



# Route 79-Davol Street Corridor Improvements: Construction Update

*Public Information Meeting*








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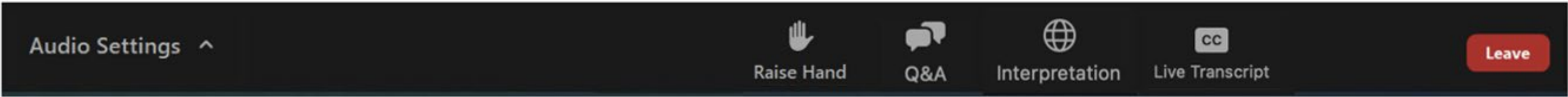


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# Agenda

**01** Welcome

**02** Construction Update and  
Approach

**03** Questions and Discussion





# Project Team

## MassDOT Highway Division

- Valerie Kilduff, Project Manager
- Mary-Joe Perry, District 5 Highway Director
- Emanuel Aguiar, Resident Engineer
- Dan Aguiar, City of Fall River
- Ken Coelho, FHWA



## Design-Build Construction Team

- Contractor: D.W. White – SPS JV
  - Stephen Cobb, Project Manager
- Engineer of Record: HNTB
  - Jonathan Kapust, Design Manager
- Public Outreach: Regina Villa Assoc.
  - Regan Checchio







# 90-Day Look Ahead - Construction Update and Approach



## Upcoming Work

### **Stage 2A, *Ongoing* – Permanent Expressway closure (February 2023 – July 2025)**

- Notification 2 weeks in advance
- Parking is retained through winter on Davol Street
- Regional and local signing added
- Earthwork and bridge demolition activities begin

### **Stage 2B, *What's Next* – Parking and Traffic Shifts (Beginning April 2023)**

- Parking Removed from Davol Street
- Bridge and wall demolition of old Route 79 continues
- Traffic Shifts on Davol Street Away From Infields
- U-Turn Shifts



## Construction Overview

Overall project timeline – approximately 4 years

- Work to occur mostly during the day and weekdays
- Some night work is needed for Bridge Demolition, Culvert installation, and utility work
- Coordination with emergency services to maintain access routes

### Construction

- Major earthwork operations will be within confined work zones
- Minimize construction vehicles on active parts of Davol Street

### Mitigation: Noise and Dust control

- Noise monitoring systems
- Scheduling of activities based on weather and events
  - Work hours 7am to 3:30 pm
- Water spray for dust suppression



## Temporary Traffic Considerations

### Local roadway users

- Wayfinding signage for all pedestrian routes
- Detours on nights and/or weekends - announced in advance
- Traffic patterns on Davol Street and cross streets will stay similar to existing
- Work to limit speed on Davol Street and improve intersection timings
- All driveways remain open
- No closures of shared use path

