

# **JP Centre & South Street Corridor Transportation & Streetscape Action Plan**

**Meeting #10**

**Agassiz School cafeteria  
20 Child Street, Jamaica Plain**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010**

**6:00-8:00 PM**





# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Project & Schedule Overview
- Corridor-Wide Guidelines
- Concept Design Areas
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  - Hyde Square
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# Schedule Overview

Meeting 1 – 7/15/09

>Introduction

Meeting 2 – 9/30/09

>Vision Statement

Meeting 3 – 11/23/09

>Streetscape Guidelines

Meeting 4 – 12/16/09

>Initial design locations

Meeting 5 – 1/28/10

>Concept Designs

Meeting 6 – 3/23/2010

>Concept Designs

Meetings 7 – 4/29/2010

>Bicycle Accommodations

Meeting 8 – 5/27/2010

>Progress Design of Locations

>Parking Analysis

Meeting 9 – 7/15/2010

>Progress Design of Locations

>Draft Report

Meeting 10 – 9/21/2010

>Recommended Concept Designs

>Release of Corridor-Wide Guidelines

Meeting 11 – TBD 2010

>Release of Final Report





# Steps to Implementation

- Draft Transportation Action Plan released
  - Public Comment Period
- Final Transportation Action Plan
  - Vision, Guidelines, Concept Designs
- RFP for (Concept to 100%) Design Issued
  - Community process continues through 2011
- Final Designs advertised for Construction



# Public Process

- All meetings are public
- Information continuously available
  - BRA's website – [www.cityofboston.gov/bra](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra)
- Meetings held w/ community groups when requested



# Updates – Bicycle Plan

- Bicycle Plan installation – ongoing

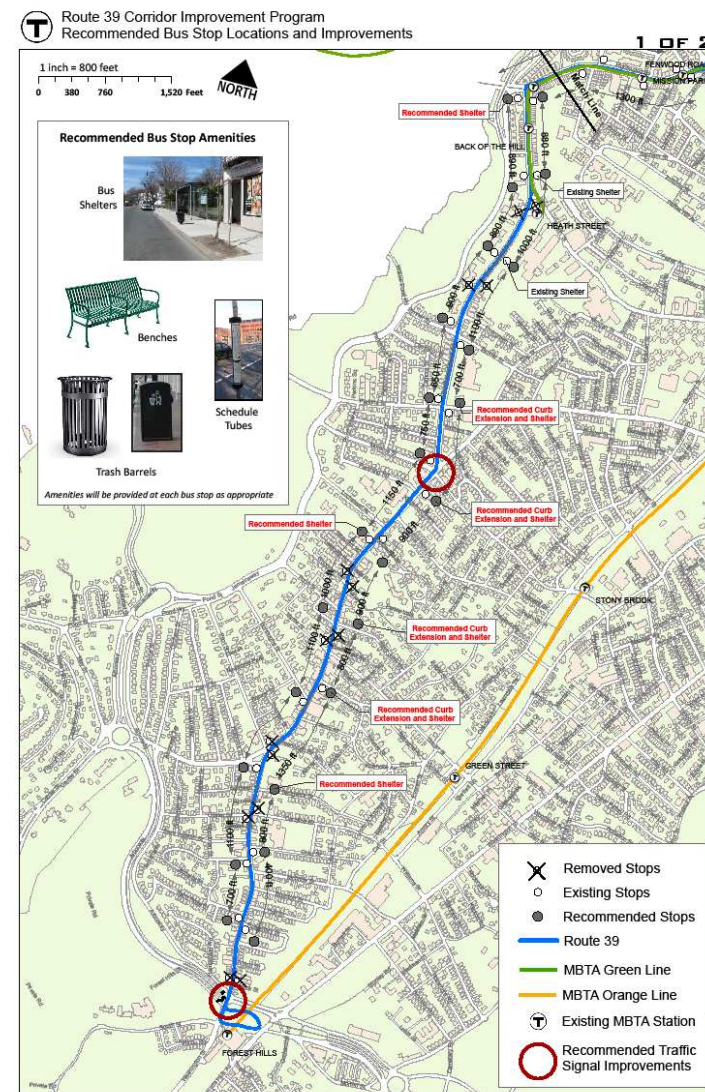


- Education plan to begin



# MBTA – Route 39

- Corridor Improvement Program
- 30% Designs ongoing
- Design Plans will be released for community review
- Public Meeting – November '10



03/17/2010



# How to Submit Comments

- Draft Sections posted on BRA website
  - Please provide a simple address
- Comments must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 18
  - Send to: [Ines.Palmarin.bra@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Ines.Palmarin.bra@cityofboston.gov)
- Comments to be posted on BRA's website
  - Updated regularly
- Final Transportation Action Plan released
  - October meeting



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# Transpotation Action Plan

## Vision Statement

### Jamaica Plain Centre-South Streetscape and Transportation Action Plan

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Establish Centre/South as the area's **MAIN STREET**, drawing out new and existing connections while celebrating the diversity of its people and places.

*Diverse, and united... Beautiful, and functional  
Special, and ordinary... Connected, and stands alone*  
is the vision for Jamaica Plain's Centre/South Street corridor.

*A place where all uses and users are functionally and aesthetically integrated in a safe, convenient and accessible environment.*



Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor

### Centre-South Streetscape and Transportation Action Plan JANUARY 2010



### Build upon the corridor's identity to create a 21st century street with a Jamaica Plain character



The prosperity of the street and sidewalks along the corridor require an enhanced pedestrian network.

- Creatively utilize space adjacent to and behind buildings to enhance commercial vitality (Farmers Markets, Rear doors, outdoor seating)
- Provide special places for people to be along the corridor
- Celebrate the rich history of the corridor



Bright colors and planters with high transparency add interest to the sidewalk environment.

#### Physical infrastructure

- Ensure a well-lit street environment, with fixtures and storefront lighting of appropriate scale
- Increase street trees/canopy with species appropriate to adjacent land uses

#### Cultural infrastructure

- Create an environment and infrastructure that encourages people to choose car-free transportation
- Support a vibrant local business community
- Restore appropriate density along the corridor, with more mixed uses



Urban sidewalks allow for opportunities for outdoor cafe seating, widening the street.

- Preserve and expand public art (murals, et al) [Centre Street Artwalk]
- Encourage a sense of community responsibility and pride of ownership in the streetscape.
- Successfully marry design of public and private realms to provide a seamless sense of place.



Murals combined with the other public art and historic character, offer the foundation for an "arts and culture walk".

### City of Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino Centre-South Streetscape and Transportation Action Plan JANUARY 2010



Active sidewalks foster the vitality of the Centre-South corridor and its residents.

- Reduce visual sidewalk/street clutter, with attention to removing the catenary poles
- Employ sustainable design strategies for all installations
- Employ sustainable design strategies for all softscape and hardscape installations, to reduce the corridor's carbon footprint, increase energy efficiency, and promote sky lighting.
- Plan appropriate space for community events and celebrations



Finding opportunities for additional sidewalk uses is an important element of the vision.

### Create a place for all uses and users



- Provide additional resources to support high bicycling interest and activity with a safe, convenient bicycling environment
- Address the differing needs of users, including youth, elderly, and the handicapped community
- Develop a pedestrian friendly corridor with a focus on pedestrian nodes and continuous sidewalk paths
- Preserve adequate traffic flow throughout the district
- Optimize management of parking resources
- Factor in the operational needs of businesses and business functions
- Promote and enhance the neighborhood's transit system including the proposed improvements to the route 39 corridor, to serve Jamaica Plain's future and expand accessibility.



Pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles need to share the public realm, balancing the needs of all.



# Transportation Action Plan

## Corridor-Wide Guidelines

*Establish Centre/South as the area's  
Main Street, drawing out new and  
existing connections, while  
celebrating the diversity of its  
people and places*

### Centre and South Streets Streetscape and Transportation Action Plan



**CORRIDOR-WIDE GUIDELINES**  
Draft for Community Review—9/21/2010

The Corridor-Wide Guidelines are a critical component of the overall Centre/South Street Streetscape and Transportation Action Plan. The guidelines are also posted on the BRA's website for review at [www.cityofboston.gov/bra](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra). Additional report sections will also be posted as available. All previous presentations and information presented as part of the Action Plan has been continually available as well.

Comments must be submitted by Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and should be sent to Inés Palmarin at the BRA. Public comments received will also be posted regularly on the BRA's website. Comments must be in writing and may be submitted by e-mail ([Ines.Palmarin.bra@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Ines.Palmarin.bra@cityofboston.gov)), fax (617.367.6087), or by mail (Inés Palmarin, Boston Redevelopment Authority, One City Hall Square 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02122).



**Boston Transportation Department**  
*in partnership with:*  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services





# Transportation Action Plan

## Corridor-Wide Guidelines

### General Principles

- Sustainability
  - Recycled materials, Rain gardens, LED lights
- Reduce Visual Clutter
  - Remove catenary poles, signs





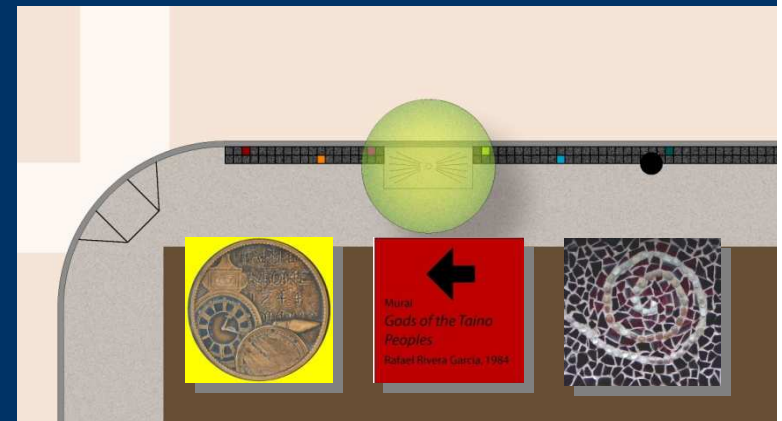
# Transportation Action Plan

## Corridor-Wide Guidelines

### General Principles

- Location
  - Unity with diversity
- Opportunities/Sense of Place
  - Create “special” areas, Artwalk
- Modal Balance

*“Create a place for all uses and users”*





# Corridor-Wide Guidelines - Elements

Street Lights

Street Trees

Signs

Wayfinding

Benches

Trash Receptacles

Other Street Furniture

Crosswalk Material

Sidewalk Material

Public Art

Curbs







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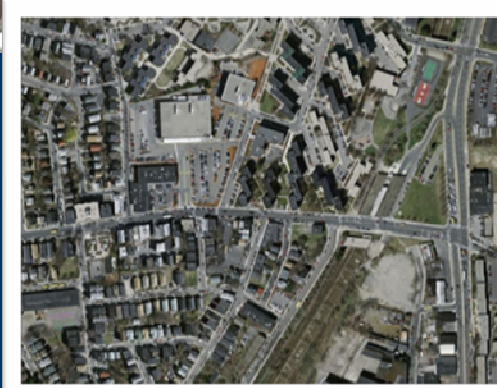
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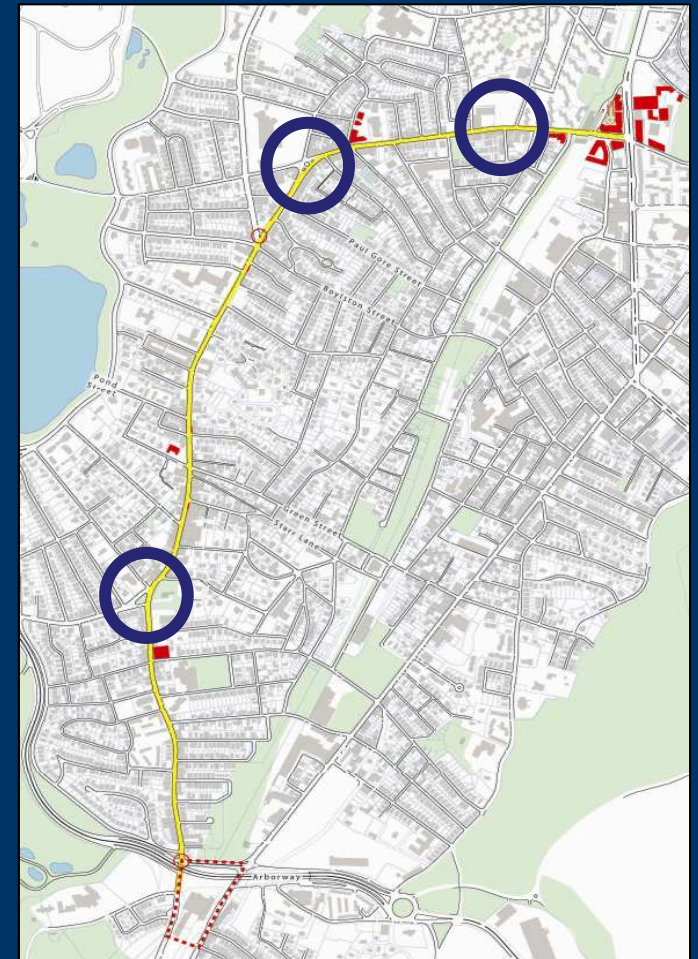
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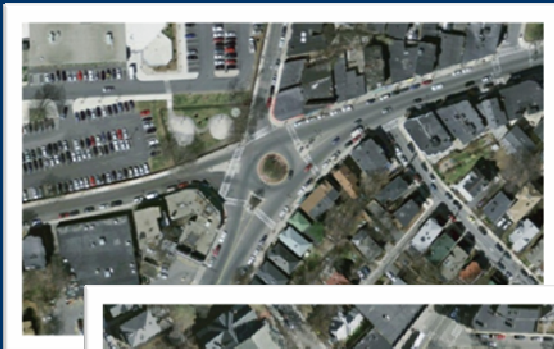


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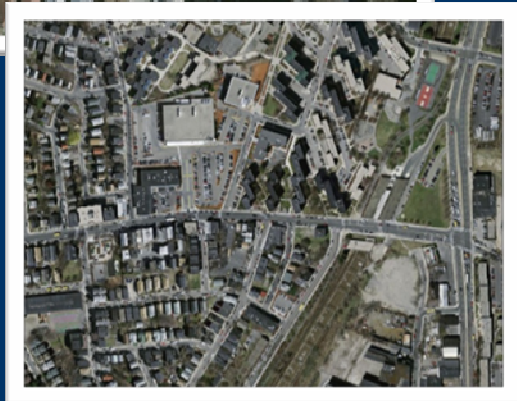
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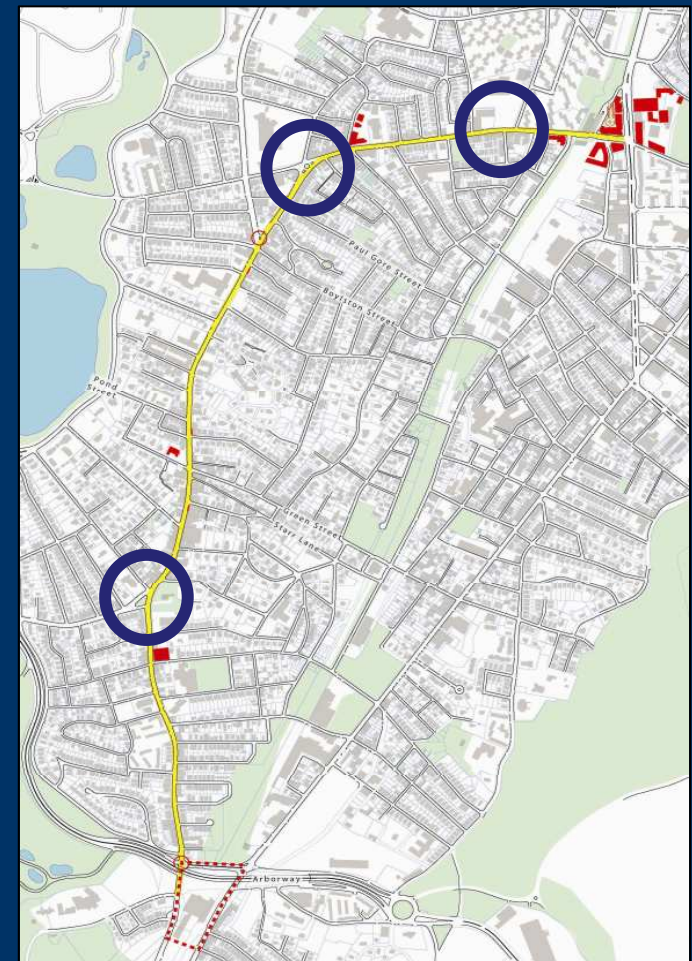
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# Outreach & Coordination

- Preliminary Plans presented at previous meetings
- Two abutter walk-throughs
  - Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Incorporates preliminary bicycle plan
- Coordinated with Jackson Square plans



# Jackson Square to Mozart Park: Proposed Improvements

## Orientation







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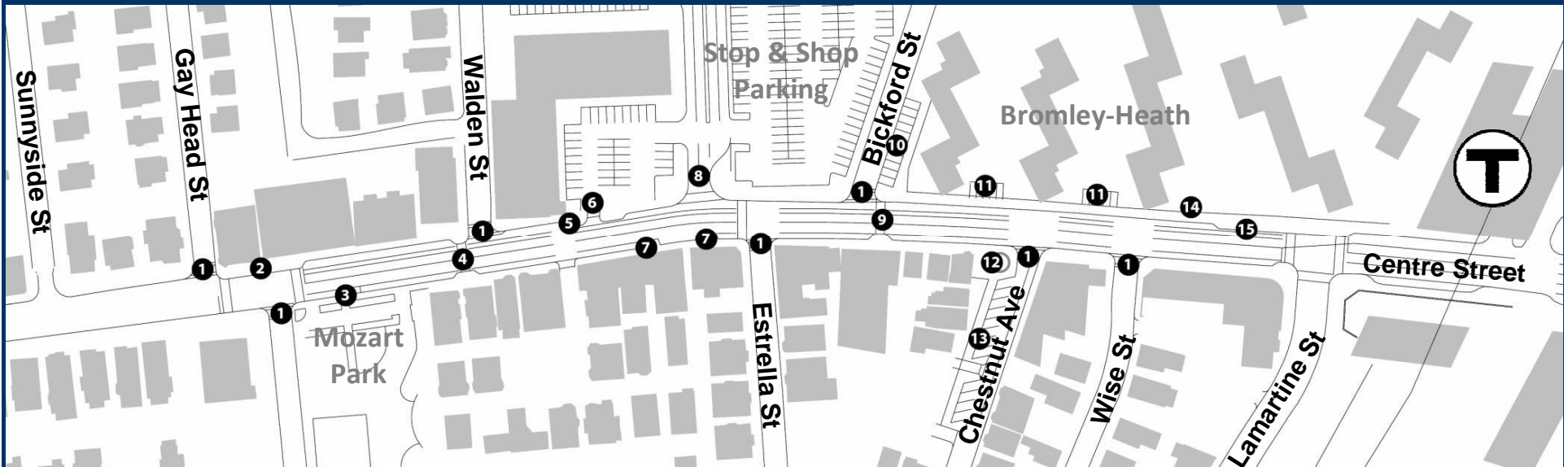
## Plan View





