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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION



Neponset River Greenway Public Hearing

May 2021





DCR Mission Statement

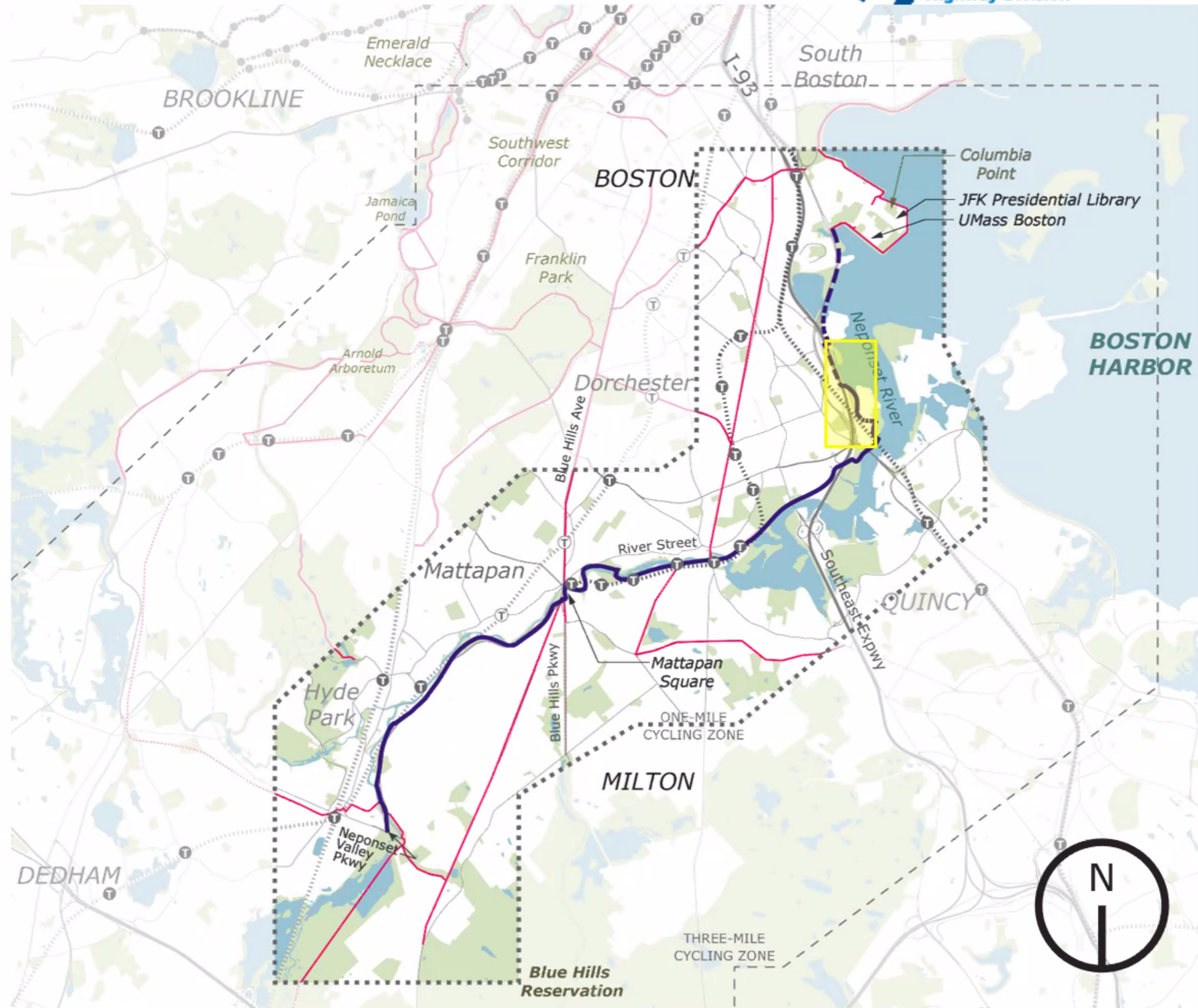
To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all



MassDOT Mission Statement

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Neponset River Greenway Public Hearing



Project Team

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Project Proponent/Project Review

MassDOT

Responsible for Design Review and administering the
Construction Process

Federal Highway Administration

Federally Funded Project

Design Team

BSC Group

Design Consultant – Trail design, Traffic Engineering and
Permitting

Landscape Architecture – Crosby Schlessinger Smallridge

Structural Engineering – Lin Associates

Geotechnical Engineering - GZA

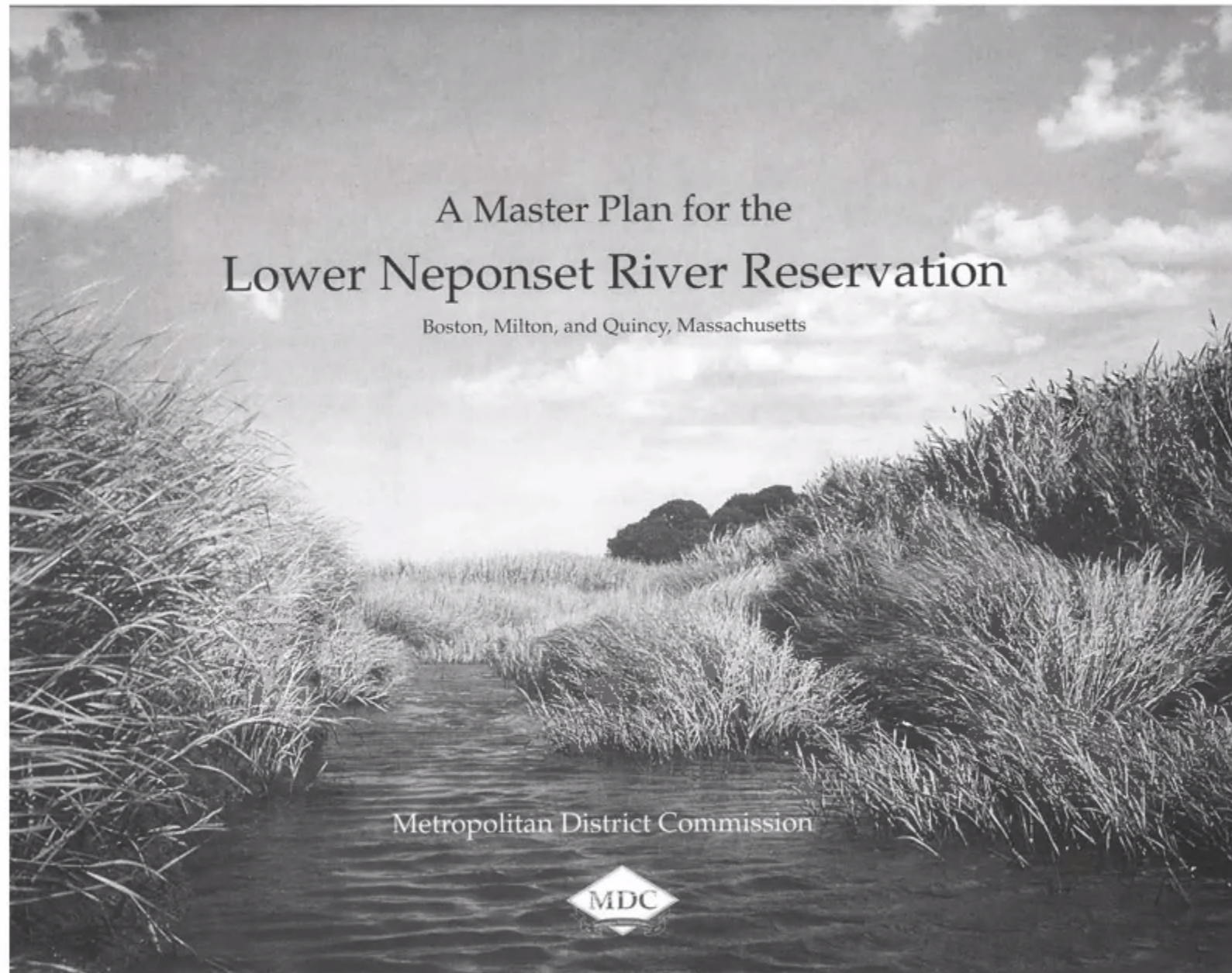


Agenda

- Project Background & Goals
- Site Analysis, Alternatives & Project Scope
- Project Impacts
- Environmental Permitting
- Project Schedule
- Questions & Comments



Neponset Reservation Master Plan -1996



- Create, preserve, and enhance the interconnected system of parks, nature reserves, and scenic roadways, specifically along the Neponset River
- Complete DCR's vision from 1990s for a seven-mile shared-use path along the Neponset River and Dorchester Bay
- Provide a safe, recreational opportunities to users of all ages from commuters to families
- Improve vegetation and natural resources along the project corridor

