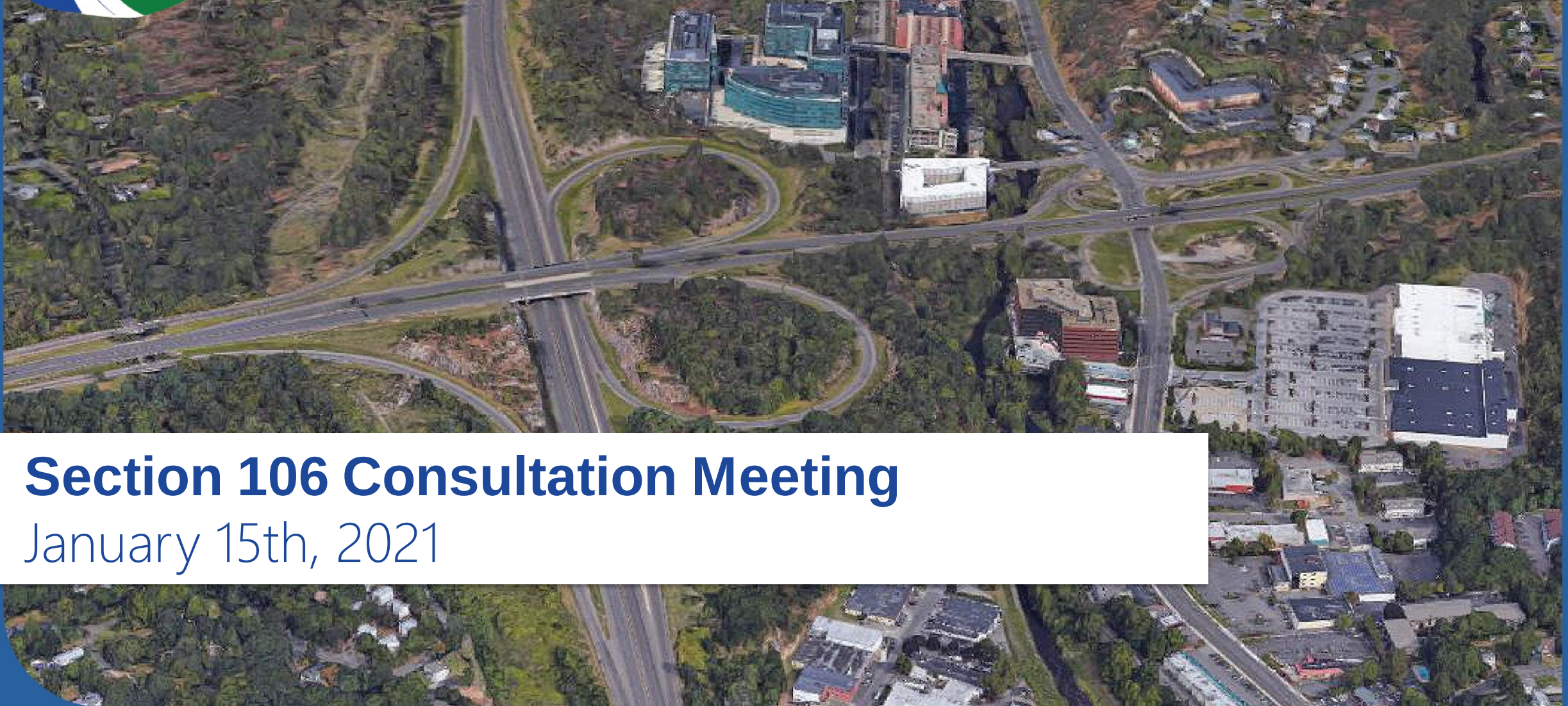




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Why are we here?

- Continue the formal Section 106 Consulting Parties process
- Present anticipated respective impacts of the proposed alternatives on historic properties





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Agenda

- Introductions
- Project purpose & alternatives
- Effects on historic resources
- Virtual tours of alternatives



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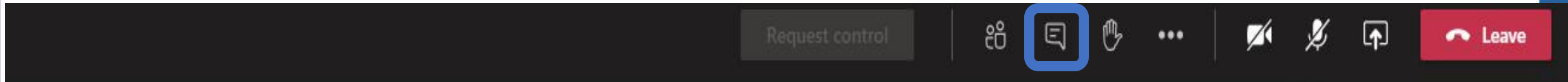


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That's a really great comment!