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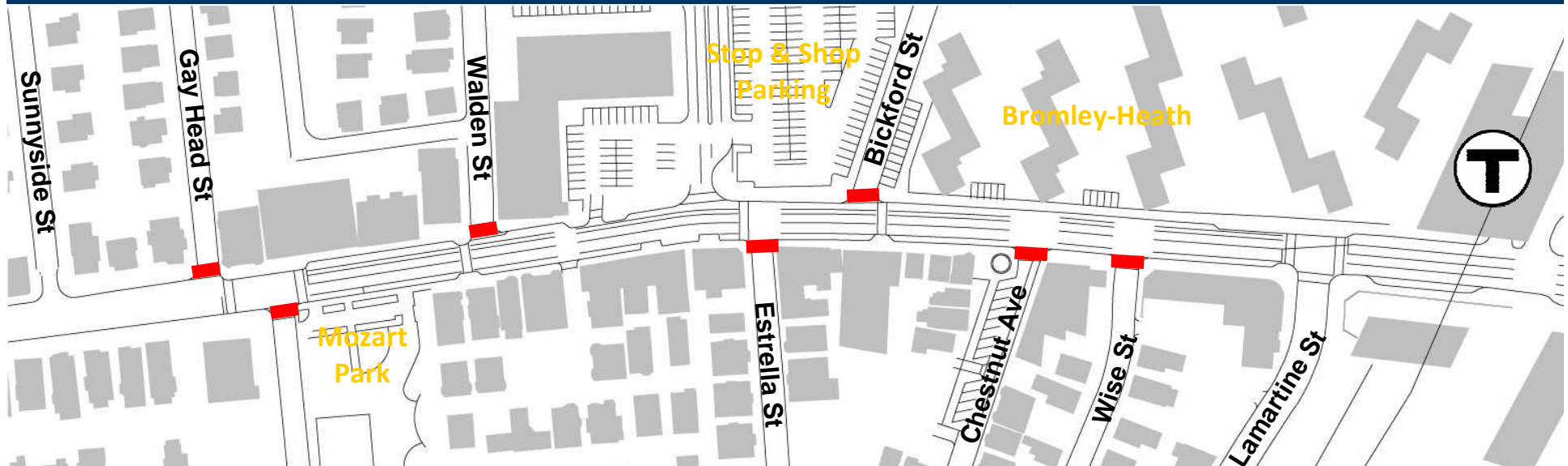
## Numerous Small Improvements





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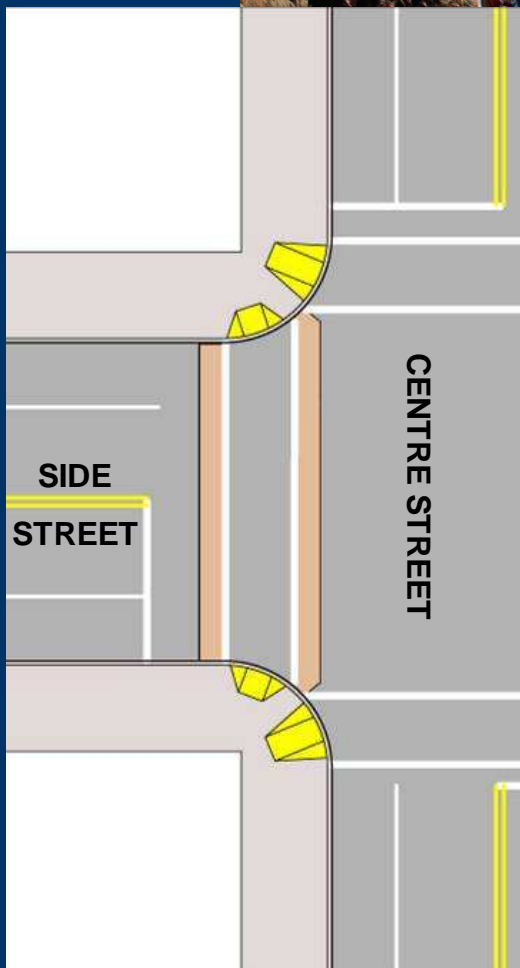
## Raised Crosswalks







## Jackson Square to Mozart Park: Proposed Improvements



**3-UP 3-DOWN  
CROSSWALK**

**Shorter slope**

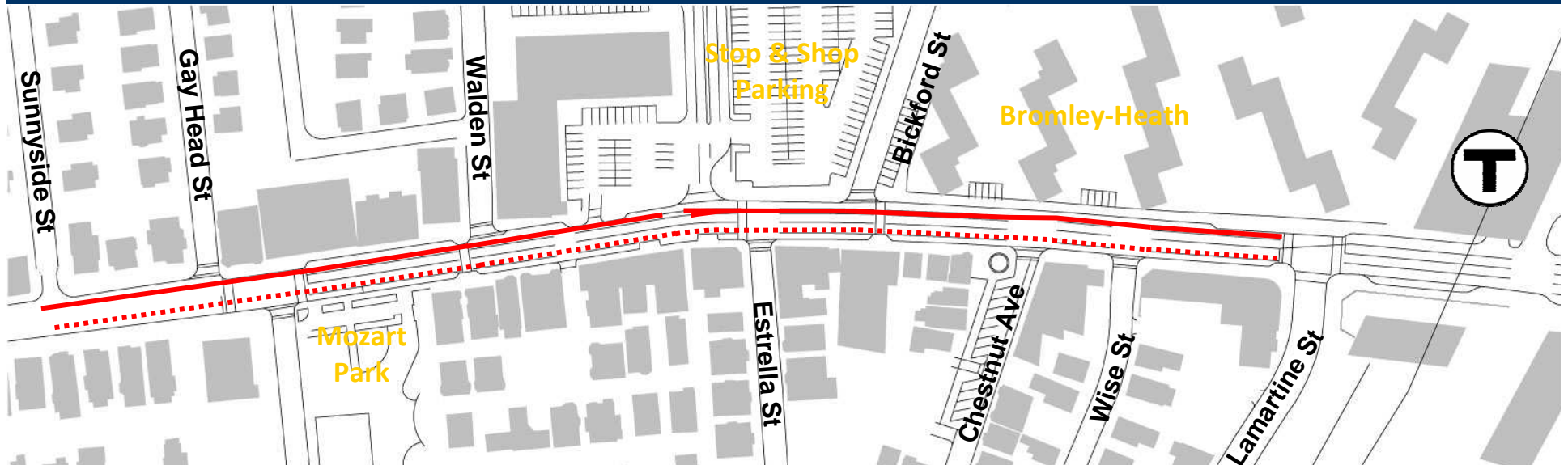
**Less shift of  
pedestrian path**

**Requires 2  
handicapped ramps**



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## Interim Bicycle Plan



Climbing Lane Westbound  
Shared Lane Eastbound





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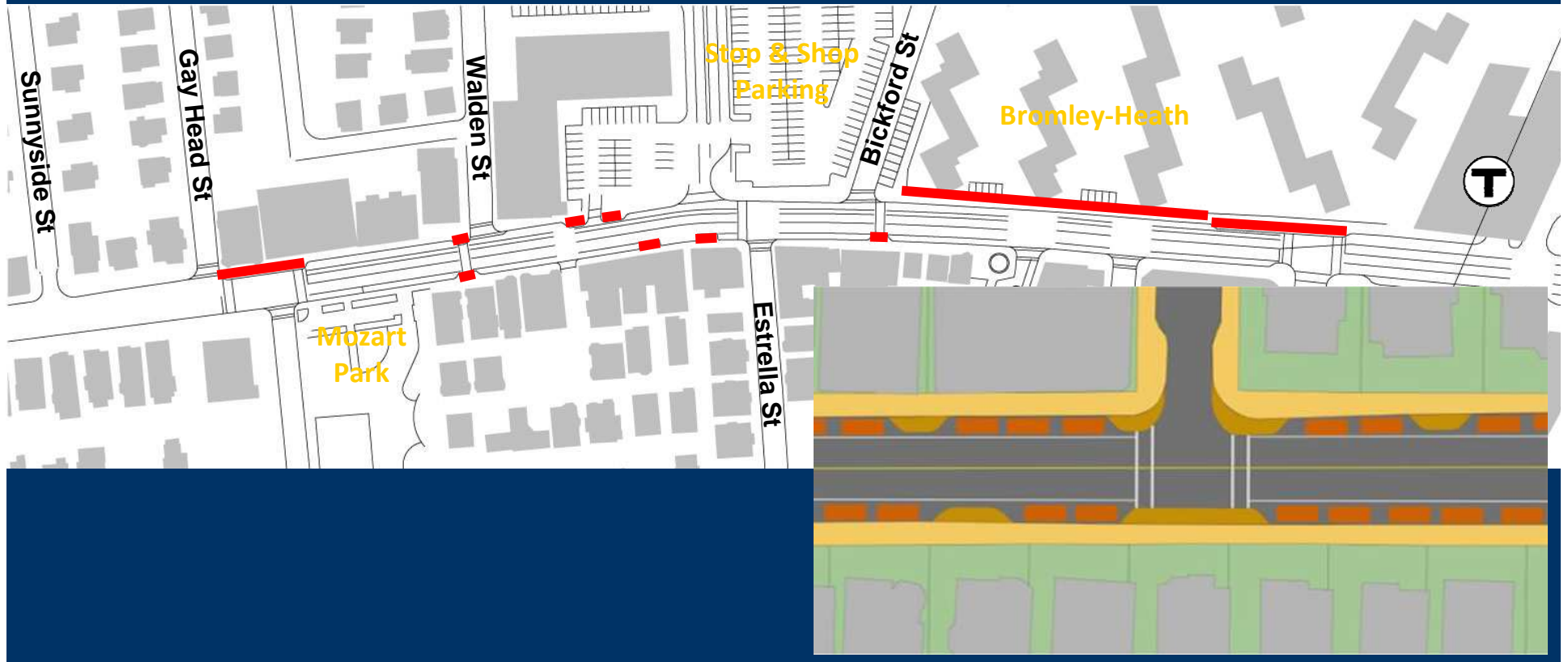


Recent restriping in Centre Street



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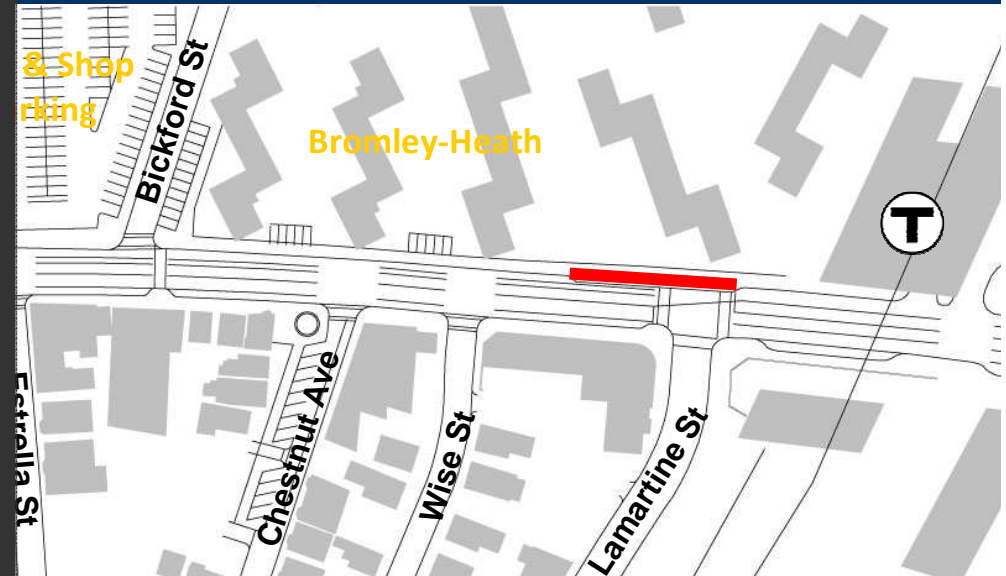
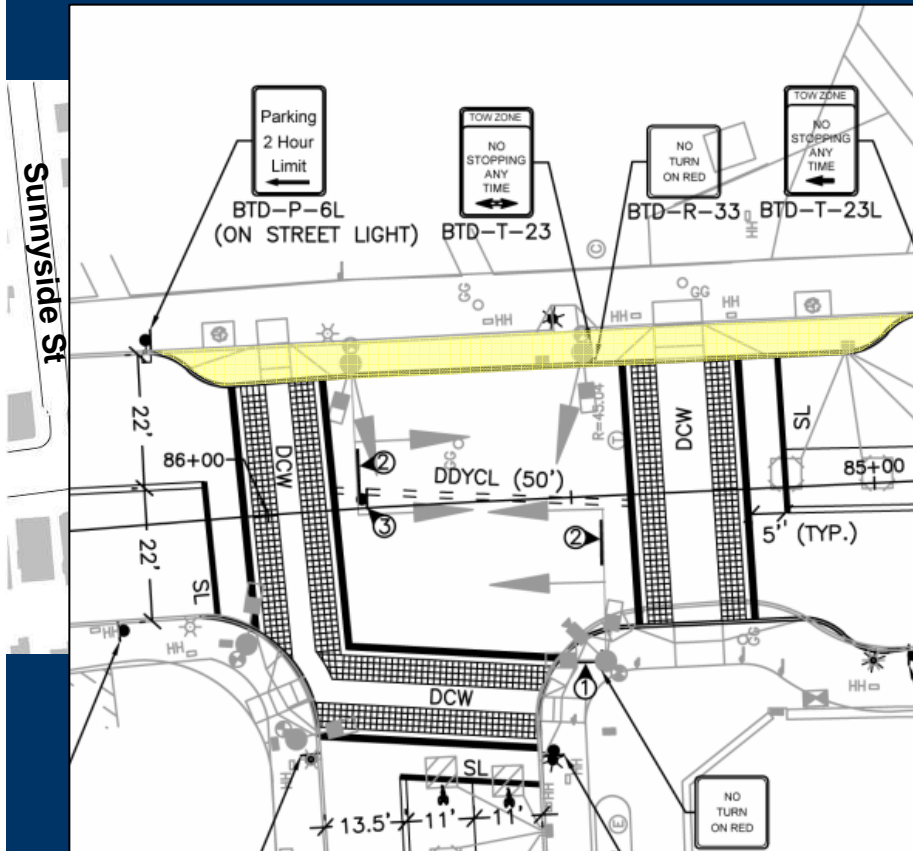
## Intermittent Sidewalk Widening





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## Sidewalk Widening



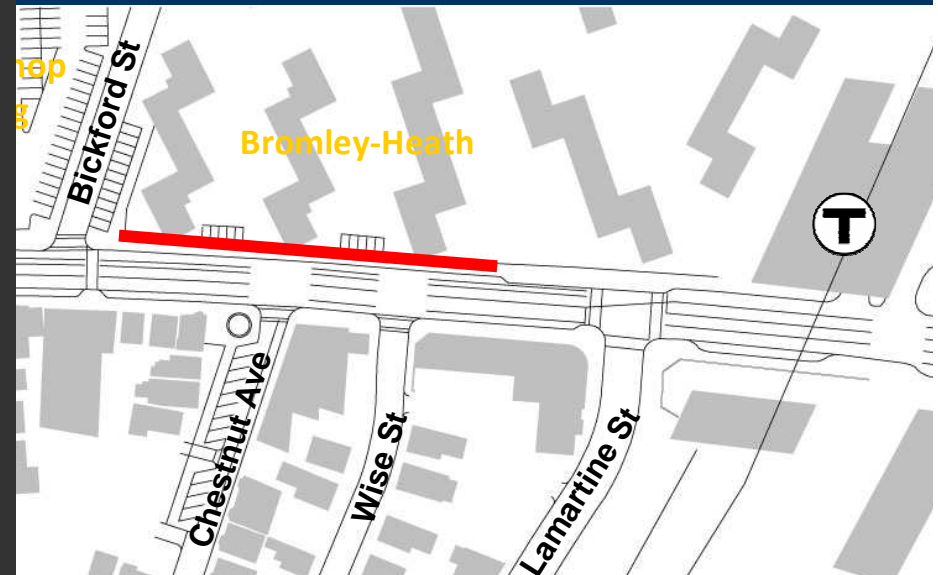
Extend widening at crosswalk





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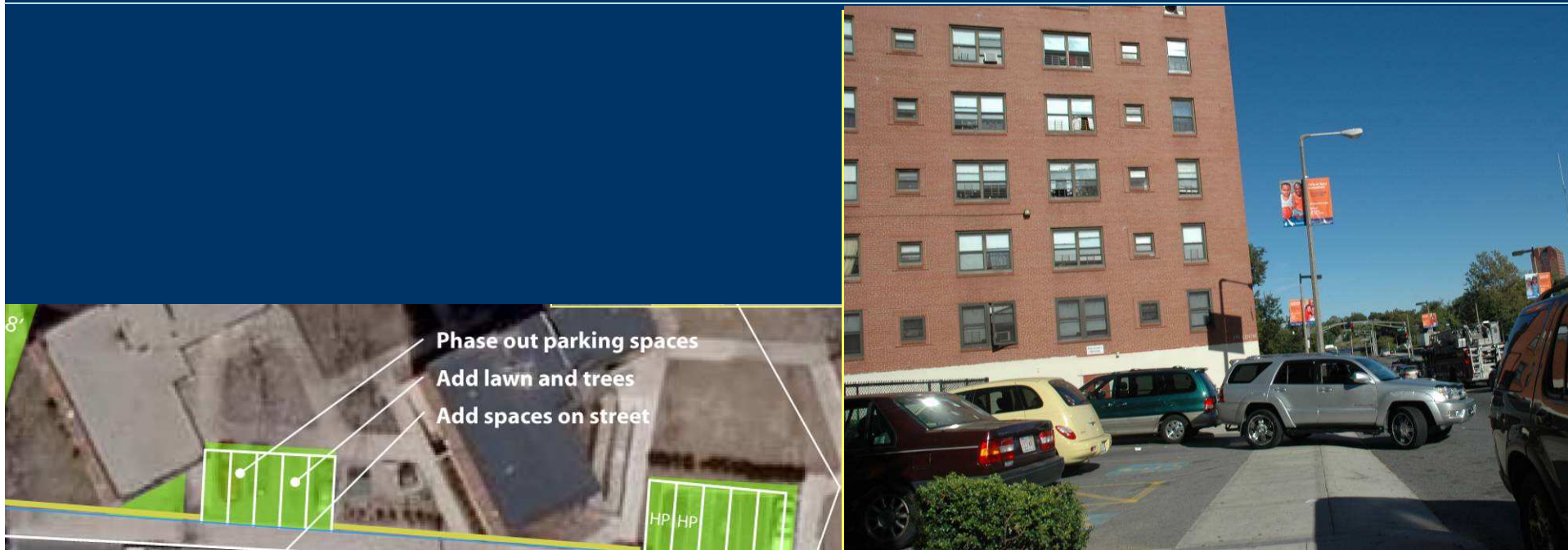
## Sidewalk Widening



