

# Hyde Park Avenue Early Action Alternatives



*Community Open House - May 21, 2025*

*Presentation Starts at 6:30 PM*

***Welcome!***

**Please note that this meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the project website for those unable to attend.**

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## **Hyde Park Ave Early Action Alternatives Community Open House Presented by:**

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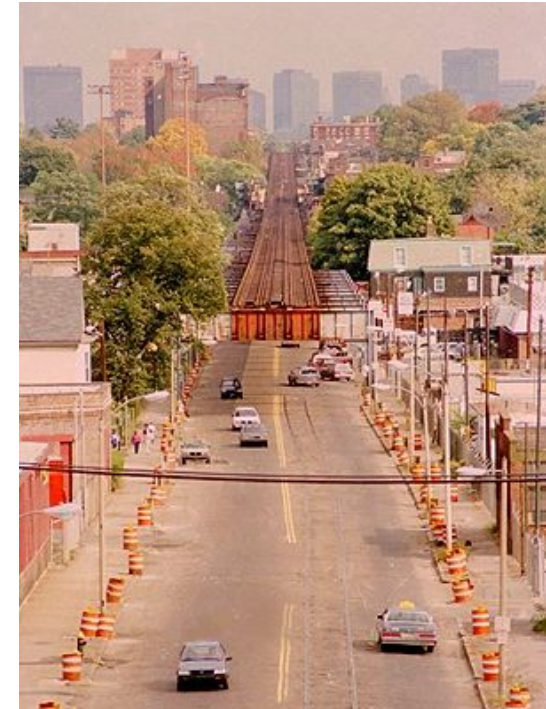


**Here is the Agenda for tonight:**

## **Presentation**

- Why we're here
- Project Recap
- 2025 Repaving Project
- Next Steps

## **Questions & Discussion**



# Meeting Purpose: Focus on Arborway - Ukraine Way



## Why We're Here Tonight

We're here to focus on short-term safety upgrades on **Hyde Park Ave from Arborway to Ukraine Way** that are scheduled for repaving this summer.

This repaving project gives us an opportunity to make Hyde Park Ave safer now—while we continue planning for longer-term improvements.

# Meeting Purpose: Focus on Arborway - Ukraine Way



Streets and Toole Design group prepared **two alternatives** for Hyde Park Ave from Ukraine Way to Arborway.

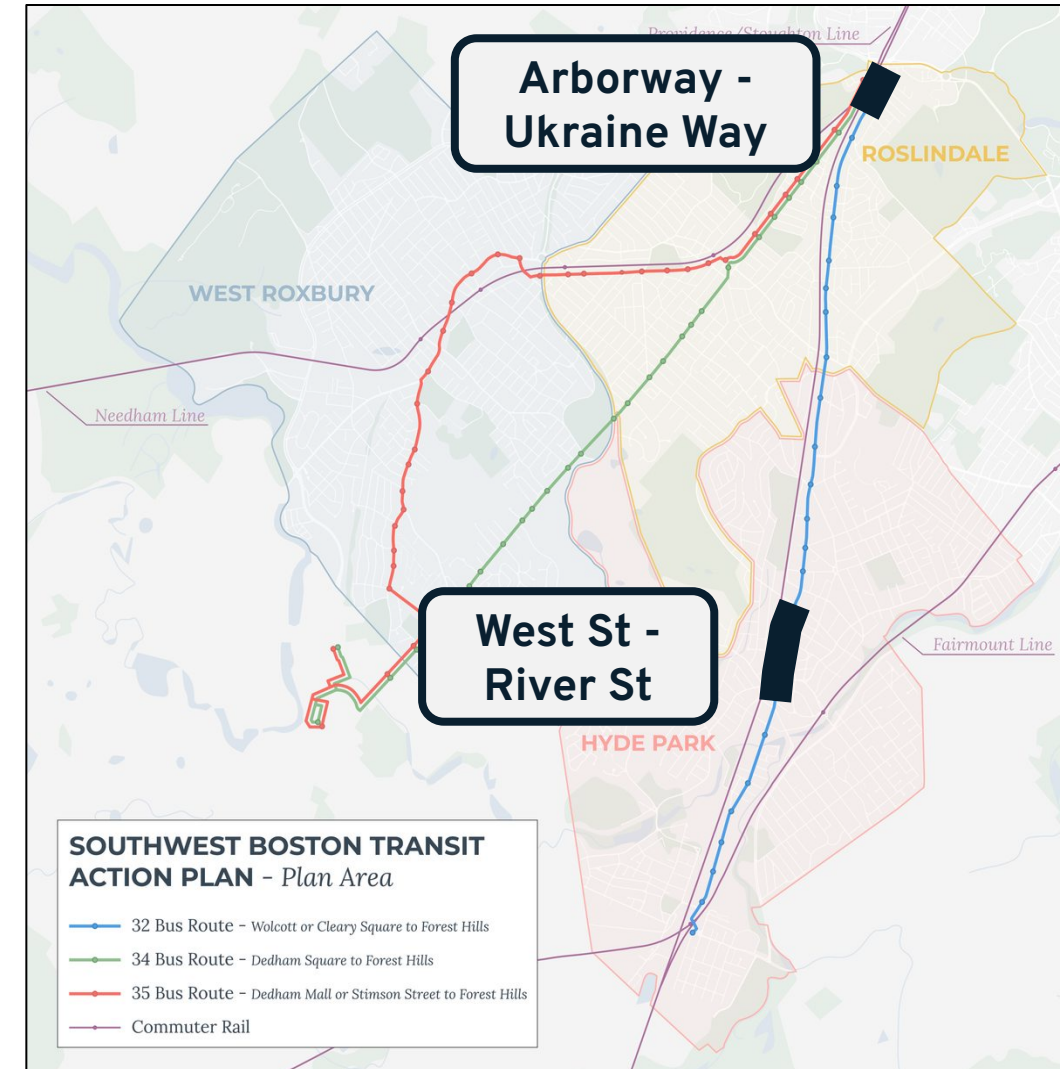
- **Alternative 1** maintains four lanes on the street and provides added safety benefits.
- **Alternative 2** drops a travel lane and provides enhanced safety on Hyde Park Ave.

