

# Public Workshop #3

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Corcoran Mullens Jennison Community Building, 270 Mt. Vernon Street



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# Why Are We Redesigning the Street?



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# Meeting Agenda

1. Background: How we got here
2. Preliminary Design
  - a) Street Vision & Identity
  - b) Roadway Design
3. Breakout Group Discussions: *Tell us what you think!*



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# Extent of Mt Vernon Street 25% of Design (as of January 3, 2022)

- Ownership**
- City of Boston
  - Department of Conservation and Recreation

Source: Road Inventory Data, Office of Transportation Planning, Massachusetts Department of Transportation 2020/21



DCR

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# Roadway Ownership



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# Where are we now?

## *Since the May 29 meeting*

- *Preliminary Design Development*
- *Public Agency Coordination*
  - *Boston Transportation Department (BTD)*
  - *State Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)*
  - *Boston Parks Department*
  - *Boston Water and Sewer Department*
  - *Boston Department of Public Works (DPW)*
  - *Police, Fire, & Emergency Medical*



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# What We Heard From You

## March 27<sup>th</sup> Public Workshop



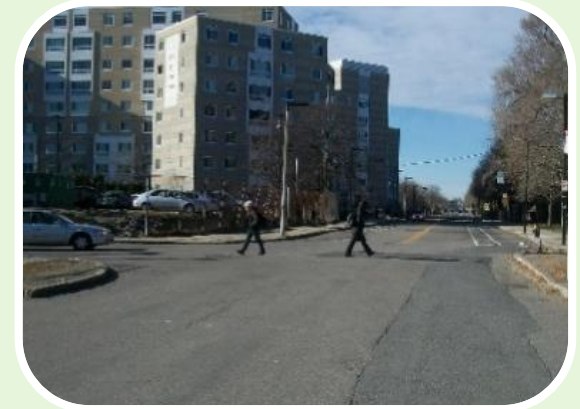
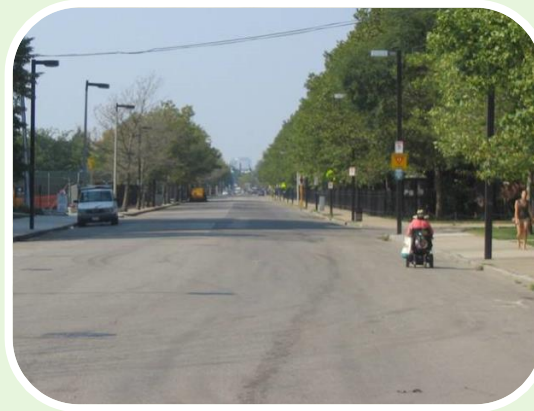
## May 29<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting



# What We Heard From You

"Crosswalks by bus stops would be safer to residents." Ralph, age 17

Better  
sidewalks  
and  
crosswalks



"Mt. Vernon Street could use more plants. It is a long street that is so plain. Make it safer for drivers and students by having something like barriers so students don't jump into the street."

Alicia, age 17



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# What We Heard From You

## Improved Bicycle Accommodations



# What We Heard From You

## Better Lighting

"What I want to see change in Mt. Vernon Street is more street lights because at night it is pitch black and you can't see anything."

Paul, Age 15



Existing



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# What We Heard From You

Safer School Bus  
and Pick Up &  
Drop Off Activity



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# What We Heard From You

## Enliven "dead" Spaces

"[Mt. Vernon Street] is just one long boring road that has nothing going on. I would like to see new buildings and more people..."  
Diniz, age 17



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# What We Heard From You

## Gateways



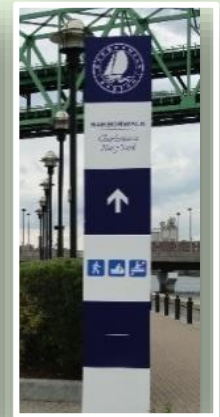
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# What We Heard From You

## *Identify and Sense of Place*

### Wayfinding

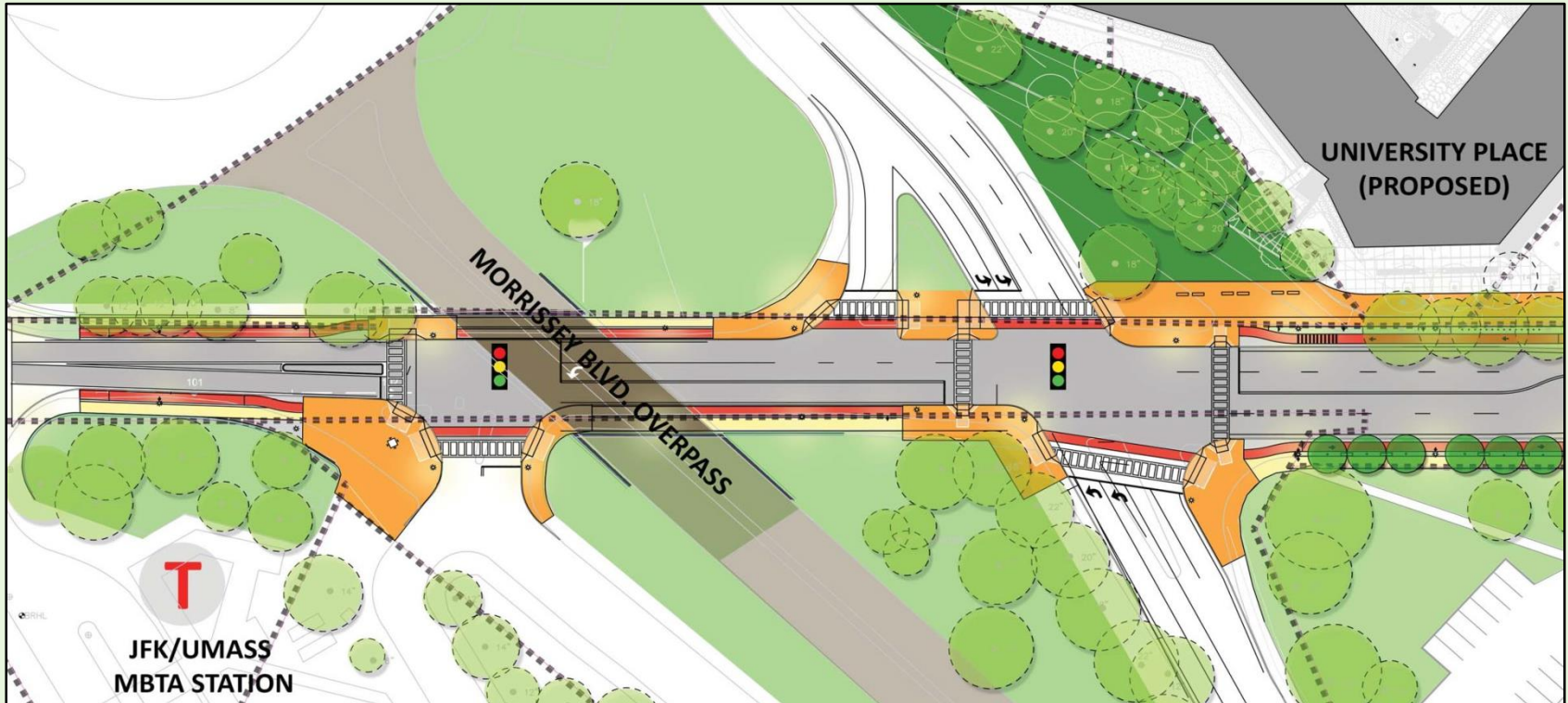


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# Design Phases

*Conceptual Design → 25% and 100% Plans*

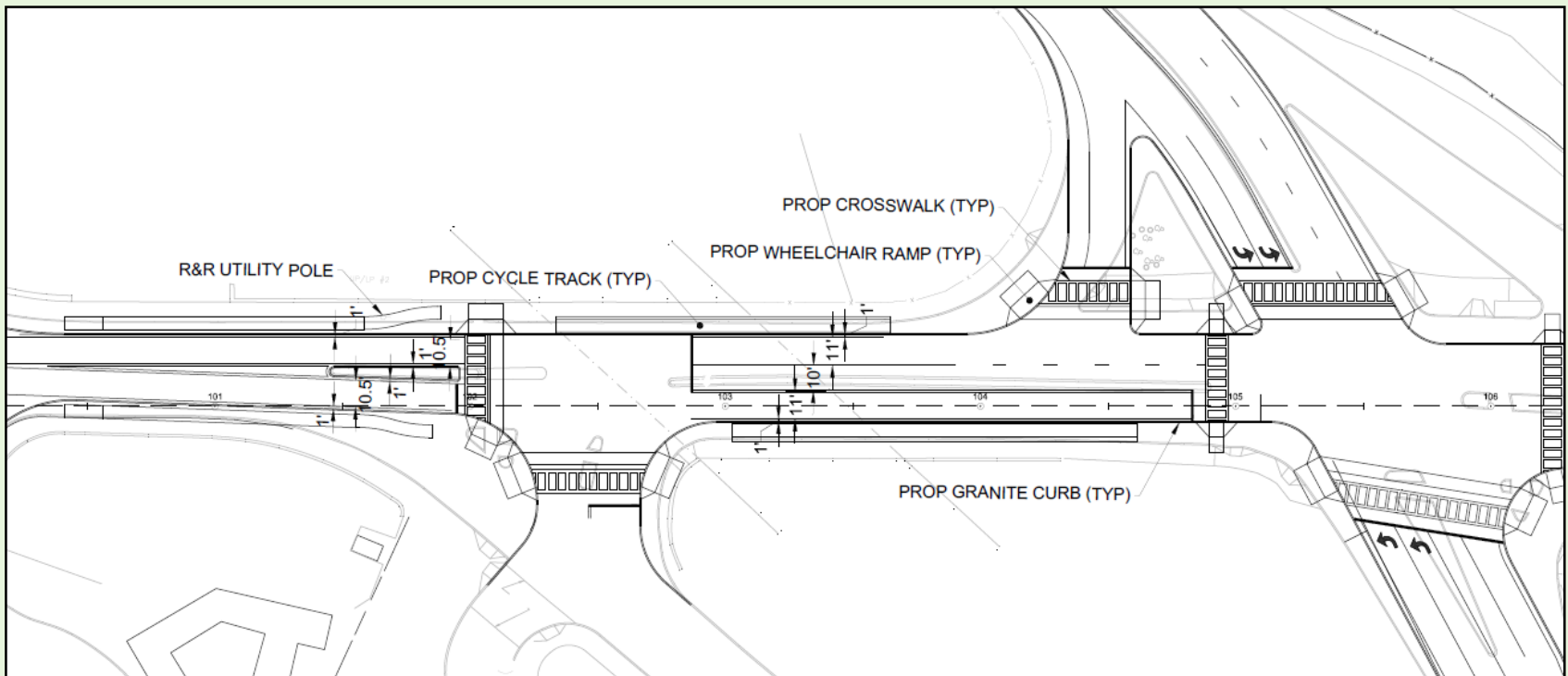


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# Project Timeline: 25% Design

Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

**Existing Conditions**



**Concept Design**



**25% Design**



**Community Involvement**



● Timeframe for Public Meetings



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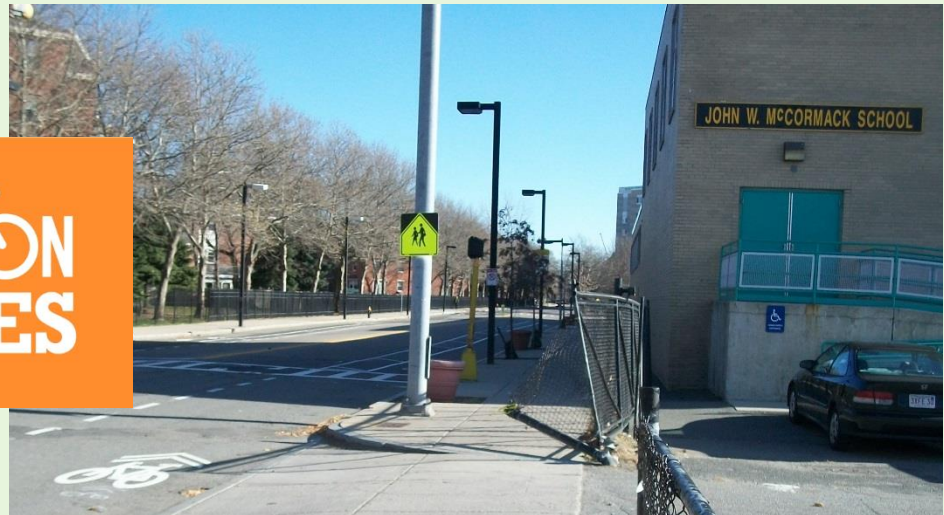
# Short Term Strategies

## Gateway Art



## Boston Bikes Youth Cycling Program

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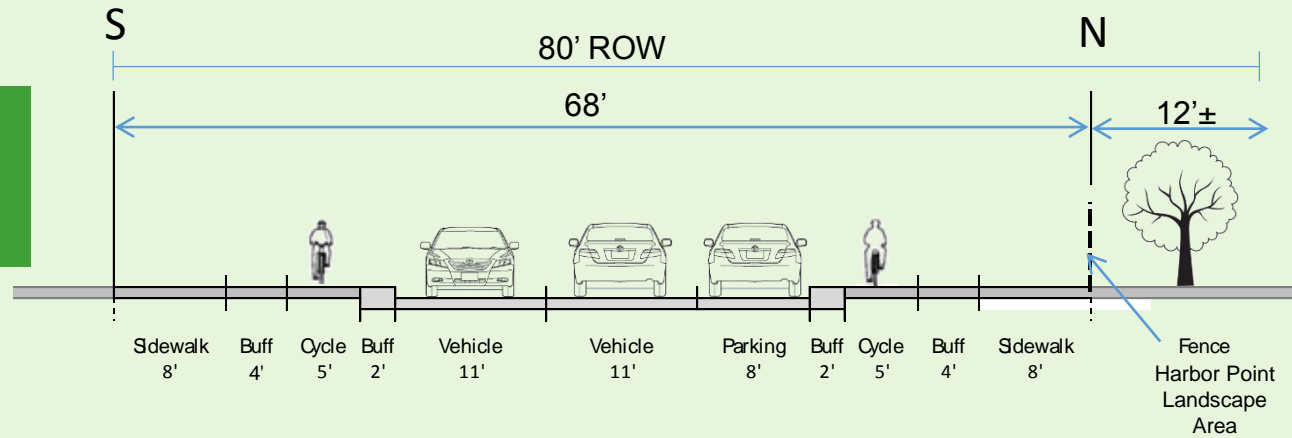


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# Long Term Strategies

## Street Sections



## Lighting



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# Long Term Strategies

## Street Furniture



## Art



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# Identity & Wayfinding



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# Identity



**Cultural Institutions**  
**University**  
**Destination**  
**Seascape**

**HarborWalk**  
**Beautiful**  
**Natural Environment**  
**History**

**Safety**  
**Vibrant**  
**Eating & Restaurants**  
**Retail**

**Activity & Fitness**  
**Play & Parks**  
**Neighborhood**  
**Family-friendly**



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# Wayfinding

Orientation  
+  
Placemaking

*For Enjoyment, Pride,  
Safety & Growth*



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# Audience and Destinations

Residents

Students

Workers

Tourists



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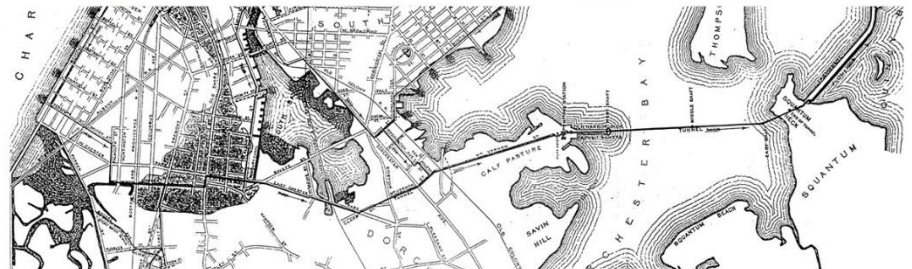
# Wayfinding Strategy



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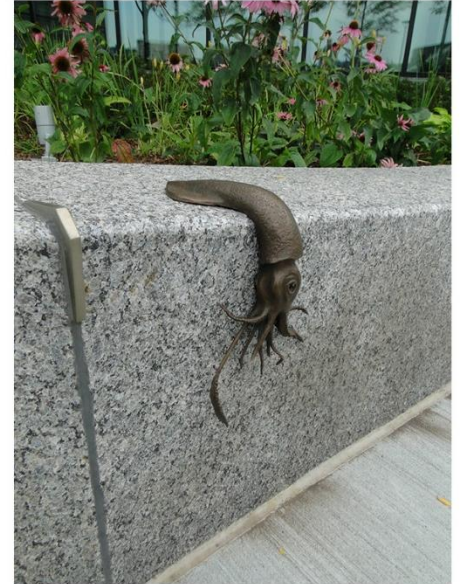
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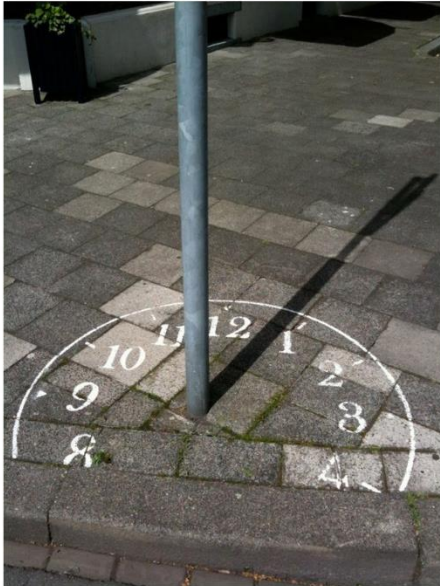
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# Environment



# Learning & Play



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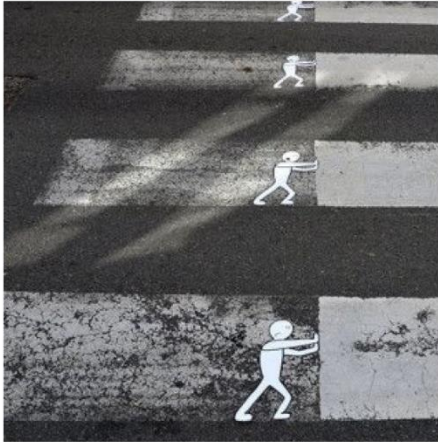
# Transit / Motion



