

Lowell Safe Streets For All

Public Meeting

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City of Lowell

**ONE STREET,
MANY LIVES.**



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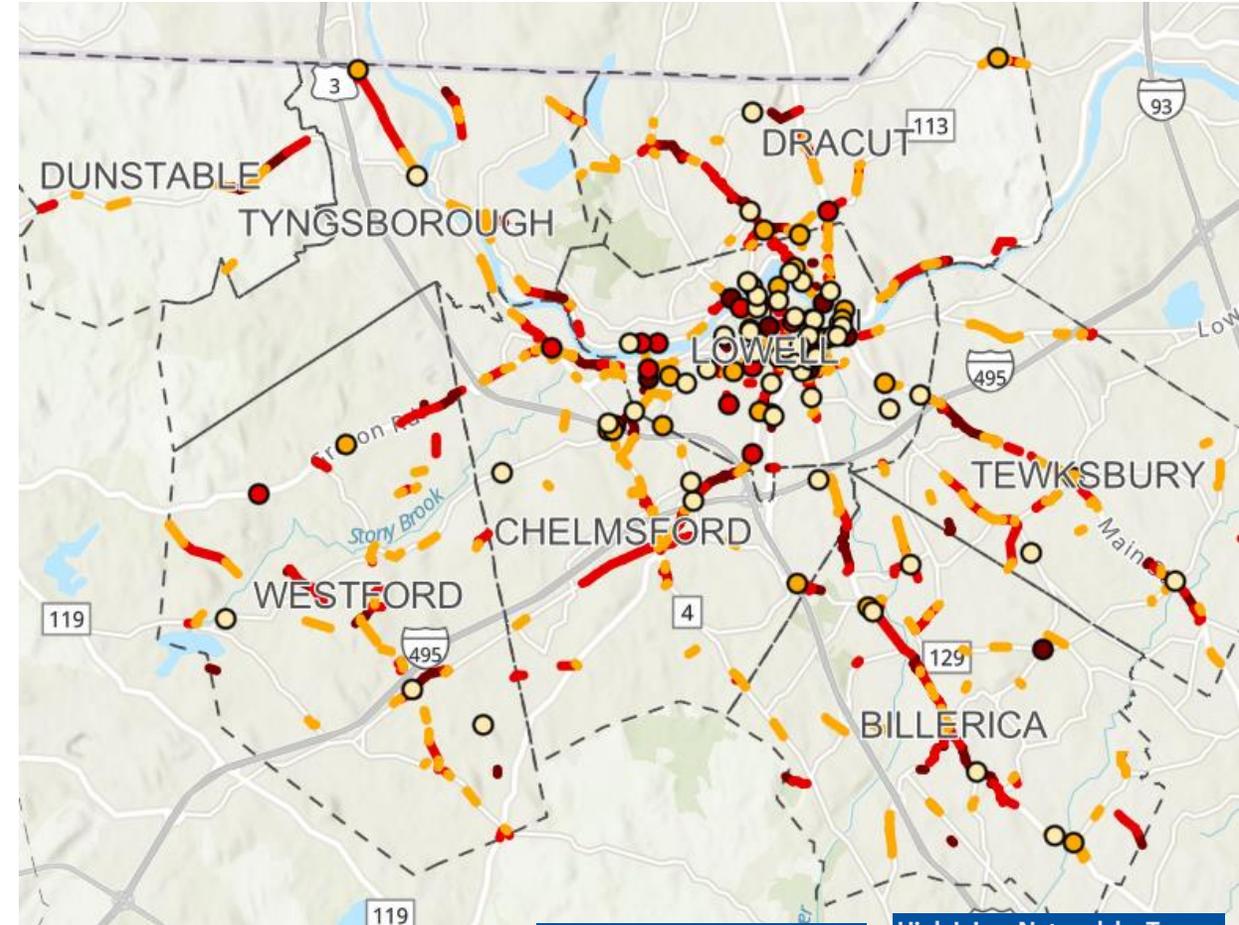


Agenda

1. Introductions and Project Background
2. What we heard during engagement
3. Project Updates
4. Community Feedback session

Project Background

- Greater Lowell Vision Zero Action Plan (2024)
 - prioritize future safety efforts in pursuit of Vision Zero – no roadway-related deaths or serious injuries by 2050
 - Lowell has the region’s most dangerous roadways and intersections
- Lowell Forward Mobility Goals
- City of Lowell received “Safe Streets For All” (SS4A) grant to implement safety measures in a targeted way within three neighborhoods



High Injury Intersections

- Top 10 Intersections
- Top 25 Intersections
- Top 50 Intersections
- Top 100 Intersections