Meeting chat

- Stephanie Dyer-Carroll joined the meeting.
- Marcy Miller renamed the meeting to NCR project test.
- 11:39 AM Meeting started



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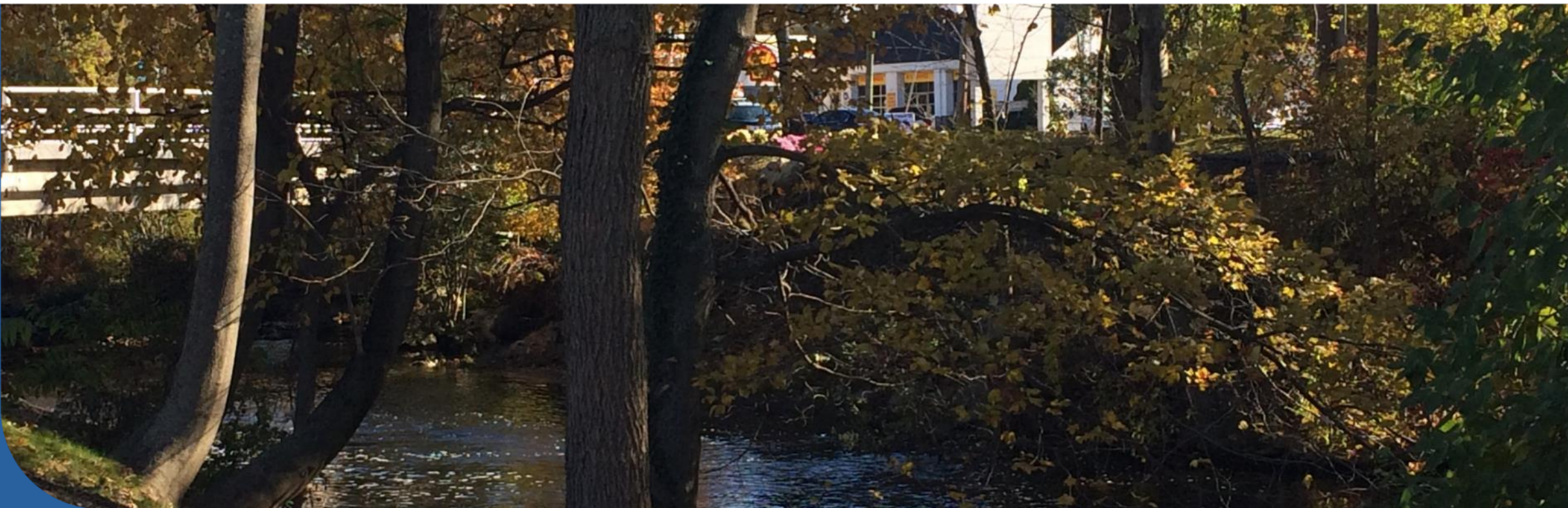
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Introductions





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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.





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Level 2 Screening (PAC)

Criteria	Alt 12A	Alt 20B	Alt 21D	Alt 26
A) Compatible with Regional Initiatives	Green	Red	Green	Red
B) Construction Costs	Red	Red	Red	Green
C) Maintenance Costs	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Green
D) Integrating Project Roadways into Environment / Neighborhood Context	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
E) Elevated Ramps	Black	Green	Green	Green
F) Potential Impacts to Norwalk River	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
G) Proximity of New Ramps / Roadways to Neighborhoods	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Green
H) Construction Duration / Impacts to Public	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
I) Direct Archaeological Resources Impacts	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red



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Alternative 12A: Looking East Along Merritt Parkway





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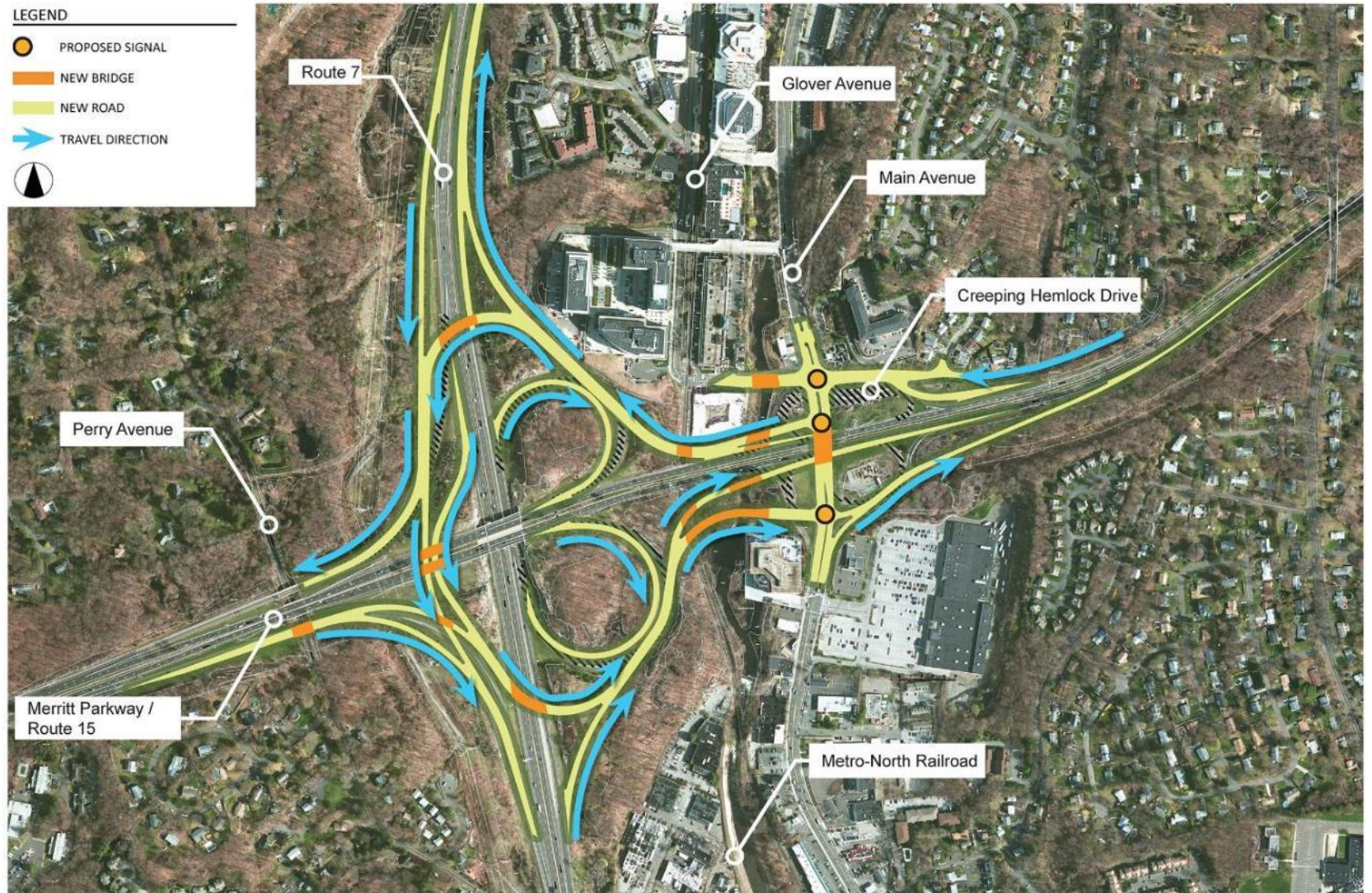
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Alternative 21D

