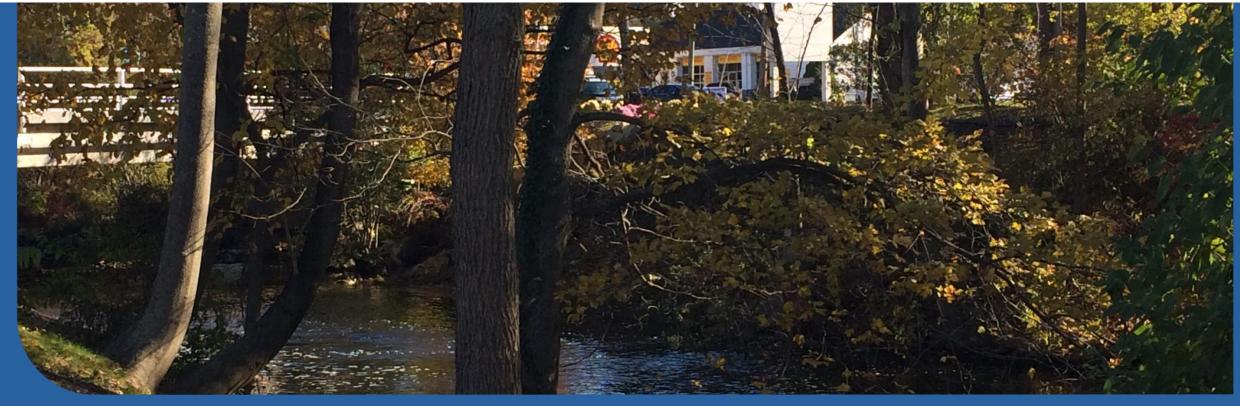




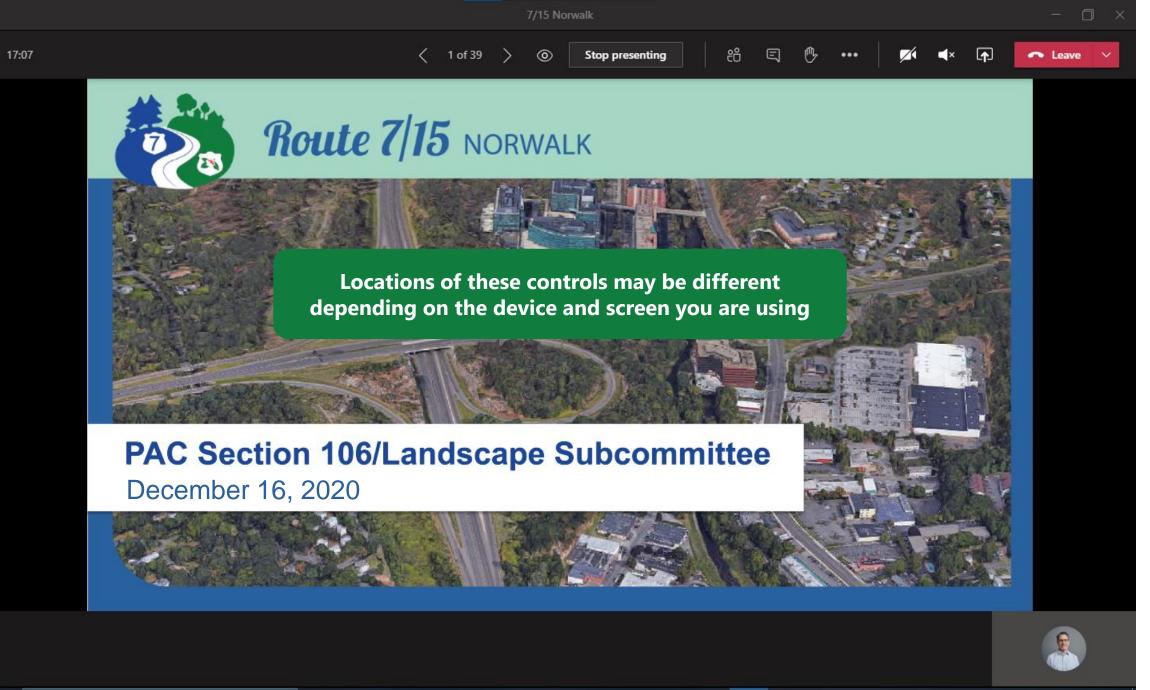
Meeting Format



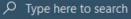


House-Keeping Points

- Meeting is live and recorded
- Participants should mute themselves when not speaking
- At select times during meeting, moderator will read questions / comments out loud for speaker to answer or will ask interested participants to unmute and provide comments
- Meeting recording will be posted to project website after meeting

























