

WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER GREENWAY



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Public Meeting #1
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Today's Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Corridor History**
- **Scope and Schedule**
- **Existing Conditions Highlights**
- **Concept Alternatives**
- **Breakout Session**
- **Next steps**

Corridor History: The Woonasquatucket River Greenway

- **1994:**
 - Fred Lippitt, Chair of the Providence Plan, creates Woonasquatucket River Greenway Project (WRGP), to help revitalize Olneyville
 - ✓ Most economically challenged neighborhood in PVD
 - ✓ No safe parks
 - ✓ 60% of people do not own cars
- **1998:**
 - Woonasquatucket River designated an American Heritage River
- **2001:**
 - Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) is created



Corridor History: The Woonasquatucket River Greenway

- **2001:**
 - First on-road segment of Greenway completed from Providence Place Mall to Valley Street
- **2006 - 2014:**
 - Kinsley Ave to Lyman Ave in Johnston off-road sections completed
 - Buttonhole Golf Course off-road
 - Eagle Square off-road
 - Donigian Park off-road
 - Woonasquatucket Adventure Park off-road

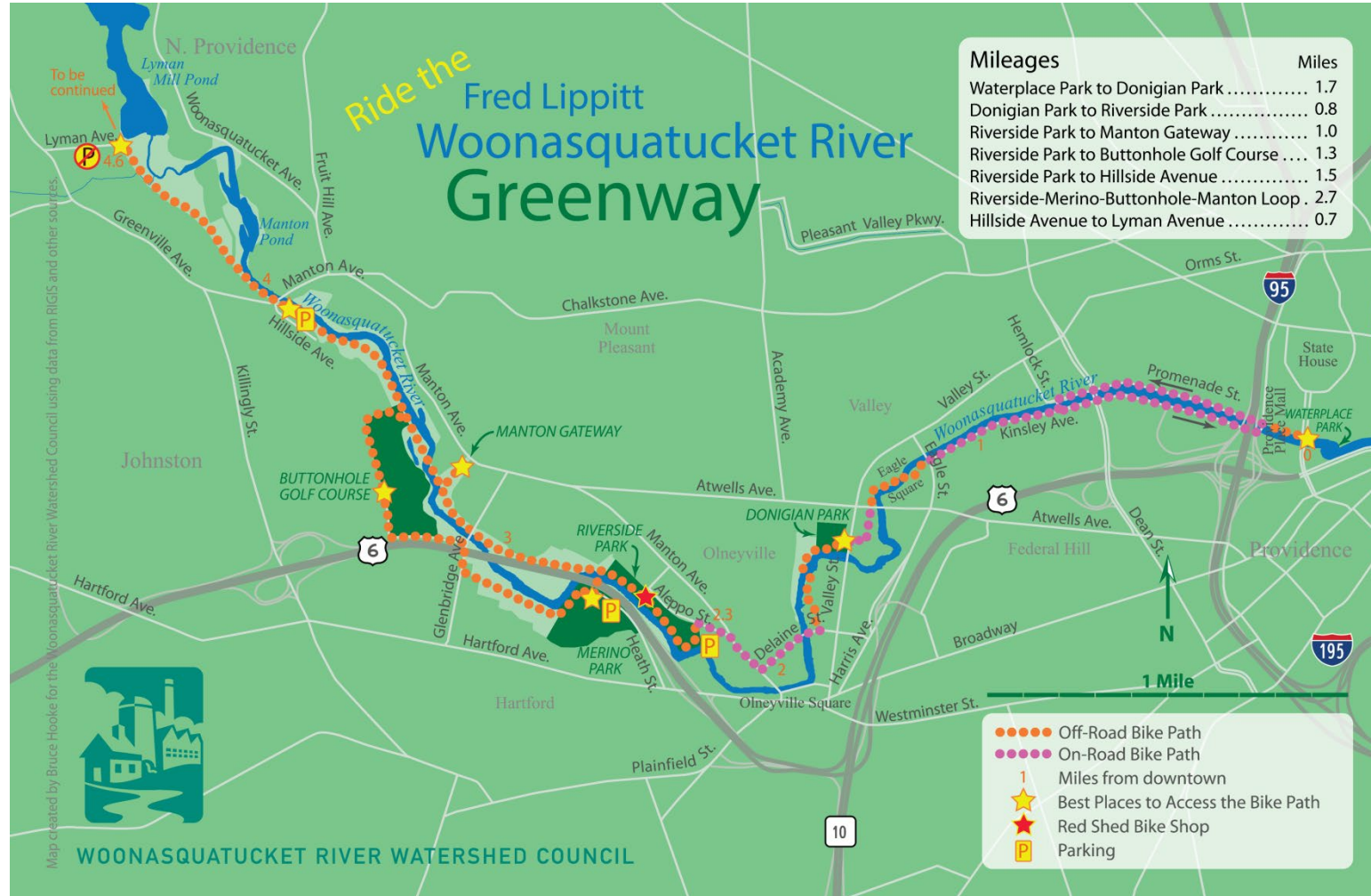


Corridor History: The Woonasquatucket River Greenway

- Today:
 - 75 acres of parkland created along river
 - 6 well used public parks created or revitalized
 - 7 miles of on-road/off-road Greenway in Providence and Johnston
 - Invasive plants managed on all 7 miles
 - Red Shed Bike Camp teaches 100 kids to ride on Greenway every summer
 - Leveraged over \$120M for Greenway, Parks

