

Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements – Phase III Charles River Reservation, Cambridge

Public Listening Session

Morse School Cafeteria, 40 Granite Street, Cambridge

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

April 11, 2019

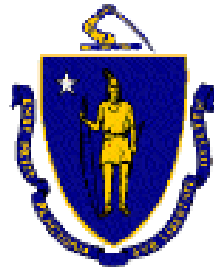
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DCR Mission Statement

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***To protect, promote, and enhance our
commonwealth of natural, cultural,
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Tonight's Meeting: Project Kickoff

Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements Phase III Design

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Brief Project Overview

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Breakout Groups

Existing Conditions

Community Priorities

8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Report Back

Context: Charles River Basin Connectivity Study



Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Study, DCR, 2014



Greenough Boulevard Expansion, DCR, 2016

Context



Mount Auburn Street Corridor Study, DCR, 2017



River Street Reconstruction, Cambridge, 2020

Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements

Phase I: Fowler Street to Longfellow Bridge

Construction completed 2004 (\$4M)

Phase II: Longfellow Bridge to Boston University Boathouse

Construction completed 2016 (\$6.77M)

Phase III: Eliot Bridge to Boston University Bridge

Design Spring 2019 – Fall 2020 (\$650K)

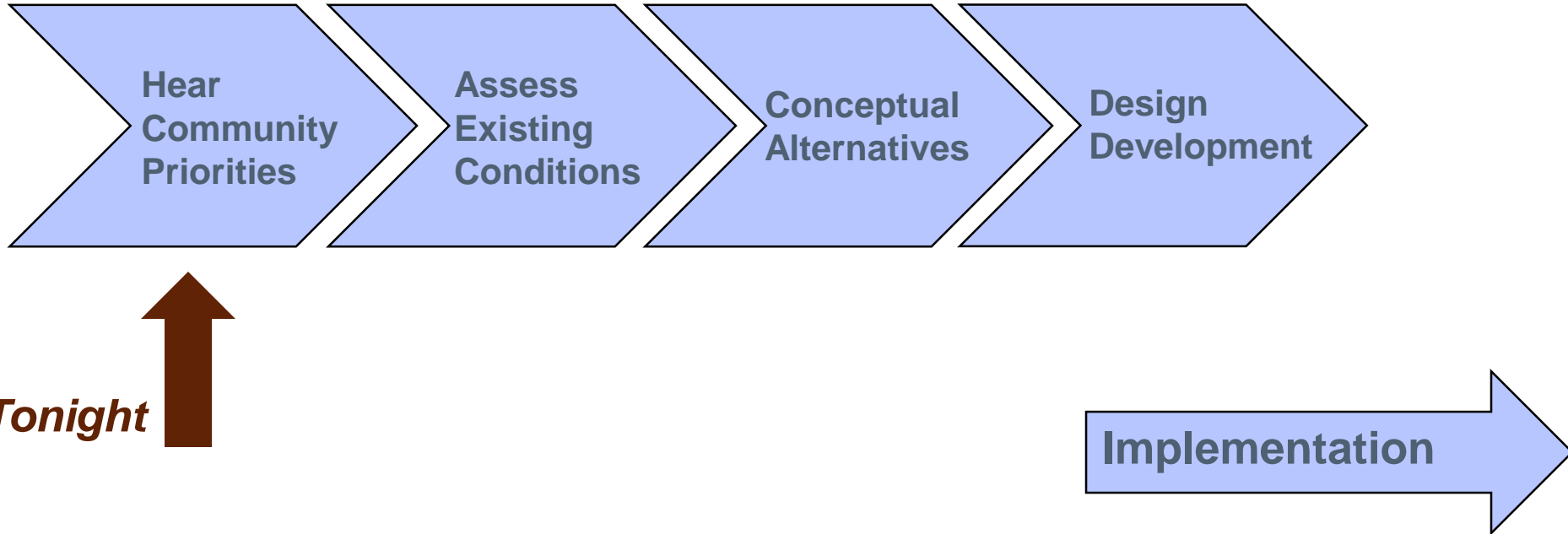
Construction Cost/ Funding to be identified

Phase III Project Limits



- Rotary at Boston University Bridge
- Major Intersections at Western, River, JFK Street
- Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path
- Footbridges:
 - John W. Weeks (over the Charles River)
 - Magazine Beach Pedestrian Bridge