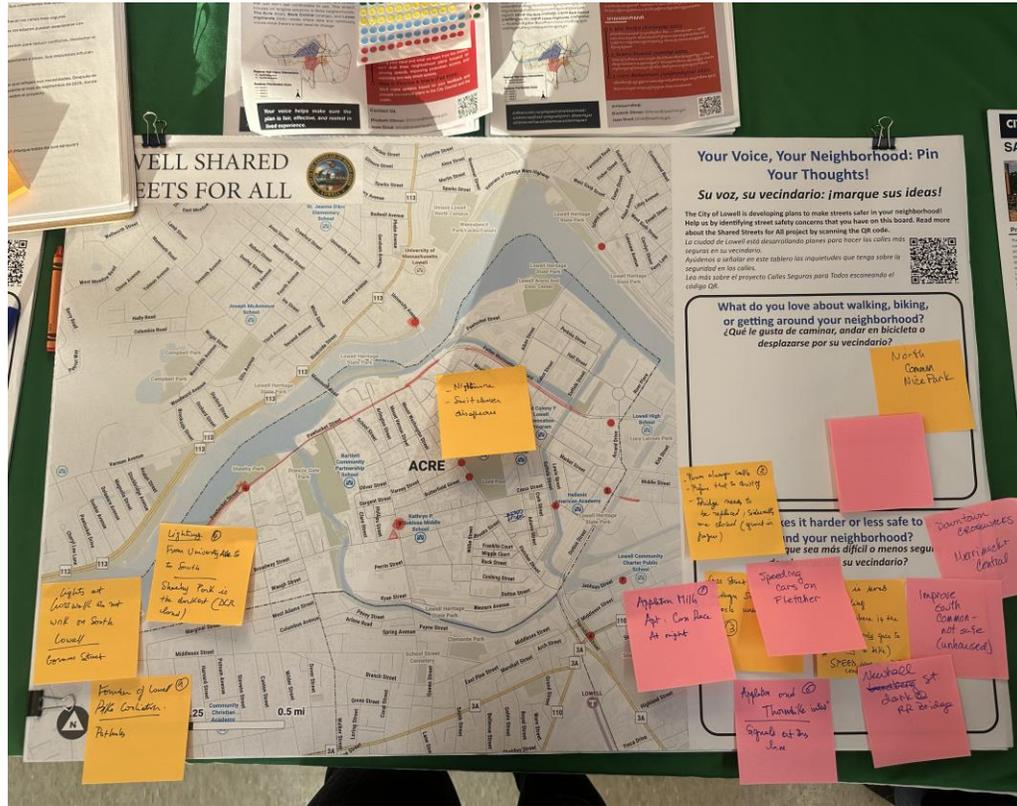
High Injury Network by Town

- Top 1% of Roadway Miles Per Town
- Top 3% of Roadway Miles Per Town
- Top 5% of Roadway Miles Per Town