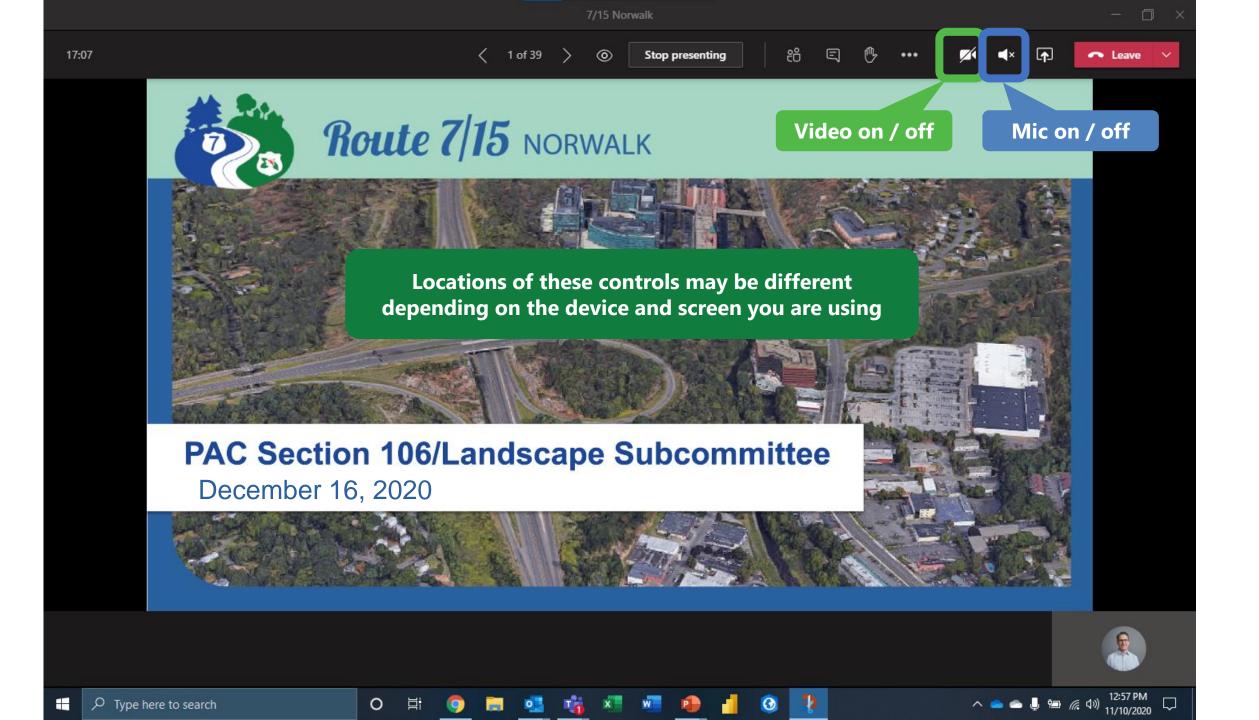


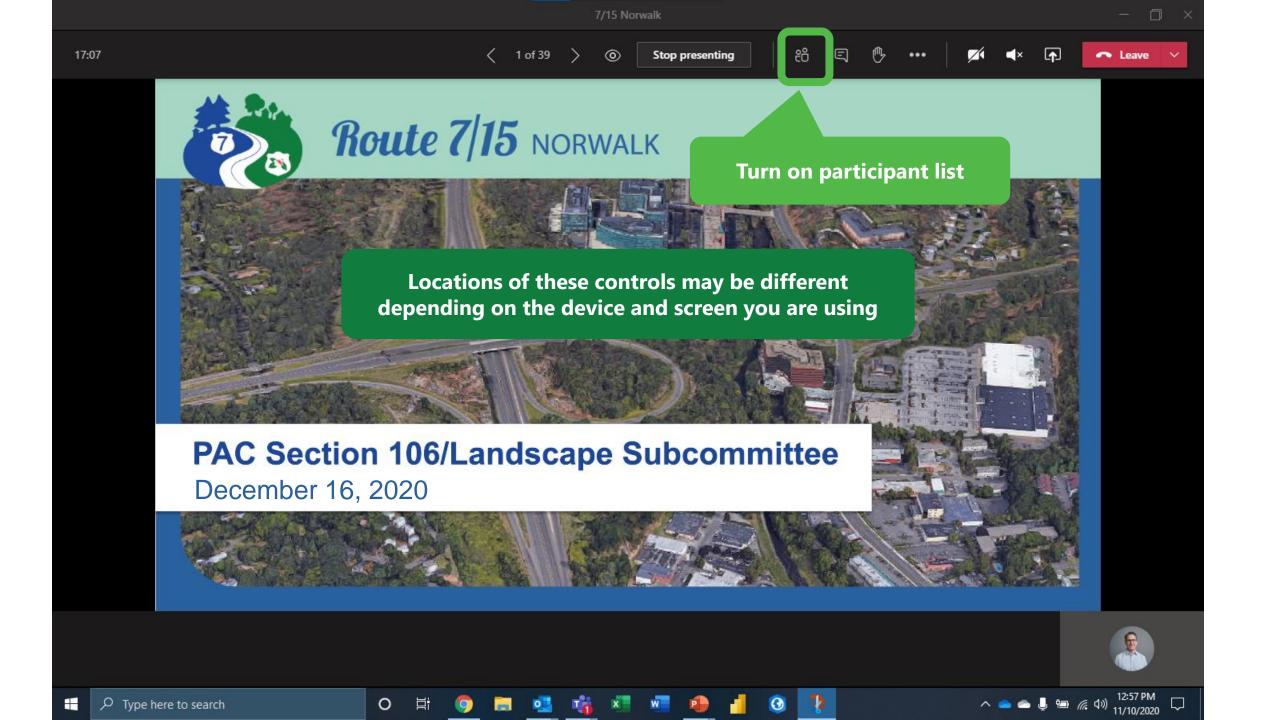


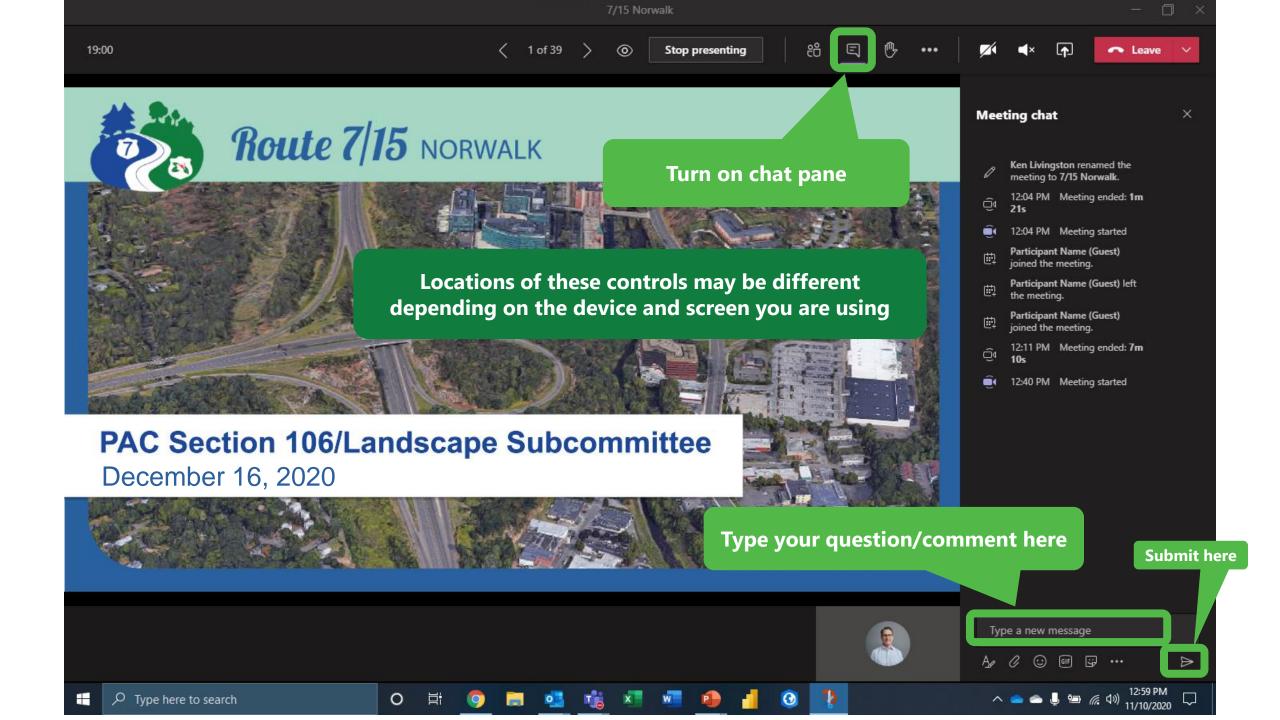


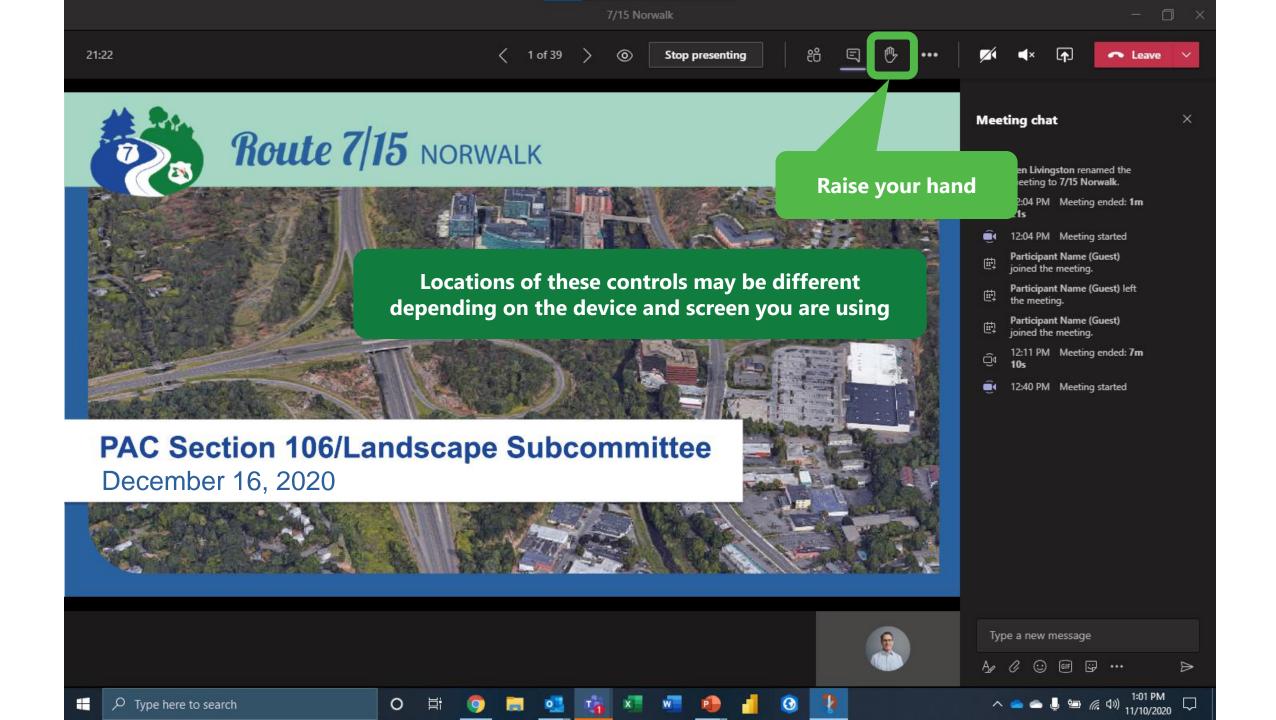


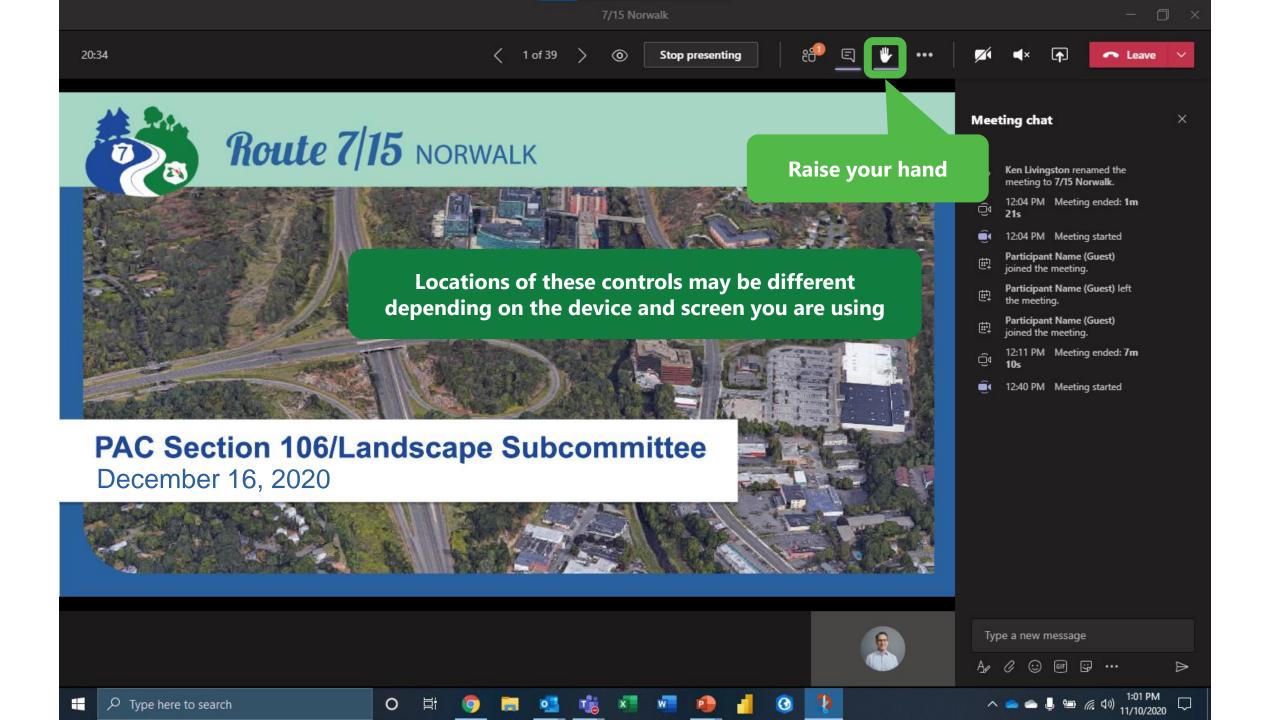


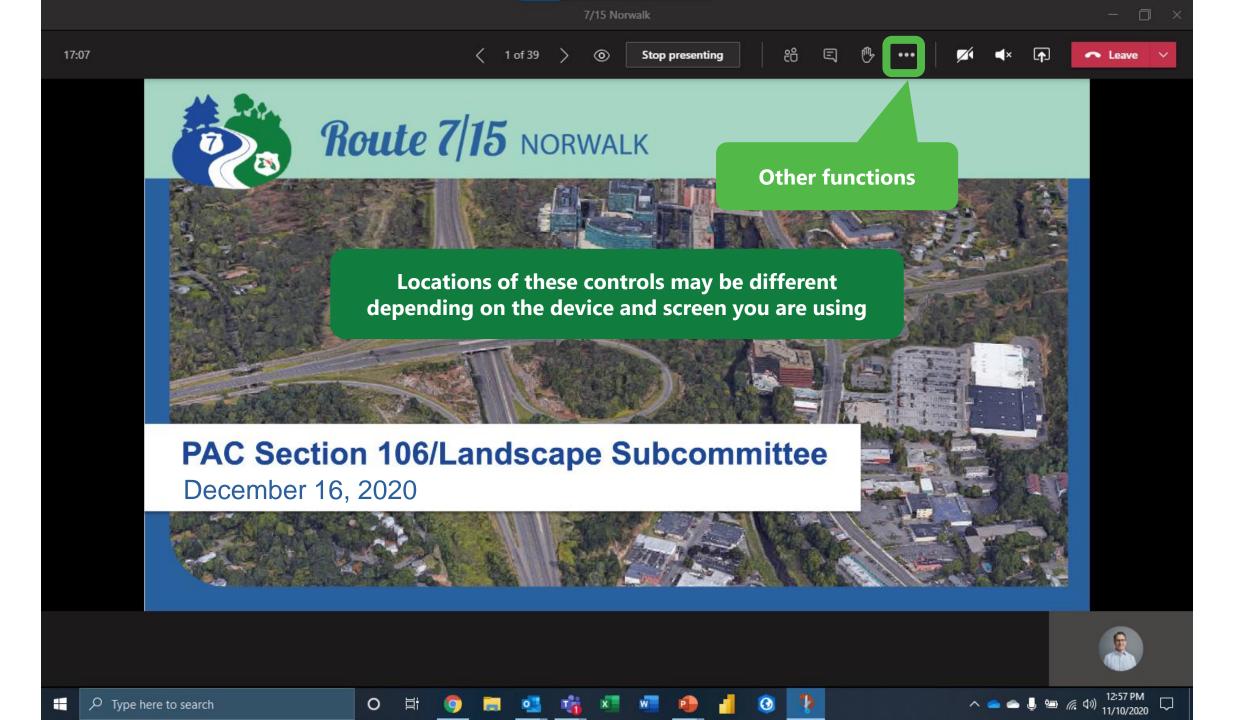


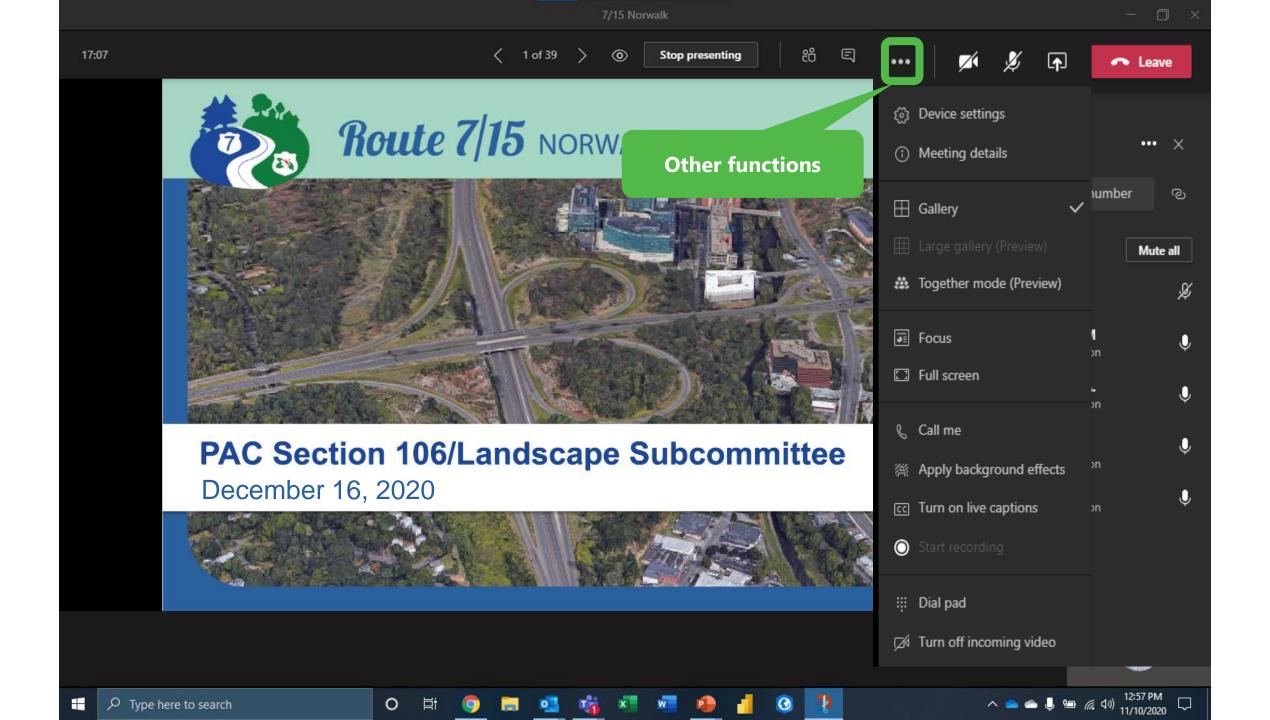














Meeting Purpose

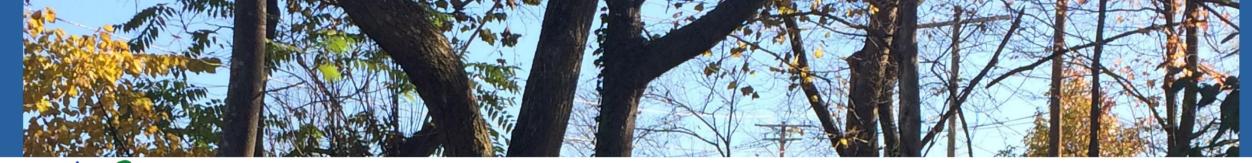