Public Process



Phase III Project Team

- **Project Lead: Department of Conservation and Recreation**
- **Consultant Team:**
 - **AECOM – Designer**
 - **Howard Stein Hudson – Public Involvement**
 - **Brennan Consulting – Survey**

What's Happened So Far

- **Existing conditions survey**
 - **Aerial photogrammetry and base topography**
 - **Charles River Bank delineation**
 - **Storm-water and Utility structures**
- **Existing Conditions Inventory**
- **Traffic Study Data Collection (*2 rounds, late March and May*)**
 - **Vehicle Counts**
 - **Bike, Pedestrian counts**

Public Input Map – Open through May 9th, 2019



Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements Phase III Interactive Map

Share your experiences on the map below: click 'Add Points,' select the relevant topic, and write your comment.



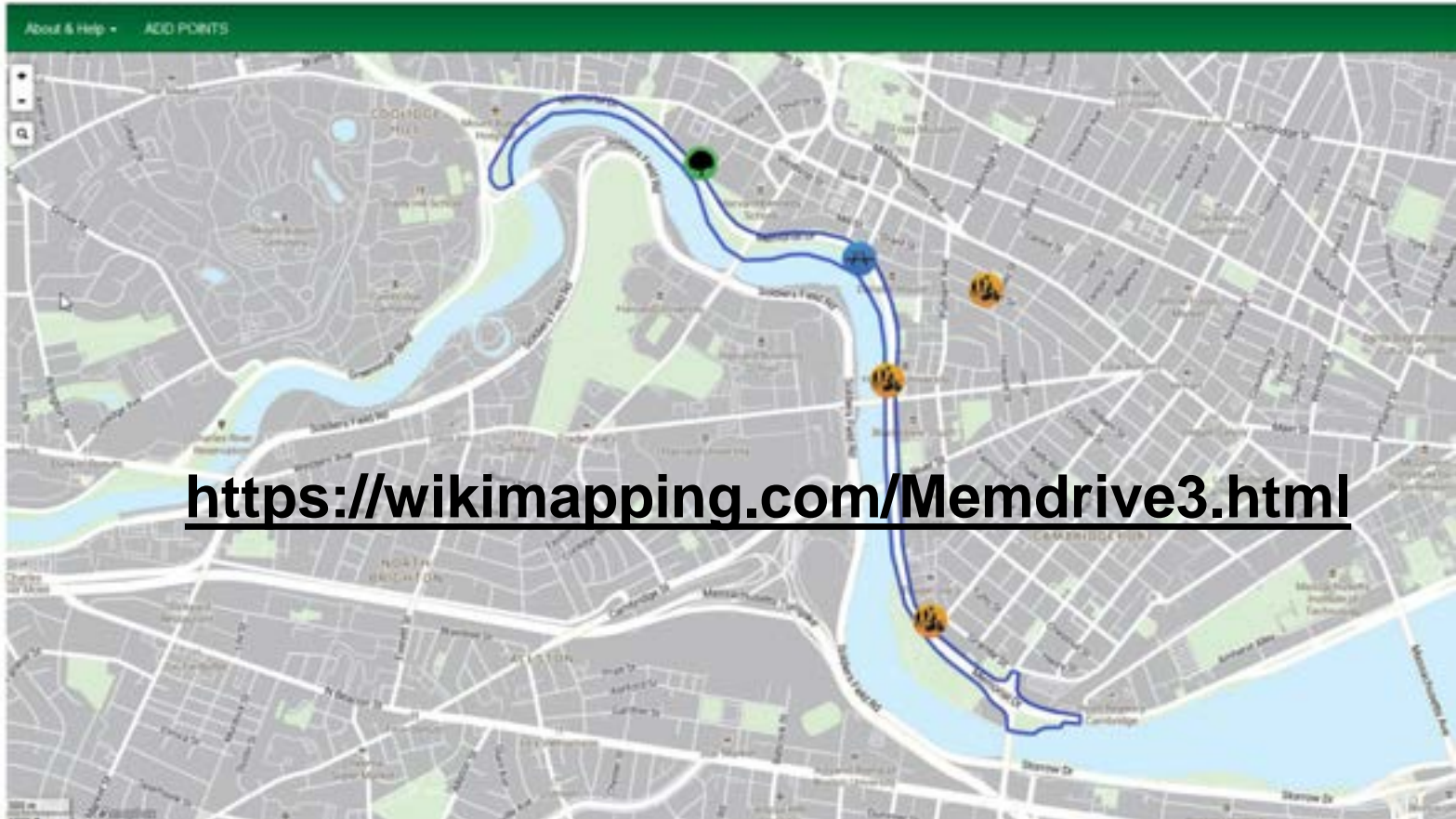
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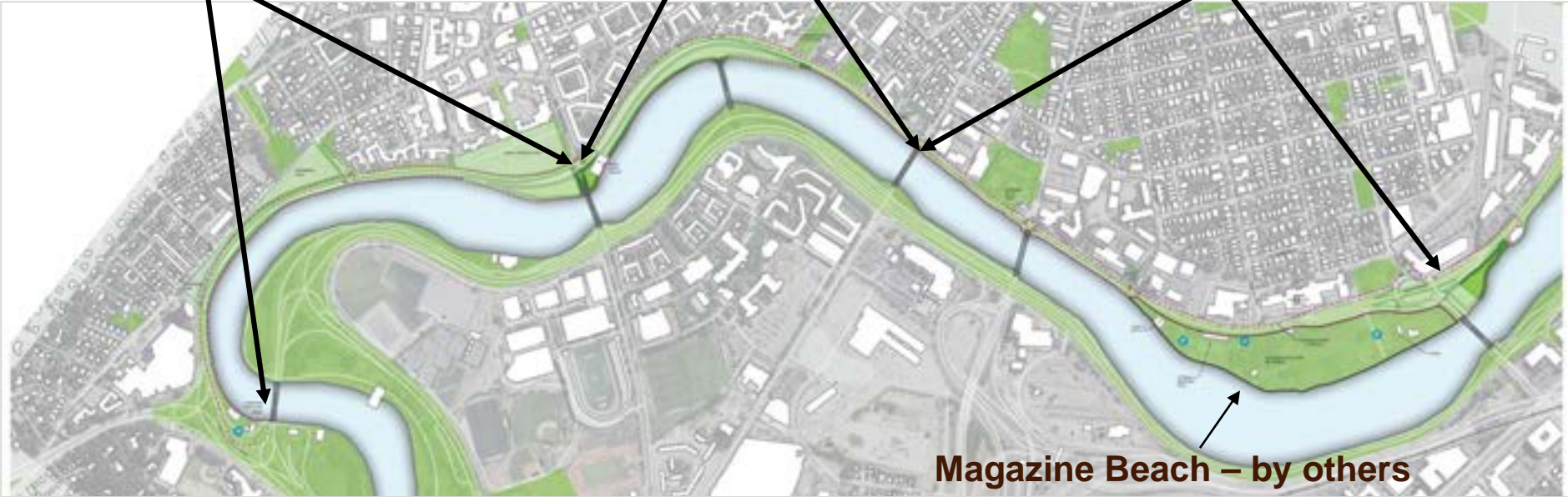
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Existing Conditions and Major Segments

