



Oxford- Roadway Rehabilitation on Route 12 (Main Street)

25% Design Public Hearing




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Virtual Design Public Hearing

ROADWAY REHABILITATION ON ROUTE 12 (MAIN STREET)
OXFORD

What is happening?

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the preliminary design for the Roadway Rehabilitation of Main Street (Route 12) in Oxford, MA.

How will this affect you?

The Town of Oxford, in partnership with MassDOT, is advancing a roadway improvement project along Main Street (Route 12) between Fairlawn Avenue and Front Street to enhance safety, accessibility, and traffic operations within the Town Center area. The project will include new pavement and sidewalks, as well as separated bicycle lanes, improved bus stops, and enhanced street lighting to better serve all users. In addition, safety and operational upgrades are planned for the intersection of Main Street, Charlton Street, and Sutton Avenue. When completed, the project will provide a safer, more efficient, and more accessible Main Street corridor for all modes of travel.

When

Tuesday January 13, 2026
6:30 PM

Attend

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Oxford – Roadway Rehabilitation on Route 12 (Main Street)
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A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in **Oxford, MA.**

WHEN: 6:30PM, Tuesday, January 13, 2026

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of improvements to Main Street (Route 12) between Fairlawn Avenue and Front Street. The project will reconstruct the roadway with new pavement and implement Complete Streets features to improve safety and accessibility for all users. Improvements include new ADA/AAB-compliant sidewalks, separated 6-foot bicycle lanes in accordance with applicable design guides, upgraded street lighting, and new bus stops. The project will also improve safety and traffic flow at the intersection of Main Street, Charlton Street, and Sutton Avenue with traffic signals updates and geometric improvements.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management, Project File No. 611988**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

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Project Handout

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Funding

- Total estimated cost is \$21M
- Cost does not include any Right-Of-Way acquisition costs
- Project programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the Federal Fiscal Year 2028 and 2029
- Funding Sources:
 - Federal Aid (80%)
 - State Funds (20%)

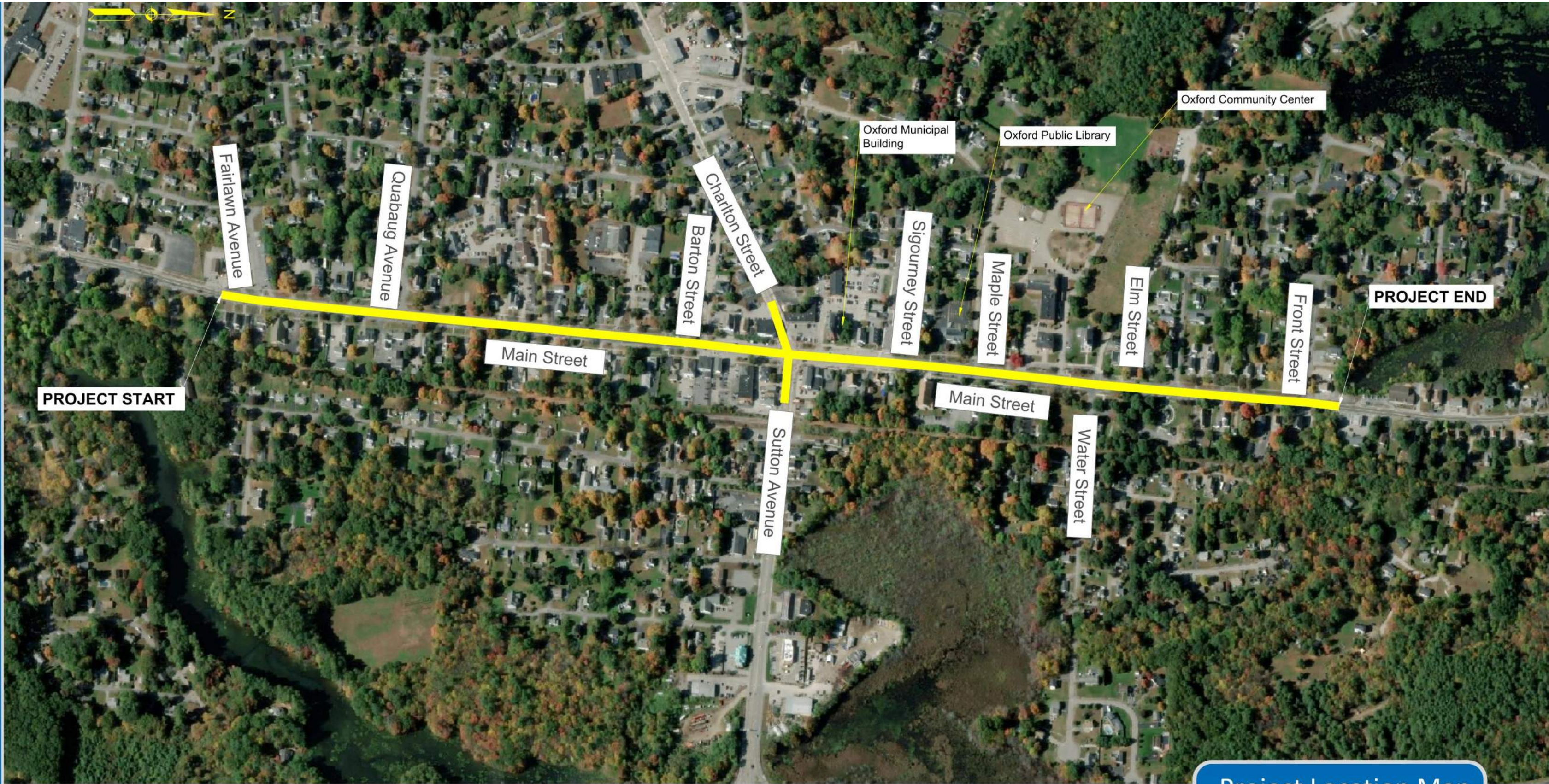


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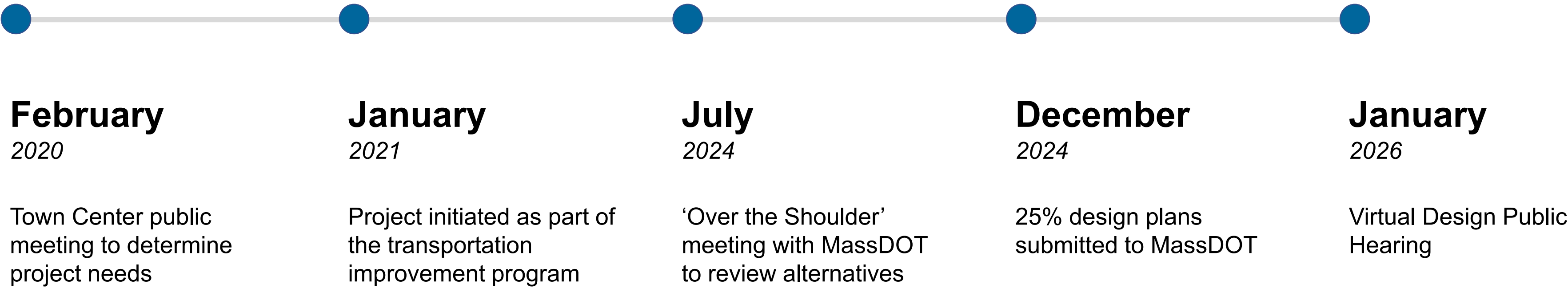


