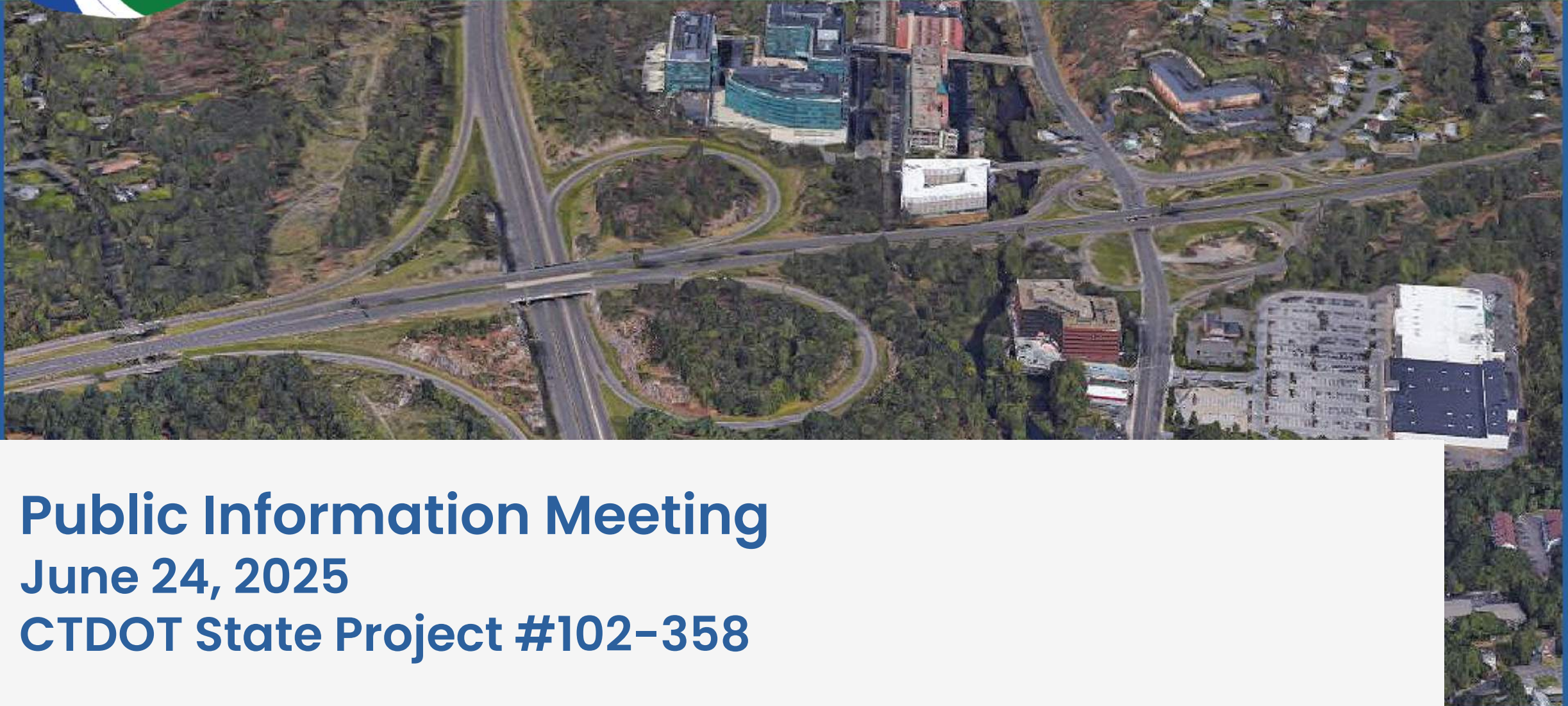




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Agenda

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- Introduction
- Title VI – Civil Rights
- Project Overview
- Preliminary Design Update
- Right of Way Process
- Next Steps
- Q&A at Display Boards





Title VI – Your Civil Rights

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No person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation or subject to discrimination in the development of this project.

- Voluntary Post-Meeting Survey:
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotsurvey>
- Civil Rights information:
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/equity/title-vi>





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Tonight's Speakers

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- Neil Patel, PE, Principal Engineer, CTDOT
- Jeffrey Pfaffinger, PE, Project Manager, CTDOT
- Kathleen Ericson, Rights of Way, CTDOT
- Reid Shankweiler, PE, Project Manager, Stantec





Project Leadership Team

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Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

- Michael Calabrese, PE, Division Chief
- Sebastian Cannamela, PE, Principal Engineer
- Jeffrey Pfaffinger, PE, Project Manager
- Nilesch Patel, PE, Principal Engineer

Consultant Design Team

- Reid Shankweiler, PE, Project Manager, Stantec
- Andrew Lessard, PE, Structures, Stantec
- Gary Sorge, FASLA AICP, Landscape Architecture, Stantec
- Steve Fraysier, PE, Local Roads Design, BL Companies
- Sydney LaLuna, PE, Traffic Signals, VN Engineers
- Ken Livingston, Public Outreach, FHI Studio





Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

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- Serves as an advisory body to the project team
- Provides “local insight”
- Serves as a link to the local community
- Provided input on:
 - Key issues
 - Purpose and Need Statement
 - Alternatives
 - Screening Analysis

PAC has been meetings since 2016





PAC Composition

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Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA)	Marcus Partners/ Merritt 7	Norwalk Transit District
BikeWalkCT	Merritt Parkway Conservancy	Sierra Club
City of Norwalk	Merritt Parkway Trail Alliance	Silvermine Community
Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation	Norwalk Association of Silvermine Homeowners (NASH)	Silvermine Community Association Board
Creeping Hemlock/Cranbury Neighborhood	Norwalk Bike Walk Commission	Sound Cyclists
CT Commuter Council	Norwalk Chamber of Commerce	Town of Wilton
Preservation CT	Norwalk Land Trust	Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG)
Empire State Realty Trust, Inc	Norwalk Preservation Trust	
Greater Norwalk Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Norwalk River Valley Trail (NRVT)	
Harbor Point / Building and Land Technology (BLT)	Norwalk River Watershed/HarborWatch	



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* Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
approval by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)



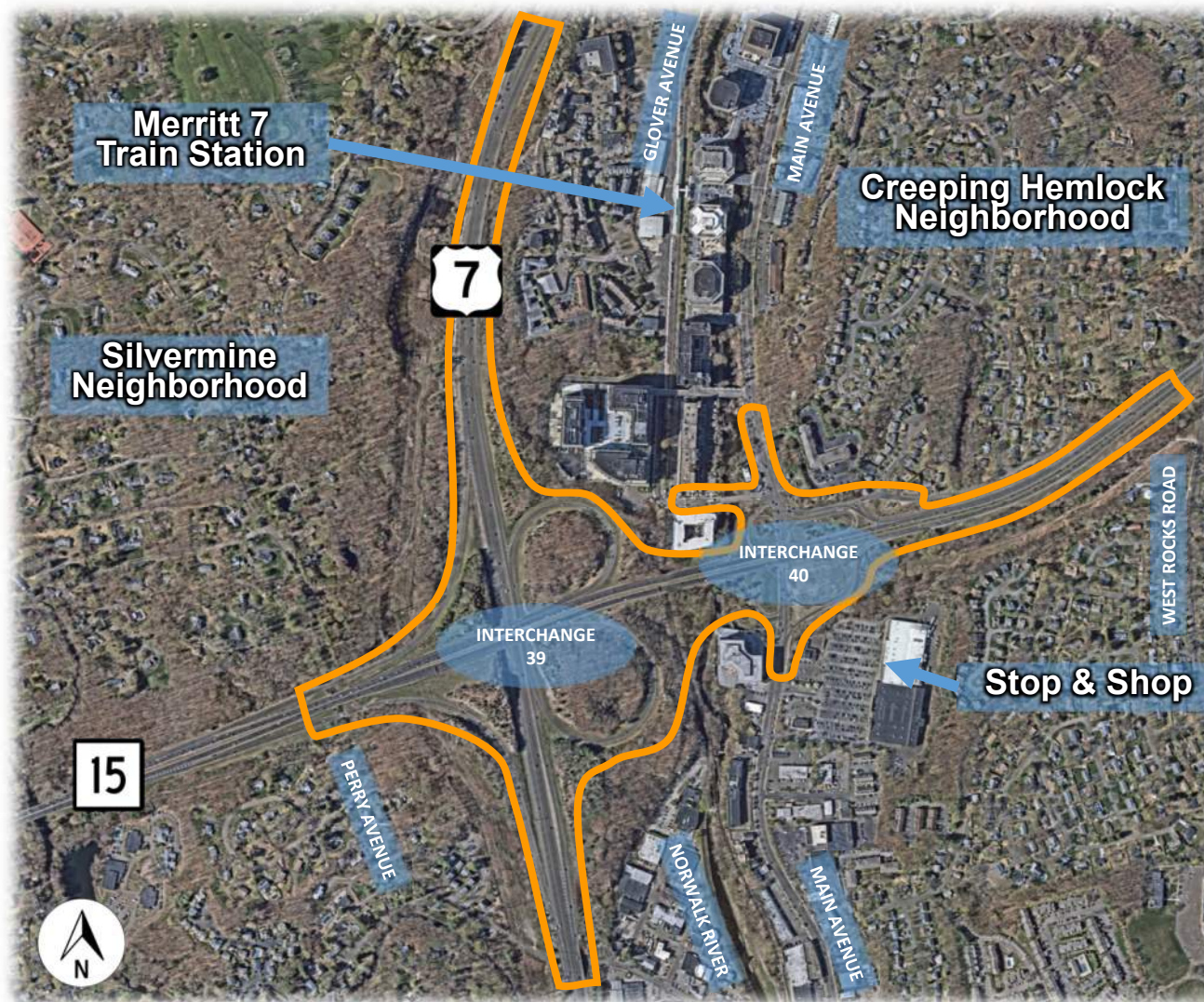
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Missing Connections

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Note: **Green** arrows indicate existing connections along Route 15 at the interchanges, whereas **red** arrows indicate connections not currently provided at the existing Route 15 and Route 7 interchange.