WHAT WE HEARD

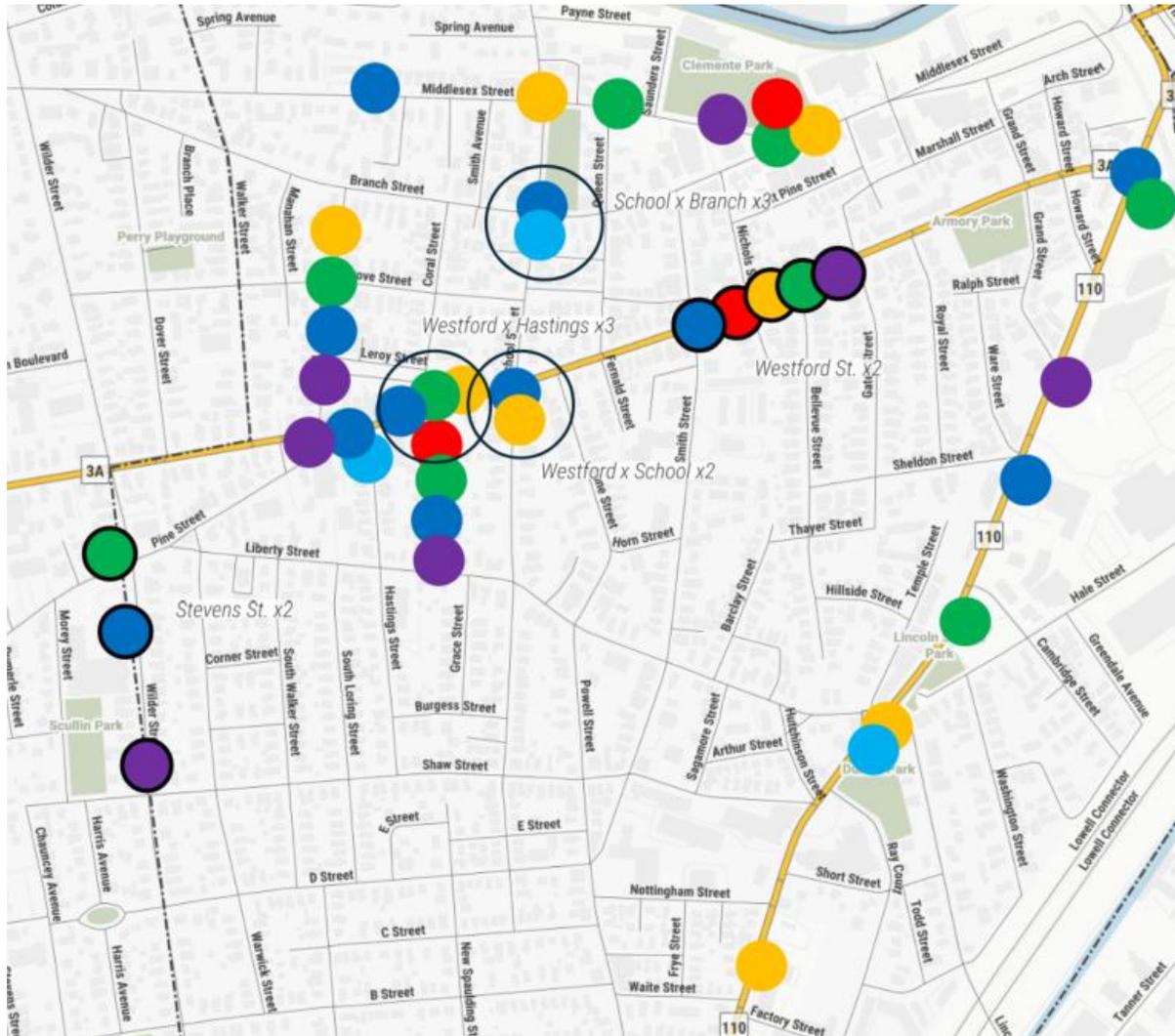
Spring 2025 Public Engagement

Neighborhood Outreach



- In-Person 'Pop-Up' Events:
 - Khmer New Year Festival
 - CHOP Dinner (the Acre)
 - Back Central Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting
- Online Survey
- Identify areas of concern regarding pedestrian safety

