



I-90 ALLSTON INTERCHANGE

A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

TASK FORCE MEETING

APRIL 7, 2016 – FIORENTINO COMMUNITY CENTER

Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Update on Shading Analysis**
- **Update on Noise Study**
- **Design Alternative Matrix**

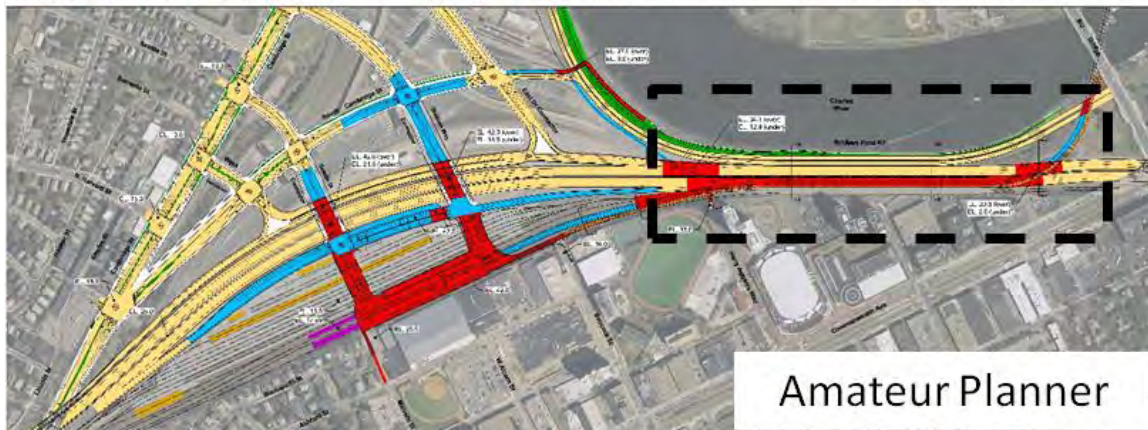
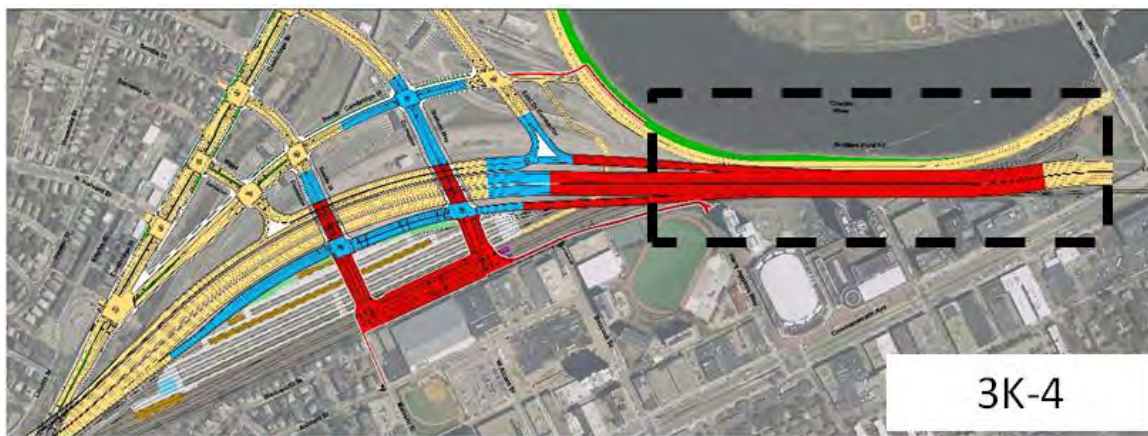
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Shadow Study Comparison

Partial Study, Parkland only

- **Assumptions made for the study include:**
 - Shadow information is based on schematic level design work available for each concept.
 - Shadow information is based on roadway elevations and does not include barriers, railings, snow fences, possible noise walls or other elements (not yet available for any of the concepts).
 - Shadow information does not include any future real estate development.
 - Shadows from existing buildings are comparable for all concepts.
 - Shadow information is for parkland at Charles River edge only (“the throat”, see locus plans, next 2 slides).



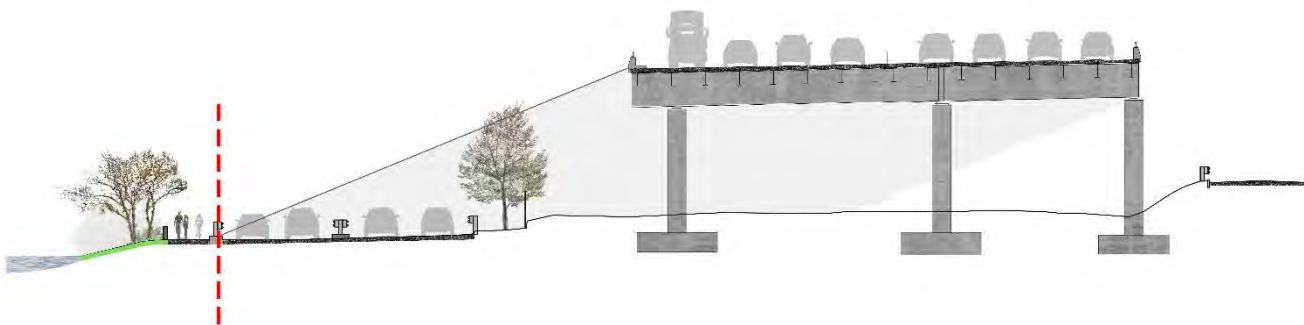
Shadow impacts on parkland study focuses on the throat area of the three concepts (the only area where parkland is affected by the highway).

Studies:
March 21, June 21, Sept. 21 and Dec. 21

9 A.M., 12 P.M., 3 P.M. and 6 P.M.



Area of study with
existing parkland edge



Section diagram of
existing viaduct shadow
cast to existing parkland
edge

Existing Conditions



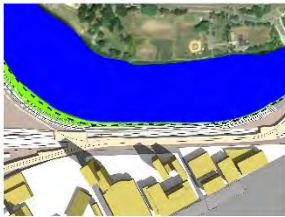
March 21 - Sunset 6:58P.M.



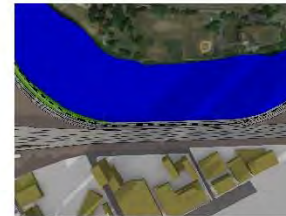
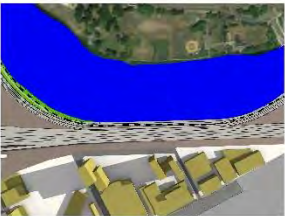
3K-4



