



Route 79/Davol Street Corridor Improvements

FALL RIVER

Working Group Meeting

October 15, 2018



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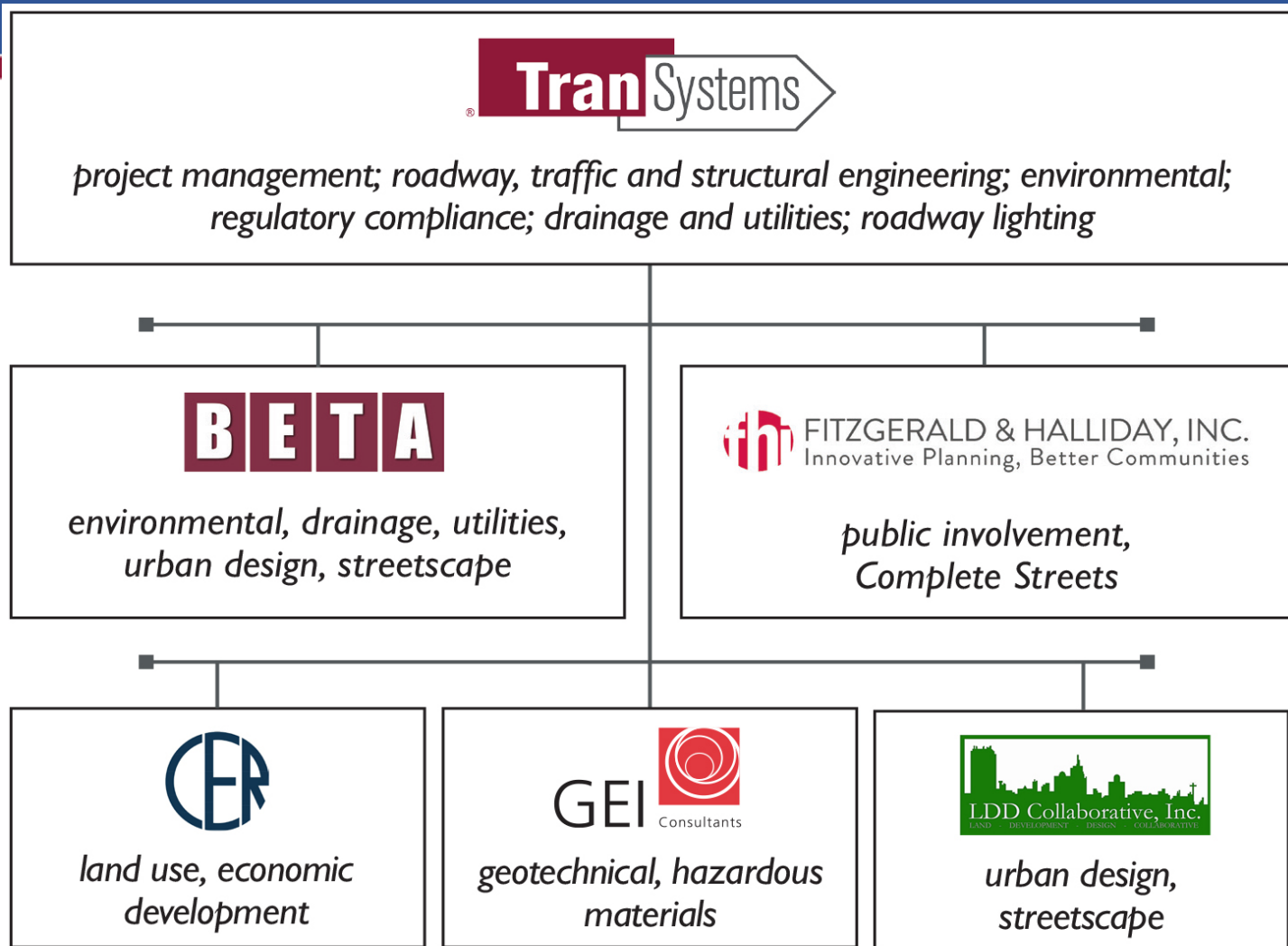
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Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Project Schedule
- Public Outreach
- Next Steps
- Discussion

Project Team



Project Area



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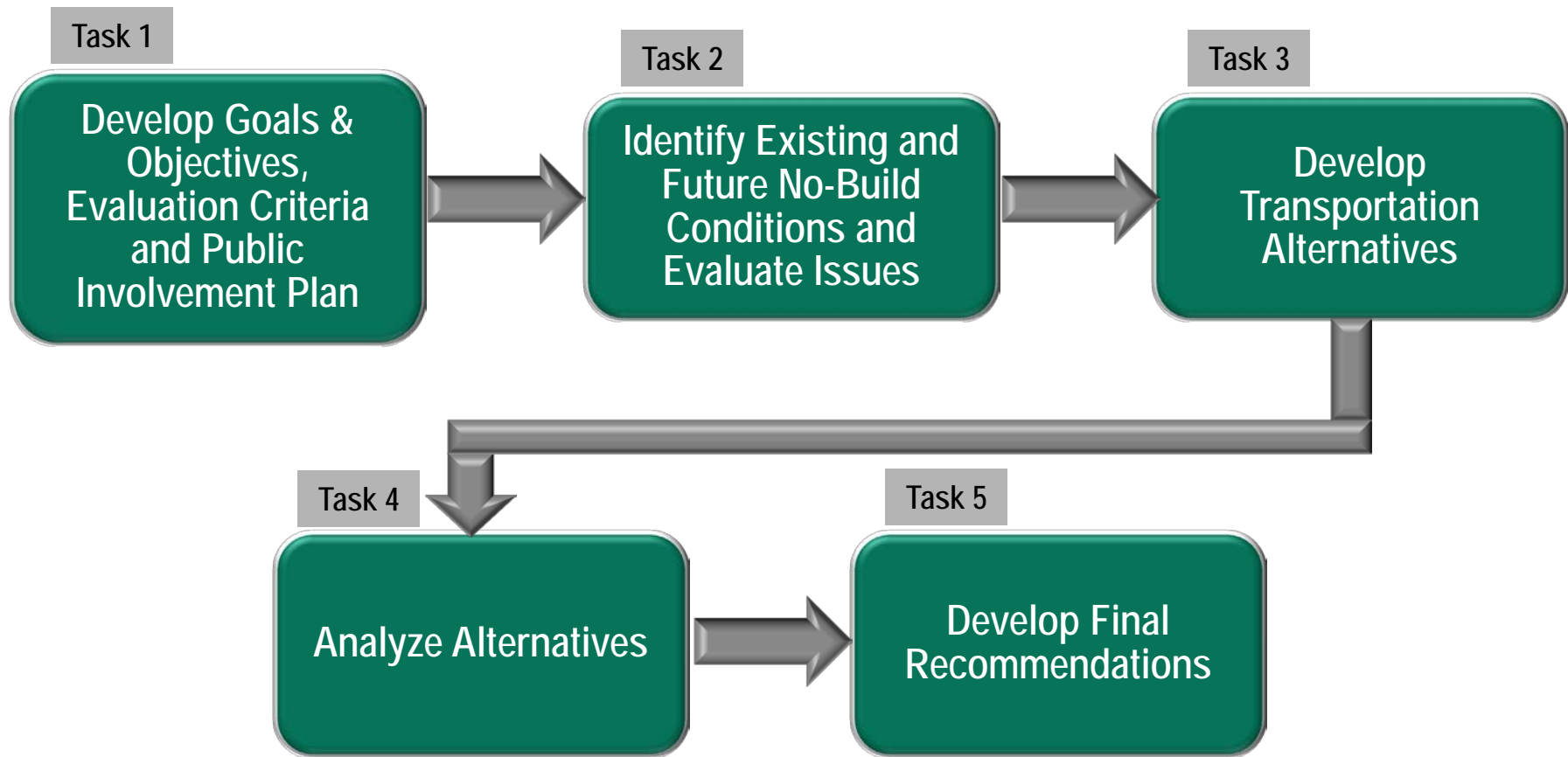
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Route 79/Davol Street Corridor Study - 2014