Widen sidewalk  
3 to 4 feet



## Jackson Square to Mozart Park: Proposed Improvements



Phase out parking spaces  
Add lawn and trees  
Add spaces on street



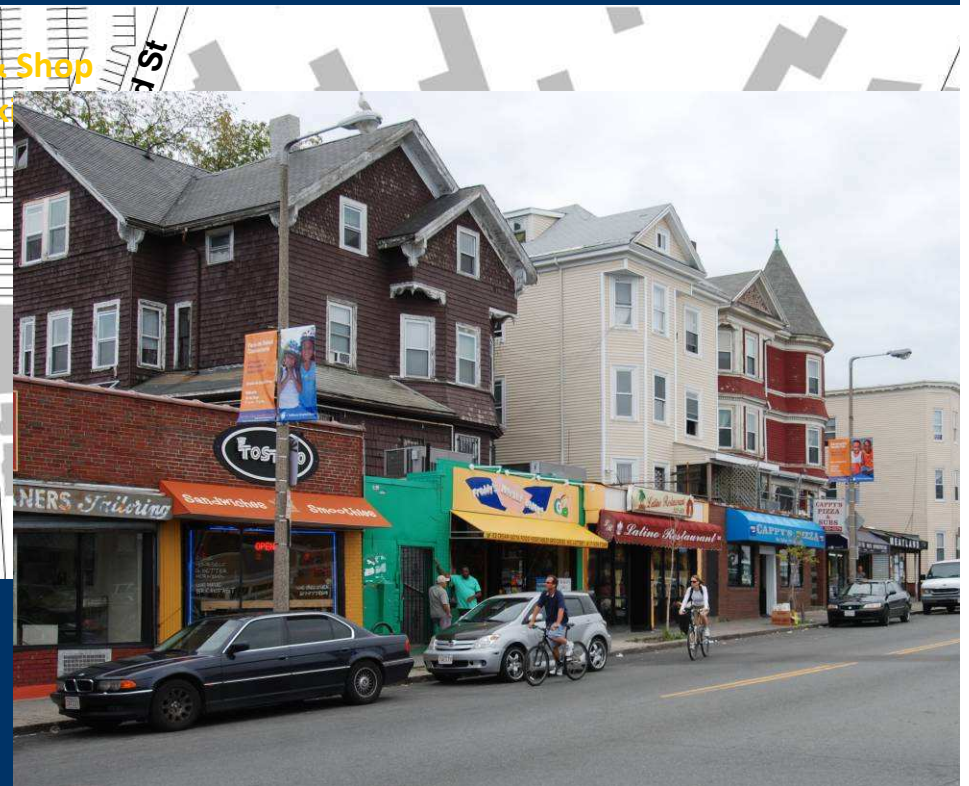
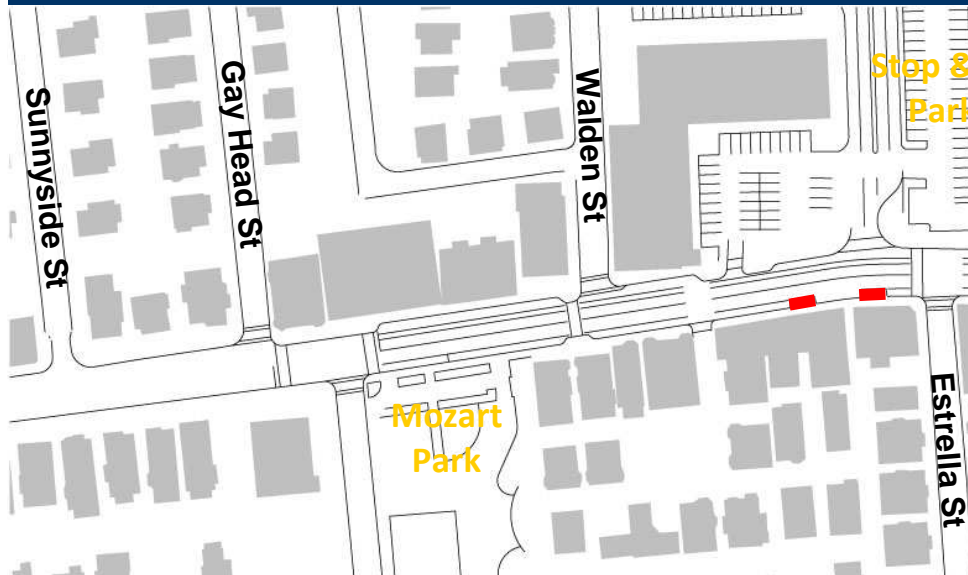
Phase out parking  
behind the sidewalk





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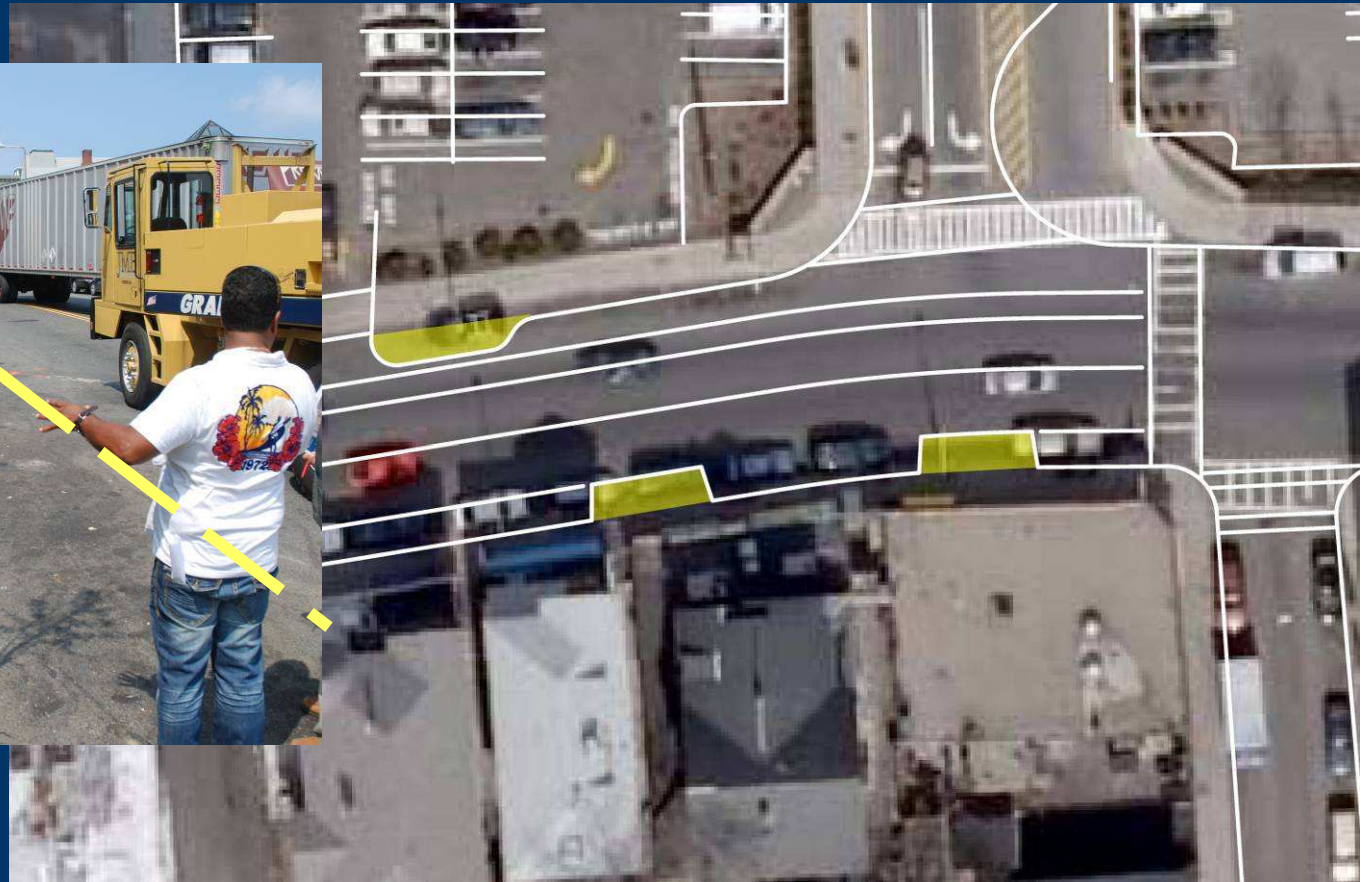


- Tostado
- Freddy's Mkt
- Latino Restaurant
- Cappy's Pizza



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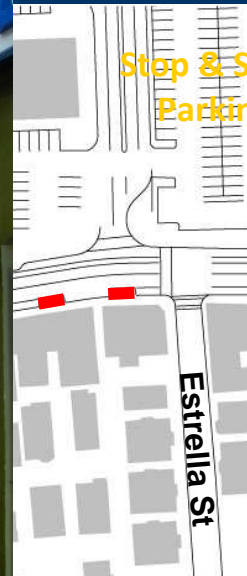






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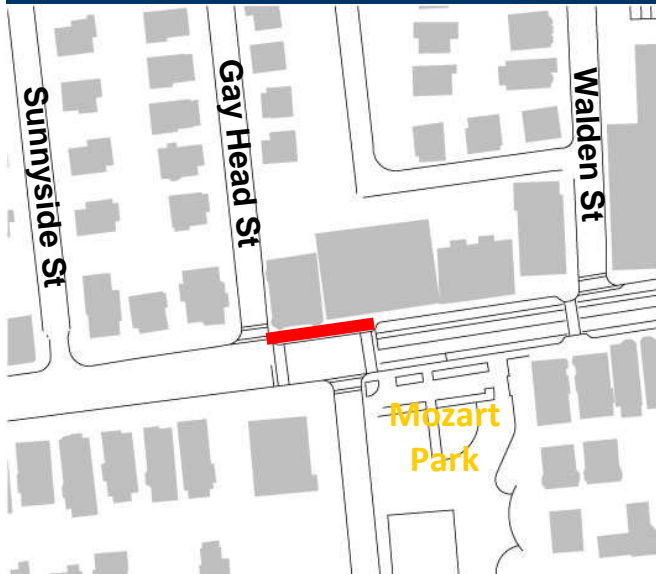




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## Sidewalk Widening

Widen sidewalk  
between crosswalks,  
provide cafe zone  
Raised crosswalks  
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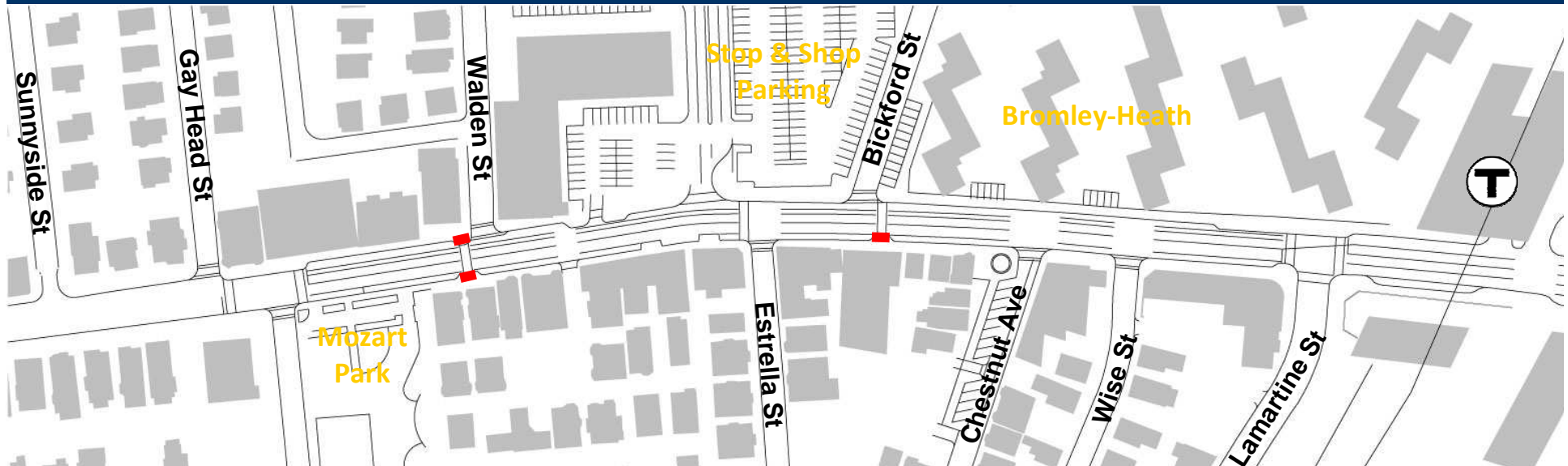


Reduce Length of Bus Stop



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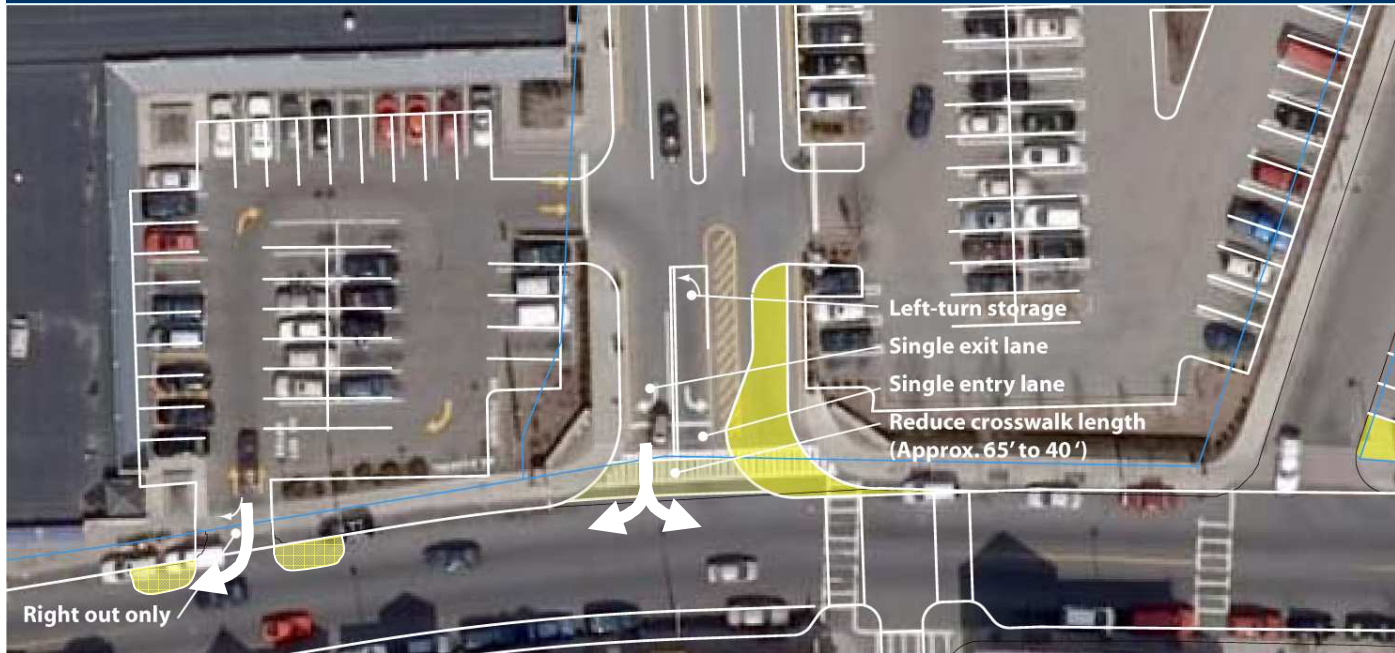
## Sidewalk Widening at Crosswalks







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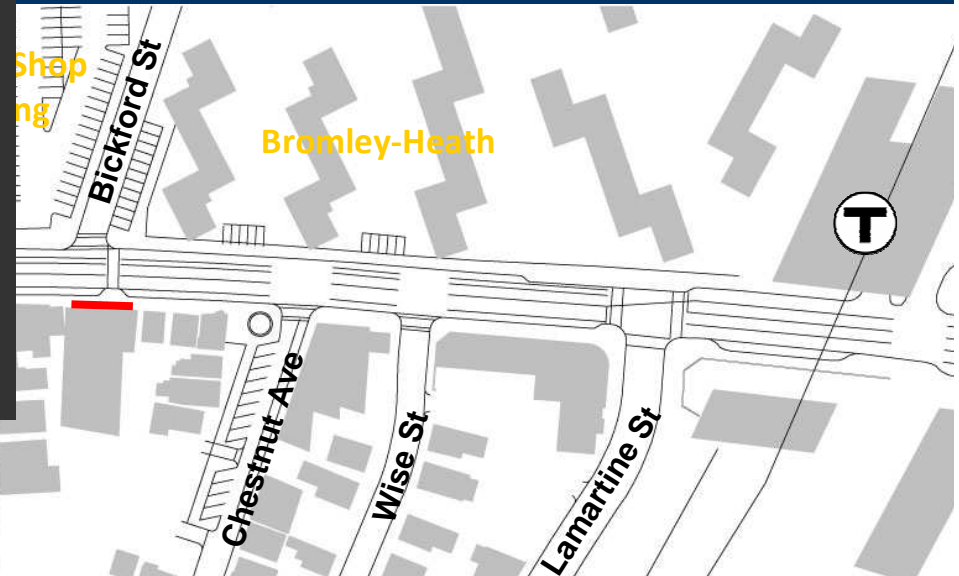


- Narrow driveway
- Reduce crosswalk length (approx. 65' to 40')
- Single entry/exit lanes
- Modified internal circulation