Project Purpose and Need

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Roadway System Linkages

- Construct missing connections between Route 7 and 15

Safety

- Address substandard acceleration/deceleration lanes, steep changes in grades, sharp curves, and limited sight distances

Mobility

- Provide local road network improvements to Main Avenue, Glover Avenue, and Creeping Hemlock Drive
- Provide improvements to bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities, including ADA compliance







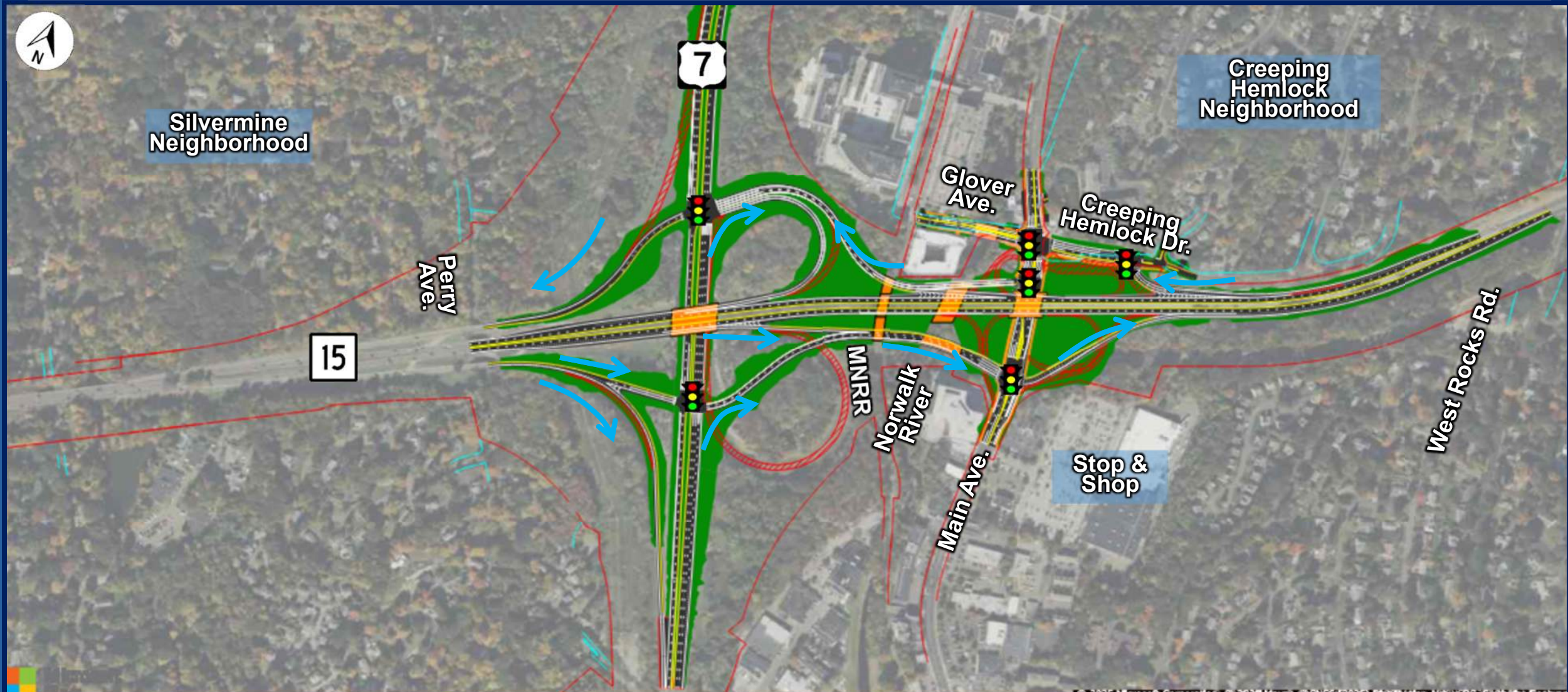
Preliminary Design Update





Preliminary Design

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Visualization Preliminary Design

