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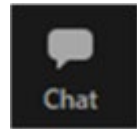
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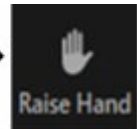
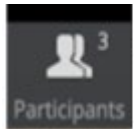
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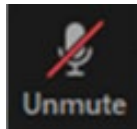
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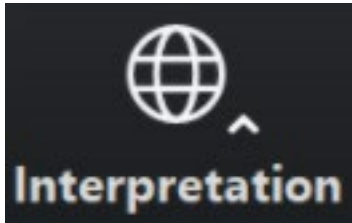


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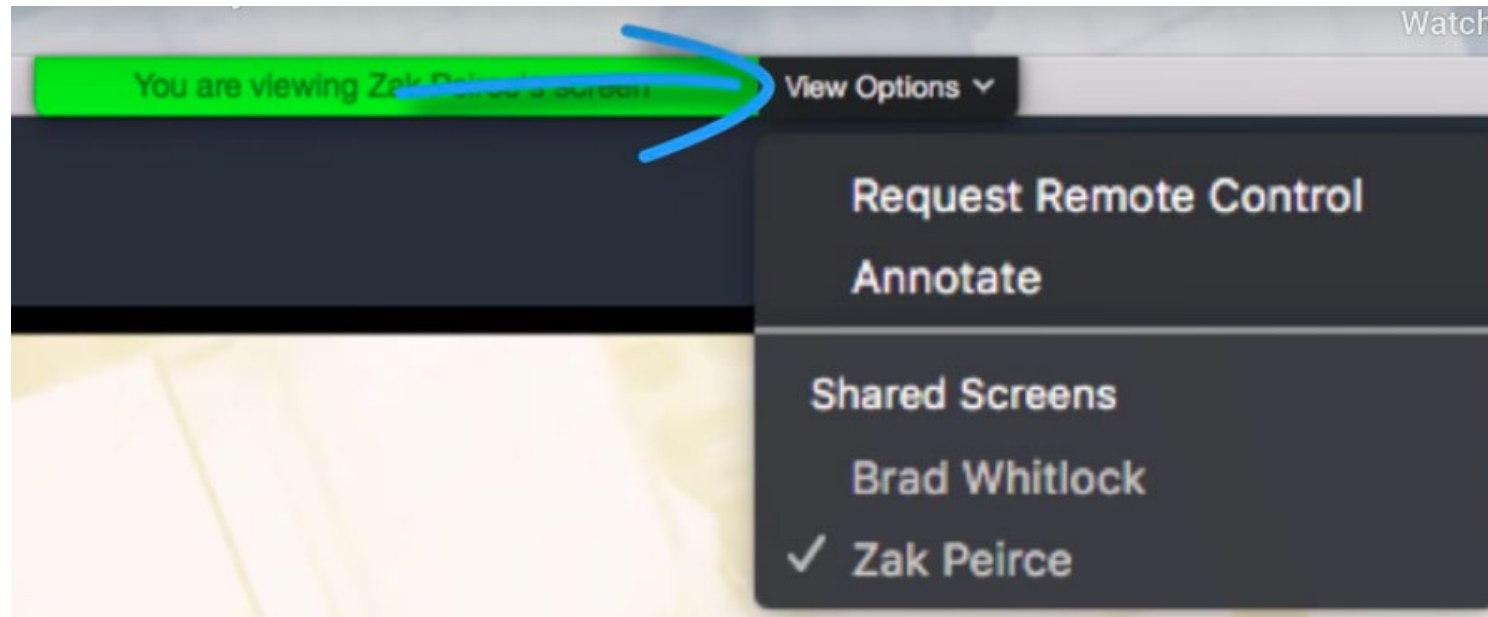


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# HOW TO CHOOSE A LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION CHANNEL



"Chinese"  
"English"



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## Background



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# How the Conversation Started - “Little Mystic” BPDA-Owned Parcel

- Approximately 150,044 square feet, on riverfront inlet known as Little Mystic Channel.
- Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55, Parcel P-8A2. Assessor’s Parcel No. 02-02738-000.



# Autoport: 80-Acre Maritime Industrial Mixed-Use





BPDA negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Massport at the time of the January 1, 2020 lease extension.

The MOA consists of a \$2 million package of specific community projects from Massport & The Boston AutoPort.

