

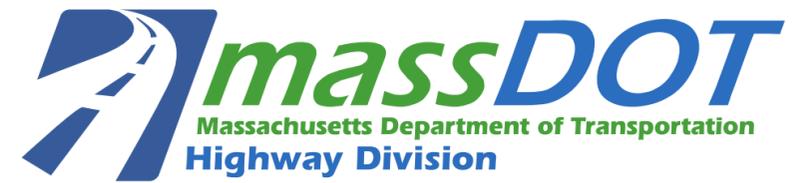


Rourke Bridge Replacement Project: Design Public Hearing

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Rourke Bridge Replacement Project

Design Public Hearing

Wednesday, December 06, 2023 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Project File No. 607887



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Northern Middlesex Council of Governments



Peer2Peer Resources for People with Disabilities



Presentation Participants

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 - Shaun St. Hilaire, PE – Structural Design
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- **Khmer**
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- **CART Captioning**
 - Heidi Thomas
- **ASL**
 - Catherine Donnalley and Jai Wexler
- **Stenographer**
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Agenda

1 Project Purpose and Need

- Project Location
- Existing Conditions
- Project Goal

2 Proposed Improvements

- Roadway Configuration
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations
- Bridge Replacement
- Bridge Aesthetics and Lighting
- Property Impacts
- Construction Approach

3 Cost and Schedule

4 Q & A Session

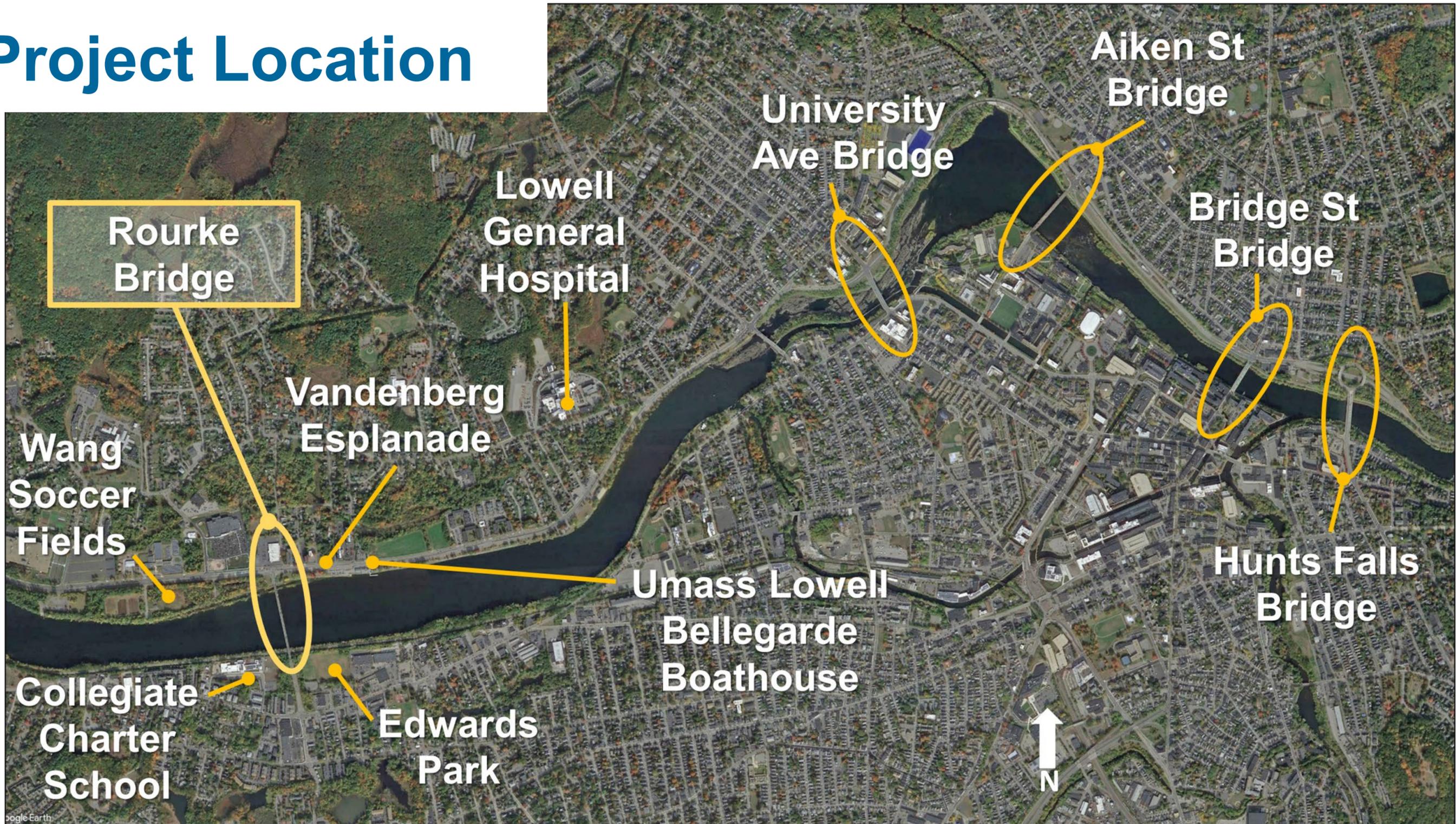
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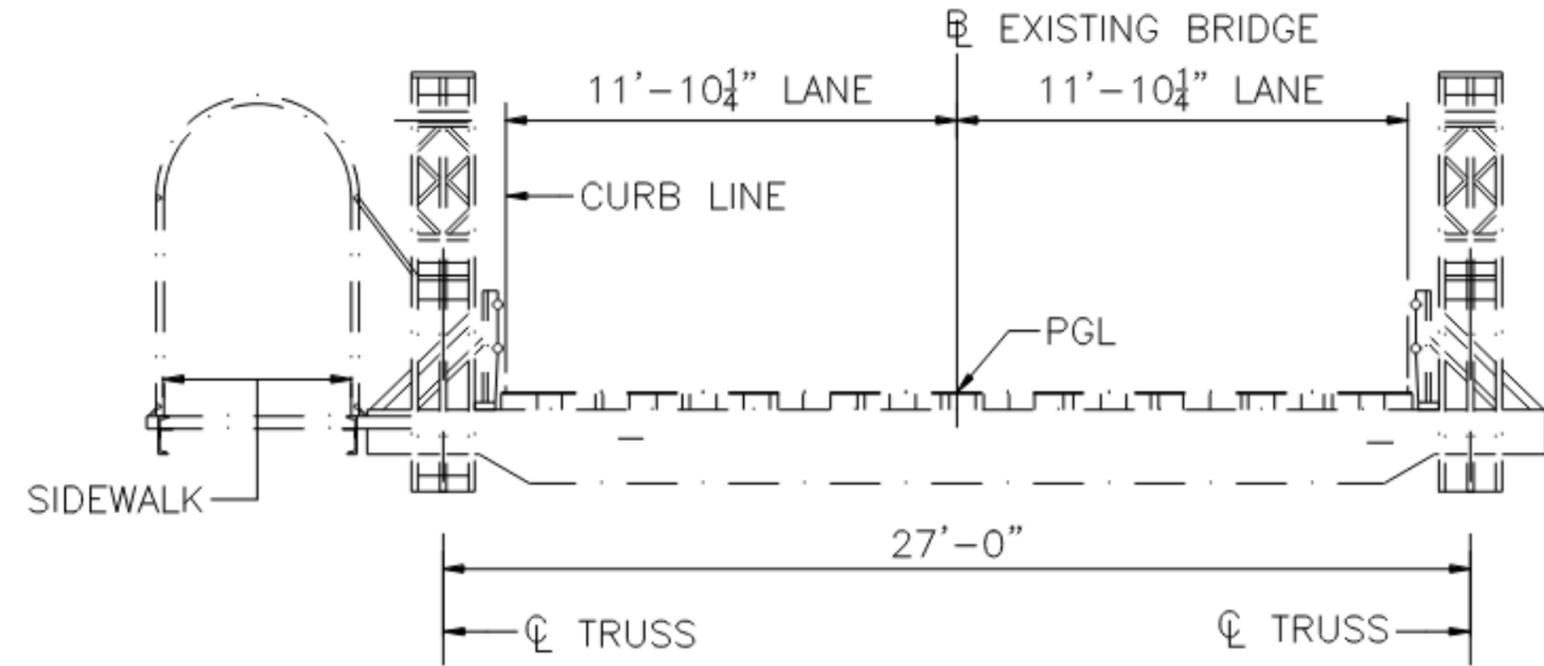
Project Location