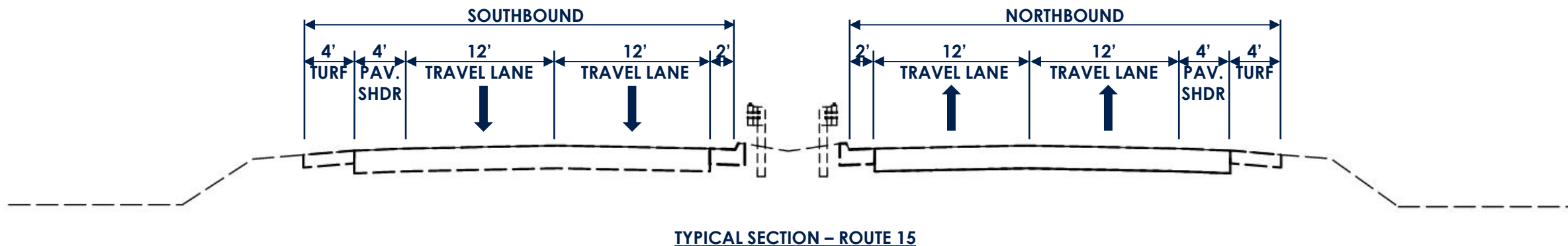
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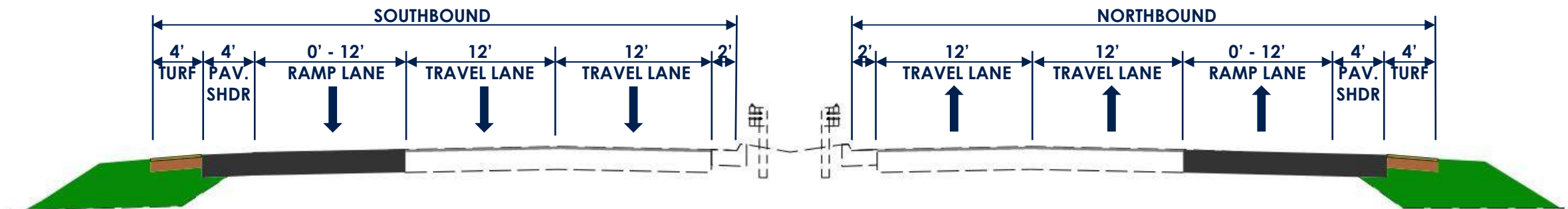
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Route 15 – Preliminary Design

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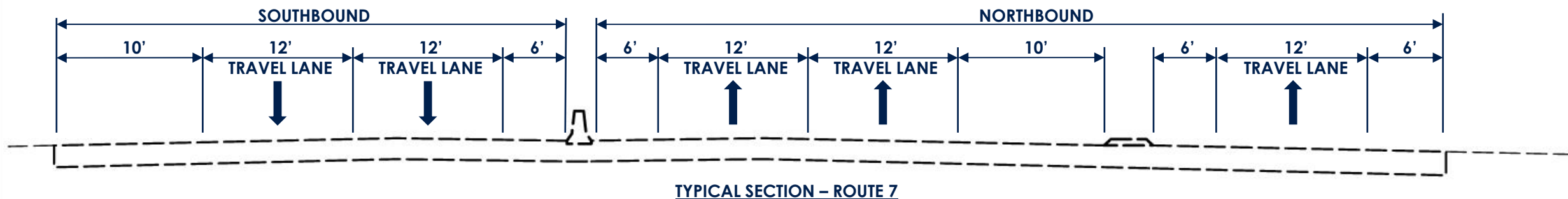
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Route 7 – Existing Conditions

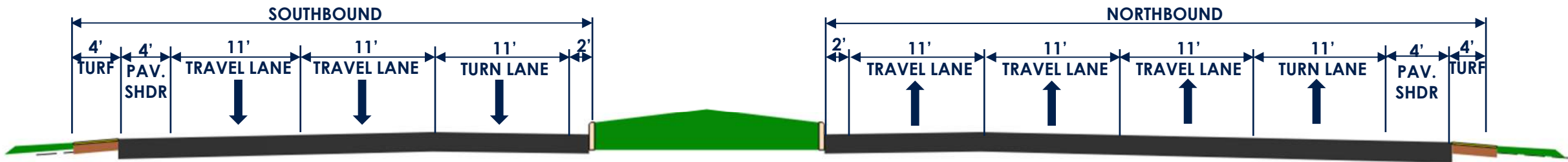
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TYPICAL SECTION – ROUTE 7