**Eliot Bridge to Anderson
Memorial Bridge**

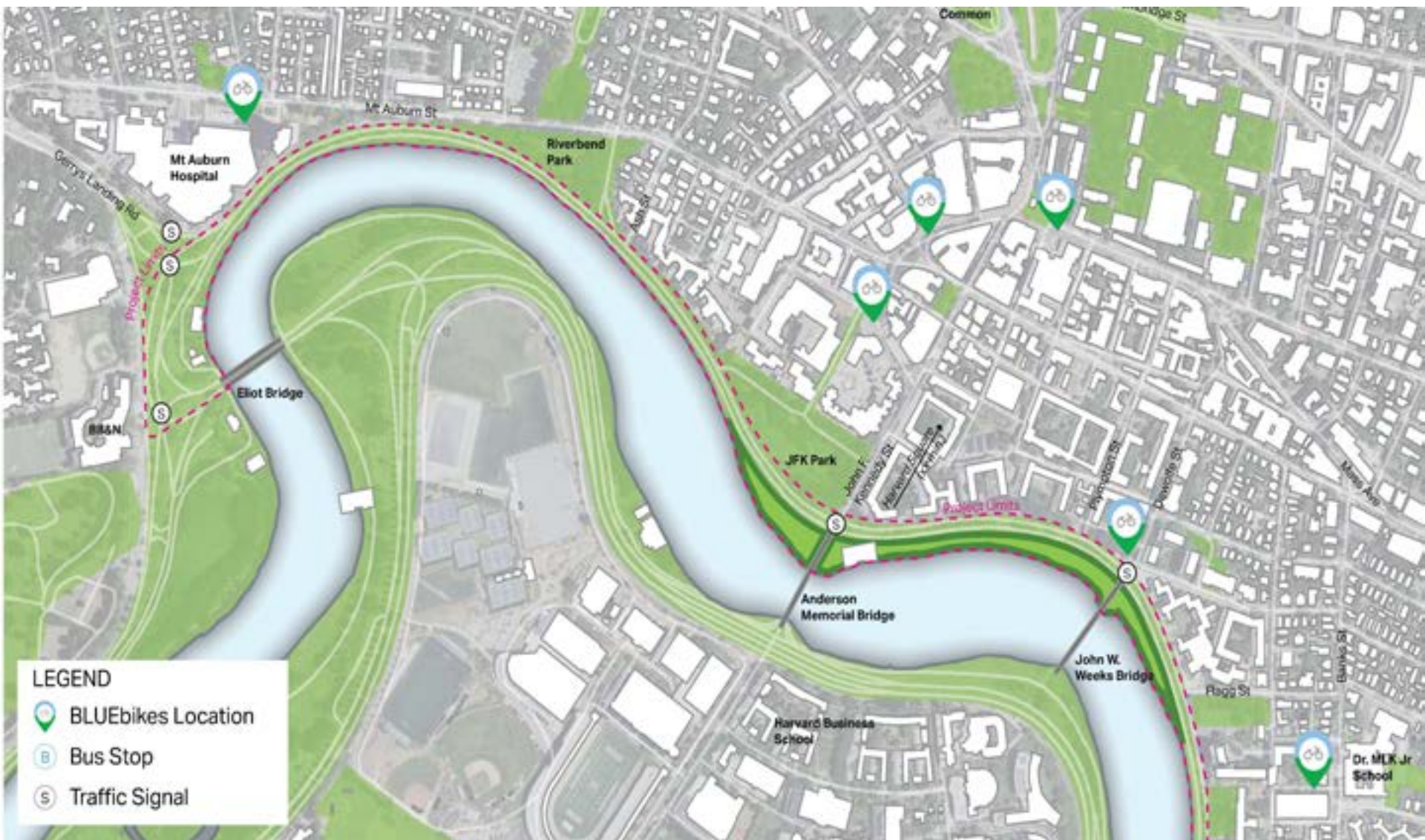
**Anderson Memorial Bridge
to Western Avenue**

