



Proposed Minuteman Bikeway
Extension
Along Railroad Avenue
August 4, 2014





Meeting Purpose

 Answer any questions on the Railroad Ave design options





Railroad Avenue – Current Conditions

- Right of Way (40 foot with 10 sidewalk easement on south side across from Highland Ave to curve)
- Current pavement width varies from 20 ft to 28 ft
- Trees
- Geometry at gravel parking area
- Utility poles, hydrants, etc.
- Drainage
- Property encroachments
- Driveways





Railroad Avenue - Current Conditions

- Local Roadway classification
- Traffic includes cars, trucks, buses, bikes
- Low traffic volumes collected in 6/2013, 10/2013, and 11/2013 (less than 4,000 vpd)







Cross Section Options presented at 9/25/13 meeting

- 6 ft sidewalks both sides
 2-10 ft travel lanes with 4 ft shoulders
- 2. 10 ft sidewalk (south side) w/ 6 ft sidewalk (north side)
 - 2-11 ft travel lanes and 4 ft shoulders
- 3. 10 ft off road shared use path (south side)5 ft buffer and 2 -12 ft travel lanes (no shldrs)





Additional Cross section option

- 4. Shift roadway to north layout line, 10 ft sidewalk on south edge, 4 ft shoulders, 10ft travel lanes
- 5. Input from MAPC Bicycle and Pedestrian program
- 6. Input from MassDOT Complete Streets Engineer

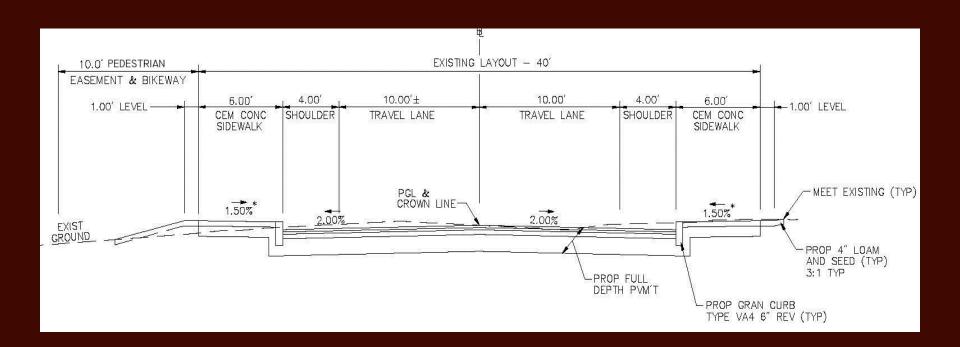








Option 1 Cross Section



Easement for 35% of project length















Option 2 Cross Section

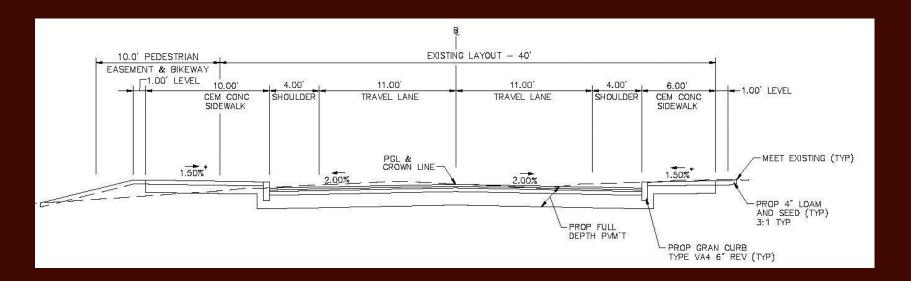
- Total width of road and sidewalk 46 ft
- Will require land takings along entire road
- Tree impacts are higher than option 1
- Full depth roadway and stormwater reconstruction







Option 2 Cross Section



Easement for 35% of project length





Option 3 Cross Section

- Total width of road and sidewalks 45 ft (w/ 3 ft clear zone)
- Share the road symbols on 12 ft lanes
- Will require land takings along entire road within project limits
- Tree impacts are higher than option 1
- Full depth roadway and stormwater reconstruction