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Existing



Proposed

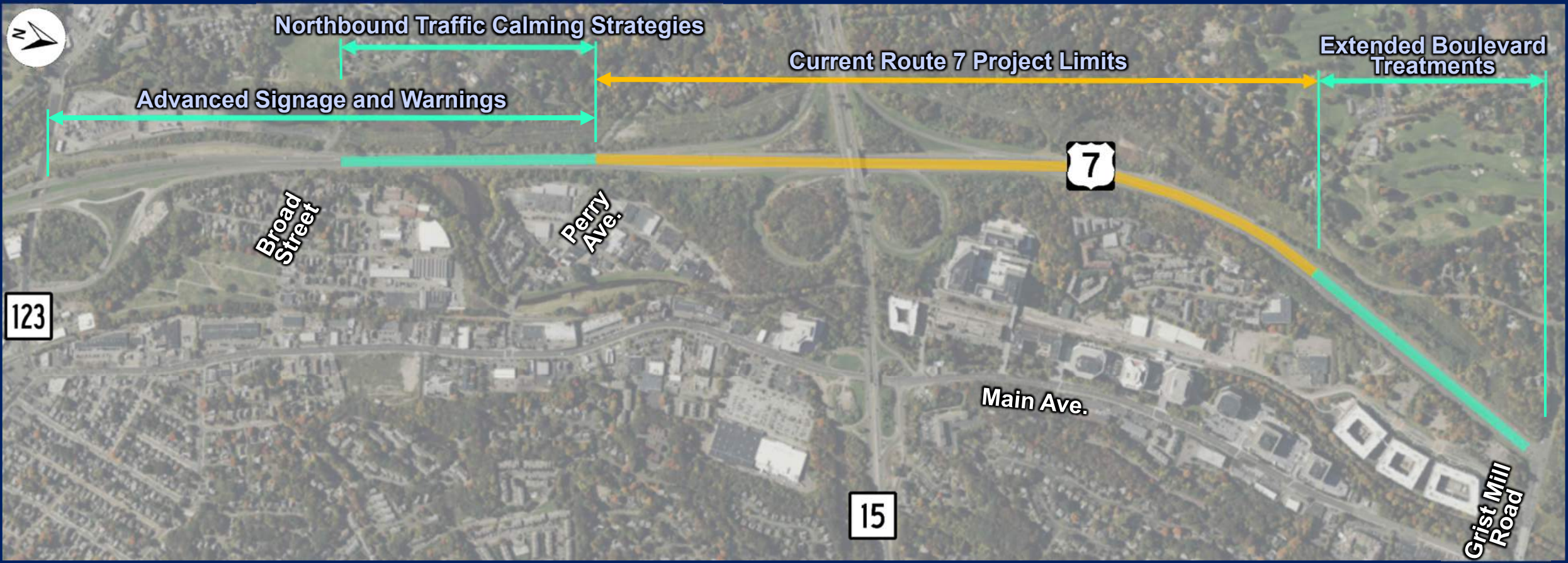
Traffic Calming Strategies

- Advanced Signage and Warnings
- Posted Speed Reductions
- Horizontal Transitions
- Reduced Lane Widths
- Reduced Shoulder Widths
- Increased Median Width
- Median Landscaping
- Roadside Landscaping



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Visualization Route 7 – Preliminary Design

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Route 7 Aerial View looking North



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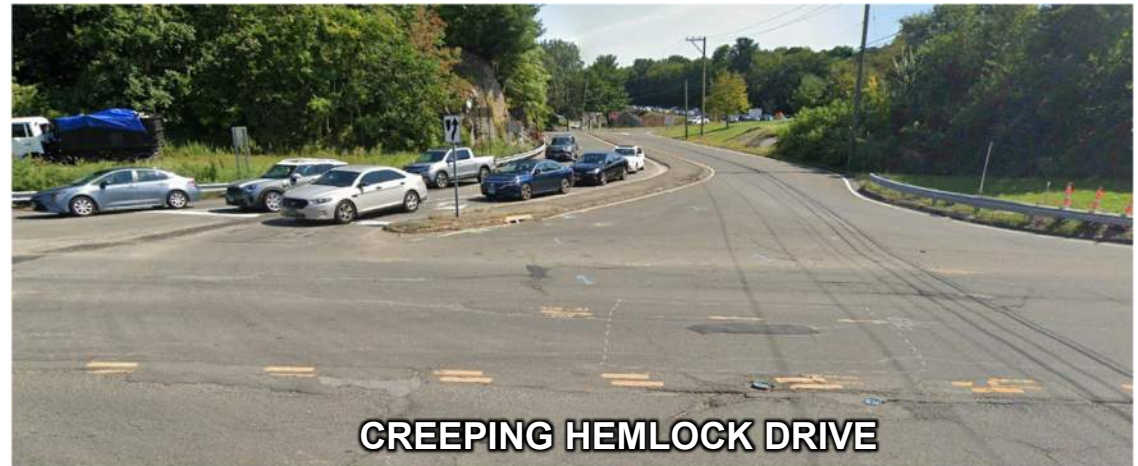
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GLOVER AVENUE



