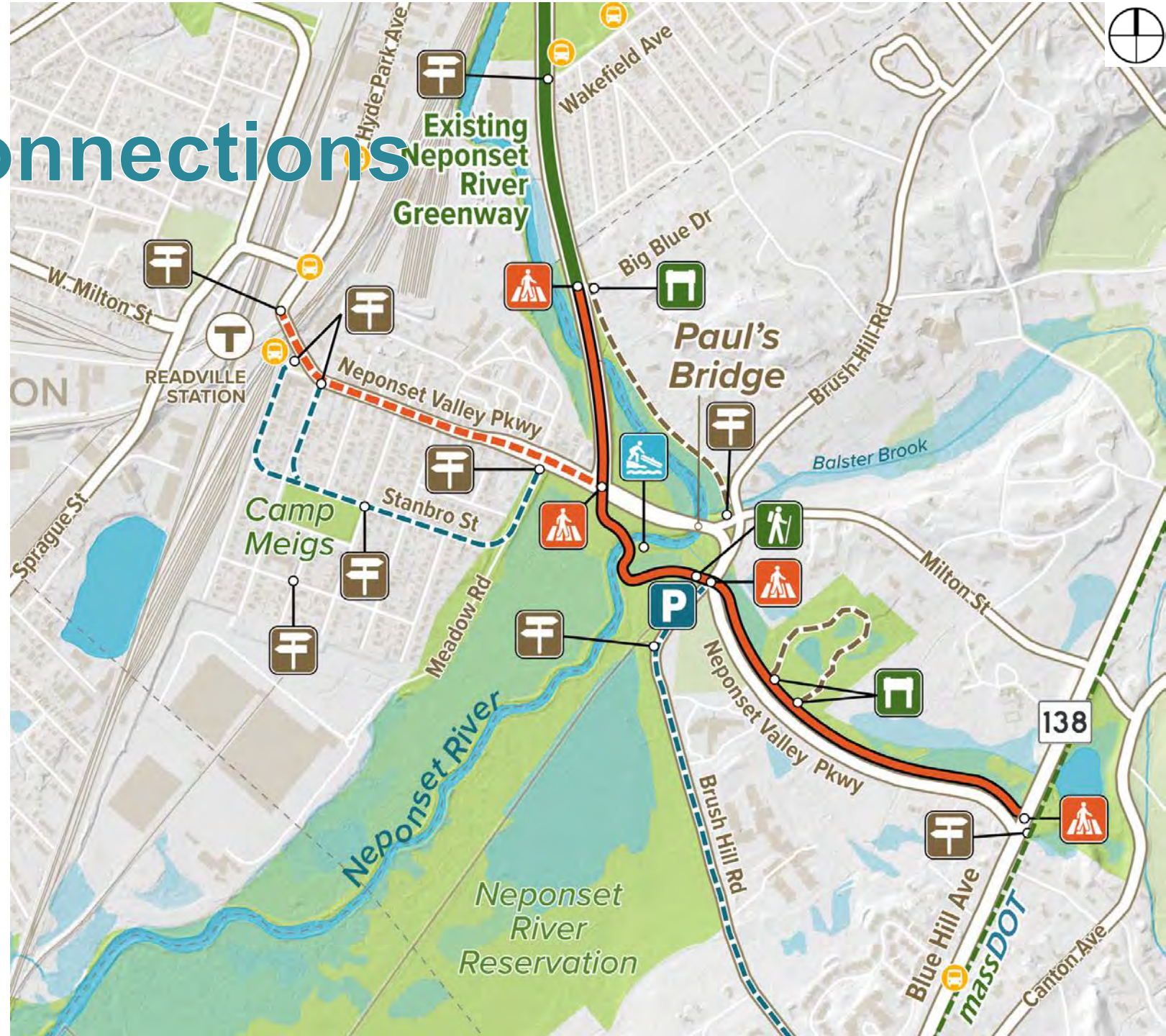
LEGEND

-  MBTA Station
-  Bus Station
-  Exist. Parking
-  Canoe Launch
-  Preferred SUP Alignment
-  Potential SUP
-  Potential Footpath
-  Community Connection
-  New/Improved Crossing
-  Welcome Trailhead
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-  Trail Directional Sign
-  Proposed Parking