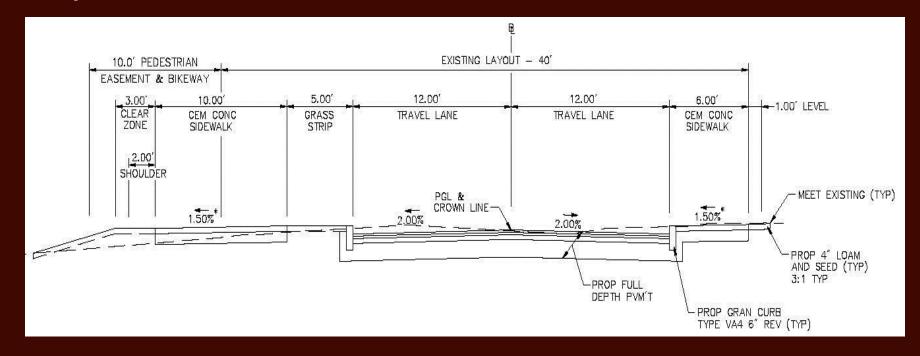








Option 3 Cross Section







Option 4 Cross Section

- Total width of roadway 38 ft
- 4 ft shoulders
- Remove all trees on north side of roadway
- No land takings
- Full depth roadway construction and drainage upgrades
- Impacts Railroad Ave geometry with South Rd and Loomis St.

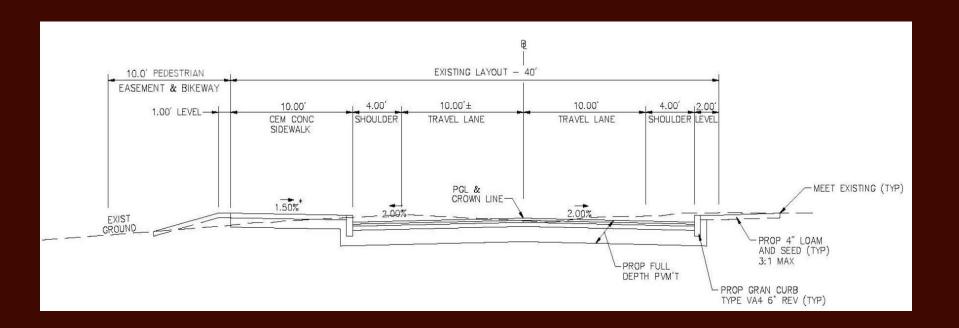








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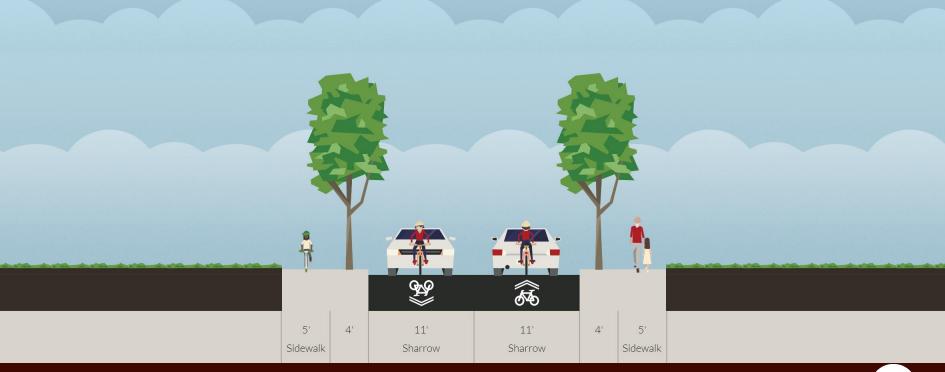


