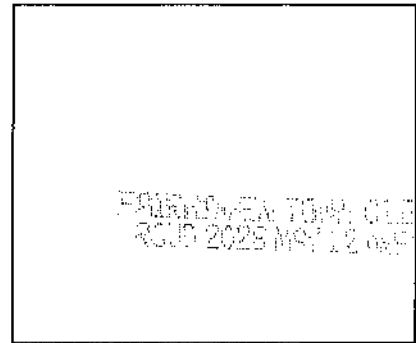


**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
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**Present**

Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner  
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner  
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Business Manager  
Benny Hung, Apex Company  
Jim Fitzgerald, Apex Company  
Ann Richard  
Bob Hannan  
Colleen Brewer

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. April 13, 2026**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Apex Company, Bridge Street Project Updates**

Mr. Fitzgerald & Mr. Hung presented updates for the Bridge Street Project from Rt. 6 to Alden Road (Attachment A).

Ms. Richard – There is currently an old Fairhaven Drive-In sign, is there a way to save it?

Mr. Crabb – The sign is on private property.

**B. Ann Richard, Green Lantern's**

**1. 2026 Update**

The Board thanked the Green Lanterns for all the work they did last year around Town.

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Mr. Hannan - We just want to come in tonight to update the Board of what we have planned for the 2026 season. Last year we were able to clean up seven gardens around town. We will continue with the seven spots and possibly expand this year as long as the Board has no objections.

Ms. Smith – I thought I heard that you were not doing the welcome to Fairhaven sign this year.

Mr. Hannan – That is correct we will not be doing the welcome sign but we will be doing another garden in the same park. We have started on the islands on Washington Street this past weekend and removed some of the bushes. We definitely would like to talk about a new area we are hoping to work on this year in Cushman Park.

Ms. Richard - We did receive a Cultural Council Grant and we are looking to host an event in Cushman Park sometime in the end of June. At this time, we have not picked a date for it but I will come back before the event to get the Board's permission.

Mr. Hannan – The locations that we are looking to work on this year are East Fairhaven School, Pierce Park, the three additional corners at Route 6 and Main Street (the monument, the southeast corner in front of 1 Huttleston Avenue and the corner of veteran's park). We will receive permission from the correct department if it doesn't fall under your jurisdiction. I also wanted to mention that we have started the process with the State to become a 501c3, which will make getting donations easier.

The Board had no objects with the additional garden requests.

## **2. Rail Trail Signage**

Mr. Hannan - When we were gardening around the bike path sign at Pierce Park we found that the sign was falling apart.

Ms. Brewer presented a few design concepts to the Board for a new sign.

Ms. Smith – Do we have the funds available to replace the sign?

Mr. Crabb – Hopefully with the Board's approval we will be awarding the bid for the Rail Trail tonight. At this time, I can not commit to anything but hopefully we will have some money left over from this project to replace the sign.

Mr. Hannan – Our initial plan is to go ahead and start fundraising for the sign.

Ms. Brewer - We have received a few quotes and they range from \$1850-\$2500 per sign. There are three signs on the bike path and eventually we would like to fund / replace all 3 signs so they all match.

Mr. Crabb – If you haven't already met with the Livable Streets Committee I recommend that you meet with them because they have been active with the rail trail rehabilitation.

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Ms. Brewer - Yes, we are talking with them.

Mr. Hannan - Who would approve the design of the Sign?

Mr. Furtado – The Board of Public Works would approve the design.

Ms. Brewer – I will narrow it down to three designs and present you with the quotes.

**C. South Coast Mobile Fitness, Request to Use Cushman Park, Sundays from May  
– August 2026**

Ms. Costa – We are Southcoast Mobile Fitness and we are here tonight to request to use Cushman Park on Sundays from May – August for our fitness class. We had one event at the Southeast Sports Plex in New Bedford and it was very successful. We are looking at Cushman Park for the location because our class would use both the track and field.

Mr. Morin – The last event in New Bedford the kids really enjoyed it and some of the parents even joined in. Anyone can do our classes since we have 3 different levels. We would like to make this a family friendly workout.

Ms. Costa – Our events will consist of both free events and paid memberships. We are currently working with the fire department to get first aid certified.

Ms. Smith – Do they need an insurance waiver or anything from the Board of Health?

Mr. Wotton – They have signed the Towns Waiver of Liability.

Ms. Smith motioned to approve South Coast Mobile Fitness to use Cushman Park on Sundays from May to August 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Lopes second. Vote unanimous.

**V. Item for Action**

**A. Ferreira Construction, Force Main Access Manholes Payment # 10 (Final Payment)  
\$88,096.07**

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Ferreira Construction Force Main Access Manholes Payment #10 (final payment) in the amount of \$88,096.07. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Stantec Consulting Services, Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Mains**

**1. Change Order #5 \$16,102.00**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Stantec Consulting Services Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Mains Change Order # 5 in the amount of \$16,102.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**C. Susan Grace - EncorEntertainment, Fitness in Cushman Park June 16, 2026 – August 21, 2026**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Susan Grace to hold EncorEntertainment's Annual Fitness Classes in Cushman Park on Tuesdays and Fridays from June 16, 2026 to August 21, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Memorandum of Agreement, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, FY27 Stormwater Services \$20,000.00**

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Massachusetts Maritime Academy for FY27 Stormwater Services in the amount of \$20,000.00. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**E. Rhonda Matson, Making Music Experience at Cushman Park on May 6, June 2, July 7 and August 4, 2026**

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Rhonda Matson to hold her Music Making Experience at Cushman Park on May 5, 2026, June 2, 2026, July 7, 2026 and August 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**F. Sign Contract Agreement, TEC – Bridge Street at Adams Street Traffic Engineering Assessment \$11,500.00**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with TEC for Bridge Street at Adams Street Traffic Engineering Assessment in the amount of \$11,500.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**G. Apex Companies, Peer Review WPCF Upgrades, Payment #9 \$2,412.50**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Apex Companies Peer Review for WPCF Upgrades Payment #9 in the amount of \$2,412.50. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**H. Sign Contract Agreement, Beta Group – MS4 Permit Tasks FY27 \$38,000.00**

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with Beta Group for MS4 Permit Tasks FY27 in the amount of \$38,000.00. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**I. Award Phoenix Rail Trail Rehabilitation and Related Work, Pao Corp. \$1,462,236.90**

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Phoenix Rail Trail Rehabilitation and Related Work to Pao Corp., in the amount of \$1,462,236.90. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**J. Award Walnut Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Related Work, Sandstone Construction Inc. \$315,190.00**

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Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Walnut Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Related Work to Sandstone Construction in the amount of \$315,190.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**K. Award Cushman Tennis Court Rehabilitation and Related Work, East Coast Sealcoating Inc. \$99,680.00**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tennis Courts Rehabilitation and Related Work to East Coast Sealcoating Inc. in the amount of \$99,680.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**L. Water Superintendent Interview Team**

Mr. Furtado – The Water Superintendent is scheduled to retire in October 20 and we are looking to put together an interview team to conduct interviews.

Mr. Smith motioned to appoint Mr. Wotton and Mr. Hobson to the Water Superintendent Interview Team and Ms. Rotondo as the alternate. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**M. Tour de' Crème, Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tour de' Crème on Sunday May 31, 2026. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**N. Dig-It Construction, Glenhaven Avenue Water Main Improvement Project**

**1. Sign Contract Agreement \$934,381.71**

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with Dig-It Construction for Glenhaven Avenue Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$934,381.71. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**2. Sign Notice to Proceed**

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign the Notice to Proceed with Dig-It Construction for Glenhaven Avenue Water Main Improvement Project. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**O. Methuen Construction, WPCF Upgrades, Payment # 28 \$793,749.10**

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Methuen Construction WPCF Upgrades Payment #28 in the amount of \$793,749.10. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**P. Dep Pay Req #28 (CWP 22-67) \$793,749.00**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve DEP Pay Req #28 (CWP-22-67) in the amount of \$793,740.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**Q. Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrades, Payment #30 \$170,709.84**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrades Pay Req #30 in the amount of \$170,709.84. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**R. Dep Pay Req #24A (CWP 22-67A) \$170,710.00**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve DEP Pay Req #24A (CWP-22-67A) in the amount of \$170,710.00. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous

**VI. Tabled Matters**

**A. N/A**

**VIII. Old Business / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

**Superintendent Report for April 27, 2026**

- POTW Schedule meeting
- Department Head Meeting
- Bids were open for Bikepath and PB at Cushman
- Chair Monthly MRV
- Labor Counsel re Highway Change in duties
- Meeting with Town Counsel re POTW Upgrade
- Highway Staff in Tree Training
- Meetings before Town Meeting
- Change Order meeting for POTW
- Continue to meet with SB Candidates
- Claims with MCC
- Meeting with MRV Engineer re Hub Insurance

Mr. Furtado answered any questions that the Board had regarding the Superintendent Report.