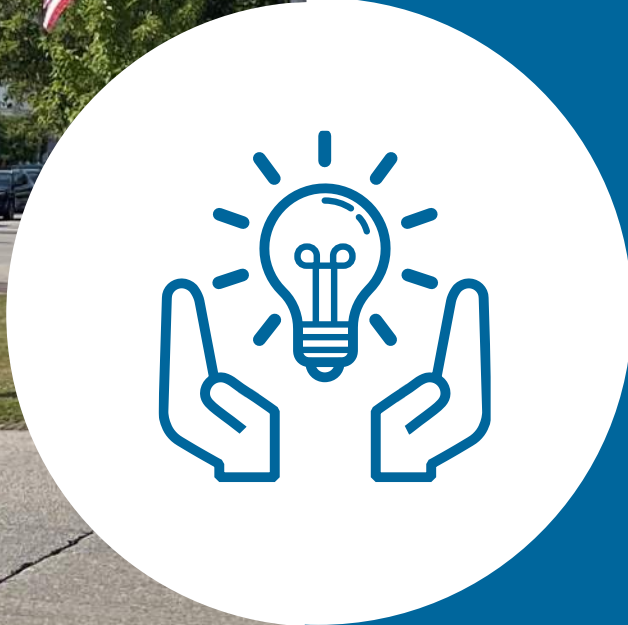
Project Location



Project Location Map

How did we get here?





**Why was this
project
initiated?**

Existing Conditions

Existing roadway conditions include

- Safety Issues
- Accessibility Issues
- Operational Issues



Existing Safety Issues

- High Speeds
 - Wide roadway width encourages high speeds
- Crash History
 - Above average crash rate for corridor.
 - Above average crash rate for Main Street at Charleton Street and Sutton Ave
 - 5 pedestrian or bicycle collisions in a 6-year span
- Degraded Pavement Condition
 - Cracking, patches, and rutting



Existing Accessibility Issues

- Pedestrian Crossings
 - Non-compliant ramps and pedestrian signal equipment
- Sidewalk Condition
 - Segments of sidewalk in poor condition
- Bus Stops
 - Bus stops are not ADA compliant
- Bicycles
 - No existing bicycle facilities



Existing Operational Issues

- South of 302 Main Street (CVS)
 - Auxiliary through lane under stop control.
- Main Street at Charlton Street and Sutton Ave
 - Phasing options limited by existing signal equipment
 - Signal lacks coordination with adjacent railroad crossing
- Old Main Street
 - Density of access points to Main Street.



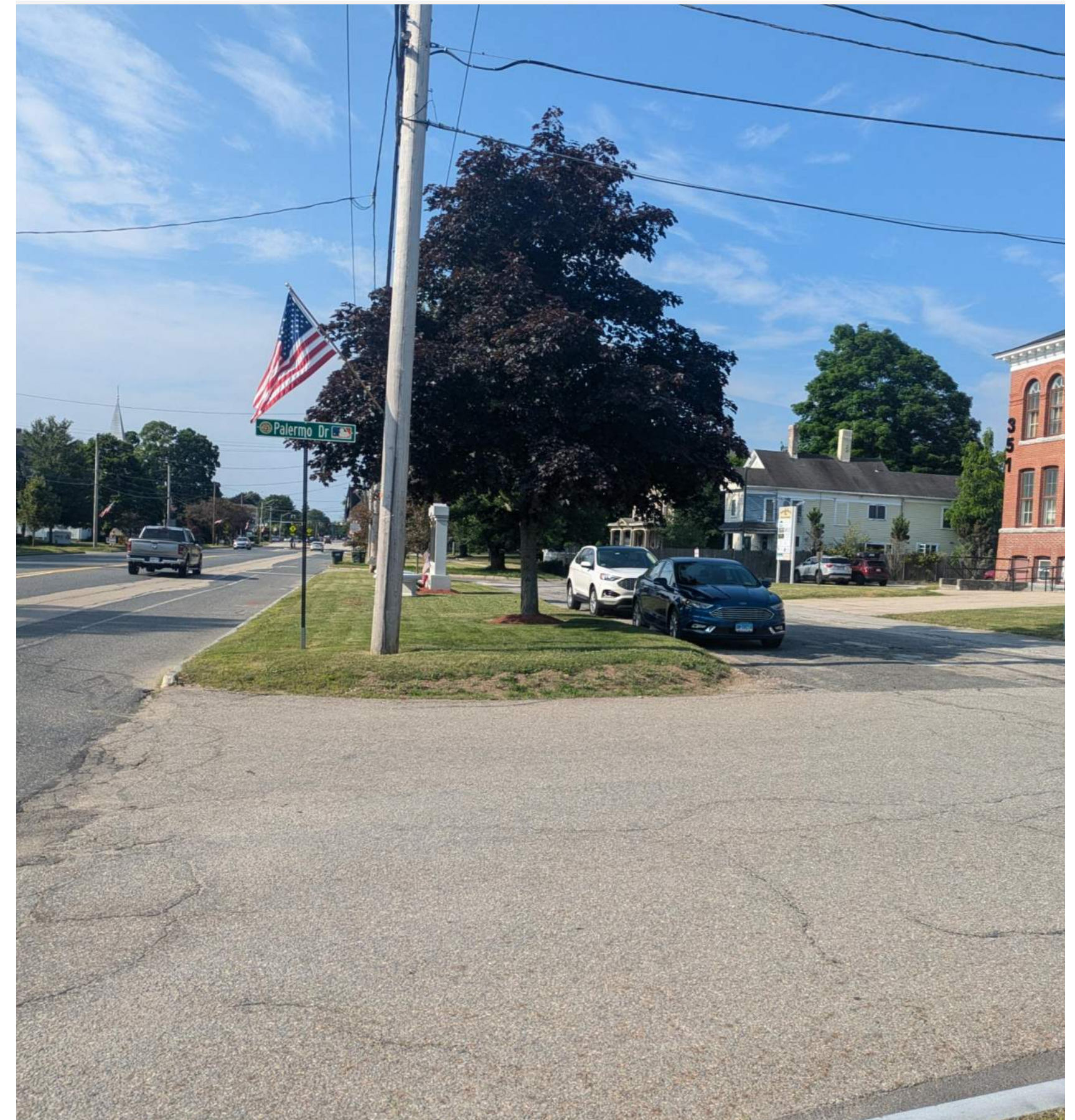


**What do we
want to
accomplish?**

Project Goals

Safe Accommodations for all Users

- Improved pedestrian infrastructure
- New bicycle infrastructure
- Vehicle safety countermeasures