**Tonight, we want your feedback about these options.**

# Meeting Purpose

In addition to the planned safety upgrades between Arborway and Ukraine Way, we'll be working on other near-term improvements on Hyde Park Ave this year.

This includes safety enhancements between **West Street and River Street**, which is also scheduled for repaving this summer, as well as additional short-term actions we can take along the corridor to improve safety and comfort for everyone using the street.







# Project Recap

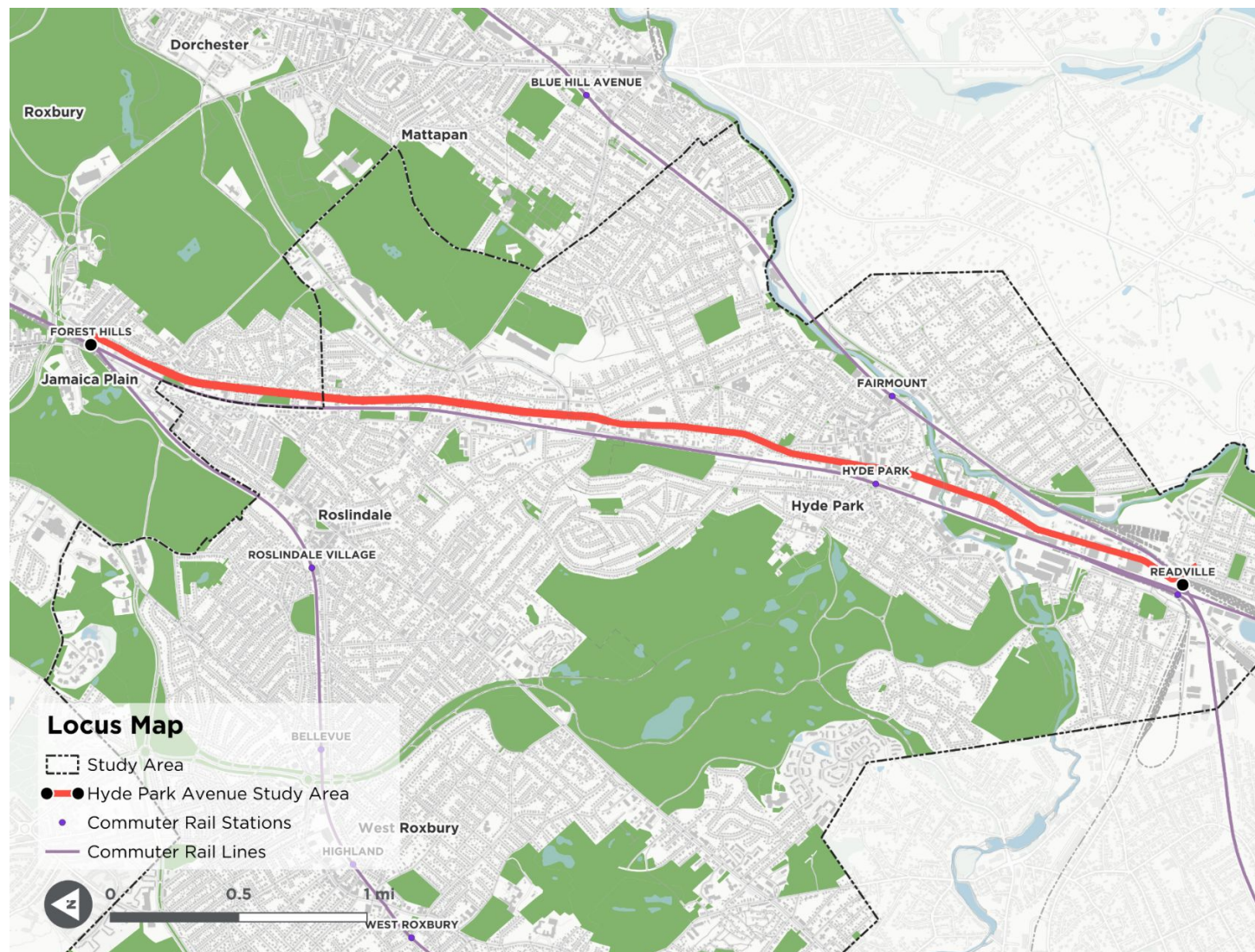
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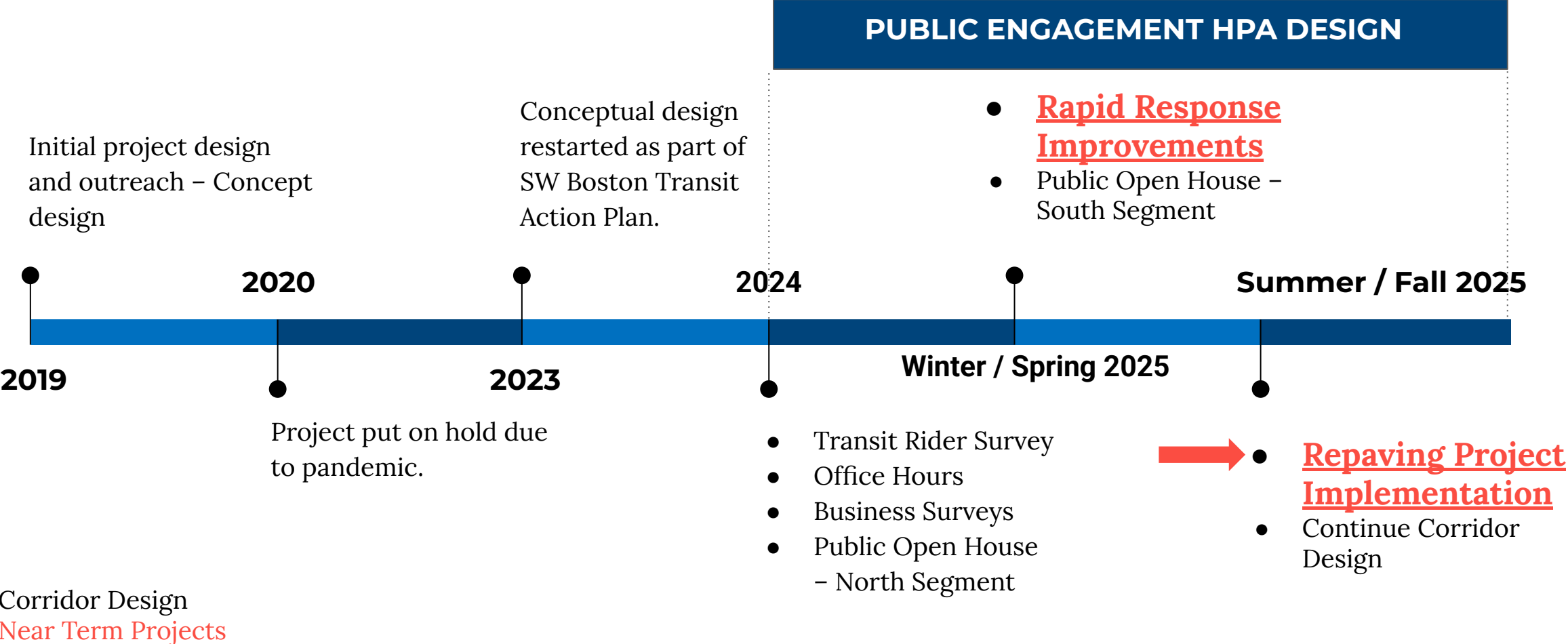
# What's the Hyde Park Ave Project?