**A. Board Members**

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Mr. Hobson – Adams Street & Center Street there is a barrel in the middle of the road.

Mr. Crabb – I am aware of it.

Mr. Hobson – When will Spring Street be done?

Mr. Crabb – We have to address the drainage and sidewalks issues before we pave.

Mr. Hobson – Mary Street needs to be graded and Bayberry Street needs more stones. Scoticut Neck Road and Seaview Avenue there is pea stone in the street. Could you send the sweeper to clean it up?

Ms. Smith – CPC Park Assessment are we still coordinating with the open space committee to do a community feedback event?

Mr. Wotton – There is plow damage on Manomet Street and Nakata Avenue. Also, as far as the greenhouses that we discussed at the last meeting, I was notified by two Board Members from the committees they said that they were representing and they knew nothing about them presenting the greenhouses to us. We need to get the Boards together so we are all on the same page and we need a maintenance plan before we allow them to move forward.

**B. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters**

**C. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters**

**IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Ms. Smith motioned to set the date of the next meeting on May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**X. Adjourn**

Mr. Lopes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca L. Vento*

Rebecca Vento  
Business Manager

Minutes approved on May 11, 2026



# Bridge Street Corridor Improvements

Town of Fairhaven

April 27, 2026



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# Agenda

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- 2 Existing Conditions
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# 1 Project Goals

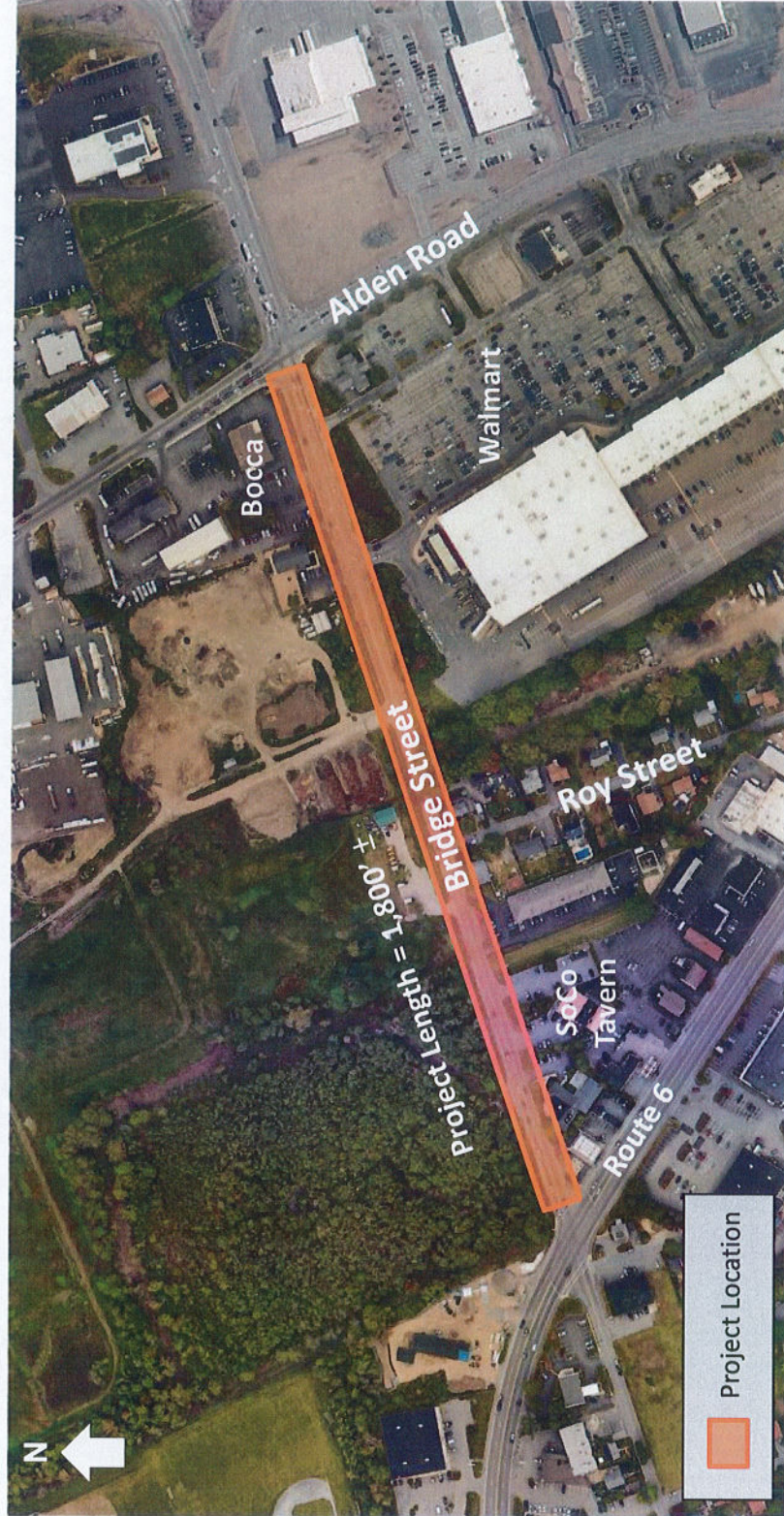


## Project Goals

- Provide safe and comfortable pedestrian and bicycle accommodations along Bridge Street (Route 6 to Alden Road)
- Minimize impacts to right-of-way and existing features
- Address pedestrian clearance timings at the Bridge Street at Alden Road intersection