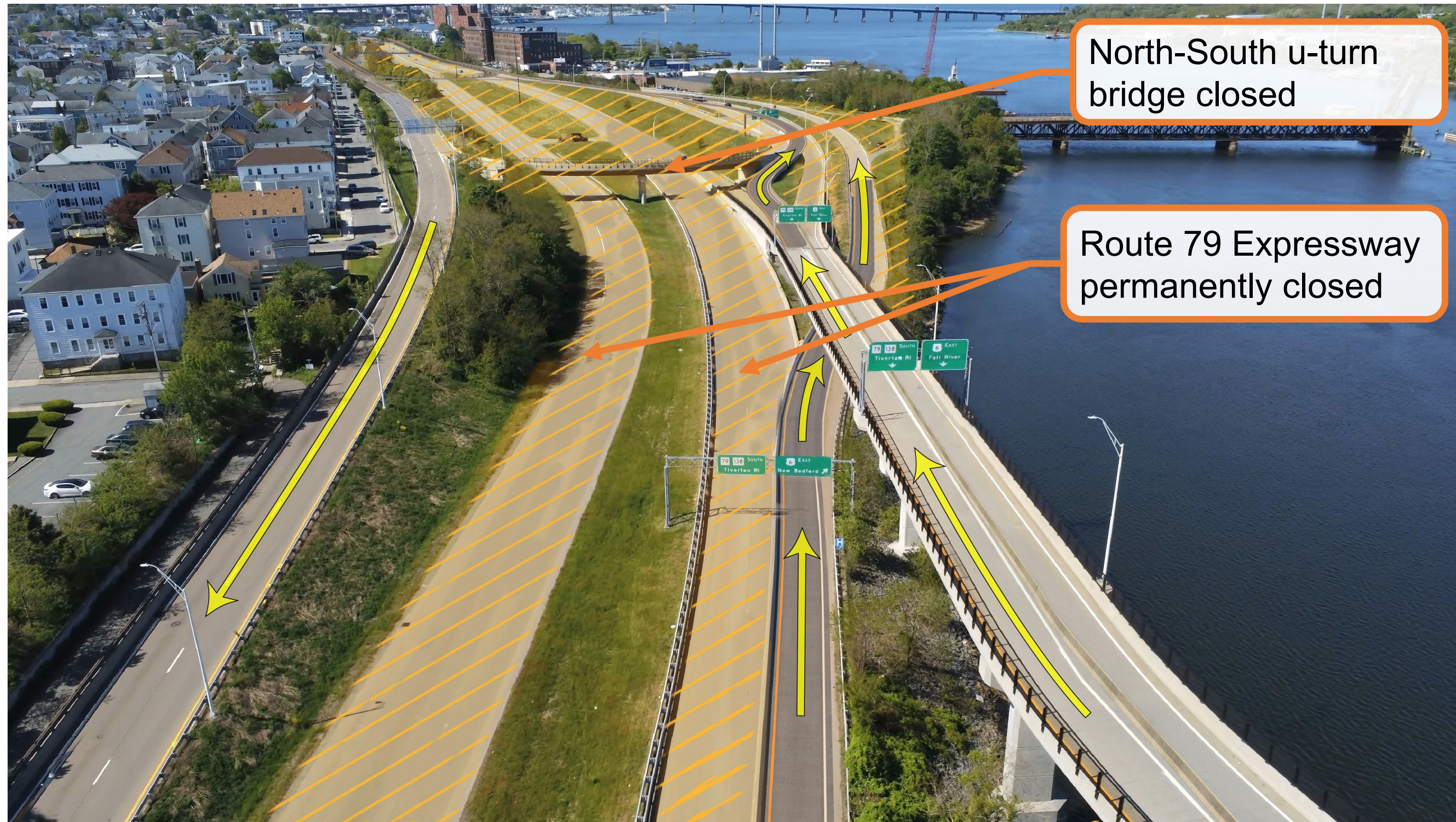
### Regional

- Signage notifying traffic to use Route 24
- No lanes on Route 79/Davol closed during peak traffic times