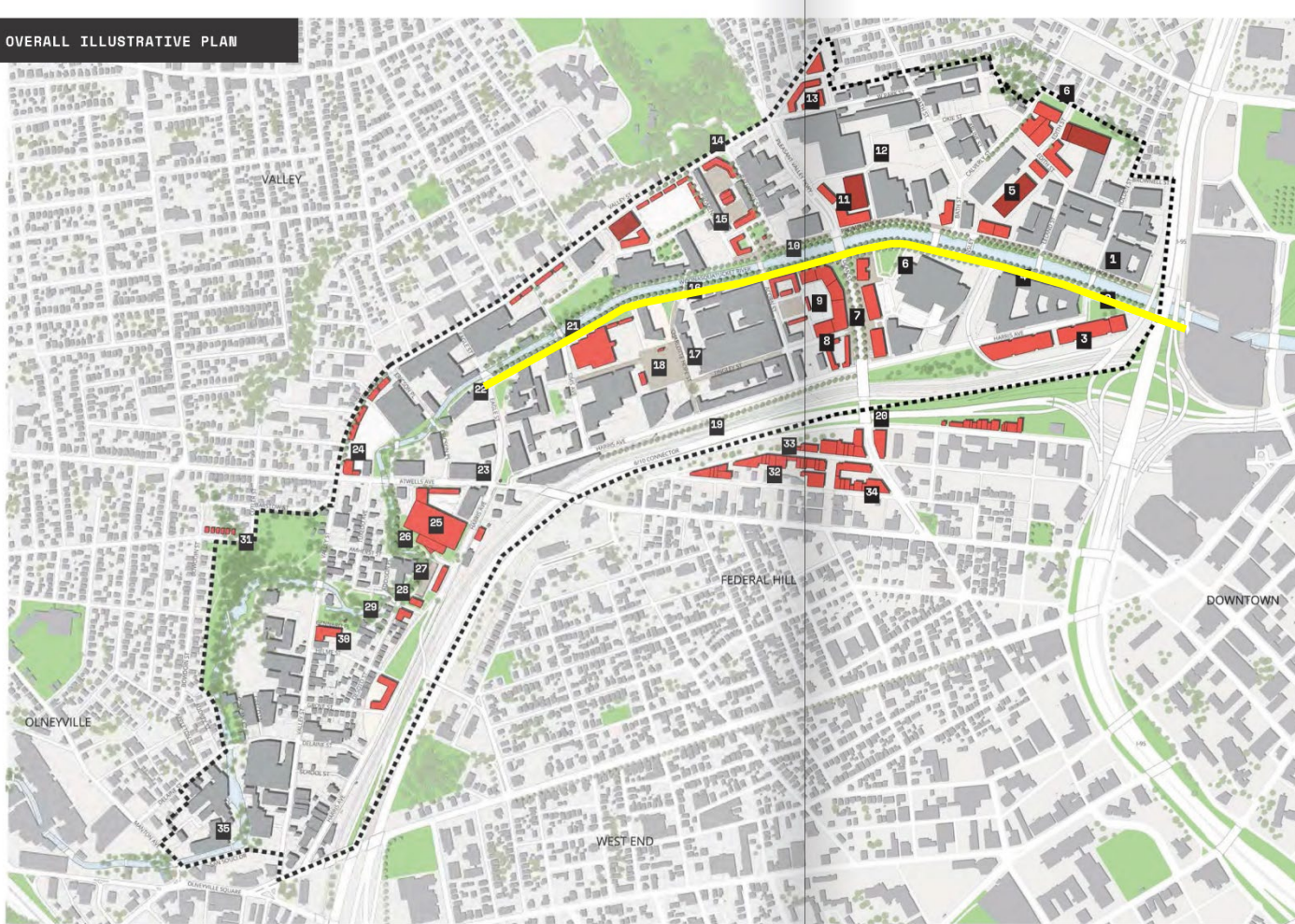


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Corridor History: The Woonasquatucket Vision Plan (2018)

OVERALL ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN



■ Vision Plan Goals:

- Improve Sustainability and Resiliency
- Support and Grow the Existing Economic Cluster around Arts, Food, and Makers
- Preserve and Create Affordable Space
- Improve Access and Connectivity
- Enhance and Maintain Public Spaces

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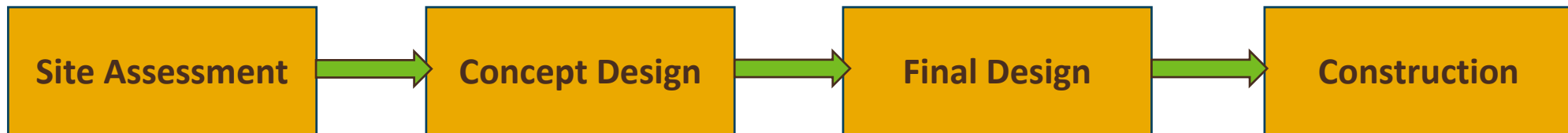
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■ Project themes

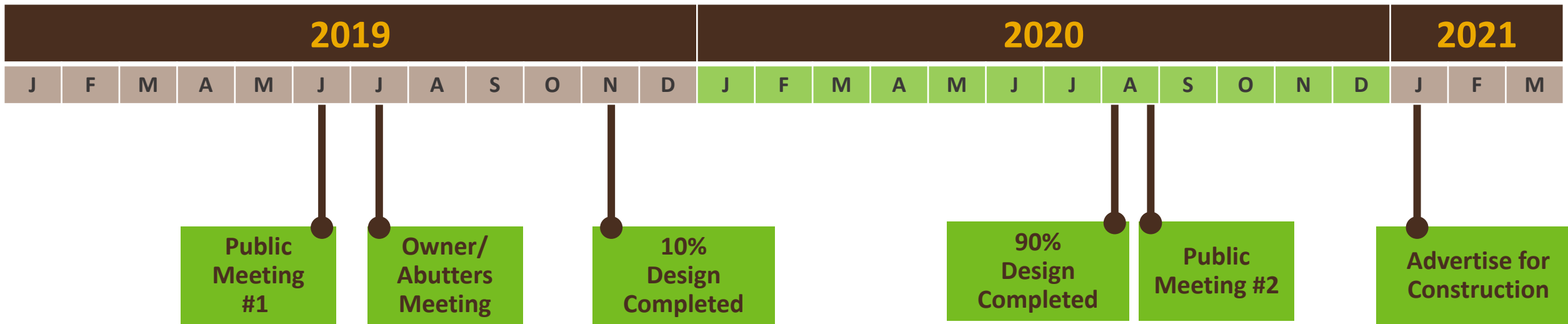
- Improve safety of people walking and riding bicycles
- Enhance access to the river
- Improve connectivity between Olneyville, Valley, Smith Hill and Downtown
- Mitigate flooding and improve water quality