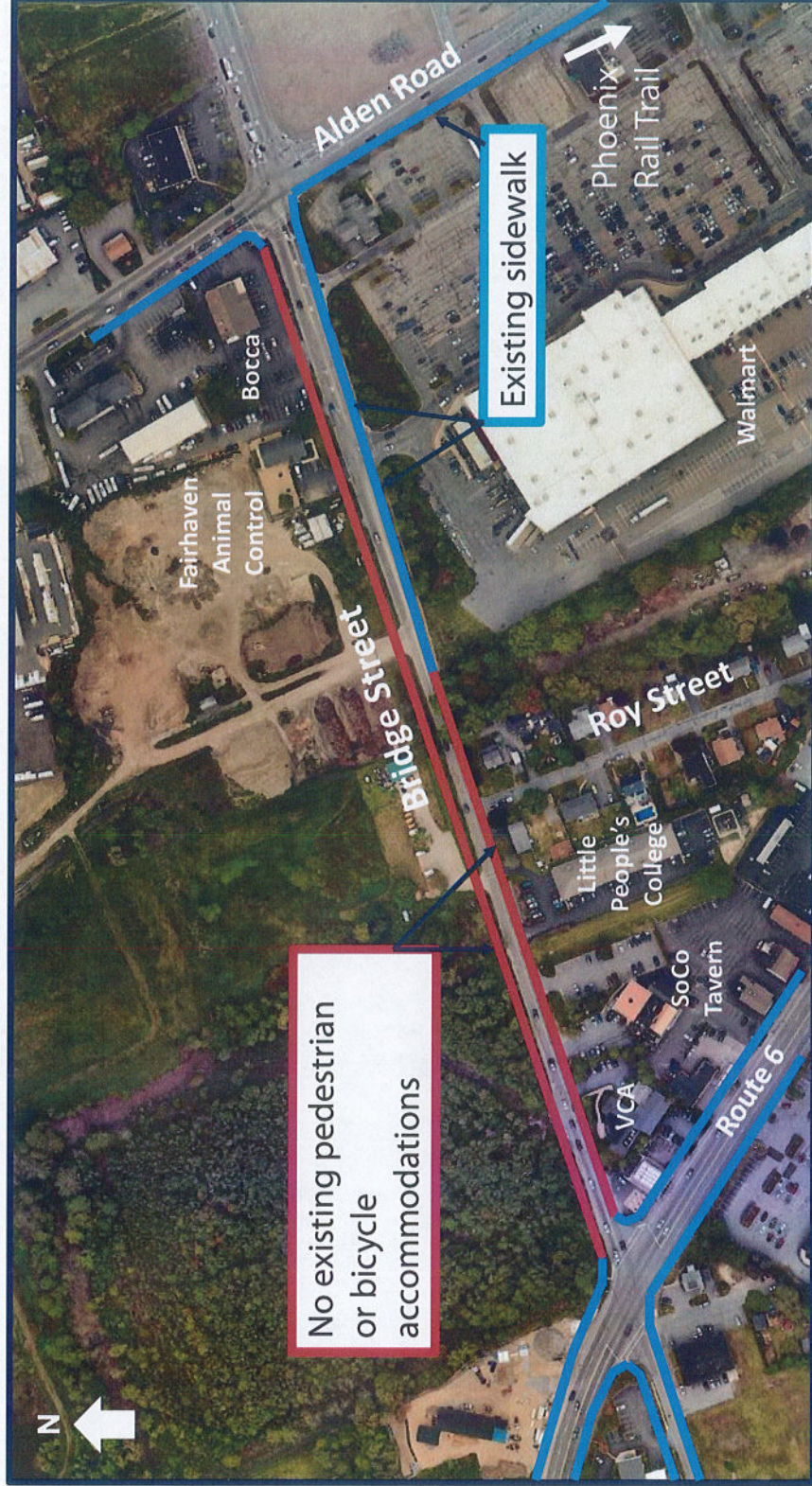
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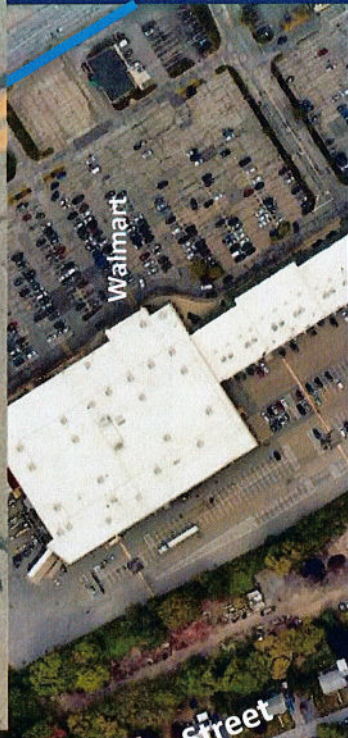
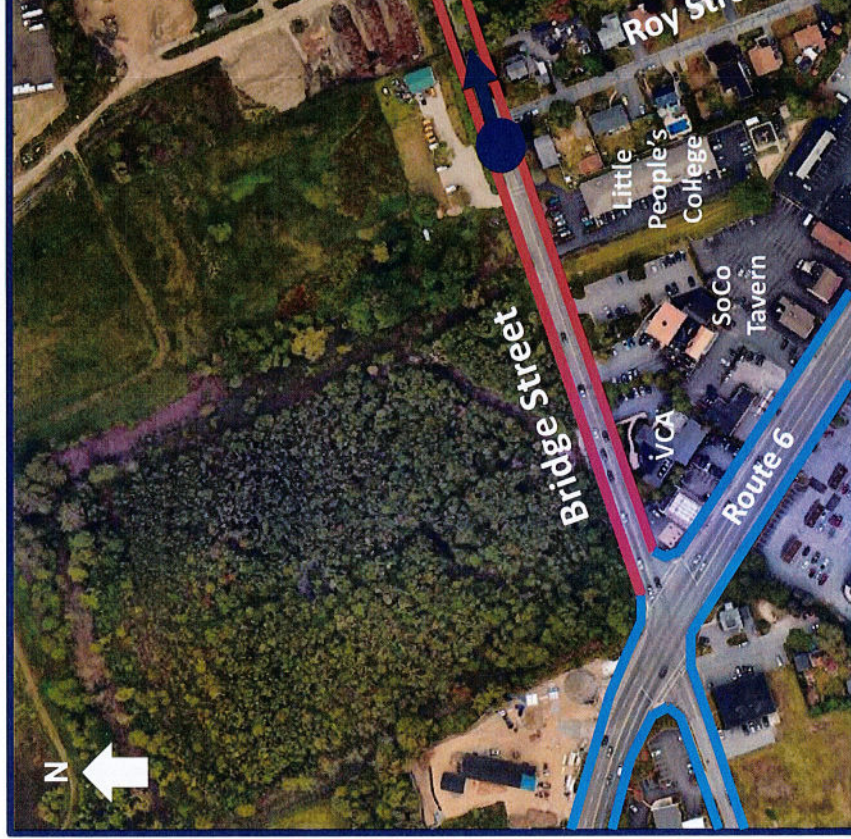
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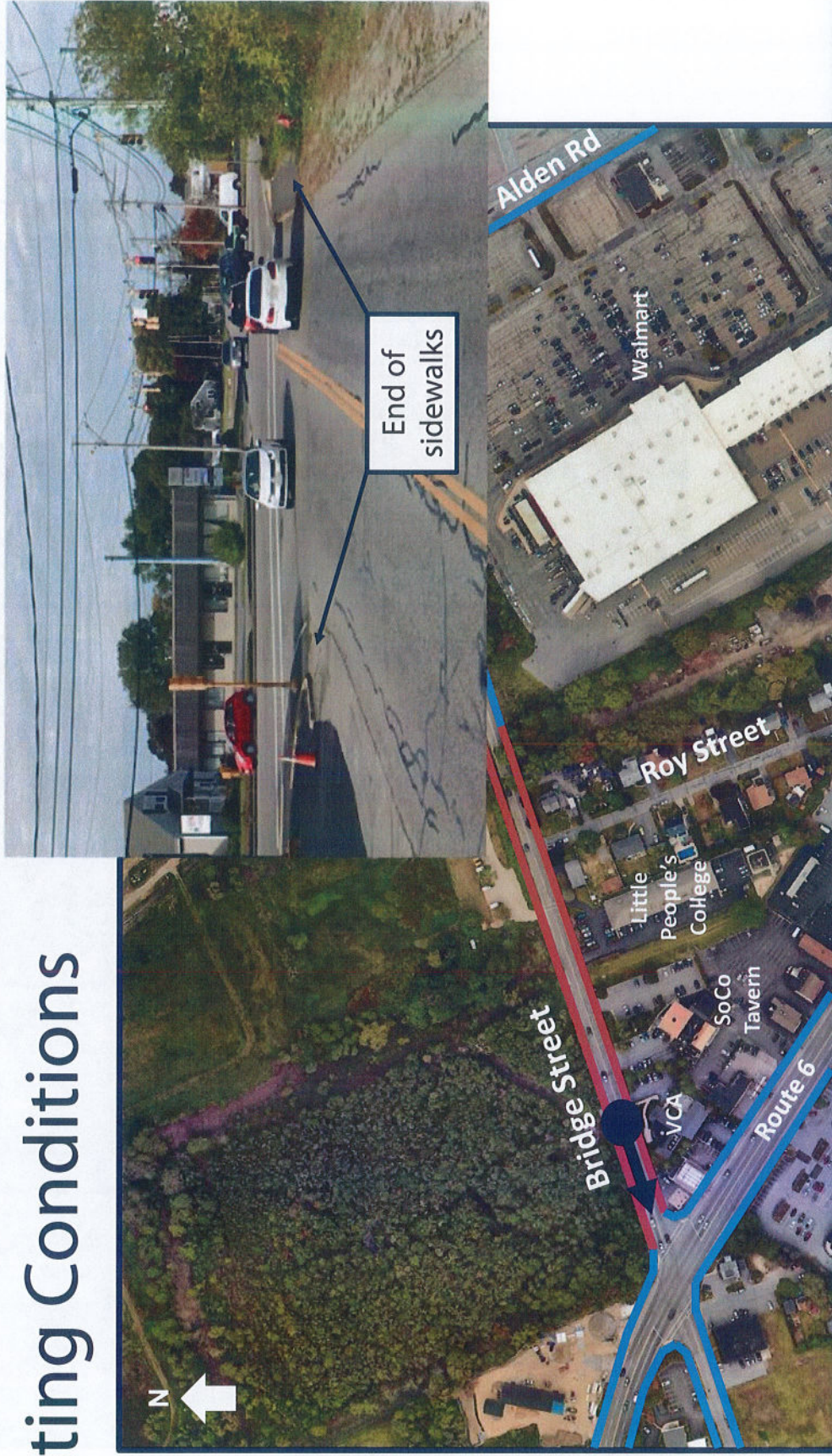
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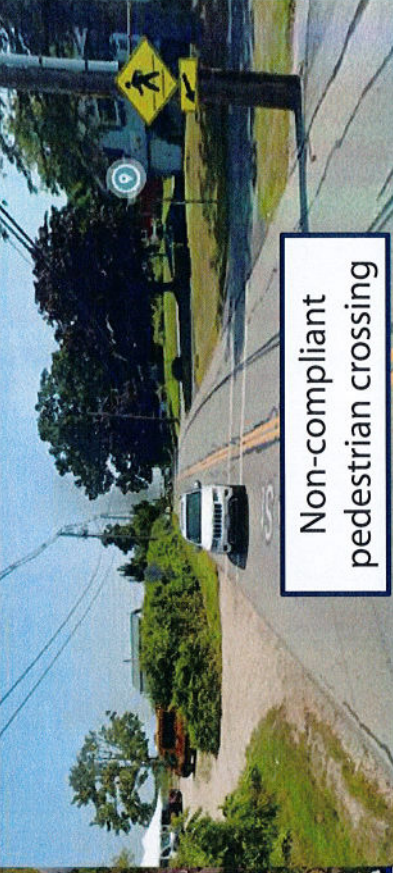