LEGEND

- PROPOSED SIGNAL
- NEW BRIDGE
- NEW ROAD
- TRAVEL DIRECTION





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Alternative 26

LEGEND

- PROPOSED SIGNAL
- NEW BRIDGE
- NEW ROAD
- TRAVEL DIRECTION





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Model Demonstration



Effects on Historic Resources

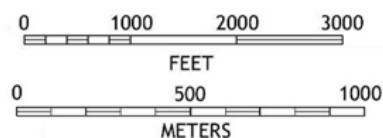




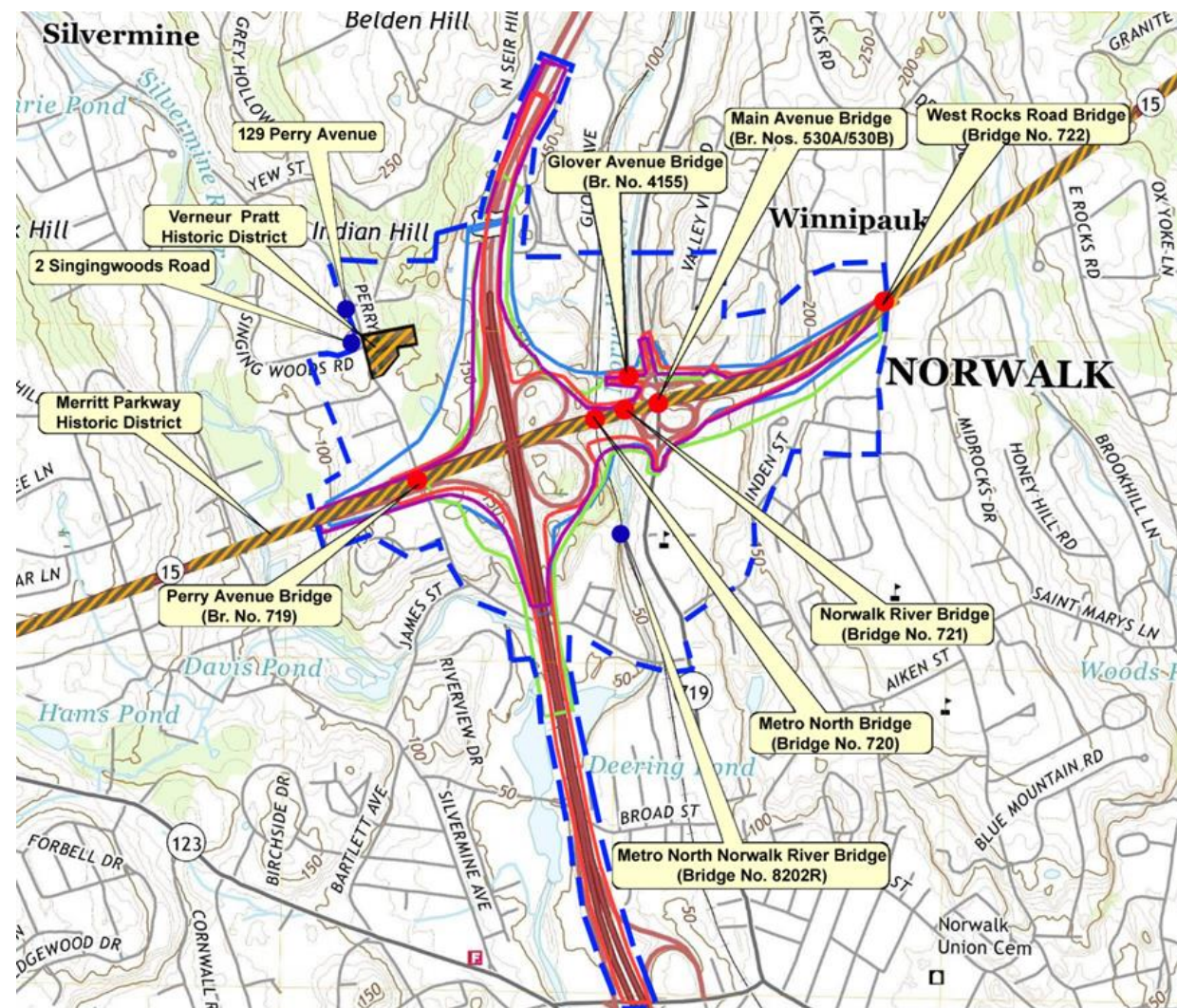
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APE and Historic Resources