What We Heard: Lower Highlands



Key concerns mentioned

- Pedestrian safety
- Speeding
- Poor sightlines
- Lighting

Key streets mentioned

- Chelmsford Street
- Westford Street
- Middlesex Street
- School Street

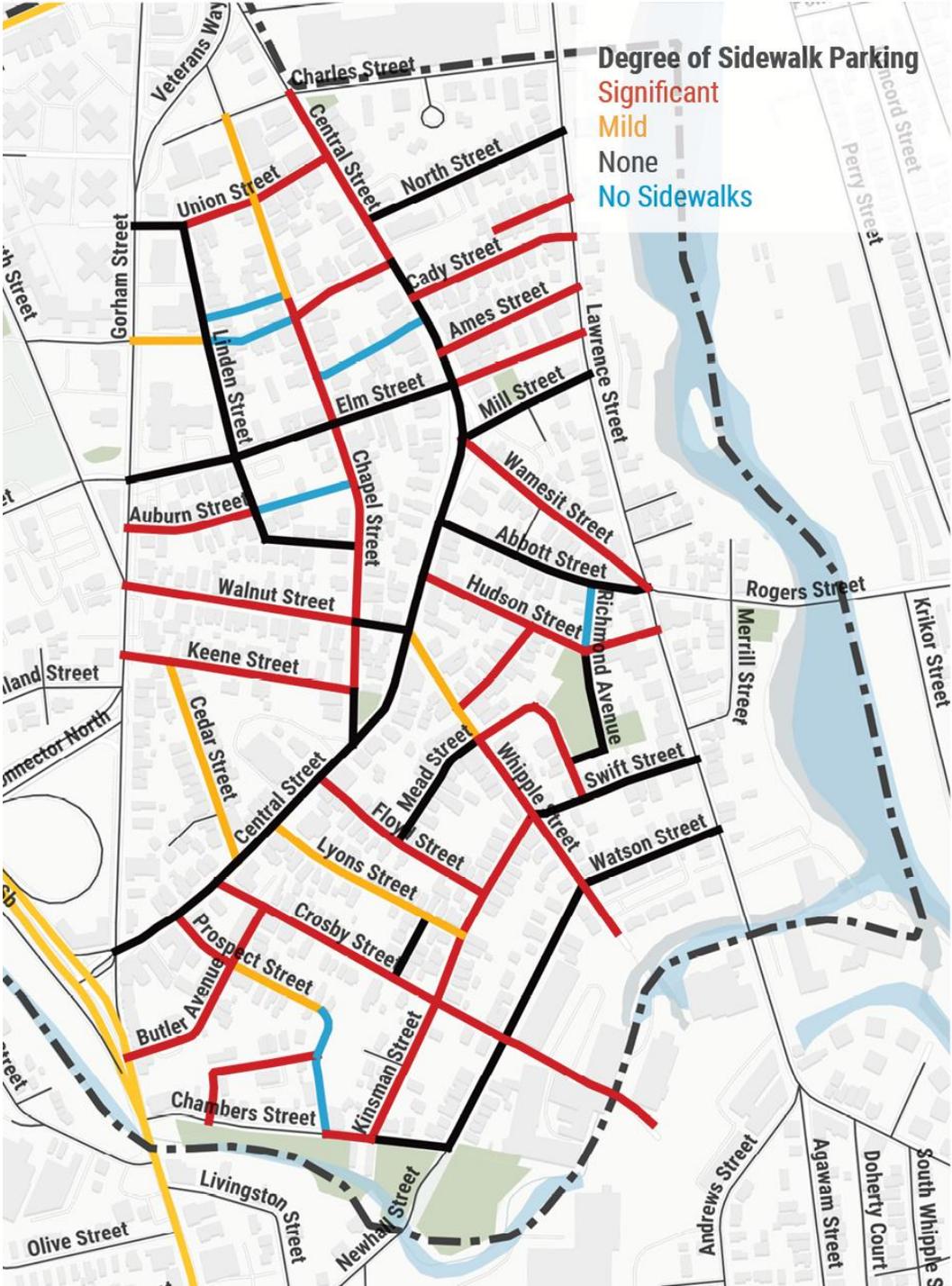
Safe Streets for All Draft Concepts

One-way Street Plan for Back Central

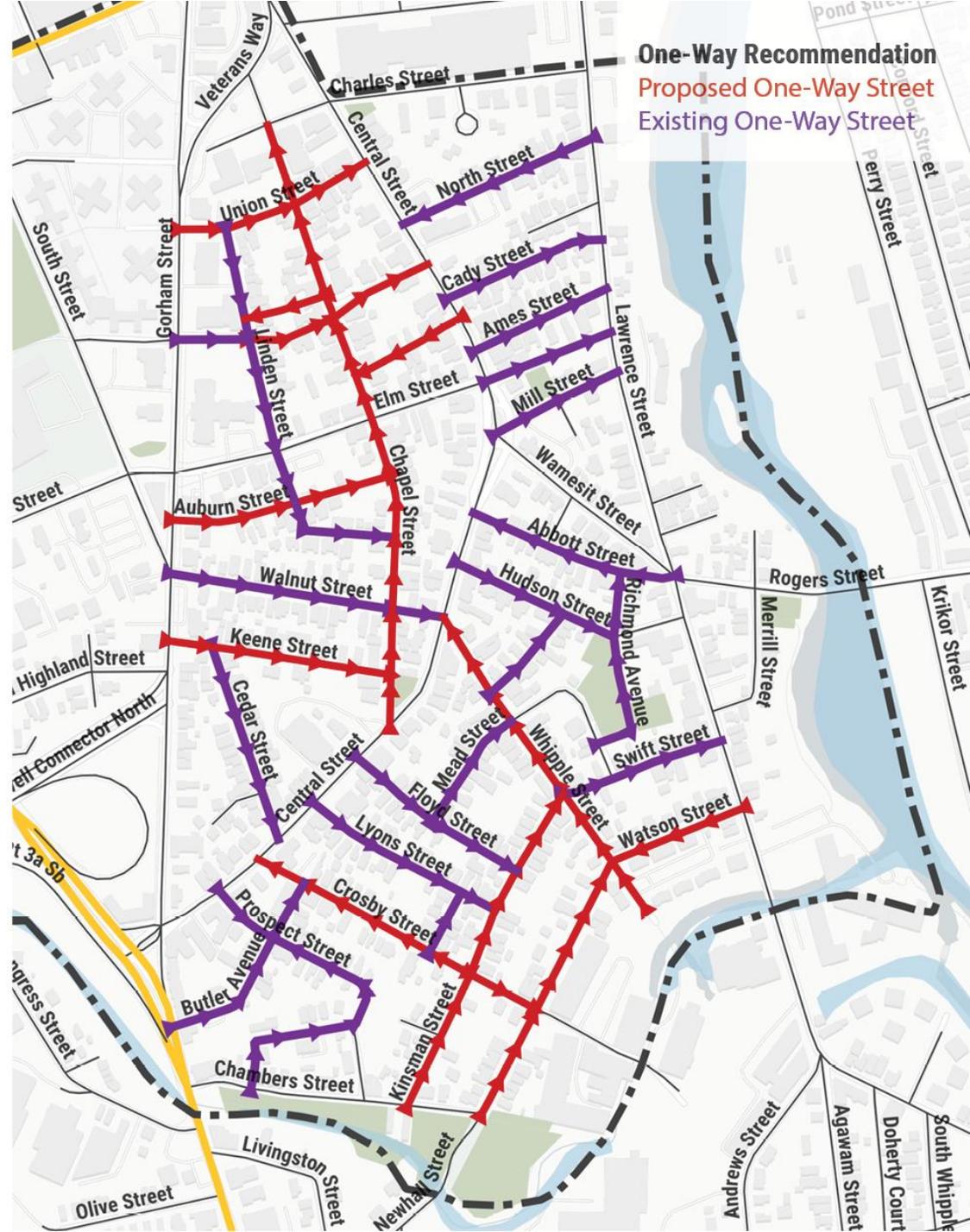


- What we heard: Lots of sidewalk parking and inaccessible sidewalks across the neighborhood
- Proposed plan for converting some streets to one-way to reduce parking on sidewalks

Existing Sidewalk Parking Conditions



Draft One-Way Street Plan



Slower and Safer Streets

- What we heard: Primary concerns with pedestrian safety/infrastructure, poor sightlines, speeding across all neighborhoods
- Two approaches to address these safety issues
 1. **Pedestrian safety projects** at intersection level throughout network
 2. **Projects that reduce speeding** along priority streets

Slower and Safer Streets



Pedestrian Safety Toolkit

Curb Extensions



Daylighting



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons



Benefit: increases visibility of pedestrians and drivers

Pedestrian Safety Toolkit

Accessible Crosswalks



Raised Intersections + Crosswalks



Pedestrian Crossing Islands



Benefit: provides a safer and more comfortable crossing experience, and reduces speeding