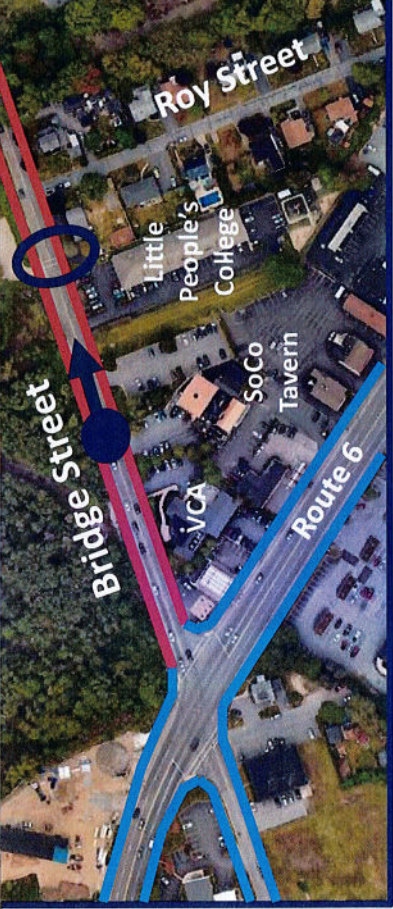
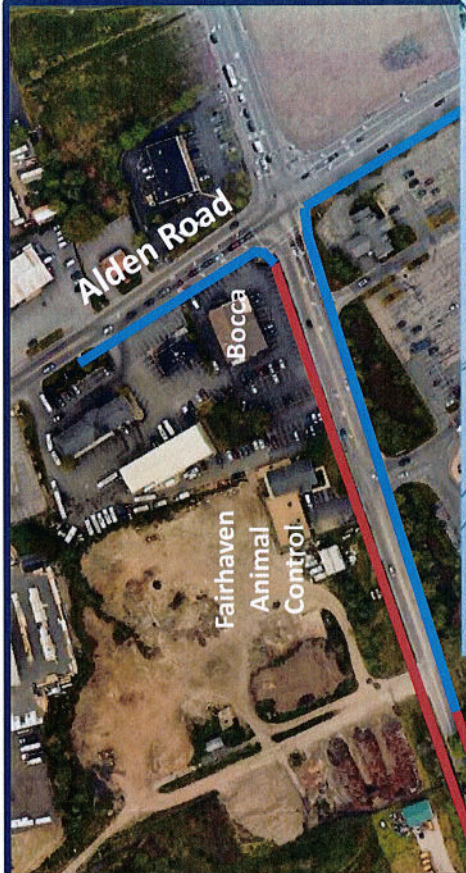
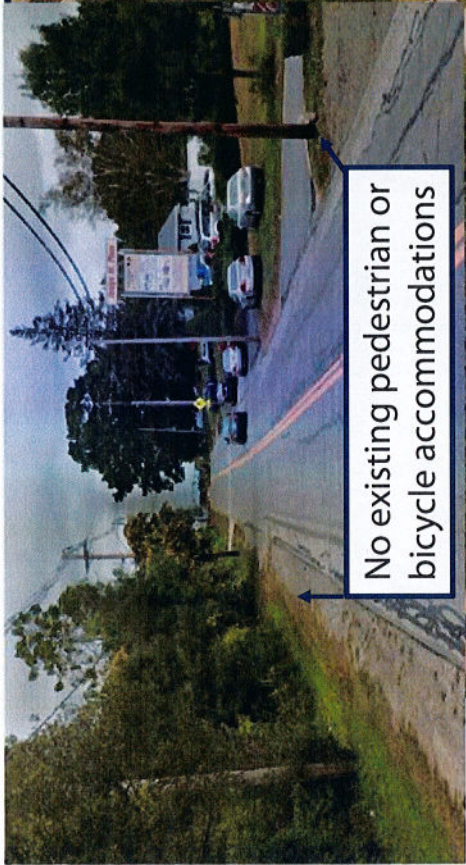
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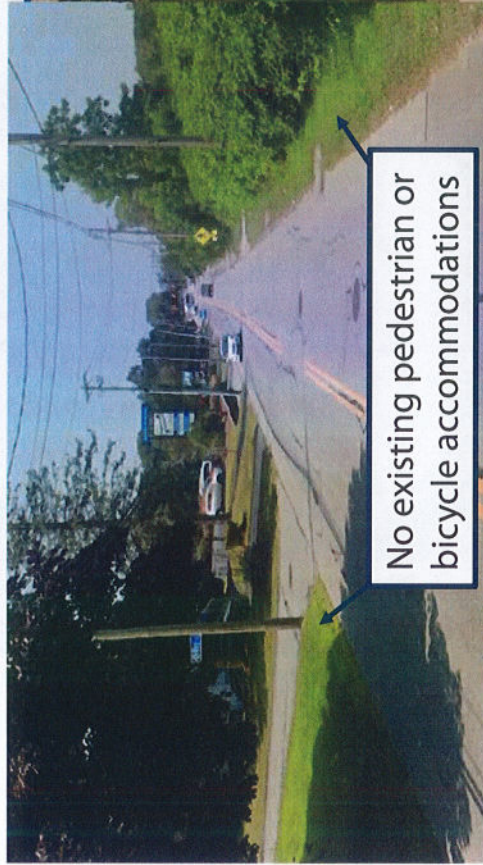
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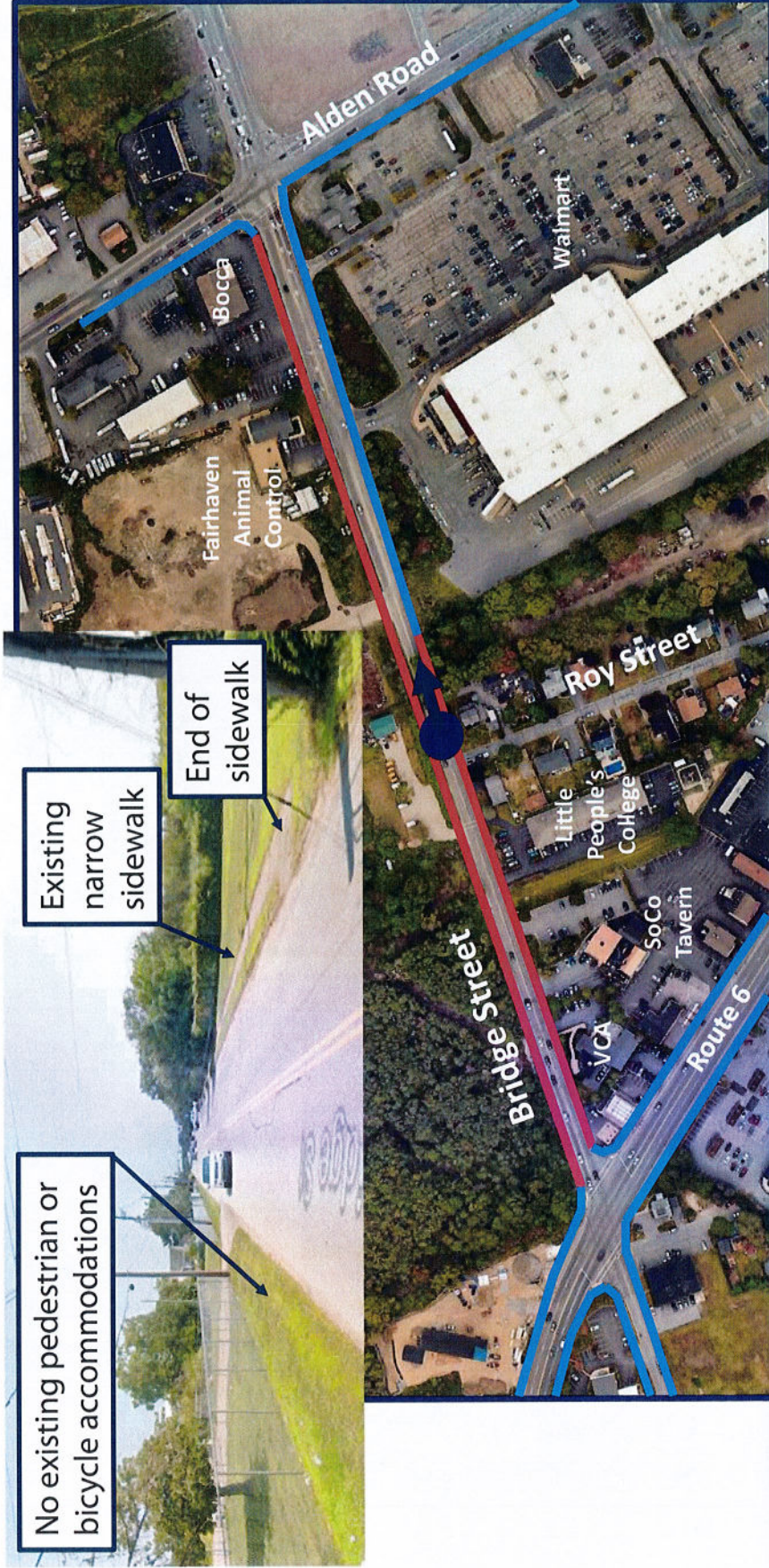