Amateur Planner



ABC



9 A.M.

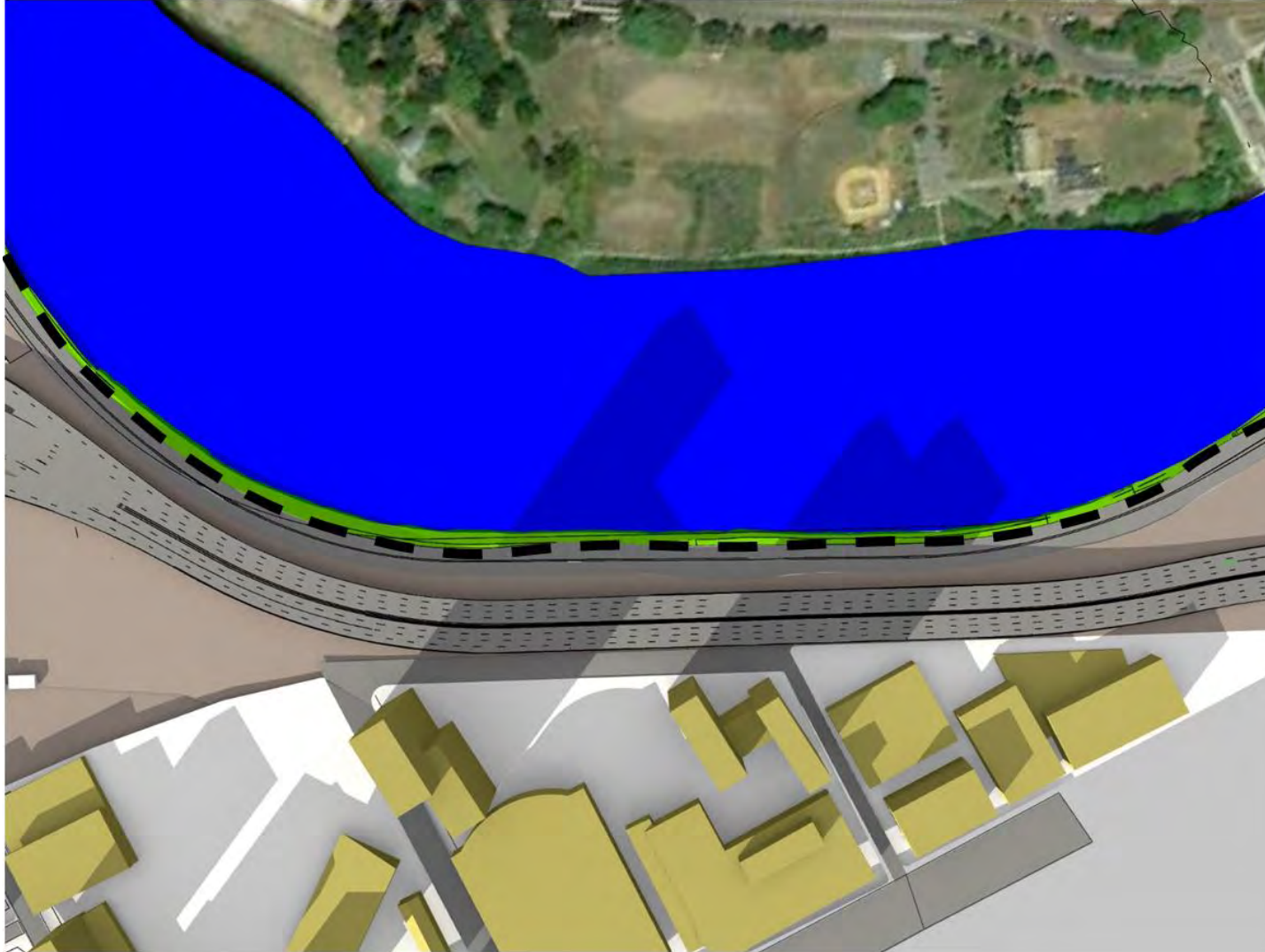
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Impacts in March are in the late afternoon.

Existing – March 21



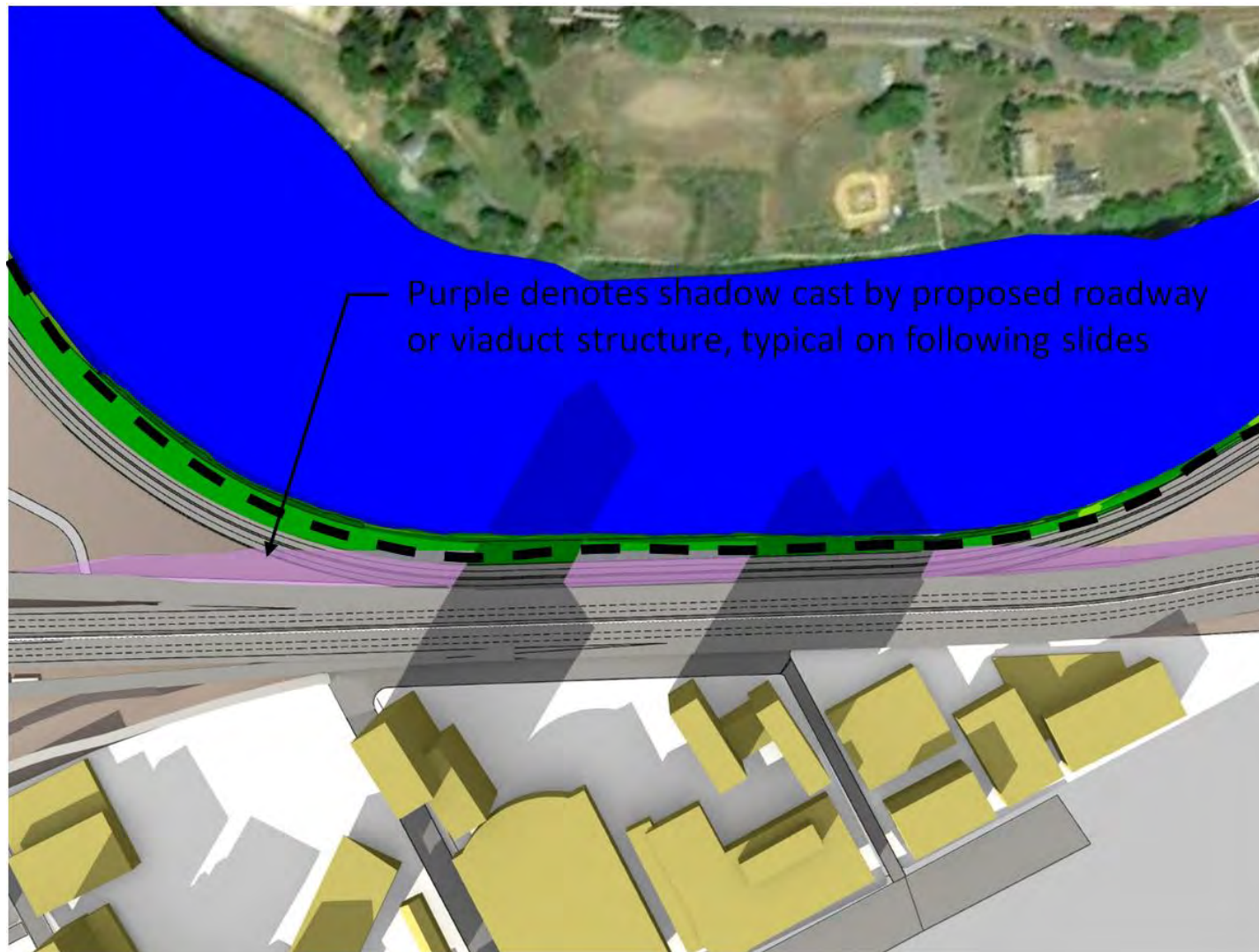
Existing building shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 2:00 P.M.

Existing viaduct shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 5:15 P.M.