Project Goals

1. Provide a safe greenway connection from Tenean Beach to Morrissey Boulevard
2. Create a new linear park with access to the waterfront
3. Create pedestrian and bike connections to Victory Road Park and make improvements to the park
4. Address climate resiliency
5. Improve the habitat value of the corridor



Neponset River Greenway Development



Truman Parkway – Northern Section



Blue Hill Ave to Central Ave

Tenean Beach to Morrissey Boulevard (anticipated)



Pope John Paul Park



Truman Parkway – Southern Section





1 Truman Parkway – Southern



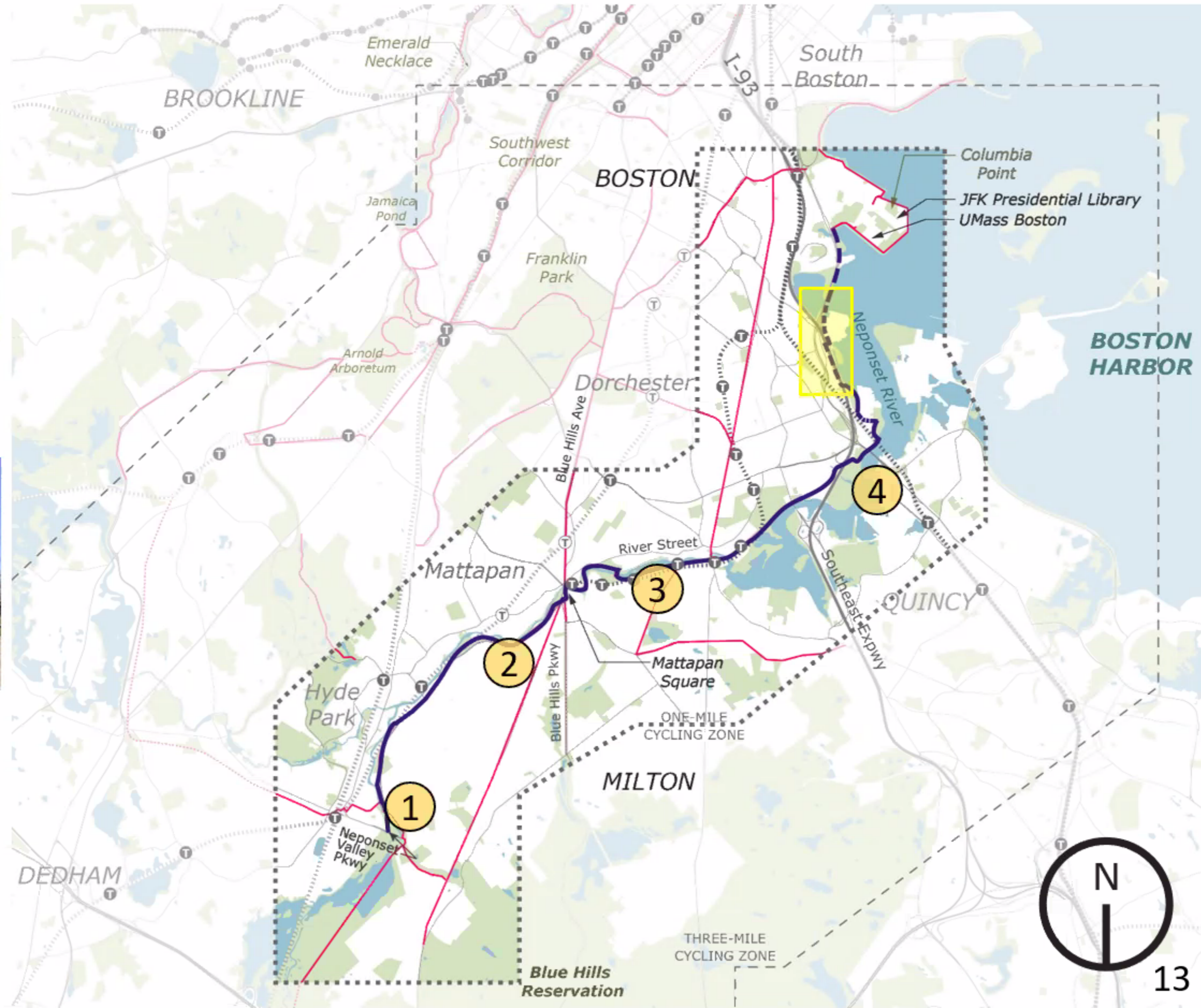
2 Truman Parkway –Northern



3 Blue Hill Ave to Central Ave



4 Pope John Paul II Park



Project Description

1. Conley Street, Tenean Street to Tenean Beach ~ 500 LF
2. Conley Street to Victory Road, West of I-93 ~2,000 Linear Feet
3. Victory Road, Freeport Street to Victory Park ~450 Linear Feet
4. Victory Road to Morrissey Boulevard, East of I-93 ~1,700 Linear Feet



Site Conditions and Opportunities



Opportunities for safe and visible trail connections.



Opportunities to improve the corridor.



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Opportunity to address climate resiliency and stormwater management.



Opportunities to improve habitat value.



Alternatives Analysis

Alternative 1: Tenean Beach to Morrissey Boulevard via Freeport Street and Victory Road

- Does not provide an off-road bike and pedestrian connection from Tenean Beach to Morrissey Boulevard.
- Limited right-of-way available.
- Frequent curb cuts.



Preferred Alternative

1. Provide a safe greenway connection from Tenean Beach to Morrissey Boulevard.
2. Create a new linear park with access to the waterfront.
3. Create pedestrian and bike connections to Victory Road Park and make improvements to the park.
4. Address climate resiliency.
5. Improve the habitat value of the corridor.



Project Scope

- Shared-use path with a boardwalk over Dorchester Bay with overlooks for ocean views
- Civil engineering drainage improvements
- Provide plantings and site furnishings along project corridor
- Improved access to Victory Park
- Improved way-finding signage

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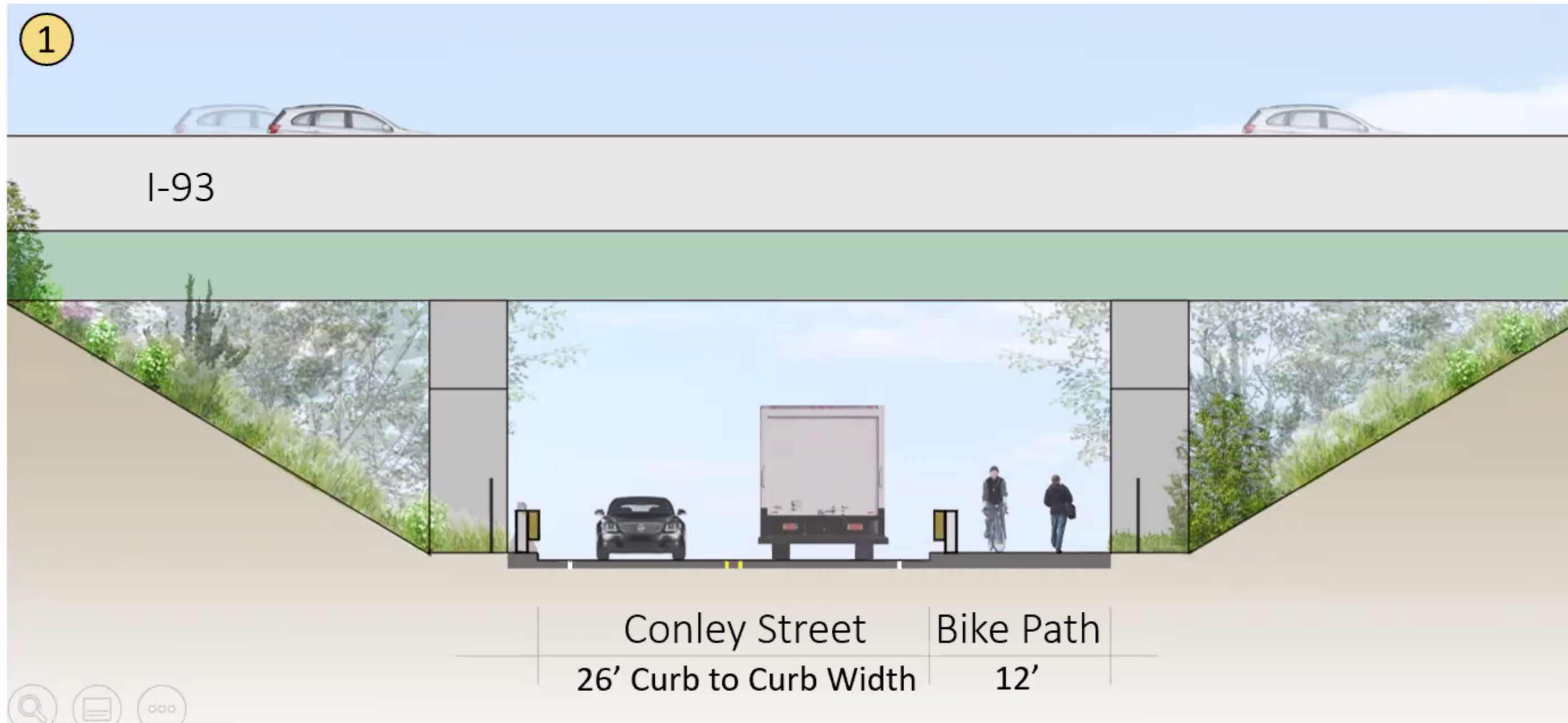