■ Community Engagement

■ Process



Scope and Schedule





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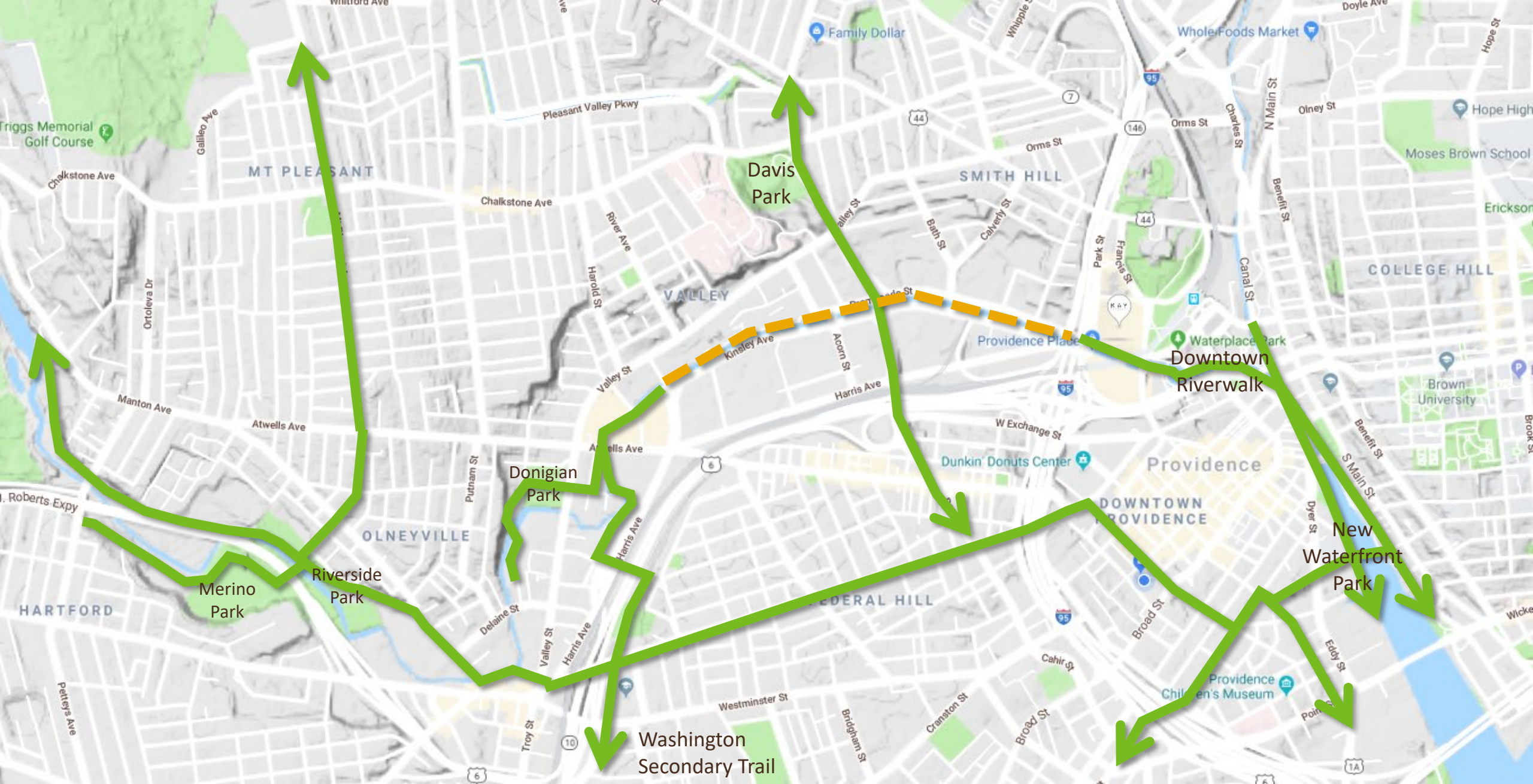