Sunset: 6:58 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

3K-4 – March 21



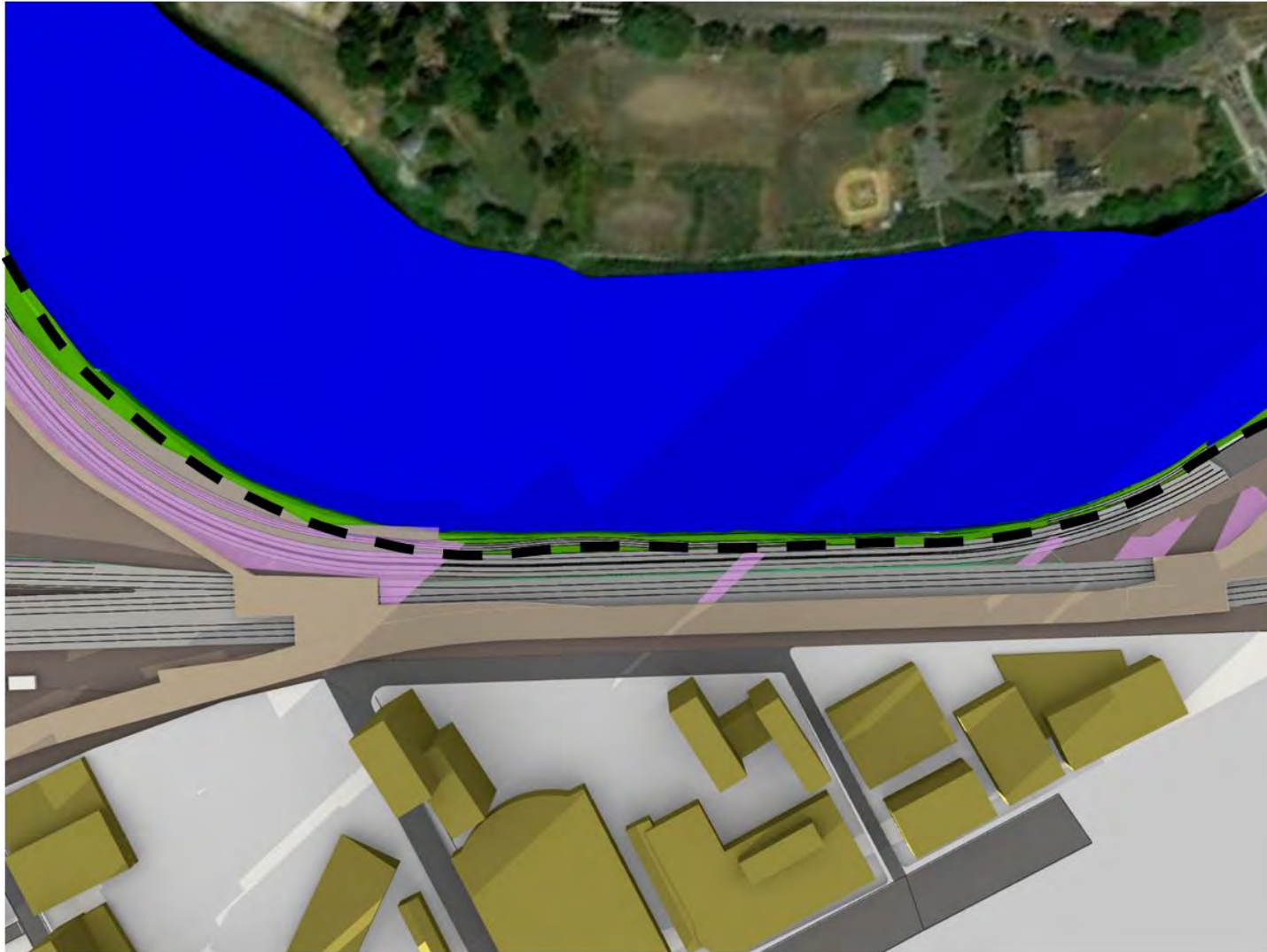
Existing building shadow reaches existing parkland at: 2:00 P.M.

3K-4 viaduct shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 4:40 P.M.

35 minutes more shadow in the late afternoon in the throat area compared to existing (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

4:40 P.M.

Amateur Planner – March 21



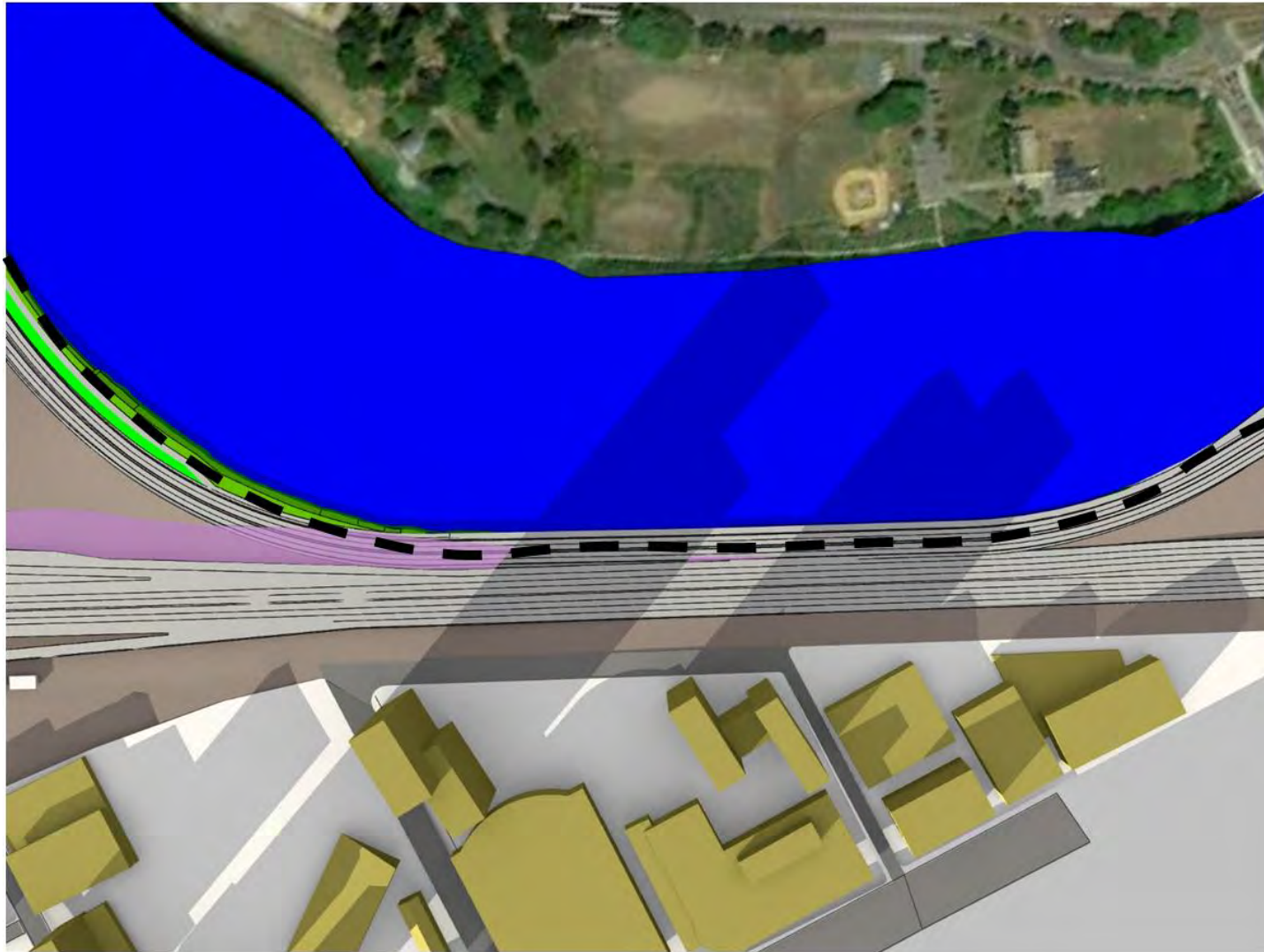
Existing building shadow reaches existing parkland at 2:00 P.M.

Viaduct shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 6:10 P.M.

55 minutes less shadow impact in the throat area as compared to existing (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

6:10 P.M.

ABC – March 21



Existing building shadow reaches existing parkland at 2:00 P.M.

Roadway shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 5:30 P.M.

15 minutes less shadow impact in the throat area as compared to existing (west). 1 hour and 45 minutes less impact to the east (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

5:30 P.M.

Existing Conditions



June 21-Sunset 8:24P.M.

3K-4



Amateur Planner



Sunset: 8:24
P.M.

ABC



9 A.M.

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No additional shadow impact to parkland in the throat area as compared to existing – all concepts.

Existing Conditions



September 21-Sunset 6:42P.M.