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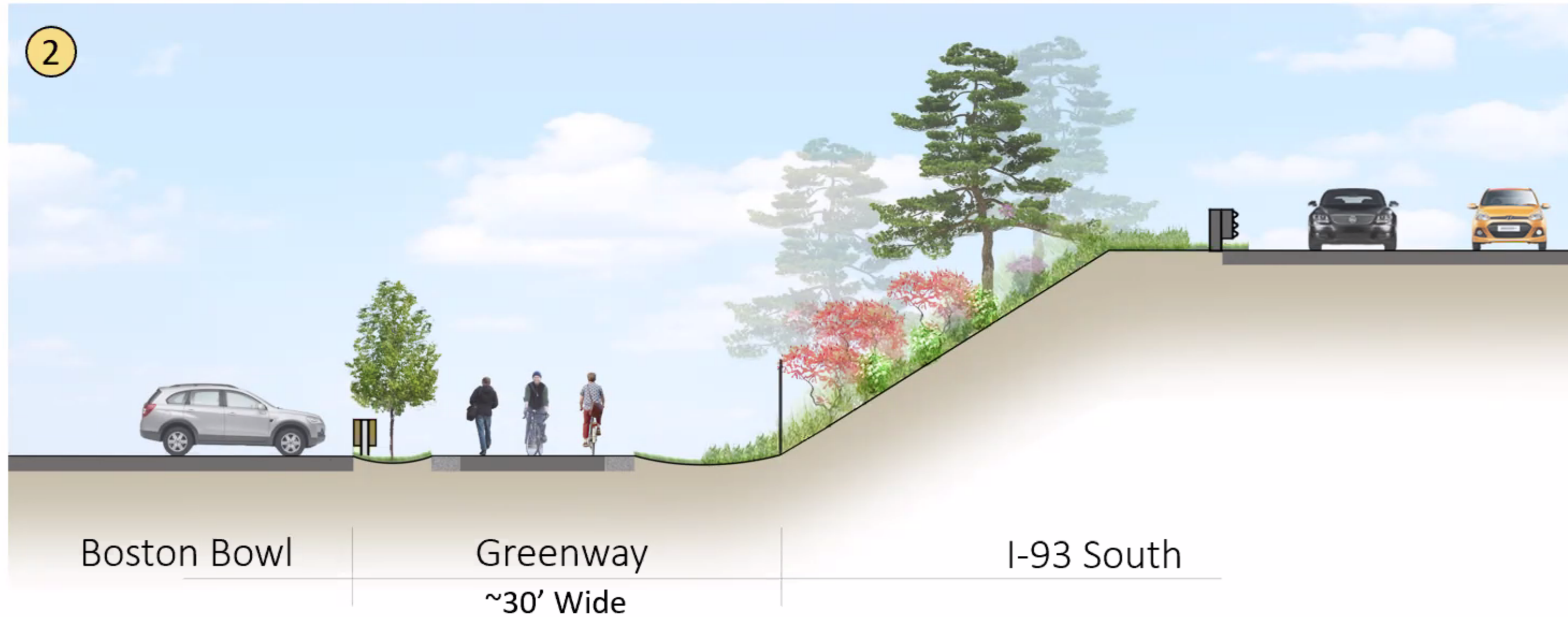
Section/ Elevation

Proposed Roadway Section Conley Street Looking West



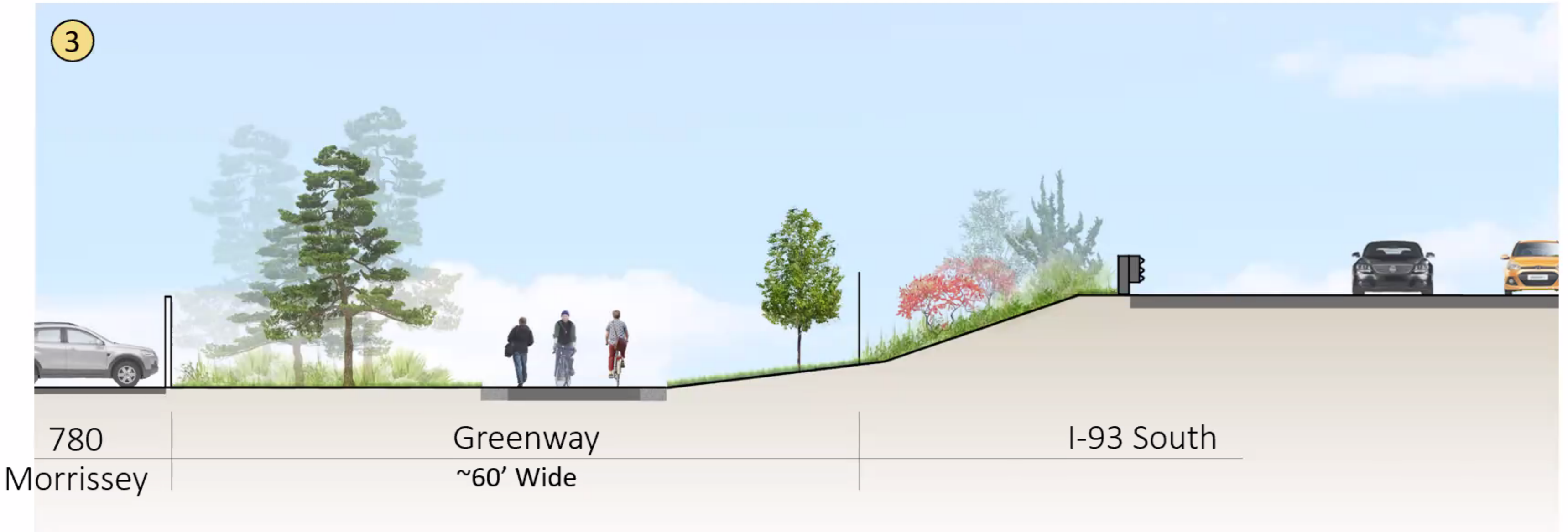
Section/ Elevation

Adjacent to I-93 Looking North at Boston Bowl



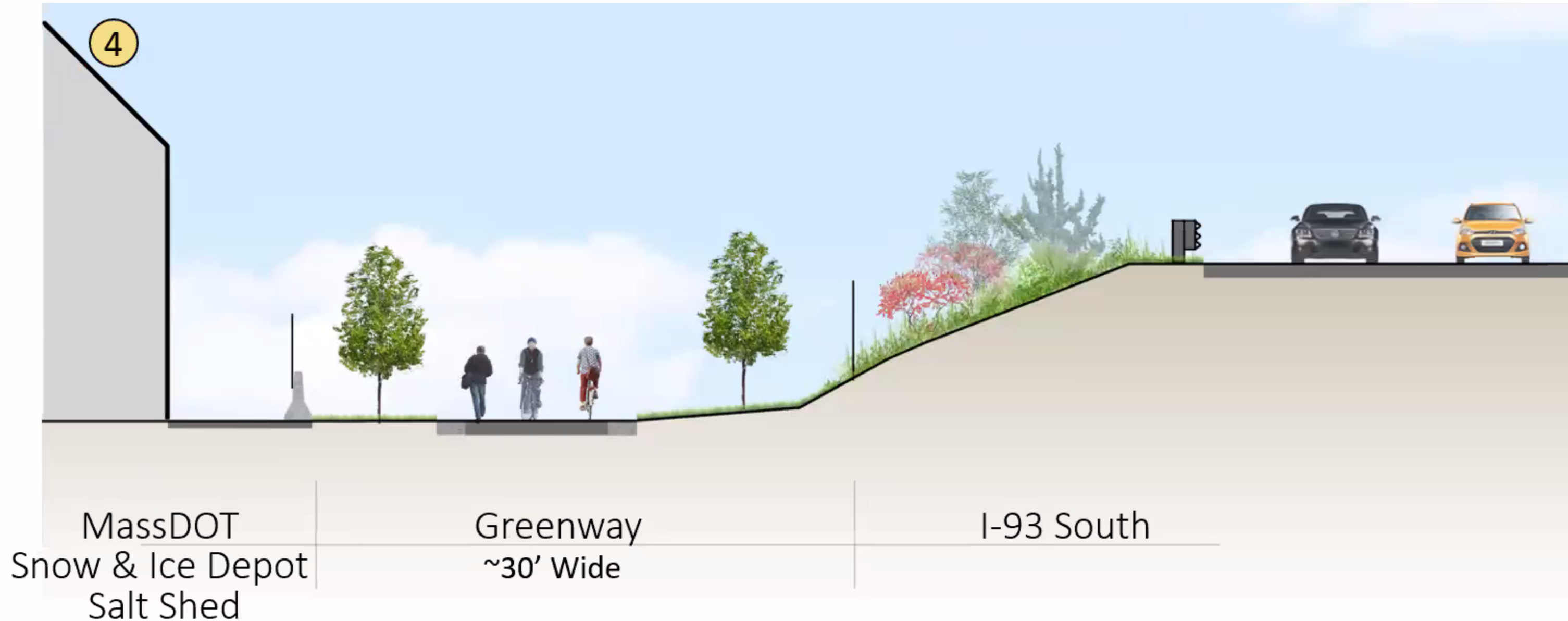
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Adjacent to I-93 Looking North at 780 Morrissey Blvd