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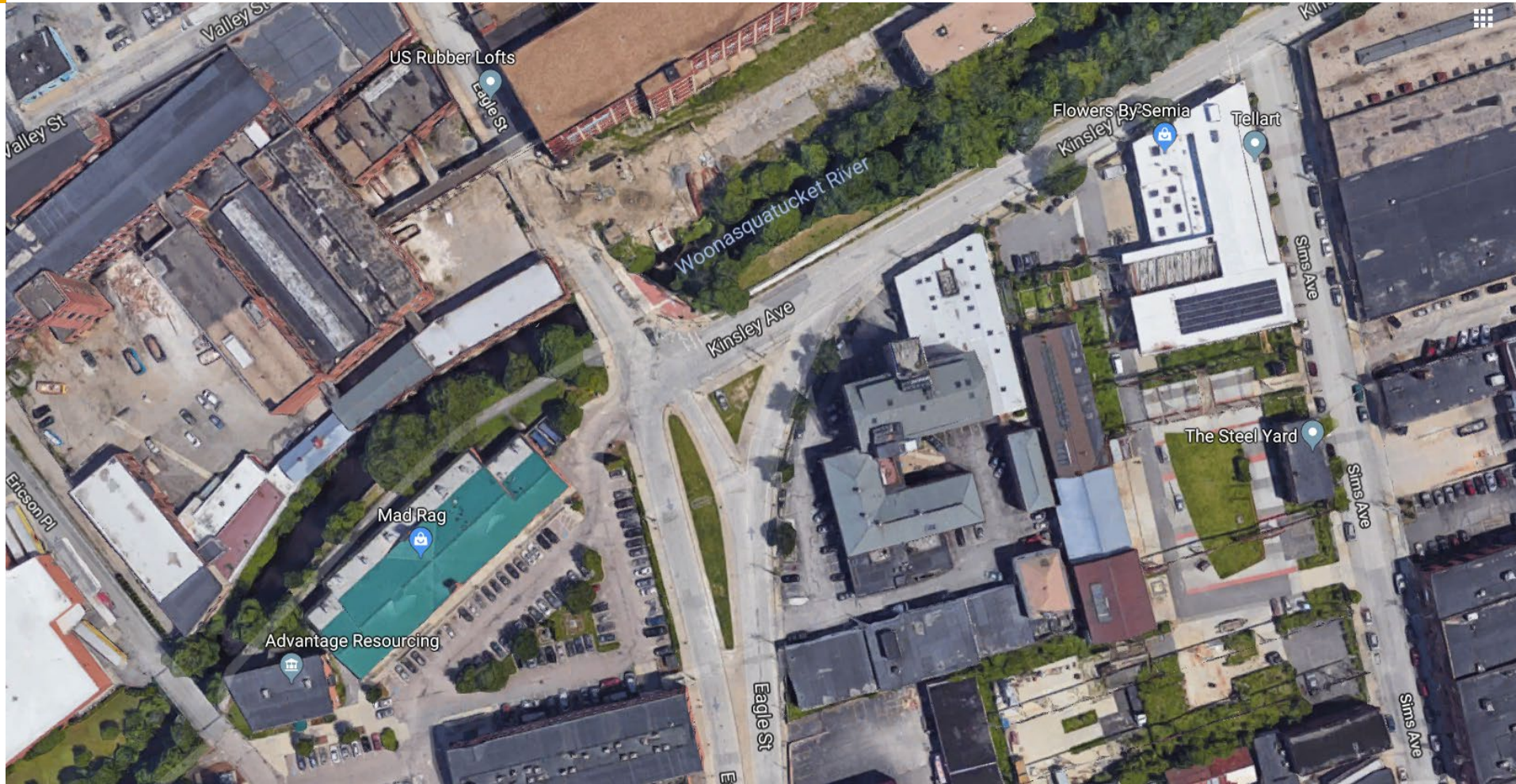