*Barry Field connector / Medford Street Path / Improvements at Site*

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## Community Partners Joining the Conversation



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# What We Heard -

- Improve bike/pedestrian safety with cross walks, better lighting and traffic signals.
- Improvements to Sprouts Garden.
- Improvements to boat ramp and picnic areas
- Activate Massport rail line for recreation and walking & biking
- Improve Connections to Barry Park, Navy Yard, Harborwalk, Chelsea Street.

# Community Partners & Process

As part of outreach and planning, BPDA & Massport have been engaging the following partners:

- Community Stakeholders
- Mystic River Watershed Association (MRWA)
- Boston AutoPort
- City of Boston Transportation and Public Works Departments (BTD & DPW)
- The Flatley Company
- PanAm

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## Community Projects Area



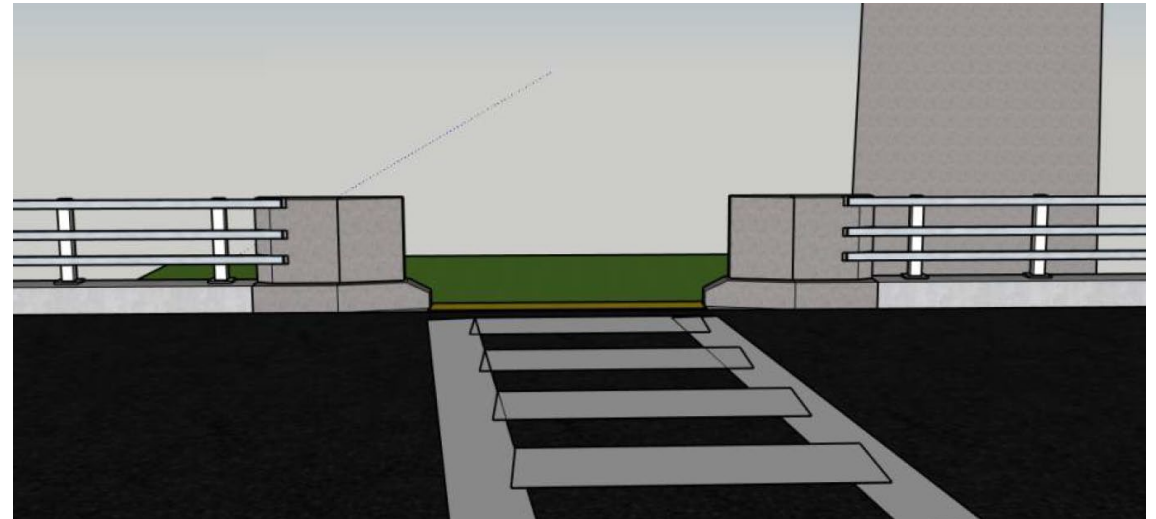
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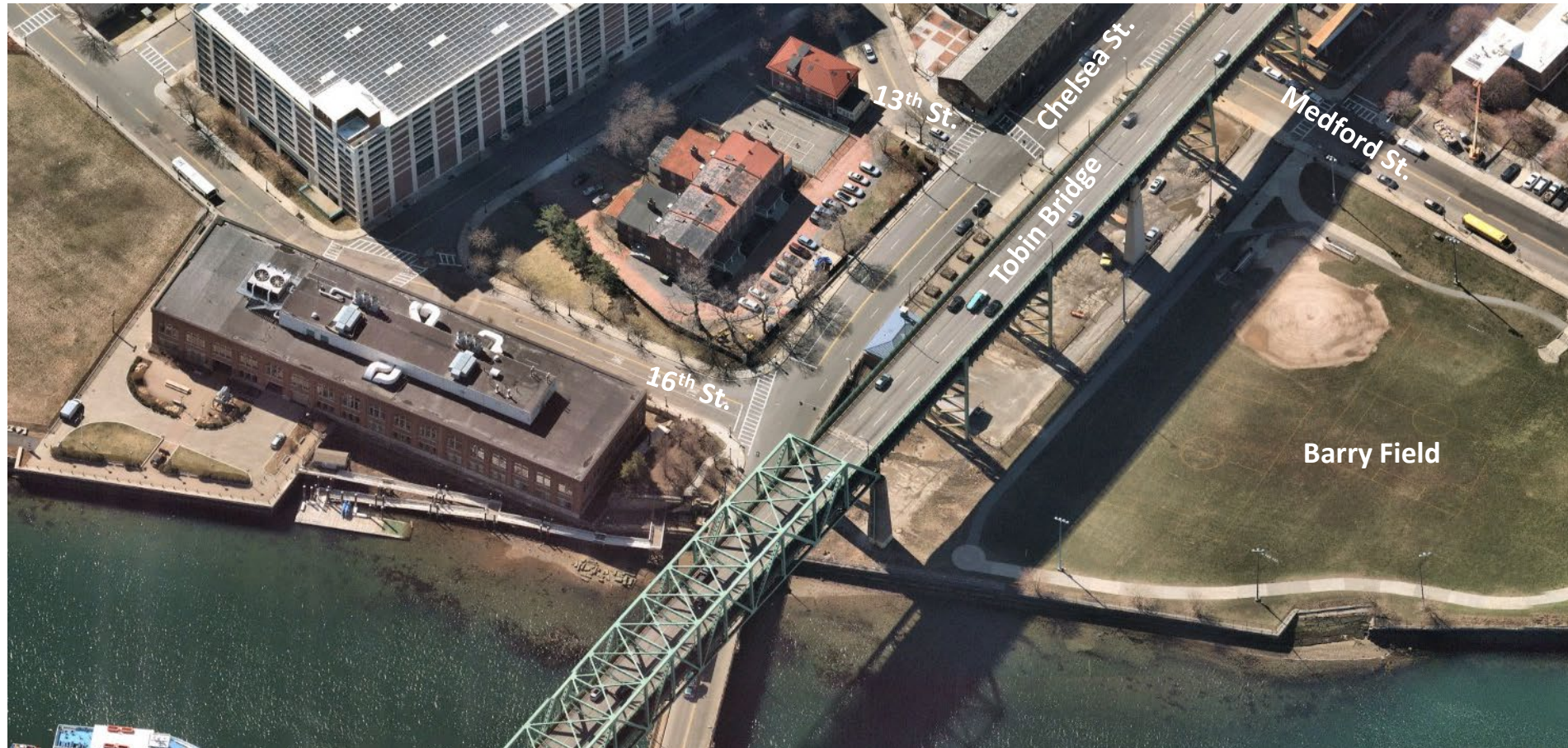