Study Goals

- Identify opportunities to improve mobility, connectivity, and safety along and across the Route 79 and Davol Street corridor
- Promote and foster regional and local economic development potential
- Improve the quality of life for residents

Public Outreach

- Working Group Meetings
 - 7 Meetings
 - Local officials & community members

- Public Informational Meetings
 - 2 meetings

Alternatives

- Short Term: primarily intersection safety improvements
- Long Term: reconfiguration of Davol Street/Route 79 Corridor
 - Alternative 1: Elevated Limited Access Route 79
 - Alternative 2: Urban Boulevard
 - Alternative 3: Boulevard with Frontage Roads

Shortlisted Alternatives

► Alternative 2 – Urban Boulevard

- Three lanes in each direction on Route 79
- Continuous Davol Street West for two-way traffic

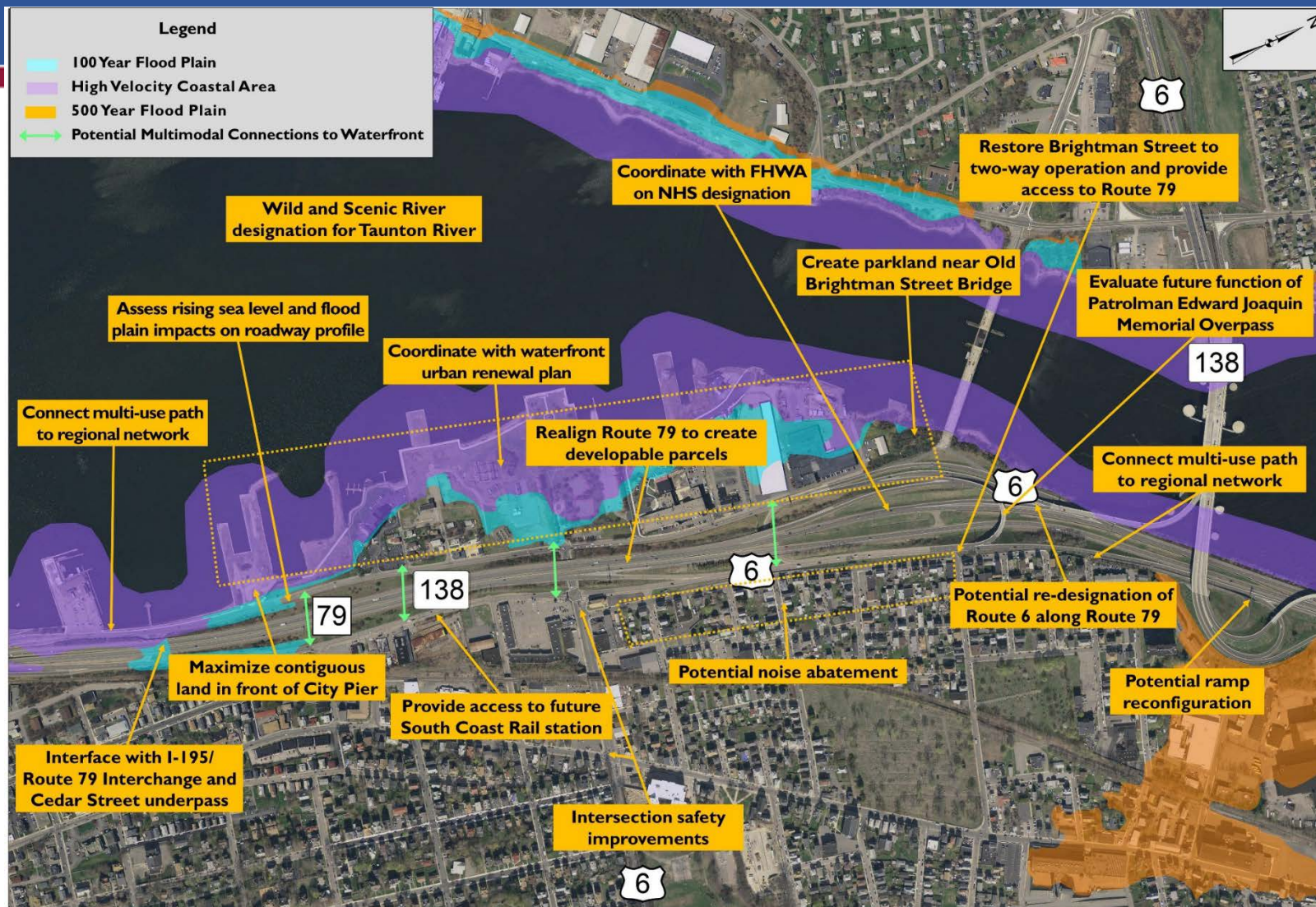
► Alternative 2-Modified

- Two lanes in each direction on Route 79
- Davol Street truncated to provide local access to development parcels only