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## Arts Opportunity

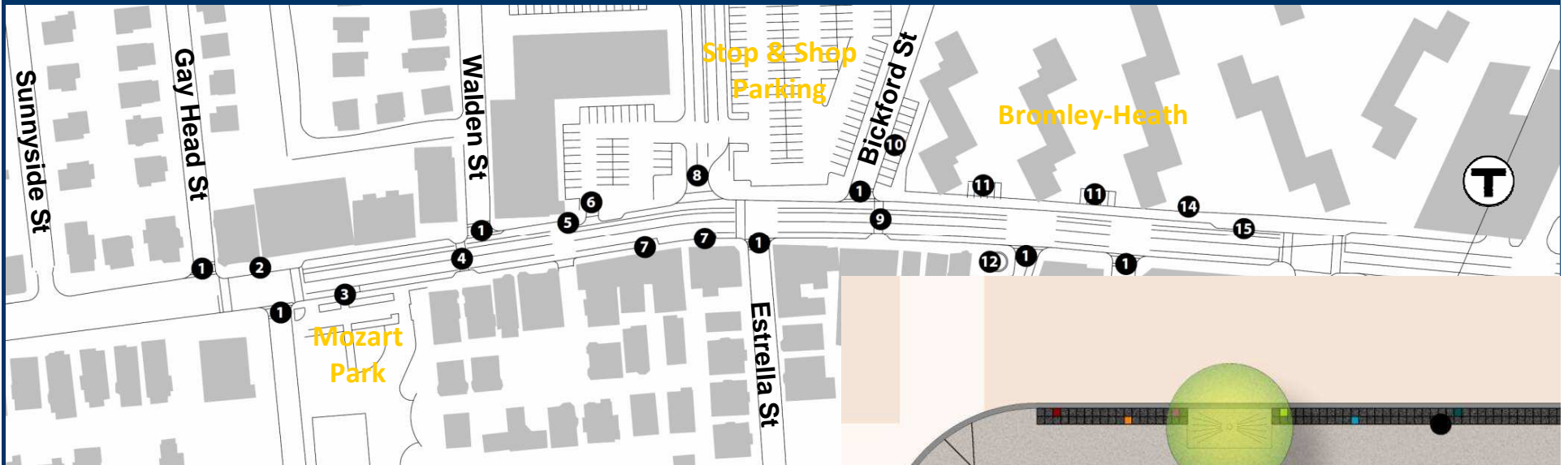




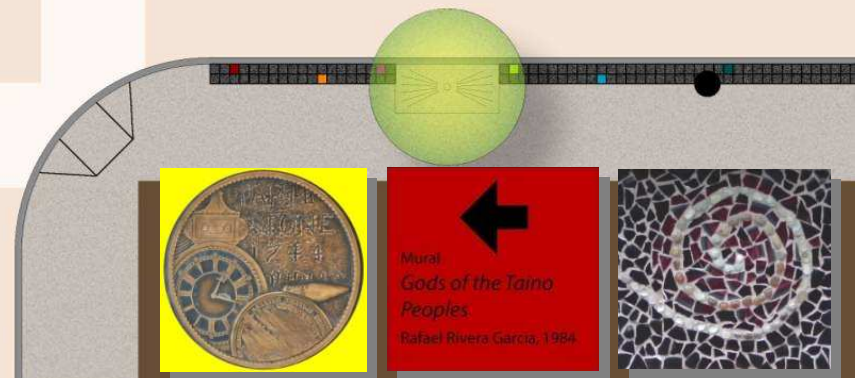


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## Arts Walk



Where sidewalk is replaced, feature strip is included





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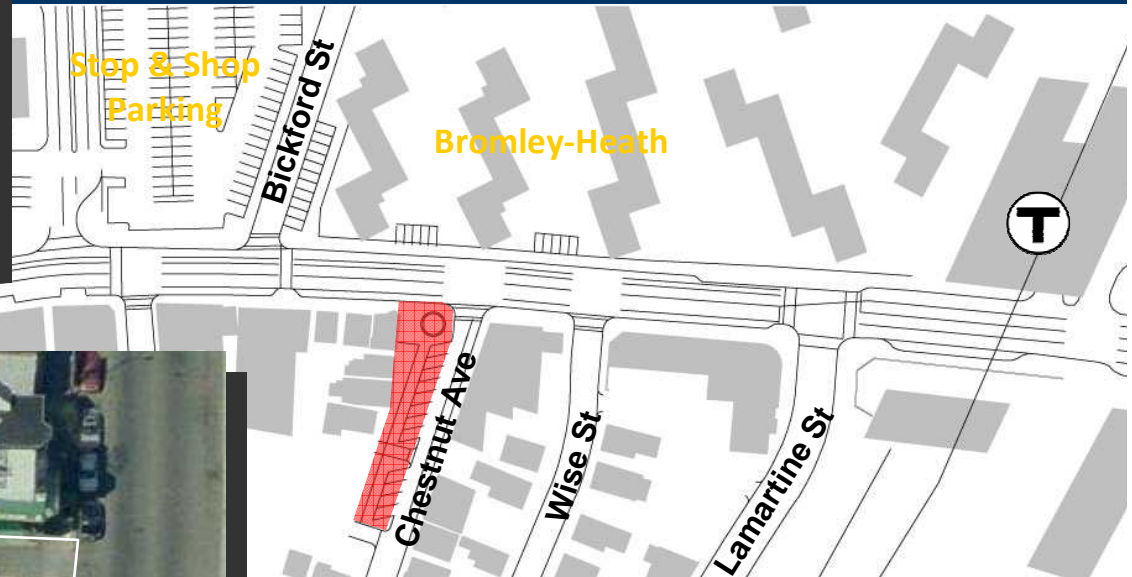




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Sunnyside St







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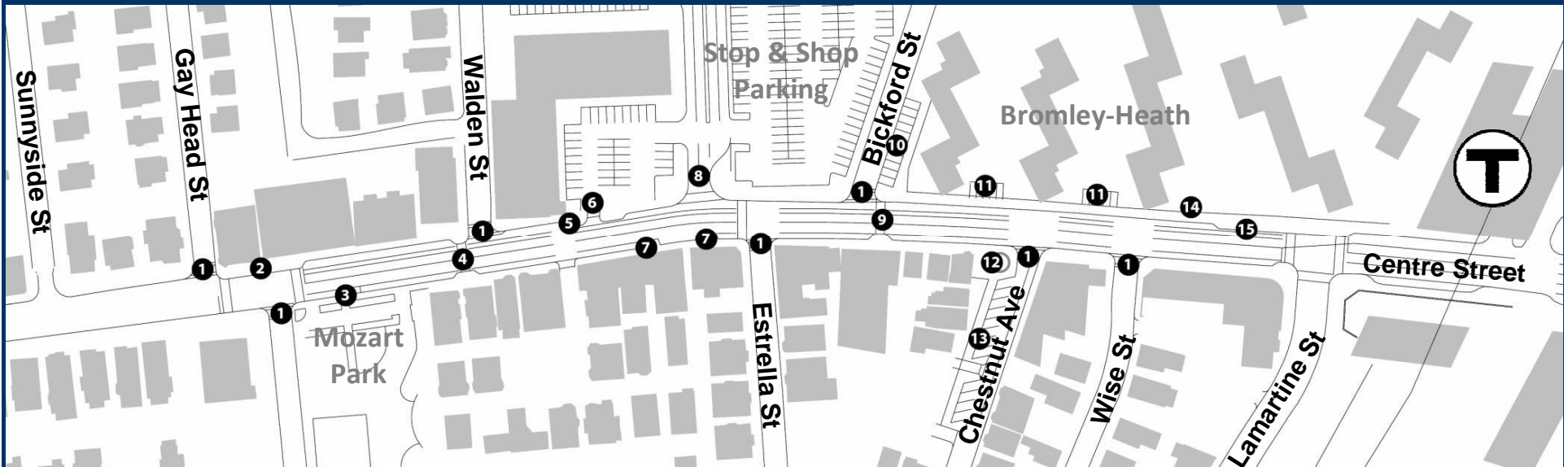
### Chestnut Avenue

- Create plaza on corner with seating and shade tree
- Create reverse angled parking
  - Maintains existing parking supply
- Extend front yards
- Coordination with abutters



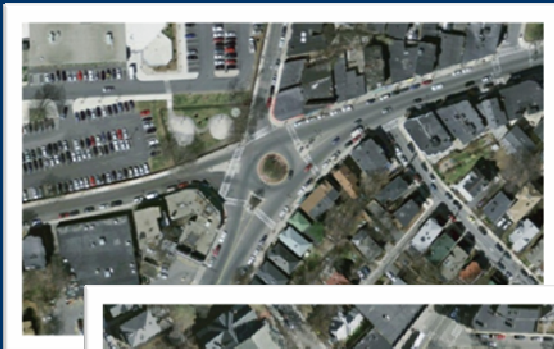
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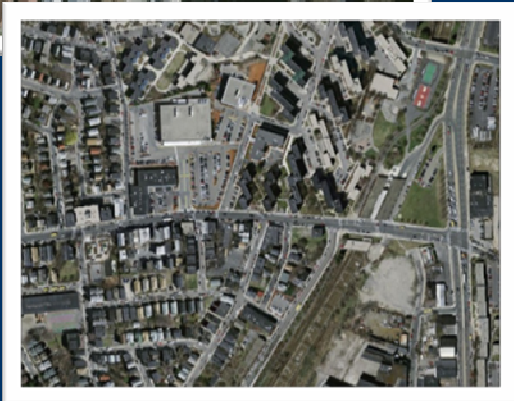
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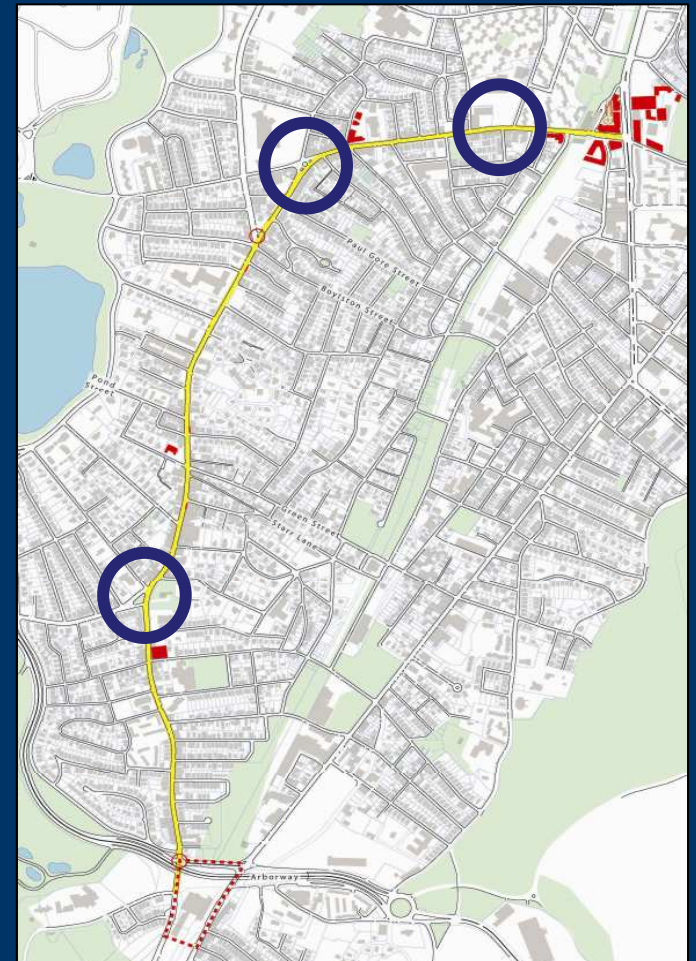
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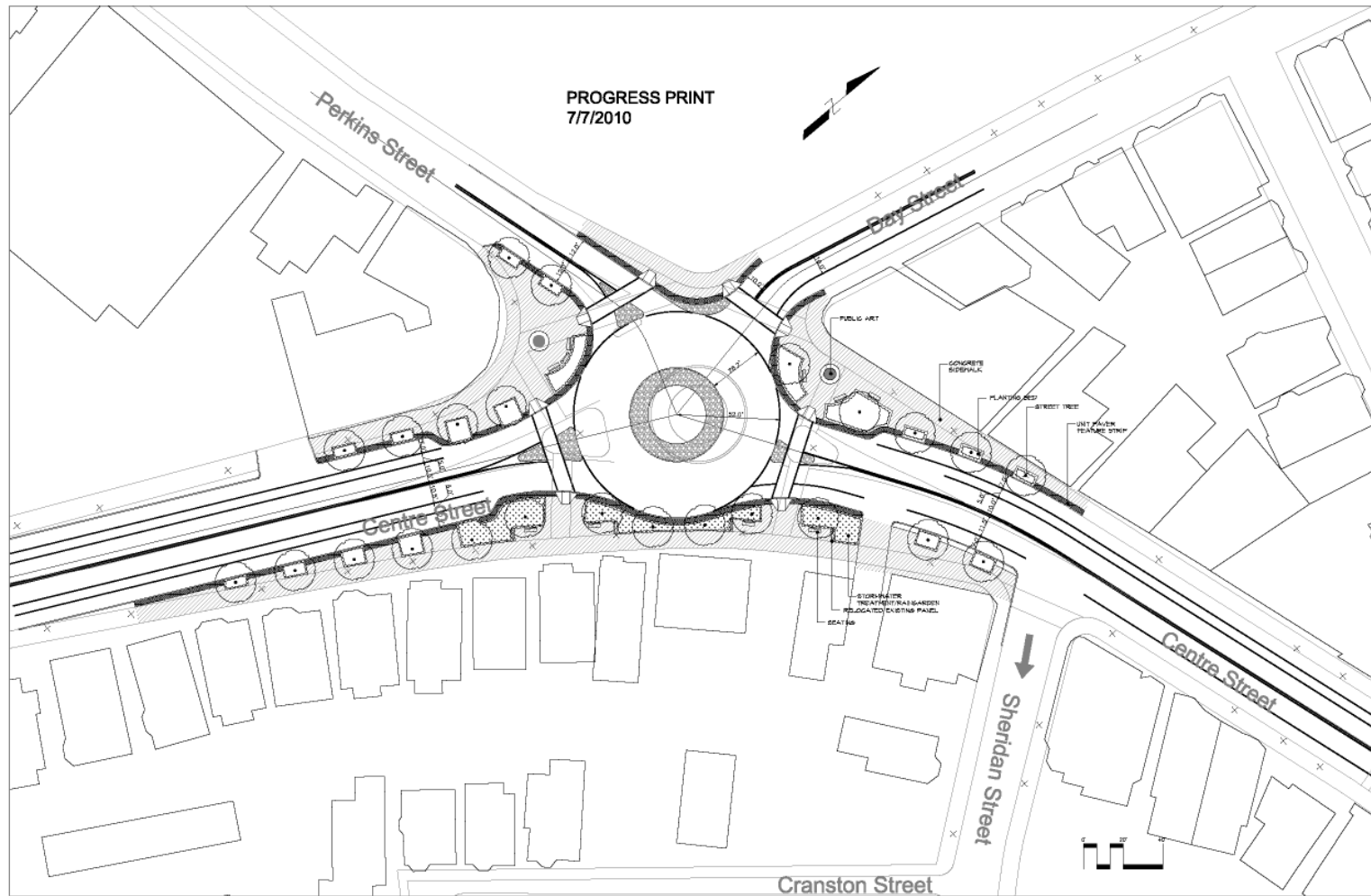
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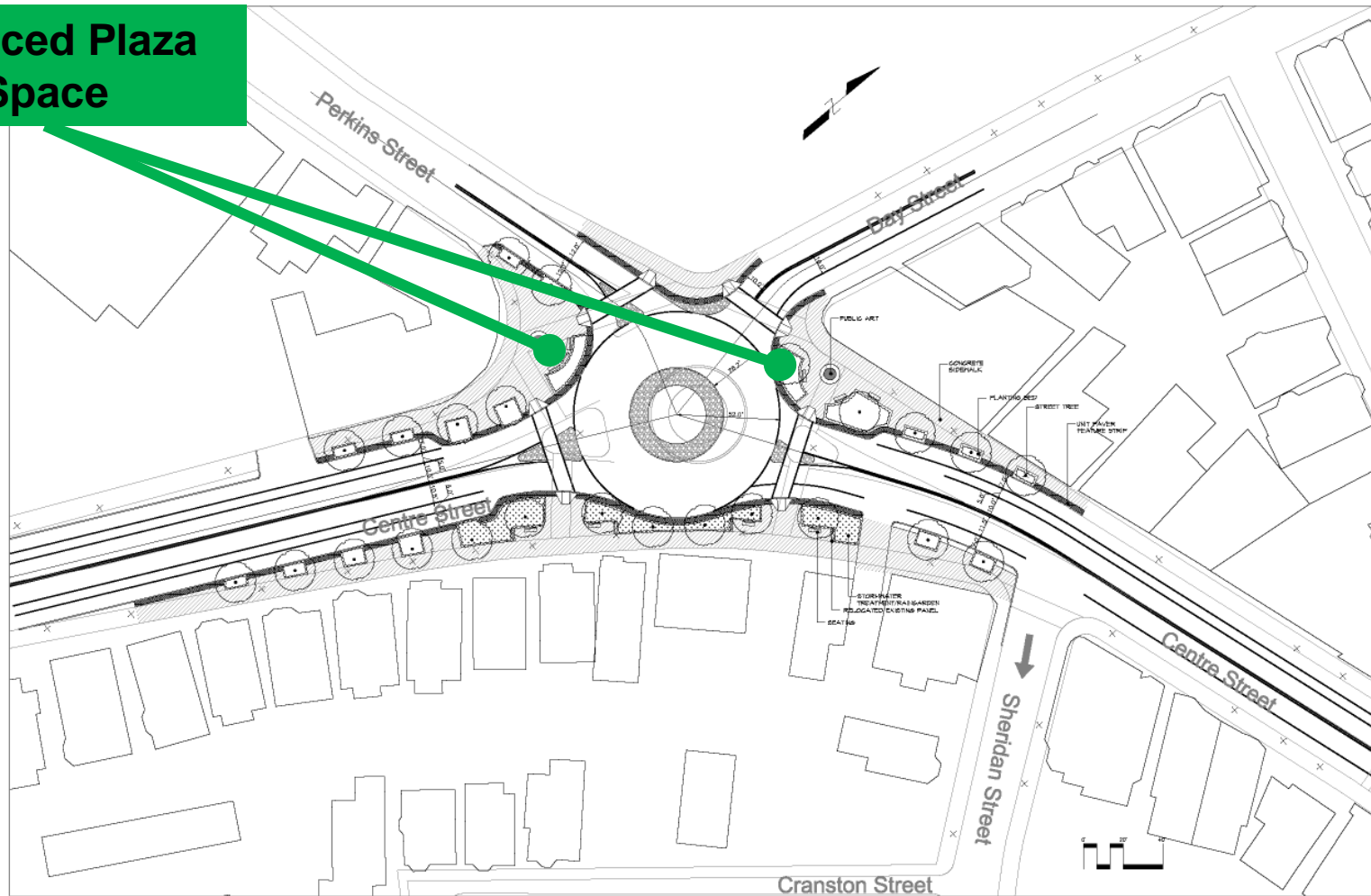
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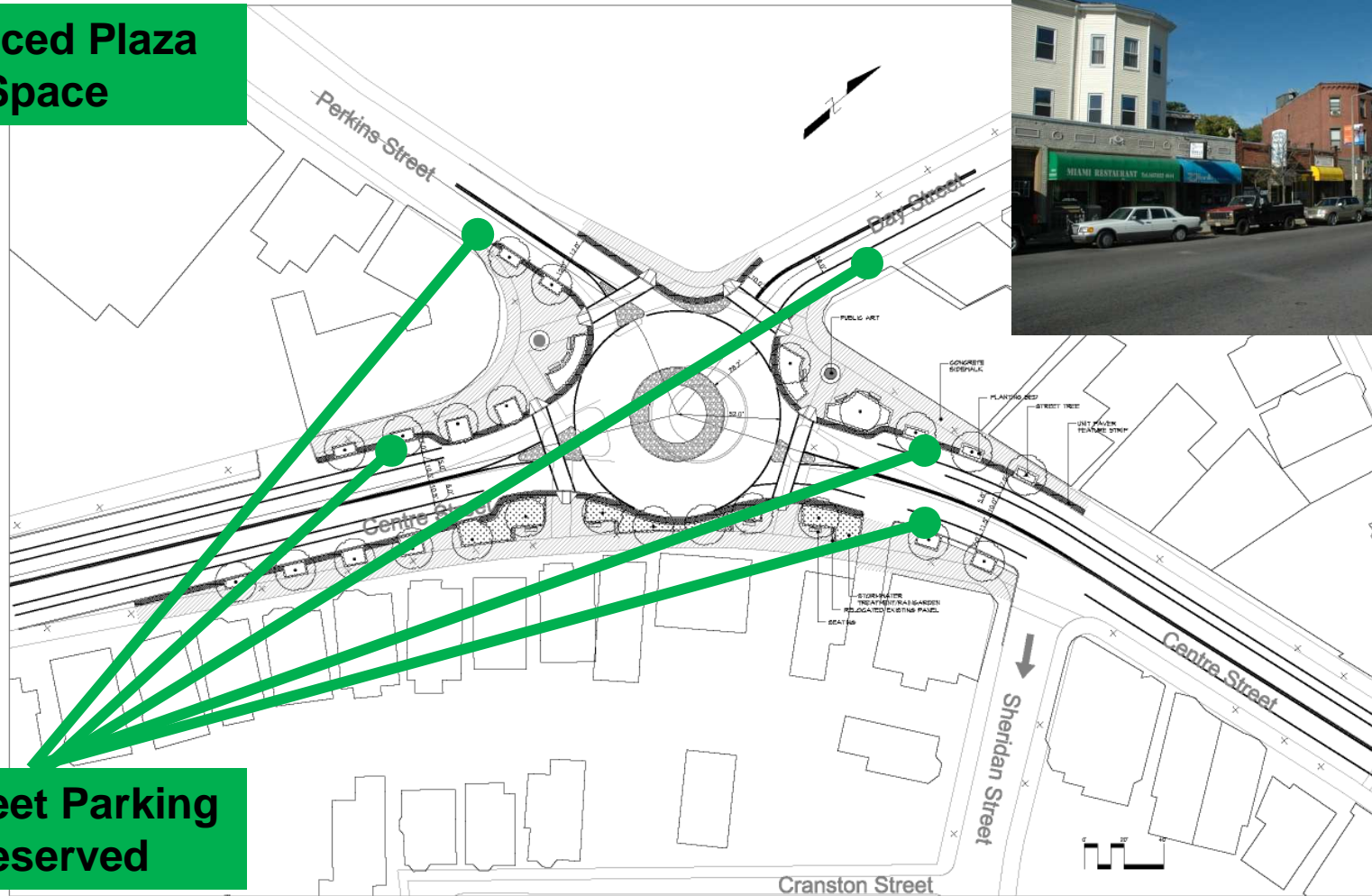
Reduced Plaza  
Space