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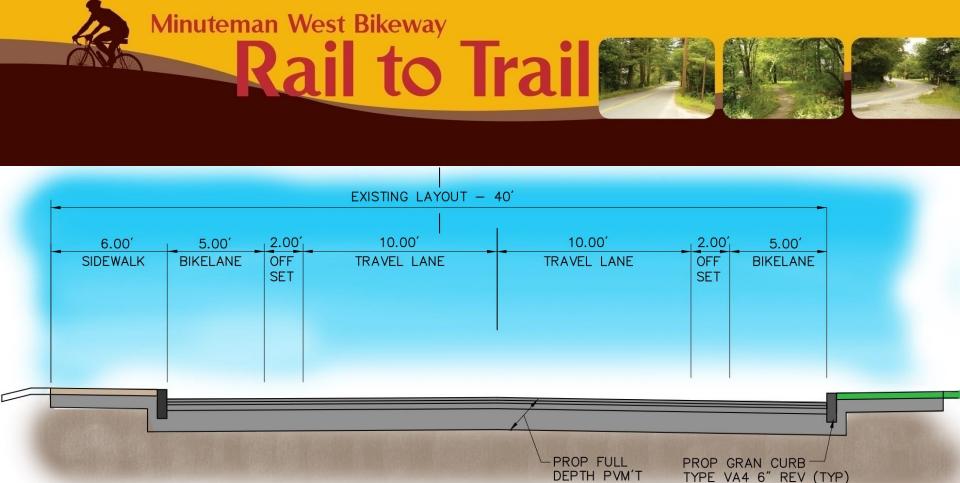