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Existing – Bridge Layout



Existing – Roadway Configuration



Pawtucket Blvd & Wood St



Middlesex St & Wood St



Existing – Site Considerations





**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goal



- Bridge Replacement
- Enhance safety and connectivity for Pedestrians, Bicycles, Emergency Vehicles and Watercraft
- Improve Traffic Operations at the Wood Street intersections with Pawtucket Boulevard, and Middlesex Street



Progress To-Date

- Finalized:
 - Roadway and bridge alignment
 - Bridge type and profile
 - Roadway configuration and cross-section
 - Bike and pedestrian path configuration
- 25% Design submission
- Procurement preparations



How did we get here?

Public Outreach Timeline:



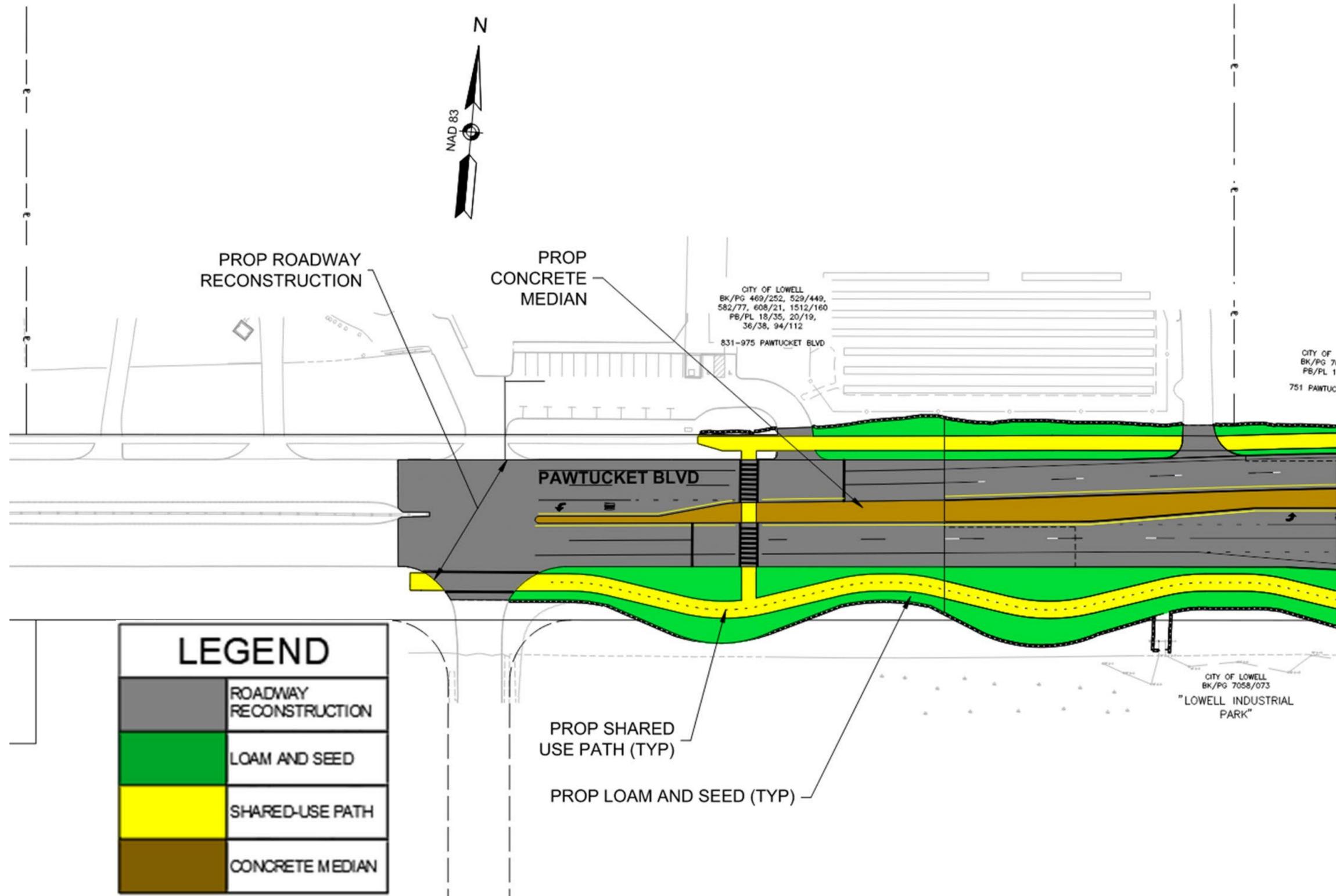


**How are we
accomplishing
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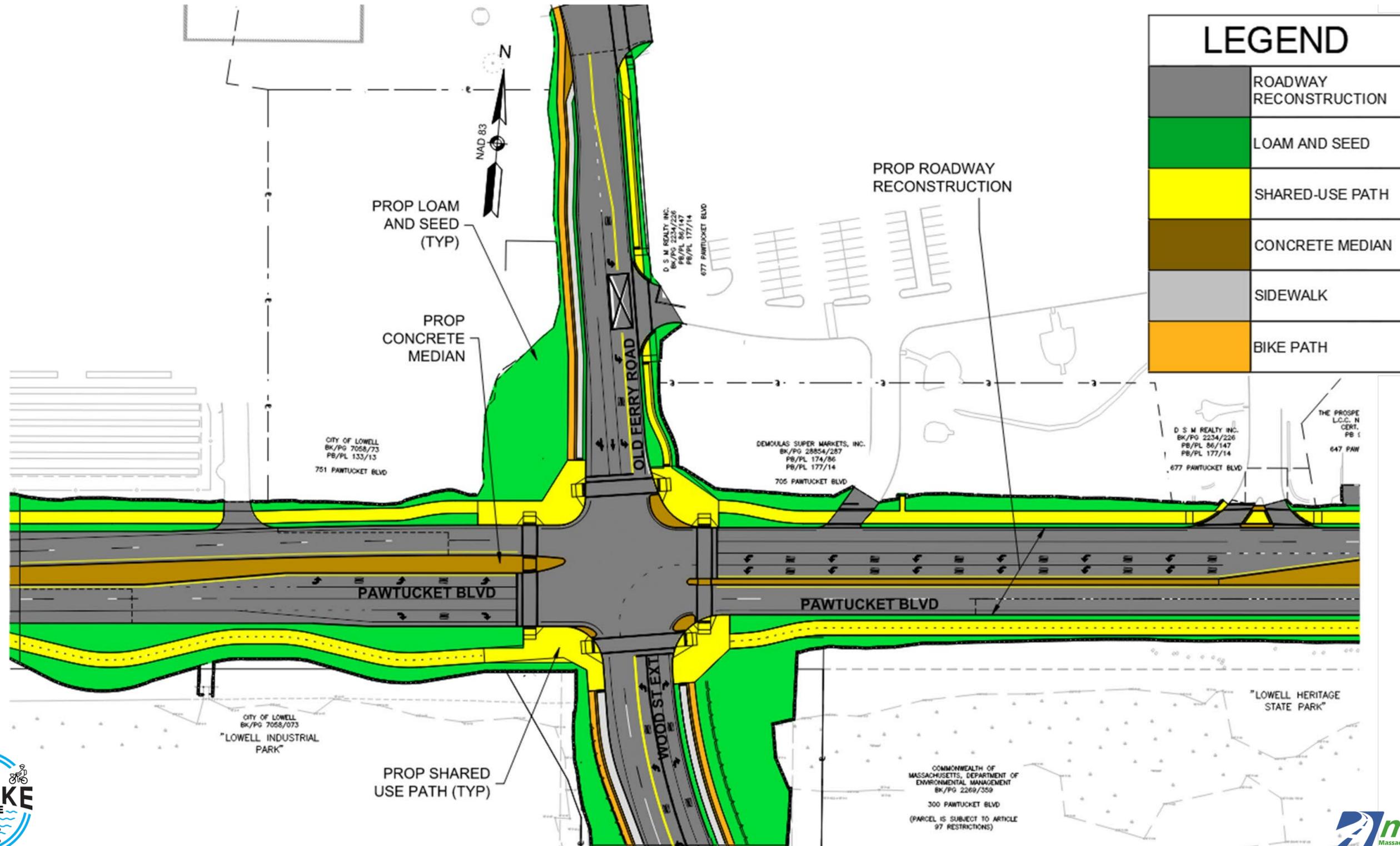
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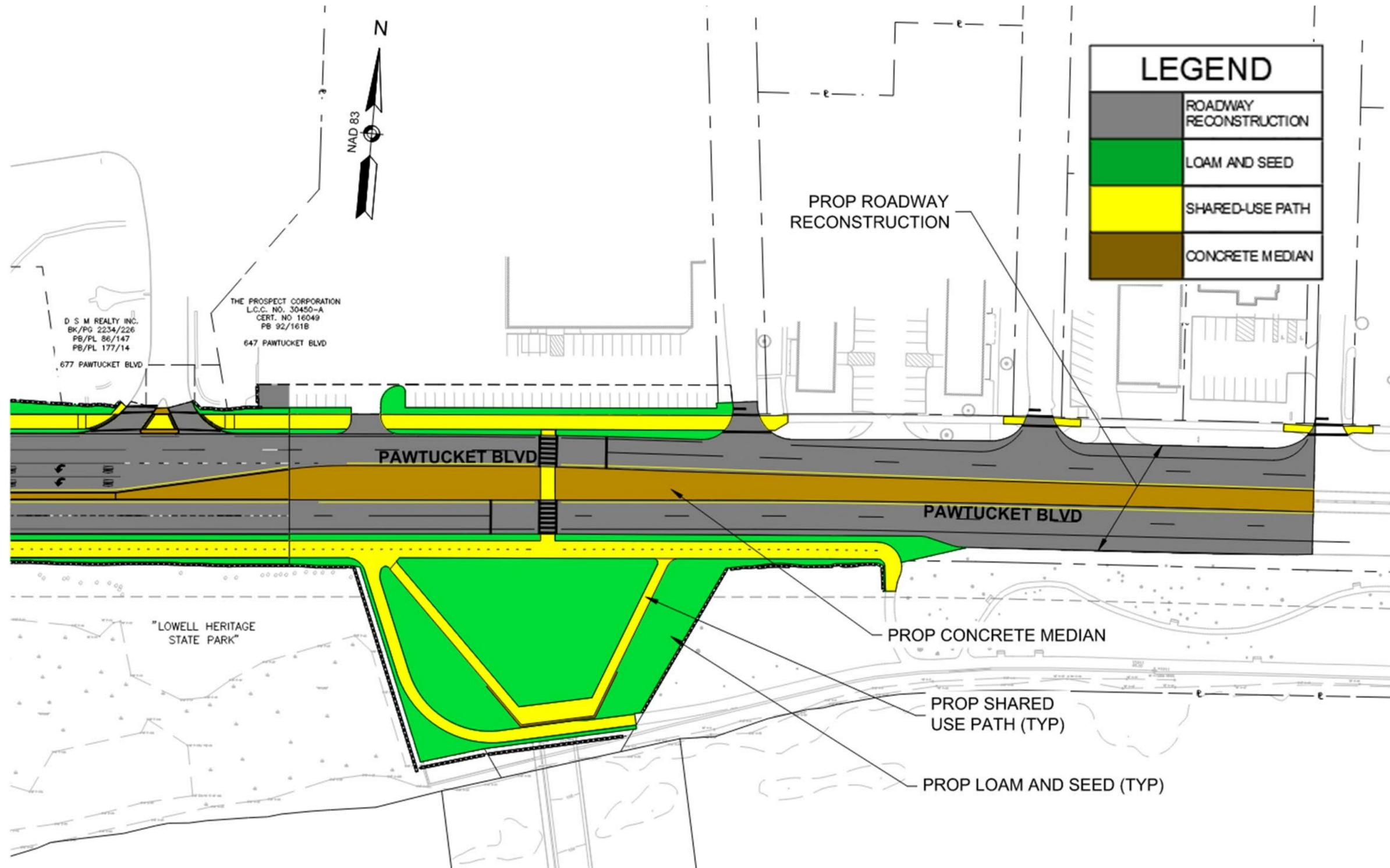
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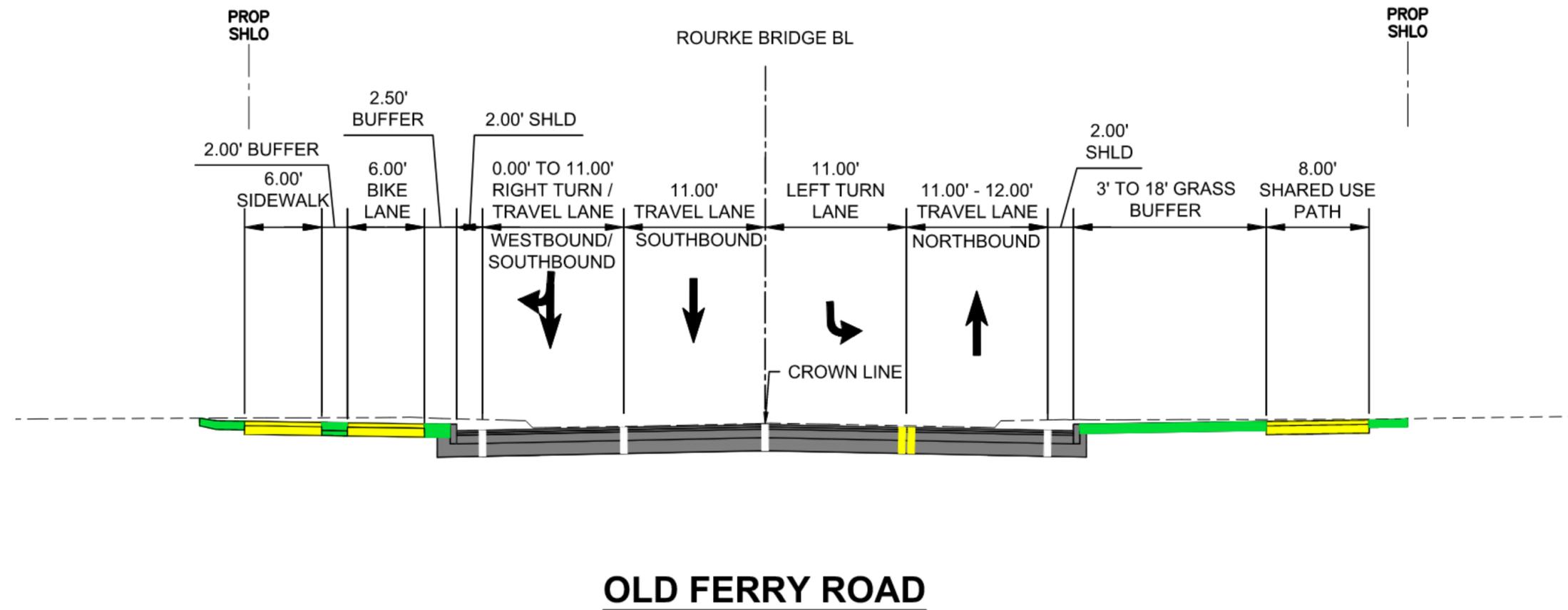