Pedestrian Safety Toolkit

Intersection Realignment



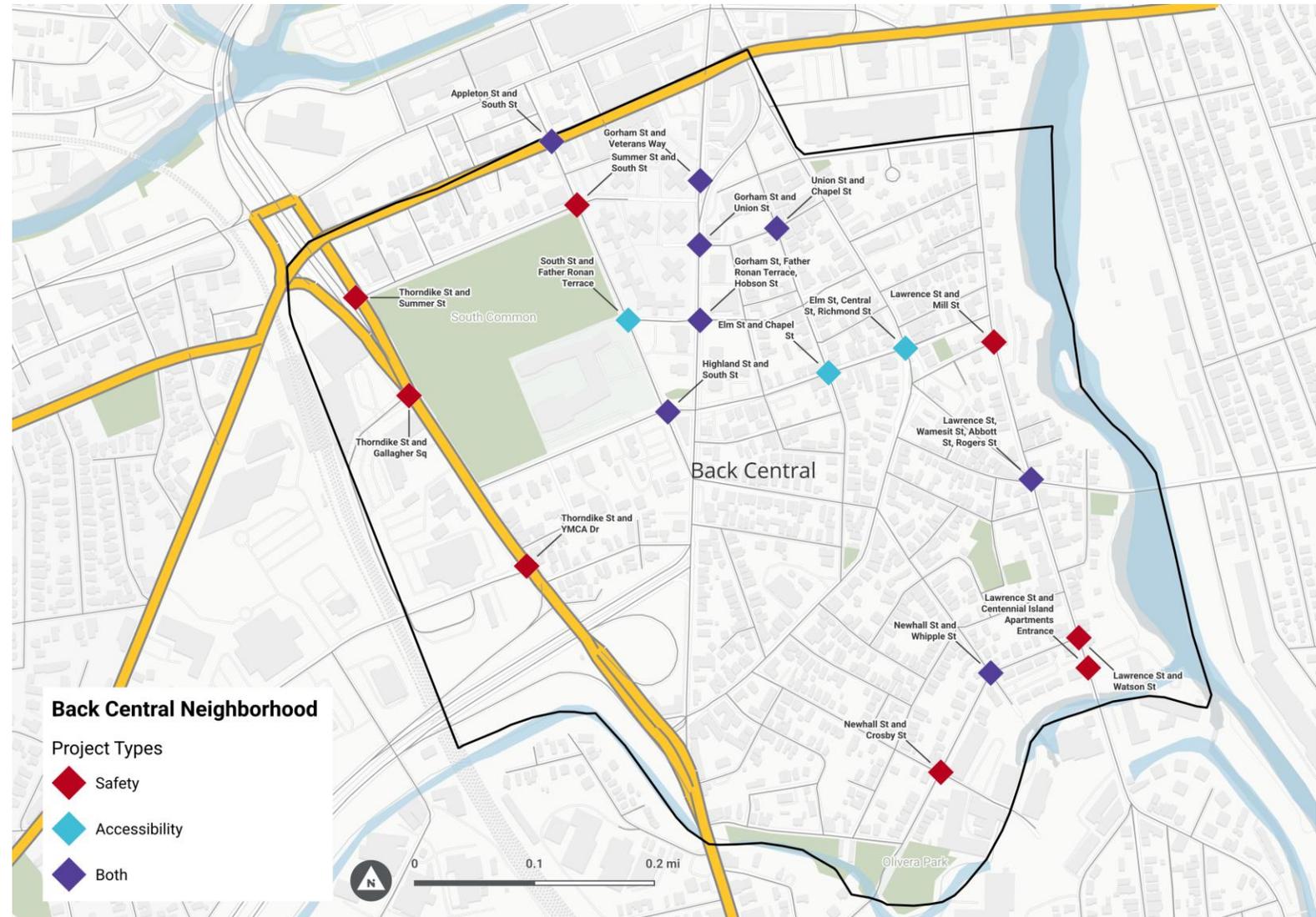
Travel Lane Narrowing