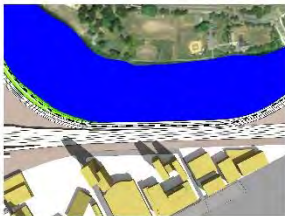
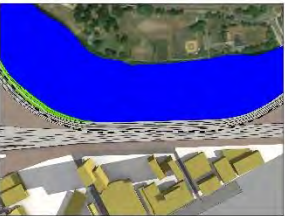
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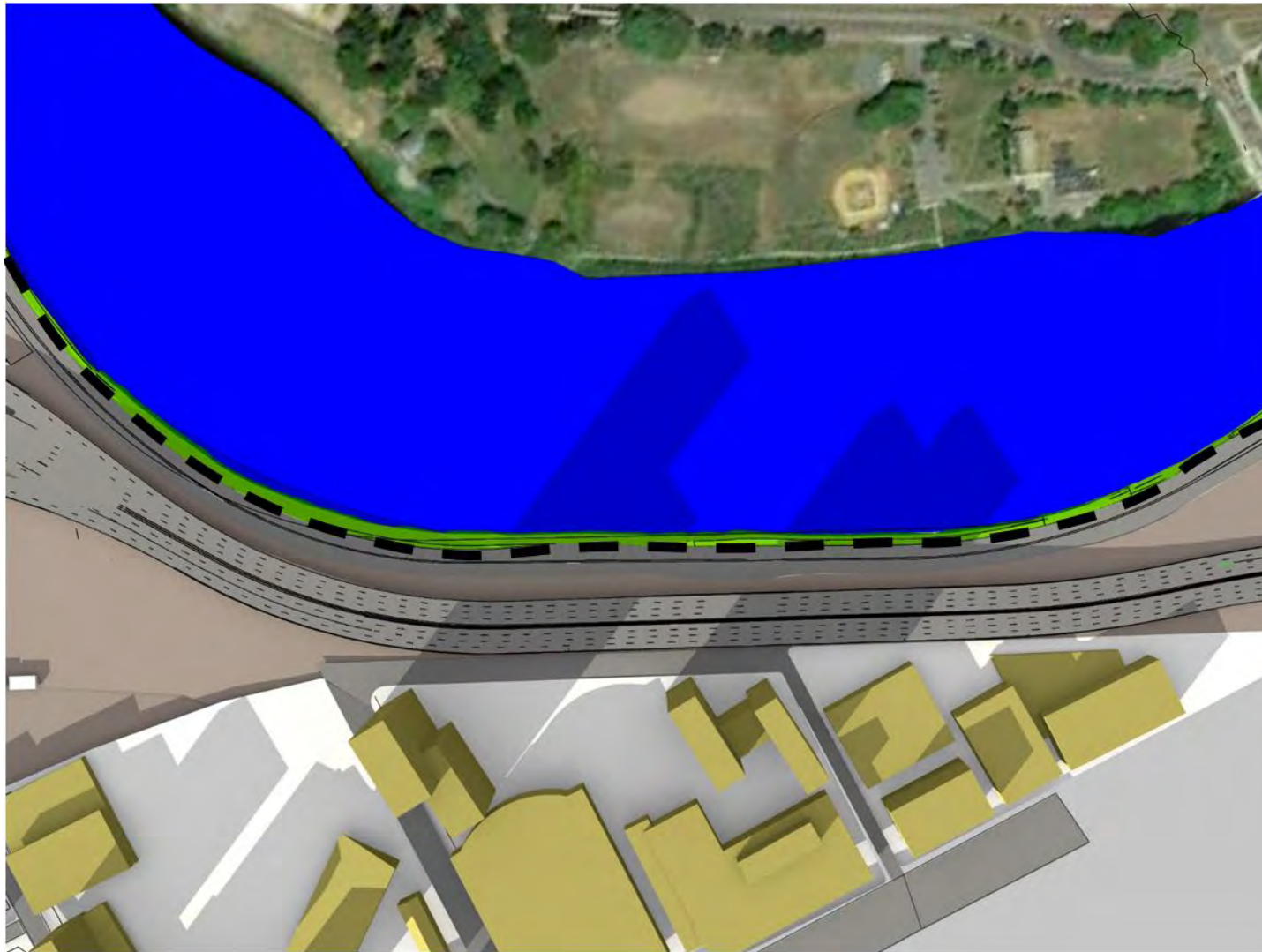
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Impacts in September are in the late afternoon.

Existing – September 21



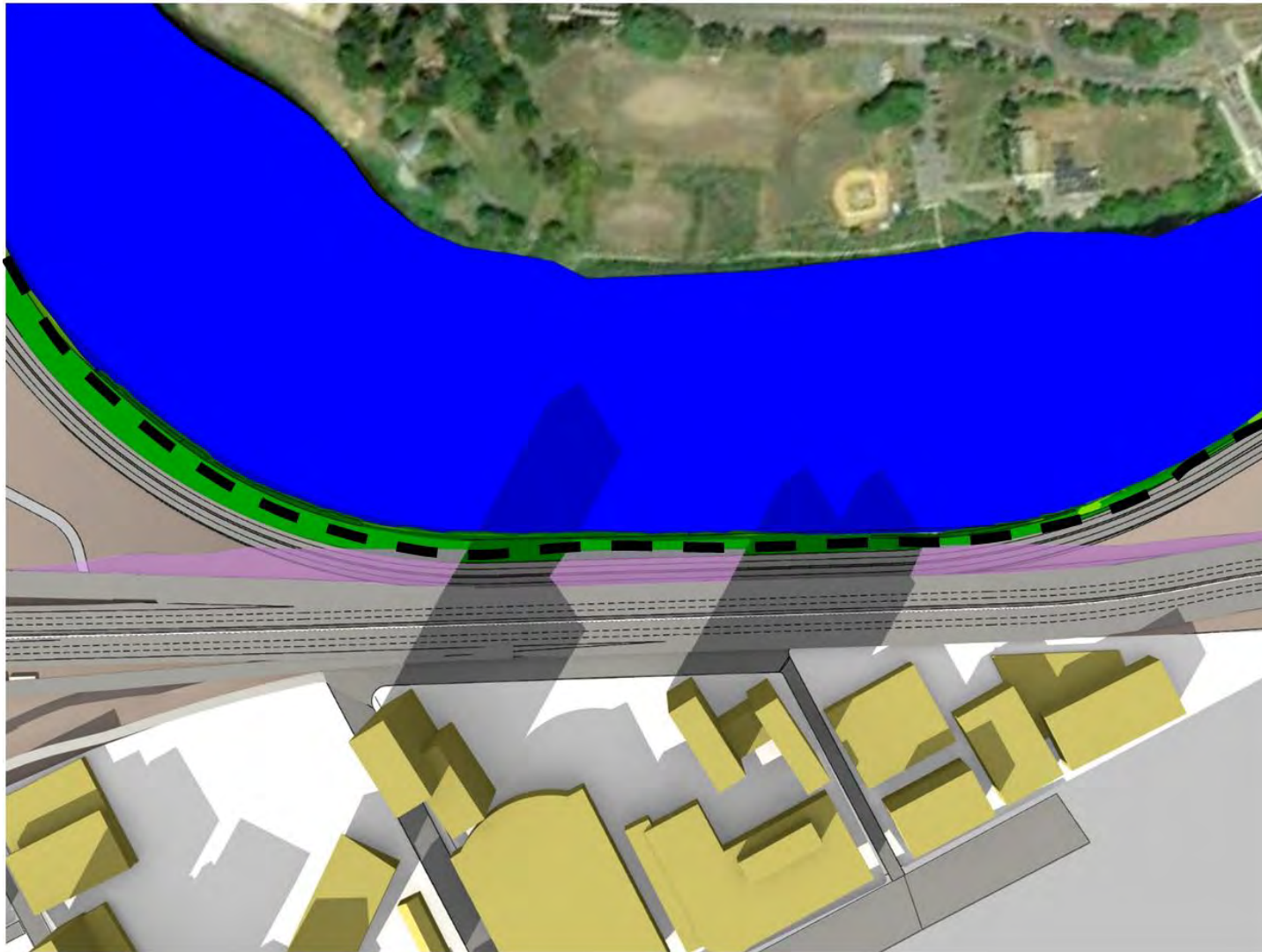
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Sunset: 6:58 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