- Update on work progress and revisions to Public Report
 - Both alternatives will have unavoidable adverse effects

- Discuss mitigation of unavoidable adverse effects
 - Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)



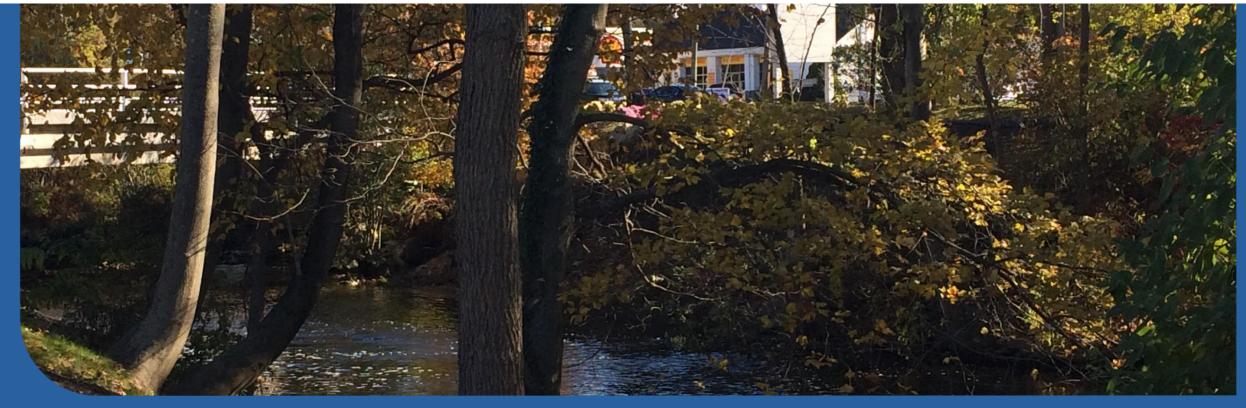
Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Project Status
 - Section 106
 - Cultural Resources Public Report
 - Anticipated Effects on Cultural Resources
- 3. Draft Memorandum of Agreement
- 4. Next Steps





Project Status





Section 106- Work Efforts

- Two PAC Landscape Subcommittee Meetings (Sep-2018 and Nov-2019)
- Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting (May-2019)
- Finalizing Public Report
- Development of Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) An MOA sets out how a federal agency will address the adverse effects to historic properties caused by its undertaking



Cultural Resources Public Report

- Received and responded to SHPO comments
 - Refined Area of Potential Effect (APE)
 - Evaluated National Register eligibility of additional historic-period resources
 - Found no additional adverse effects
- Distributed revised Report to Consulting Parties/PAC

PUBLIC REPORT PHASE I AND II CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEYS ROUTE 7/ROUTE 15 INTERCHANGE PROJECT STATE PROJECT NO. 102-358 NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

Prepared for

Stantec 55 Church Street, Suite 601 New Haven, CT 06510

b

Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. 569 Middle Turnpike P.O. Box 543 Storrs, CT 06268