Benefit: tightens roadway to reduce drivers' speed

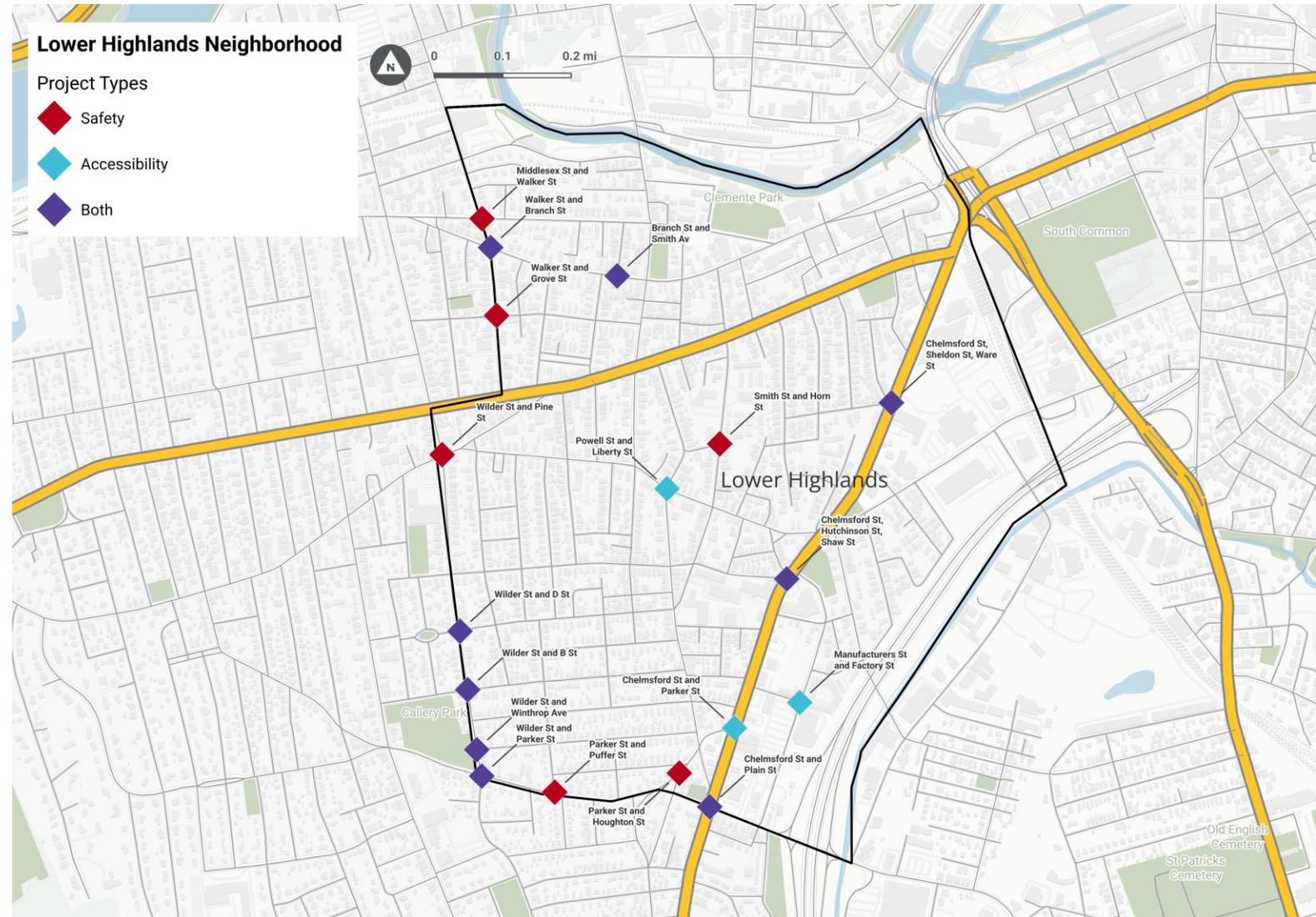
Pedestrian safety projects at intersections