MAIN AVENUE

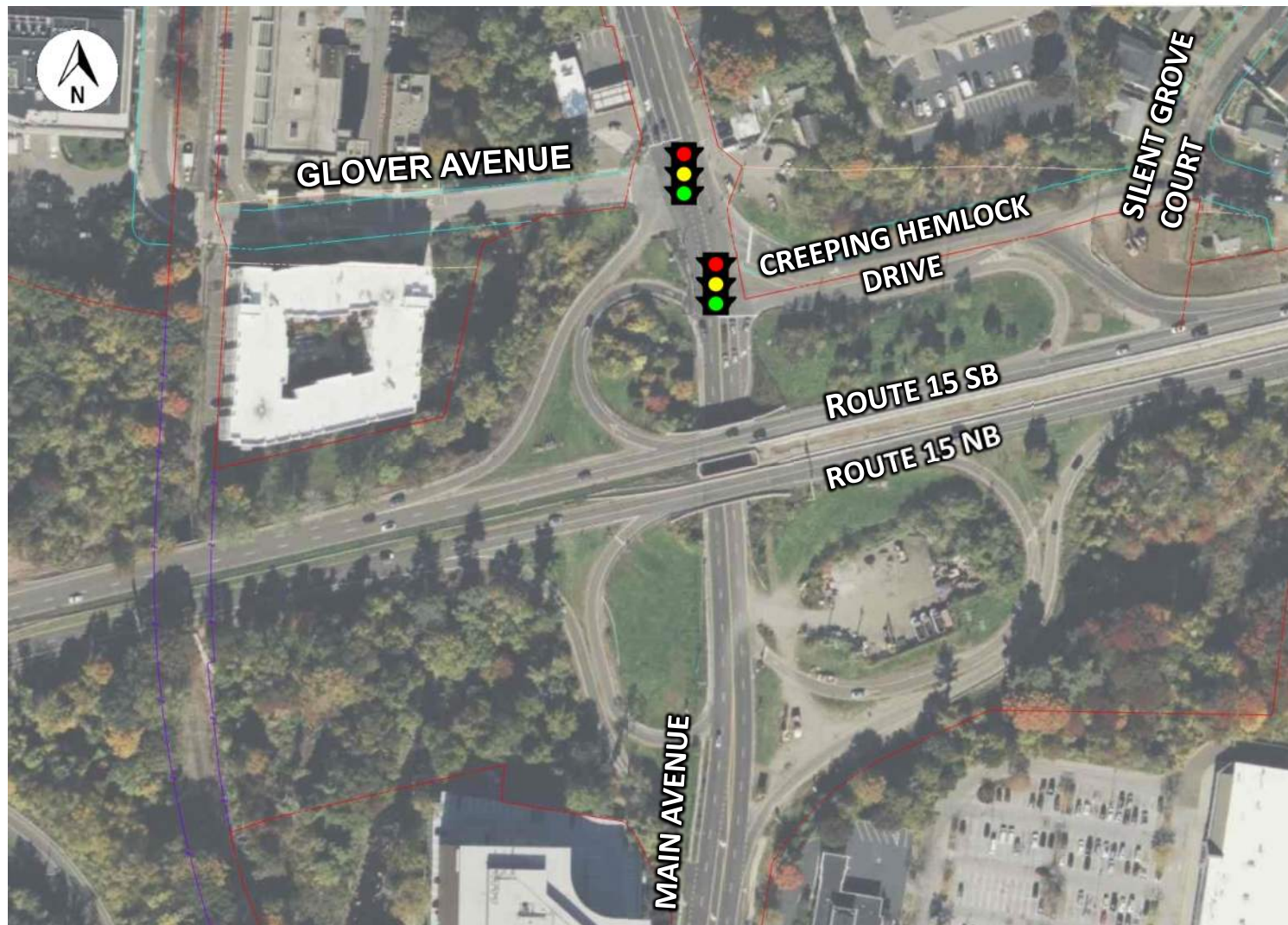


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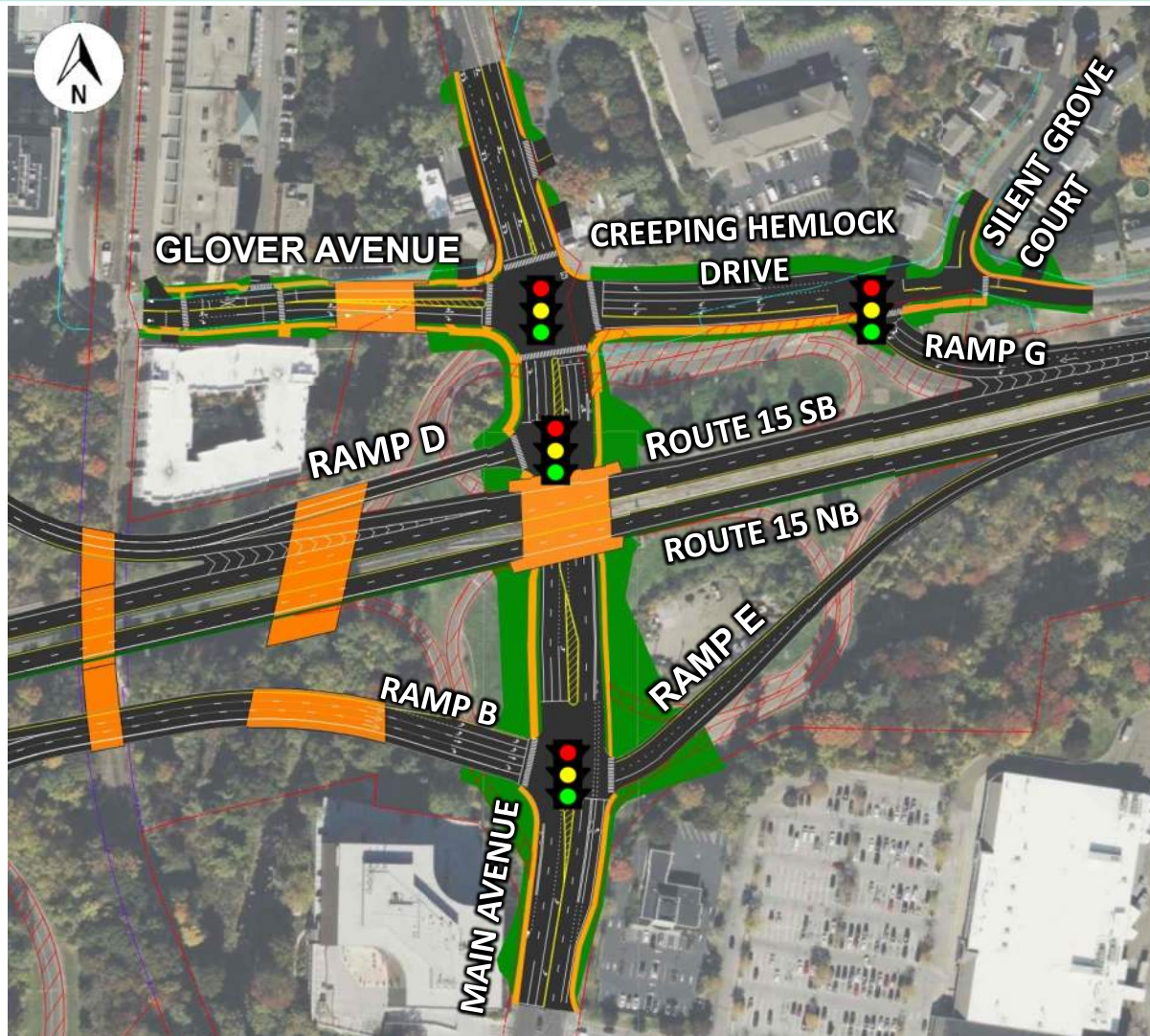
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Complete Streets / Active Transportation Connections