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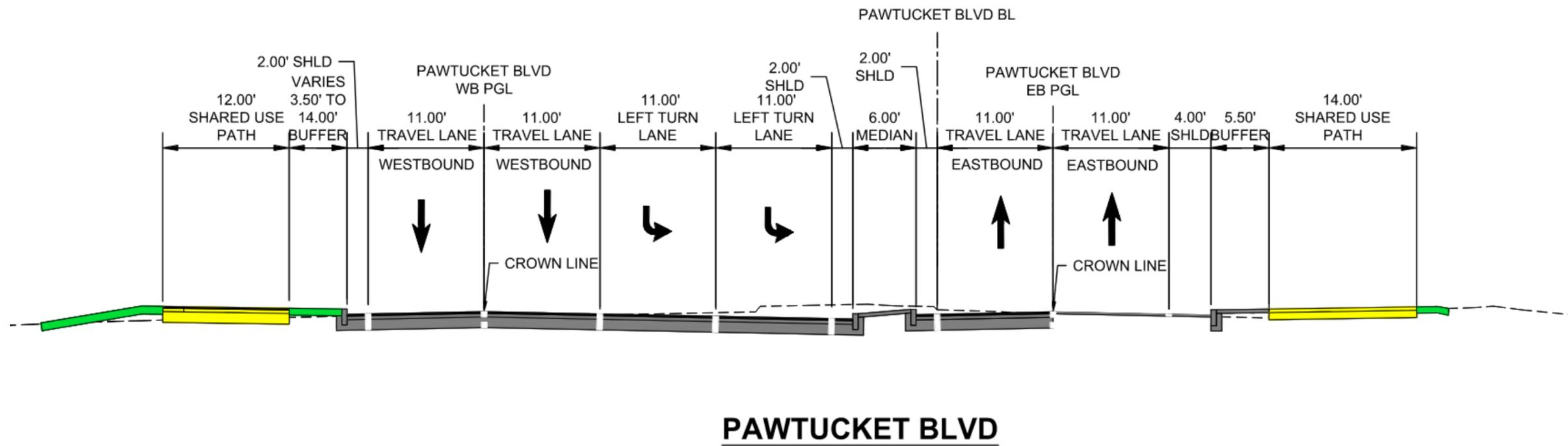
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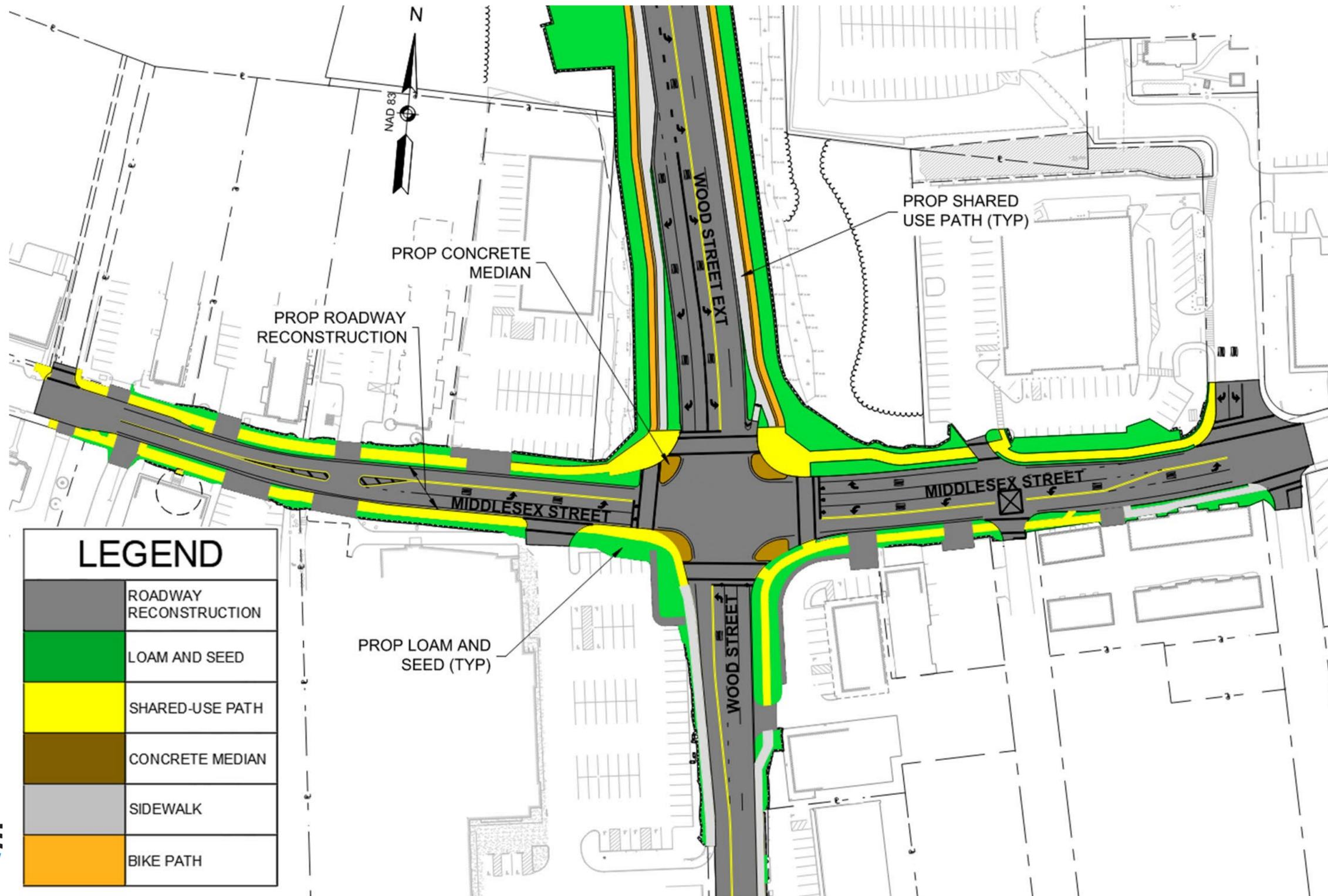
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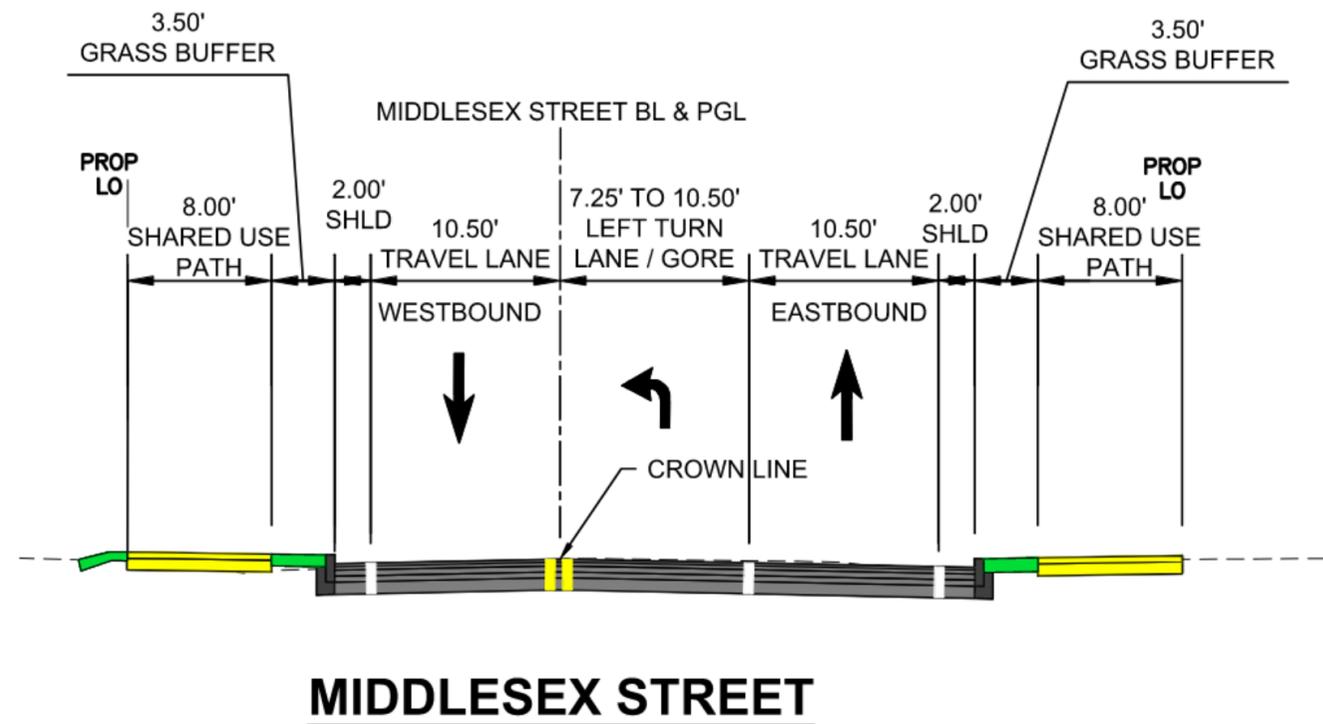
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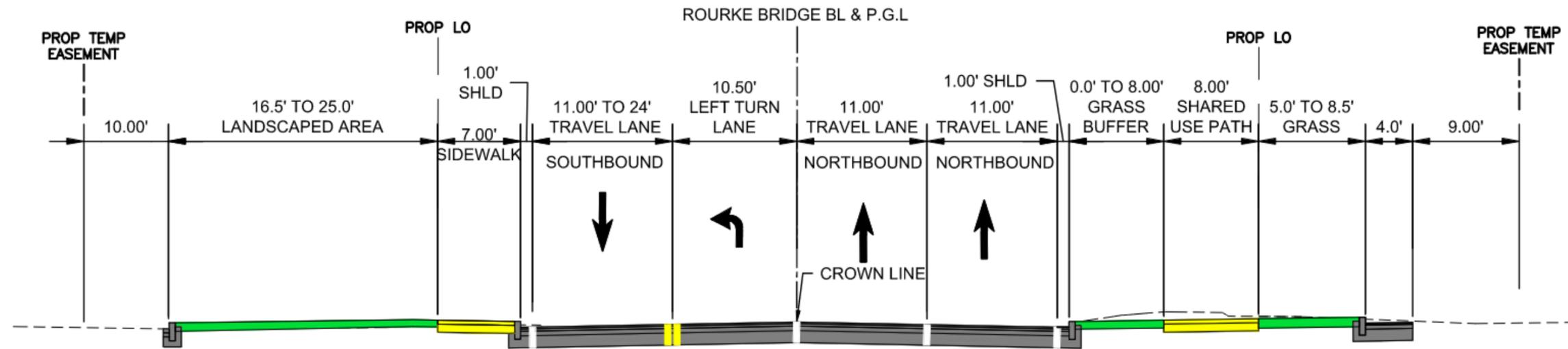
Roadway Configuration – Middlesex Street