**We are working to improve Hyde Park Ave both in the near term and long term.**

The Hyde Park Avenue Project focuses on addressing mobility needs between Forest Hills Station and Wolcott Square in Readville. This effort is currently underway.



# Hyde Park Ave Project Timeline To Date



# Public Engagement Recap



- **Transit Rider Survey (5/2024)**
  - 100 responses
- **Squares and Streets (2024)**
  - 10 events attended in 2024
- **Office Hours (Ongoing)**
  - 50 participants
  - Over 10 hours total
- **Online Newsletter**
  - 150 subscribers
  - Monthly Updates
- **Corridor Business Survey (Ongoing)**
  - Forest Hills area surveyed
  - Cleary Sq area soon
- **ONS and City Councilor Engagement**

- **Resident Petition Regarding Safety at Forest Hills Station (10/2024 & 1/2025)**
  - 700 signatures
- **December 2024 Open House**
  - ~ 75 Attendees
  - Northerly Segment
- **January 2025 Open House**
  - ~ 35 Attendees
  - Southerly Segment
- **April 2025 Resident Sponsored Safety Walk**
  - ~ 50 Attendees
  - Forest Hills Station
  - Arborway to Ukraine Way



# December 2024 Open House - Key Takeaways

Arborway to Metropolitan Avenue



- Primary interest is increasing safety, especially for people walking and the many schoolchildren who live and go to school near Hyde Park Avenue
- Strong support for protected bike infrastructure
- Support for road diet
- Support for traffic calming
- Center running bus lanes are the preferred bus option



# January 2025 Open House - Key Takeaways

Metropolitan Avenue to Wolcott Square



- Primary interests are pedestrian safety, bike safety, transit improvements, landscaping and speeding
- Intersections and crossings are locations of highest concern
- Some support for protected bike infrastructure

## *Forest Hills Station - Arborway to Ukraine Way*

### **Speeding**

- Narrow roadways with permanent solution (not bollards)
- Lower speed limit on all of Hyde Park Ave to 25 mph
- Trucks drive close to curb at very high speeds



### **Pedestrian Safety and Comfort**

- Add more crosswalk locations
- Add green/natural barriers to slow drivers and improve public space
- Consider outdoor dining as a protective barrier for pedestrians
- Add daylighting near side streets to improve crosswalk visibility



# Safety Improvements We Have Completed So Far

## Washington St at Tower St

- Restricted parking at the crosswalk to increase visibility of pedestrians and motorists ('Daylighting')
- Changed the crosswalk to an exclusive pedestrian phase to remove all turning vehicle conflicts with pedestrians

## Signal Timing Changes

- New protected vehicle turn phasing and pedestrian phasing changes, such as lead pedestrian interval (LPIs) and bicycle signal additions.
  - Hyde Park Ave/Washington St/Arborway; and
  - Arborway/South St