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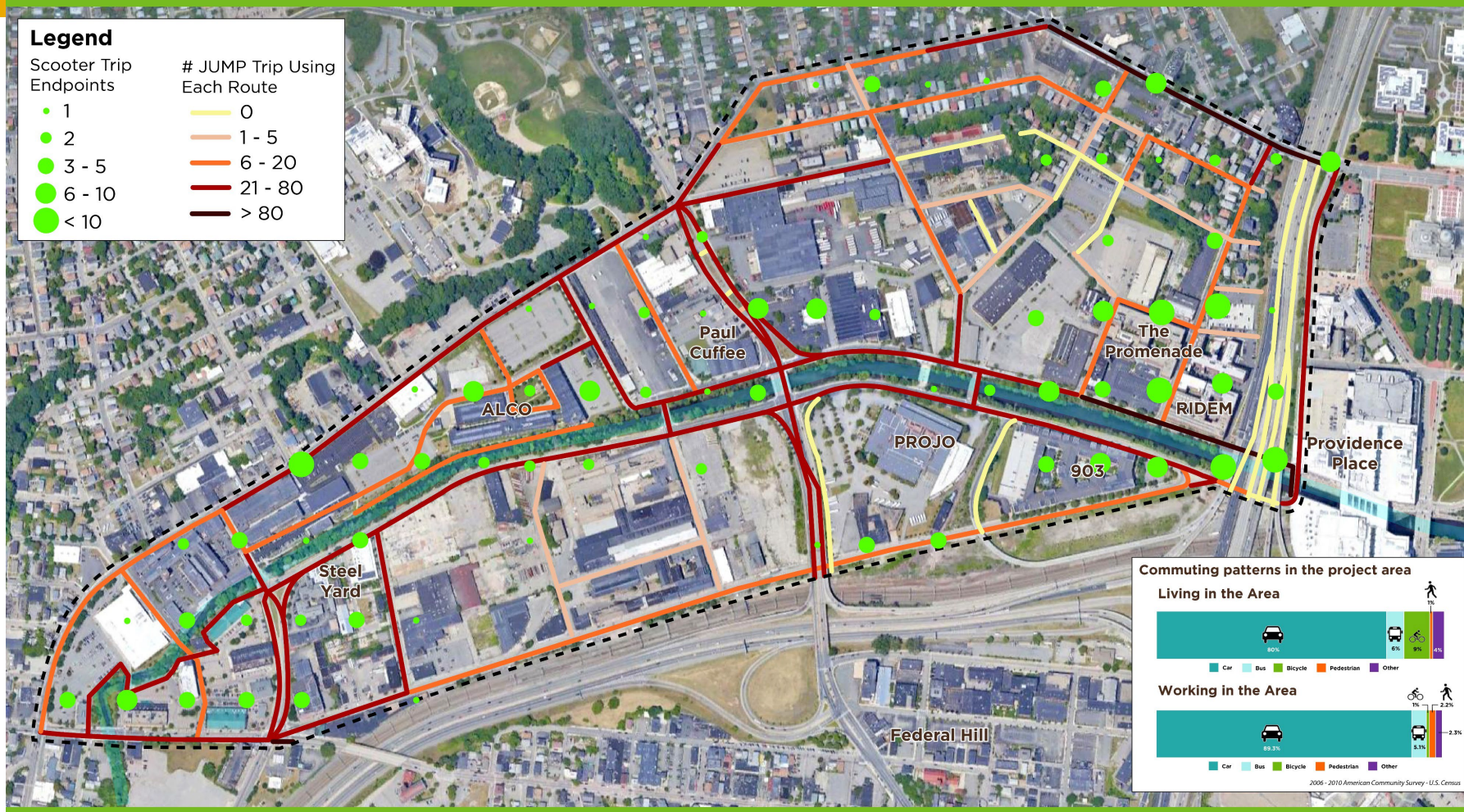
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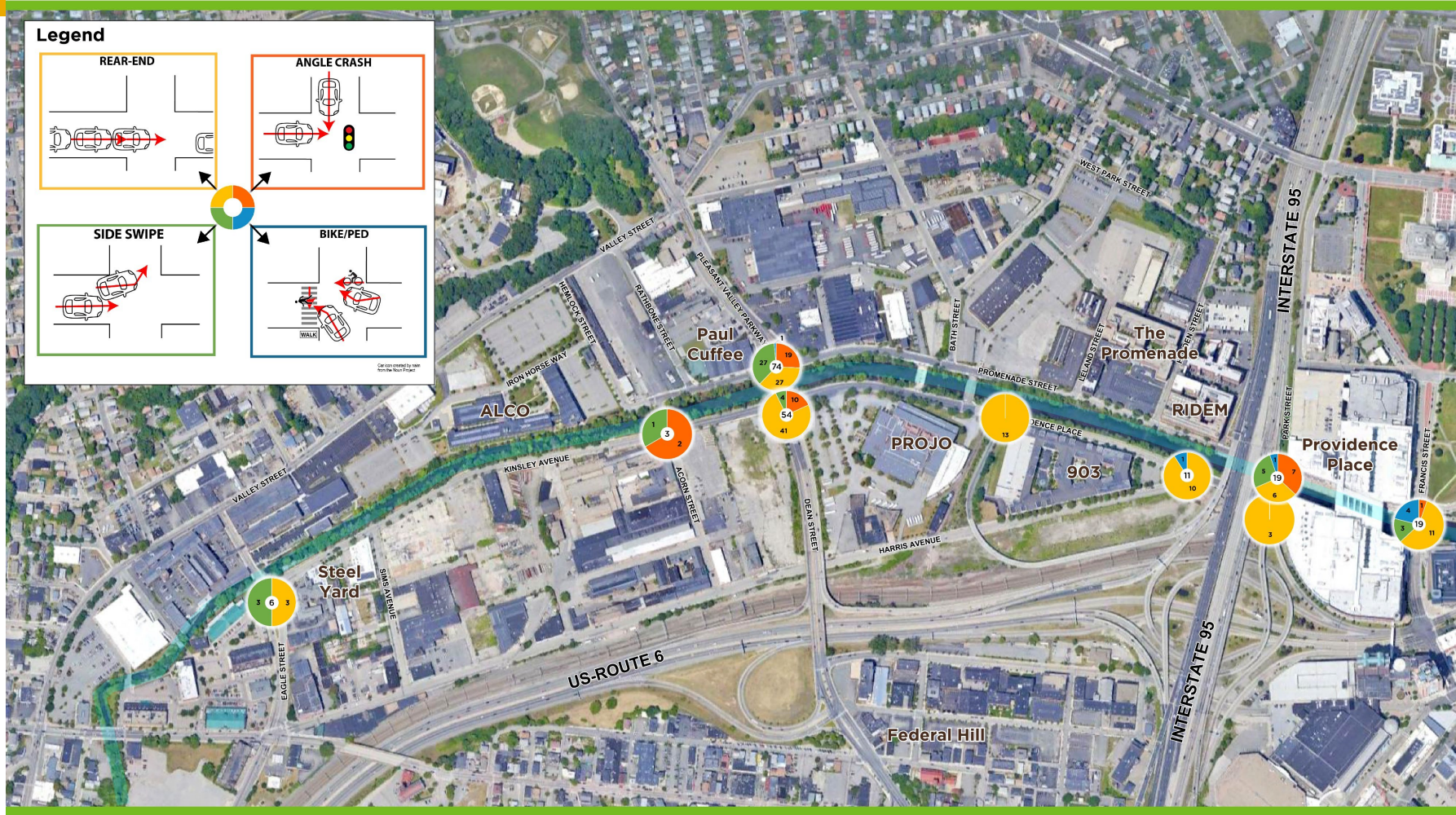


- Alternative modes of transportation are popular in and around the project corridor, indicating a need for high quality bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure