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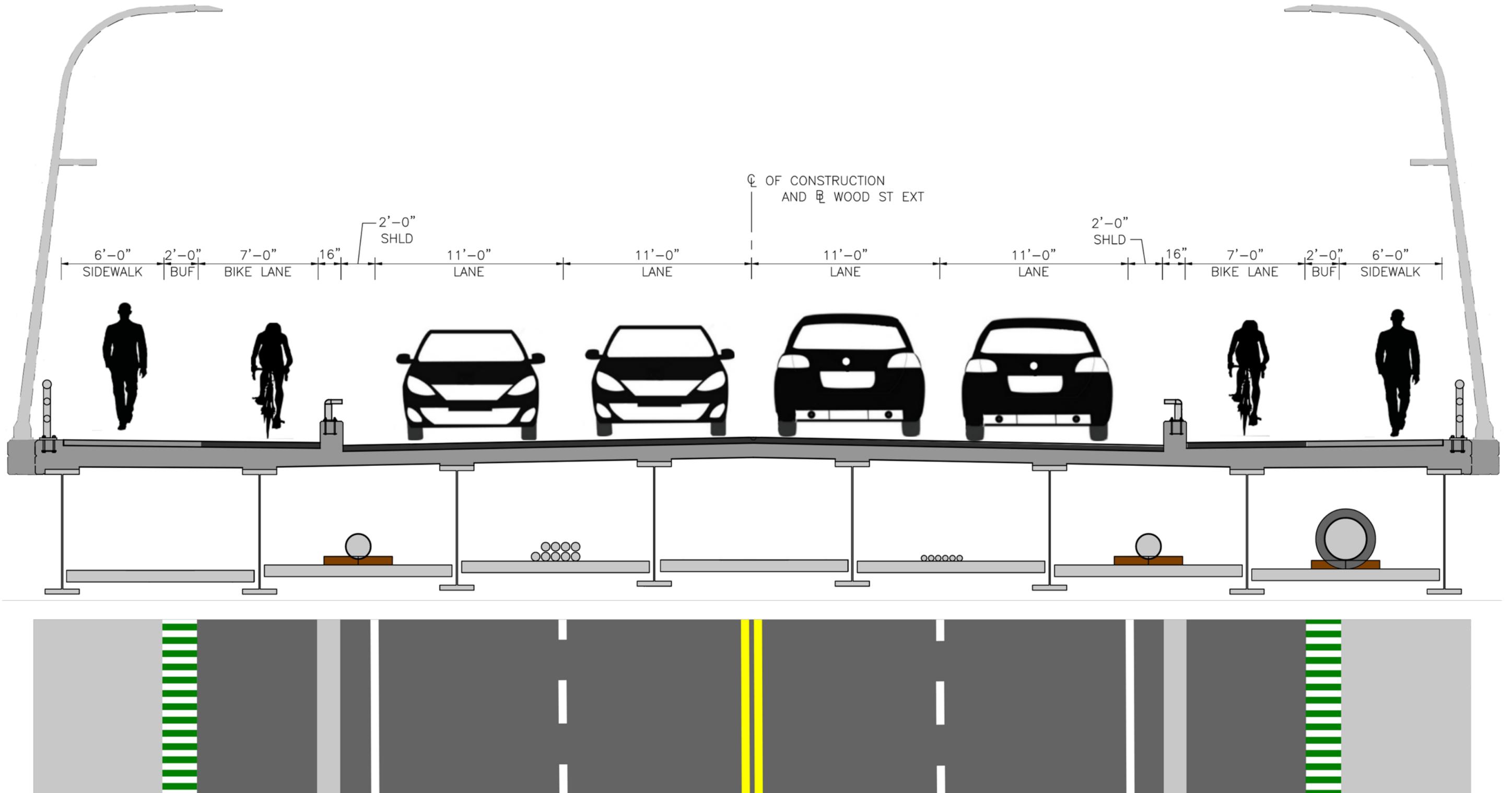