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**Onstreet Parking  
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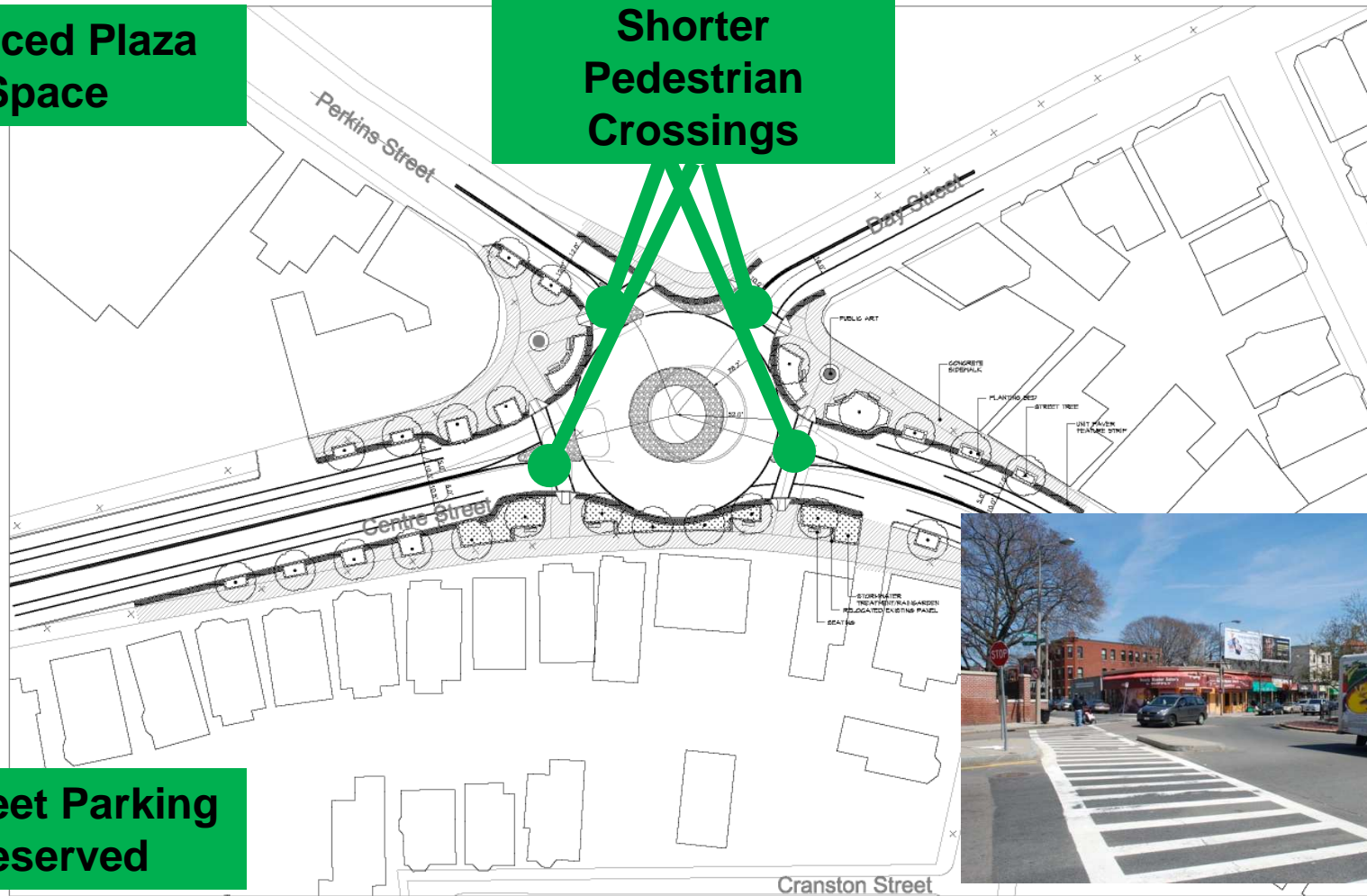


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**Shorter  
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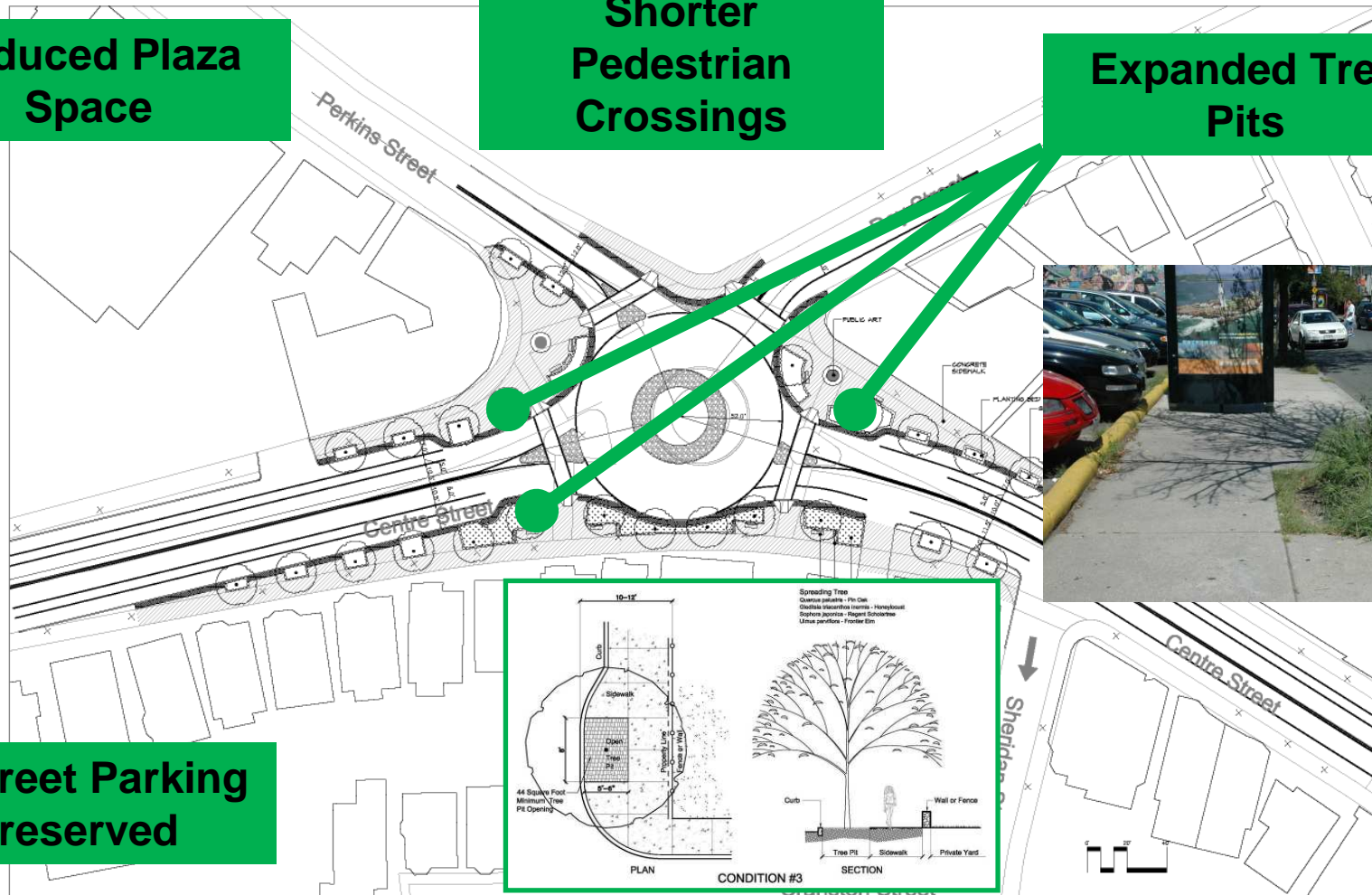


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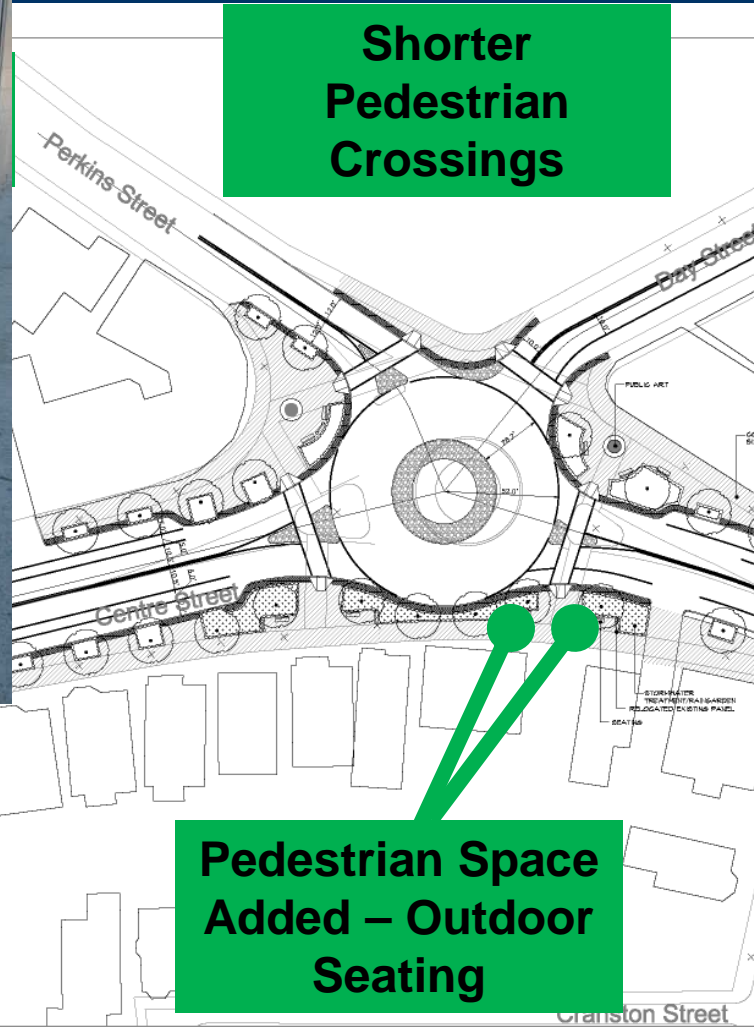
Expanded Tree  
Pits



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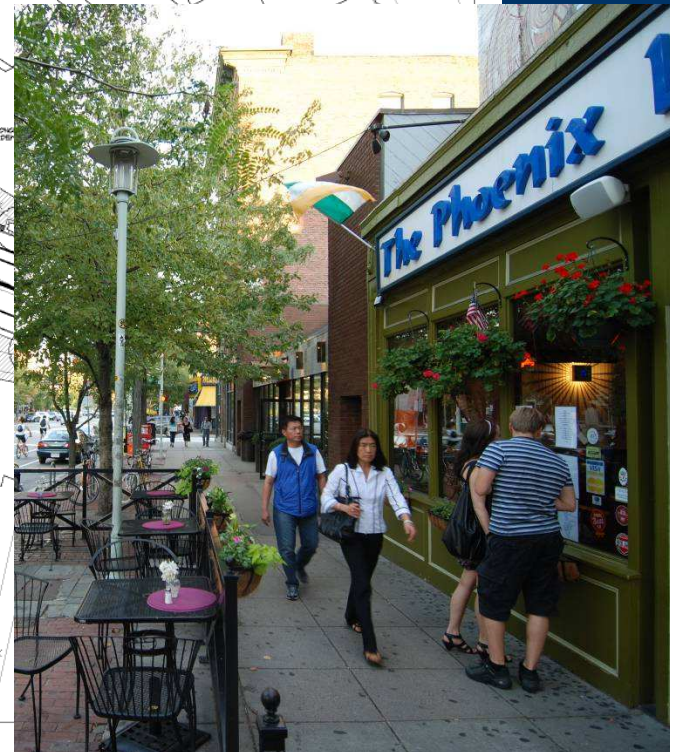


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**Pedestrian Space  
Added – Outdoor  
Seating**