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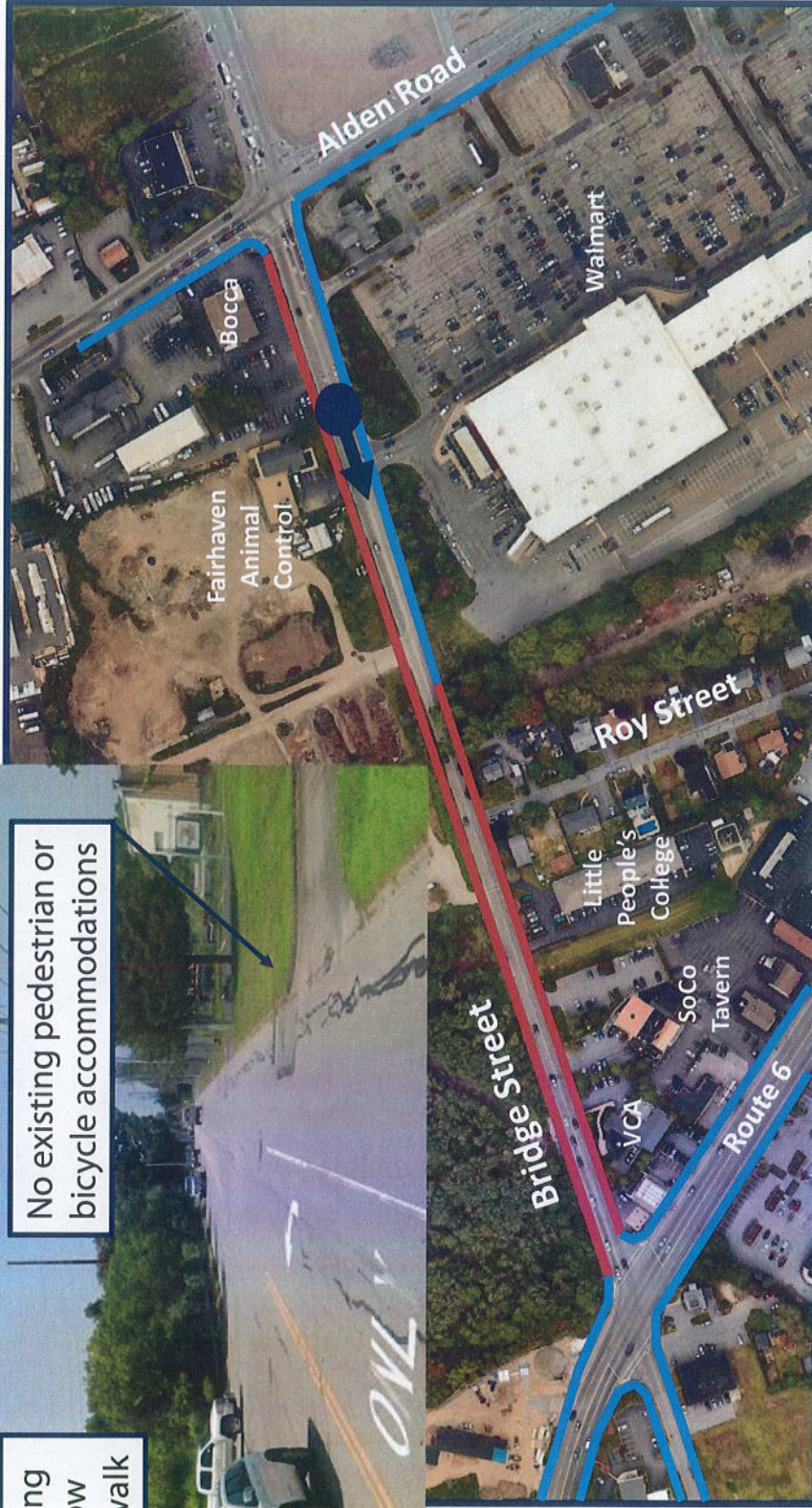
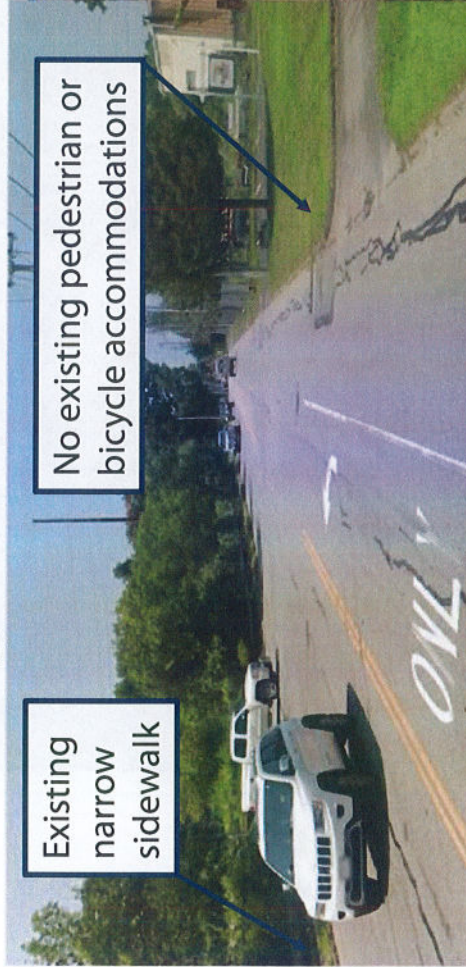
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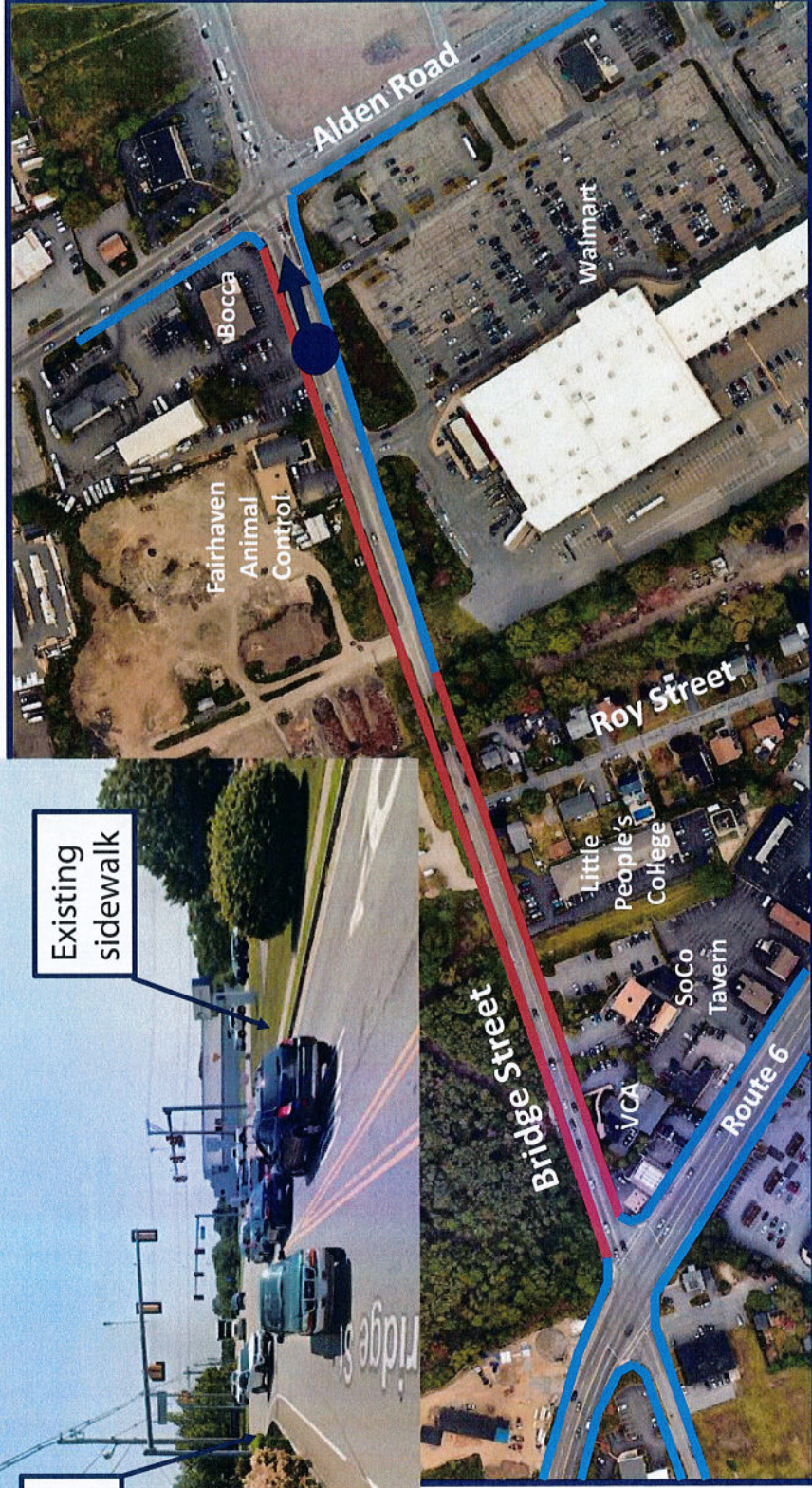
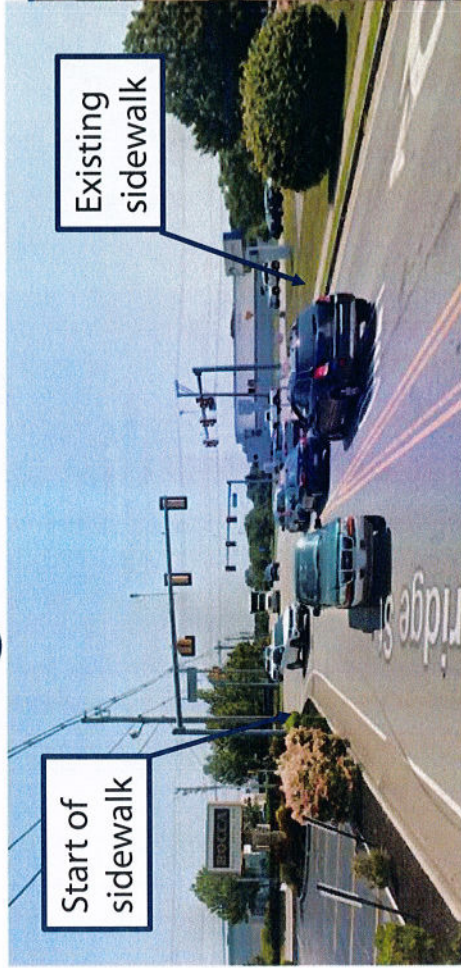
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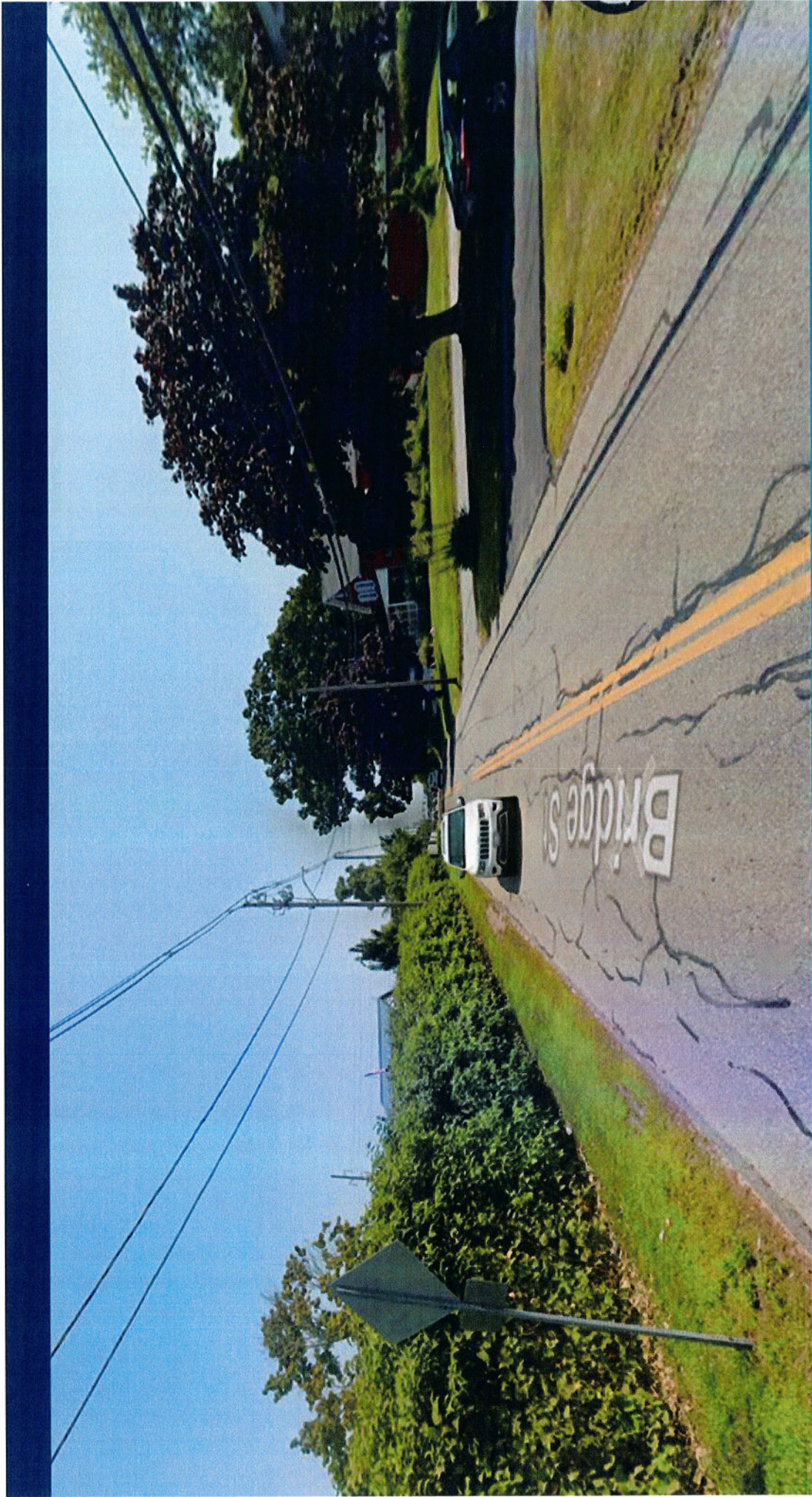