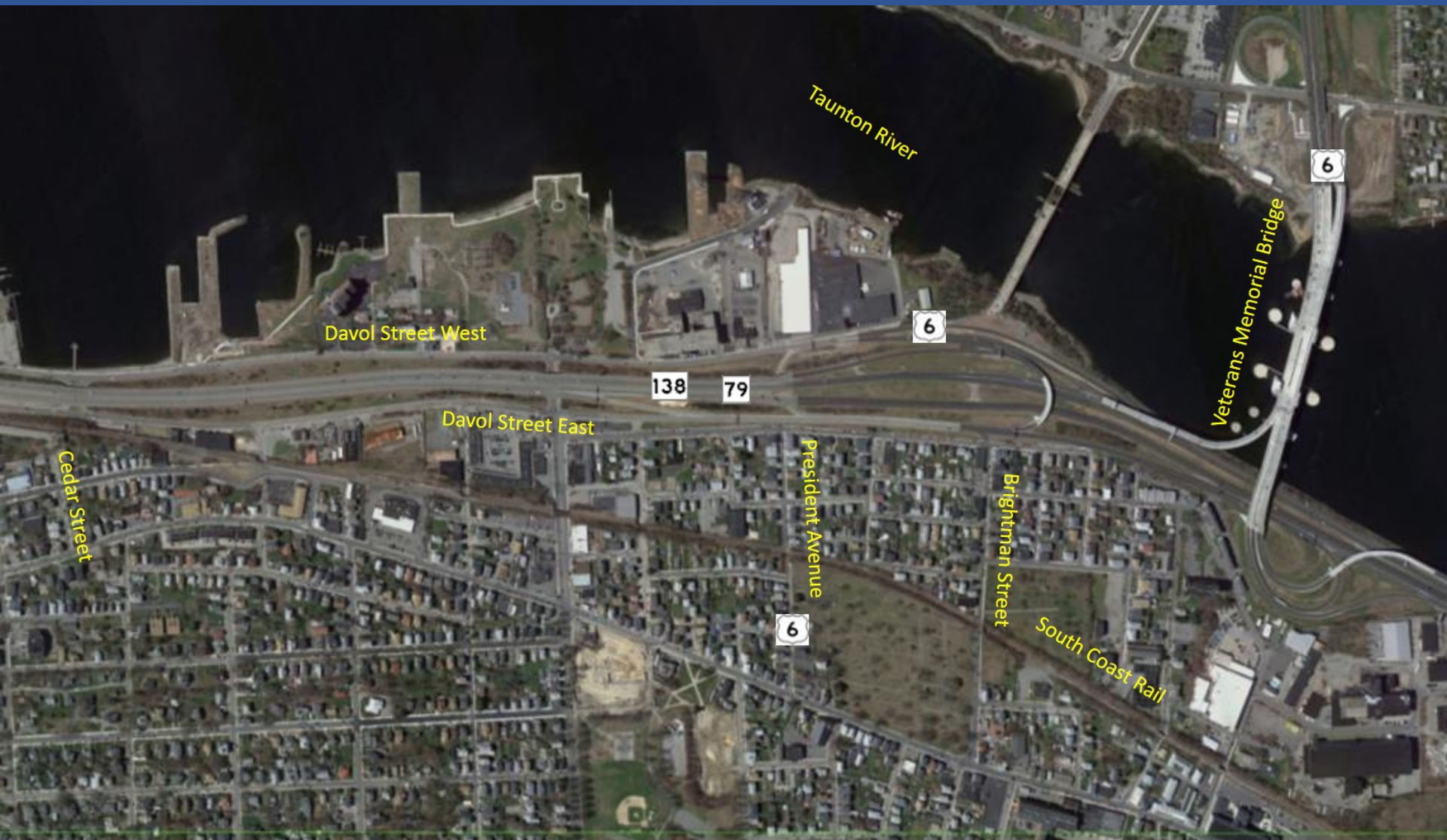
Alternative 2 – Urban Boulevard



Key Issues



Brightman Street Access



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Bicycle Accommodations



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Development Mix and Density



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Additional Alternatives Requested by Federal Highway Administration

(based on January 3, 2018 meeting)

Additional Alternatives Requested by FHWA

A. Demolish Patrolman Edward Joaquin Overpass

- Eliminate Overpass
- Raise Route 79 to create at-grade intersection with Brightman Street

Demolish Patrolman Edward Joaquin Overpass



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Additional Alternatives Requested by FHWA

B. Demolish Route 79 Overpass near Cedar Street

- Lower Route 79
- Reconstruct approximately 1,000 feet of Route 79 south of the overpass