# Hyde Square - Refined Concept

**Reduced Plaza Space**

**Shorter Pedestrian Crossings**

**Expanded Tree Pits**



**Pedestrian Space Added – Outdoor Seating**

**Rain garden Opportunity**







# Refined Concept

Reduced Plaza  
Space

Shorter  
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Crossings

Public Art



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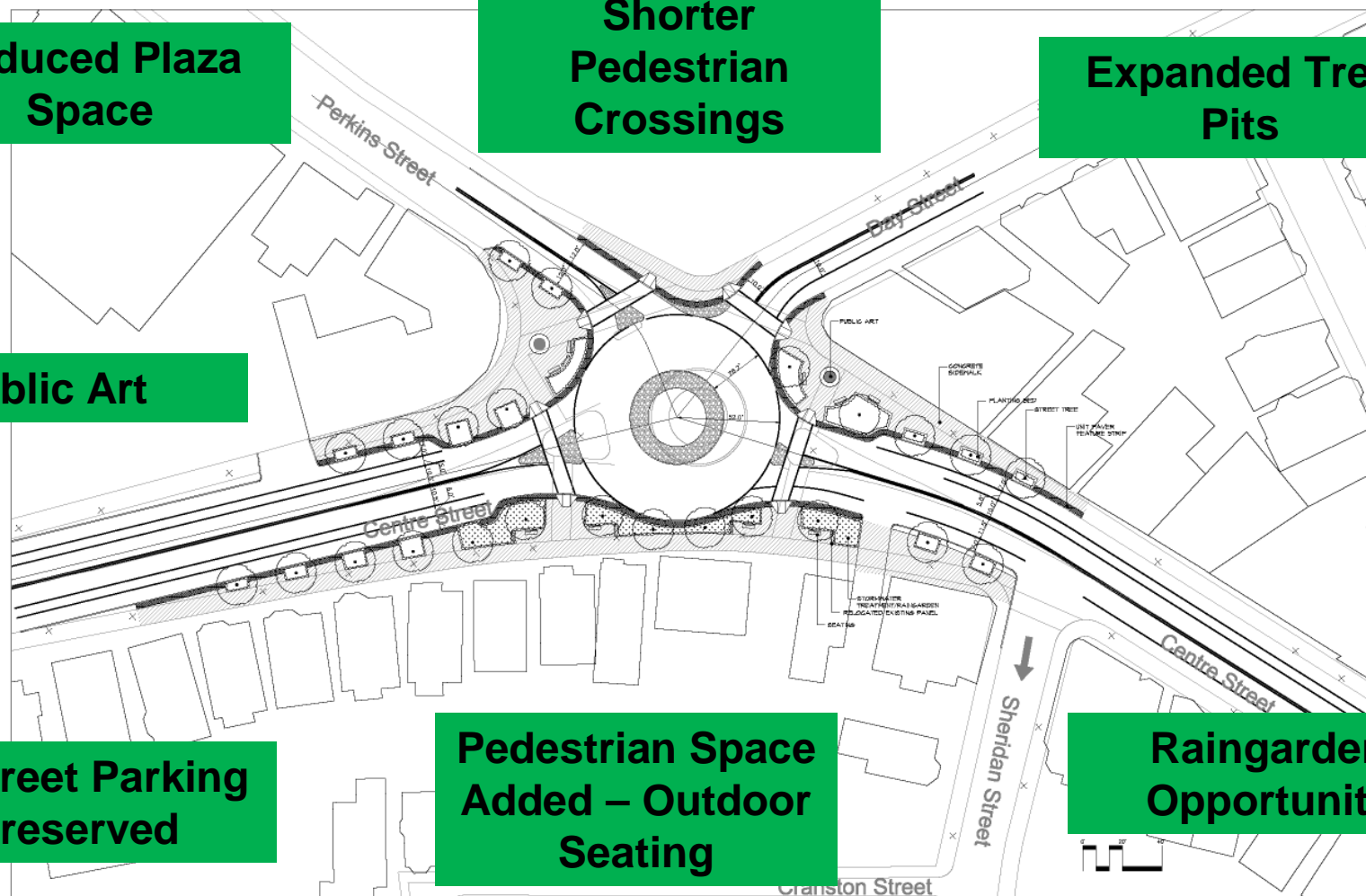
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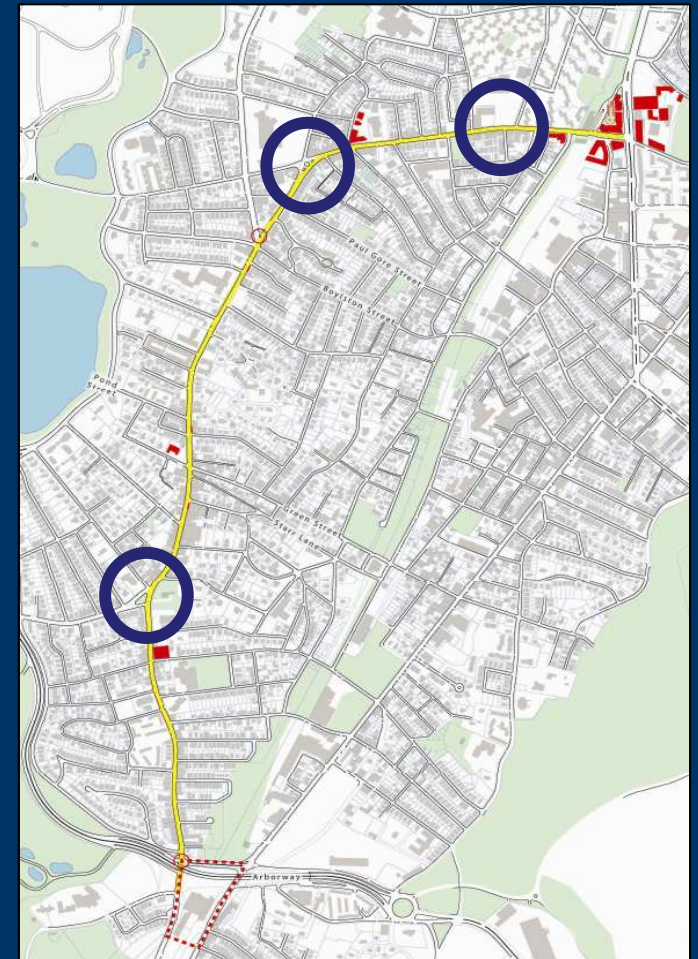
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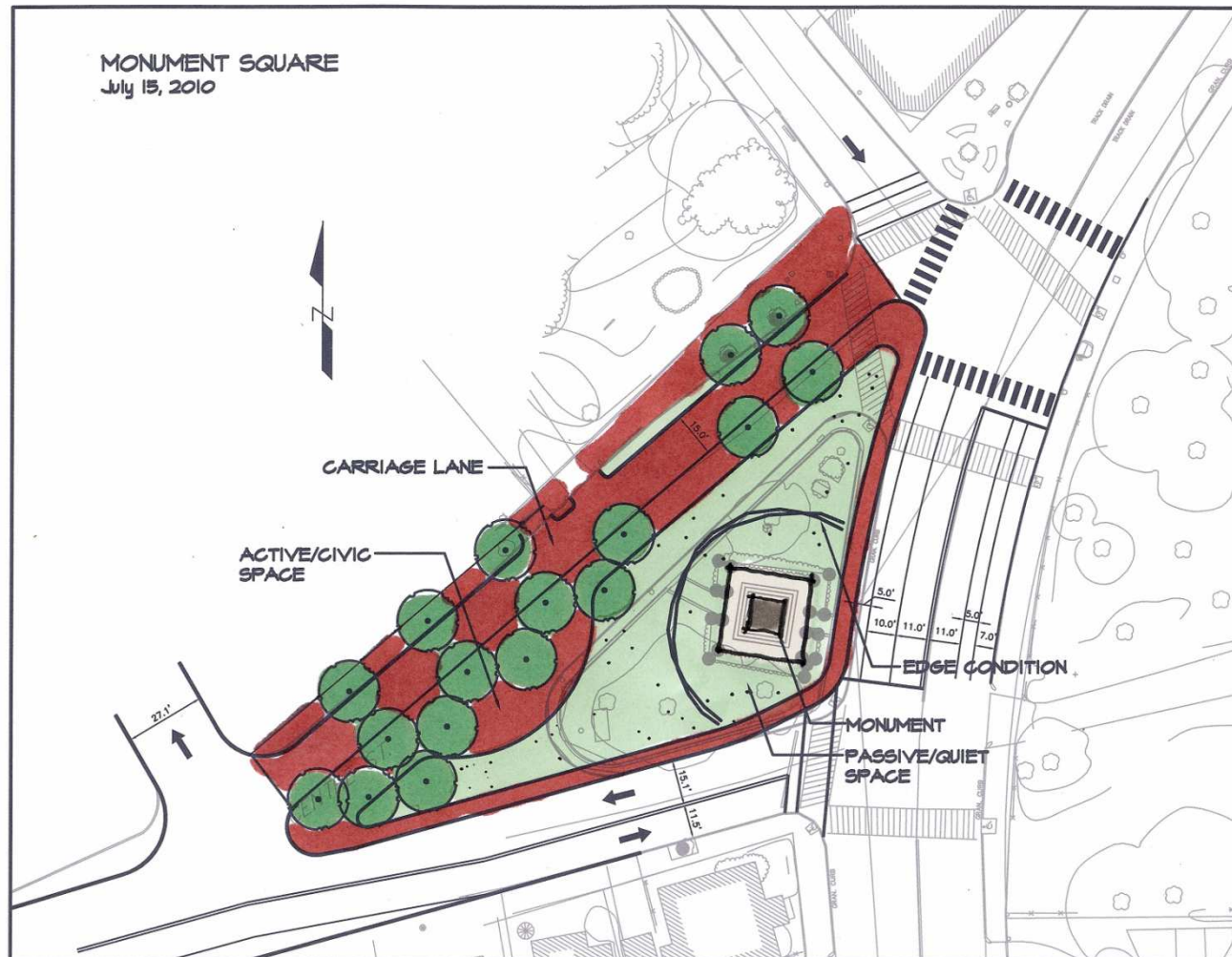
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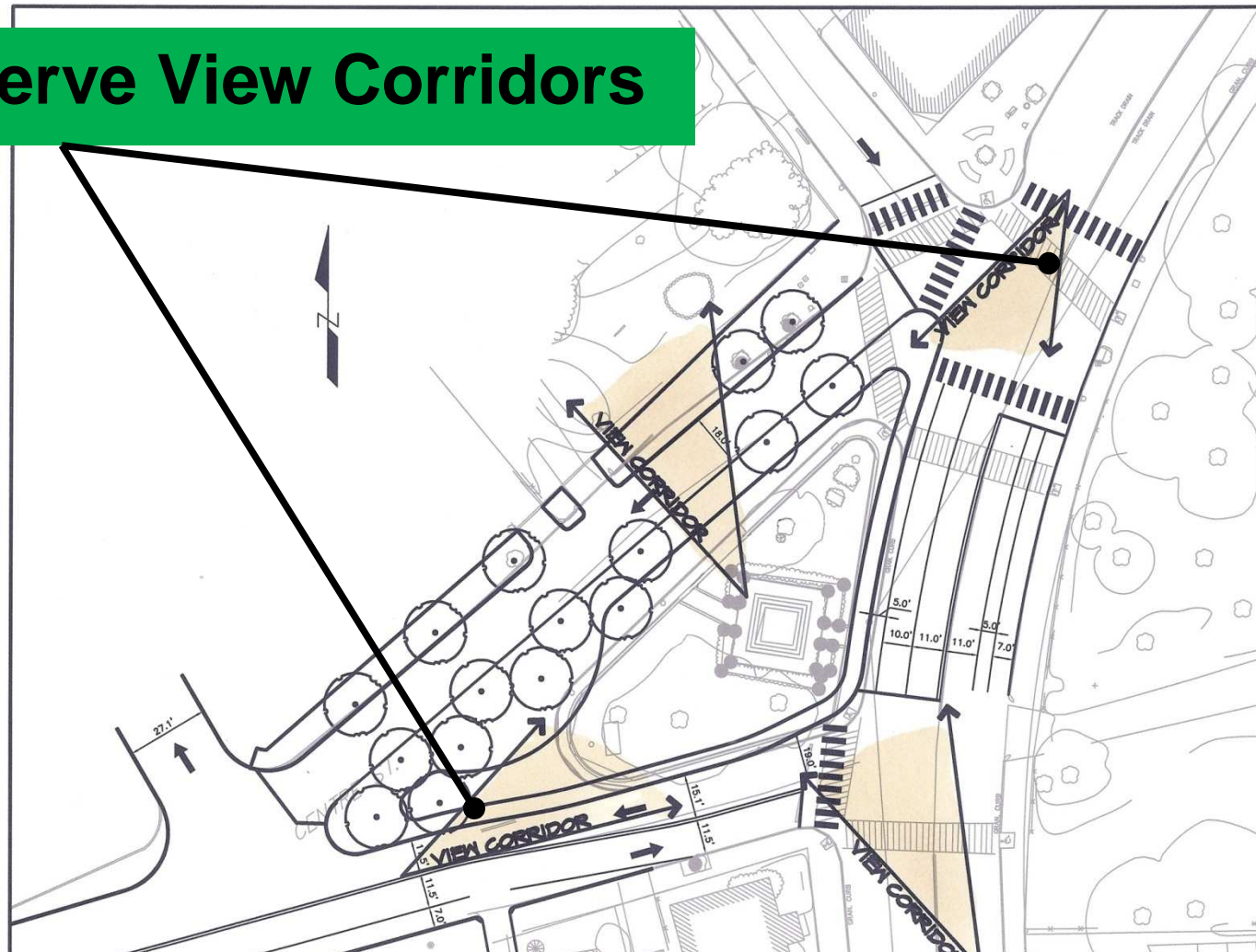
# Preferred Concept – July Meeting





# Ongoing Design

## Preserve View Corridors





# Community Feedback

- Ongoing Coordination
- Emergency Vehicles
- Parking
- Traffic Operations
- MBTA Bus Operations
- Control of Access to Roadway (Centre St WB)
- Bicycle Accommodations
- Ongoing Design





# Ongoing Coordination

- Jamaica Pond Association
- Jamaica Plain Business and Professional Association
- Residential Abutters
- Medical Offices and First Church
- Agencies

MONUMENT SQUARE  
September 1, 2010

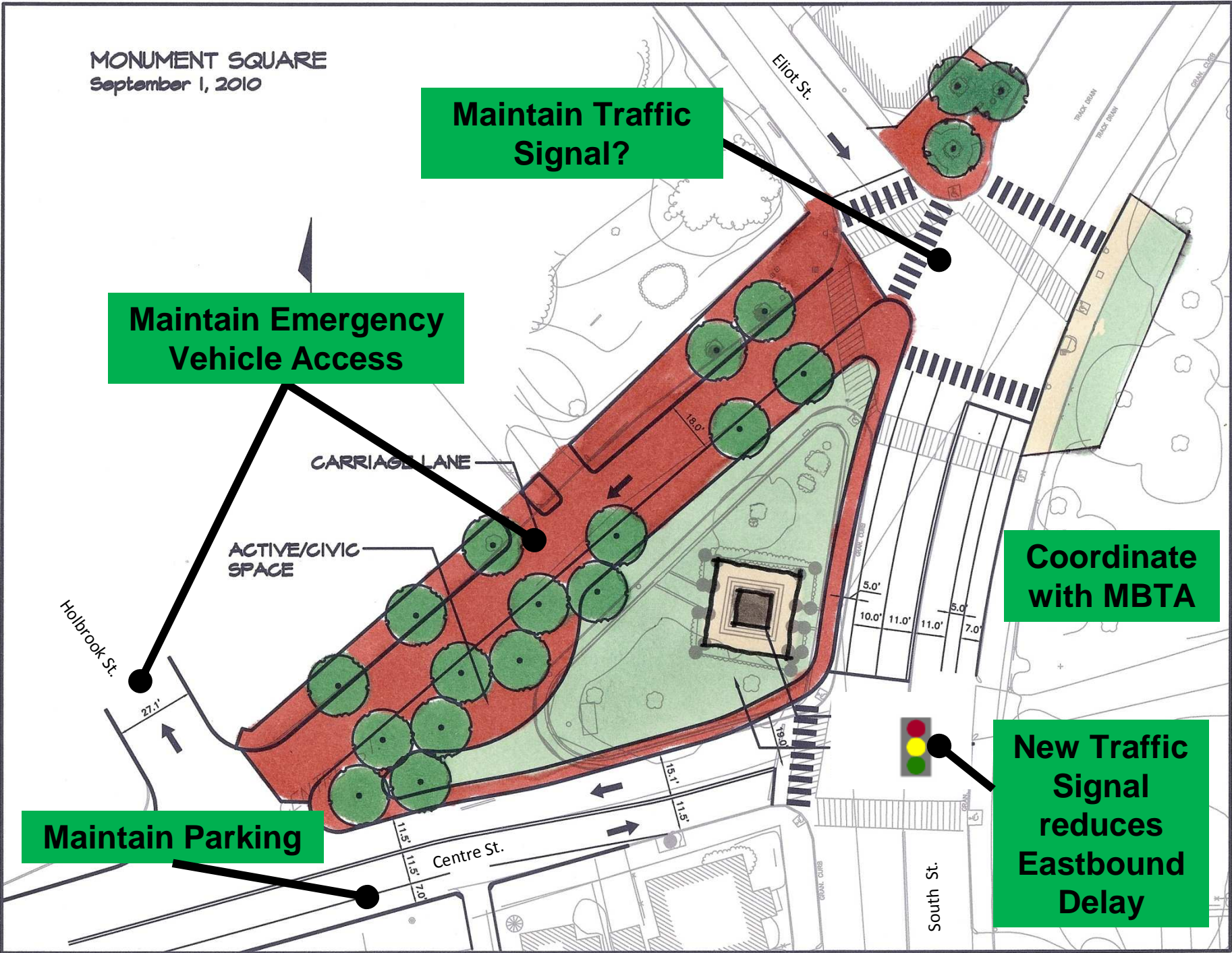
Maintain Traffic  
Signal?

Maintain Emergency  
Vehicle Access

Coordinate  
with MBTA

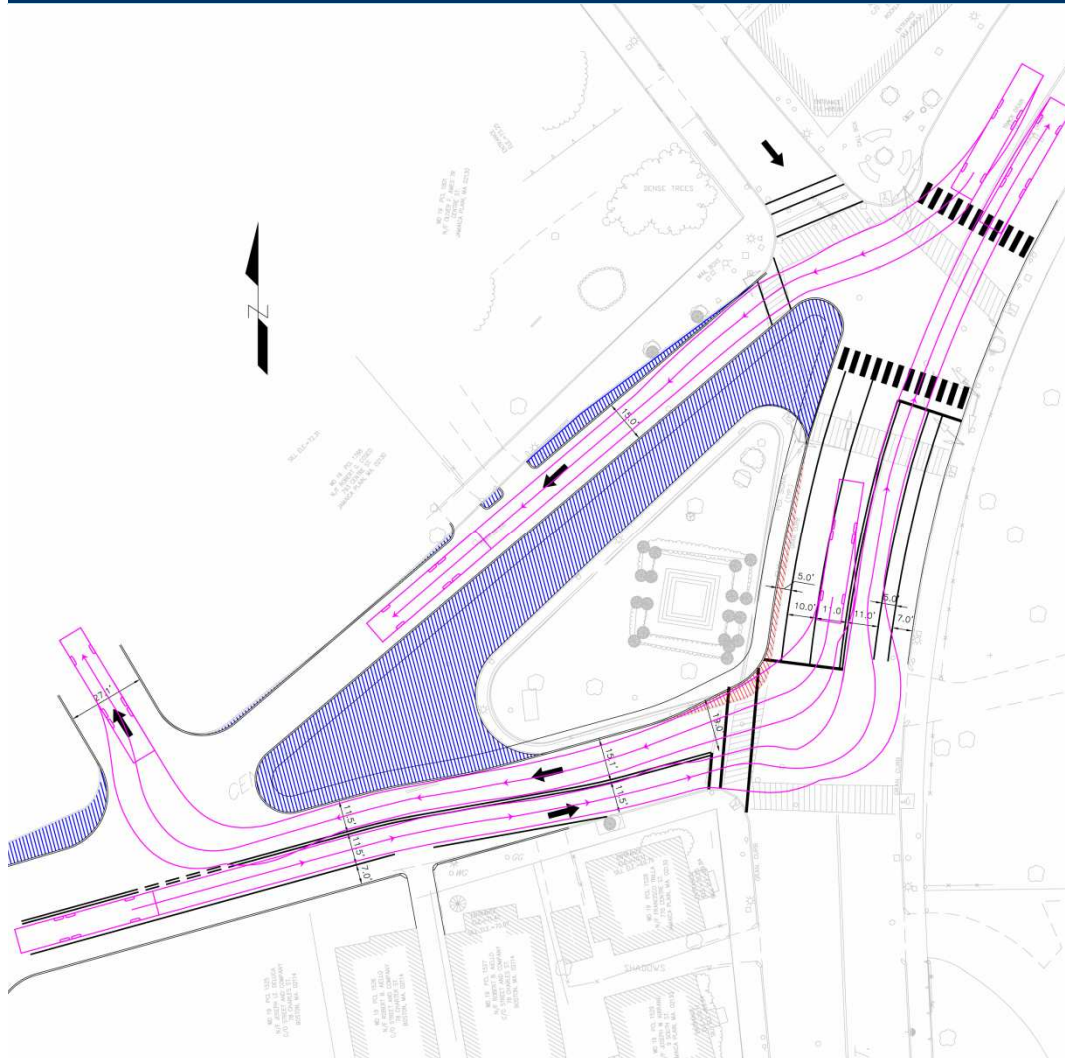
New Traffic  
Signal  
reduces  
Eastbound  
Delay

Maintain Parking





# Emergency Vehicles

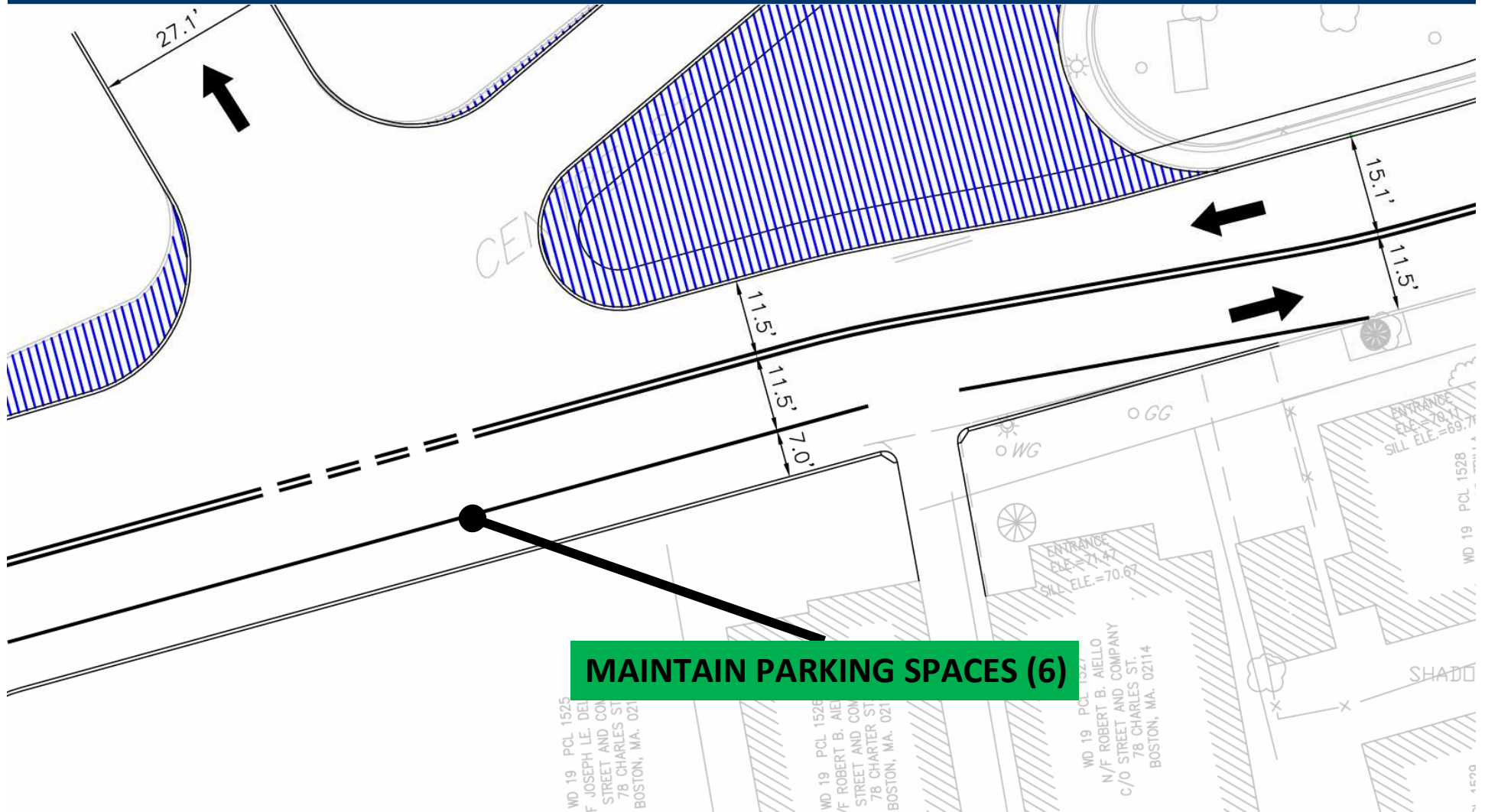


- 18 ft width will be provided on Centre St WB to accommodate BFD ladder truck
- Maintains access to Holbrook St