# Repaving Project

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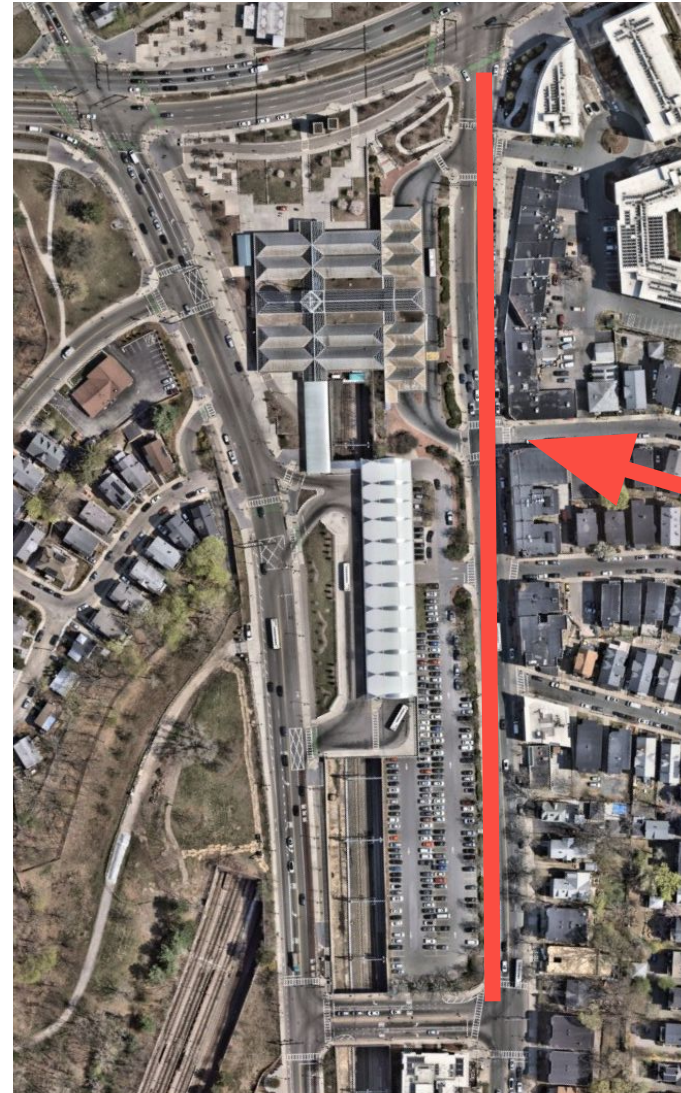
## Repaving Two Segments of Hyde Park Ave in 2025

- North: Arborway to Ukraine Way
- South: West Street to River Street

## Opportunity To Evaluate\*

- Pedestrian Safety
- Bicyclist Safety
- Signage Improvements
- New and Accessible Curb Ramps
- Intersection Safety Enhancements

\*Does not preclude opportunity for additional safety improvements in the future



**North  
Repaving  
Zone**



# Existing Conditions



## Arborway to Ukraine Way

- 4 Vehicle Travel Lanes
- On-Street Parking
- Sidewalks Both Sides
- Crosswalks at traffic signals only
- No Bicycle Accommodations
- No Transit Prioritization



## Alternative 1: Four Lanes

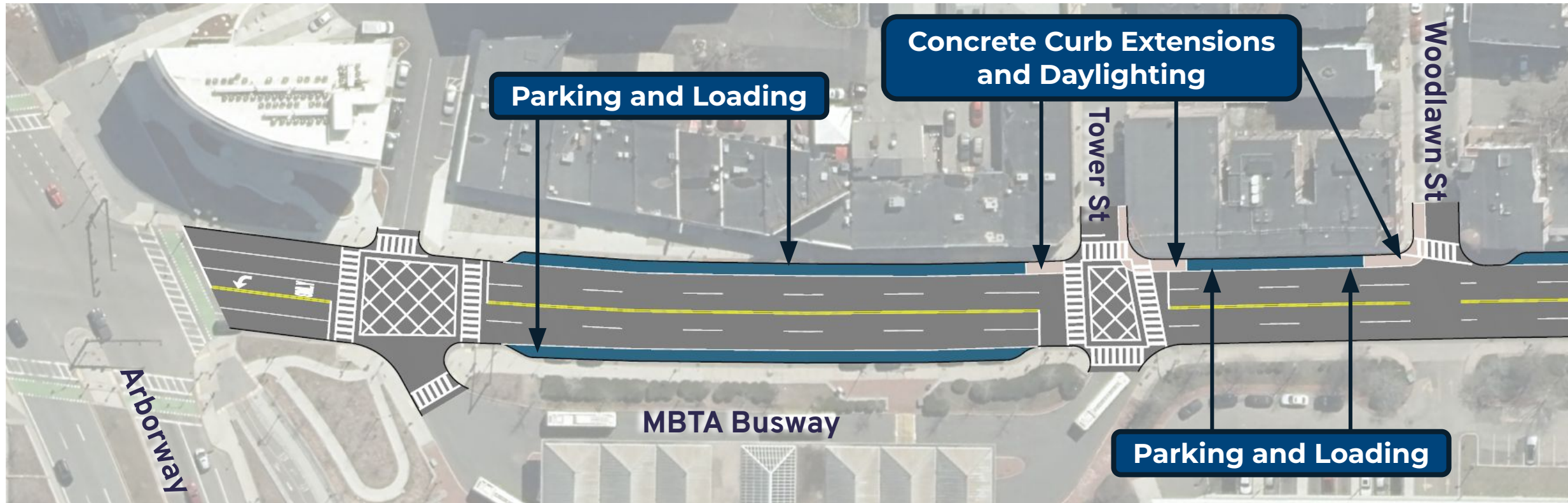
A large red arrow pointing from the left towards the list of possibilities.