Pedestrian Infrastructure

- Improved Sidewalk Conditions
 - Ensure sidewalk is 5-ft wide at minimum
 - Construct ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps
- Increased Pedestrian Visibility
 - Increase Street Lighting
 - Provide curb extensions in place of median islands to:
 - Limit parking at crosswalks
 - Place waiting pedestrians and flashing beacons in a driver's line of sight



Bicycle Infrastructure

- Bicycle lanes
 - 6' foot bicycle lanes on either side of roadway
 - Minimum 3' of separation from roadway
- Intersection Visibility
 - Bicycle pavement markings in conflict zones
 - Bike boxes for turns at traffic signals
- Network Connectivity
 - Connection to existing Charlton St. bike lanes to recreation destinations



Safety Countermeasures

- Corridor Improvements
 - Typical roadway width reduction
 - Reduce Operating Speeds
 - Full depth reclamation for improved roadway surface
- Intersection improvements
 - Updated signal phasing and timing and railroad coordination at Main Street/ Charlton St/ Sutton Ave
 - Reduced access points to Main Street from Old Main Street and one-way travel on Old Main Street.

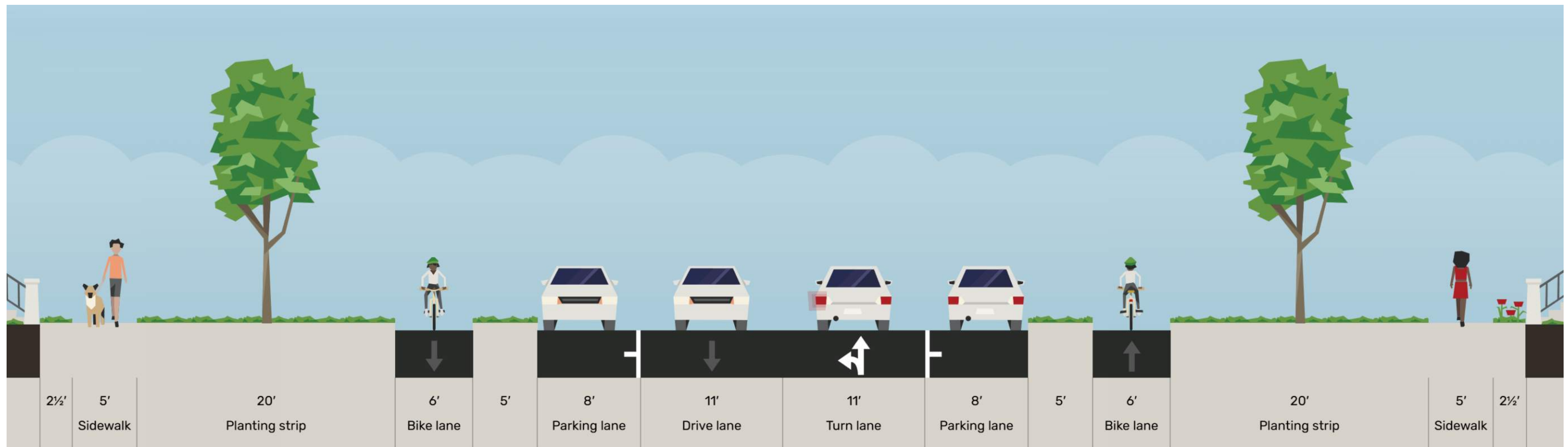




**What
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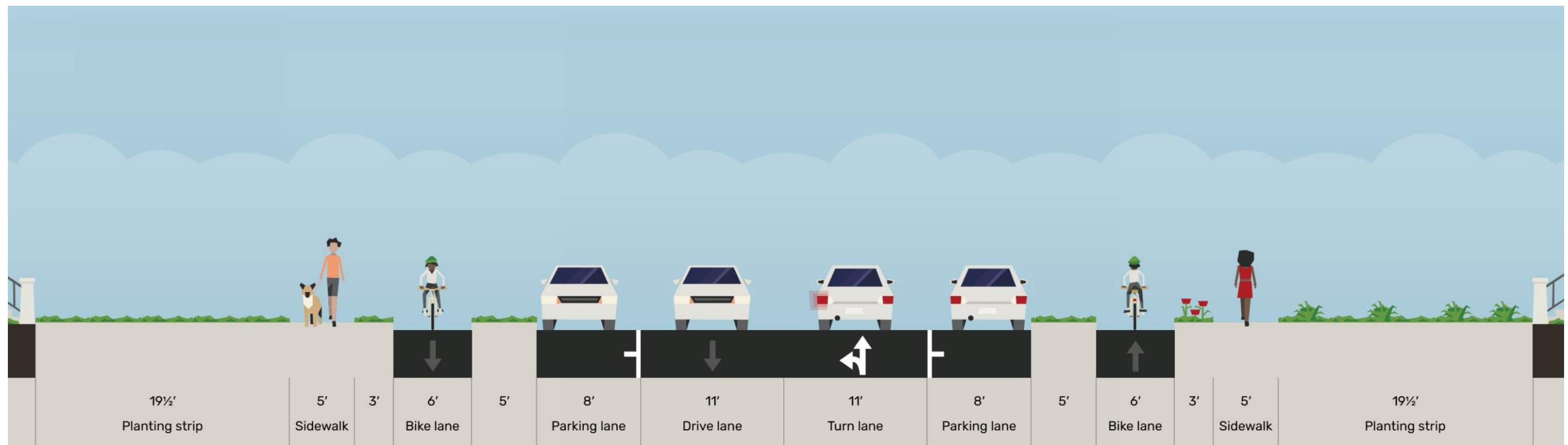
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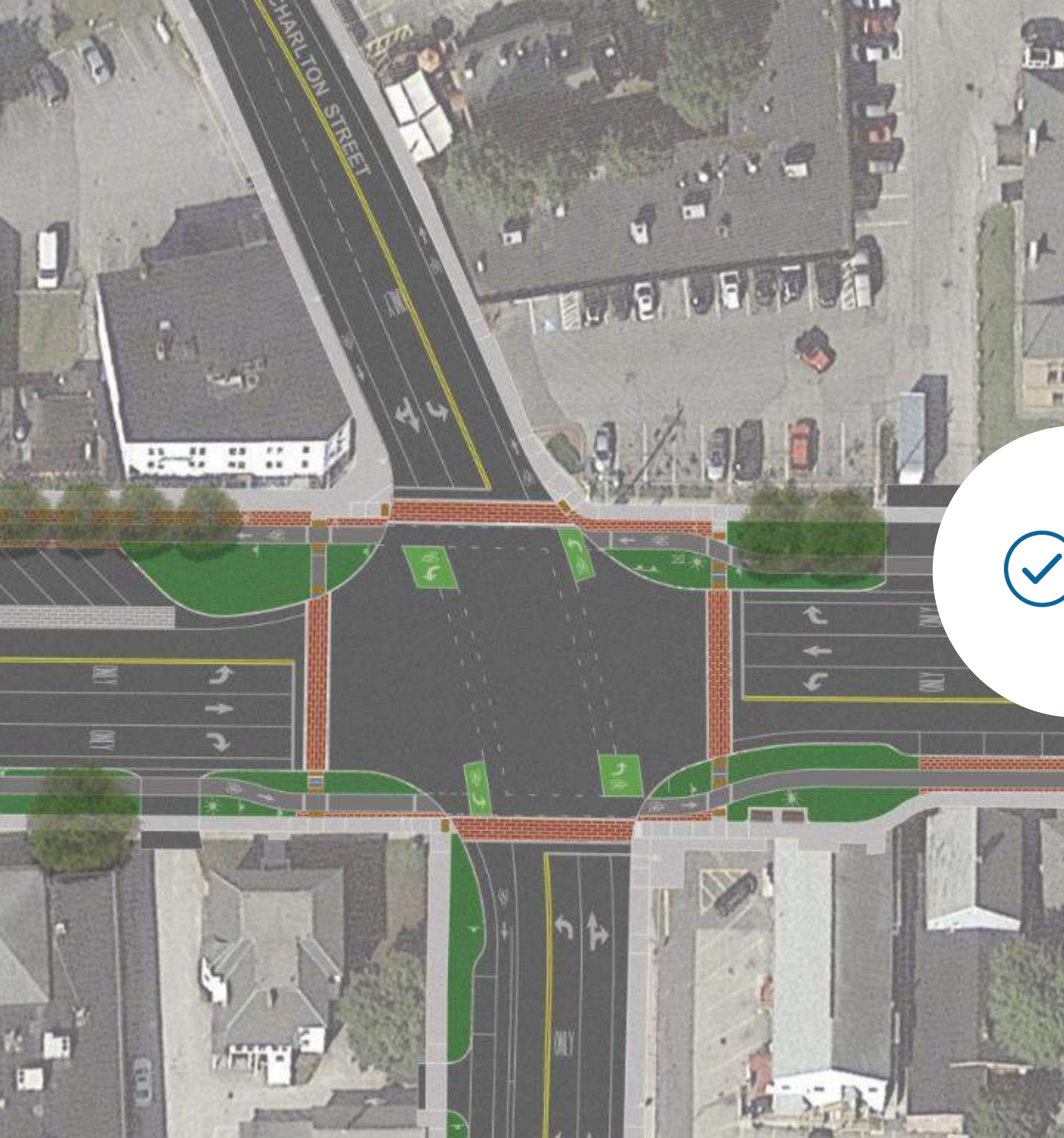
- 5-foot sidewalks with wide buffer
- 6-foot separated HMA bike lanes
- 8-foot parking lanes
- 11-foot travel lanes.



Alternative 2 : Narrow Sidewalk Buffer

- 5-foot sidewalks with narrow buffer
- 6-foot separated HMA bike lanes
- 8-foot parking lanes
- 11-foot travel lanes.