3K-4 – September 21



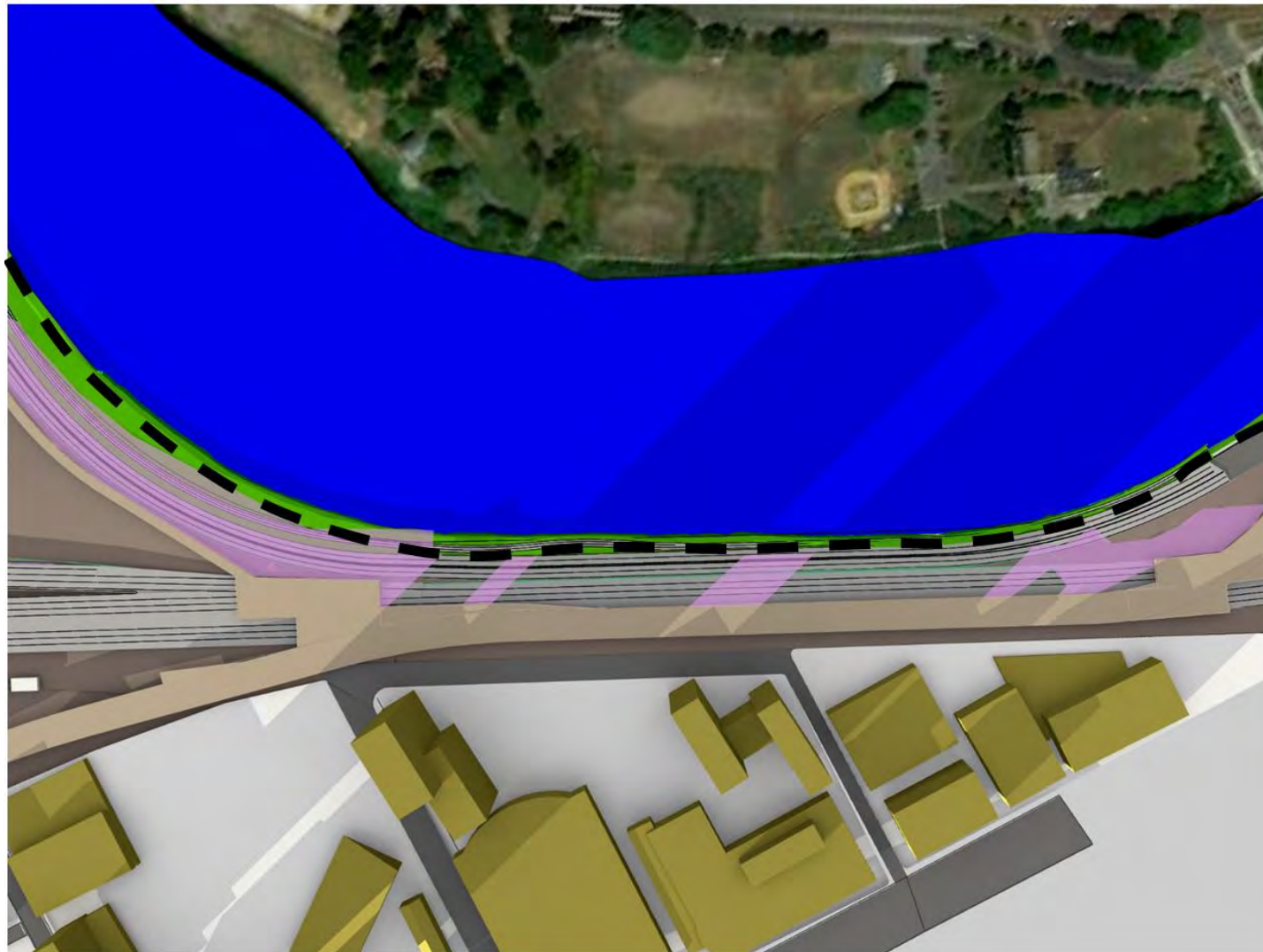
Existing building shadow reaches existing parkland at 1:40 P.M.

3K-4 viaduct shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 4:20 P.M.

40 minutes more shadow in the late afternoon in the throat area compared to existing (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

4:20 P.M.

Amateur Planner – September 21



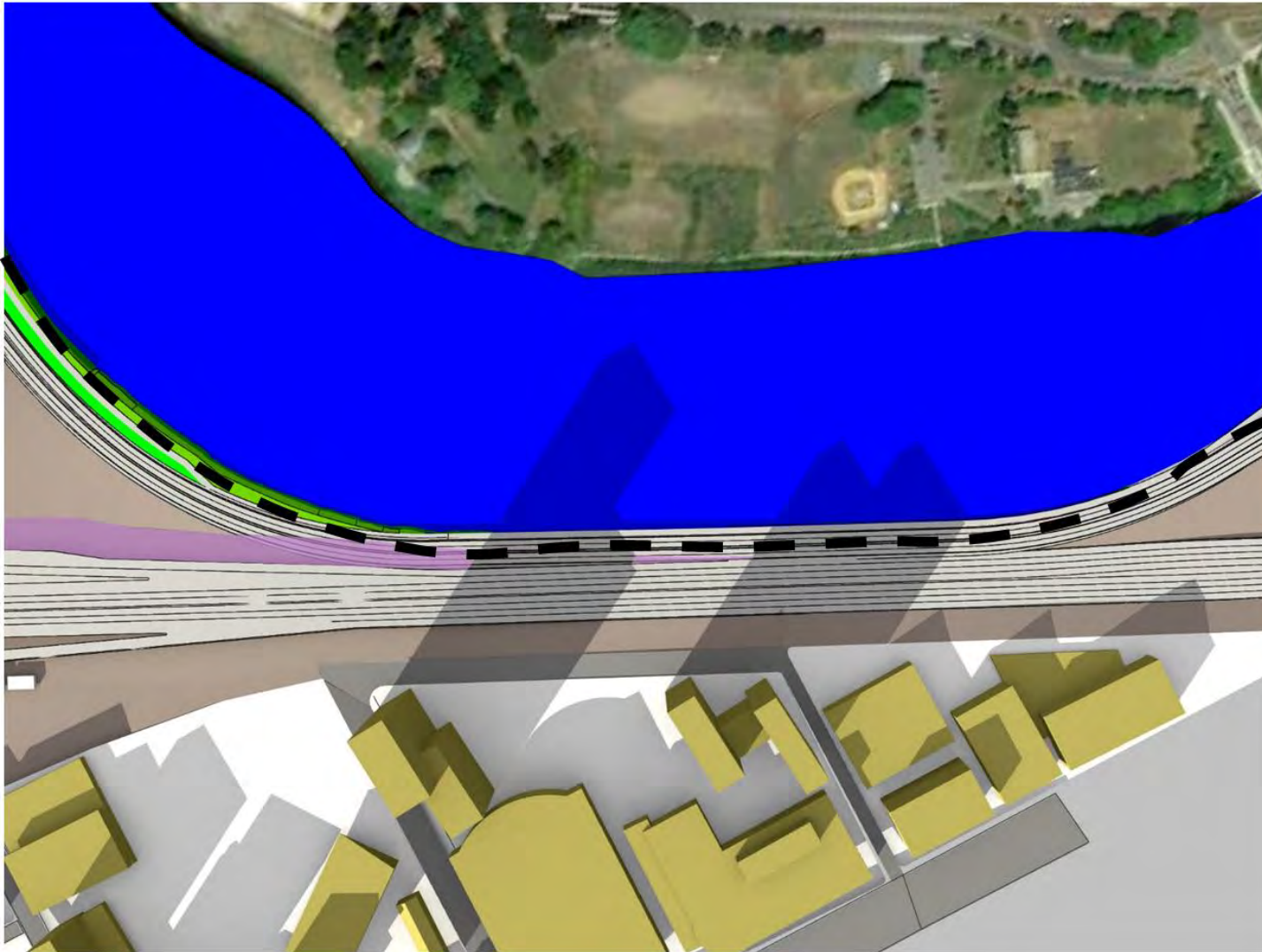
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Viaduct shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 5:40 P.M.

40 minutes less shadow impact in the throat area as compared to existing (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

5:40 P.M.

ABC – September 21



Existing building shadow
reaches existing parkland
at 1:40 P.M.

Roadway shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 4:40 P.M.

20 minutes more shadow impact in the throat area as compared to existing (west). 2 hours less impact to the east (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

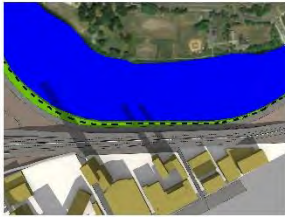
4:40 P.M.

Existing Conditions



December 21-Sunset 4:14P.M.