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Improvements to Local Road Network

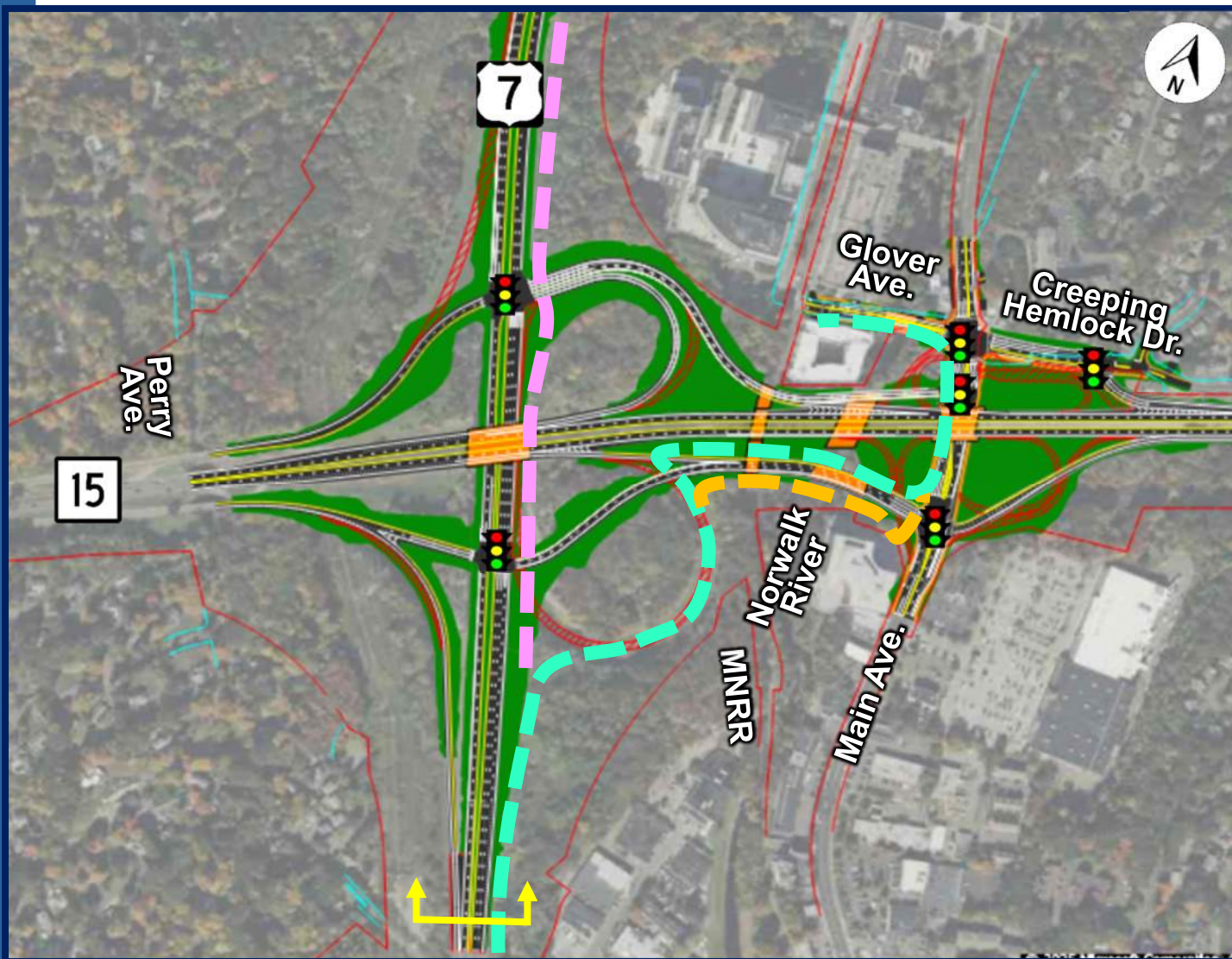
- Signal Improvements for pedestrians at intersections
- Enhanced ADA sidewalks
- Shared use path facilities
- Bicycle amenities
 - Bicycle lanes
 - Bicycle treatments at intersections
- Enhanced bus stop facilities





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Route 7 Typical Section view looking North

Legend:

-  Main Avenue Option (North of Ramp)
-  Main Avenue Option (South of Ramp)
-  East of Route 7 Option



Right of Way Relevant Law

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State of Connecticut

- C.G.S. Sections 13a-73 & 13a-98e

Federal

- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.