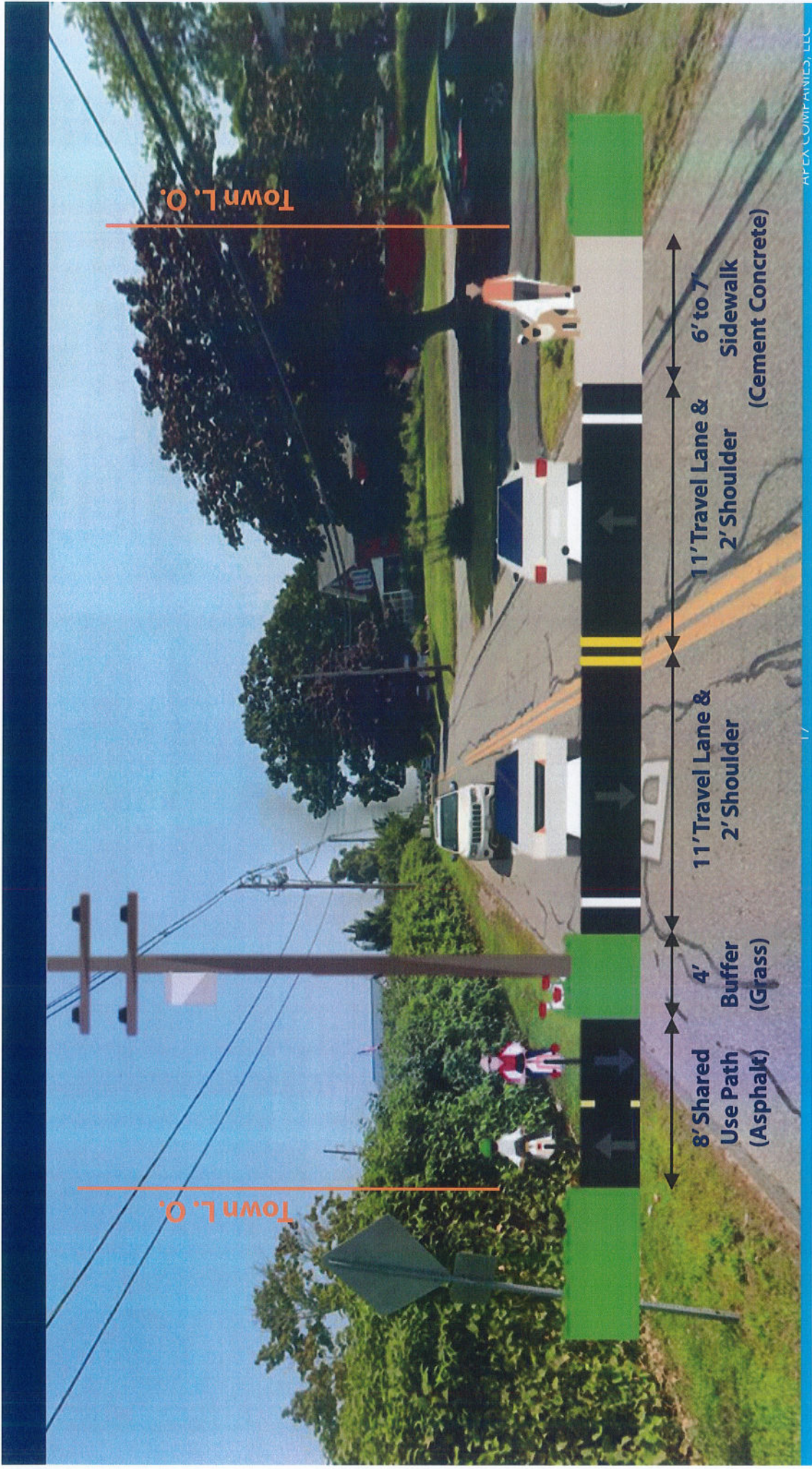
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# 3 Improvements