Demolish Route 79 Overpass near Cedar Street



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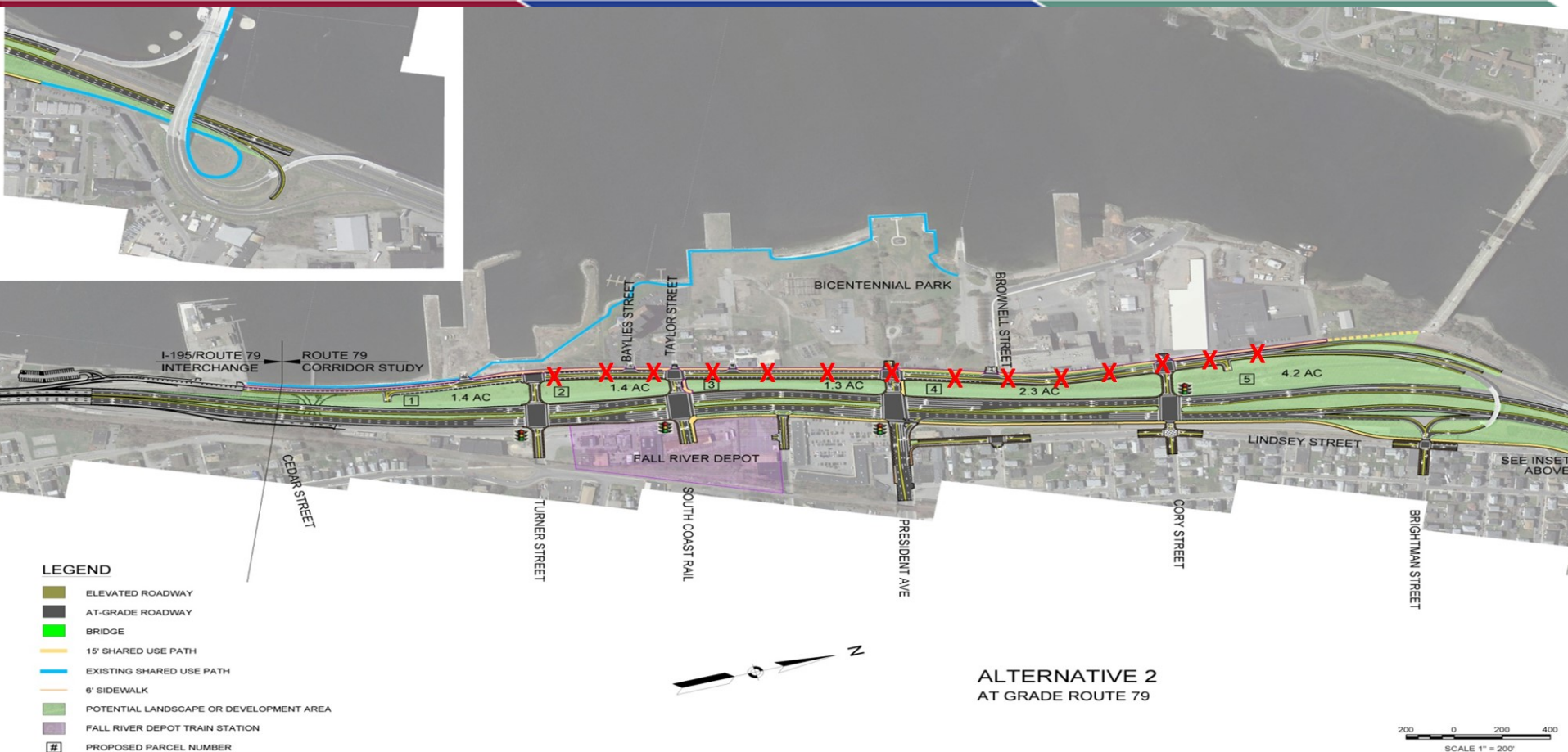
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Additional Alternatives Requested by FHWA

C. Eliminate Davol Street West

- Provide access to development parcels from cross streets

Eliminate Davol Street West



Major Project Phases

► Alternatives Refinement and Analysis

- Alternative 2
- Alternative 2-Modified
- FHWA Alternatives

► Environmental Documentation

- Early Environmental Coordination
- NEPA Categorical Exclusion
- MEPA ENF
- Notice of Intent

► 25% Design

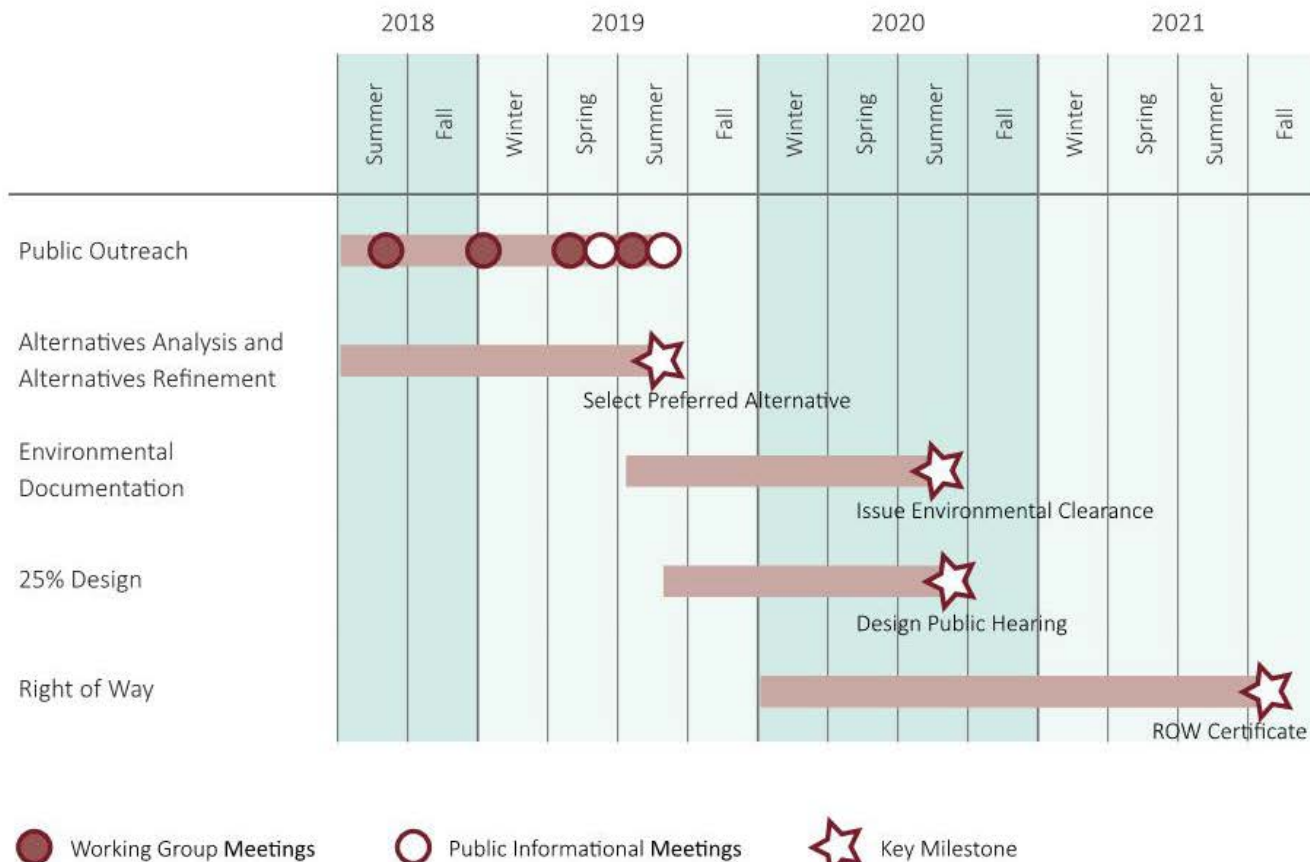
- Prepare design documents for Design-Build procurement
- Design Public Hearing