Micromobility Map

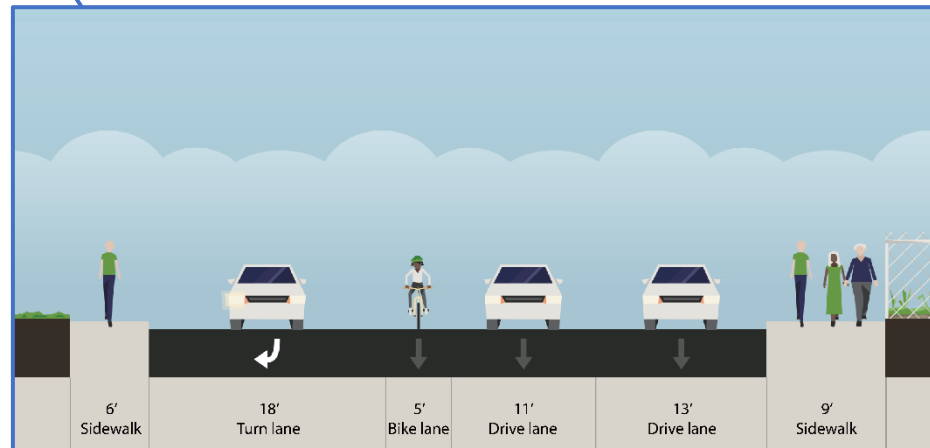
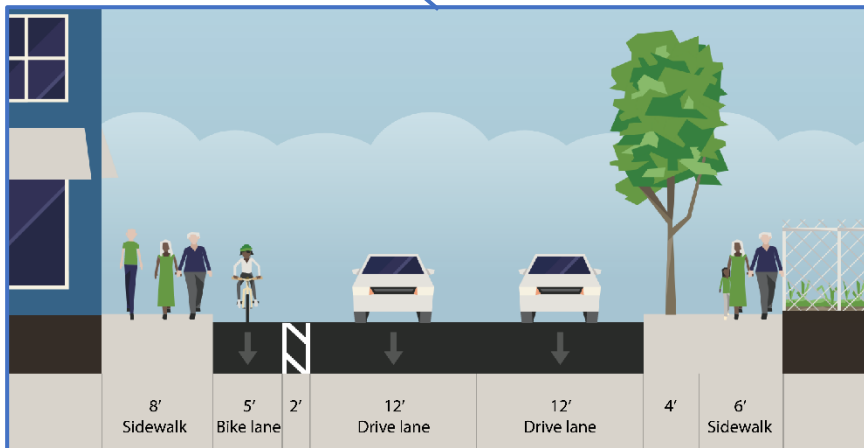
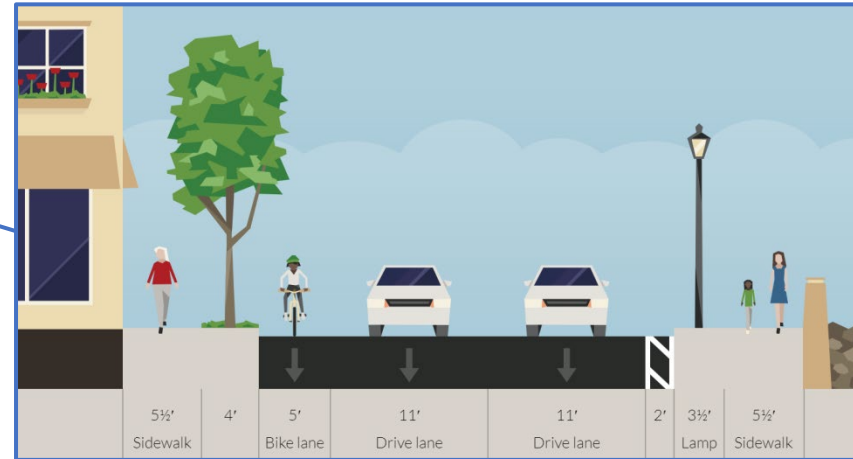
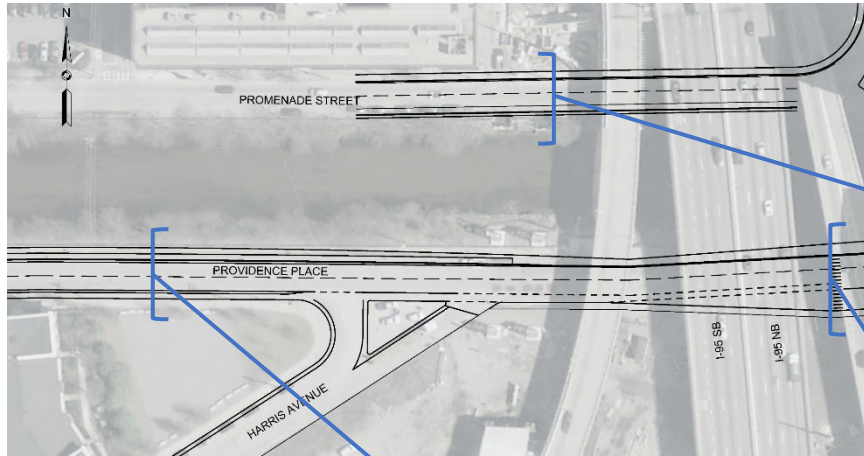
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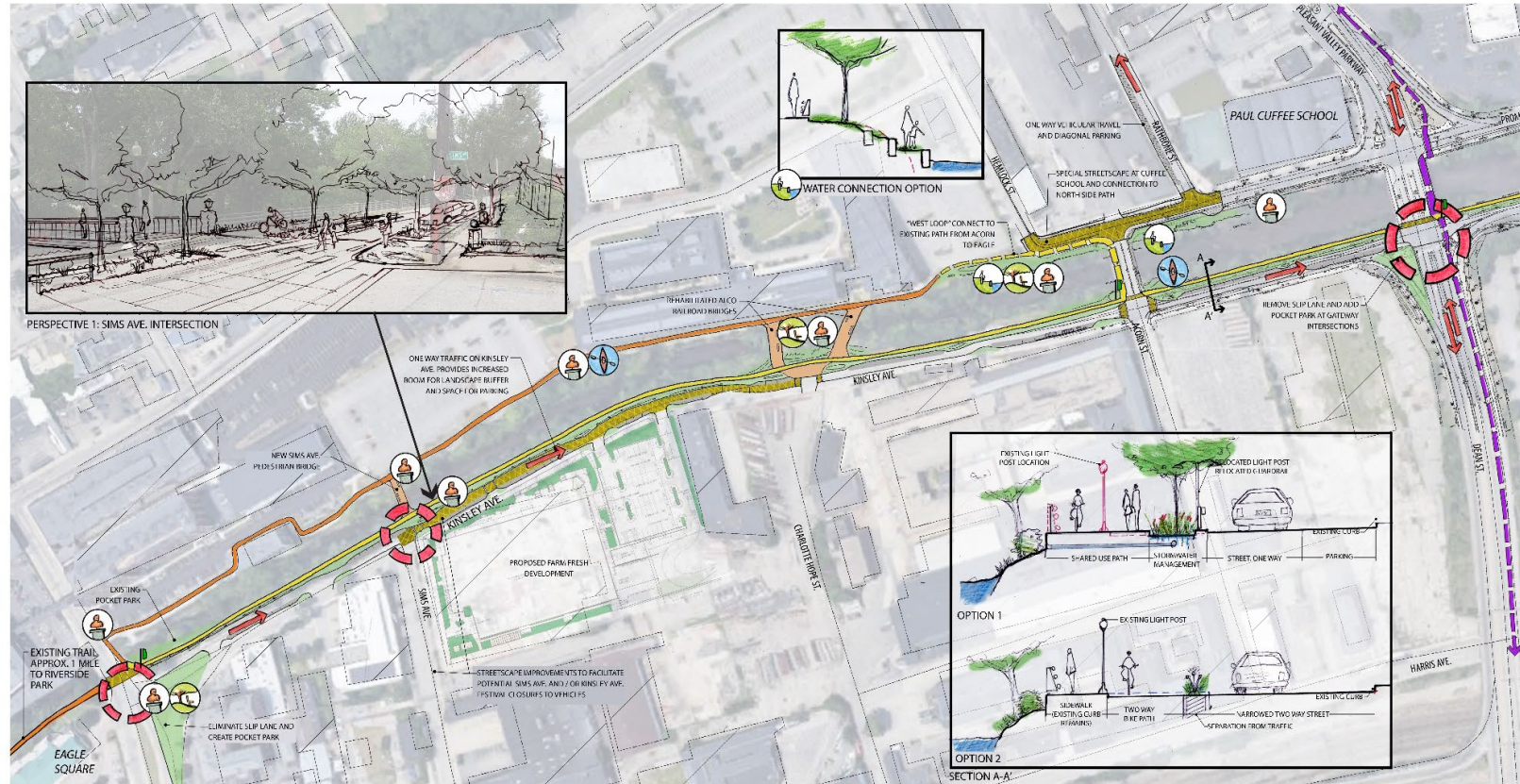