# BARRY FIELD CONNECTOR

- Connection from Chelsea St down to Barry Field at lower grade
- Existing railing at Chelsea Street opened to accommodate pedestrian access
- Stairs and ramp to provide accessible route



# BARRY FIELD CONNECTOR TO THE HARBORWALK



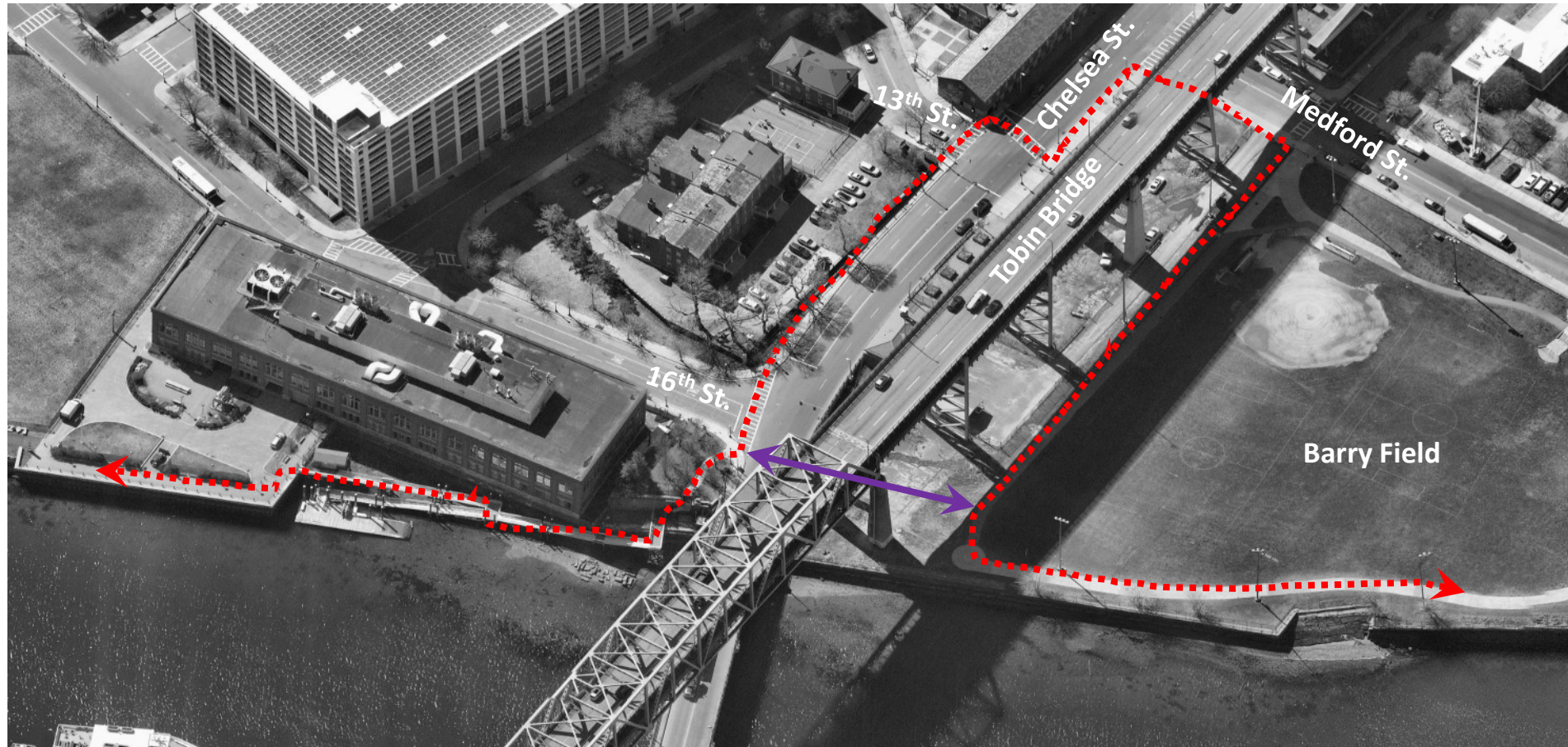
# BARRY FIELD CONNECTOR BENEFITS



- Improves safety by:
  - Reduces potential conflict points between Harborwalk users and truck traffic travelling to and from the Designated Port Area
  - Decreases the number of pedestrian street crossings from 3 to 1
  - Shrinks distance that pedestrians & bicyclists travel along the Chelsea St. corridor
- Cuts distance traveled between Harborwalk segments by about 80%
- Construction is scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of 2021





# MORE DIRECT CONNECTION



-  Current Harborwalk Route
-  Planned Harborwalk Route

# Little Mystic Parcel Improvements

- EXCITING NEWS!! What was initially conceived of as landscape & green screen improvements is now a broader vision led by Mystic River Watershed – details to come later in this presentation.

# Proposed Medford Street Path – Broader Vision



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## Other Related Community Projects