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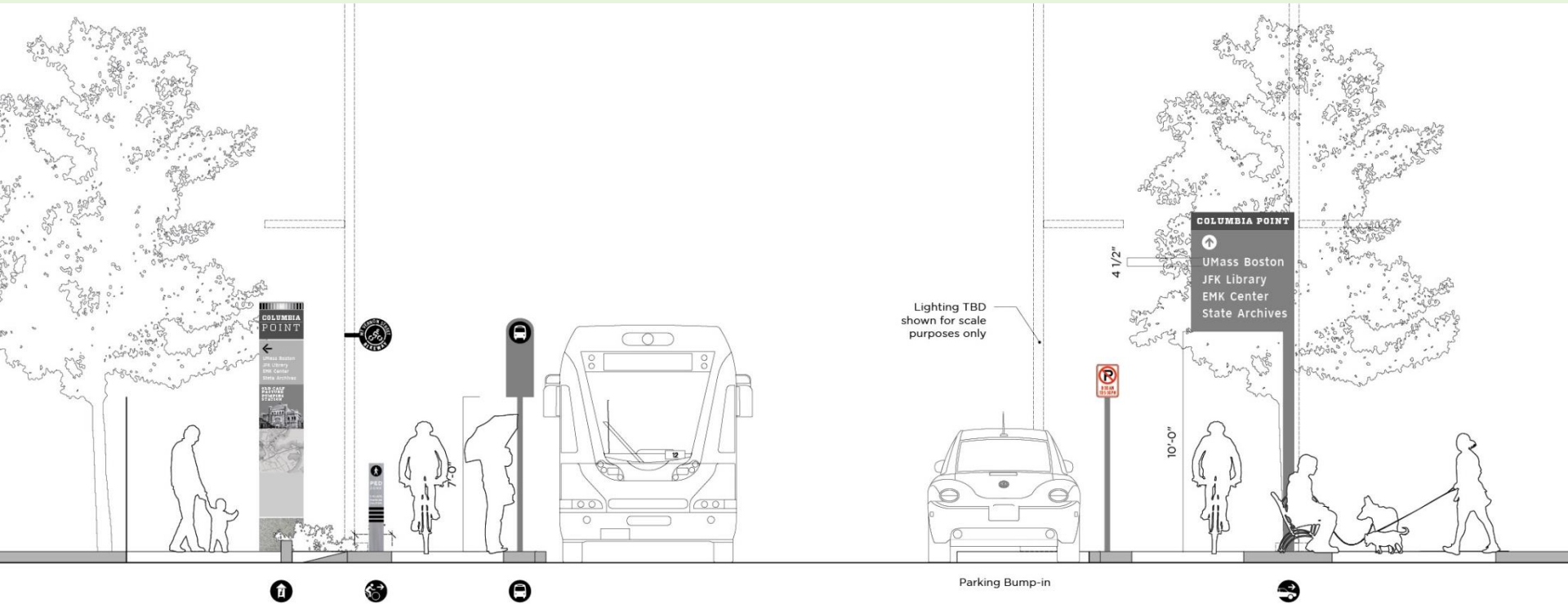
# Just for Fun



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# Sign Placement



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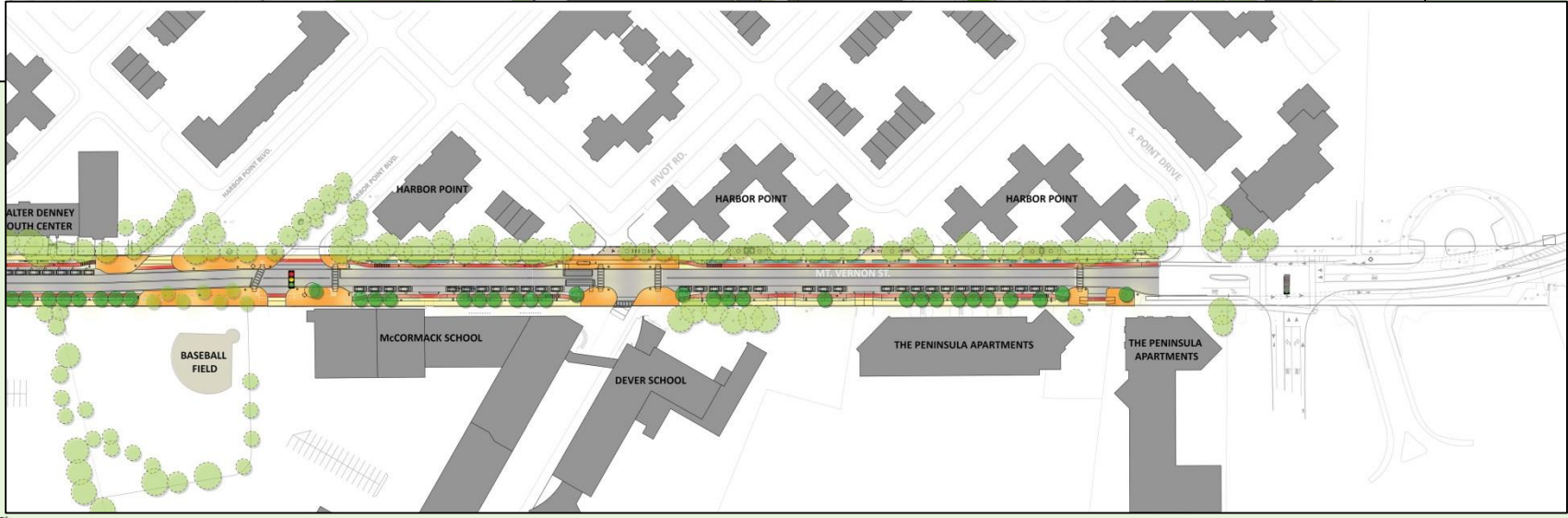
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# Basic Roadway Plan



Match Line



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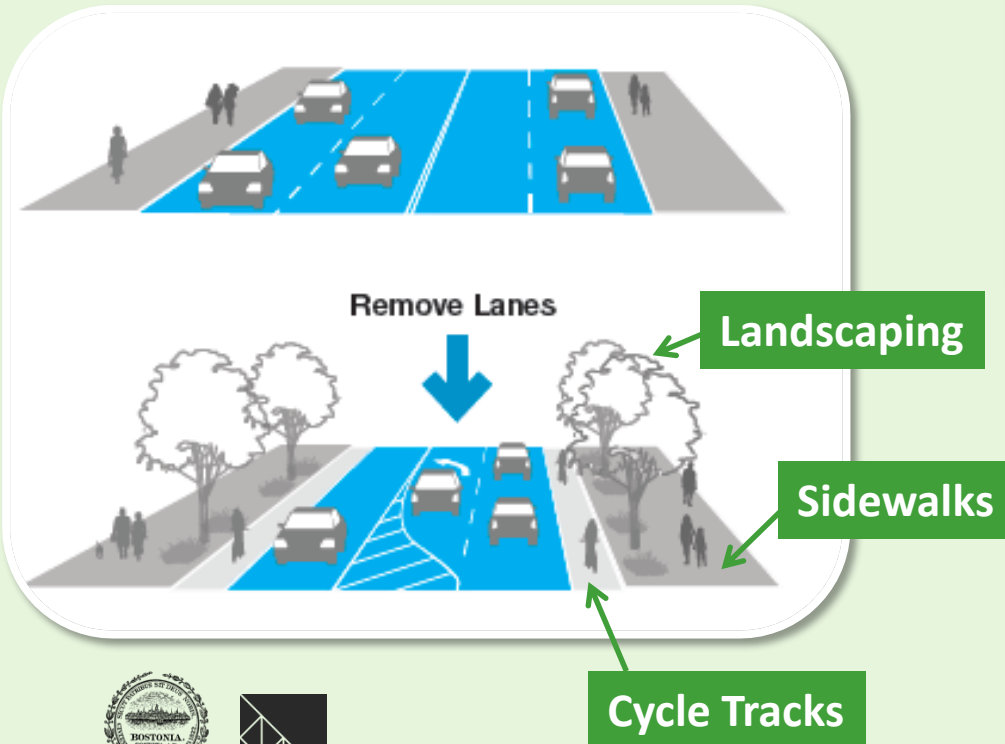


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# Common Design Elements

- Cycle Tracks
- Landscape Buffers
- Pedestrian Improvements
- Reduced Road Width