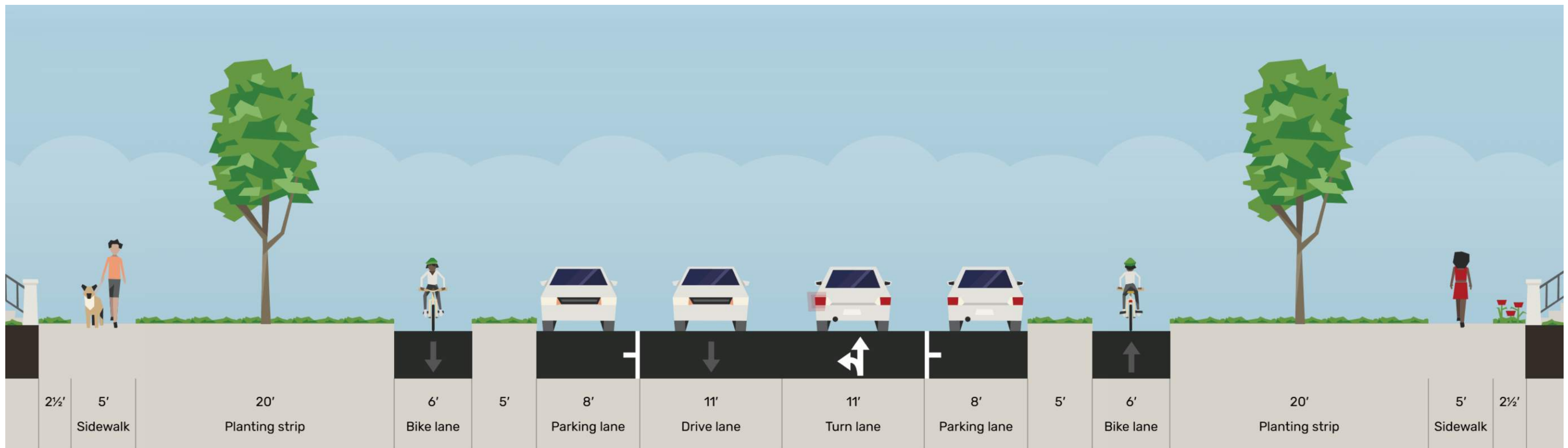




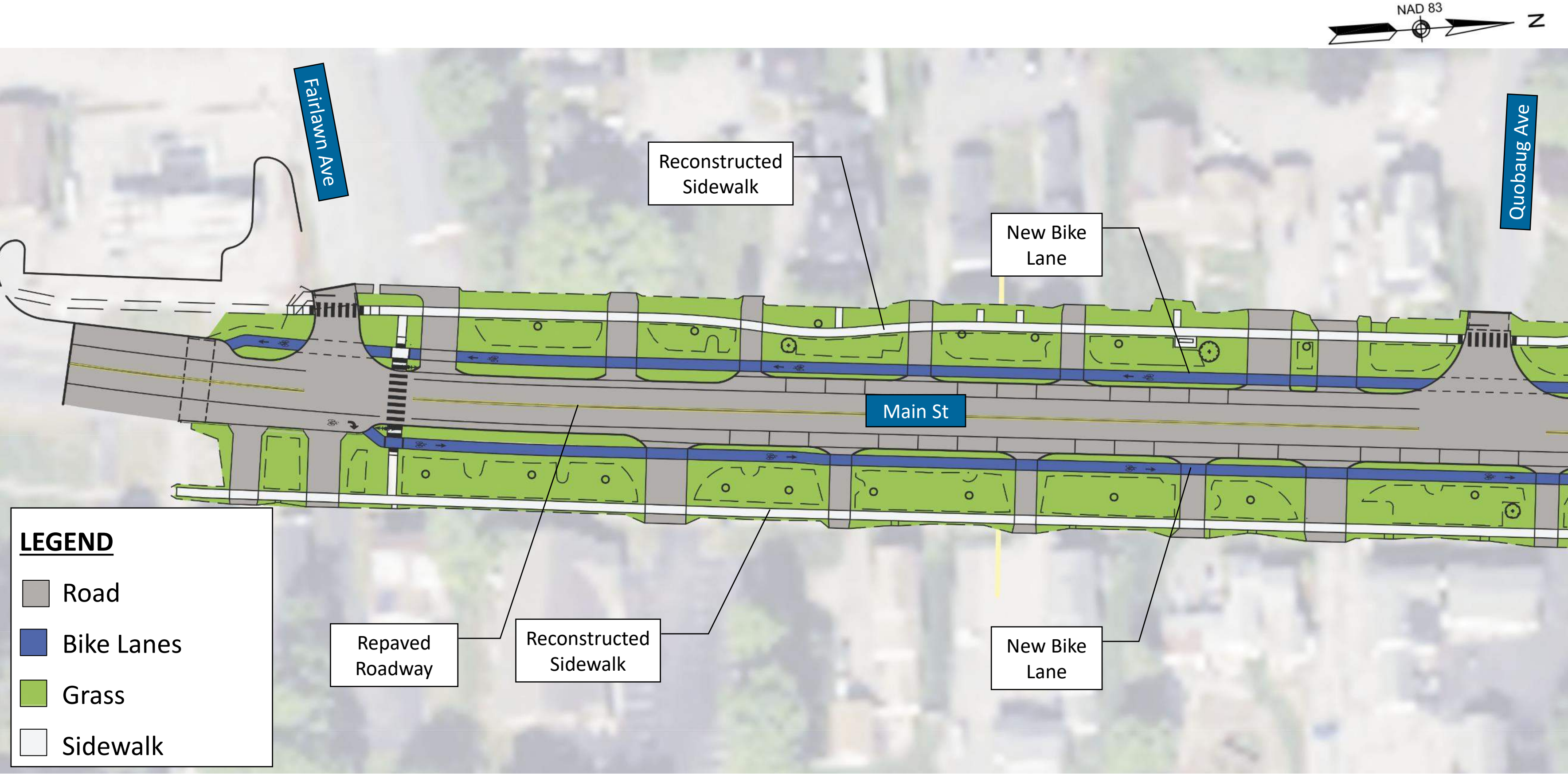
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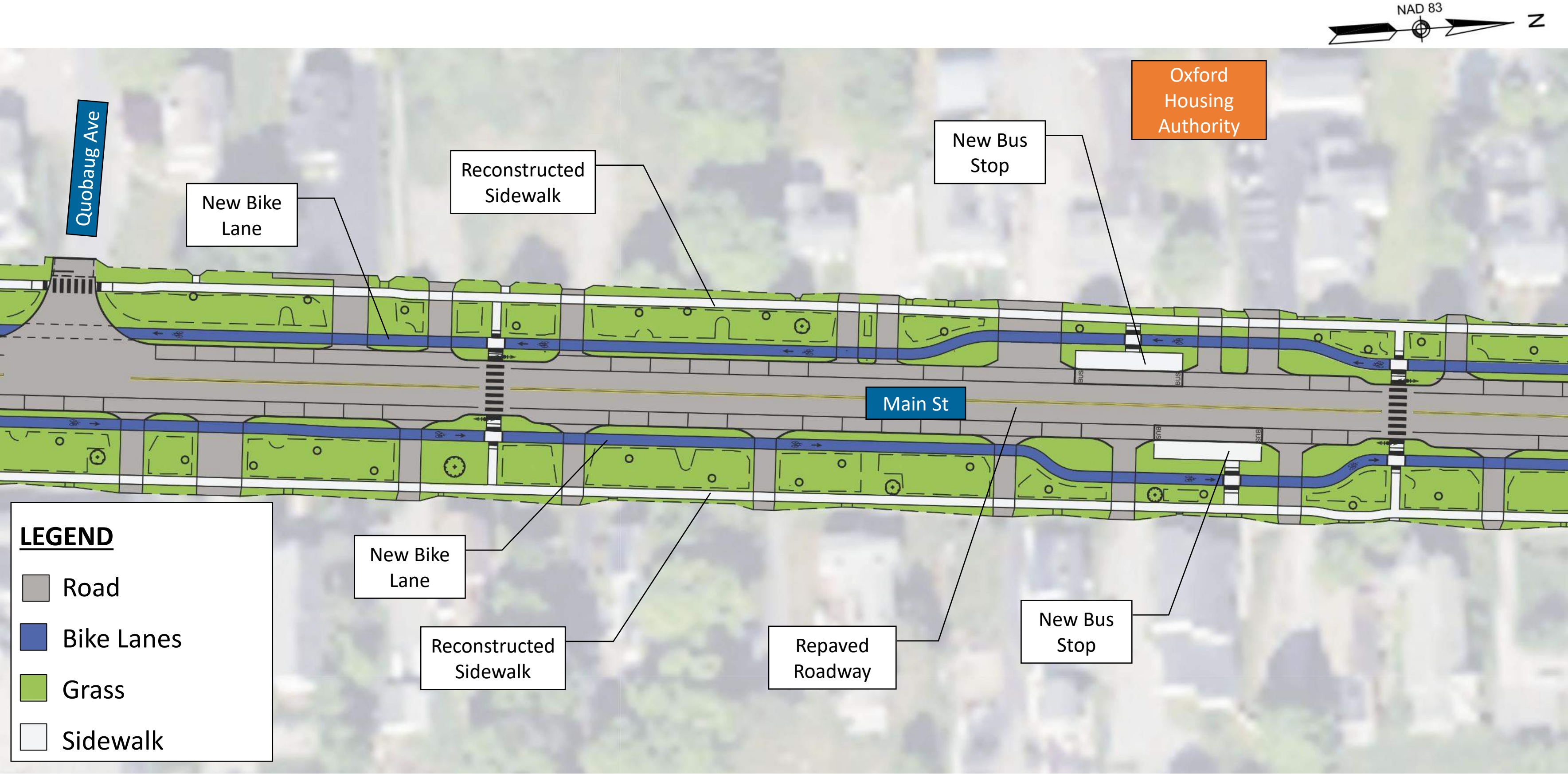
- Replacing the sidewalk near to the existing sidewalk location allows for reduced impacts to existing trees and utility poles
- Conserves a visual representation of the historic right-of-way width
- Provides additional flexibility for the bike lanes to avoid tree and utility impacts