► Right of Way

► Public Outreach

Project Schedule

PROJECT SCHEDULE



Public Outreach

- ▶ Working Group – 4 meetings
- ▶ Public Information Meetings – 2 meetings
- ▶ Focus Group Meetings on selected topics
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian
 - Economic Development
- ▶ Outreach over next 12 months
- ▶ Outreach Coordinator Jill Barrett, 860-570-0740,
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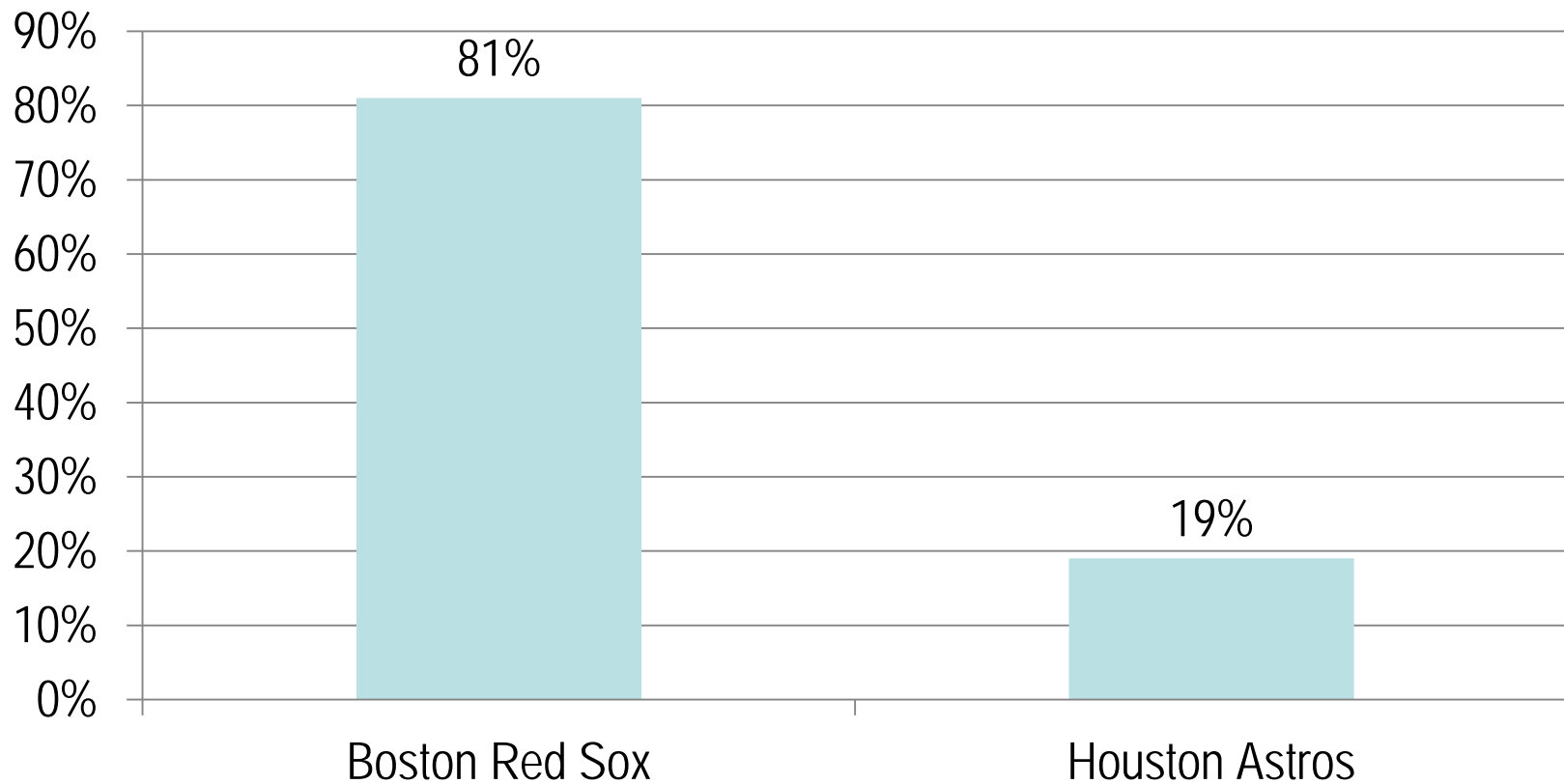
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- Analysis of existing conditions
- Development of traffic forecasts
- Assessment of local development climate
- Evaluation of feasibility of eliminating Patrolman Edward Joaquin Overpass and overpass near Cedar Street
- Collection of noise data

Who will win the American League Pennant?