Source: U.S.G.S. Norwalk North Quadrangle, 2018





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Potential Effects to Above-Ground Resources

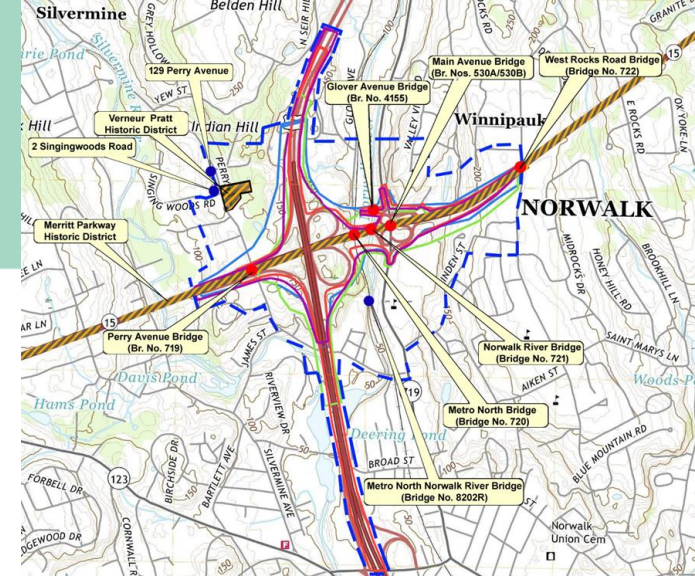
Resource	Alt. 12A	Alt. 20B	Alt. 21D	Alt. 26
Merritt Parkway Historic District Contributing Resources				
A. Merritt Parkway (Designed Landscape)	Adverse Effect*	Adverse Effect*	Adverse Effect*	Adverse Effect*
B. Merritt Parkway Perry Ave Bridge (719)	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
C. Merritt Parkway Metro-North Bridge (720)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)
D. Merritt Parkway Norwalk River Bridge (721)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)	Adverse Effect (Visual/setting)
E. Merritt Parkway Main Ave Bridge (530A, 530B)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)
F. Merritt Parkway West Rocks Rd Bridge (722)	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
G. Verneur Pratt Historic District	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
H. Glover Ave Bridge (4155) (NRHP-eligible)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)	Adverse Effect (Replacement)
I1. 2 Singingwoods Rd (potentially NRHP-eligible)	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
I2. 129 Perry Ave (potentially NRHP-eligible)	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
I3. Metro North Norwalk River Bridge (8202R) (potentially NRHP-eligible)	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect



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Merritt Parkway Bridges

Perry Ave Bridge (No. 719): No Effect



Existing view of south side as seen from Perry Ave, facing north



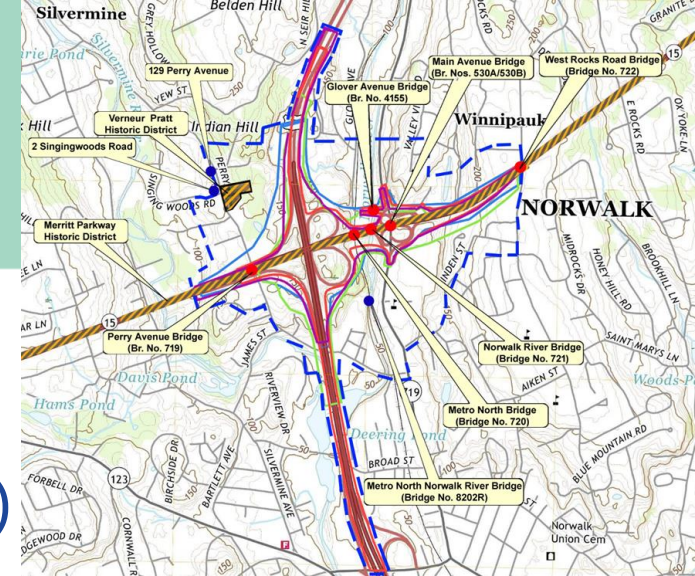
Proposed view of south side as seen from Perry Ave, facing north (Alternative 21D only)