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# Roadway Segments



Match Line



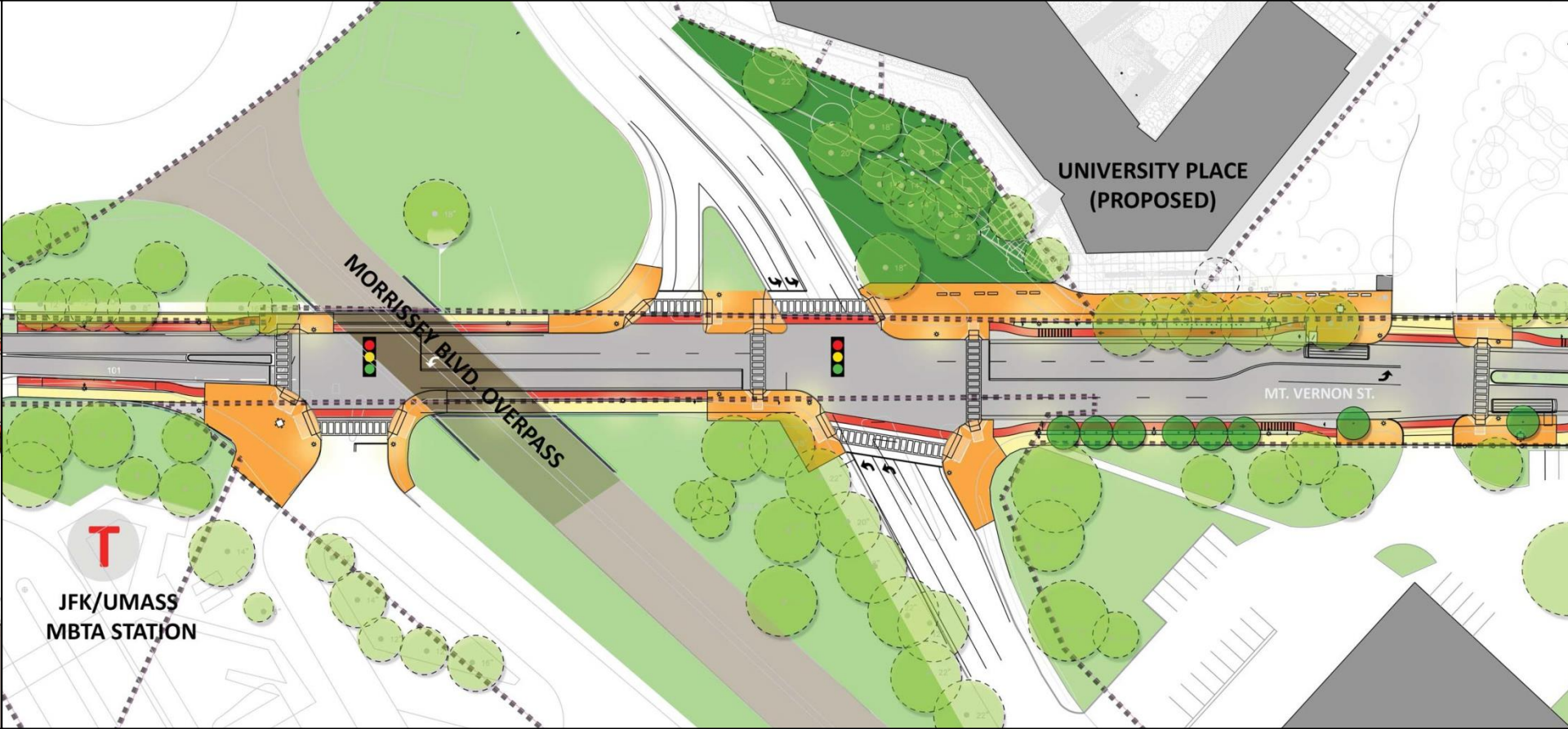
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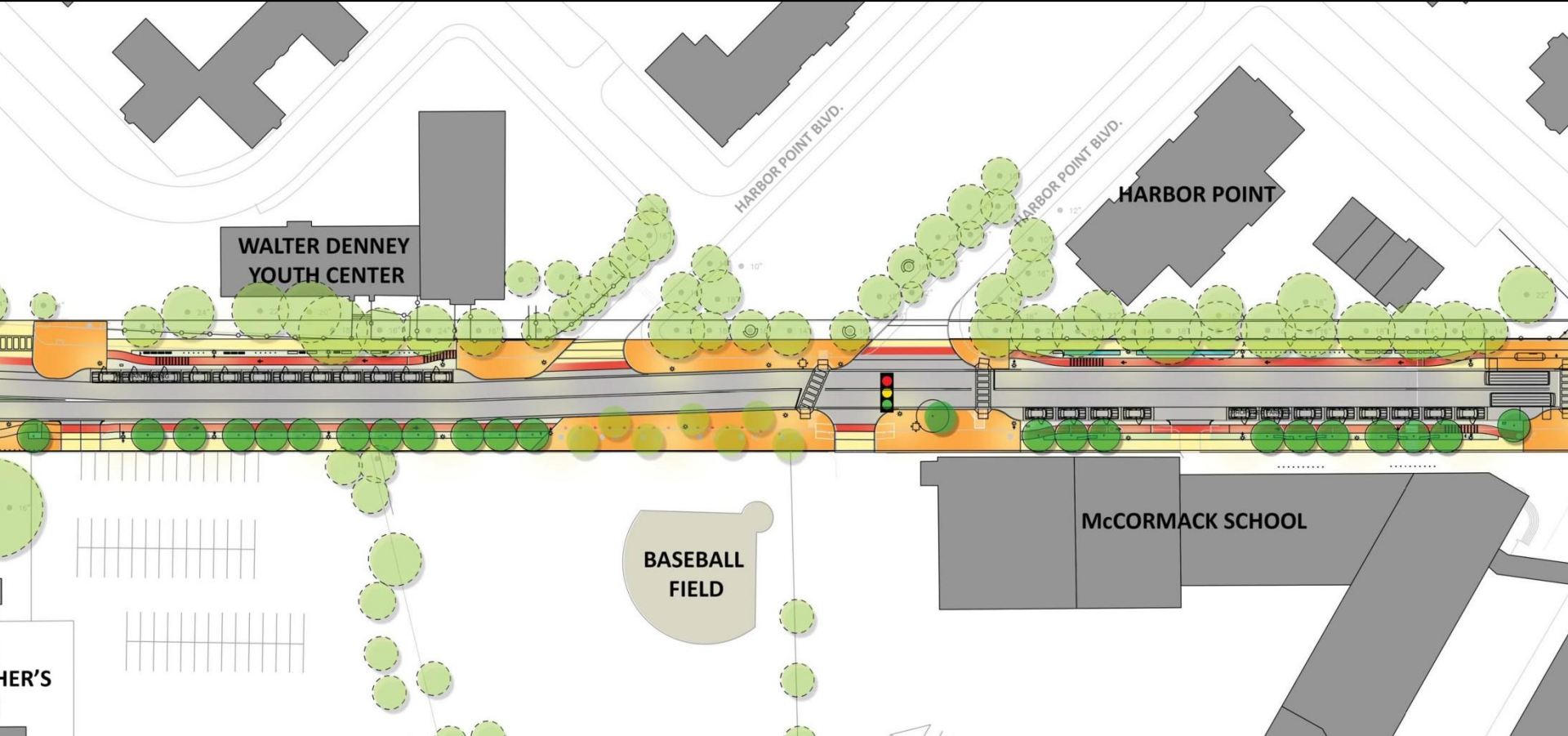
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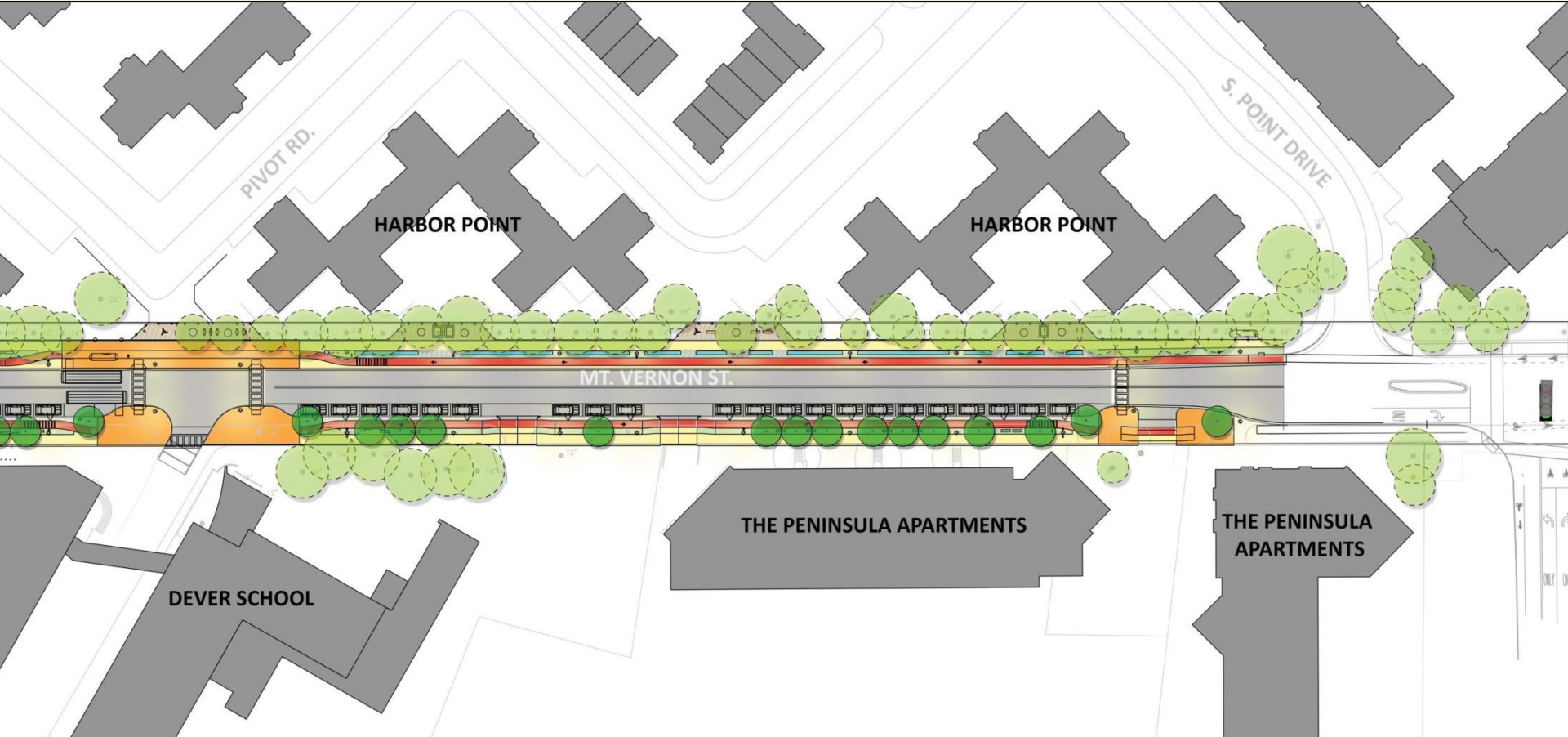
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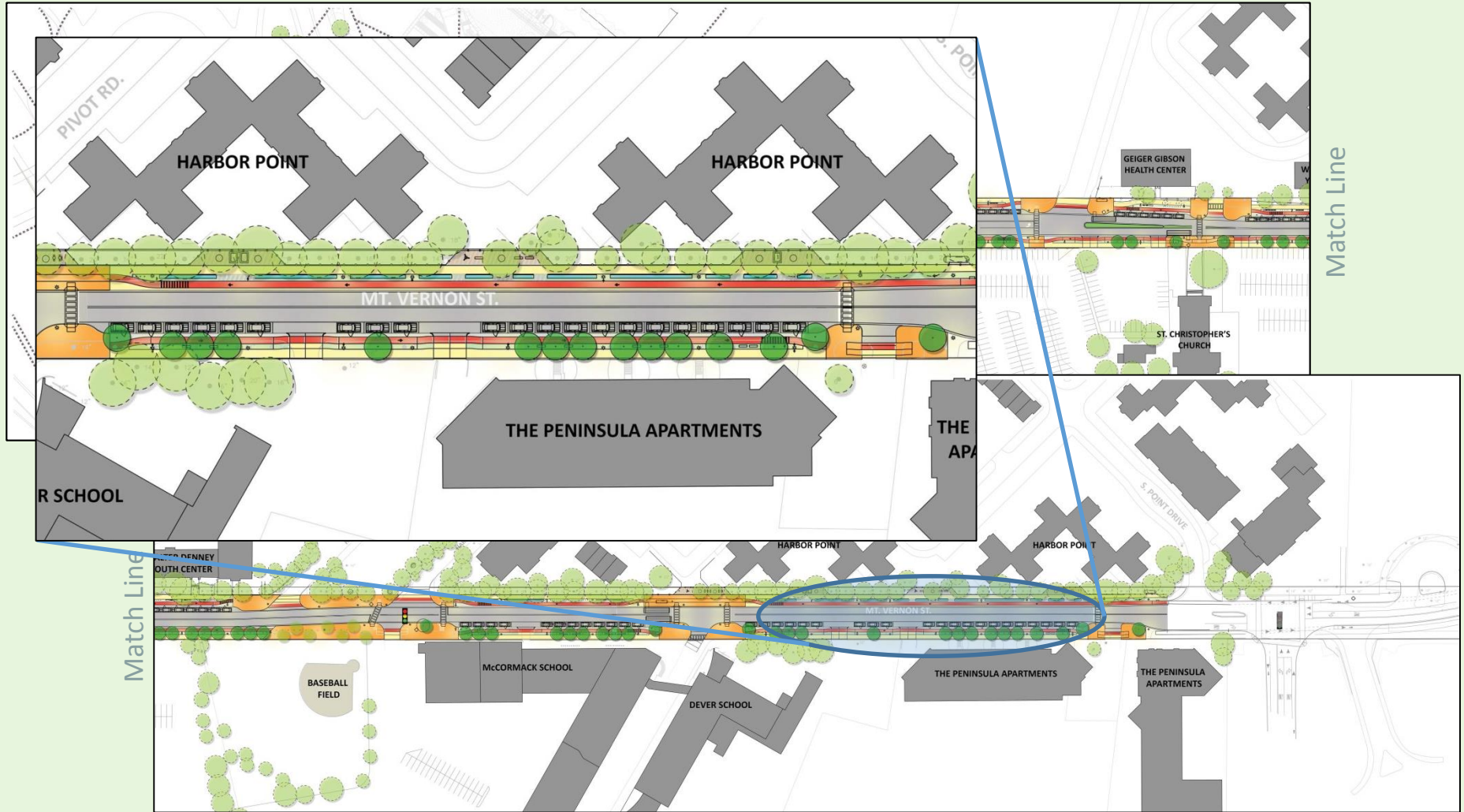