**Western Avenue to
Rotary and intersection at
Boston University Bridge**



Magazine Beach – by others

Eliot Bridge to Anderson Memorial Bridge



Eliot Bridge to Anderson Memorial Bridge

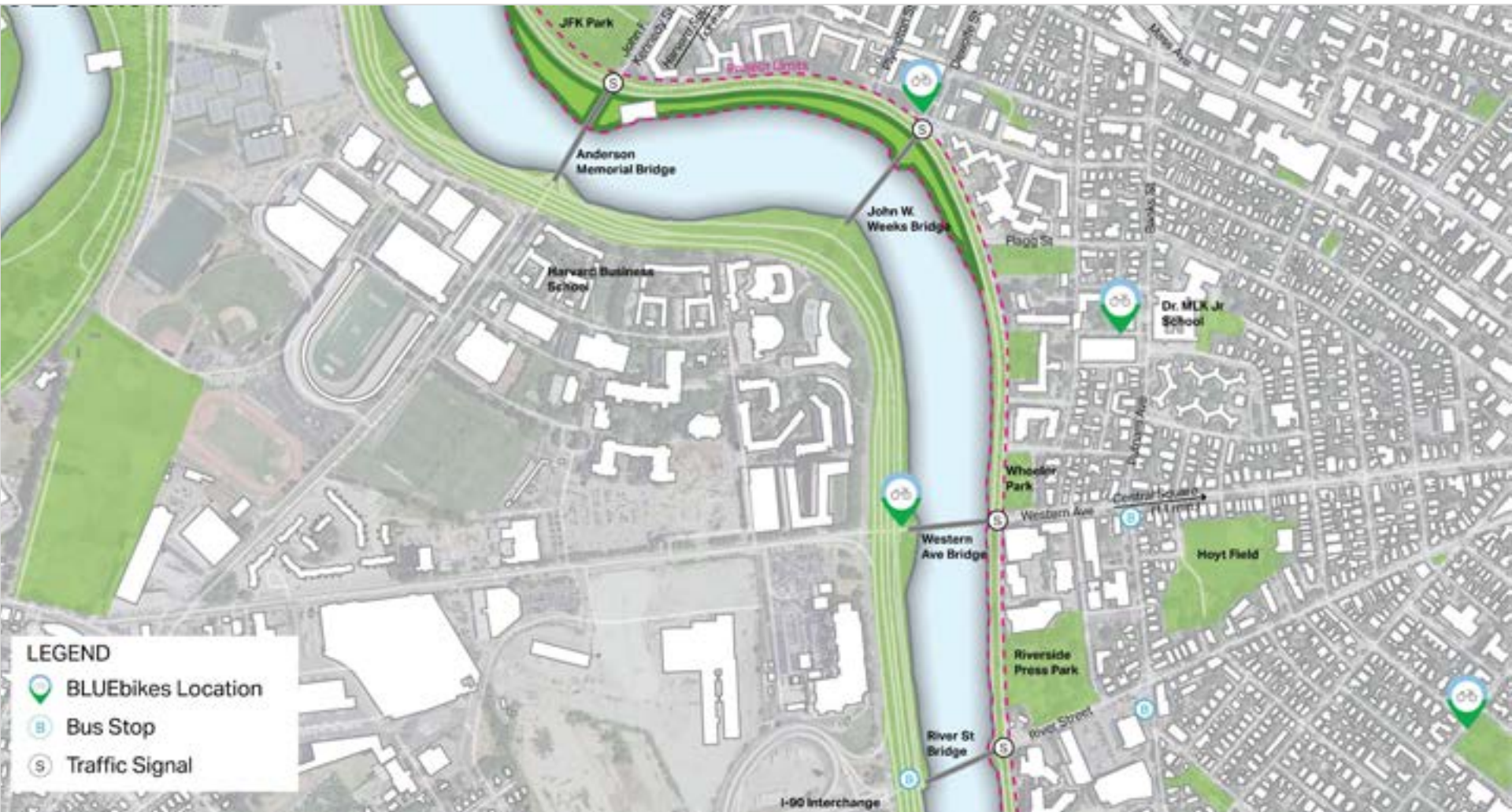


John F. Kennedy Street at Memorial Drive



Charles River opposite JFK Park

Anderson Memorial Bridge to Western Avenue



Anderson Memorial Bridge to Western Avenue

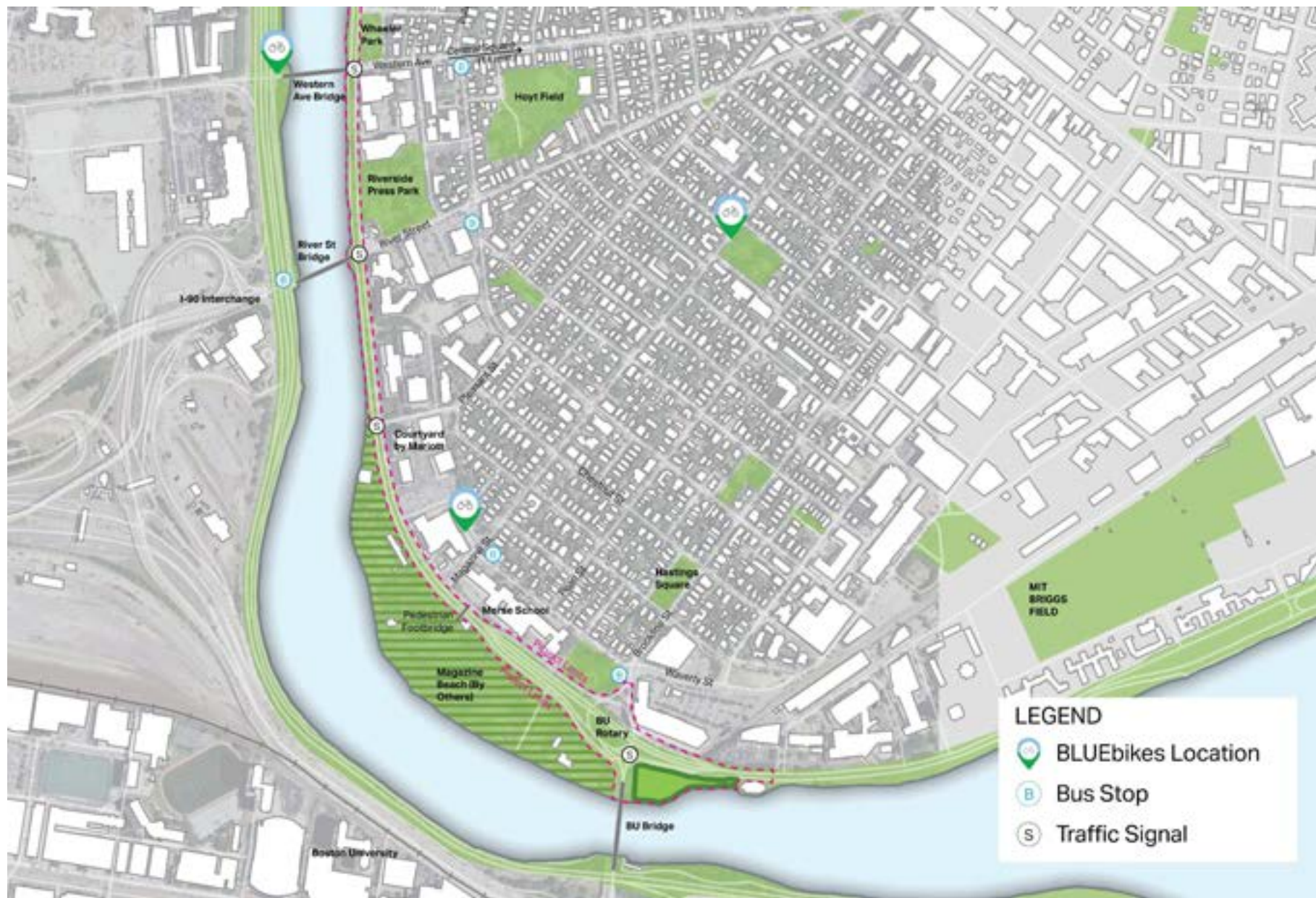


Existing conditions nearing the Western Avenue and Memorial Drive intersection



Vegetation along Memorial Drive

Western Ave to Rotary and Intersection at Boston University Bridge



Western Ave to Rotary and Intersection at Boston University Bridge



Rotary and intersection at Boston University Bridge

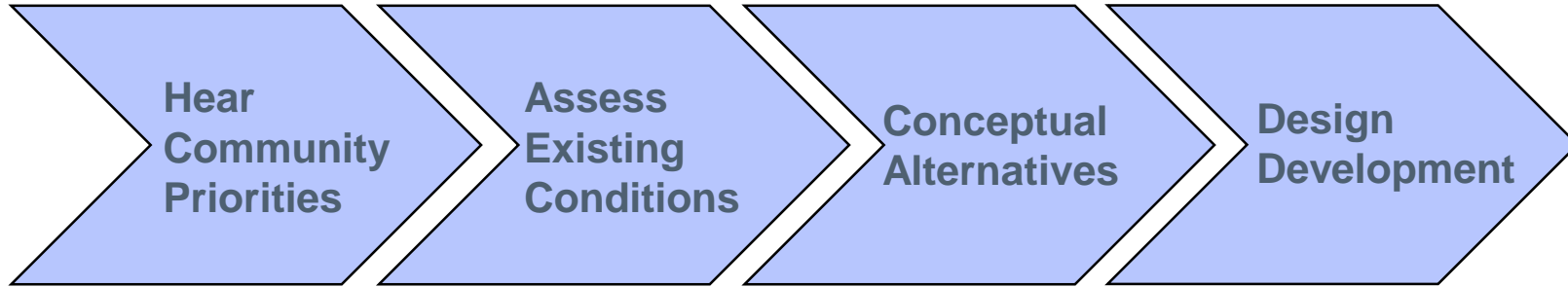


Memorial Drive approaching River Street



East of the Boston University Bridge

Next Steps



- **Existing Conditions Inventory Completion**
- **Traffic Analysis, Report (anticipated June)**
- **Begin developing concept**
- **Next Meeting Anticipated: Late June**

Now: Breakout Sessions

Goals

- Identify Problems/Opportunities
- Capture Your Ideas

Report back at 8:00 p.m.



We Want to Hear About

- Riverbank Access
- Pedestrian/ Safety Issues
- Bicycle Network and Connections
- Traffic and Congestion
- Environmental Concerns
- Park Spaces
- Lessons Learned from Phases I and II
- Others

Stay Involved

Submit Feedback on the project's Public Input Map:
<https://wikimapping.com/MemDrive3.html>

Deadline: May 9, 2019 (extended)

For more information:

www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/memorial-drive-greenway-improvements-phase-iii>
- **If you have comments or suggestions on this project:**

Submit online: www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment

Write: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
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Boston, MA 02114

Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no information, including contact information, will be redacted.

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