1. Boston Red Sox
2. Houston Astros

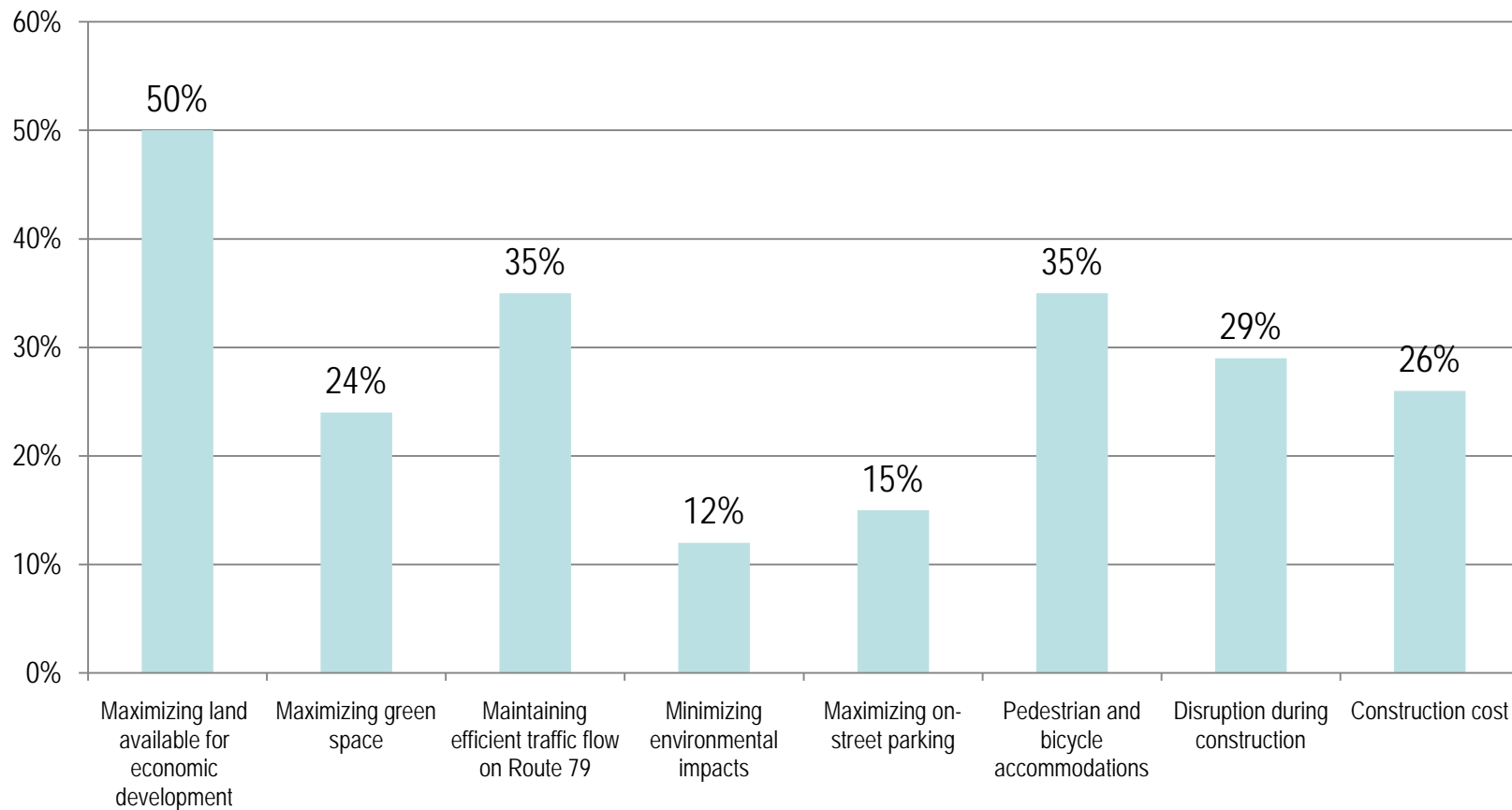
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What design issues do you think are most important for the team to consider? (Choose Only 3)

1. Maximizing land available for economic development
2. Maximizing green space
3. Maintaining efficient traffic flow on Route 79
4. Minimizing environmental impacts
5. Maximizing on-street parking
6. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations
7. Disruption during construction
8. Construction cost

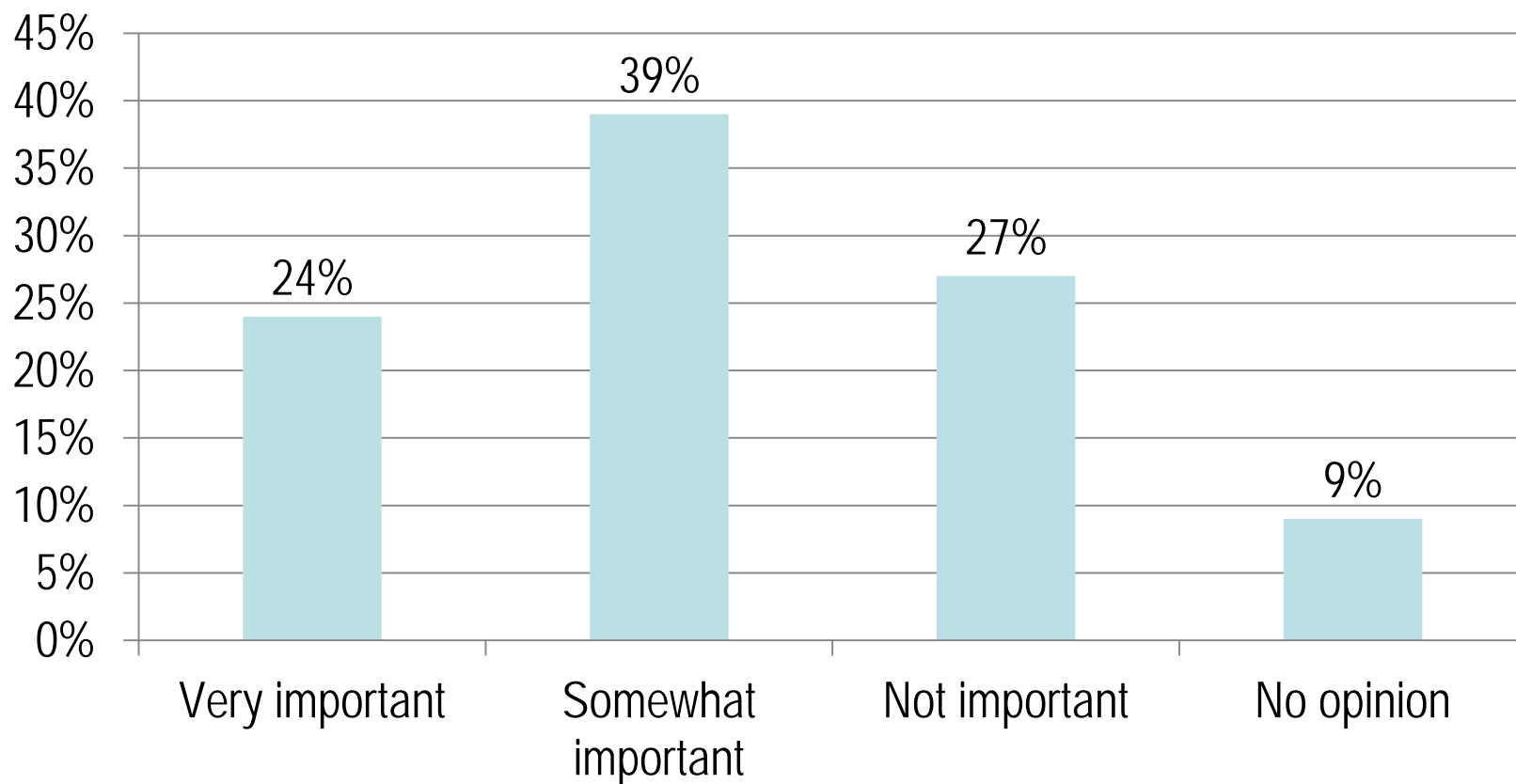
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How important to you is restoration of Brightman Street access?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not important
4. No opinion