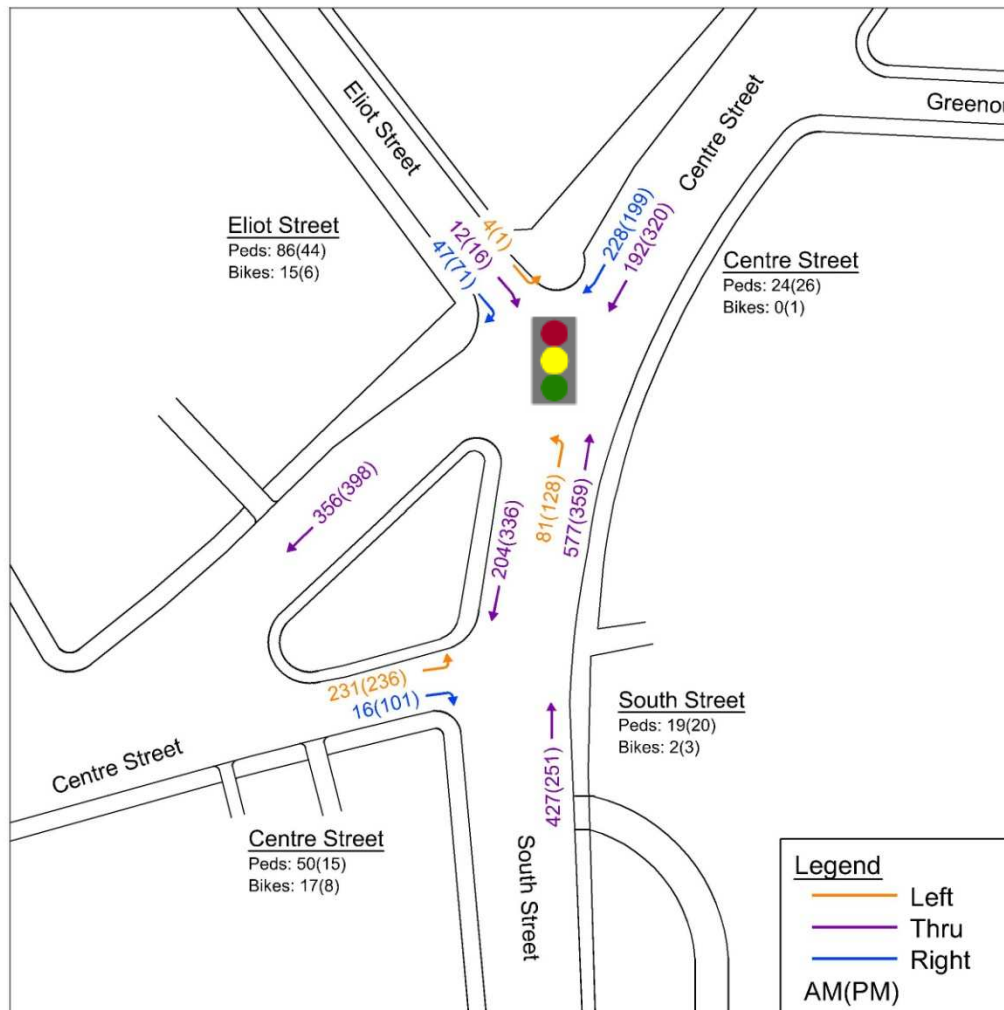


# Parking Impact





# Monument Square - Existing Volumes



- Comparable AM & PM volumes
- Centre St. South  
WB/SB  
AM – 55%/45%  
PM – 40%/60%
- Centre St. East  
Primarily left turns







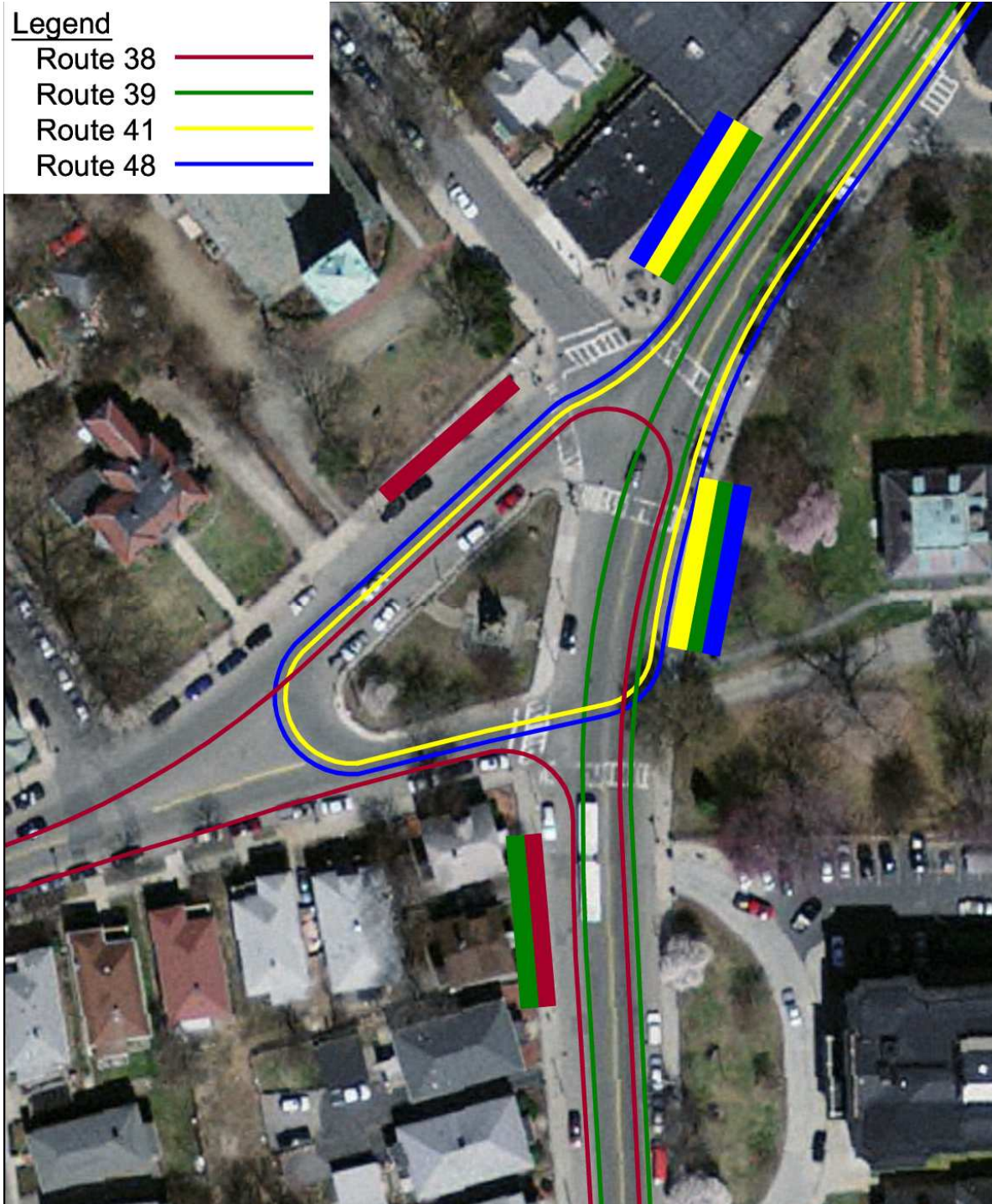
# Monument Square – Concept Analysis

|              | Intersection       | Movement | Weekday Existing 2010 |       |      | Proposed Option 3 - 2010 |       |      |
|--------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|------|--------------------------|-------|------|
|              |                    |          | Los                   | Delay | V/C  | Los                      | Delay | V/C  |
| AM Peak Hour | Centre St/Eliot St | EB LTR   | B                     | 11.3  | 0.12 | B                        | 13.7  | 0.38 |
|              |                    | NB LT    | A                     | 4.6   | 0.36 | A                        | 0.0   | 0.27 |
|              |                    | SB TR    | A                     | 4.0   | 0.26 | A                        | 0.0   | 0.16 |
|              | Centre St/South St | EB LR    | E                     | 36.9  | 0.74 | C                        | 29.2  | 0.66 |
|              |                    | NB LT    | A                     | 0.0   | 0.28 | C                        | 23.6  | 0.66 |
|              |                    | SB T     | A                     | 0.0   | 0.13 | B                        | 16.2  | 0.28 |
|              |                    | R        | n/a                   | n/a   | n/a  | A                        | 6.4   | 0.39 |
| Overall      | n/a                | n/a      | n/a                   | B     | 19.4 | 0.66                     |       |      |
| PM Peak Hour | Centre St/Eliot St | EB LTR   | B                     | 13.1  | 0.20 | B                        | 14.7  | 0.23 |
|              |                    | NB LT    | A                     | 3.8   | 0.22 | A                        | 0.0   | 0.23 |
|              |                    | SB TR    | A                     | 3.6   | 0.18 | A                        | 0.0   | 0.34 |
|              | Centre St/South St | EB LR    | E                     | 47.7  | 0.87 | C                        | 34.3  | 0.77 |
|              |                    | NB LT    | A                     | 0.0   | 0.18 | C                        | 34.2  | 0.68 |
|              |                    | SB T     | A                     | 0.0   | 0.22 | C                        | 22.9  | 0.52 |
|              |                    | R        | n/a                   | n/a   | n/a  | A                        | 1.5   | 0.26 |
| Overall      | n/a                | n/a      | n/a                   | C     | 23.7 | 0.77                     |       |      |



Legend

- Route 38 
- Route 39 
- Route 41 
- Route 48 



Jamaica Plain  
Centre/South Street  
Station Action Plan

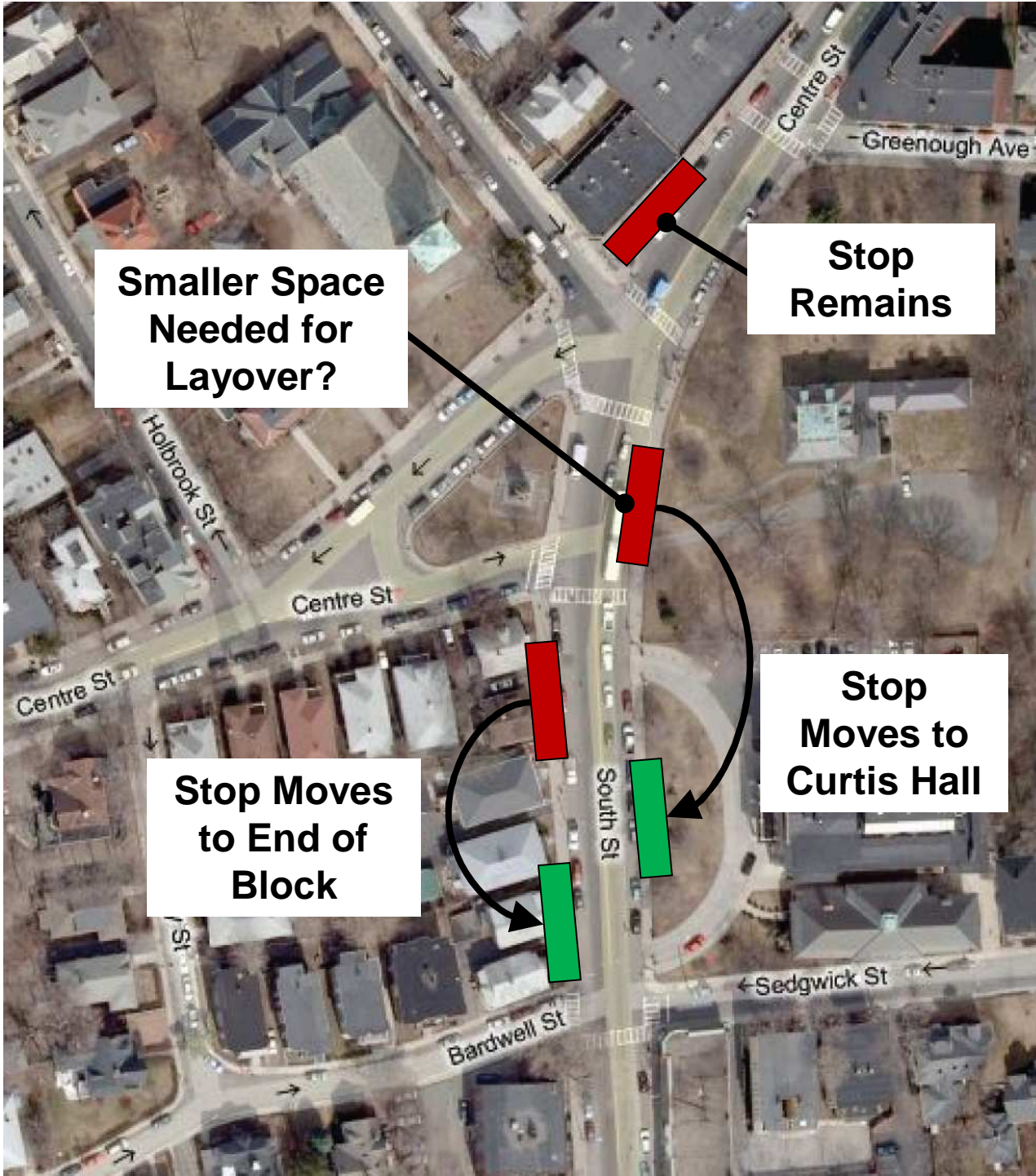


# Monument Square

## Bus Operations

- **Rte 38** – Forest Hills to West Roxbury
- **Rte 39** – Forest Hills to Back Bay
- **Rte 41** – Monument to JFK/UMass
- **Rte 48** – Monument to Jackson Sq.





# Route 39 Recommendations



# Monument Square

## *Carriage Road Examples*



Rockville Centre , Long Island



West Ealing, London



Rockville Centre , Long Island



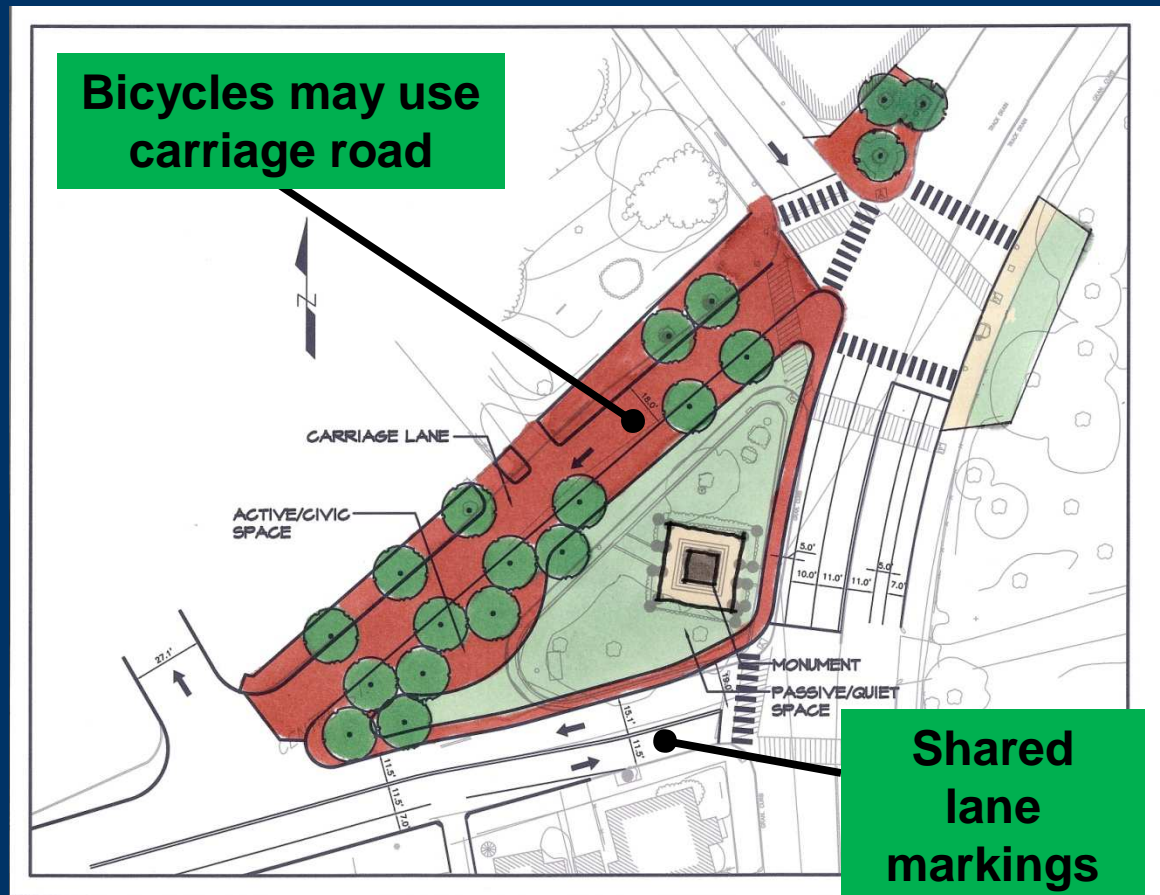
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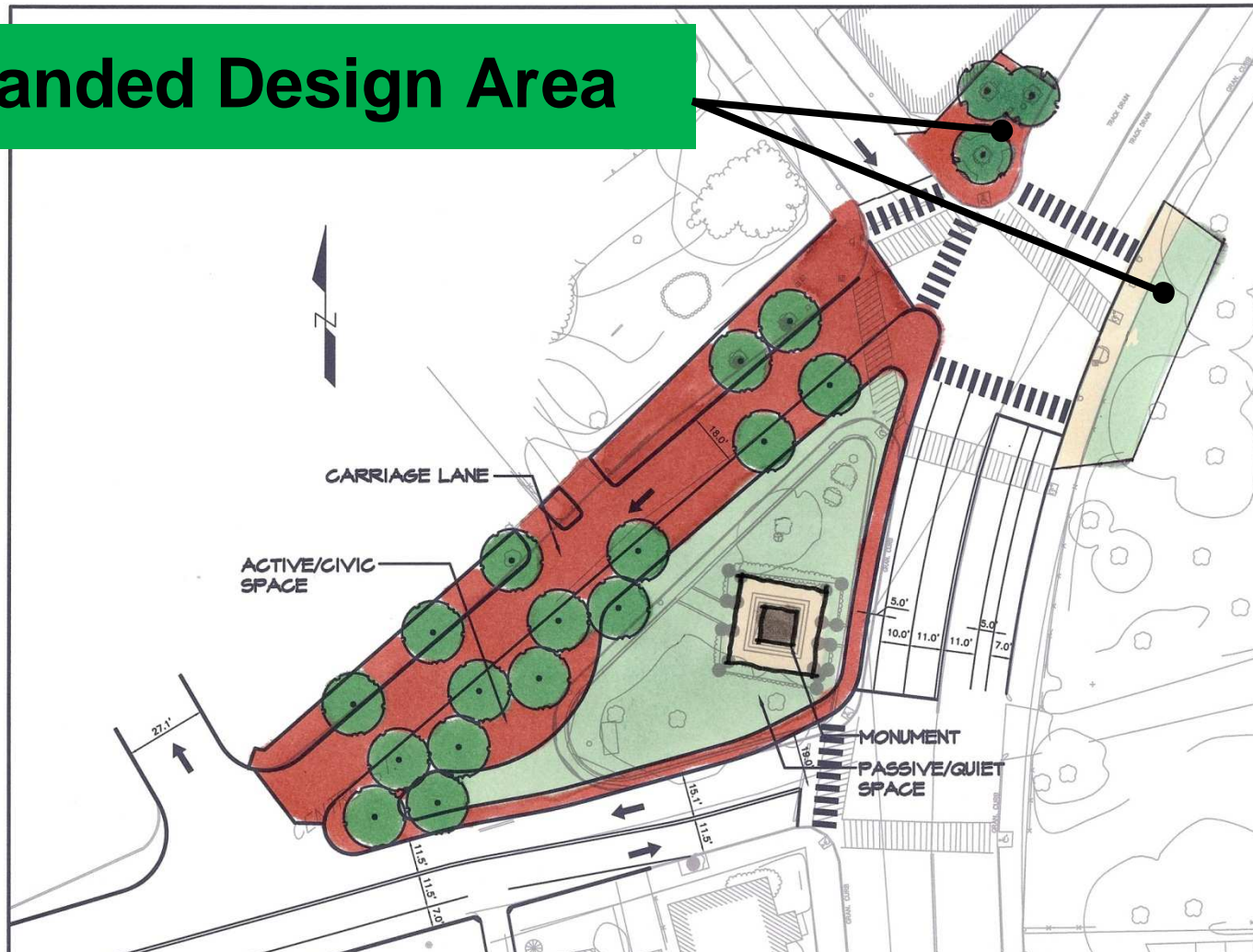
- 11.5 ft lane width at Centre St (EB)
- Recommend shared lane markings
- Cross section similar to South St