# Boston AutoPort “Good Neighbor” Commitments

- Boston Autoport completed Little Mystic basin one-time cleanup; repaired potholes, fence painted, repaired benches; cleaned-up trash & debris (late summer 2020)
- Documentation of salt pile management
- Scholarship for Charlestown youth (preference given to technical education) – deadline extended through June 30, 2021

# BTD Studying Terminal / Chelsea Street Intersection



# SPROUTS GARDEN – adjacent to Little Mystic Site

## DND Grassroots Program & CPA Grant Funding



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## MyRWA Updates - Little Mystic Site



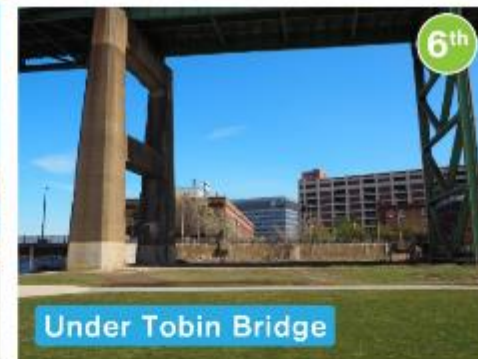


# LITTLE MYSTIC CHANNEL PARK



# WHICH AREAS AROUND LITTLE MYSTIC PARK DO YOU CURRENTLY USE?

333 Survey Responses



# BELOW IS A LIST OF POSSIBLE NEW PARK ADDITIONS. WHICH ONES ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?

333 Survey Responses

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WATERSHED ASSOCIATION



## TIMELINE FOR CPA PROJECT

Summer - Fall Public meetings, on-site events, program/design alternatives

Fall - Spring Design Concept and implementation/phasing plan

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