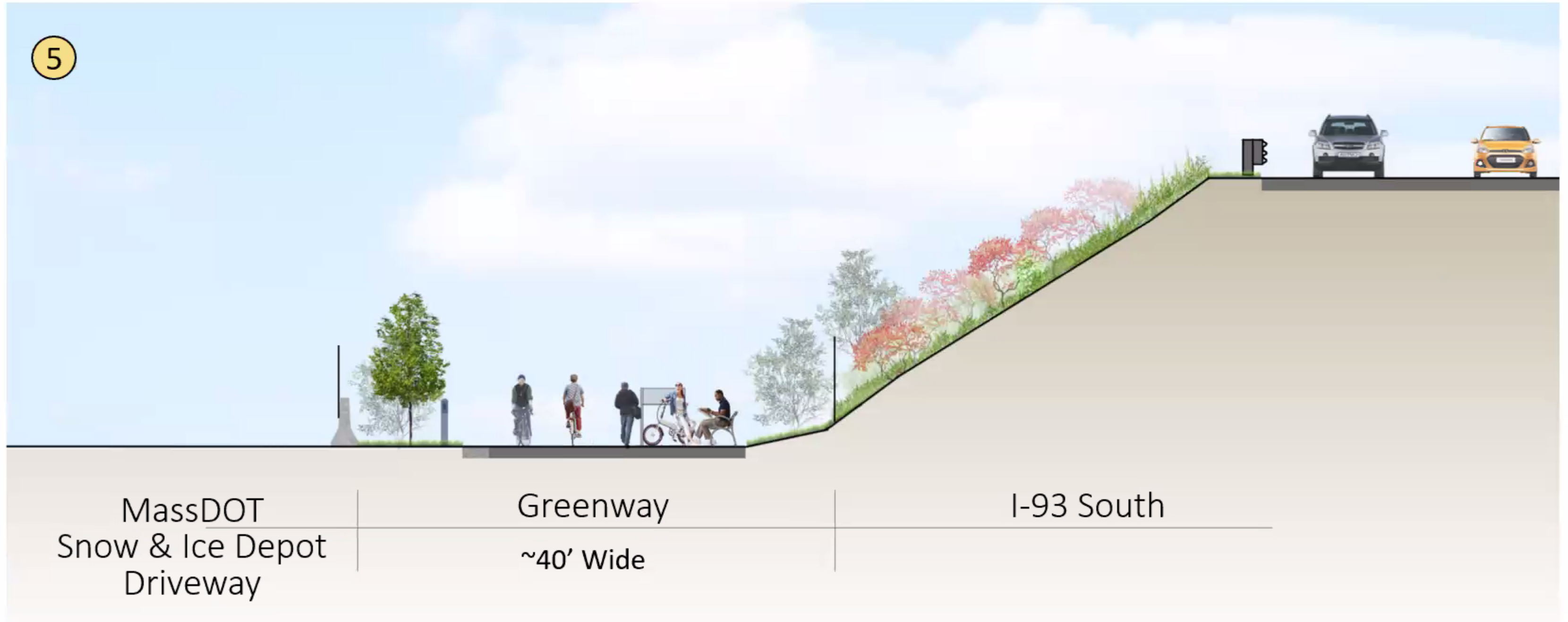
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Adjacent to I-93 Looking North at MassDOT Salt Shed



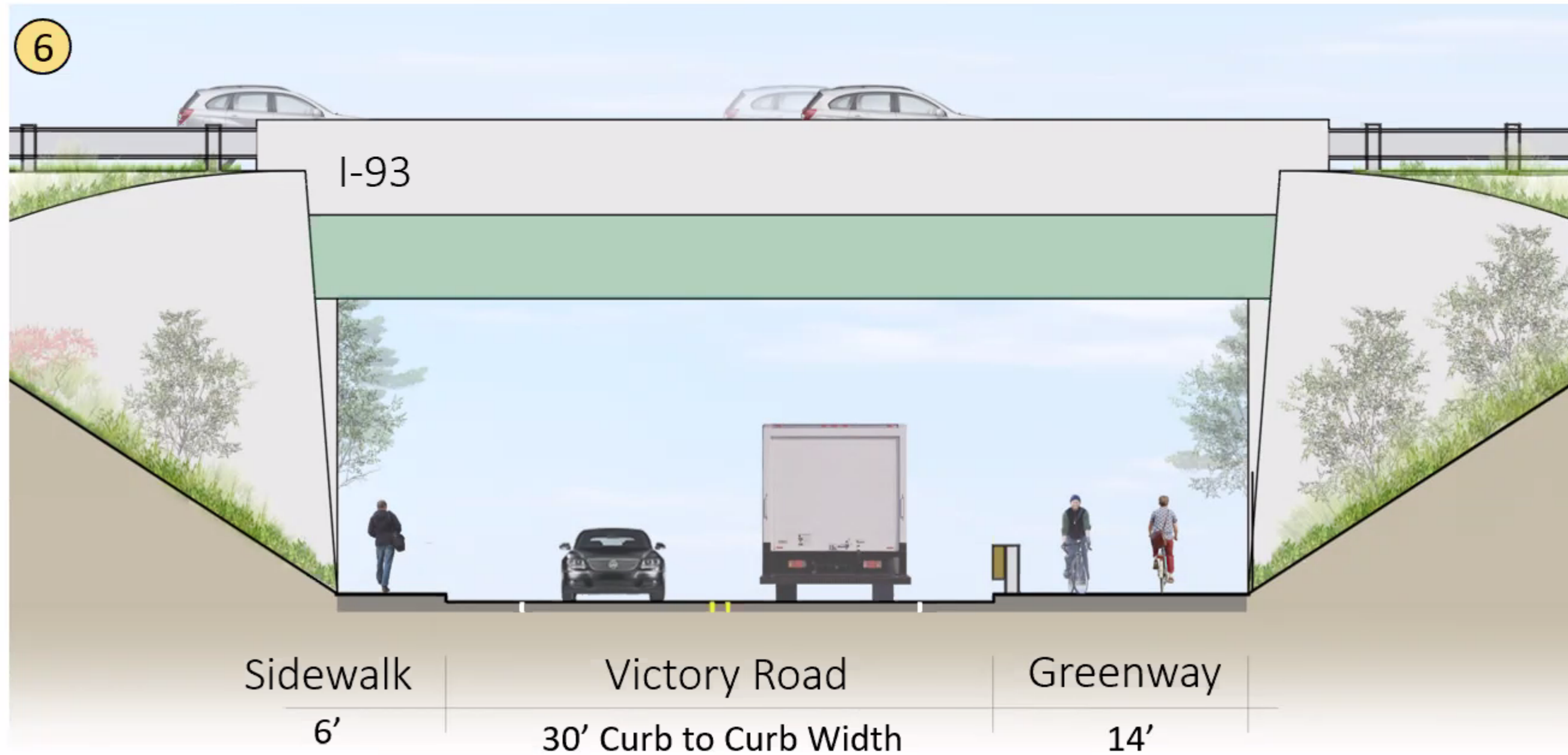
Section/ Elevation

Entry at Victory Rd showing rest area.