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# Cycle Tracks



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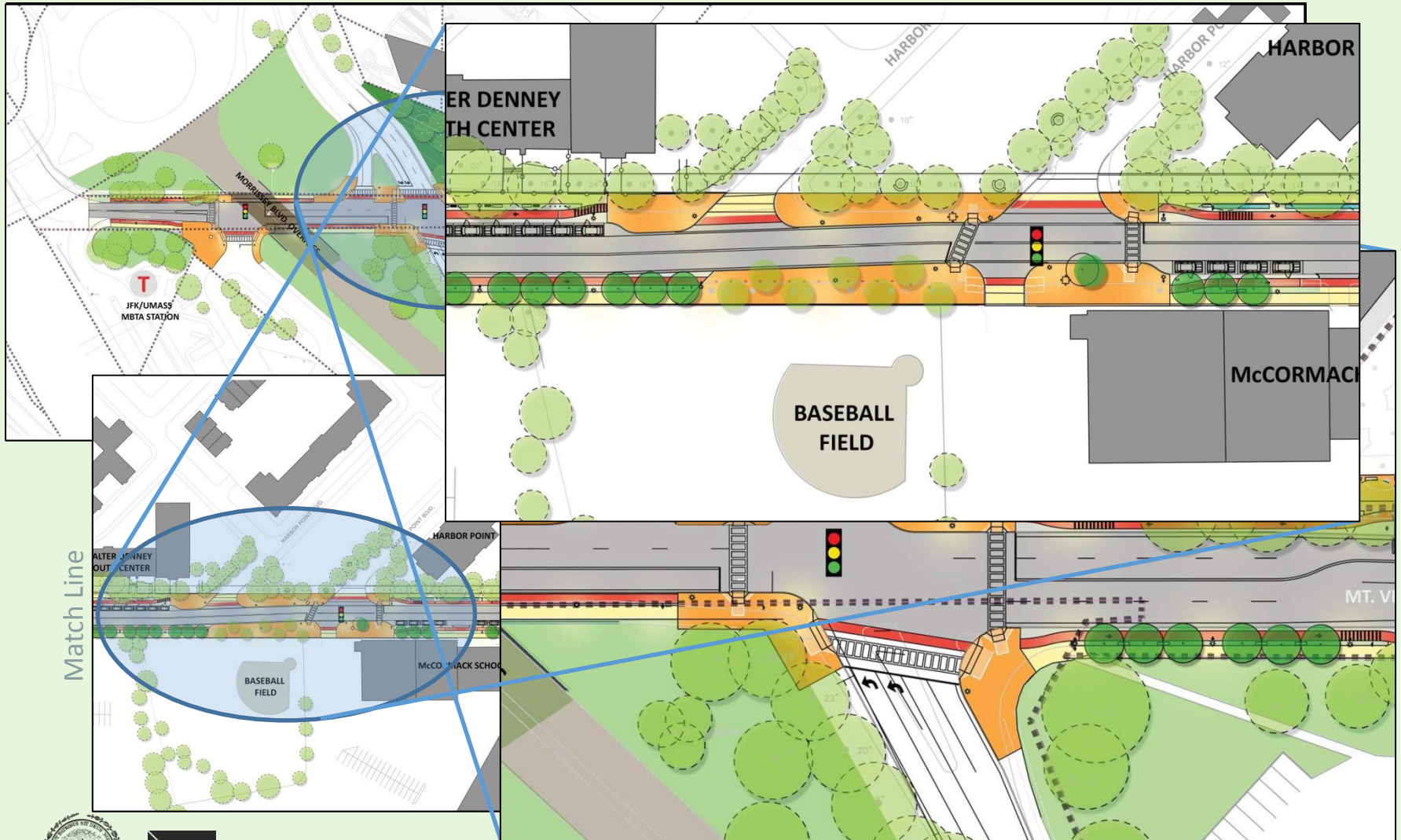
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# Mixing Zones



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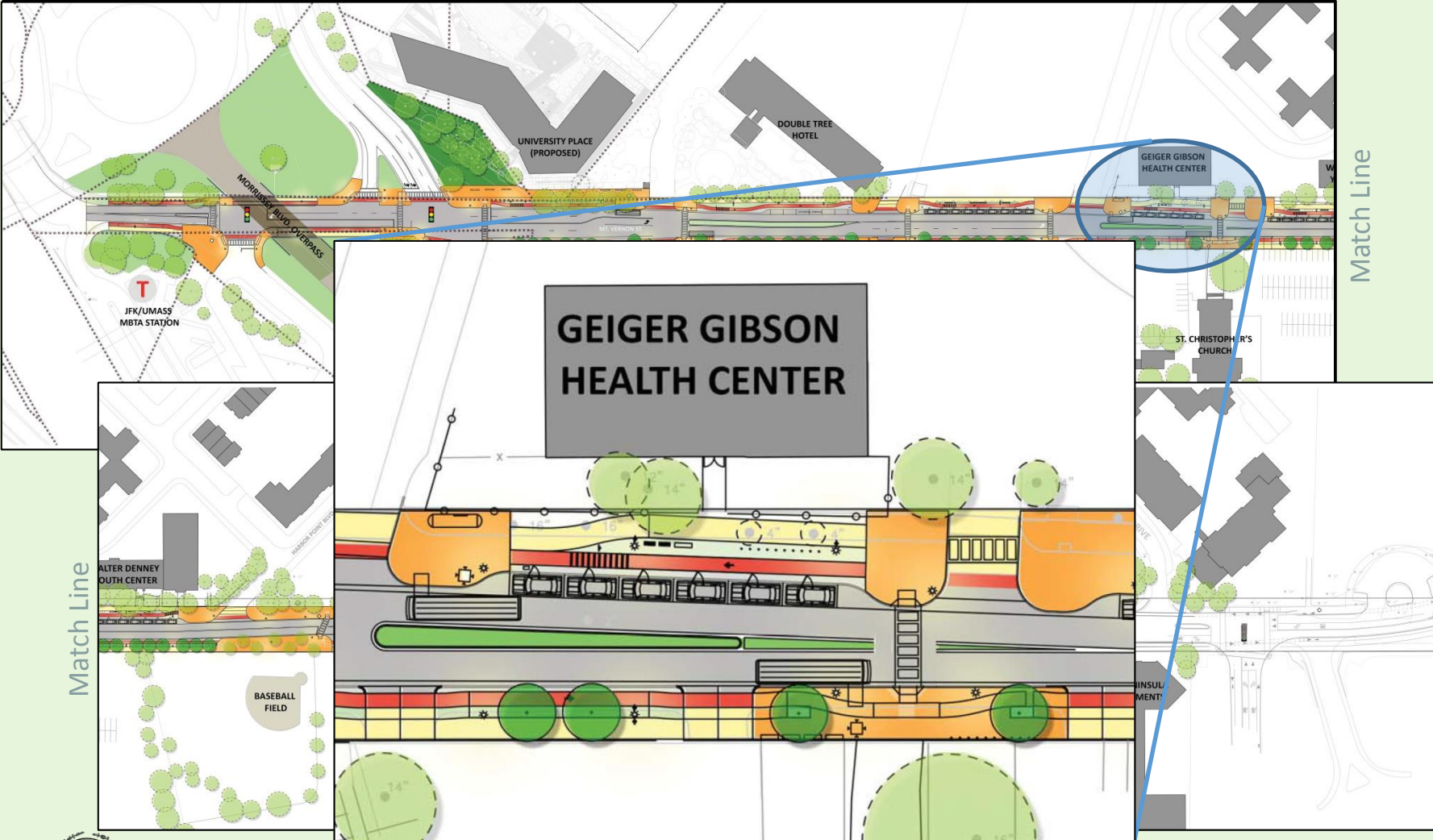
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# Enhanced Crosswalks