> Authors: Marguerite Carnell Bruce Clouette Mary Guillette Harper David E. Leslie Stacey Vairo

December 13, 2018 Updated August 24, 2020

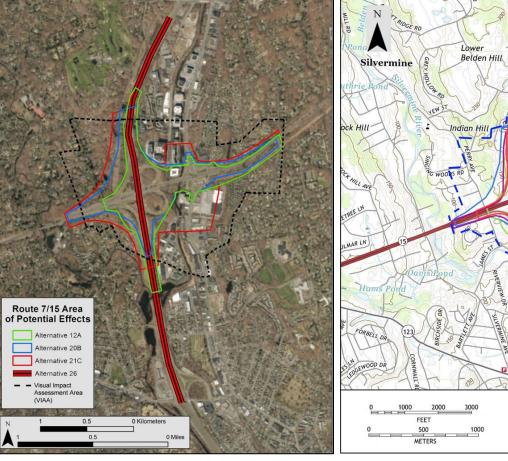


Cultural Resources

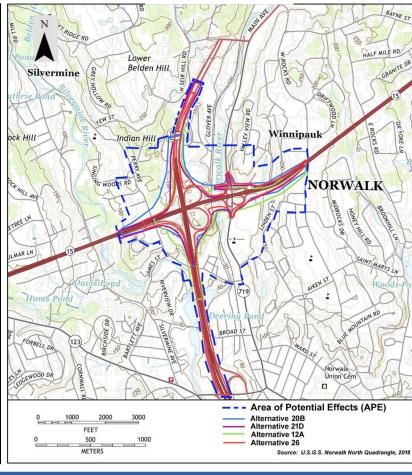
Public Report: Refined APE

- Northern extension was shortened
- Visual effects boundary was expanded at west end





Updated APE





Cultural Resources Public Report: Evaluation of Additional Resources

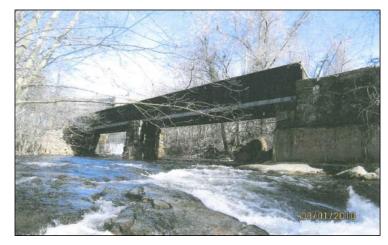
Properties identified by SHPO as potentially NR-eligible



2 Singingwoods Road



129 Perry Avenue



Metro-North Bridge 8202R over Norwalk River



Cultural Resources Public Report: NR-Ineligible Properties

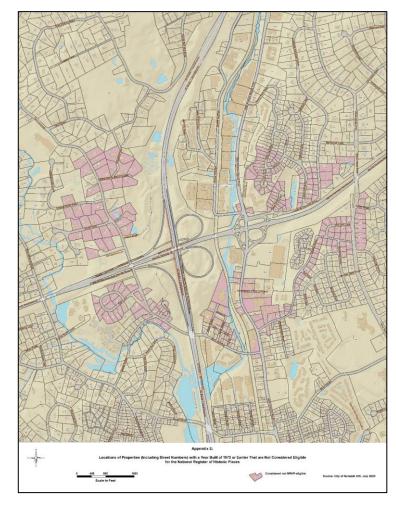
 Properties built before or in 1973 that are not considered eligible for the NR are shaded pink



15 Lakewood Drive (1965)



394 Main Avenue (1945)





Cultural Resources Public Report: Anticipated Effects on Cultural Resources

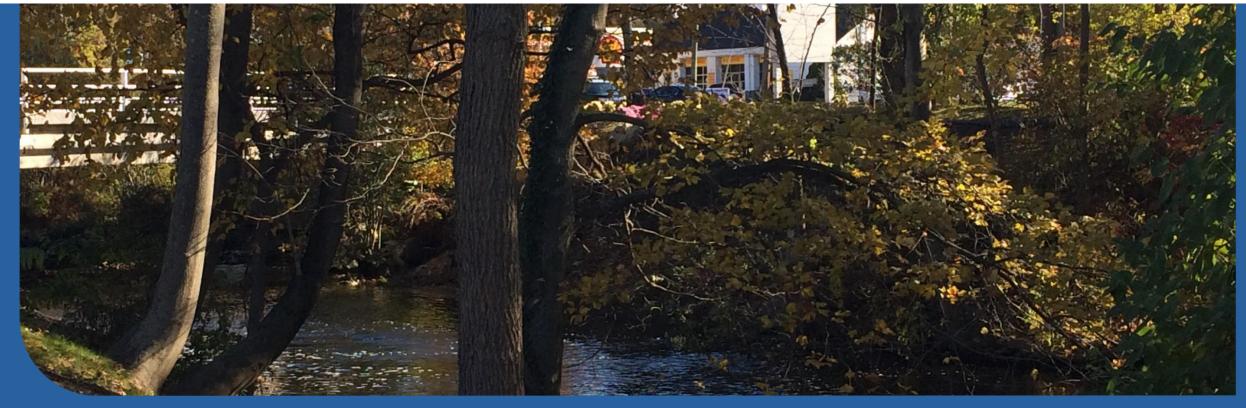
Based on conceptual design:

- Designed landscape: Alternative 21D long access ramps could diminish its design integrity
- Main Avenue Bridge: Replacement
- Glover Avenue Bridge: Replacement
- Norwalk River Bridge: Diminished Visibility
- Metro-North Bridge: Diminished Visibility
- Alternative 26 could affect 2 archaeological sites (Alternative 21D would not affect archaeological sites)





Memorandum of Agreement





MOA Process

- MOA is an agreement among FHWA, SHPO and CTDOT
- Purpose is to guide treatment of historic properties and resolve adverse effects
- MOA stipulations are actions that compensate for adverse effects on historic properties
- Consulting parties provide input on this process and may participate in the MOA

§106 Consulting Parties

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

City of Norwalk

CT DEEP

Merritt Parkway Conservancy

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Norwalk Association of

Silvermine Homeowners (NASH)

Norwalk Historical Society

Norwalk Land Trust

Norwalk River Watershed Association

Preservation Connecticut

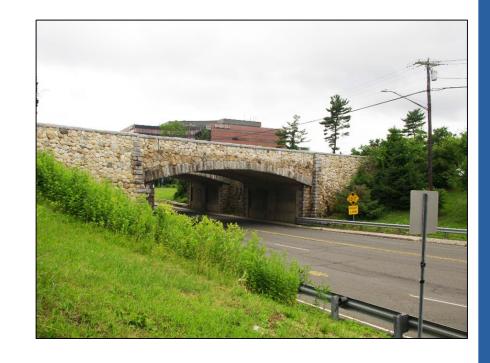
Sierra Club, CT

Silvermine Community Association



MOA Stipulations Under Consideration

- CTDOT will documentation the historic properties that will be impacted prior to construction
- Design of the preferred alternative will follow "Merritt Parkway Landscape Assessment Guidelines" as much as possible
- Design of the Main Avenue replacement bridge will complement the aesthetic of the Merritt Parkway Historic District





MOA Stipulations Under Consideration

- Retain and incorporate the 1912 inscribed capstone of the New Glover Avenue Bridge into the design of the replacement bridge
- CTDOT will develop a Treatment Plan for affected archaeological resources
- CTDOT will submit design documents to SHPO and FHWA for review prior to finalizing







§ 106 / MOA Next Steps

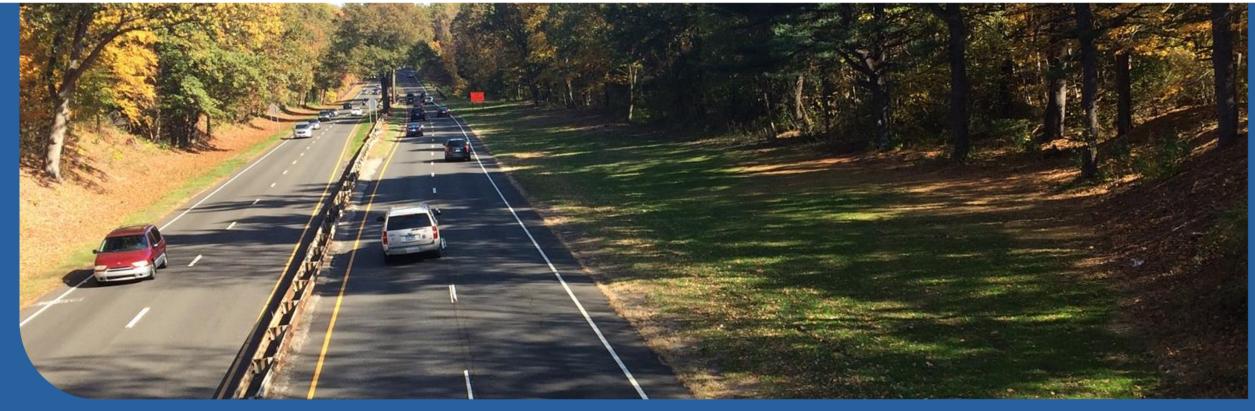
- Identify §106 Consulting Parties that wish to participate in the MOA process
- Identify Preferred Alternative (No Build, 21D, or 26) through NEPA/CEPA analysis
- Consult with FHWA, SHPO, CTDOT regarding details of MOA stipulations
- Circulate Draft MOA among Consulting Parties for review and comment
- When MOA is finalized, it will be signed and filed with the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation (ACHP)
- Terms of MOA to be carried out within 10 years
- Provide annual updates on the progress of the MOA fulfillment













Next Steps

- Finalize MOA- Early 2021
- Ongoing coordination with SHPO and FHWA
- Draft EA for review- Spring 2021
- PAC Meeting #9- Spring 2021
- Public Hearing- Spring 2021
- Finalize EA- Summer 2021







THANK YOU!

Questions?