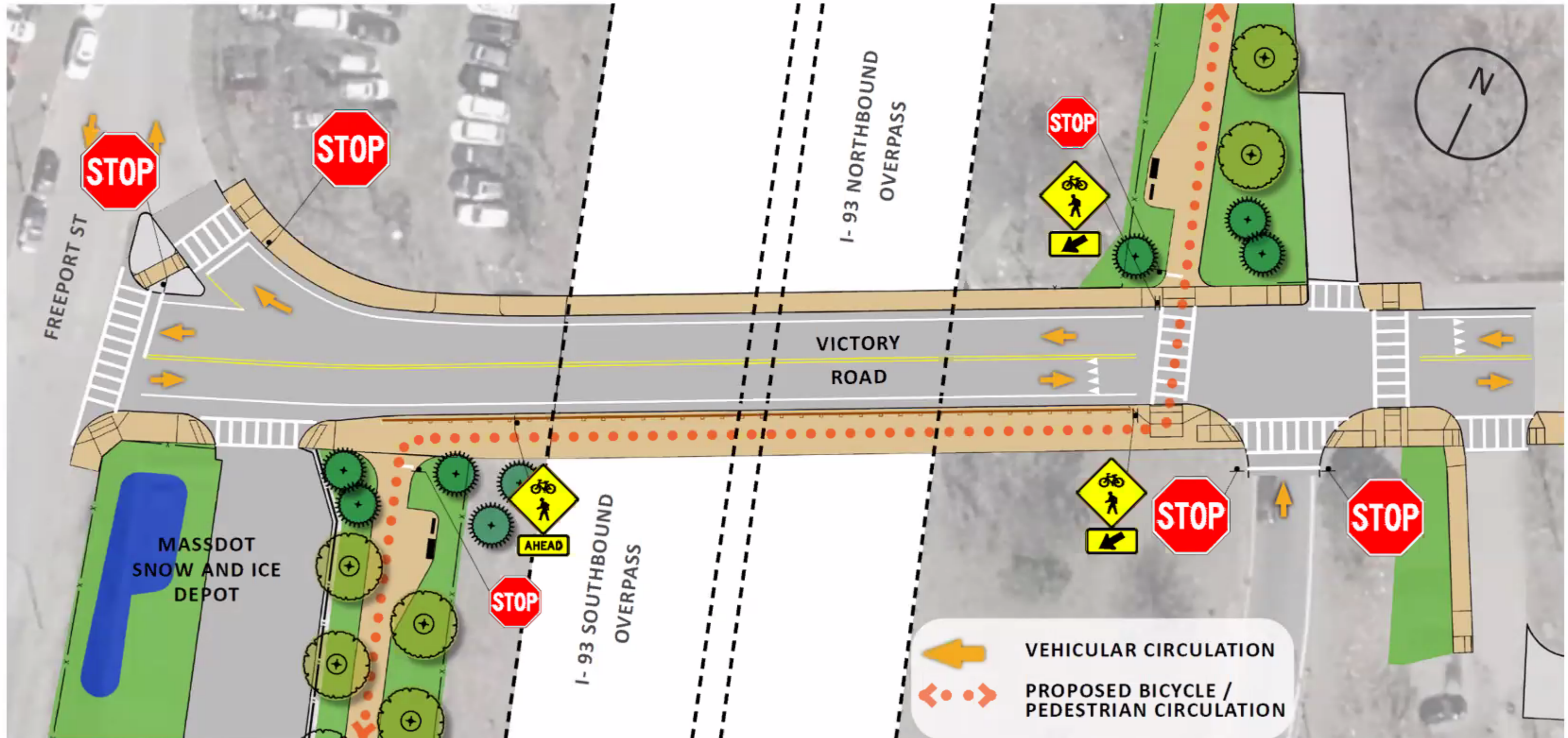


Section/ Elevation

Proposed Alternative 1 Roadway Section at Victory Road Looking East



Victory Road— Alternative 1



I-93 Off Ramp at Victory

Existing Roadway Crossing at Victory Road
Looking North



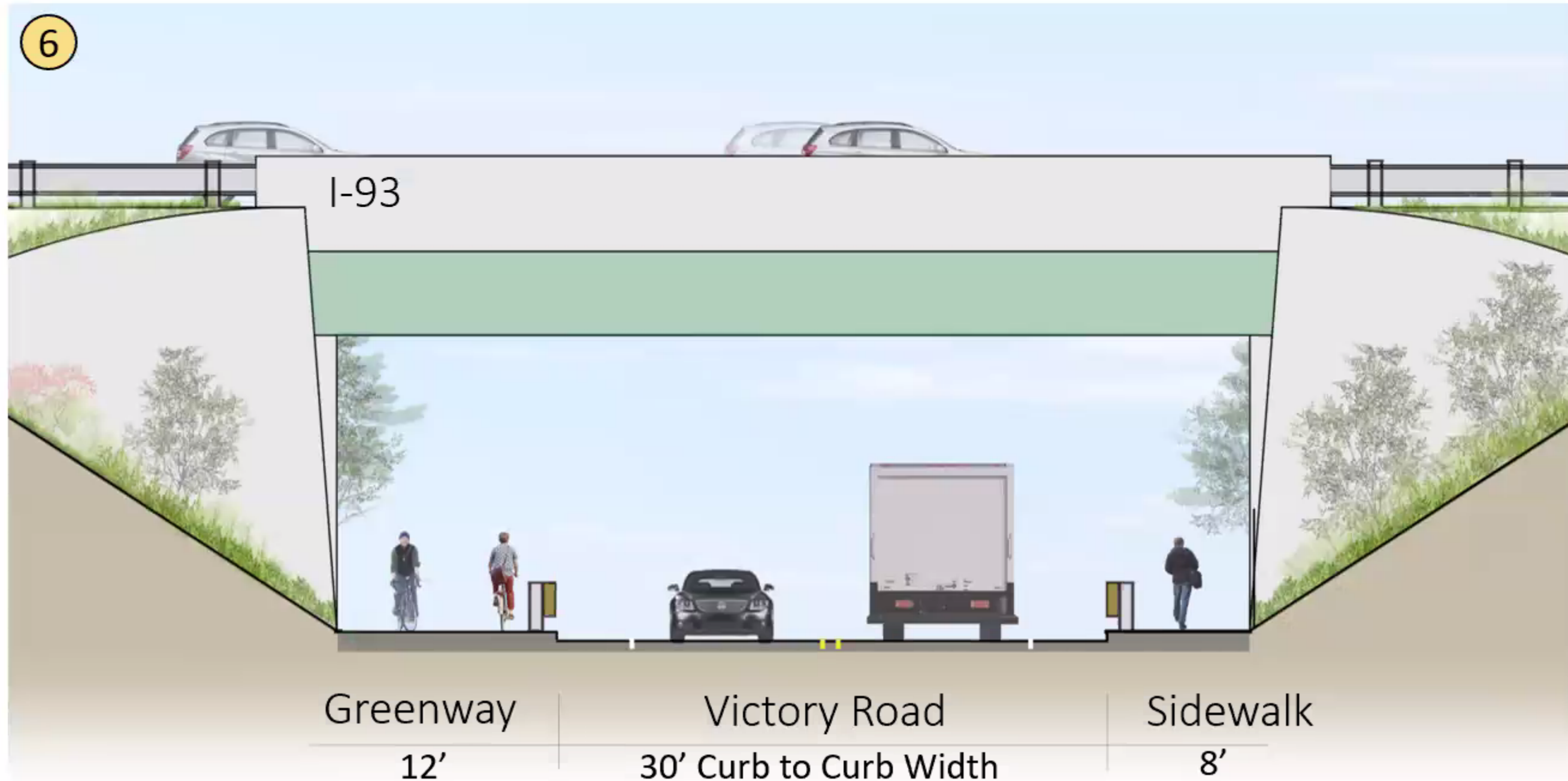
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Proposed Alternative 1 Roadway Crossing at Victory Road Looking North