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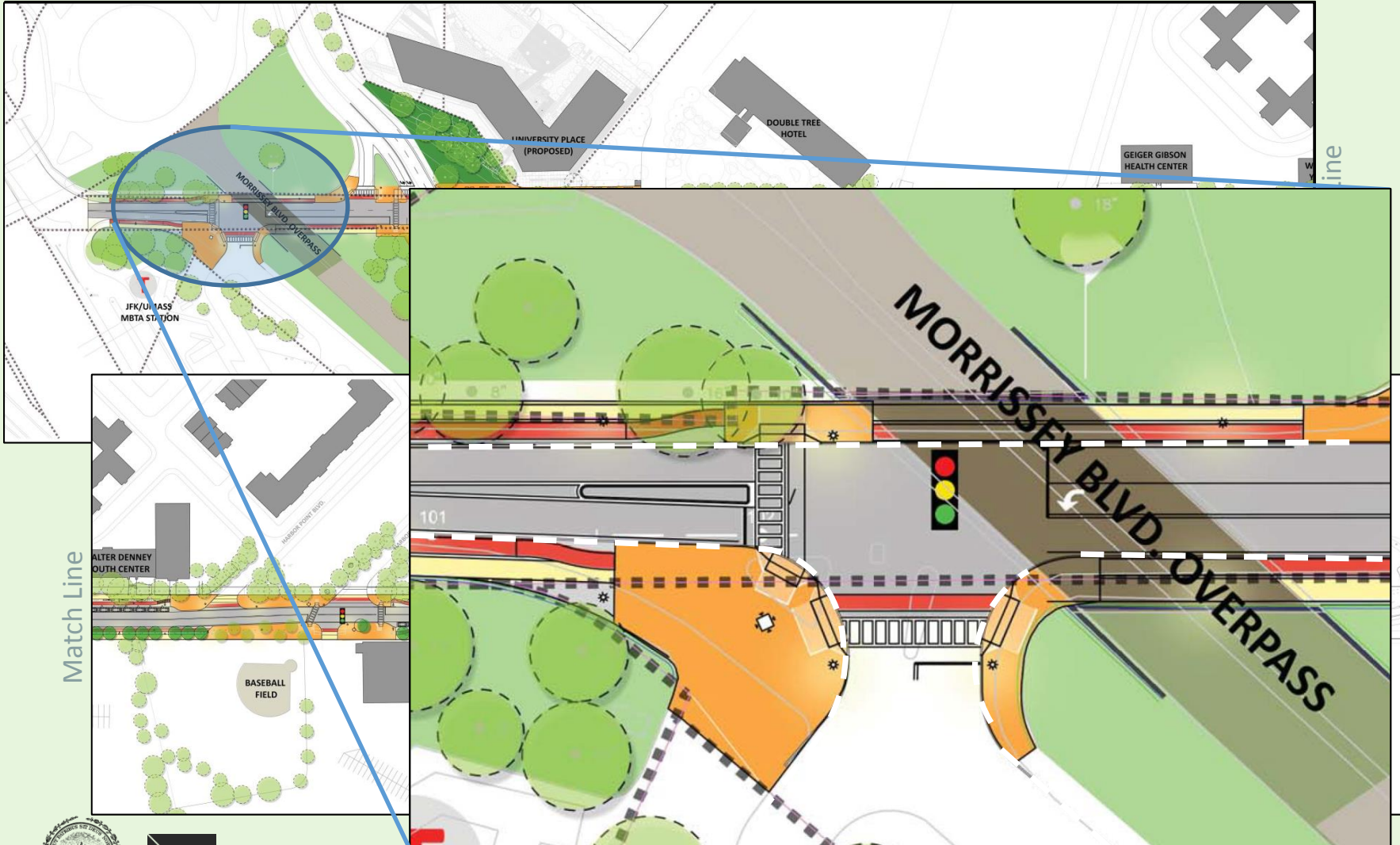
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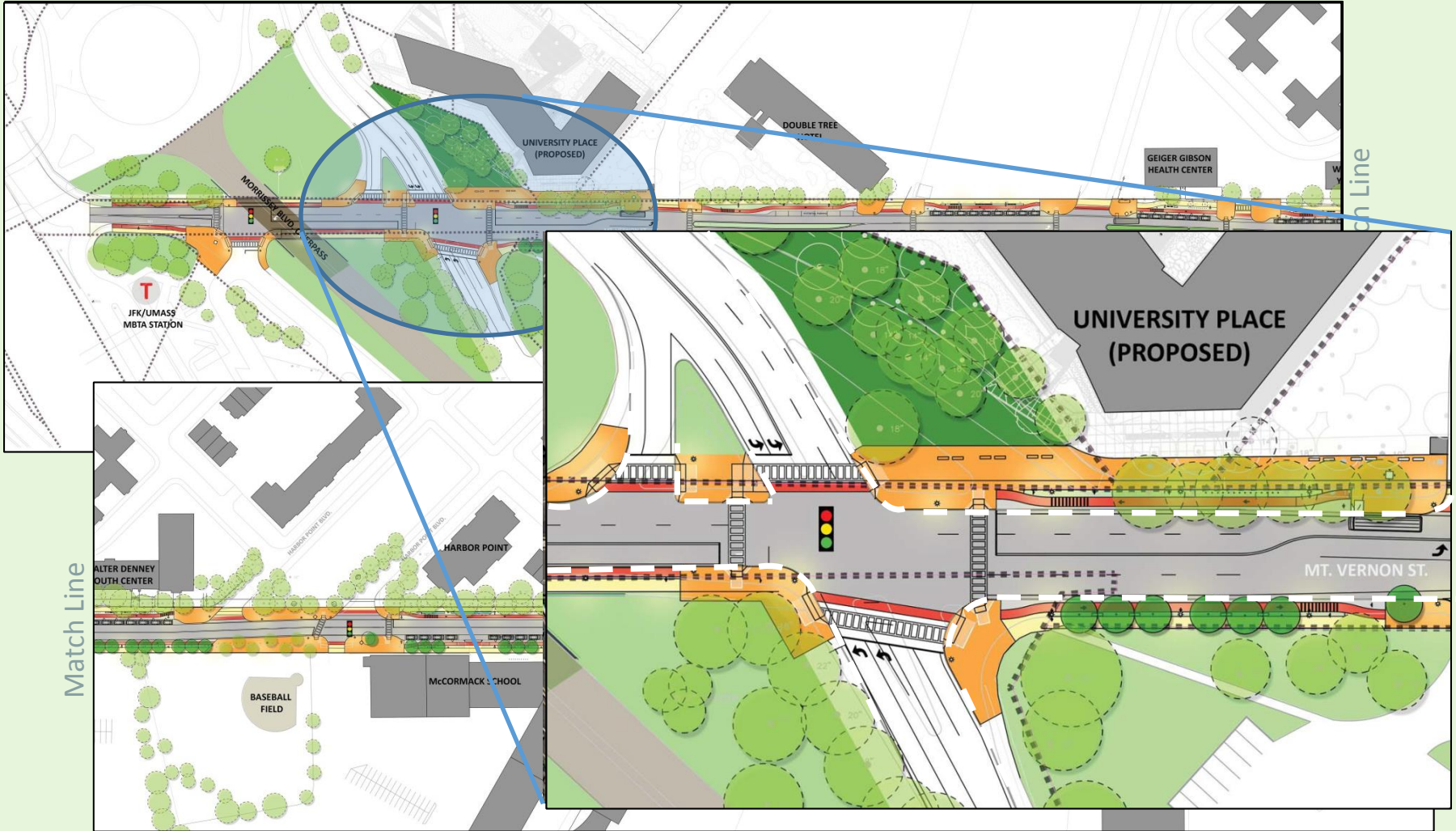
# Road Design: Right Turns



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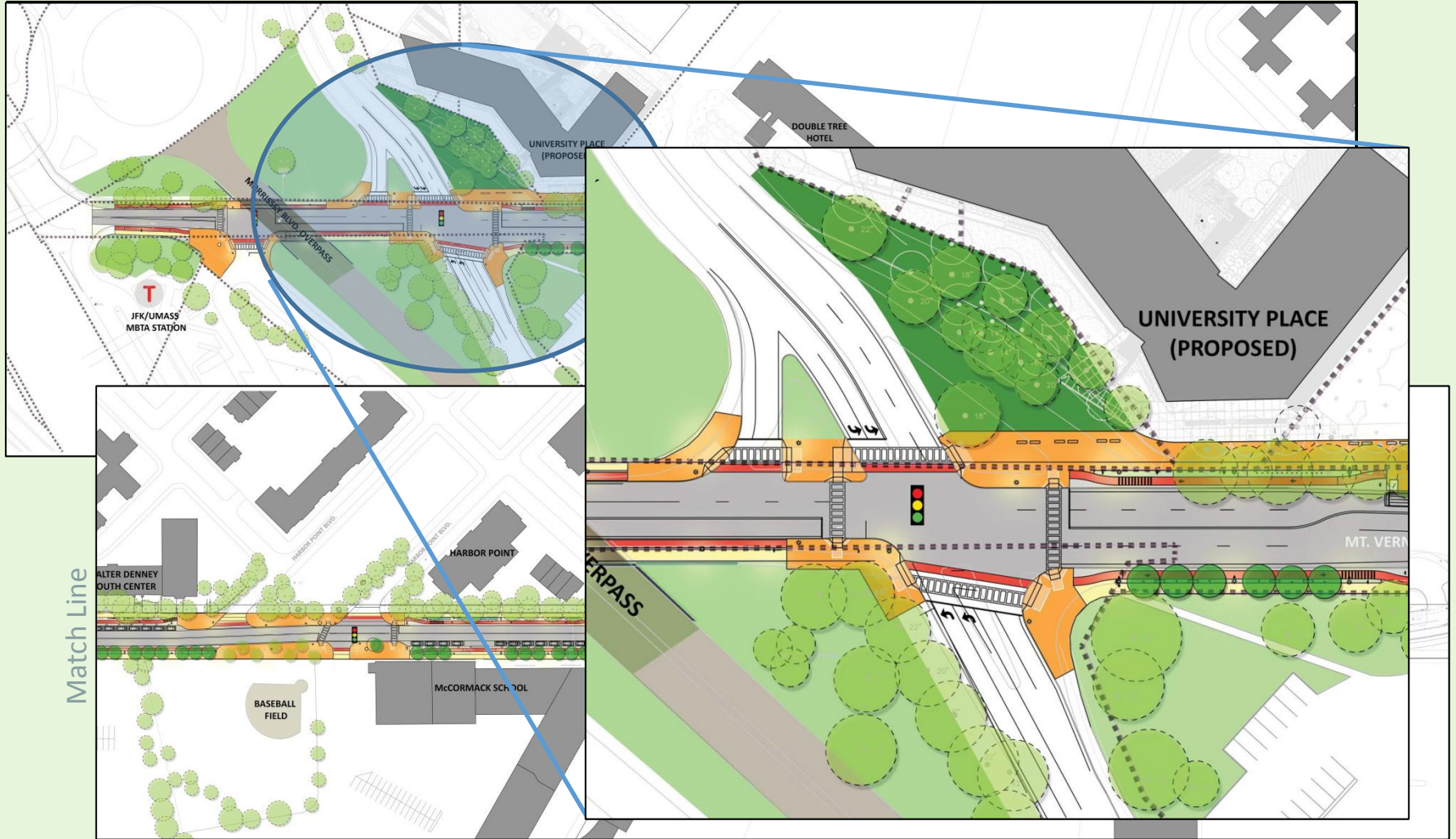