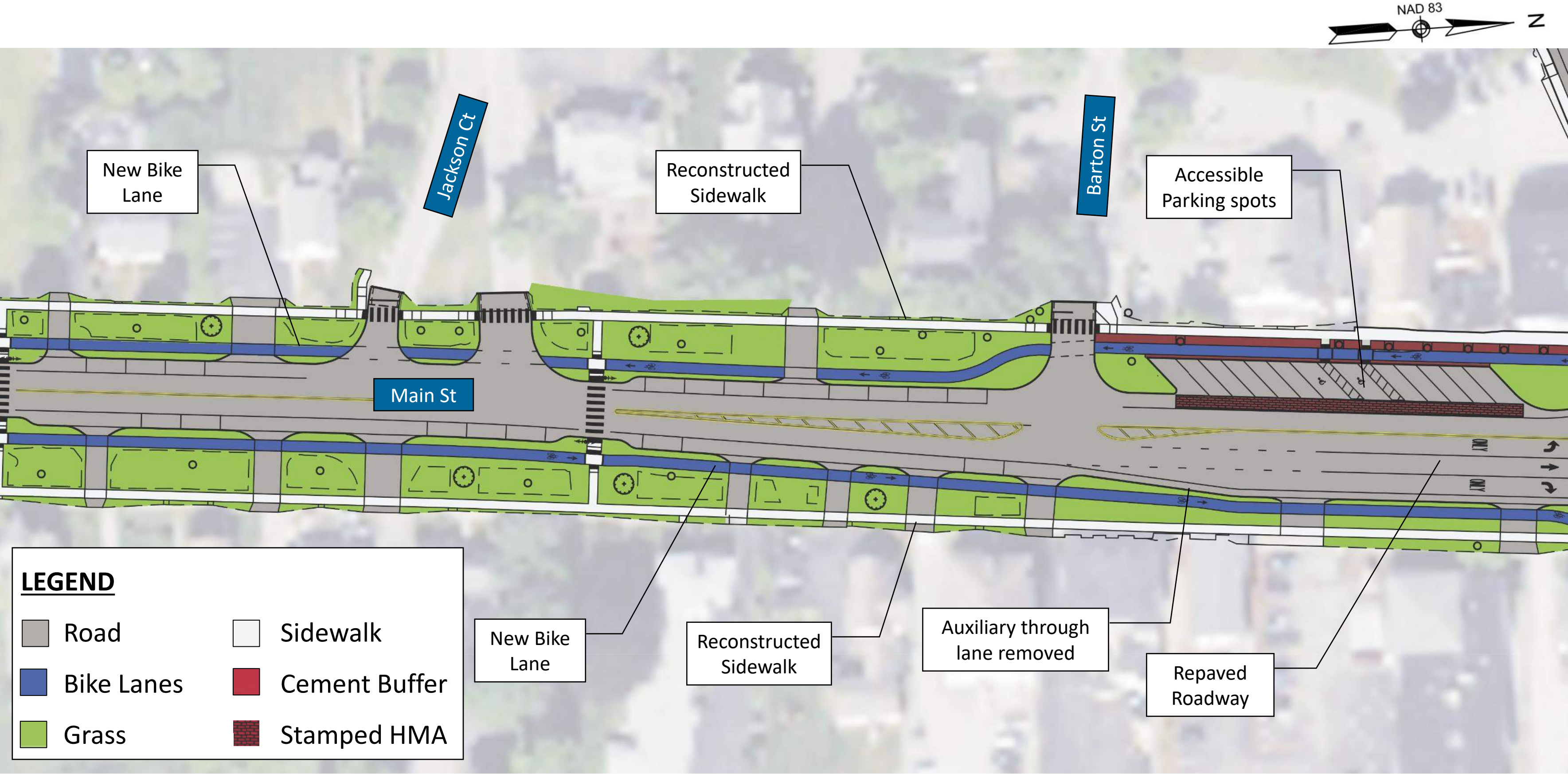
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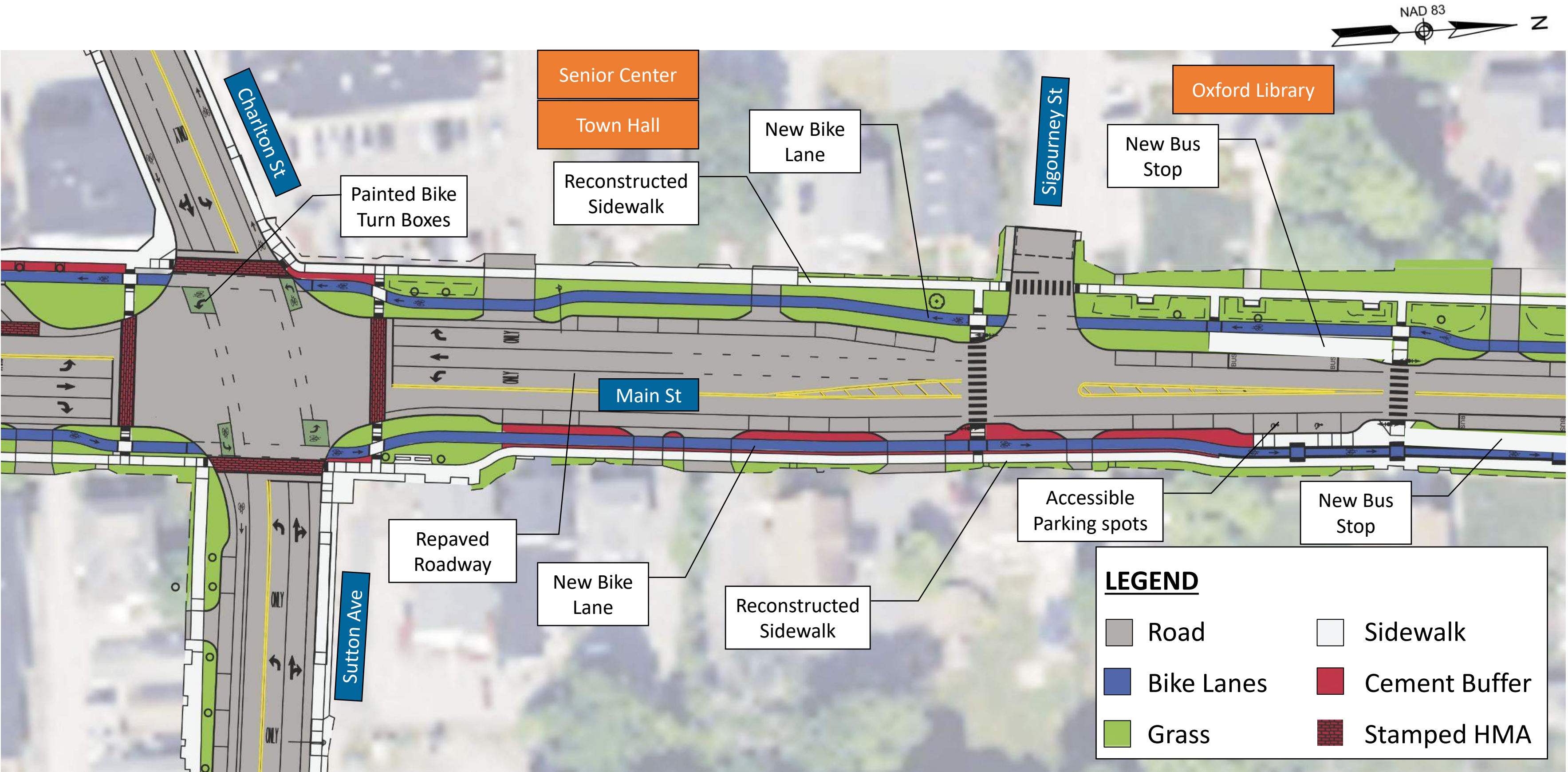
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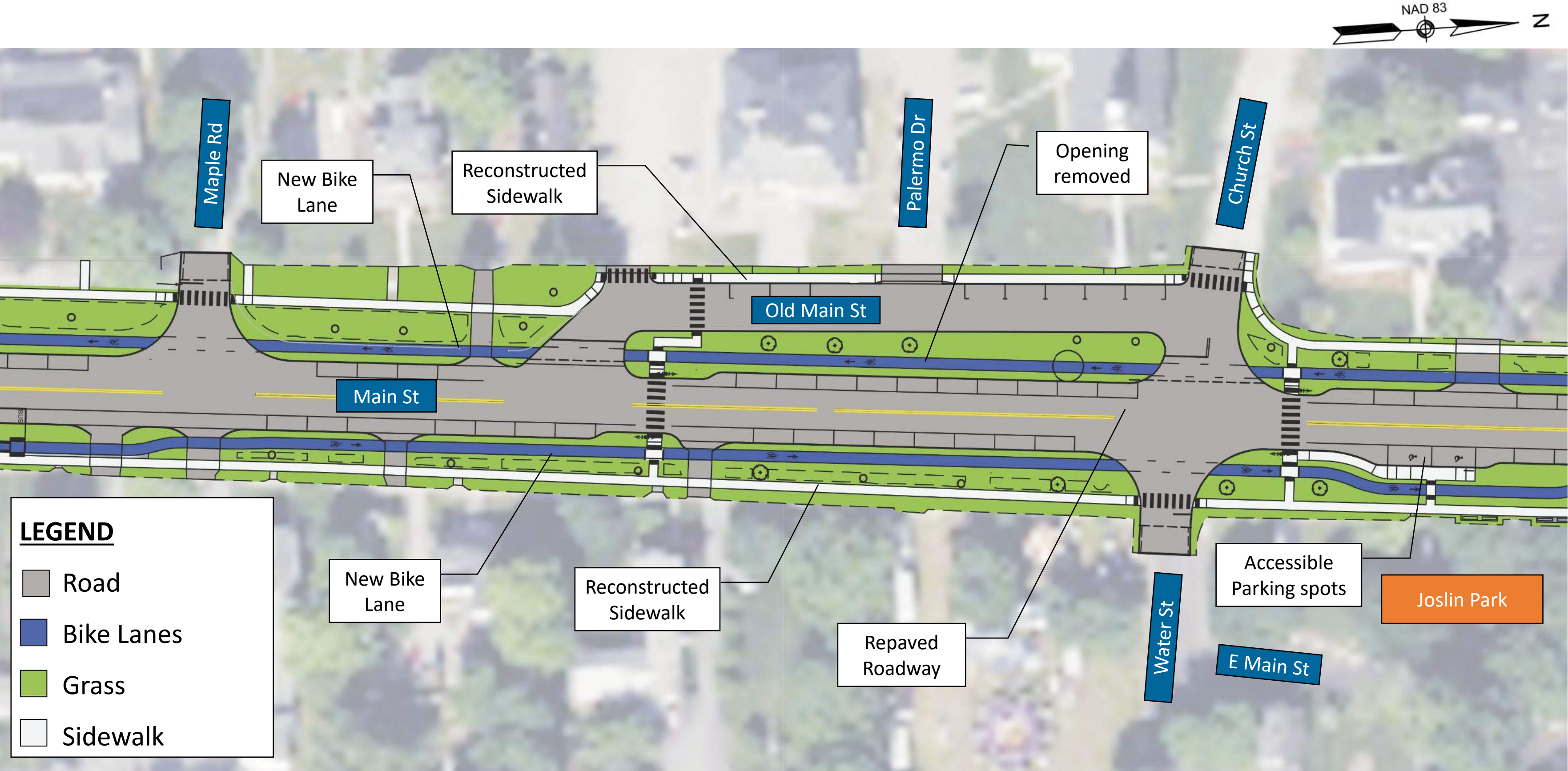