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- Daylighting and curb extensions
- Ukraine Way pedestrian improvements
- No parking impacts outside daylighting zones

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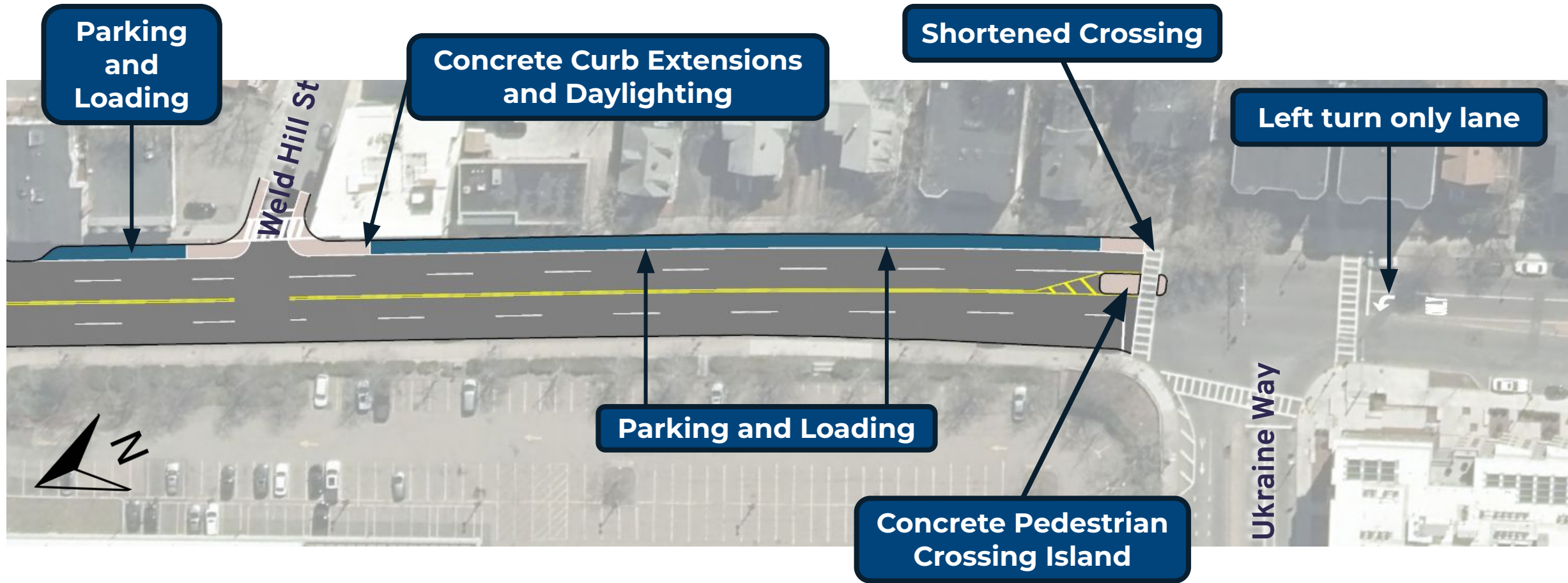
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Idea: Ukraine Way Pedestrian Improvements

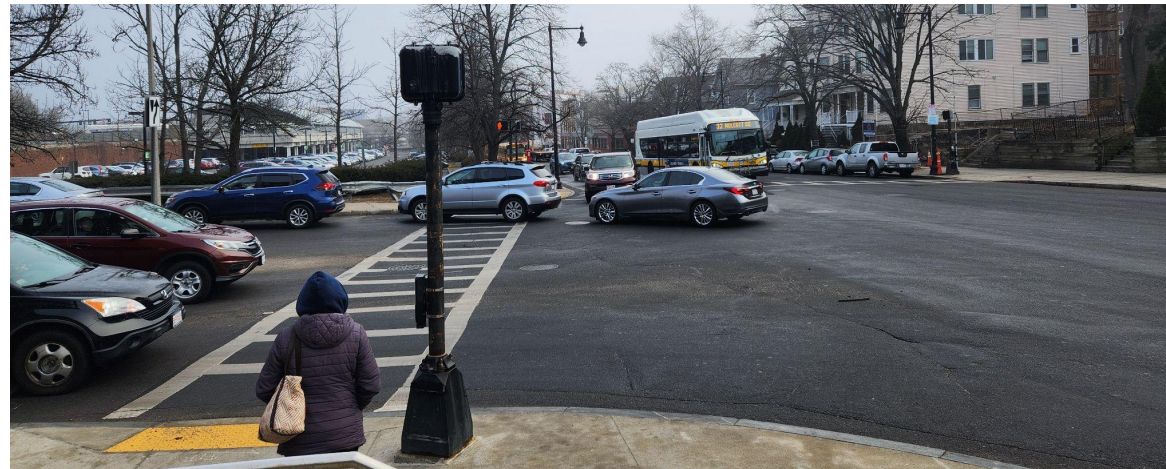


## Community Priorities

- Pedestrian safety at intersections and crosswalks
  - *Many school children in the area*
- Increased crossing opportunities

## Impacts of Implementation

- Daylighting existing crosswalks along Hyde Park Avenue
- More time for pedestrians to cross the street and pedestrian island at Ukraine Way
- Marginal increase to delay and queuing at Ukraine Way with signal change