## Stage 2A: Ongoing

Looking South at Veterans Memorial Bridge



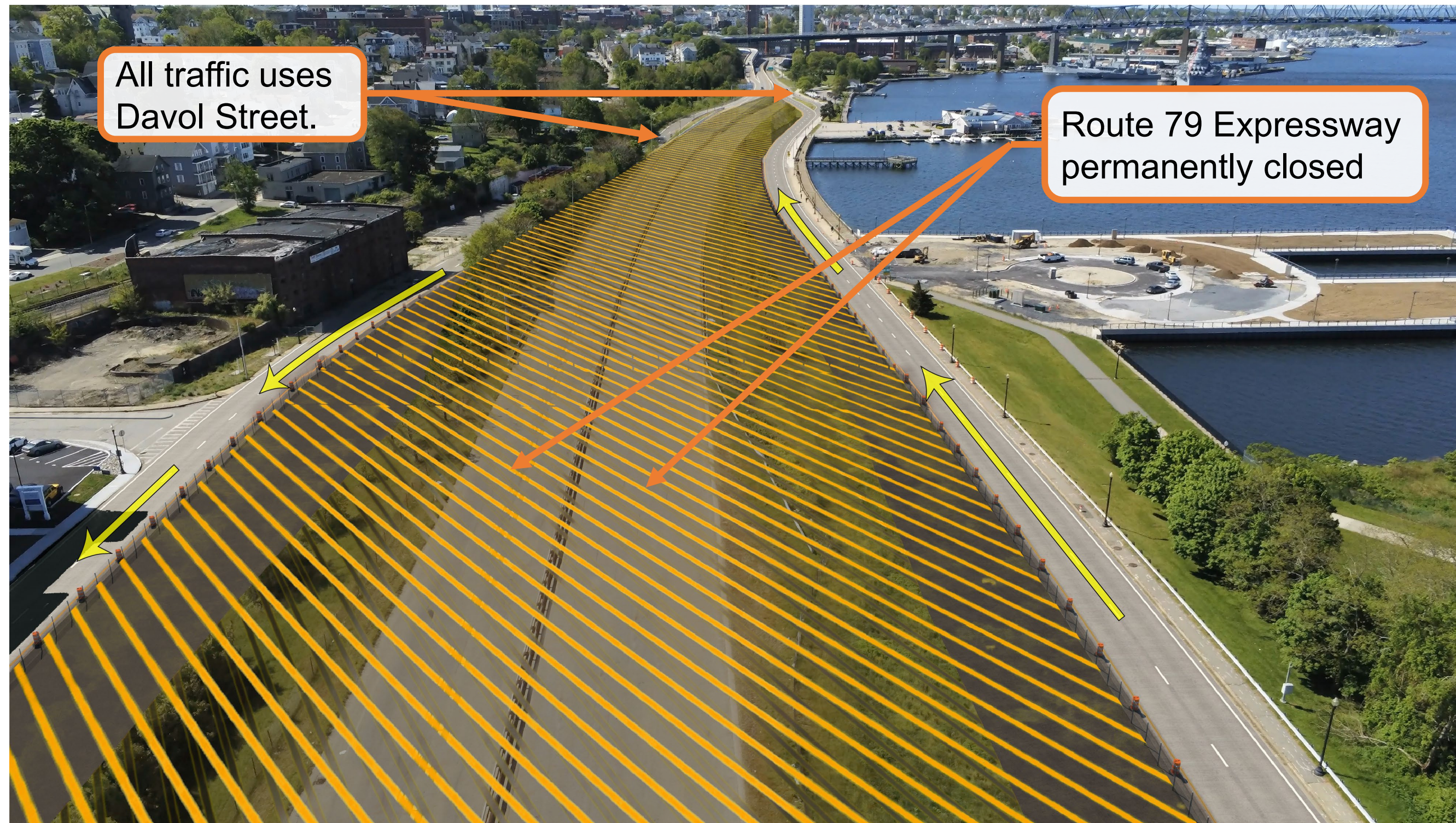
### Highlights

- All traffic uses Davol Street.
- Reversing traffic uses Corey Street U-turn
- On street parking on Davol minimally impacted.
- Work this stage includes:
  - Bridge Demo
  - Earth moving
  - Utilities