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Letter of Intent to Acquire

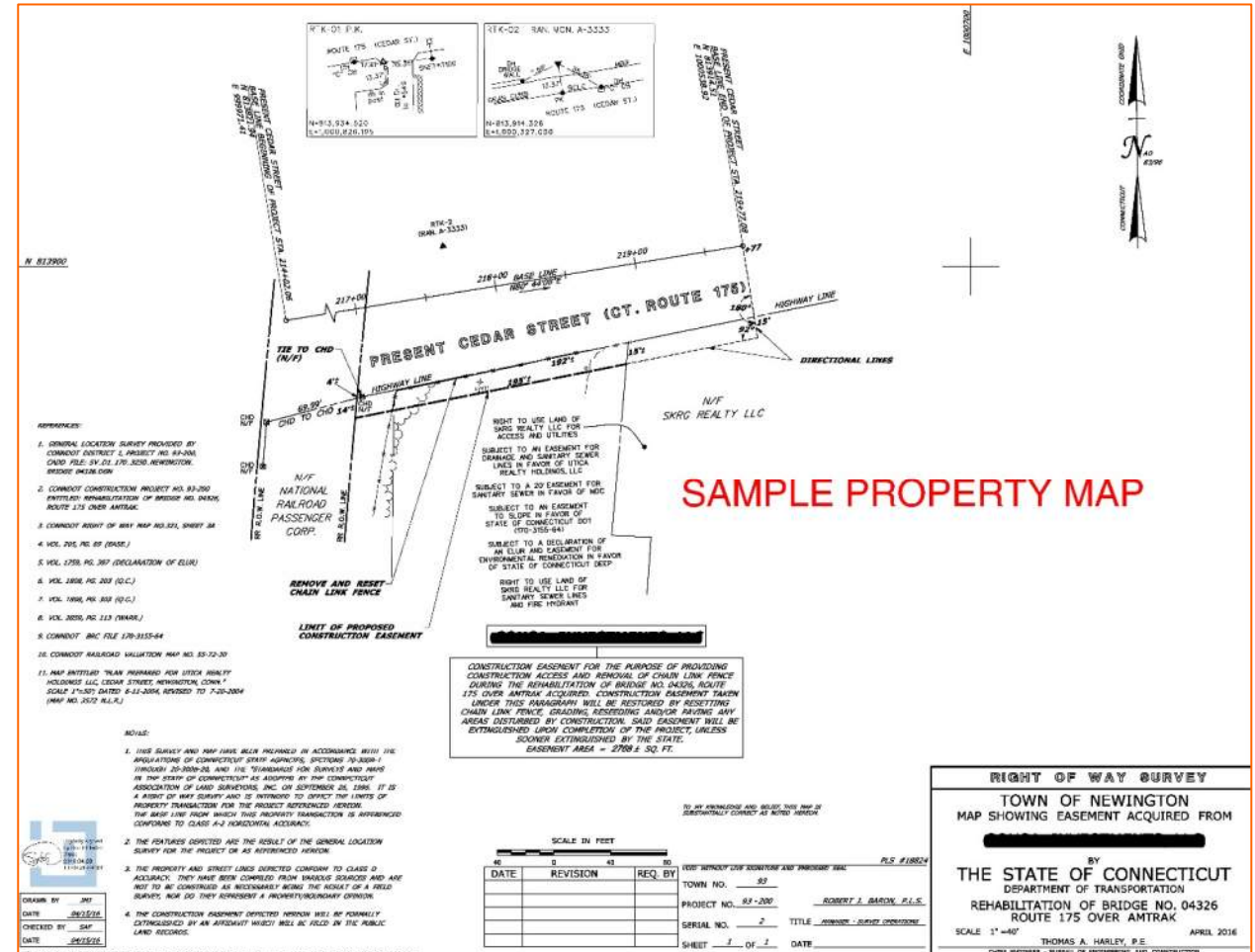
Valuation

Offer of Just Compensation

Negotiation

Acquisition

- Agreement
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation
- 6-month Appeal Period





Next Steps





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Outreach Schedule

- Public Info Meeting comments due July 9, 2025

Final Design, Right of Way, and Permitting

- FHWA Design Approval: Summer 2025
- Final Design and Permit Complete: Summer 2027
 - Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
 - Merritt Parkway Landscape Coordination
 - Continued PAC and Public Involvement

Construction

- Begin Construction: Late 2027/Early 2028
- Anticipated Construction Duration: 3-4 Years

Total Construction Cost = \$162.3M

- 80% Federal Funding
- 20% State Funding



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