Roadway Configuration – Wood Street

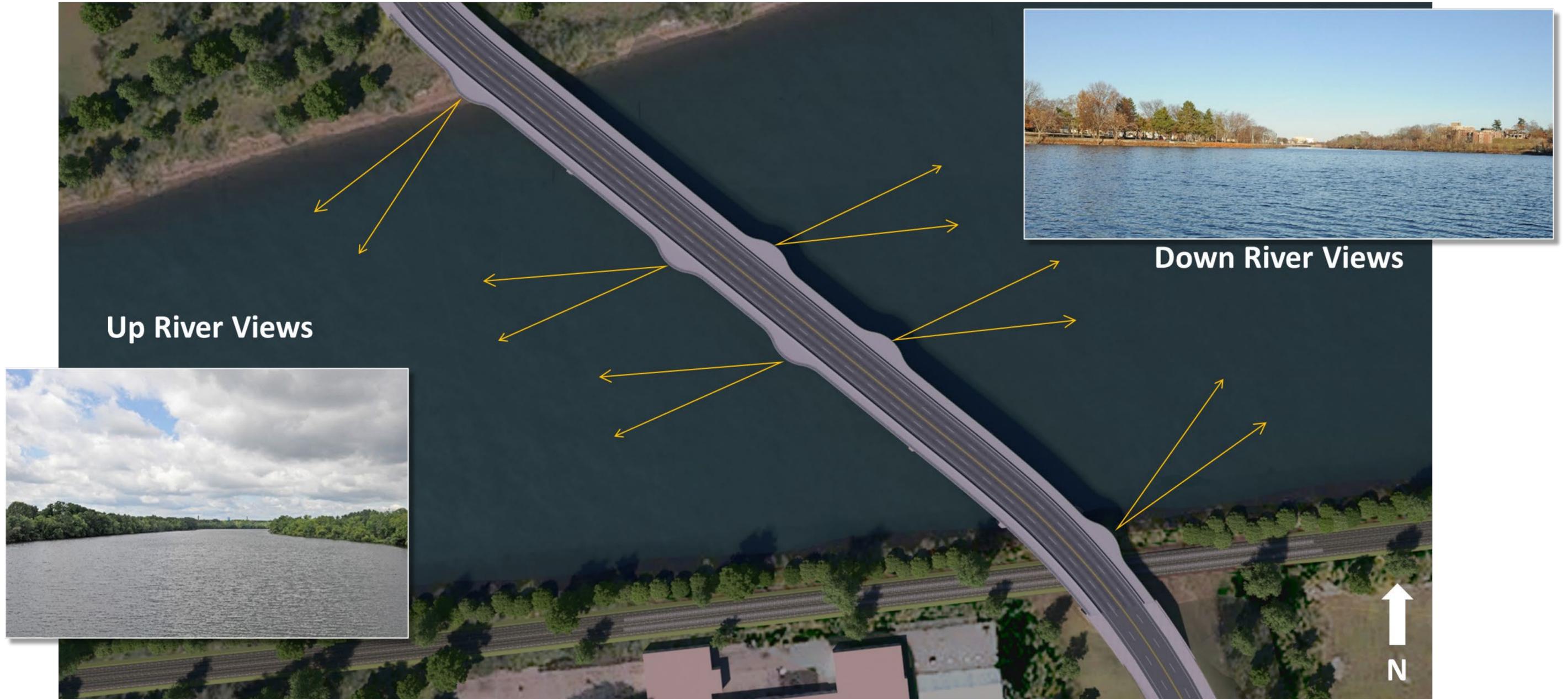


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Bridge Replacement



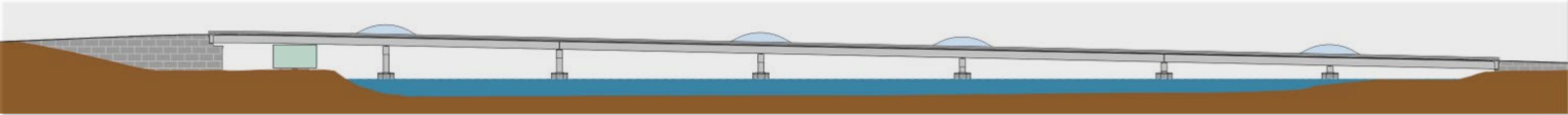
Up River Views

Down River Views

Aerial View



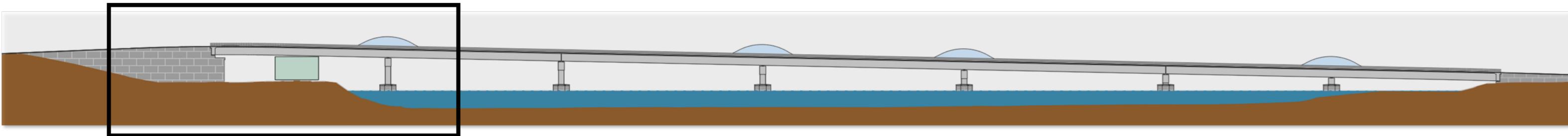
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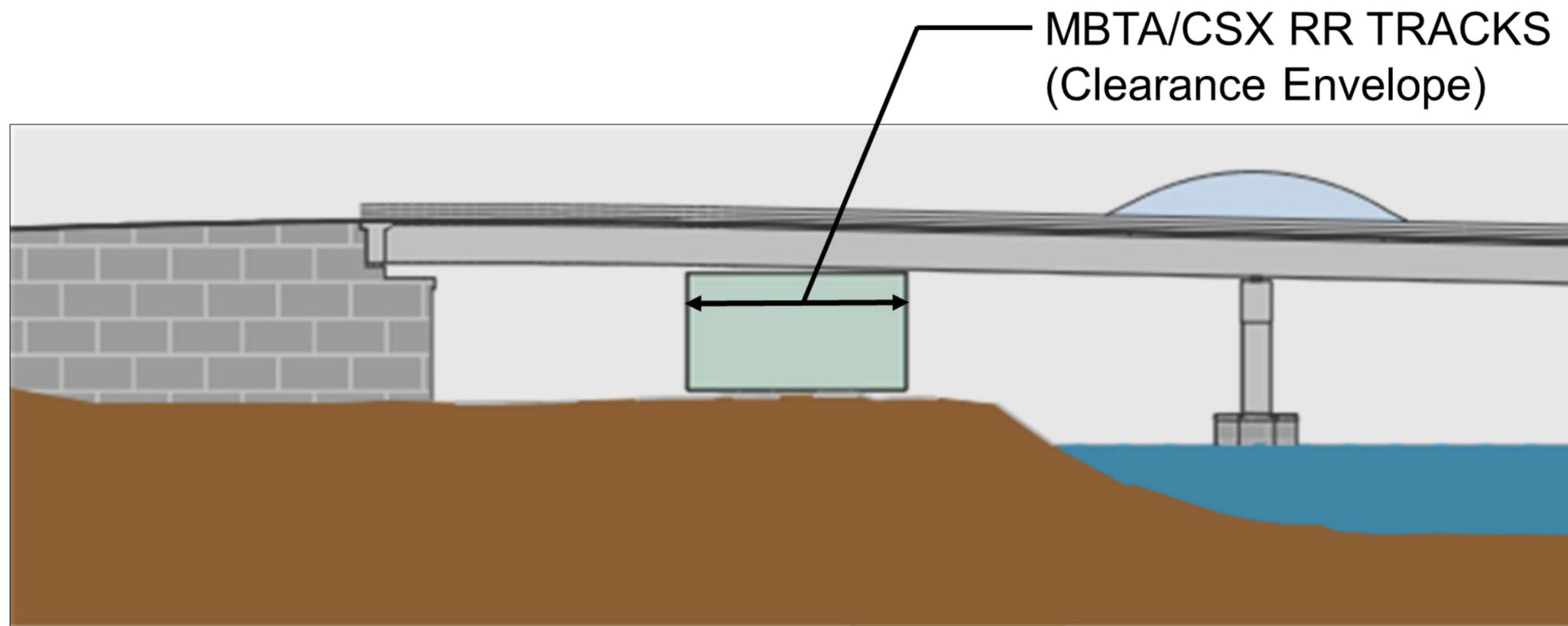
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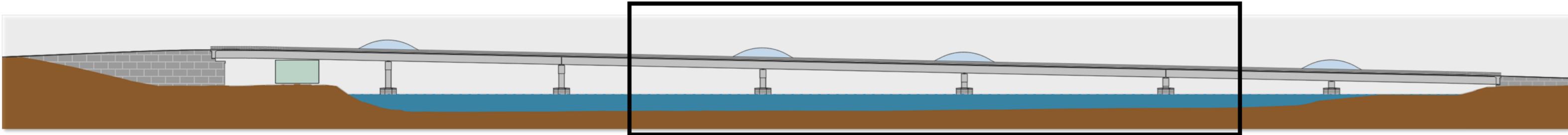
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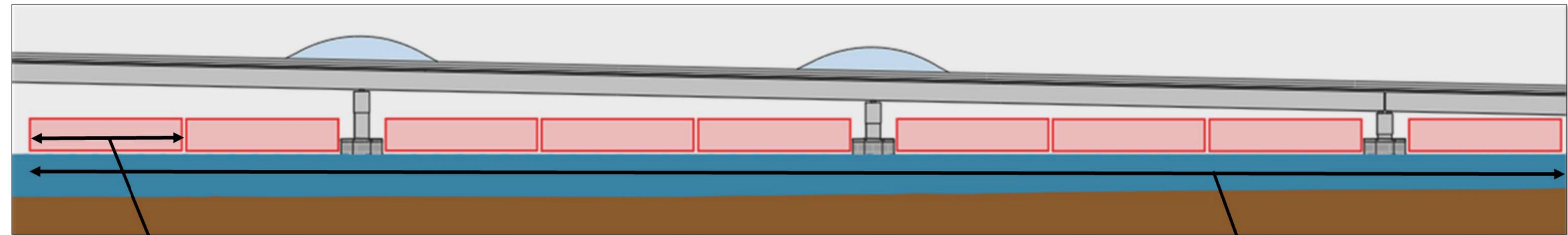
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Bridge Replacement



Elevation View from River (Looking West)



50' Row Lane

9 Total Row Lanes



Bridge Replacement



Bridge Replacement



Bridge Replacement



Bridge Aesthetic and Lighting



Bridge Aesthetics and Lighting



Elevation View from River (Looking West)





How will your property be impacted?

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion

25% Design Public Hearing

- MassDOT is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
 - Fee takings, permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements may be required.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the MassDOT ROW Bureau.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.

At this stage of design, the Right of Way process has not been finalized. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to comment on any impacts to properties.





**What is the
construction
approach?**

Construction – Existing and New Bridge

Maintenance of existing bridge:

- Night-time work starting Sunday, December 10th with detour in-place
- Targeted member repairs

During proposed bridge construction:

- Maintain existing roadway configuration and pedestrian access
- Offline construction of proposed bridge
 - New bridge location allows existing bridge to remain fully operational