## Stage 2A: Ongoing

Looking South at Turner Street



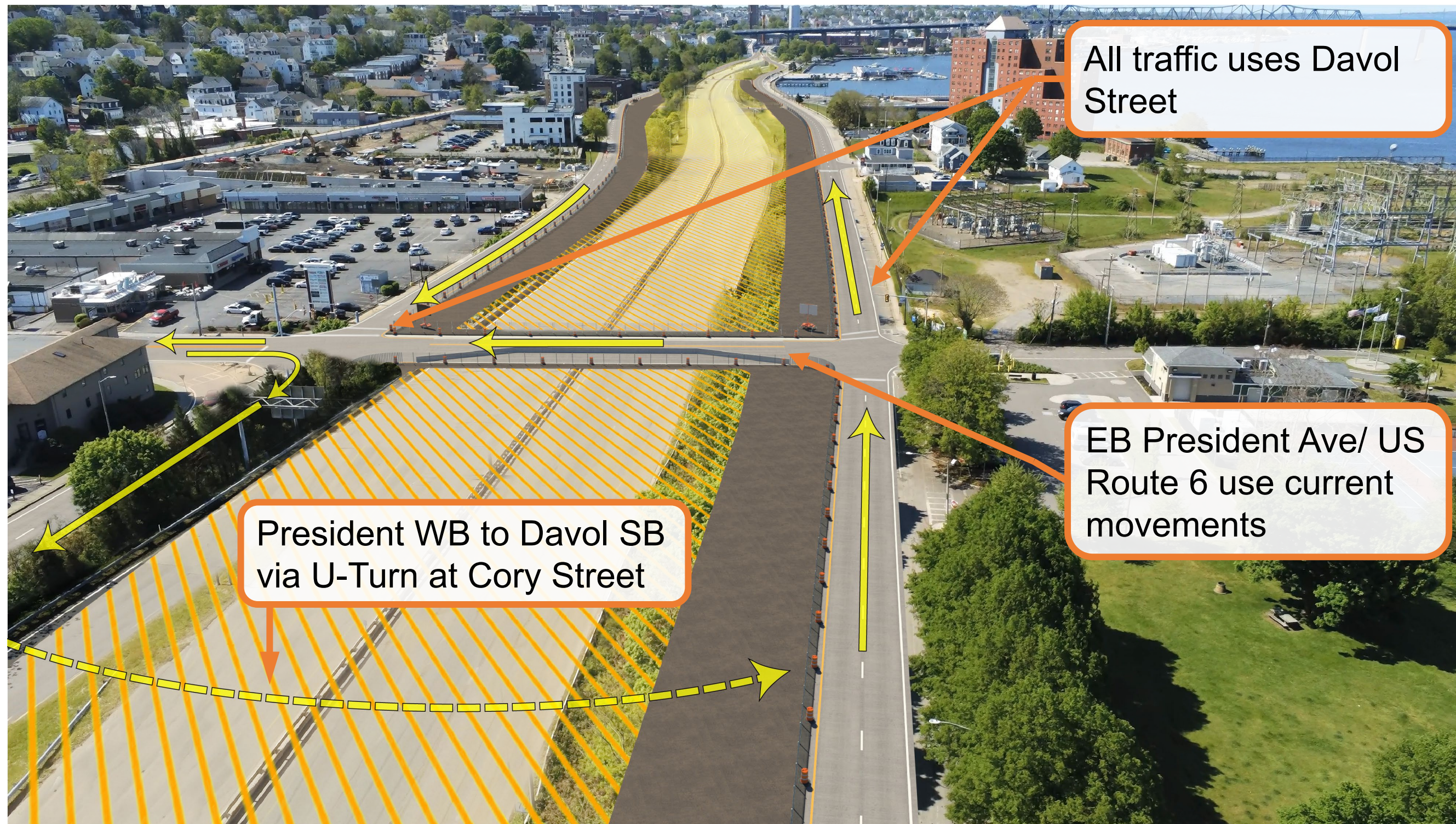
### Highlights

- Pedestrian access at southern u-turn maintained
- On street parking on Davol minimally impacted.
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## Stage 2B: What's Next, April 2023 – July 2025