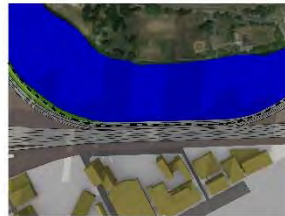
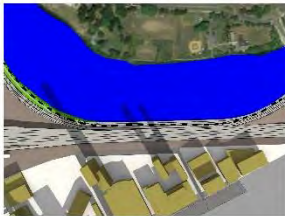
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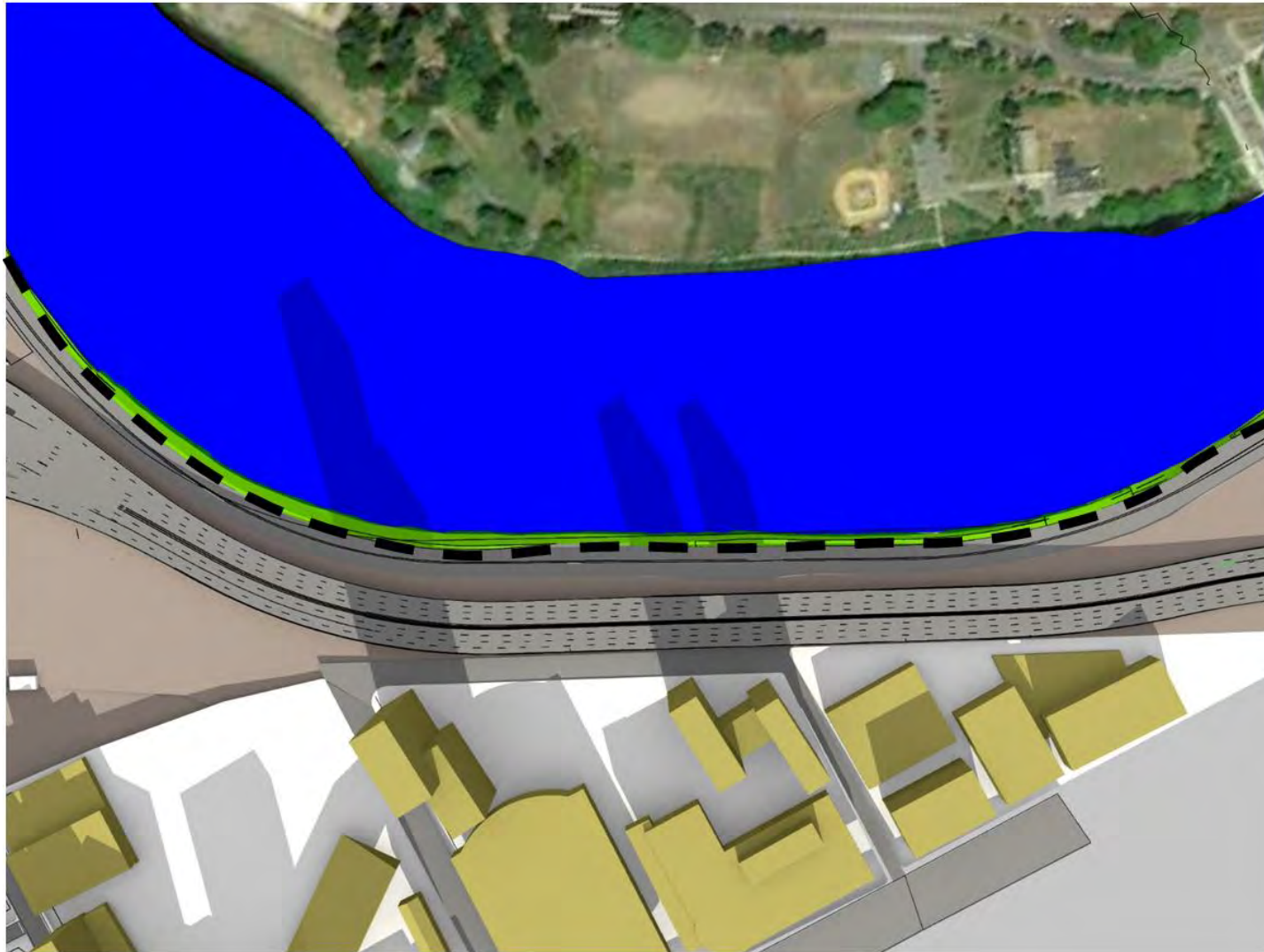
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12 P.M.

3 P.M.

Impacts in December are from the early afternoon on.

Existing – December 21



Existing building shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 9:40 A.M.

Existing viaduct shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 1:15 P.M.

Sunset: 4:14 P.M.

1:15 P.M.

An aerial photograph showing a proposed highway interchange. The highway is depicted with multiple lanes and a dashed green line indicating a boundary. A blue water body, likely a river or lake, is visible in the upper right. In the foreground, several 3D models of buildings are shown, casting shadows on the ground. The overall scene is a mix of natural and built environments.

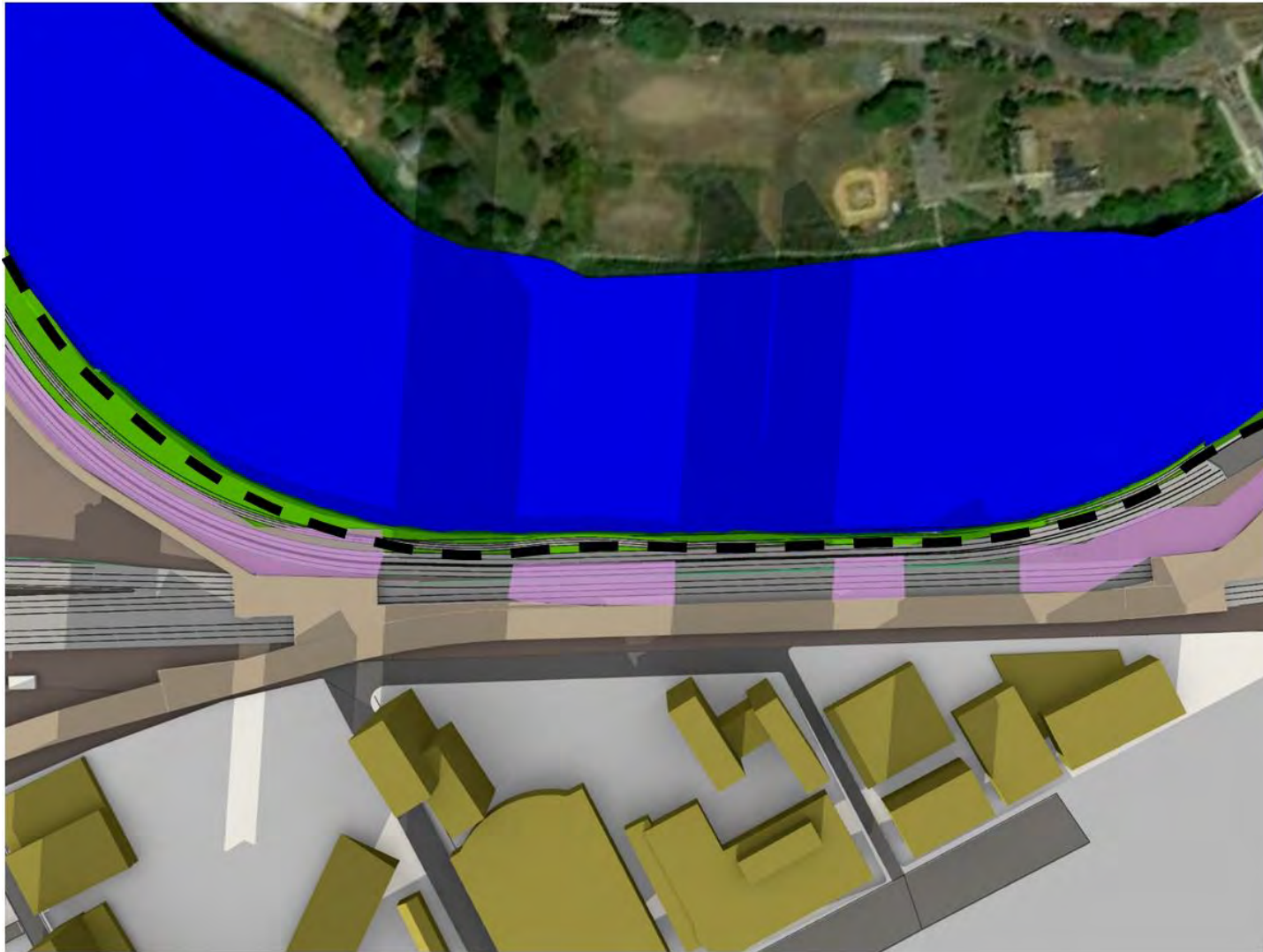
3K-4 viaduct shadow
reaches edge of existing
parkland at the throat at
12:15 P.M.

1 hour more shadow in the afternoon in the throat area compared to existing (only in area not in shadow from buildings).