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Merritt Parkway Bridges

Metro North Bridge (No. 720): Indirect Adverse Effect (Setting)



Existing view of north side as seen from Glover Ave, facing south



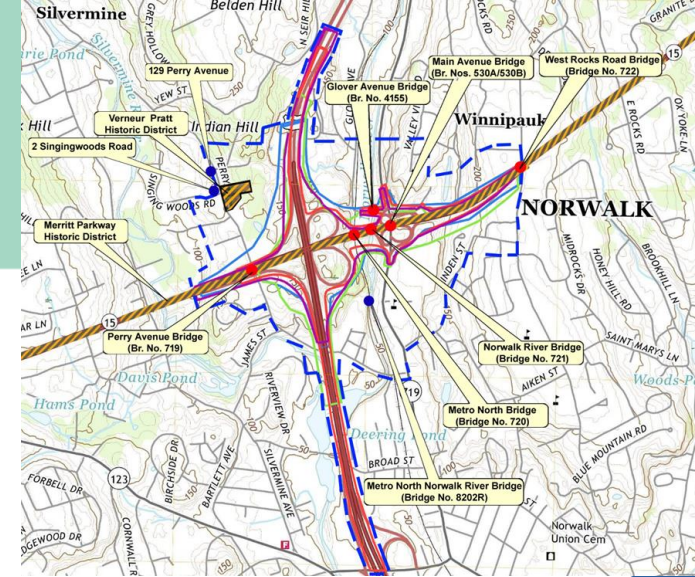
Proposed view of north side as seen from Glover Ave, facing south (Alternative 21D; Alternative 26 similar)



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Merritt Parkway Bridges

Norwalk River Bridge (No. 721): Indirect Adverse Effect (Setting)



North side seen from Glover Ave bridge, facing south. This view would be obscured by a ramp



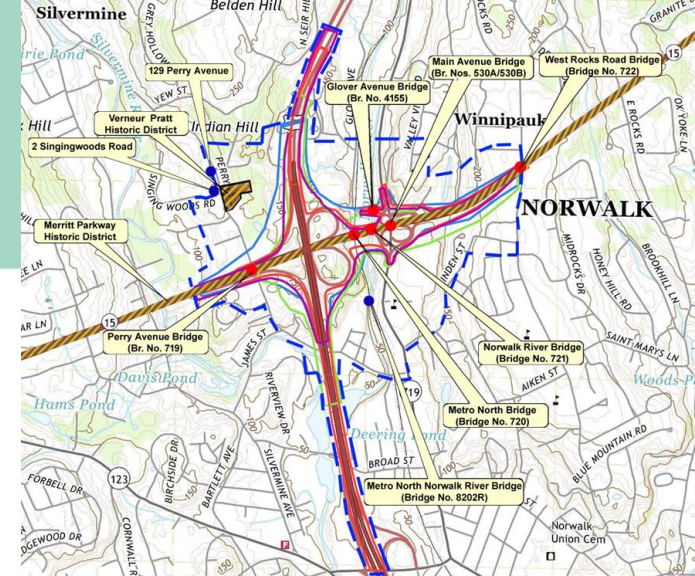
South side, from parkway exit ramp, facing northwest



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Merritt Parkway Bridges

Main Ave Bridge (No. 530A and B) : Adverse Effect (Replacement)



South side (as seen from Main Ave, facing north)



South side (facing north)



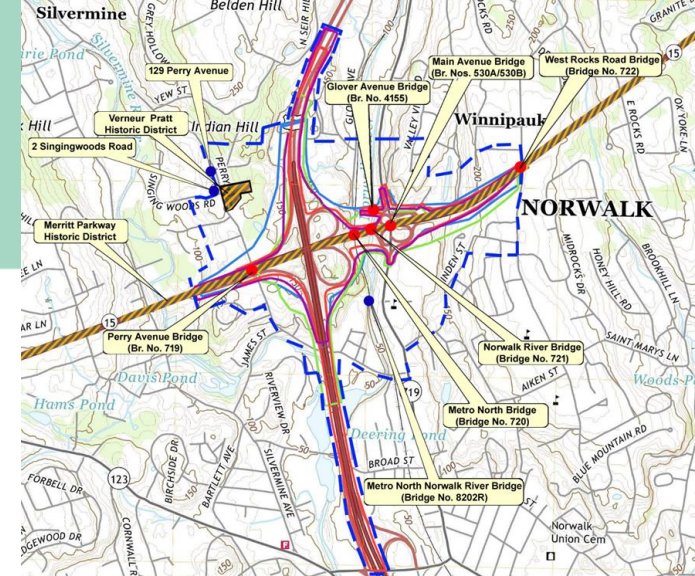
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Merritt Parkway Bridges