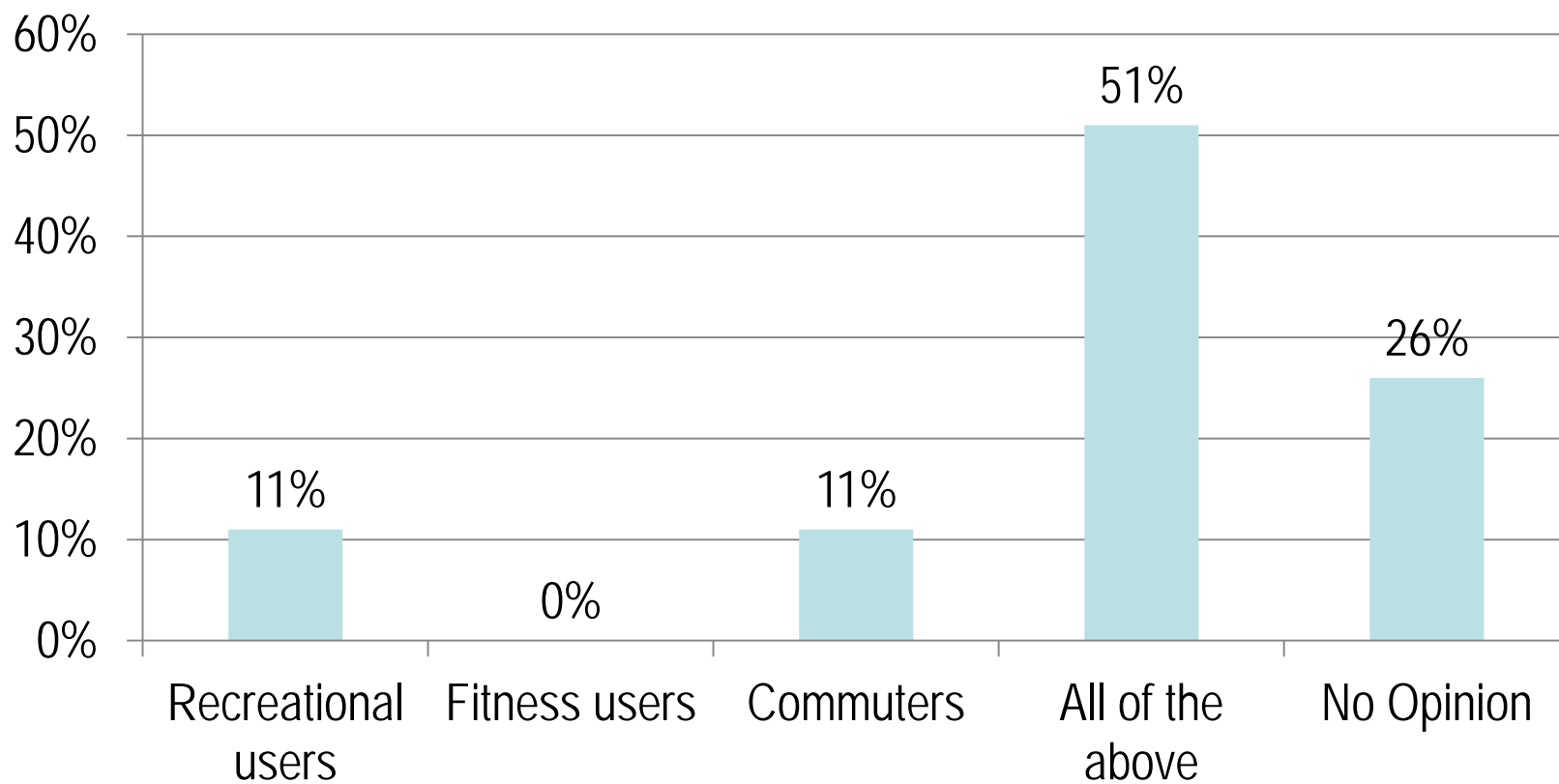
How important to you is restoration of Brightman Street access?



What kind of bicycle users do you think most important to accommodate in the design?