# Alternative 1: Four Lanes

*Average morning queuing at Ukraine Way*



Intersection  
impacted by  
queuing

Existing

Proposed



# Alternative 2: Three Lanes

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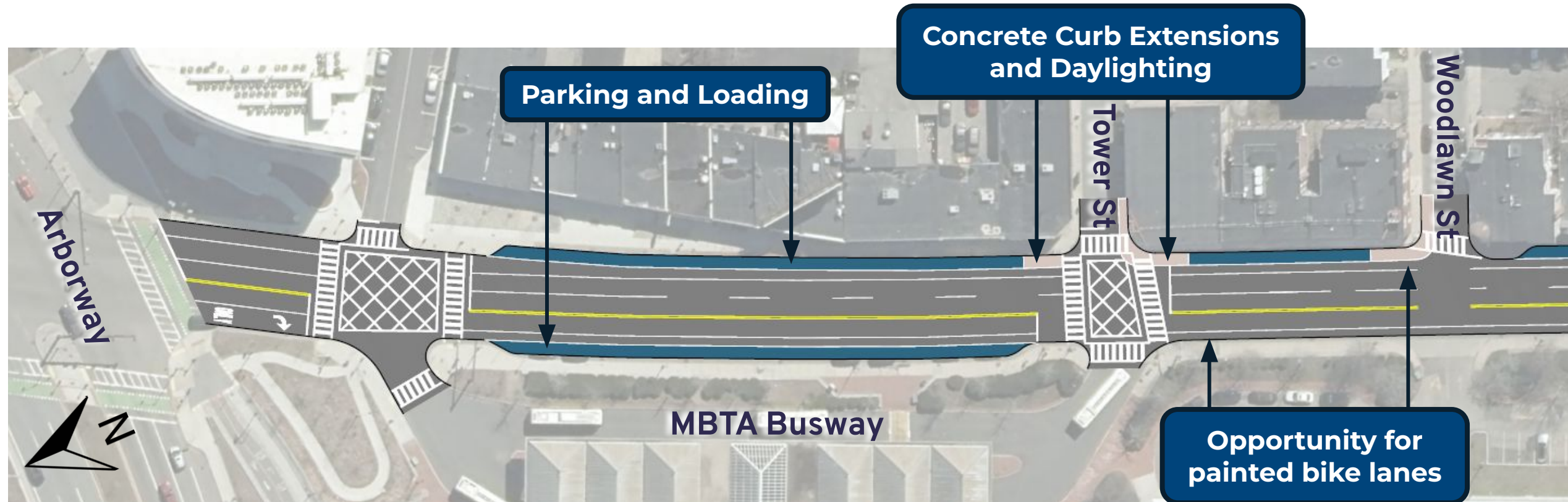
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- Daylighting and curb extensions
- Pedestrian improvements at Ukraine Way
- No parking impacts outside of daylighting
- ~~New crosswalk at Weld Hill St~~
- Opportunity for painted bike lanes

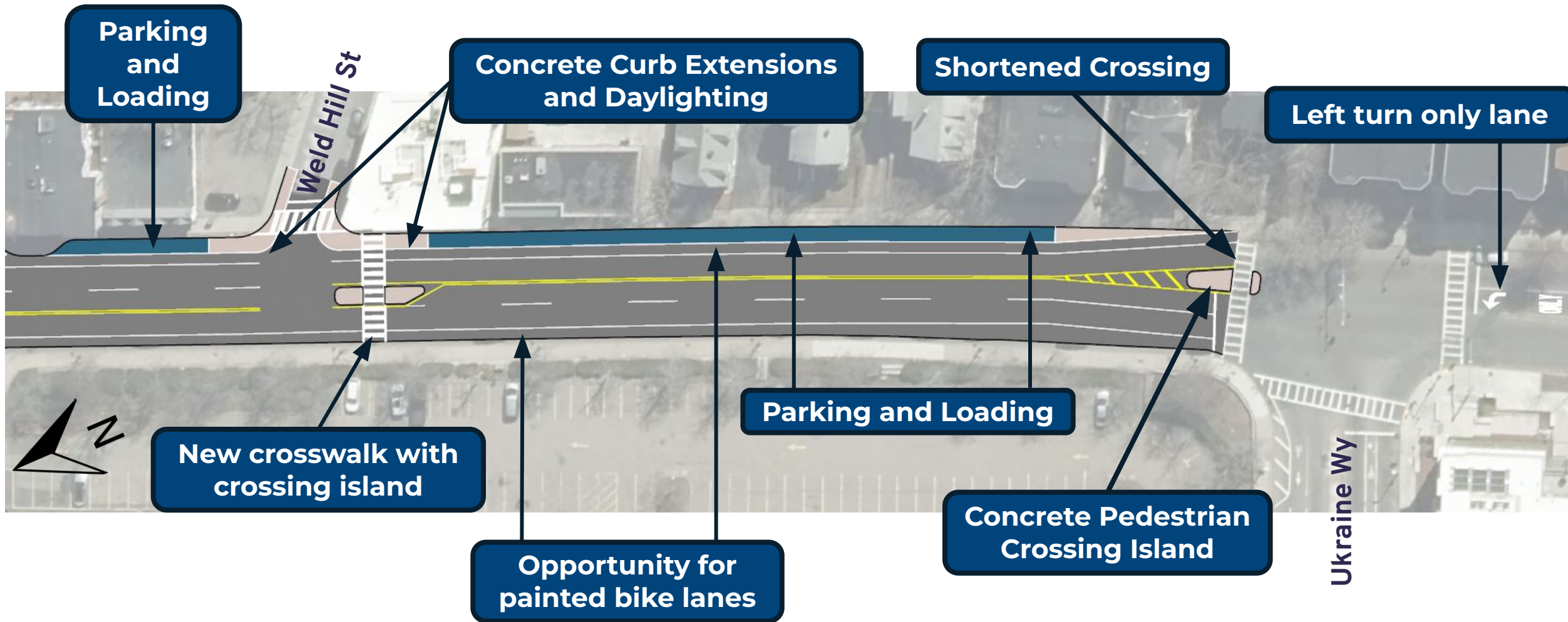
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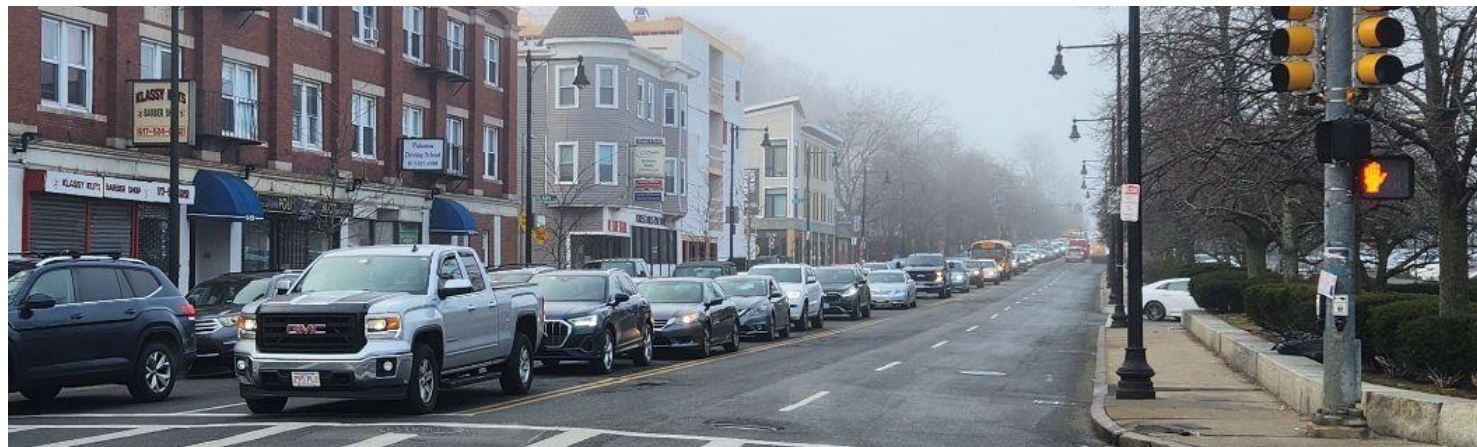
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## Community Priorities