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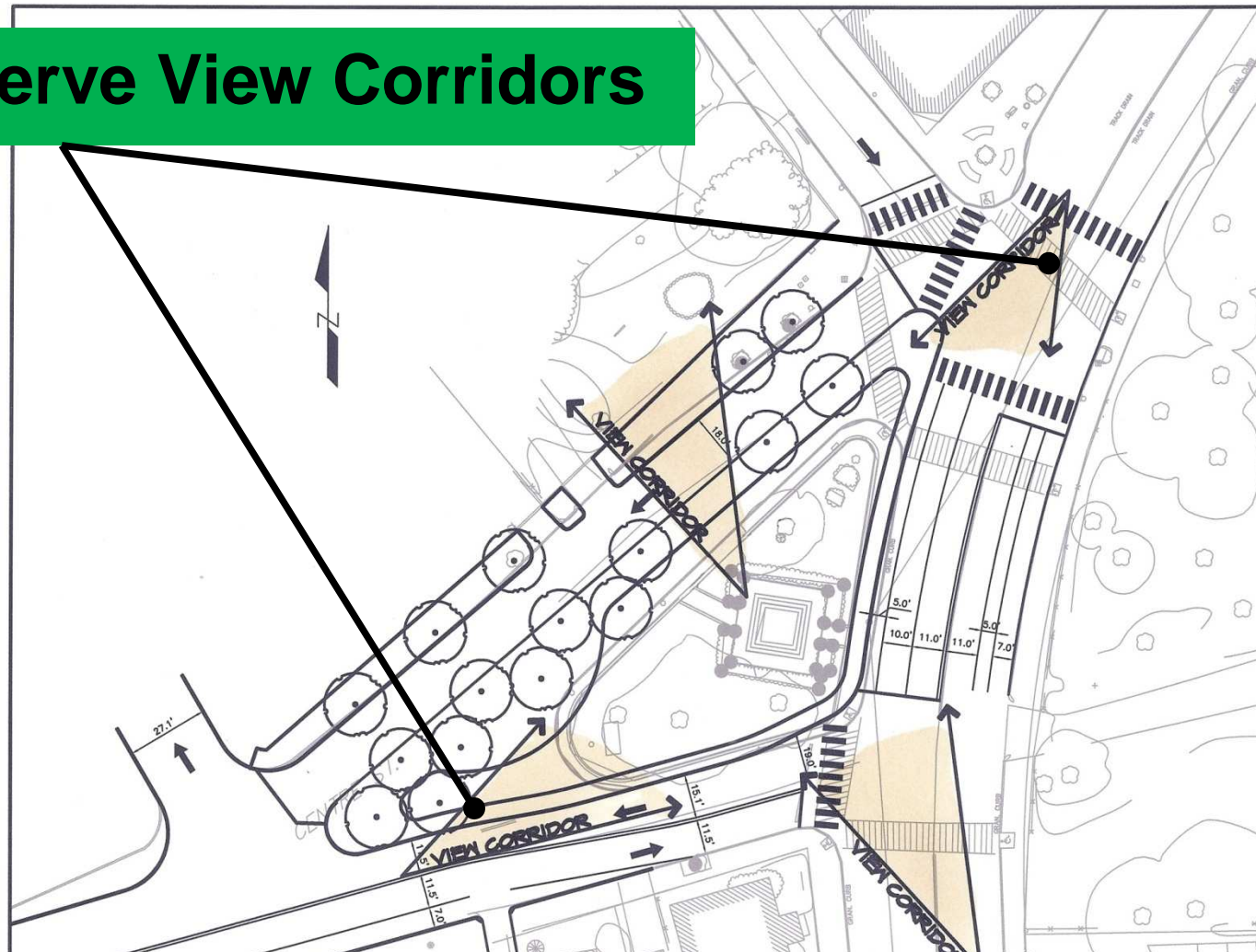
## Expanded Design Area





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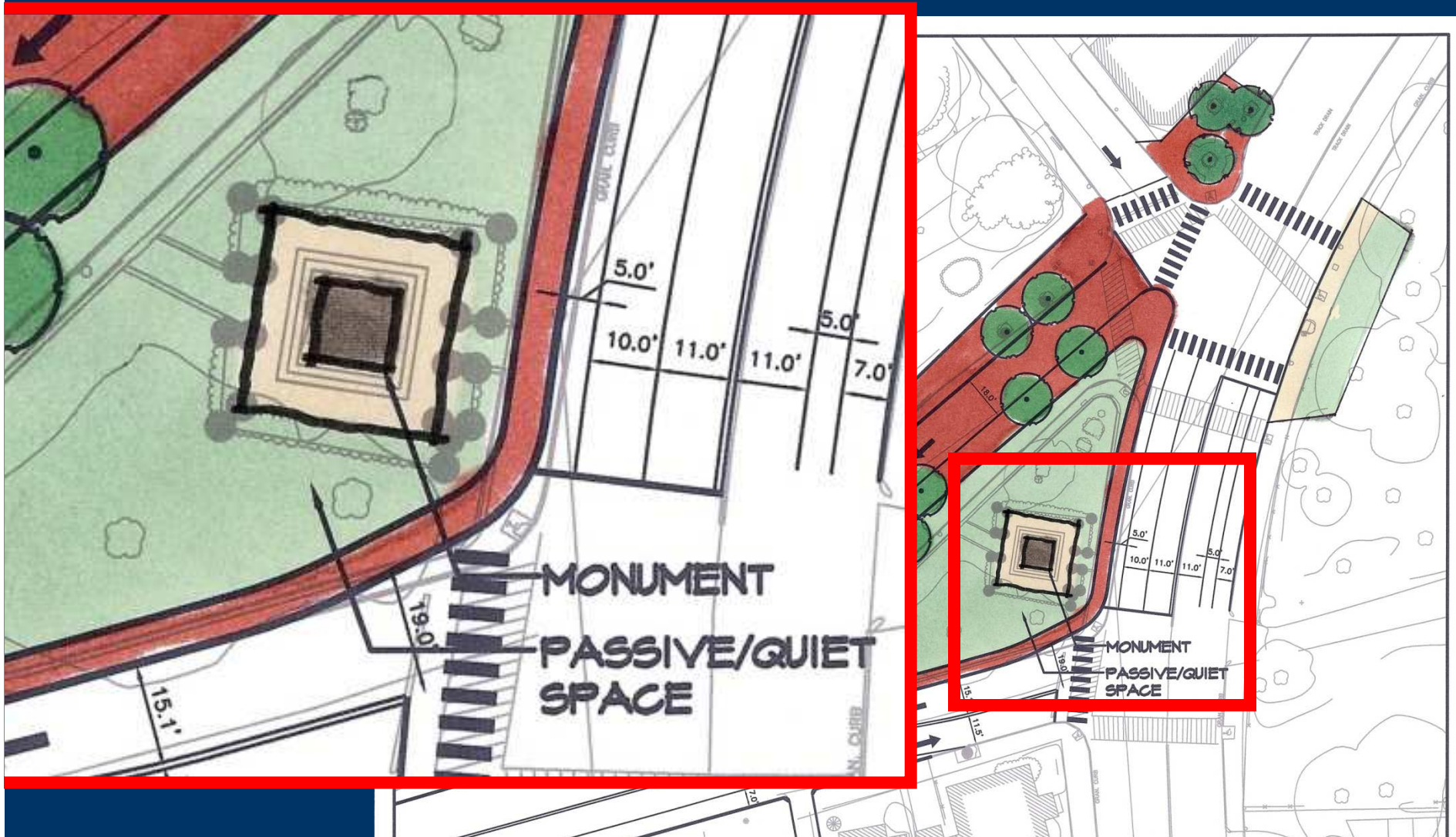
## Preserve View Corridors







# Ongoing Design



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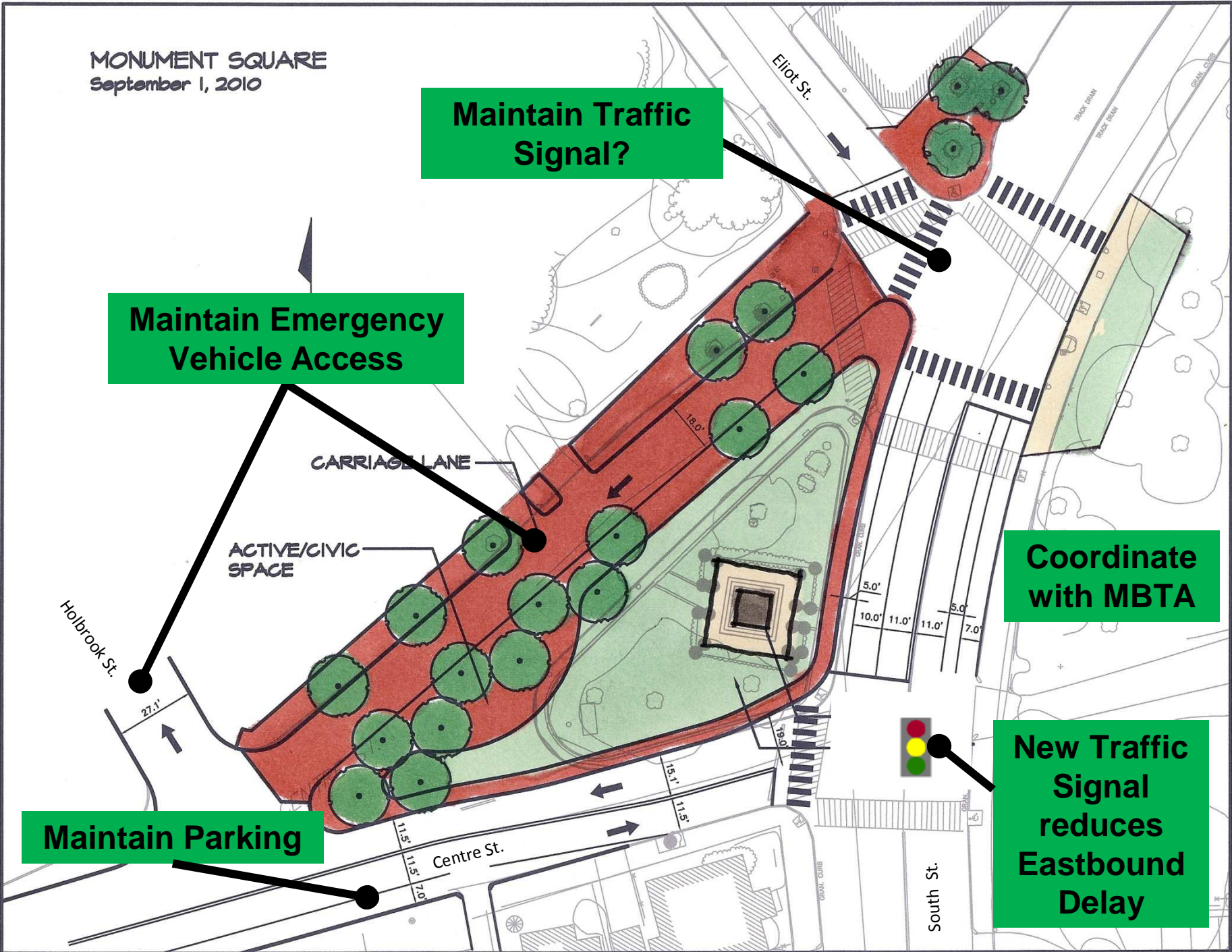
Maintain Traffic  
Signal?

Maintain Emergency  
Vehicle Access

Coordinate  
with MBTA

New Traffic  
Signal  
reduces  
Eastbound  
Delay

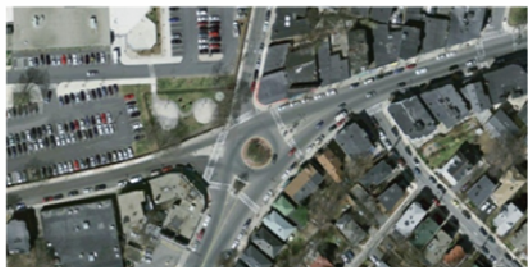
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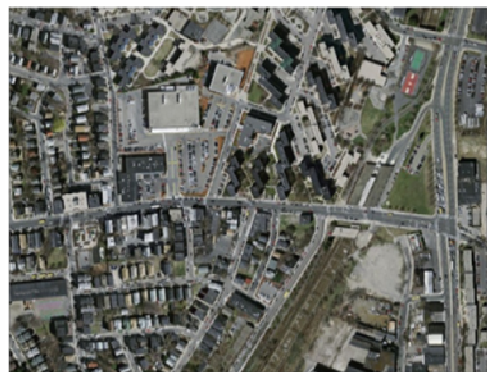
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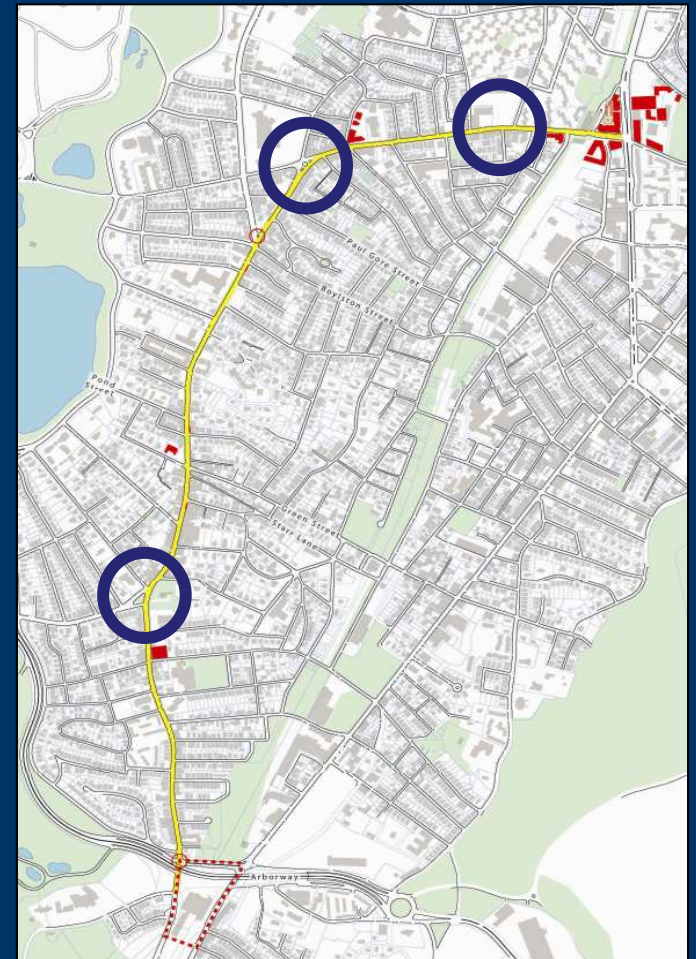
Hyde Square



Monument Square



Jackson Square  
to Mozart Park







# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Project & Schedule Overview
- Corridor-Wide Guidelines
- Concept Design Areas
  - Jackson Square to Mozart Park
  - Hyde Square
  - Monument Square
- Public Comment & Next Steps



# Steps to Implementation

- Draft Transportation Action Plan released
  - Public Comment Period
- Final Transportation Action Plan
  - Vision, Guidelines, Concept Designs
- RFP for (Concept to 100%) Design Issued
  - Community process continues through 2011
- Final Designs advertised for Construction



# How to Submit Comments

- Draft Sections posted on BRA website
  - Please provide a simple address
- Comments must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 18
  - Send to: [Ines.Palmarin.bra@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Ines.Palmarin.bra@cityofboston.gov)
- Comments to be posted on BRA's website
  - Updated regularly
- Final Transportation Action Plan released
  - October meeting



# **JP Centre & South Street Corridor Transportation & Streetscape Action Plan**

**Meeting #10**

**Agassiz School cafeteria  
20 Child Street, Jamaica Plain**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