1. Recreational users
2. Fitness users
3. Commuters
4. All of the above
5. No Opinion

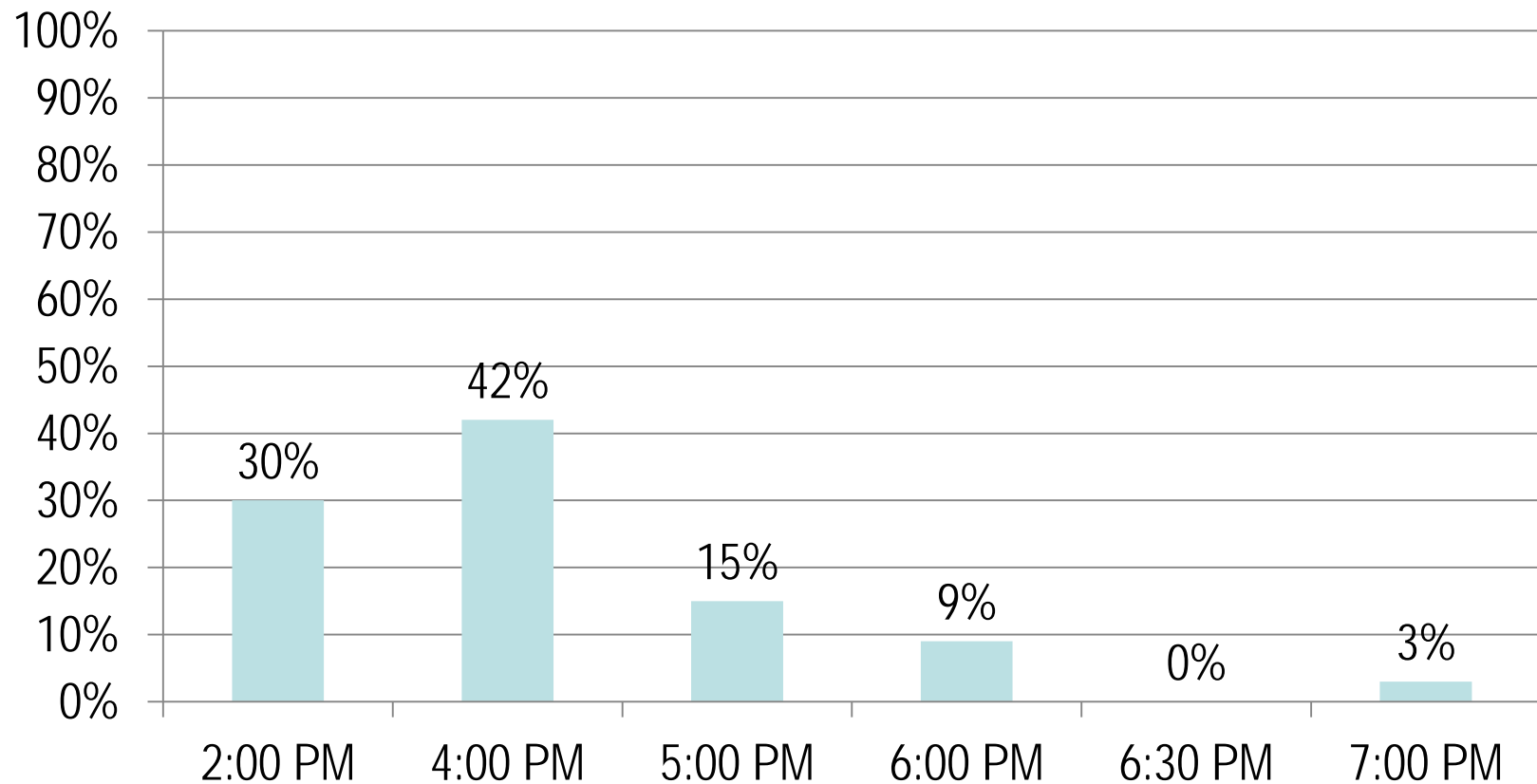
What kind of bicycle users do you think most important to accommodate in the design?



What is your preferred time for this working group to meet?

1. 2:00 PM
2. 4:00 PM
3. 5:00 PM
4. 6:00 PM
5. 6:30 PM
6. 7:00 PM

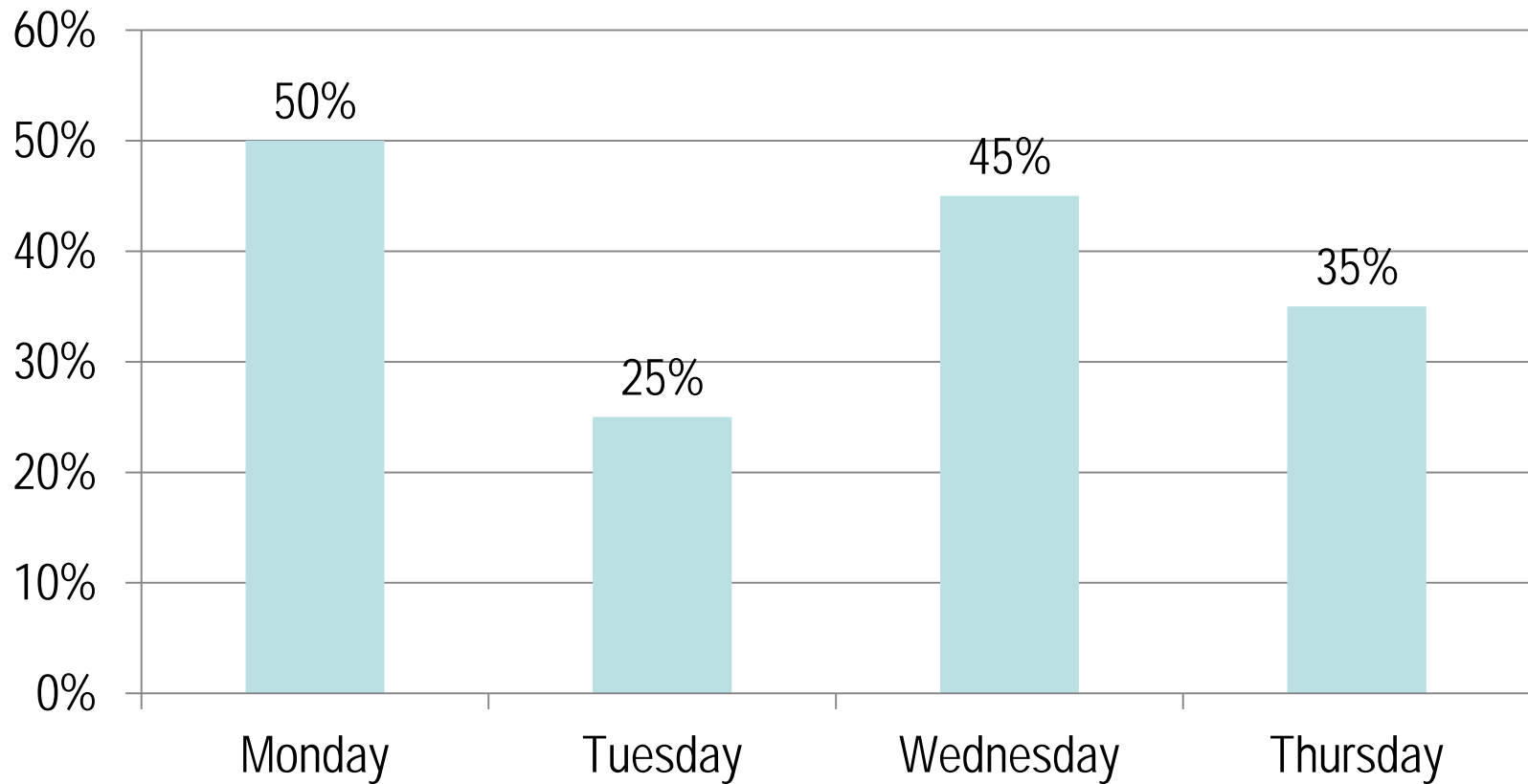
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What is your preferred day of the week to meet (Choose all that apply)

1. Monday
2. Tuesday
3. Wednesday
4. Thursday

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DISCUSSION