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# Gateway



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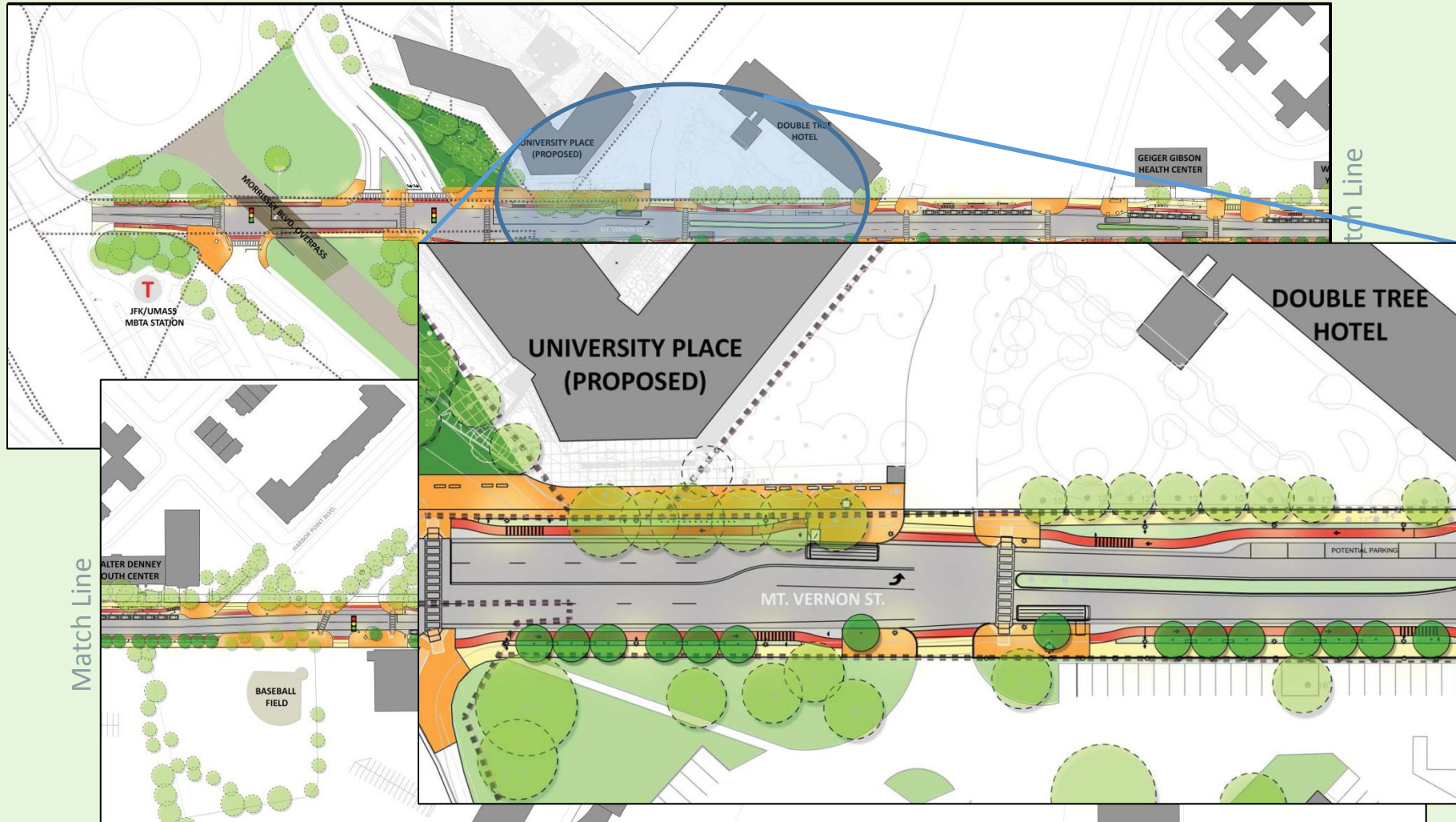
# Gateway Landscape



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# Linear Plaza



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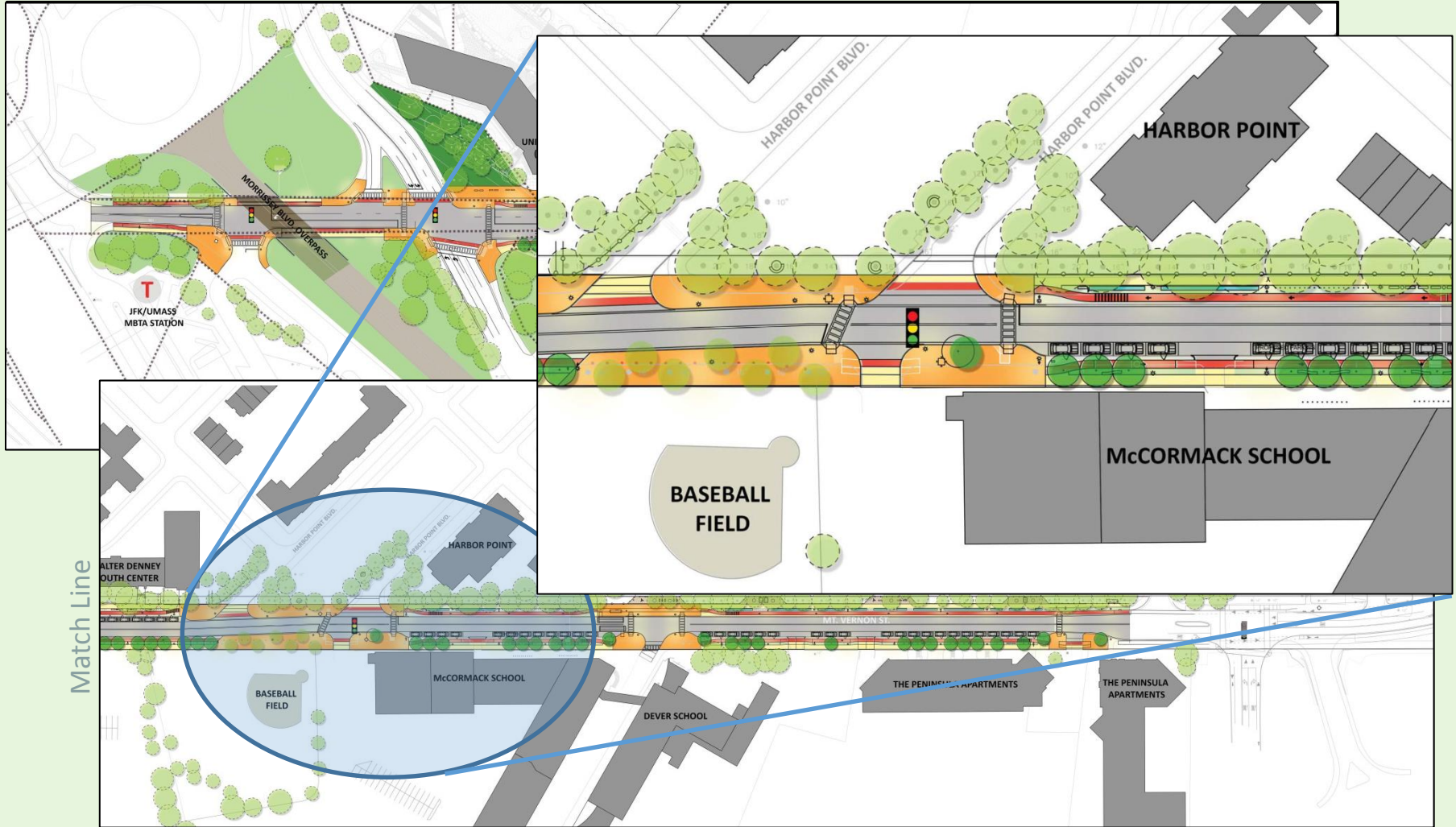