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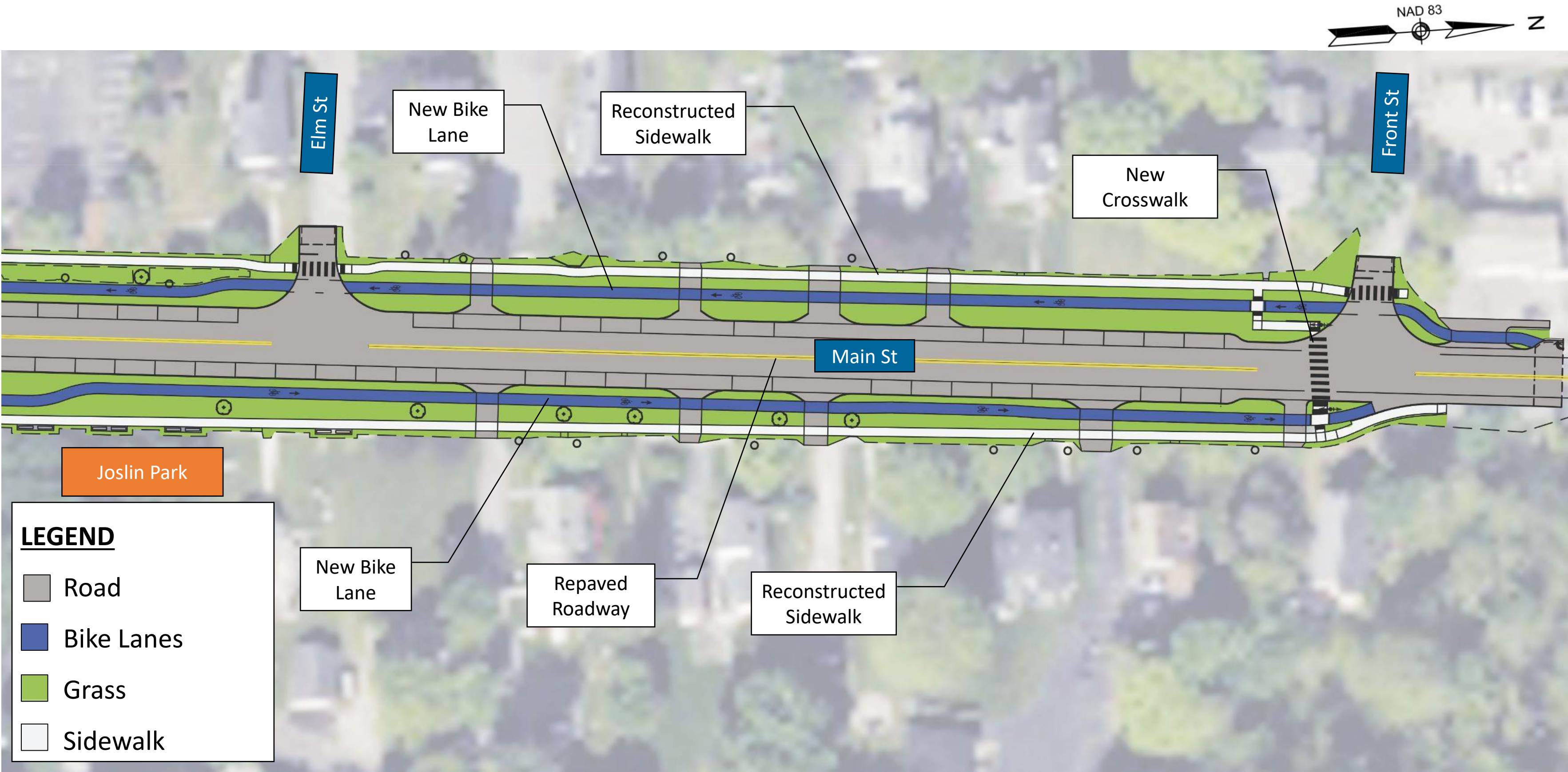
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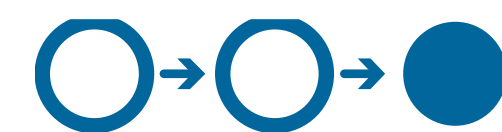