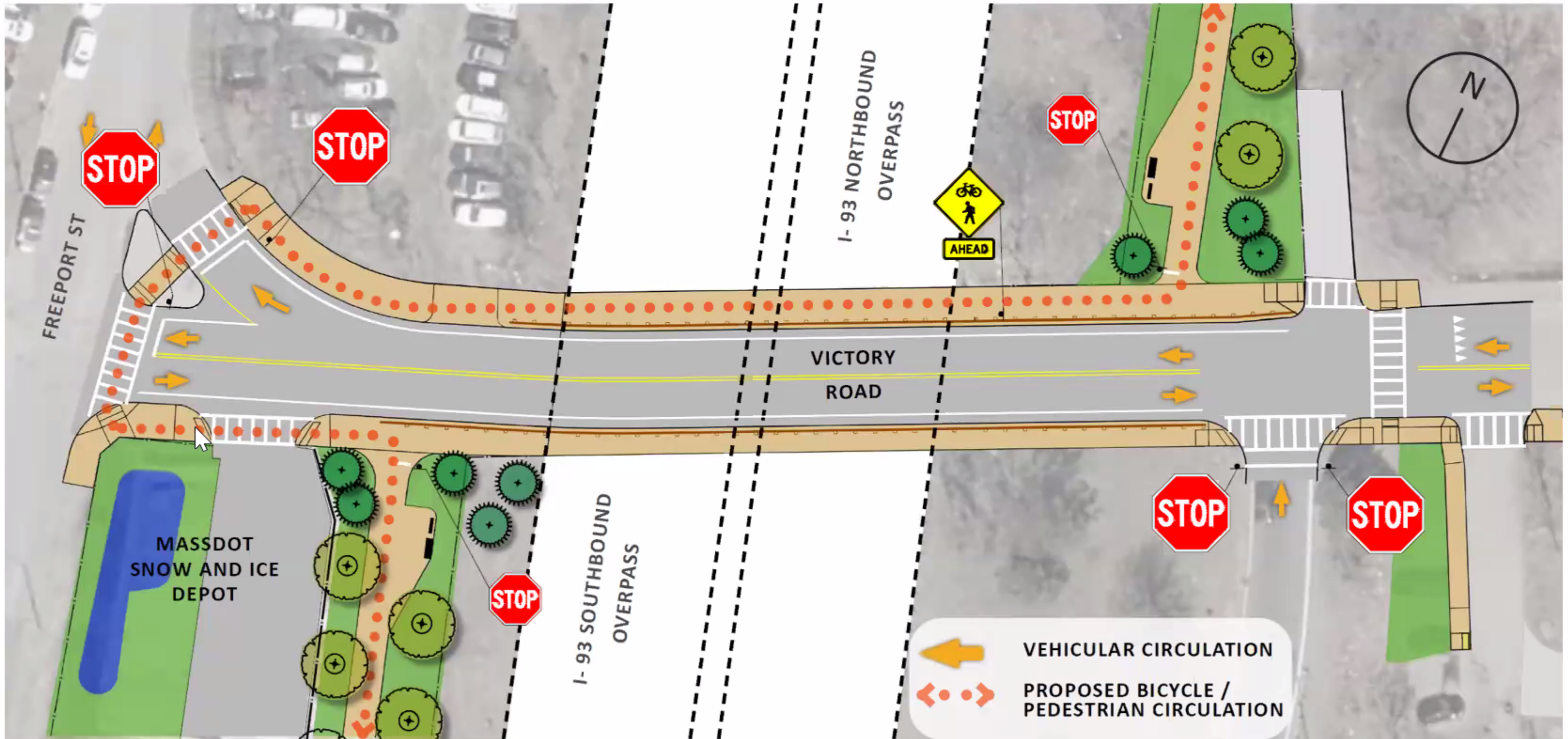


Section/ Elevation

Proposed Alternative 2 Roadway Section at Victory Road Looking East

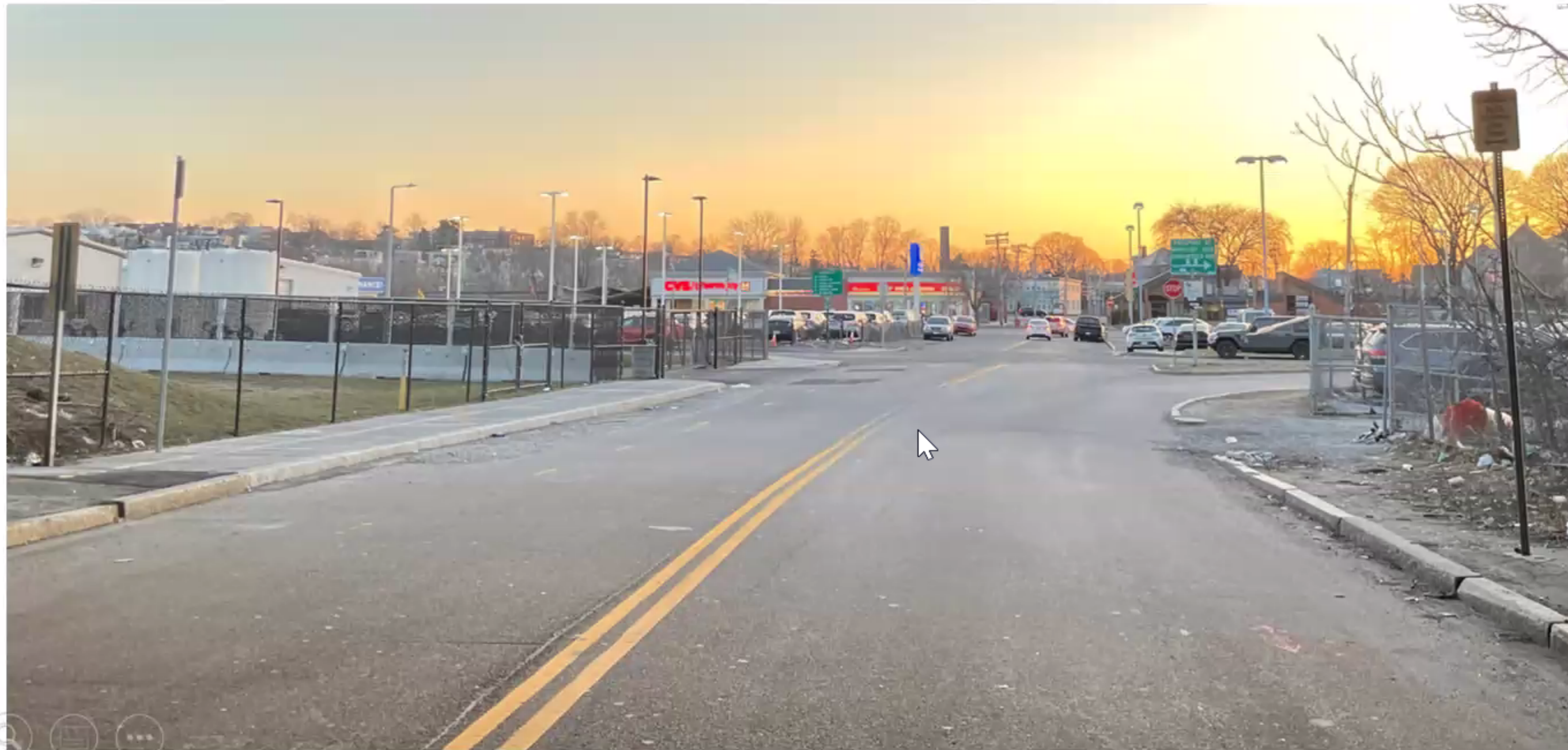


Victory Road – Alternative 2



Victory Road Looking West

Existing Roadway Crossing at Victory Road
Looking West



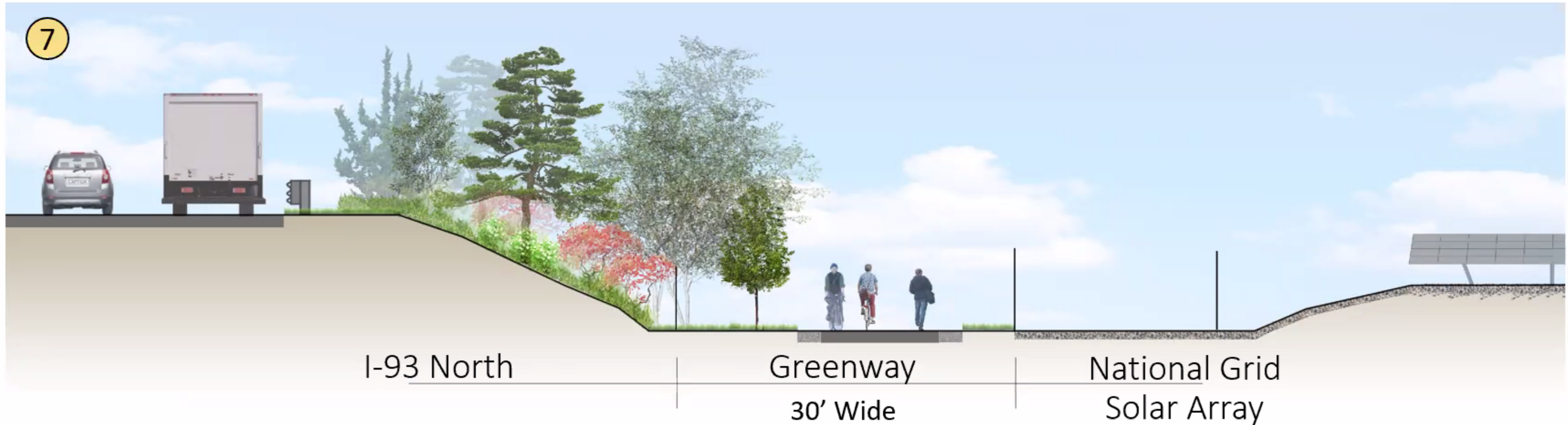
Victory Road Looking West

Proposed Alternative 2 Roadway Crossing at Victory Road Looking West



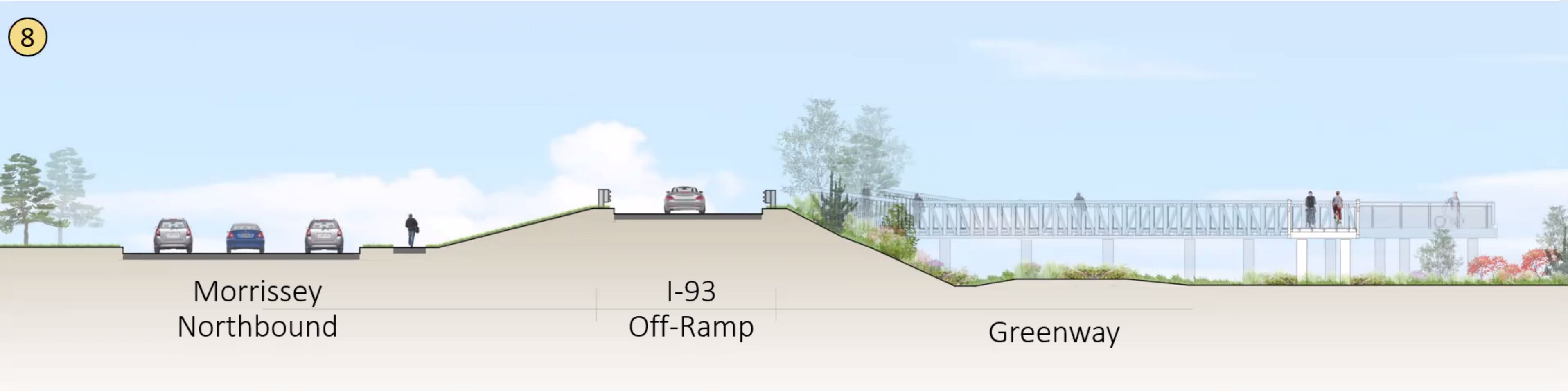
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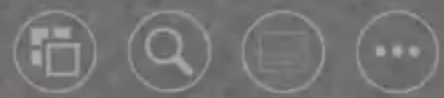
National Grid Property Looking North