West Rocks Rd Bridge (No. 722) : No Effect



East side of bridge, facing west

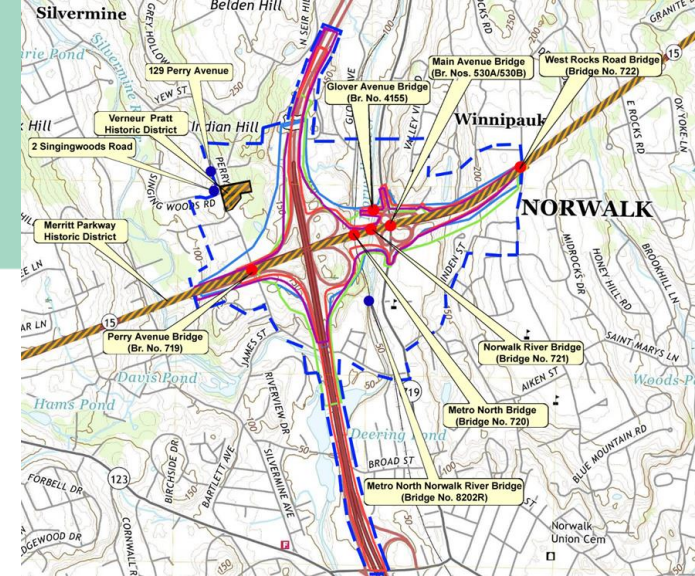




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Historic Districts

Verneur Pratt Historic District: No Effect



House at 114 Perry Ave (facing east)



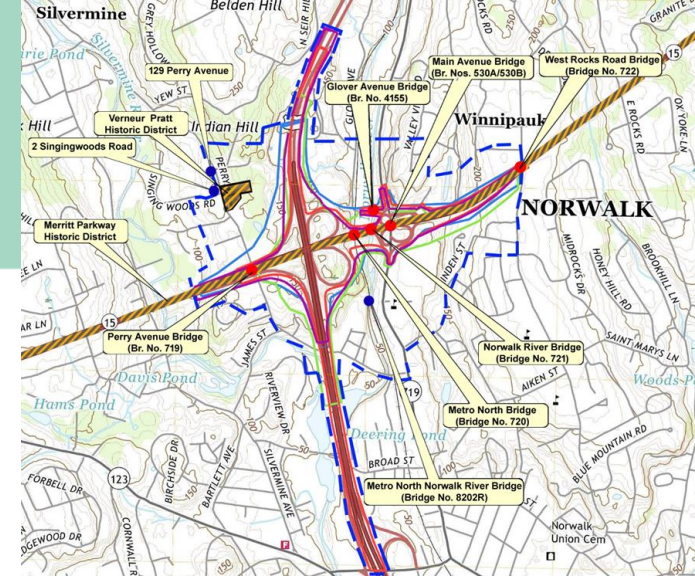
House and barn at 114 Perry Ave (facing northeast)



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Individual Historic Resources

Glover Ave Bridge (No. 4155): Adverse Effect (Replacement)



South side, camera facing northeast



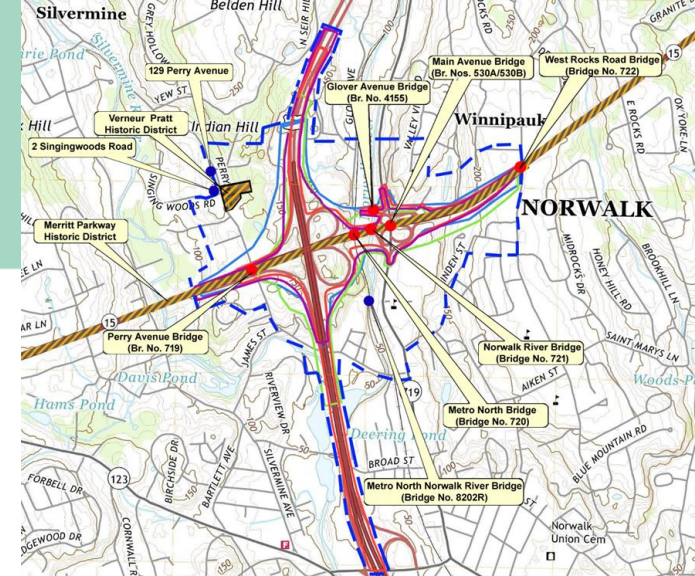
South side, inscribed capstone



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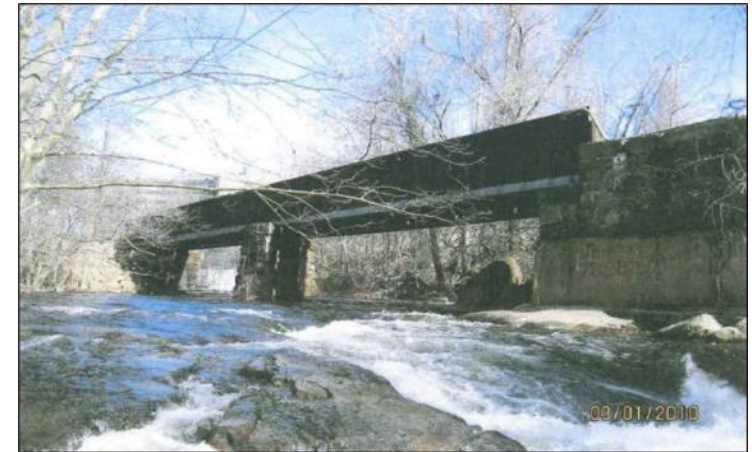
Properties identified by SHPO as potentially NR-eligible: No Effects