- Map shows locations with higher number of crashes
- Crash clusters overlap with high volume areas

Existing Conditions Highlights



Concept Alternatives (DRAFT)



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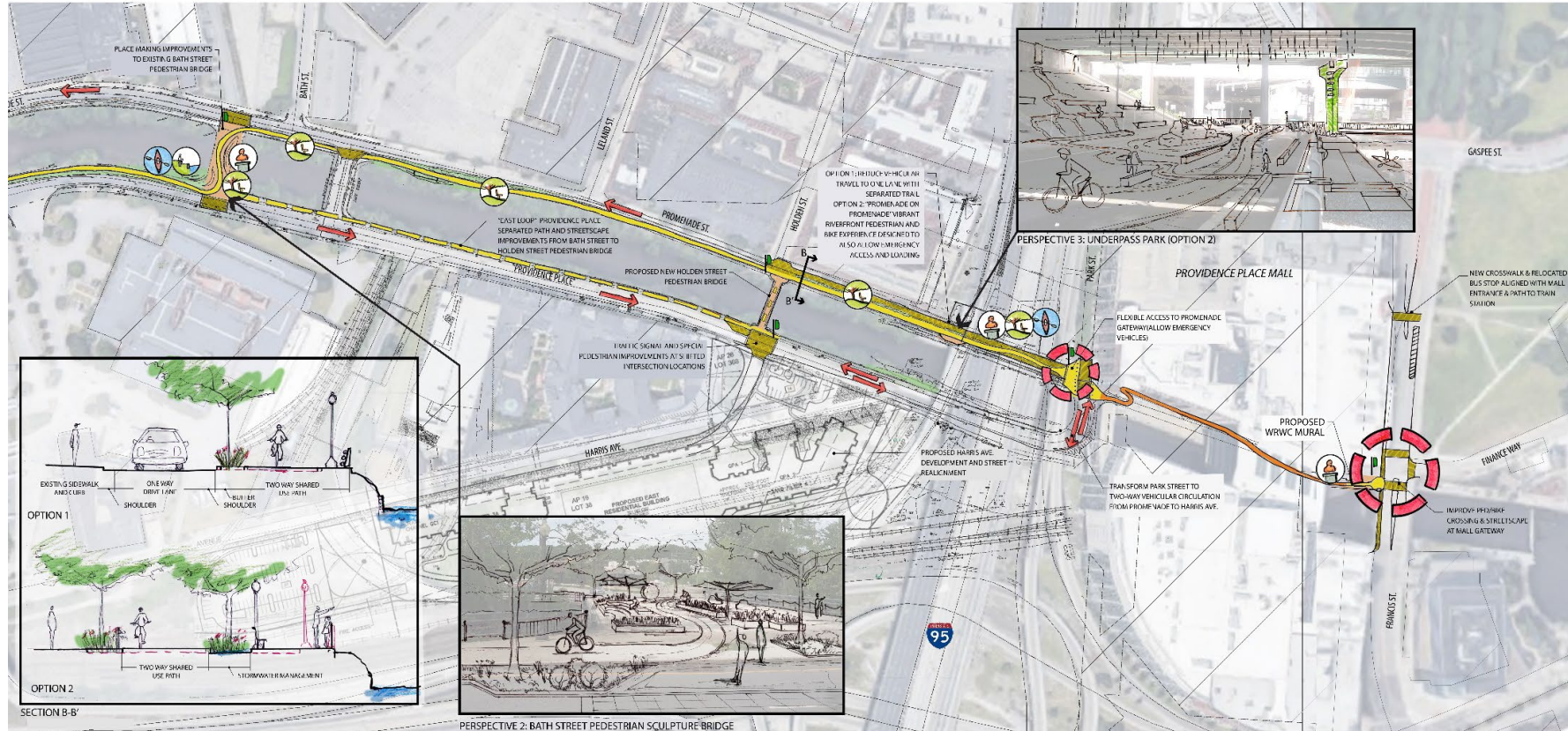
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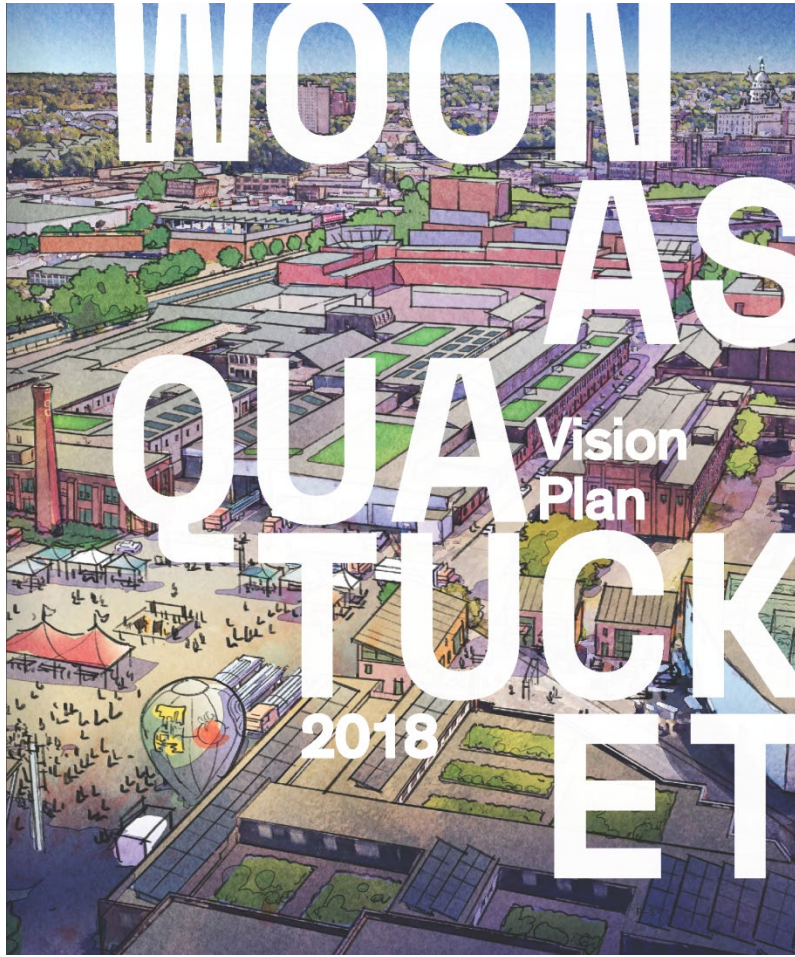
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Information Session: Vision Plan and WRWC