- Pedestrian safety at intersections and crosswalks
  - *Many school children in the area*
- Increased crossing opportunities
- Adding bicycle facilities
- Reduce motor vehicle speeding

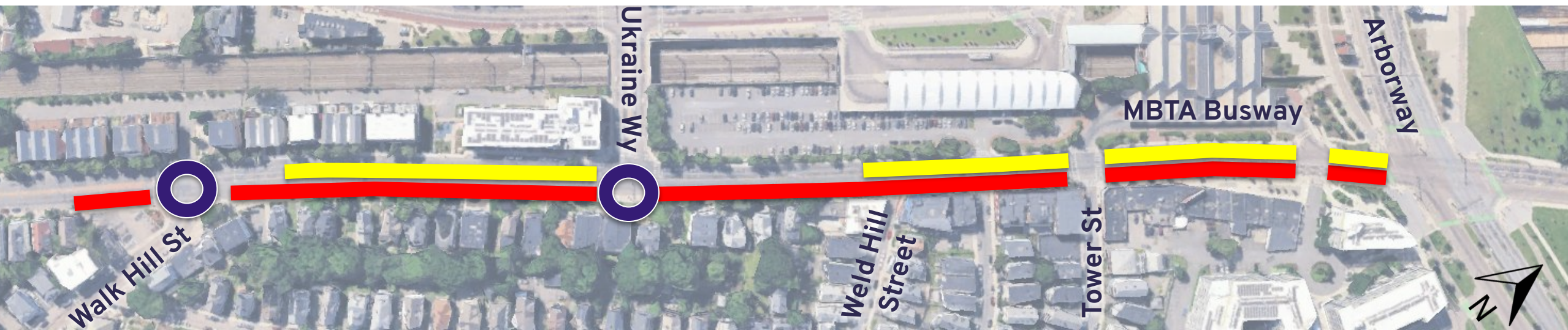
## Impacts of Implementation

- Daylighting existing crosswalks along Hyde Park Avenue
- More time for pedestrians to cross the street and pedestrian island at Ukraine Way
- New crosswalk at Weld Hill Street
- Opportunity for painted bike lanes
- Lane removal promotes safer driving speeds
- Increased delay and queuing in both directions



# Alternative 2: Three Lanes

Average Northbound Morning Queuing



Intersections impacted by queuing

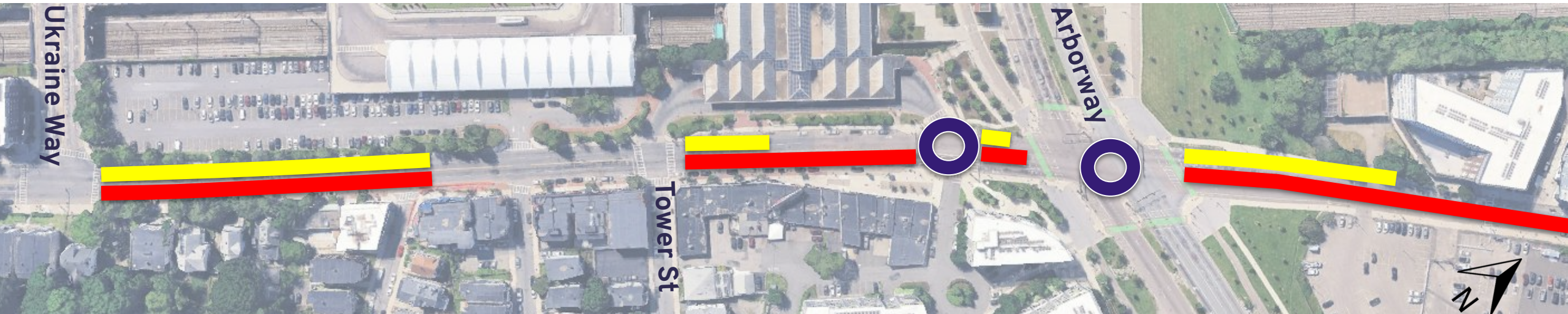
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# Alternative 2: Three Lanes