Looking South at President Ave



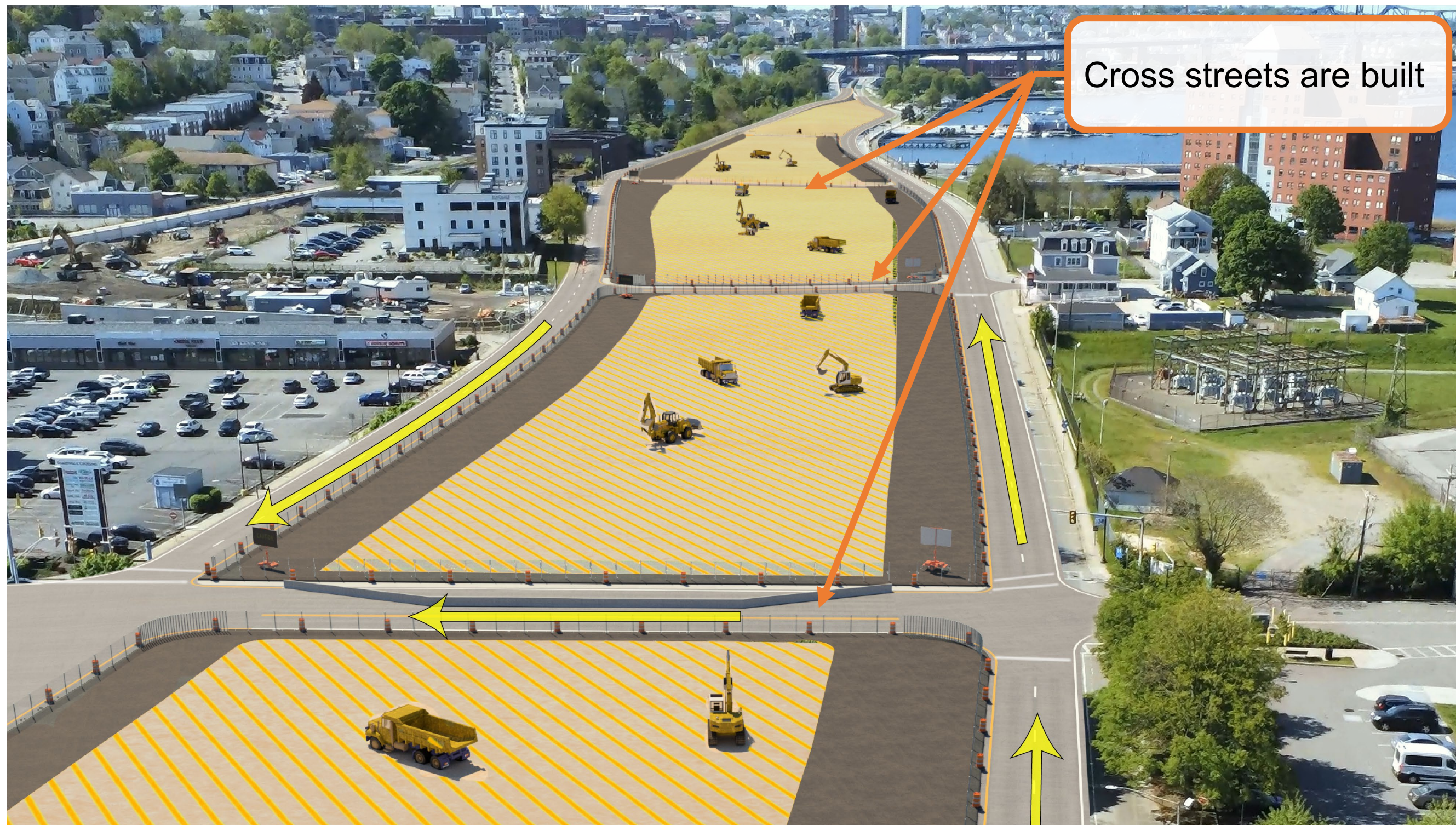
### Highlights

- Route 79 Expressway and bridges removed
- On street parking on Davol removed.
- Work this stage includes:
  - construct left half of proposed road and temp paving
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Cross streets are built

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