MassDOT
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Amateur Planner – December 21



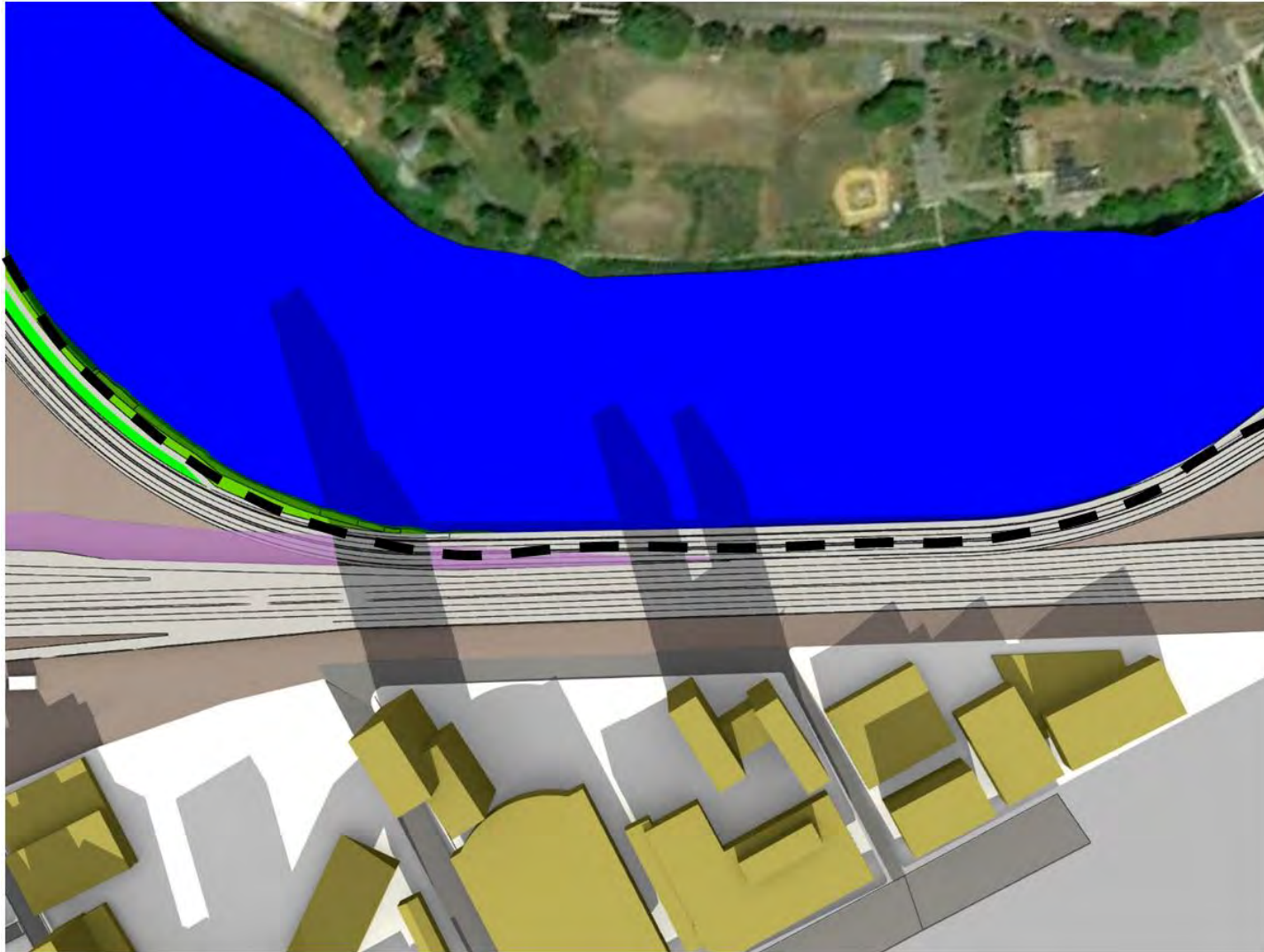
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Viaduct shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 2:40 P.M.

1 hour 25 minutes less shadow in the afternoon in the throat area compared to existing (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

2:40 P.M.

ABC – December 21



Existing building shadow reaches existing parkland at 9:40 A.M.

Roadway shadow reaches edge of existing parkland at the throat at 1:10 P.M.

5 minutes less shadow impact in the throat area as compared to existing (west).

3 hours less shadow impact to the east (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

1:10 P.M.

Summary

March 21 –Shadow from existing buildings reaches existing parkland at 2:00 PM. Shadow from existing viaduct reaches parkland at 5:15PM

- **3K-4: 35 minutes of additional shadow impact in the late afternoon**
- **Amateur Planner: 55 minutes less shadow impact in the late afternoon**
- **A Better City: 15 minutes less shadow impact in the late afternoon (west)**
1 hour and 45 minutes less shadow impact to the east (only in area not in shadow from buildings)

June 21 – No additional Shadow impacts from any concept

Summary

Sept 21 – Shadow from existing buildings reaches existing parkland at 1:40 PM. Shadow from existing viaduct reaches parkland at 5:00PM

- 3K-4: 40 minutes of additional shadow impact in the late afternoon
- Amateur Planner: 40 minutes less shadow impact in the late afternoon
- A Better City: 20 minutes less shadow impact in the late afternoon (west)
2 hours less shadow impact to the east (only in area now in shadow from buildings).

Dec 21 – Shadow from existing buildings reaches existing parkland at 9:40 A.M. Shadow from existing viaduct reaches parkland at 1:15PM

- 3K-4: 60 minutes of additional shadow impact in the afternoon
- Amateur Planner: 1 hour and 25 minutes less shadow impact in the afternoon
- A Better City: 5 minutes less shadow impact in the afternoon (West)
3 hours less shadow impact to the east (only in area not in shadow from buildings).

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Update on Noise Study

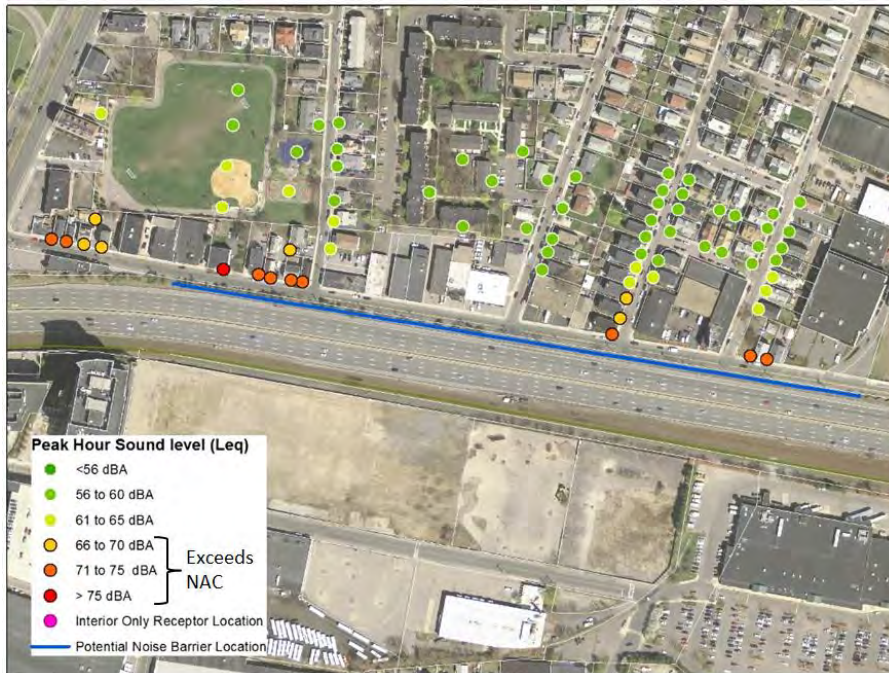
- Noise measurements have been conducted throughout the study area to characterize existing conditions and to validate the highway and rail noise modeling
- Noise impact will be assessed for future 2035 conditions for areas within the Type I project area (in progress)
- Type II barriers adjacent to Lincoln Street are being evaluated based on existing traffic conditions
- Noise is assessed receptors as categorized by FHWA / MassDOT
 - Residential
 - Schools
 - Section 4(F) Parks