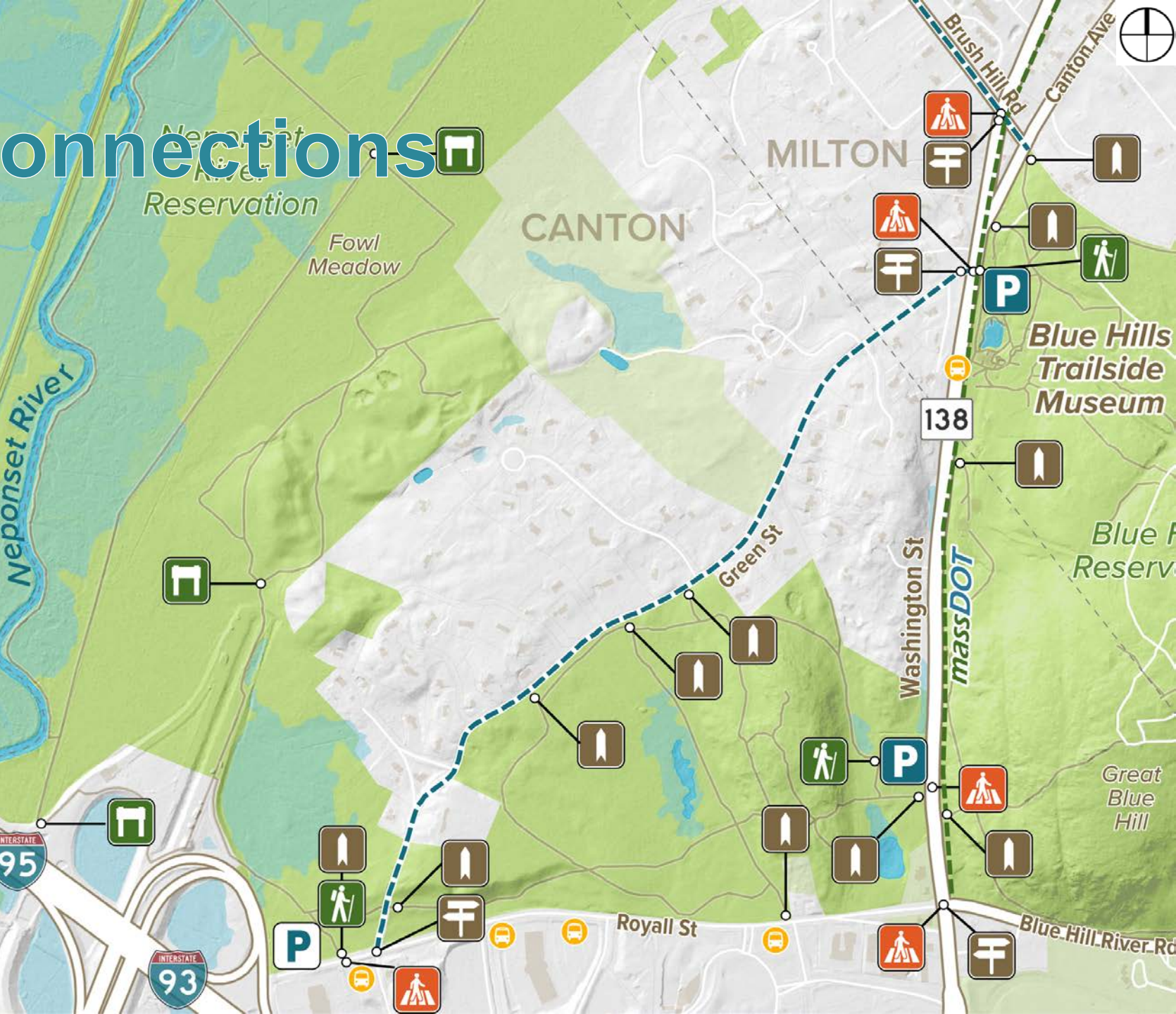
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