Breakout Session:

Access to the River & Green Infrastructure

Access to the River



Green Infrastructure



Breakout Session: Urban Design/Streetscape/Public Art

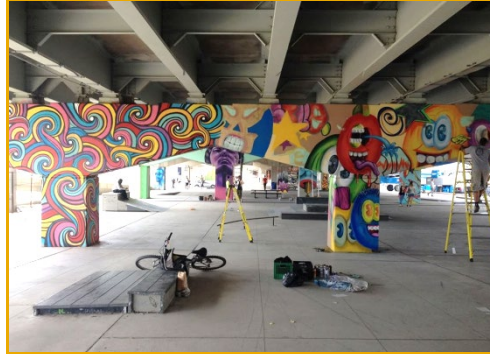
Pocket Parks



Promenades



Underpass Treatments



Seating

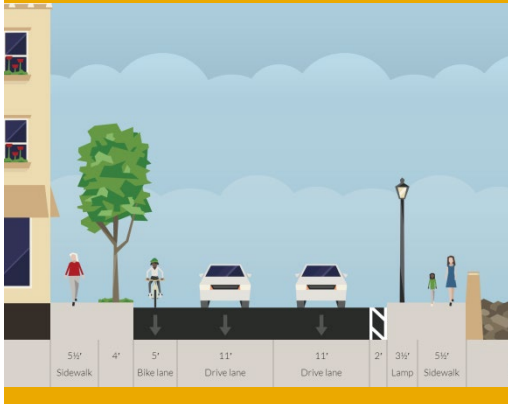


Public Art



Breakout Session: Urban Design & Circulation

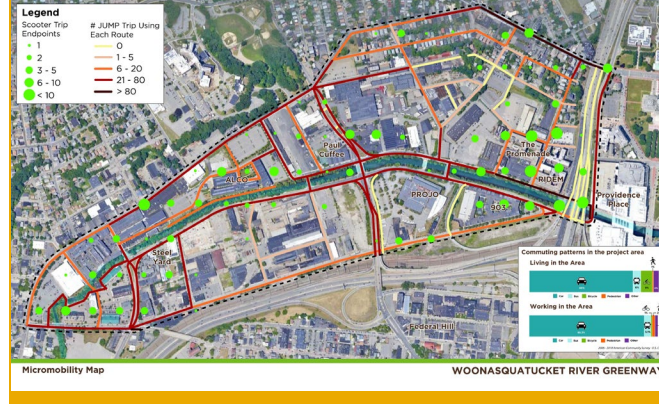
Street Design



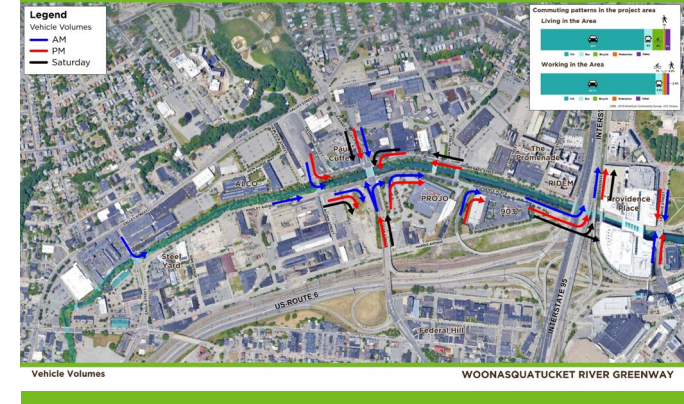
Pedestrian Crossings



Mobility & Safety



Circulation



Bicycle Facilities



Curb Extensions



Chicanes



Shared Streets/ Pedestrian Space



Next Steps

- **Public feedback on concept design**
- **Walk of the corridor tomorrow**
- **Conceptual design submission**

Closing

THANK YOU!

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