- Minimize noise and disturbance
- Maintain access to local business and driveways



Project Delivery: Design Build

- Combines design and construction services into a single contract
 - Authorized for Department use under MGL 149A, subsection 14 - 21
- Allows the contractor and designer to work together on all phases of the project
 - Promotes innovation
 - Reduces project costs
 - Expedites project delivery
- Best Value Design-Build (BVDB) procurement
 - Project awarded based on the highest overall value considering both quality and cost
 - Phase I – short list-best qualified teams as determined by response to Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
 - Phase II – submission of technical and price proposals in response to Request for Proposals (RFP)





Project Schedule

Project Schedule



WE ARE HERE

Anticipated Project Cost - \$190 Million



Our Next Steps



Design Public Hearing
December 6th, 2023



25% Design
Early 2024



DB Procurement Process
Summer 2024



Construction Begins
Summer 2025



Project Completion
2028





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keep you
informed?**

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- Visit the project website at:
<https://www.mass.gov/rourke-bridge-replacement-project>
- Submit comments online at:
https://pima.massdotpi.com/public/comment/project-comment-dynamic?project_id=13770
- Submit written comments to:
Carrie Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer
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Questions and answers

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



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- Please state your name before your question



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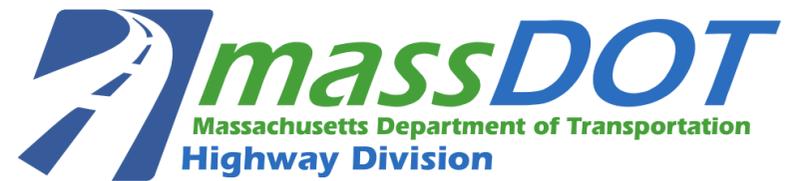


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