2 Singingwoods Rd



129 Perry Ave



*Metro-North Bridge 8202R
over Norwalk River*



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The Merritt Parkway

National Register of Historic Places (1991), HAER (1992), State Scenic Rd (1993), National Scenic Byway (1996)

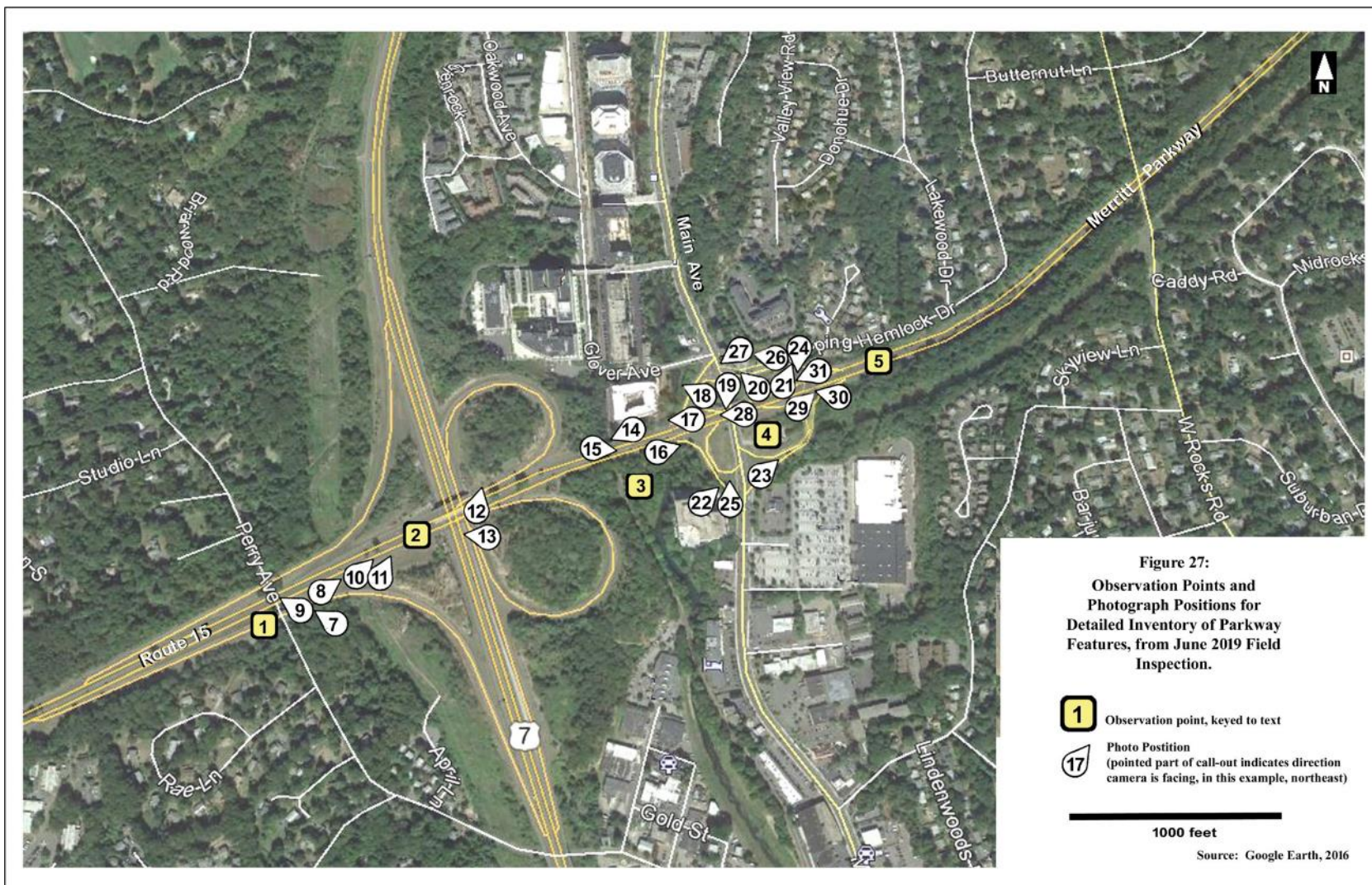
- Significant designed landscape
 - Geometry of the roadway - cuts and fills designed to accentuate viewsheds for drivers
 - Trees and plantings maintained or added to blend into and enhance natural surroundings, including the median
 - Landscape used to “heal” man-made intrusions
 - Associated elements - guardrails, signage