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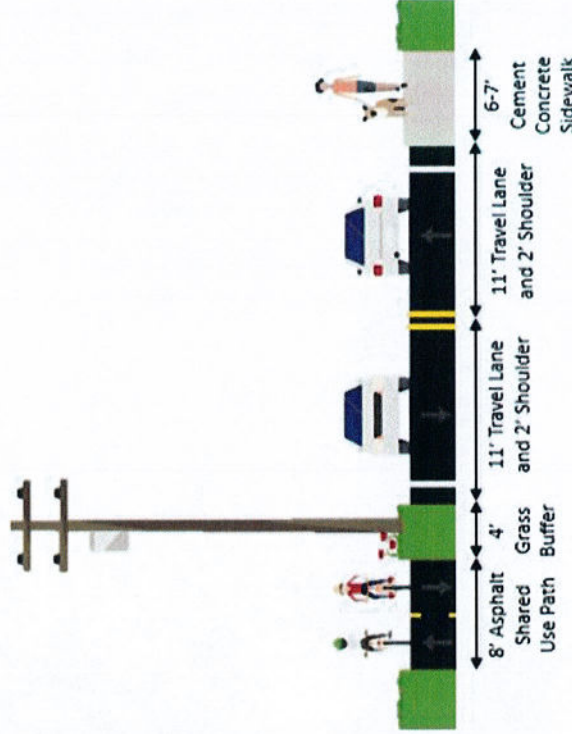
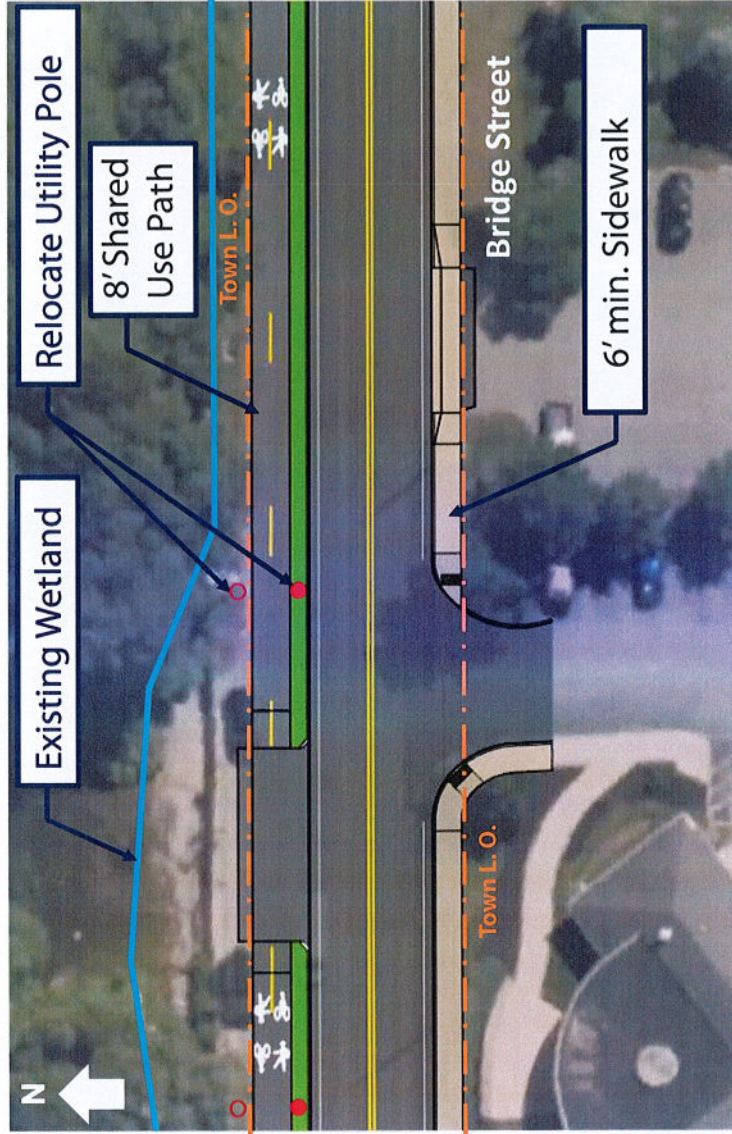
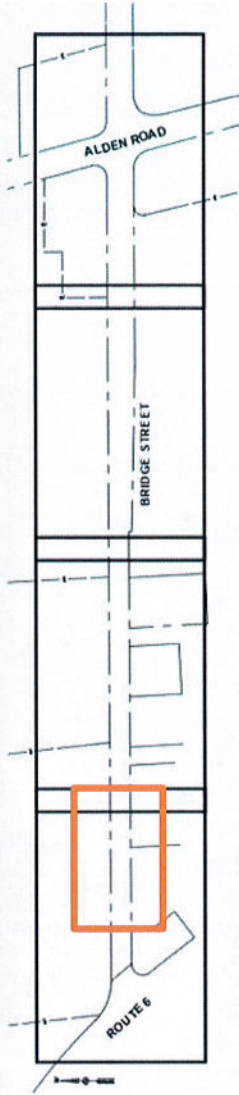
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(Cement Concrete)