Proposed Improvements



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How has our
design
progressed?

Design Progression

New Bus stop locations added through coordination with Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA).

Proposed parking lanes reduced from 10-feet wide to 8-feet wide to reduce drainage conflicts with existing underground utilities

Through coordination with utility companies the consolidation of overhead wires to one side of the road is being evaluated



**How will your
property be
impacted?**

Preliminary Right of Way (ROW) discussion 25% Design Public Hearing

- The Town of Oxford is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project.
- Affected property owners will be contacted by town officials.
- Procedures must comply with state and federal regulations governing the acquisition process.
 - Property owners are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
 - If Project receives federal funds, property owners are further protected under Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended.
- Fee takings, permanent easements, and or temporary construction easements may be required.
- Full size preliminary draft version of ROW Plans will be available at the Town of Oxford offices.

At this stage of design, the Right of Way process has not been finalized. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to comment on any impacts to properties.

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- Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel from the Right of Way Bureau or consultants representing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division.
- Procedures used must comply with state and federal regulations governing the acquisition process.
- The current design plan indicates that fee takings and permanent easements may be required. Other areas will require temporary construction easements.
- Affected property owners' rights are protected under Massachusetts General Laws, primarily Chapter 79. If a project receives federal funds, property owners are further protected under Title III of the Real Property Act of 1970, as amended.

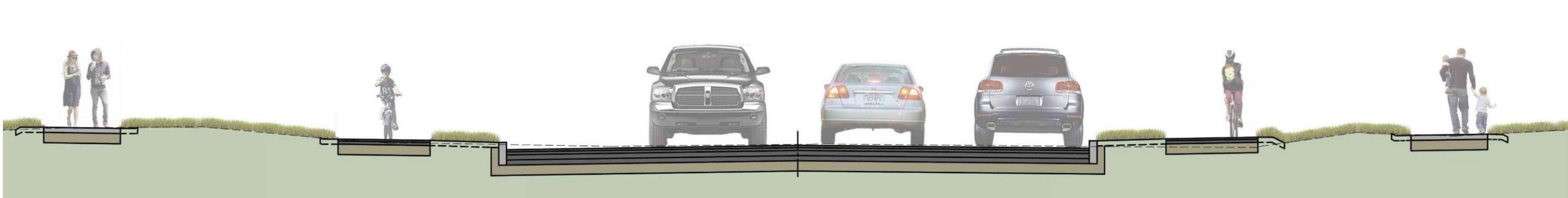
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**How will
bicyclists and
pedestrians be
Accommodated?**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations

- Bicyclists will have
 - Dedicated bike lanes
 - Marked crossings at intersections.
- Pedestrians will have
 - Accessible sidewalks,
 - Improved ramps and crosswalks
 - Curb extensions with rapid flashing beacons





**What are the
environmental,
cultural
resource, and
community
impacts?**

Resource Protection

- Permitting required with the Town of Oxford conservation commission
- Leaching catch basins will be incorporated to improve quality of water run-off
- Impervious area will be reduced
- The drainage system throughout the project will be improved
- Impacts to historical properties will be limited





**What is the
construction
approach?**

Construction Impacts

- No detour routes are anticipated
- Travel lane impacts – one lane in each direction
- Safe and accessible pedestrian routes will be maintained throughout construction
- Abutter access will be maintained throughout construction



Our Next Steps



75% Design
Submission
Spring 2026



100% Design
Submission
Fall 2026



Final Design
Anticipated
Fall 2027/Winter 2028



Project Advertised
Anticipated
2028



Anticipated
Construction Starts
Spring 2028



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

How to reach us

- Submit email comments to:
massdotprojectmanagement@dot.state.ma.us.
- For project information visit the MassDOT Upcoming Events for Highway Division web site at <http://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events> or used the QR Code:
- Submit written comments to:
Carrie Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer
MassDOT
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Boston, MA 02116
Attention: PROJECT MANAGMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 611988





Questions and answers

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- Please state your name before your question



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Thank You

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