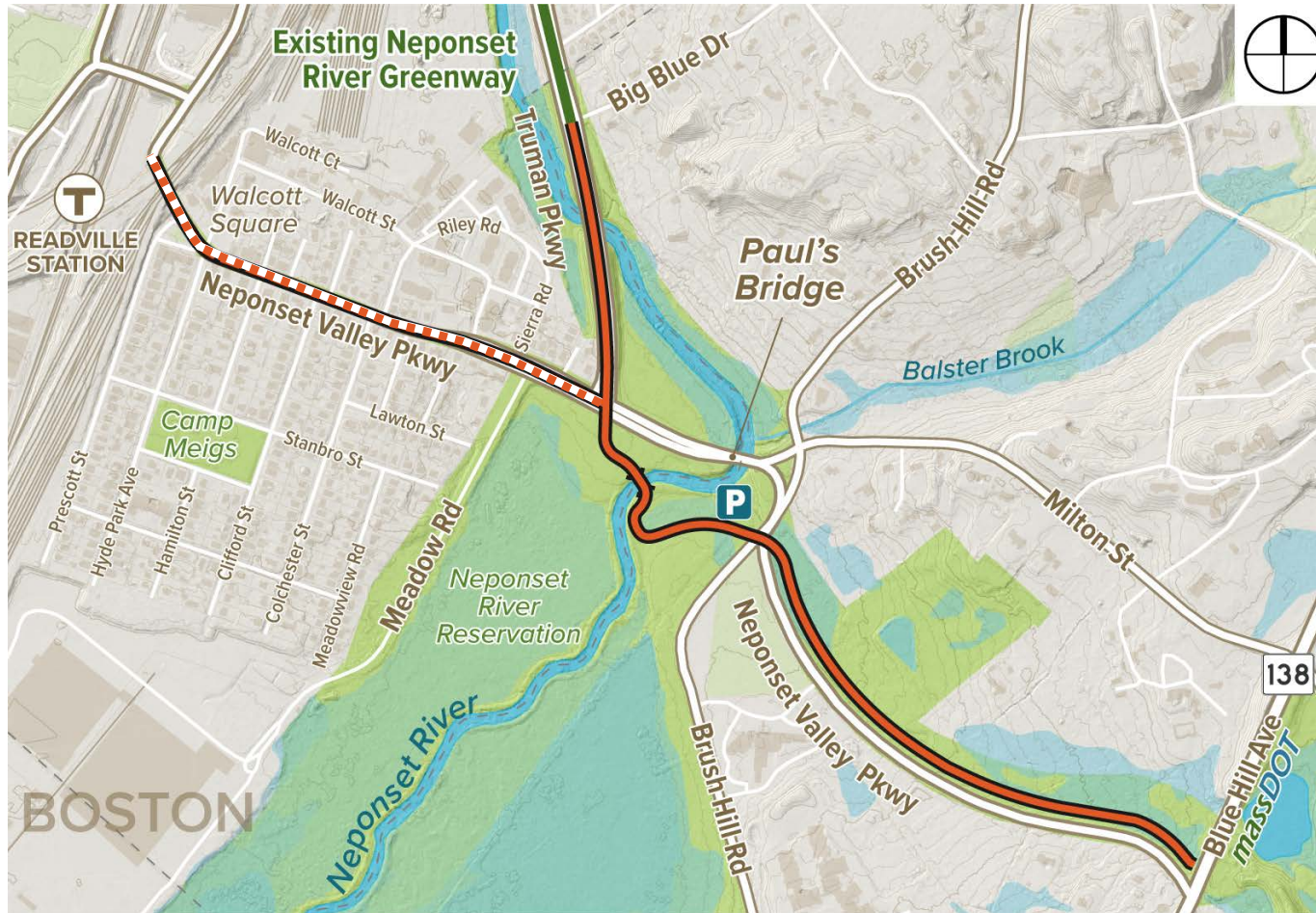
QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