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The Merritt Parkway

Observation Point 1: West end of APE, vicinity of Perry Ave undergrade bridge



*Perry Ave undergrade bridge, facing northwest.
Northbound lane in foreground, guiderail, southbound
lane, Perry Ave bridge parapet, and Route 7
Southbound-to-Parkway Southbound ramp*



*East of Perry Ave undergrade bridge, facing northeast.
The Parkway-to-Route 7 Southbound ramp is at the
right. Signs for upcoming exits are in the distance*





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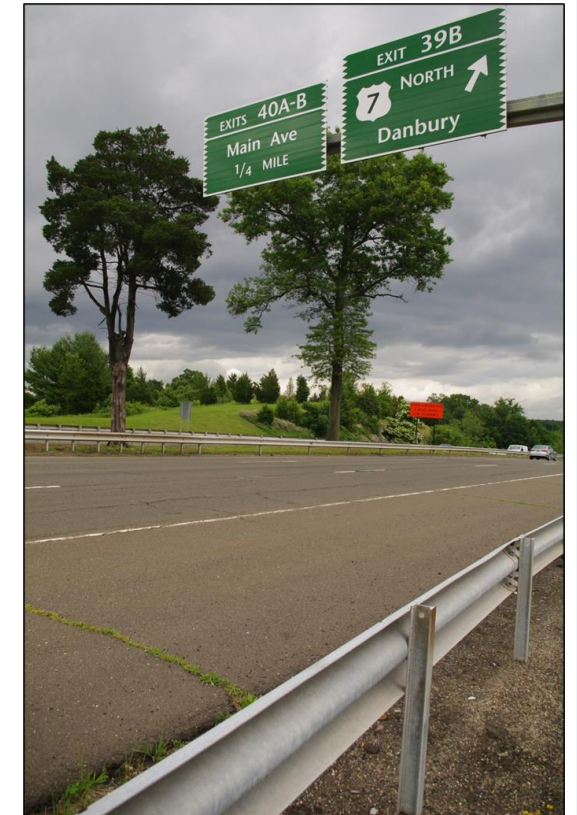
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Observation Point 2: Parkway overpass of Route 7



Rock outcropping where the Route 7 Southbound on-ramp merges with the Parkway's southbound travel lanes, facing north

Parkway approaching the Route 7 northbound exit, facing northeast. The median widens out enough for some large trees and grassy areas. The paved shoulder widens at this point for a short exit lane. The grassy knoll in the background is part of the outcropping where the Route 7 southbound ramp enters the Parkway's southbound travel lanes





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The Merritt Parkway

Observation Point 3: Parkway between Route 7 and Main Ave



Parkway between the ramps for Route 7 and the ramps for Main Ave, facing southwest. The concrete parapet with metal screening is the Metro-North bridge



Character of the Parkway between the ramps for Route 7 and the ramps for Main Ave, facing east



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The Merritt Parkway

Observation Point 3: Parkway between Route 7 and Main Ave



Reproduction rustic sign and directional reflectors for the Main Ave exit from the Parkway's northbound lanes, facing east



Modern apartment building on Glover Ave, as seen from the Parkway's southbound side, facing west



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The Merritt Parkway

Observation Point 3: Parkway between Route 7 and Main Ave



Modern office development on Glover Ave as seen from the Main Ave off-ramp, facing northwest



Modern office development on the west side of Main Ave, south of the Parkway, facing south



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The Merritt Parkway

Observation Point 4: Main Ave



On-ramp and off-ramp in the northeast quadrant of the interchange of the Parkway and Main Ave, facing northwest, showing paved median, modern guiderail, and overgrown vegetation



Rock cut where the on-ramp and off-ramp in the northeast quadrant join Creeping Hemlock Dr, facing northeast



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The Merritt Parkway

Observation Point 4: Main Ave ramps



Overview of the southeast quadrant, facing northeast, showing overgrown inner circle (with construction staging area) and east edge, post-and-cable and modern metal guiderail, and power transmission line



Midpoint of the southeast quadrant, facing northeast





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The Merritt Parkway

Observation Point 4: Main Ave



Portion of the triangle between ramps and the Parkway in the southeast quadrant, facing south



Overview of the on-ramp in the southwest quadrant, facing north, south elevation of the Main Ave bridge at right



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Observation Point 4: Main Ave



Overview of the Main Ave end of the on-ramp and off-ramp in the northwest quadrant, facing west



Detail of the plantings in the area in the northwest quadrant bordered by the Parkway, Main Ave and the off-ramp, facing west



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Observation Point 4: Main Ave



The grassy triangle at the Parkway end of the ramps in the northwest quadrant, facing southwest



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Observation Point 5: Parkway at eastern edge of the APE, east of Main Ave



Parkway north of the Main Ave interchange, facing northeast



Parkway north of the Main Ave interchange, facing west



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Observation Point 5: Parkway at eastern edge of the APE, east of Main Ave



Detail of the timber-on-metal guiderail, joining up with the parapets of the Main Ave bridge, facing southwest





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Alternatives Model Review to Show MP Impacts



Next Steps





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- 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**





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Discussion

- Please share your comments and questions with us



Virtual Tour of Alternatives 21D and 26