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# Linear Plaza



# Grove Area



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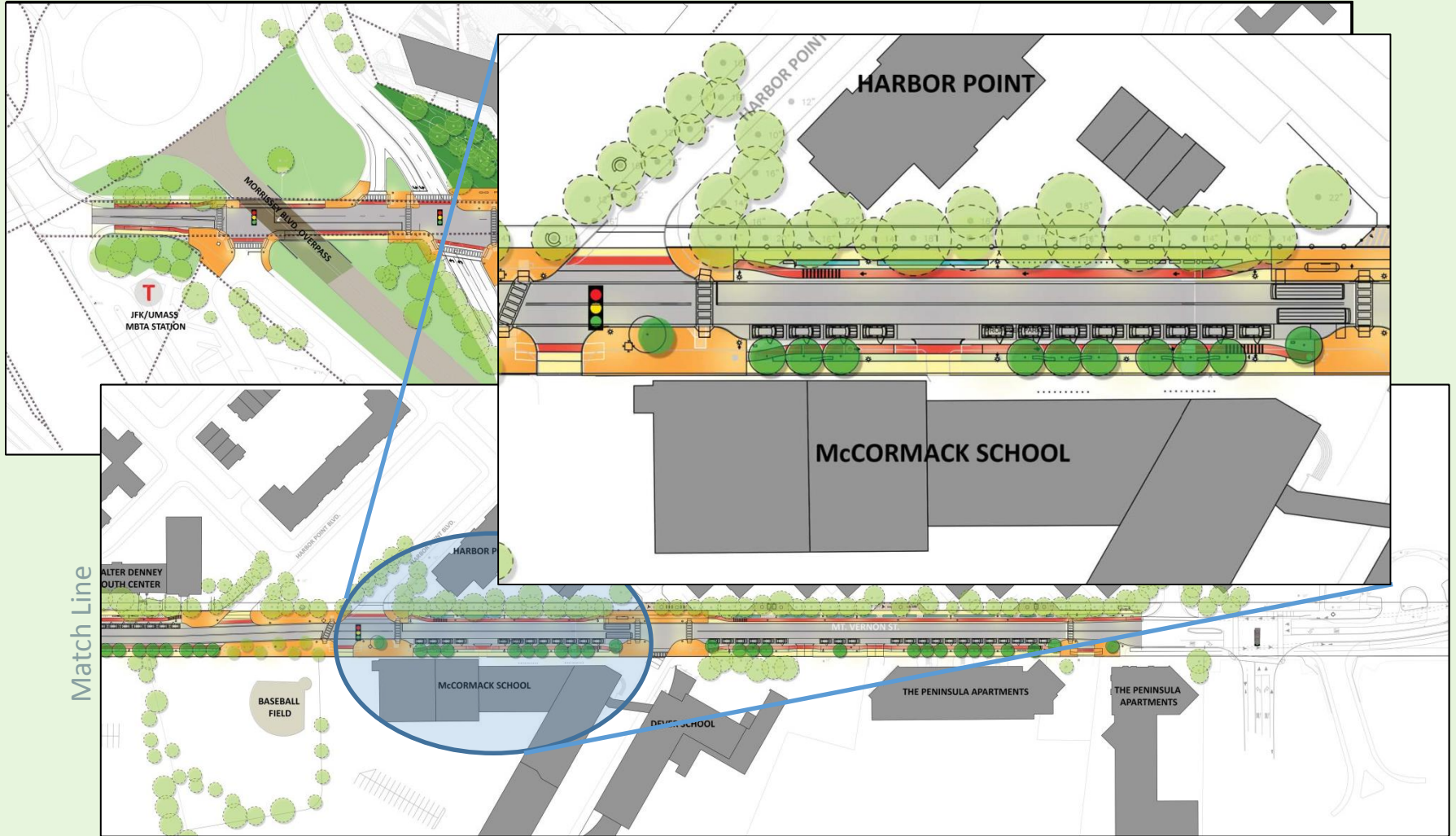
# Grove



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# School Area

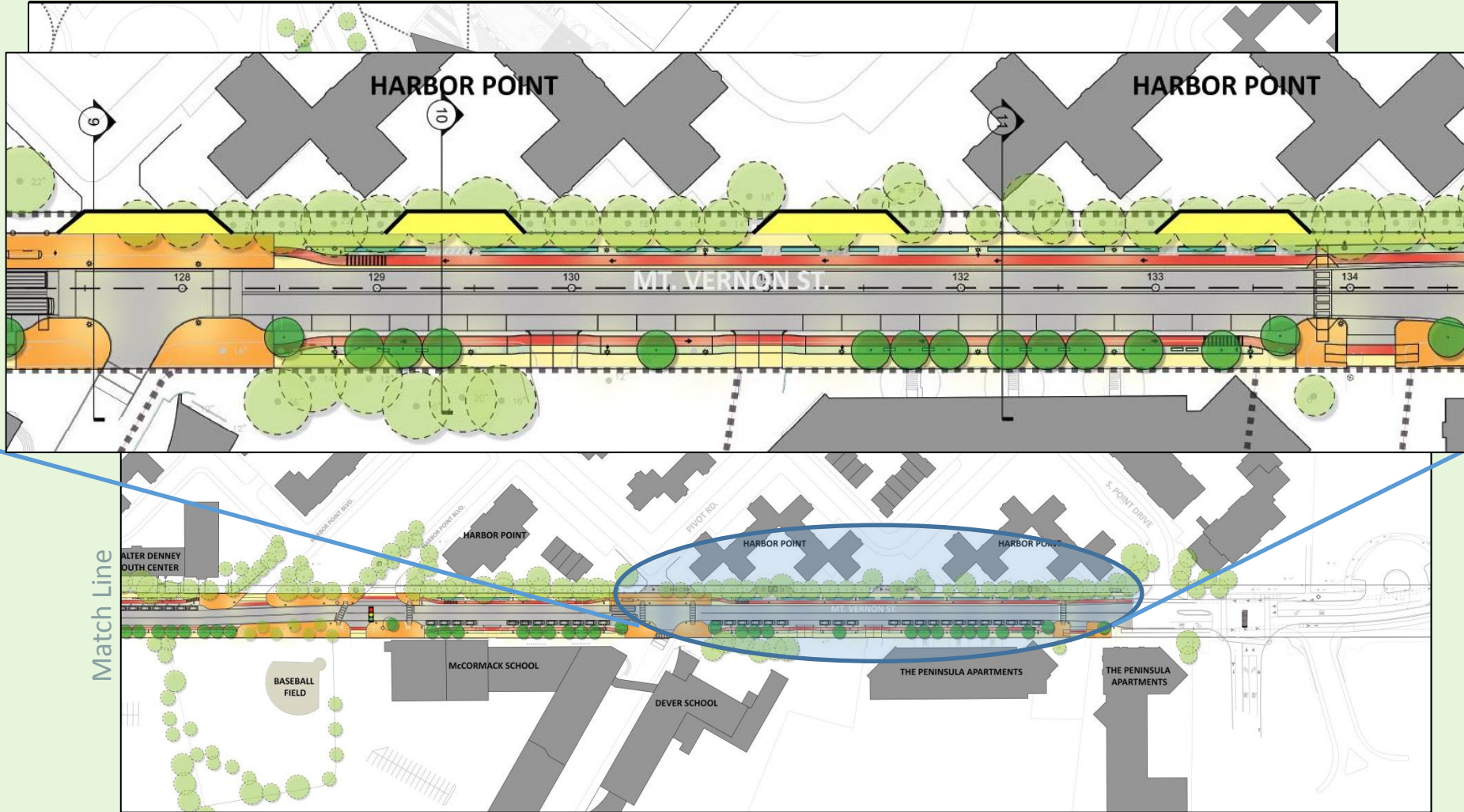


# School Entrance





# Alcoves



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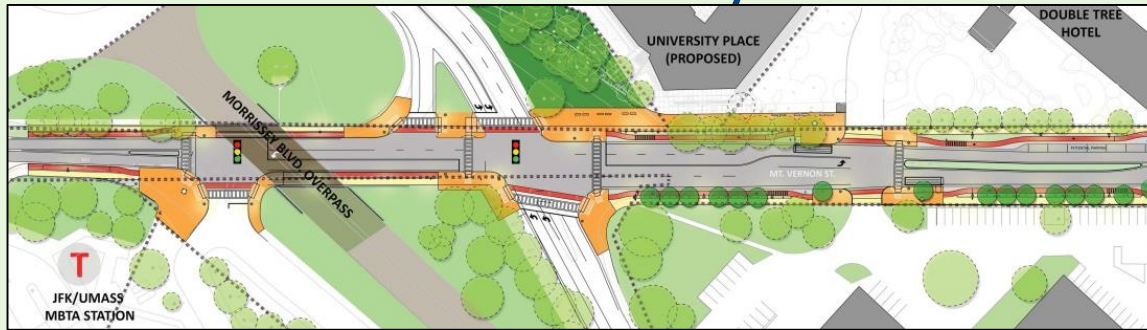


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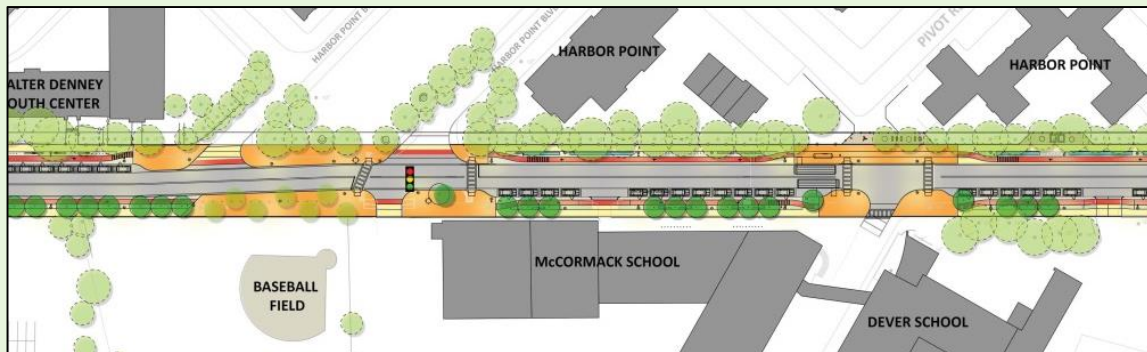


# Breakout Groups

## #1: Section I – DCR Roadway Section



## #2: Section II – Mid Roadway Section



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# Next Steps

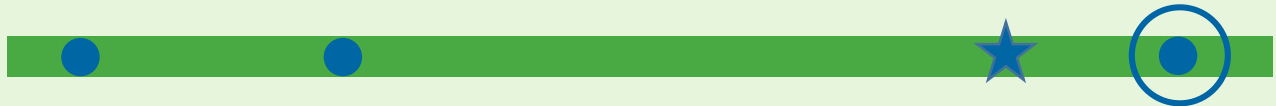
- Final 25% Design
- Final Community Meeting

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**25% Design**



**Community Involvement**



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