Questions and Feedback



- We will take comments in the order hands are raised
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- Additional comments can be made using the Q+A function and/or the chat function
- In order to allow everyone to speak, please try to limit your time to 1 minute
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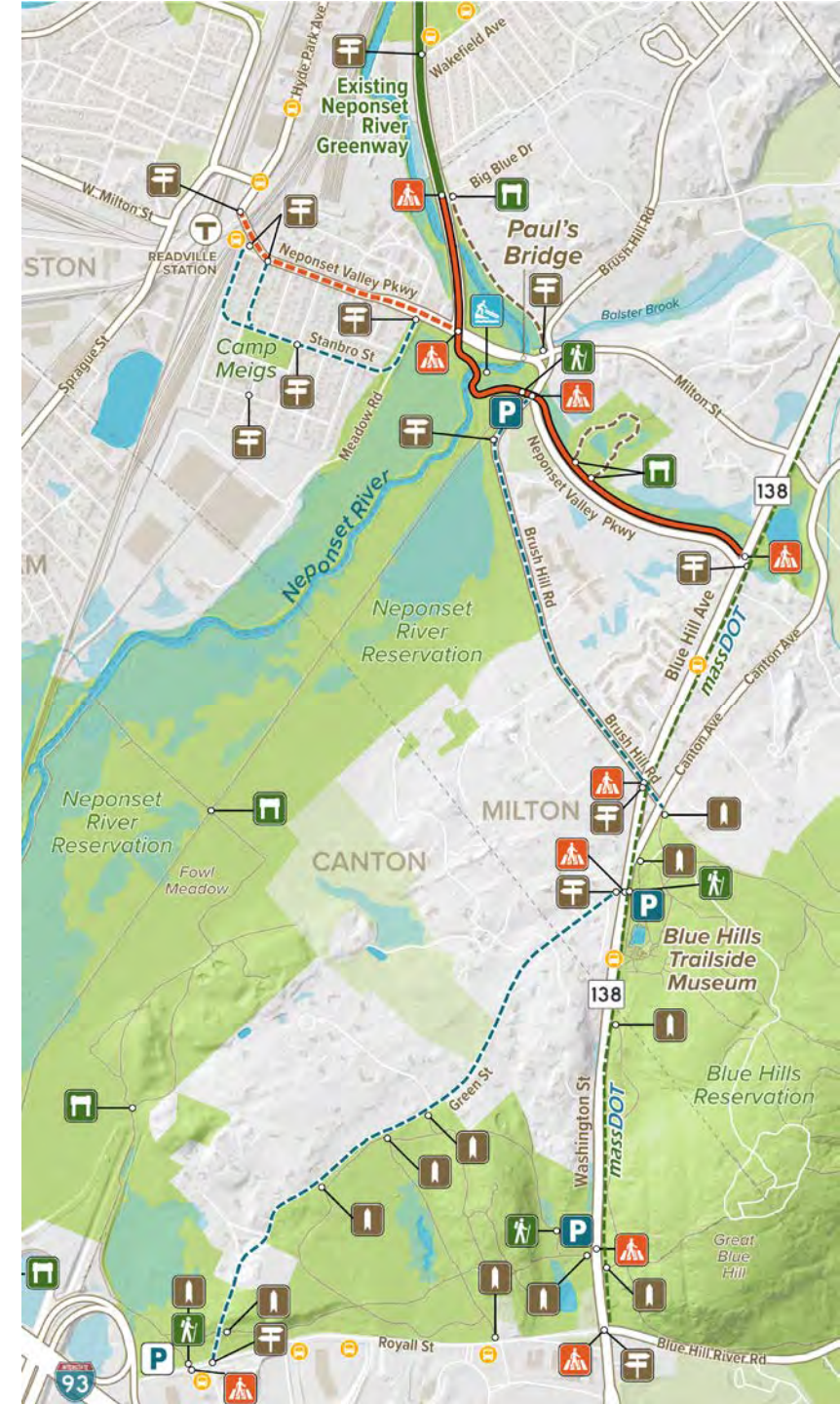
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CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS

Additional Information

- Recording and today's slide deck will be available at:
 - www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings
- If you have comments on this project, please use the link below. The public comment period will end on November 29th :
 - *Submit online:* www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment

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Fowl Meadow

Next Steps

Consultant Team

- Gather feedback and direction from DCR
- Develop Preferred Plan and Design Concept Plan

Next Public Meeting in early 2023

Hope to see you there!



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