Noise Impact Assessment and Mitigation

- Noise mitigation must be considered when noise levels exceed MassDOT's Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC)
- Noise barriers must be feasible and reasonable as defined by:
 - Constructability – must meet highway design specifications for safety, access and maintenance
 - Cost effectiveness criteria - which depends on barrier size/cost, noise reduction it provides and the number of receptors it benefits
 - Acoustical effectiveness – must provide a minimum of 5 dB noise reduction at the majority of impacted 1st row receptors
 - Property owners must be in favor of barrier – A public meeting would be held and voting survey mailed to property owners and residents

Lincoln Street – Market to Everett

- Type II Barrier Area
- Need for barrier has been previously prioritized by Mass Turnpike
- Noise Abatement Criteria exceeded at 1st and 2nd row receptors
- Noise barrier can be feasible and reasonable



Lincoln Street – Everett to Pedestrian Bridge

- Type II Barrier Area
- Need for barrier has been previously prioritized by Mass Turnpike
- Noise Abatement Criteria exceeded at 1st and 2nd row receptors
- Noise barrier can be feasible and reasonable



Cambridge Street Area

- Future 2035 build noise levels are expected to exceed NAC at 1st and 2nd row for all design options (similar to existing conditions) due primarily to contribution from Cambridge Street
- Barrier would not be constructible due to local access/curb cuts



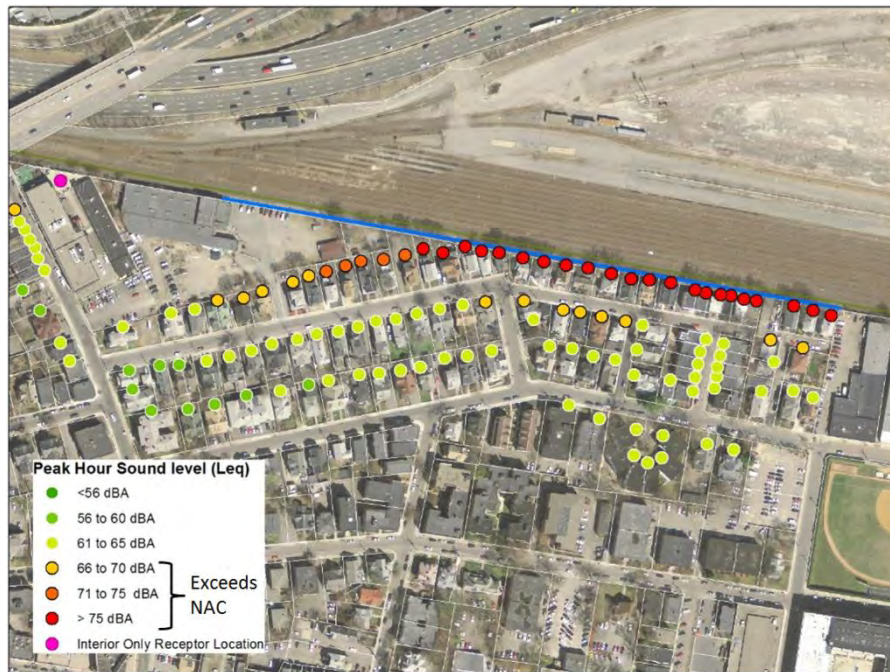
Lincoln Street – at Mansfield Street

- Future 2035 build noise levels are expected to exceed NAC at 1st and 2nd row for all design options (similar to existing conditions)
- Barrier will be evaluated for feasibility and reasonableness
 - Constructability on Cambridge St, ped access, acoustical effectiveness



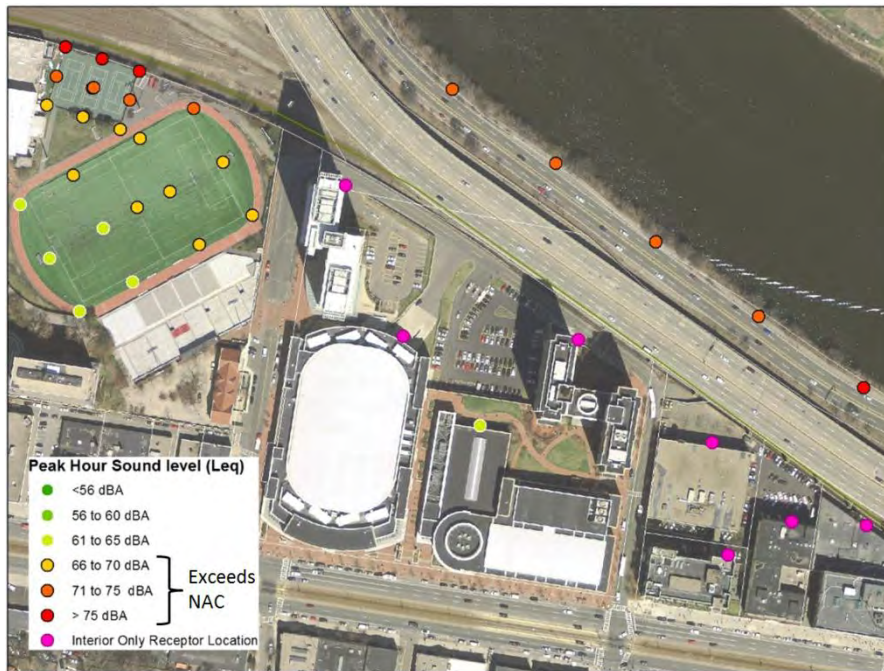
Pratt Street and Wadsworth Street Area

- Future 2035 build noise levels are expected to exceed NAC (similar to existing conditions) due primarily to commuter trains
- Barrier is expected to be reasonable and feasible
- Potential for noise mitigation from overbuild will be evaluated



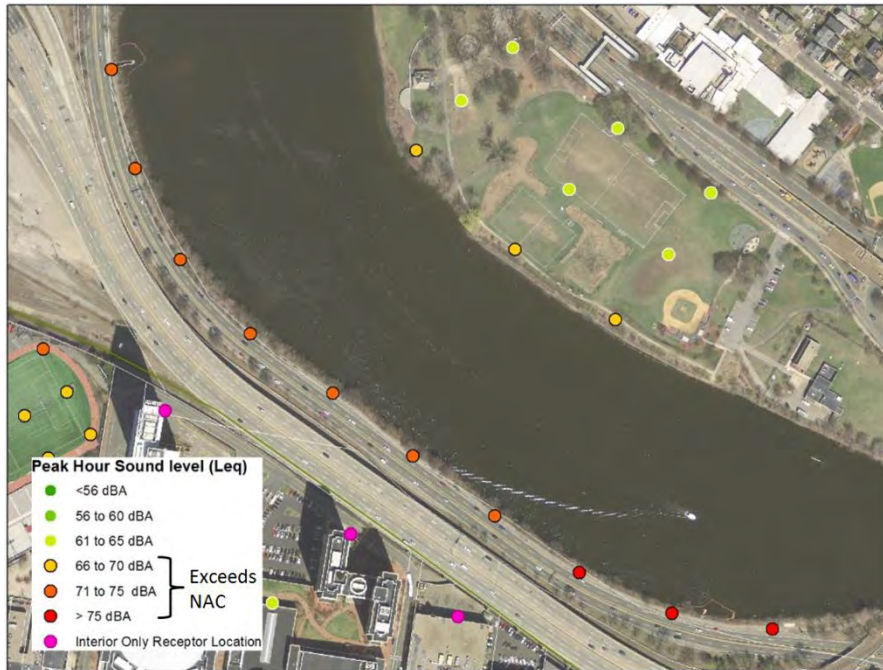
Boston University

- Future 2035 noise levels for all design options are expected to exceed NAC at parts of Nickerson Field due to I-90 and trains
- Barrier(s) will be evaluated for feasibility and reasonableness
 - Barriers for only park & recreation use are often not cost-effective



Paul Dudley Path and Magazine Beach

- Future build noise levels for all design options are expected to exceed NAC on Paul Dudley Path due to SFR, I-90 and trains
- Future noise levels at Magazine Beach may or may not exceed NAC
 - Barriers for only park & recreation use are often not cost-effective



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Design Alternative Matrix Review

- **Design & Performance**
- **Impacts**
- **Constructability**