11' Travel Lane &  
2' Shoulder

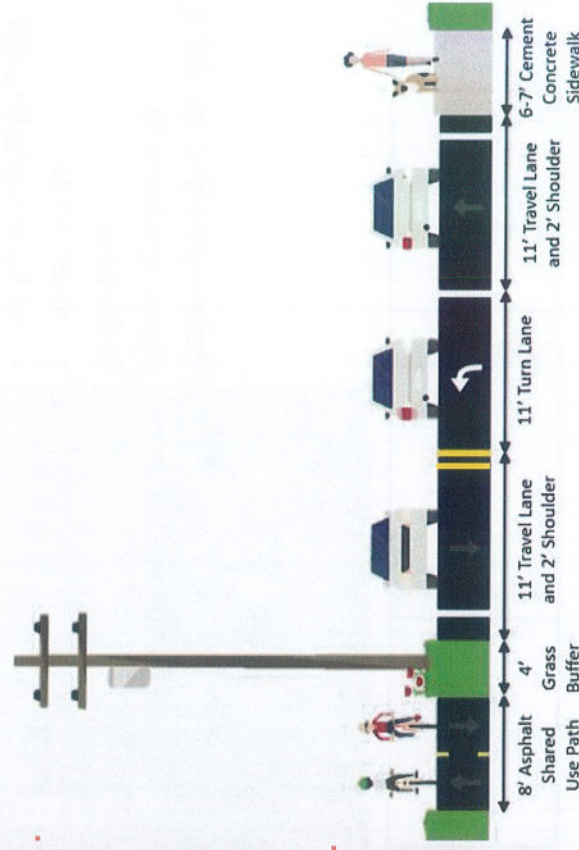
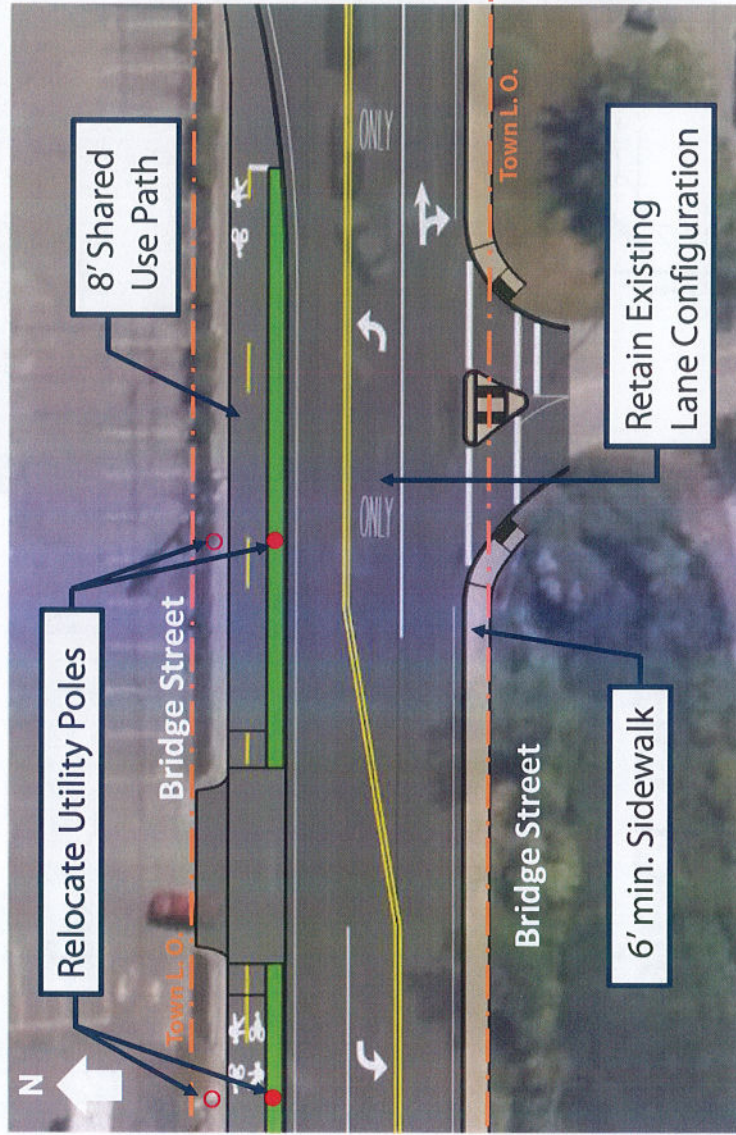
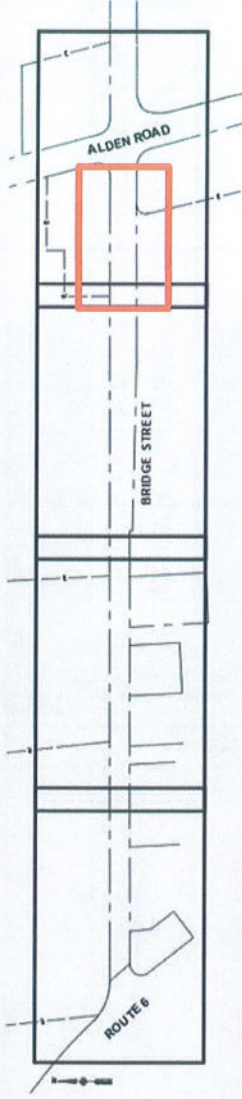
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Buffer  
(Grass)

8' Shared  
Use Path  
(Asphalt)

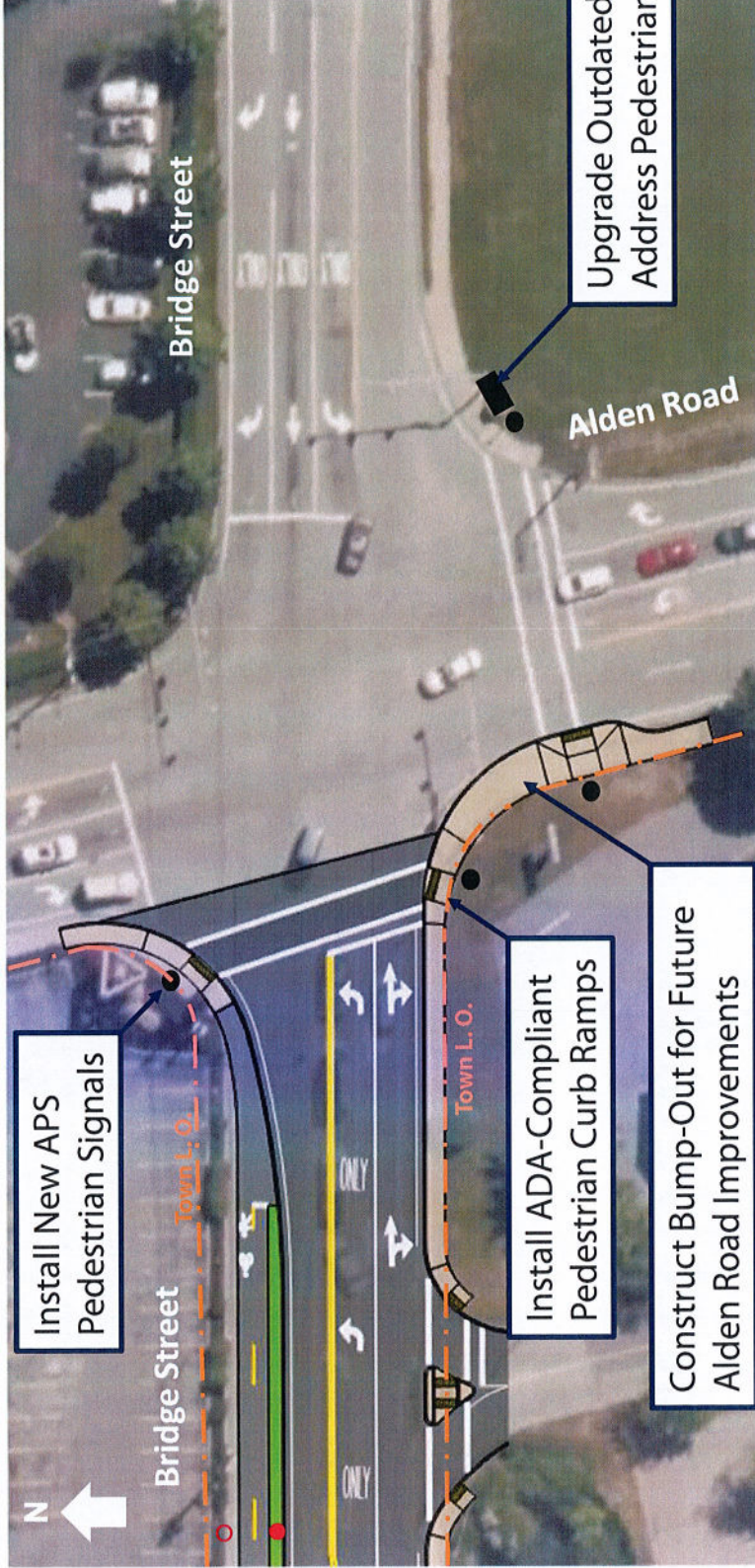
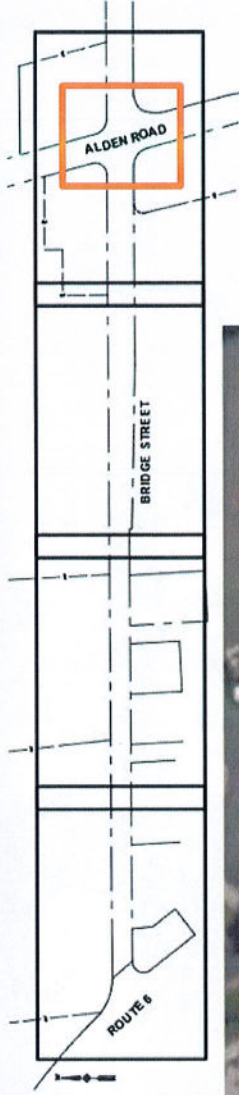
# Improvements



# Project Details



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Retain all other existing signal equipment including:

- mast arms
- vehicle signal heads
- controller cabinet
- conduit
- handholes

# 4 Next Steps



# Next Steps

Final Design

Bid Phase

Construction

April  
2026

December  
2026

April  
2027

December  
2027

DPW  
Board  
Meeting

Advertise  
Project

Begin  
Construction

Complete  
Construction

*Estimated Construction  
Cost: \$1.9M*



Thank you!

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