Railroad Ave - Residential Section





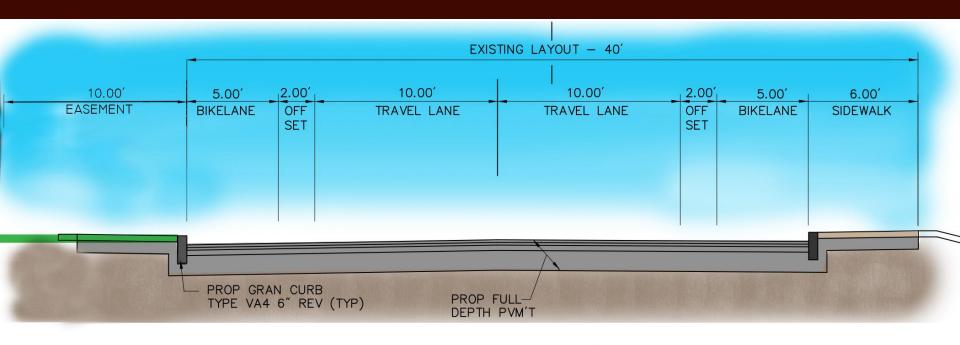


SOUTH ROAD TO HIGHLAND AVE

From MassDOT Complete Streets Engineer







HIGHLAND AVE TO BIKEPATH PARKING

From MassDOT Complete Streets Engineer





Questions and Comments



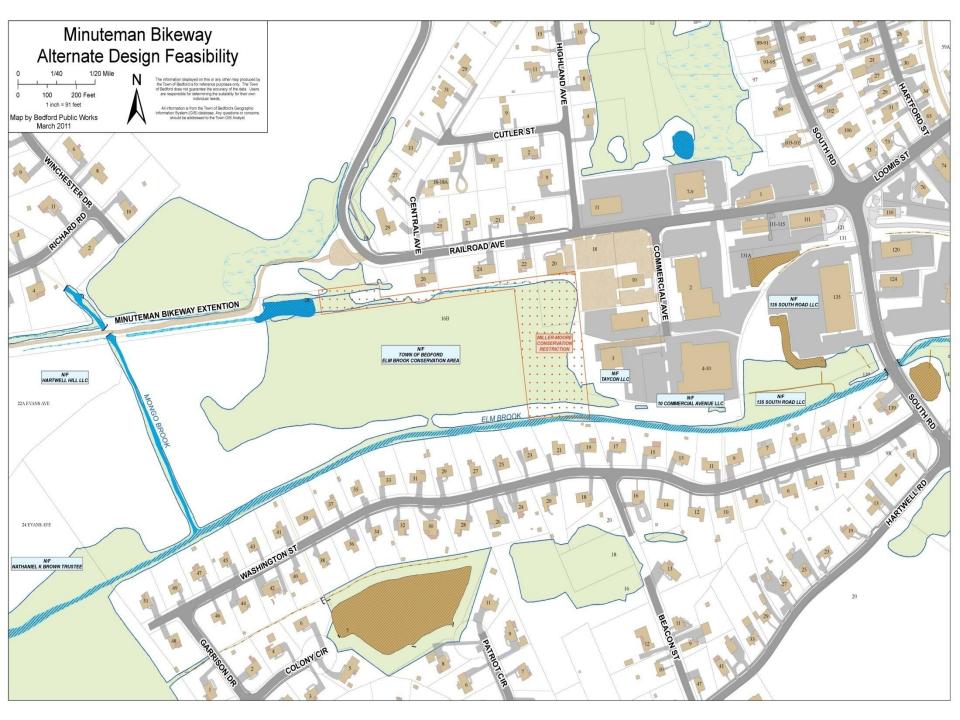


Elm Brook Alternative Option

Issues to be considered:

- Path cross section and surface material consistency
- South Road crossing options
- Wetland Impacts (greater than 5,000 sf)
- Elm Brook Flood Plain Impacts
- Miller Moore Conservation Restriction
- Elm Brook Conservation Area
- Land Takings
- Potential mitigation requirements
- Funding eligibility
- Design/permitting and land taking schedule





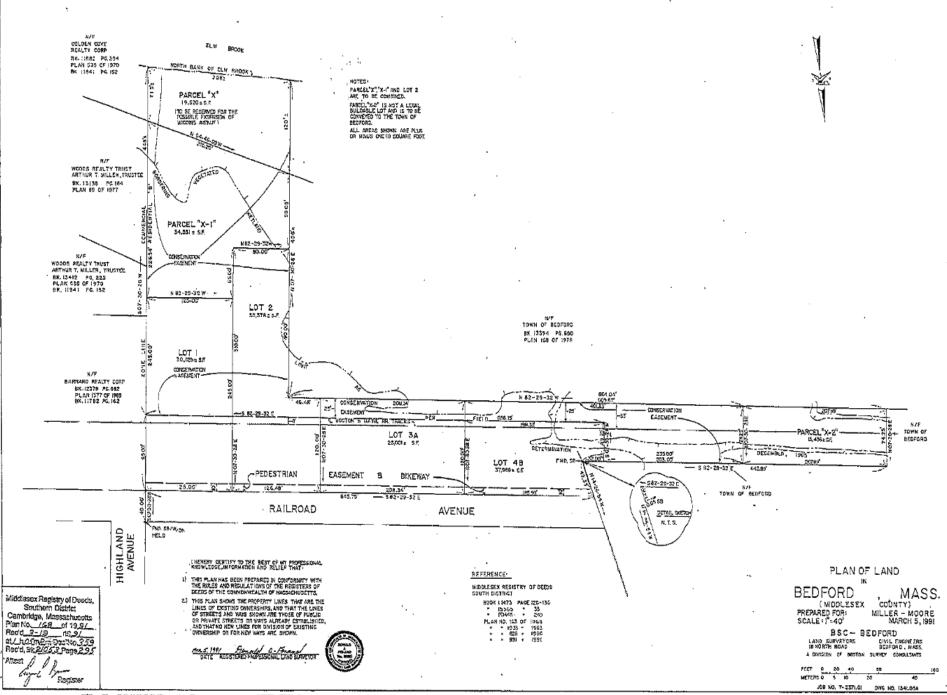


Moore and Miller Pedestrian Easement on Rail Road Ave

A strip of land 10' wide and parallel to and contiguous with the south sideline of Railroad Avenue, as shown on the aforementioned plan, running from the easterly sideline of Lot 1 along Railroad Avenue, to the west sideline of Lot 4B to the land of the Town of Bedford.

(Back of easement about 15 ft from current edge of pavement, 640 ft long – about 35% of project length)





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