*Average Southbound Evening Queuing*



Intersections  
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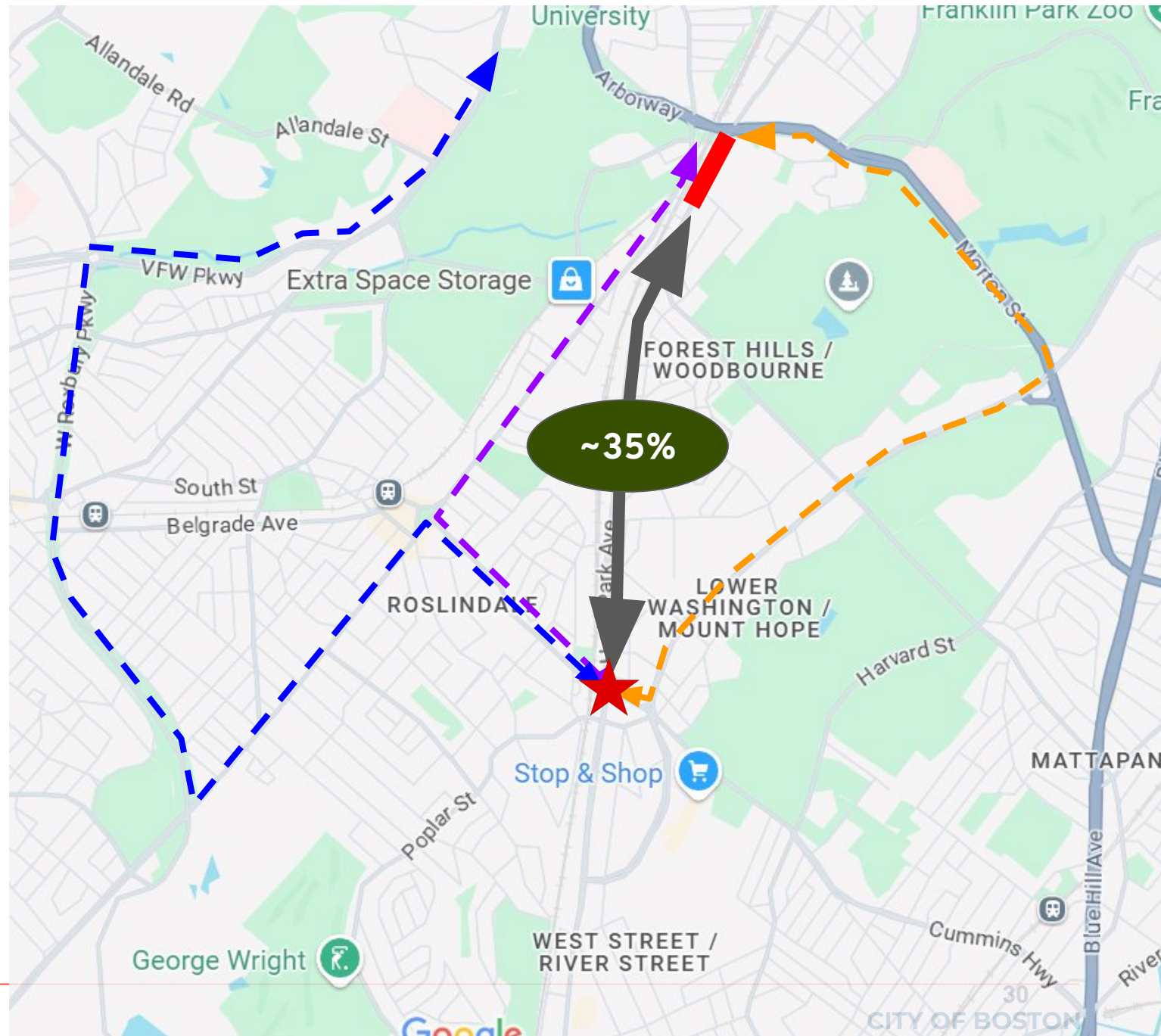
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# Regional Trips

**~35% of trips  
through Forest Hills  
stay on Hyde Park  
Avenue past  
Cummins Hwy**



# Alternative Comparison

## Alternative 1: Four Lanes

### Benefits

- Daylighting and curb extensions
- More time for pedestrian to cross at Ukraine Way

### Trade-offs

- Increased motor vehicle queuing and delay at Ukraine Way
- No bike lanes possible

## Alternative 2: Three Lanes

### Benefits

- Daylighting and curb extensions
- Pedestrian improvements at Ukraine Way
- New crosswalk at Weld Hill St
- Opportunity for painted bike lanes

### Trade-offs

- Increase in motor vehicle delay and queuing in both directions

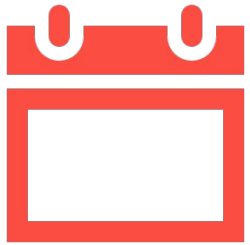




# Next Steps

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**Office Hours:**  
**Ongoing**

**Additional Business Engagement - Northern  
and Southern Segments**  
**Spring 2025**

**Southern Repaving Implementation**  
**Summer 2025**

**Northern Repaving Implementation**  
**Summer / Fall 2025**

## We Want Your Feedback!



### Review the Boards and Provide Your Comments at Each Station

- Post-It Notes
- Sticky Dots
- Staff Around the Room

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### Questions for Each Alternative:

- What do you like about this alternative?
- What concerns do you have about this alternative?



# Thank You!

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