Section/ Elevation

Boardwalk Section Looking North







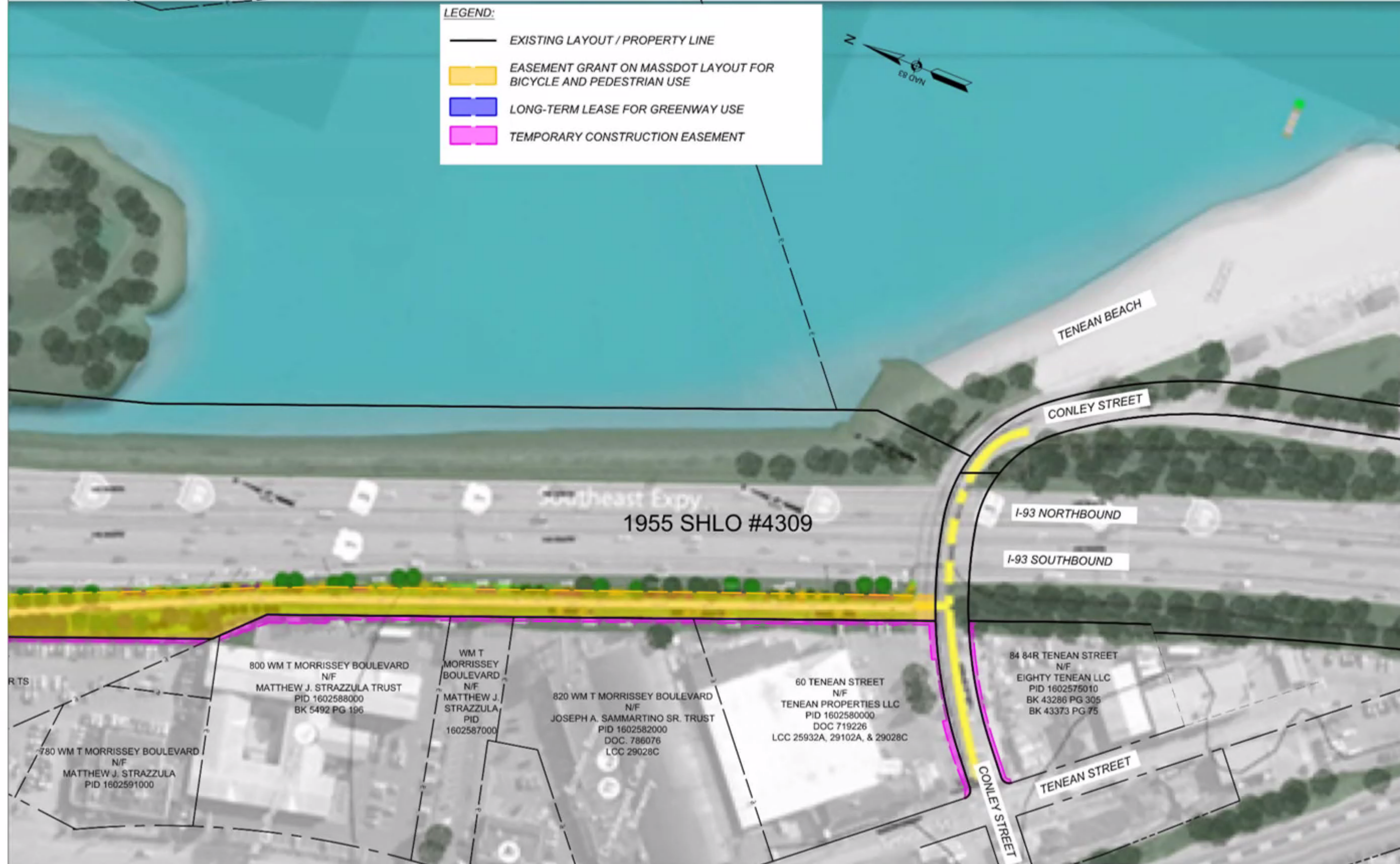
Project Materials



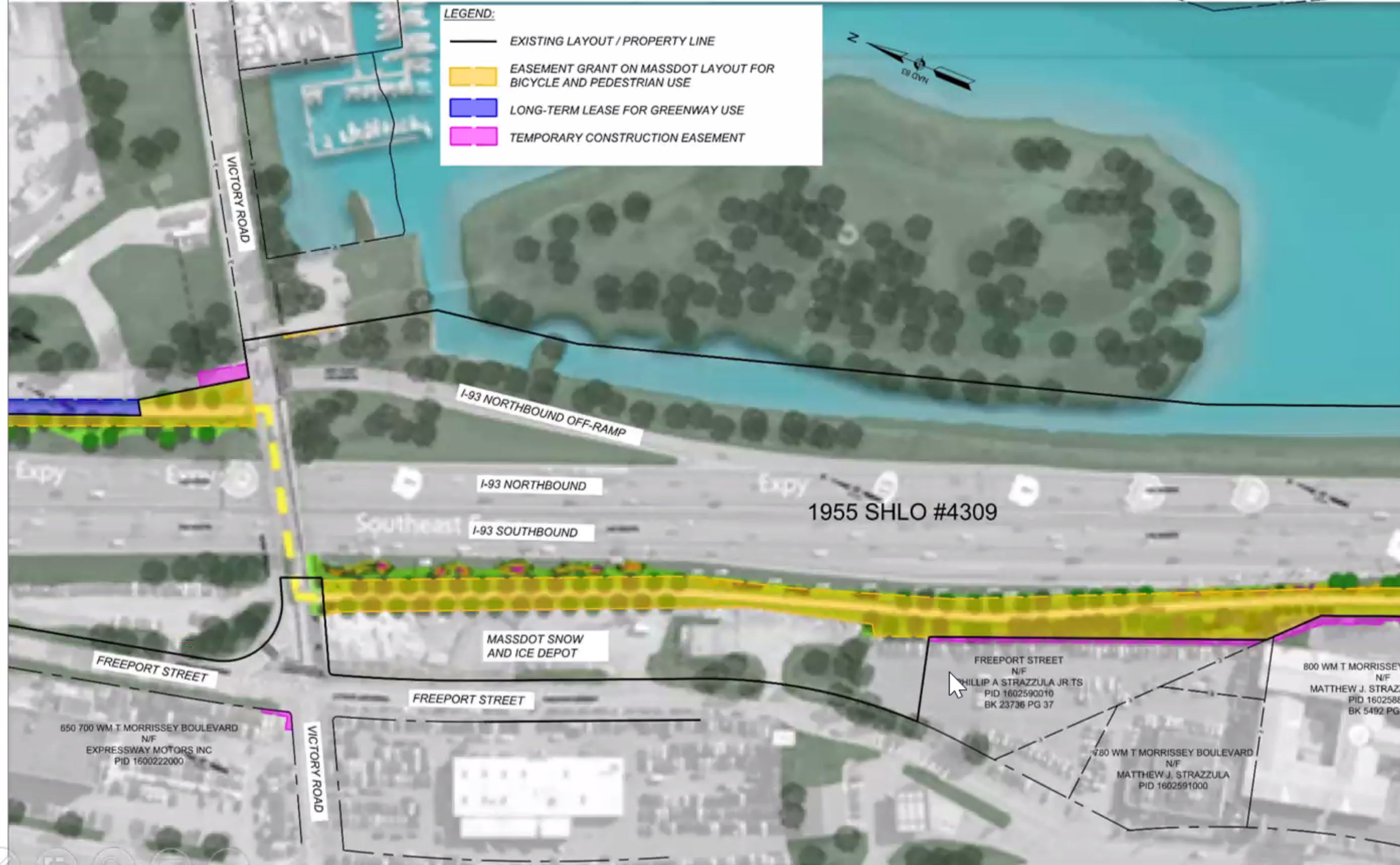
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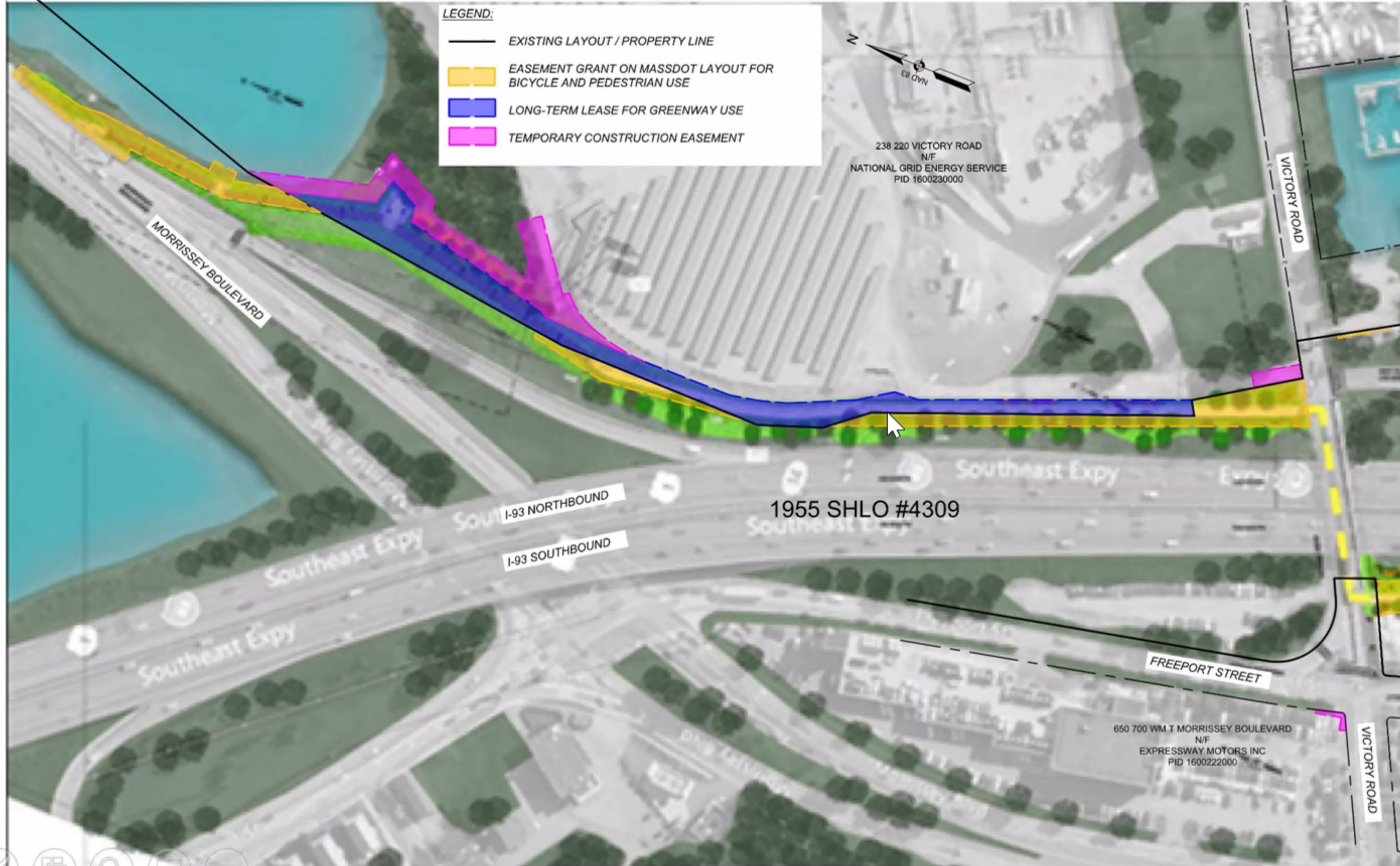
Right-of-Way Impacts



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Temporary Construction Impacts

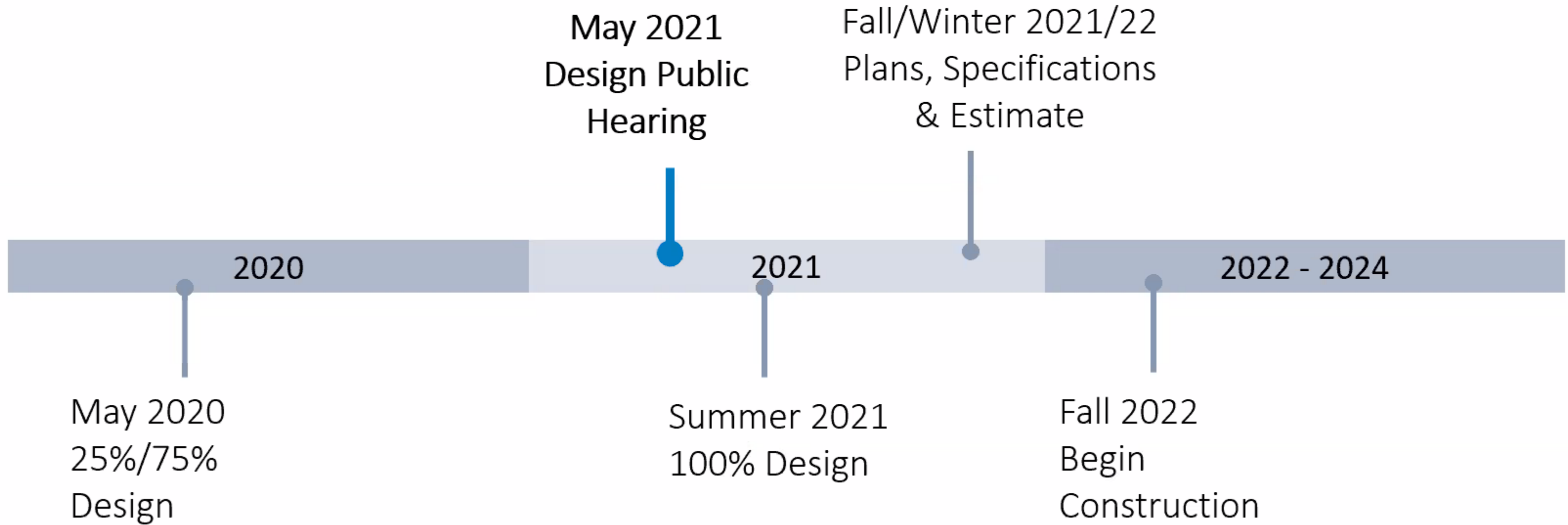
- I-93 off-ramp to Morrissey Boulevard to be reduced in travel lane width for construction purposes.
- Short-term closures to Conley Street and Victory Road sidewalks, and to Victory Road Park during construction of improvements.

Environmental Permitting



- MEPA/NEPA
- Chapter 91
- Notice of Intent
- 401 Water Quality Certification
- Pre-Construction Notification with USACE

Project Schedule



Comment Forms & Contact Information

Opportunities to Submit Comments:

- Visit MassDOT website to access the Hearing Handout
<https://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings>
Click on the link to **Boston – Neponset River Greenway**
- Submit Comments during the Design Public Hearing
- MassDOT website also provides instructions for how to send comments by Online Comment Form, E-mail or Mail-in Form



MassDOT Website:


Comment on this project:

MassDOT provides three opportunities for official public comment on this project. All comments or questions received by the methods listed below must be postmarked/date stamped no later than ten (10) business days after the public hearing (June 16, 2021 for this project) and will become part of the Official Record. All comments or questions received after will be addressed, but will not be a part of the Official Record.


Submit your comments by:

- Filling out the online [Project Comment Form](#)
- Sending us an e-mail at DOTHighwayDesign@dot.state.ma.us Attention: Project File No. 608943
- Mailing your comments via US Mail to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Highway Design, Project File No. 608943

MassDOT Website – Online Project Comment Form:




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Boston - Neponset River Greenway Construction (608943)

The proposed project includes construction of a shared-use path, from Tenean Beach to Morrissey Boulevard, a total distance of approximately 3,600 feet (0.7 miles).

 Open Project Documents ▼

1) Please enter your comment below: * Required

Please do not place any personally identifiable information (name, phone, or email) within your comment.

2) Select any of the following topics that apply to your comment: (Select up to 3)

Environmental Bike and pedestrian improvements Construction Roadway/Design Other Topic