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 - Crash history
 - Past plans
 - Community feedback
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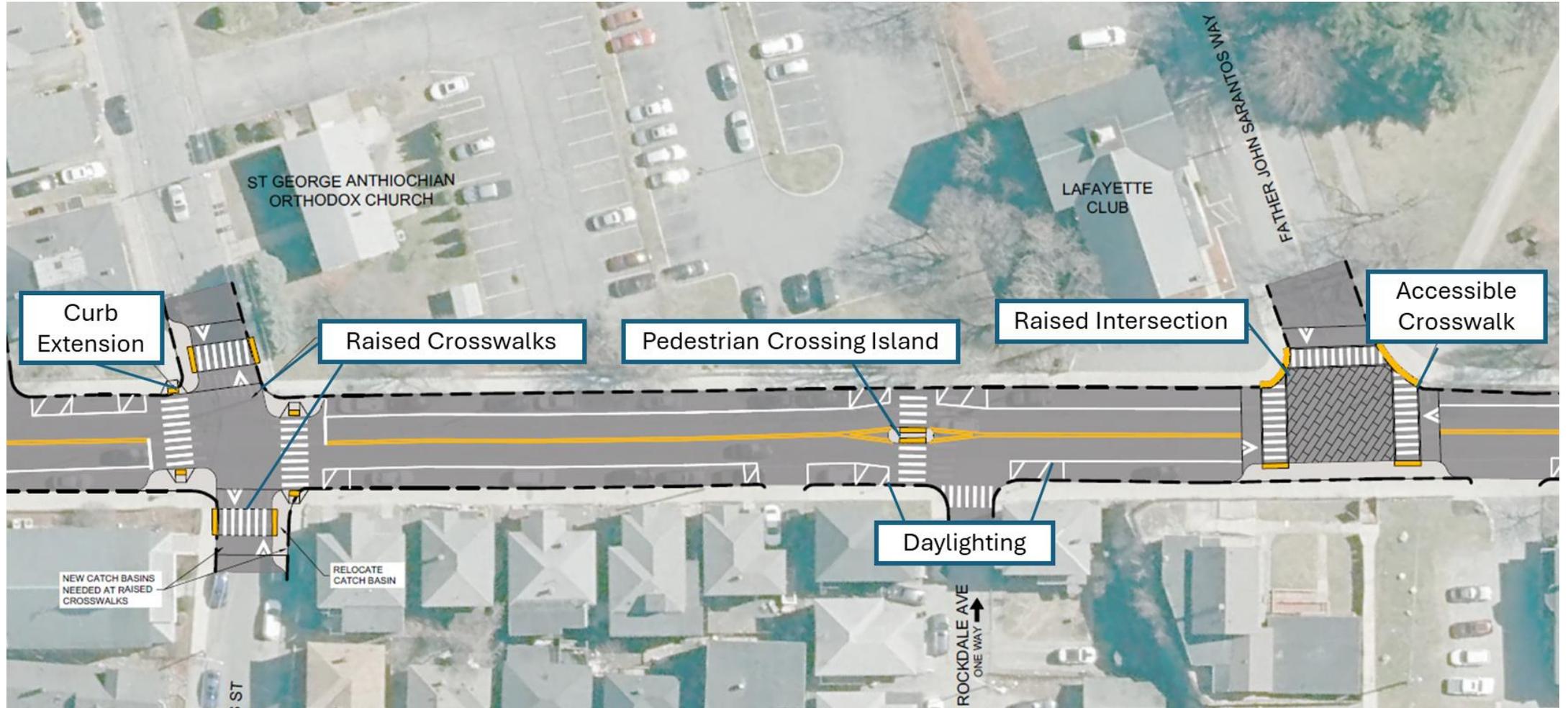
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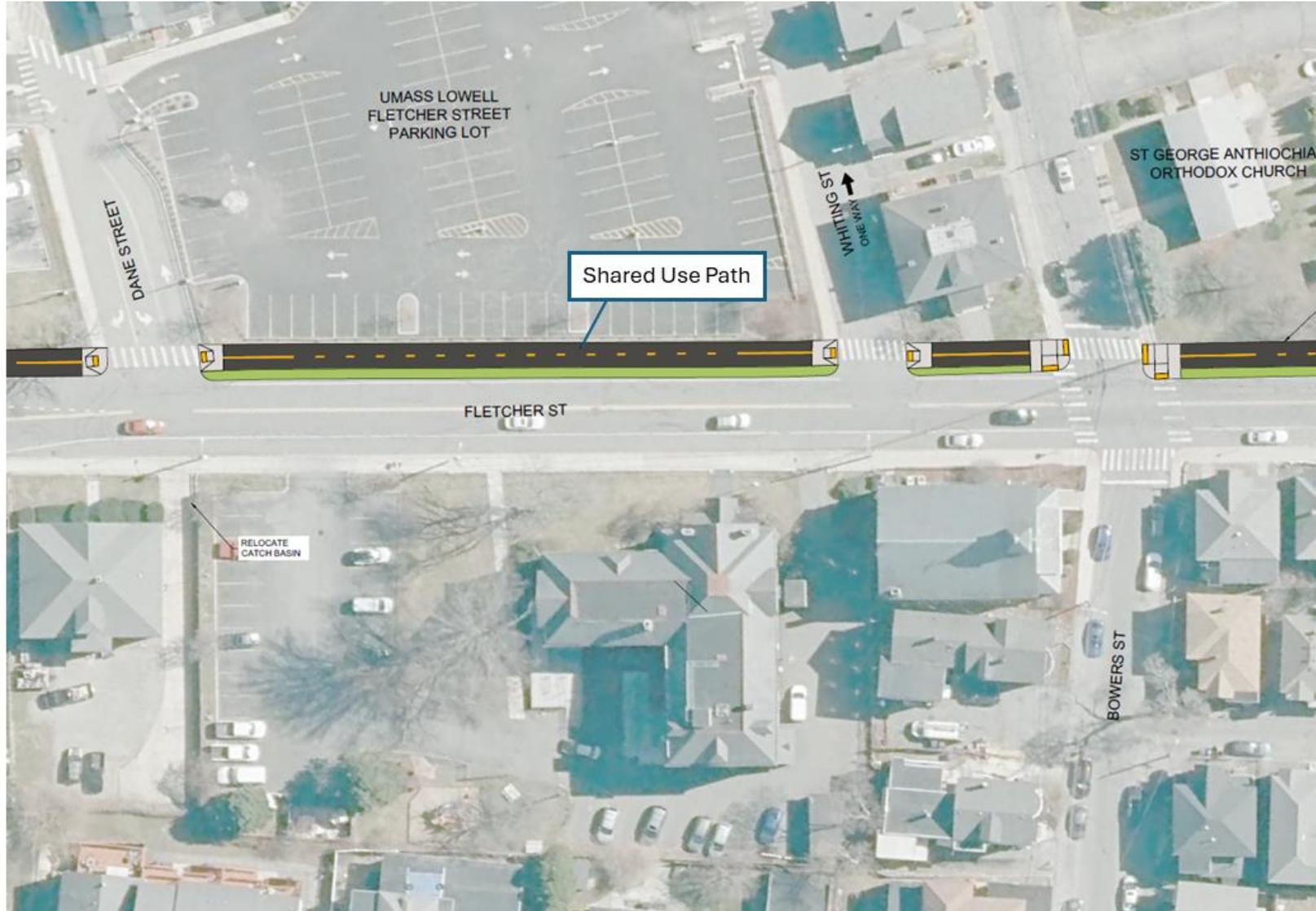
Speed Reduction Concept Plans

- Conceptual plans incorporating pedestrian safety tools developed for:
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 - Westford Street
 - Central Street

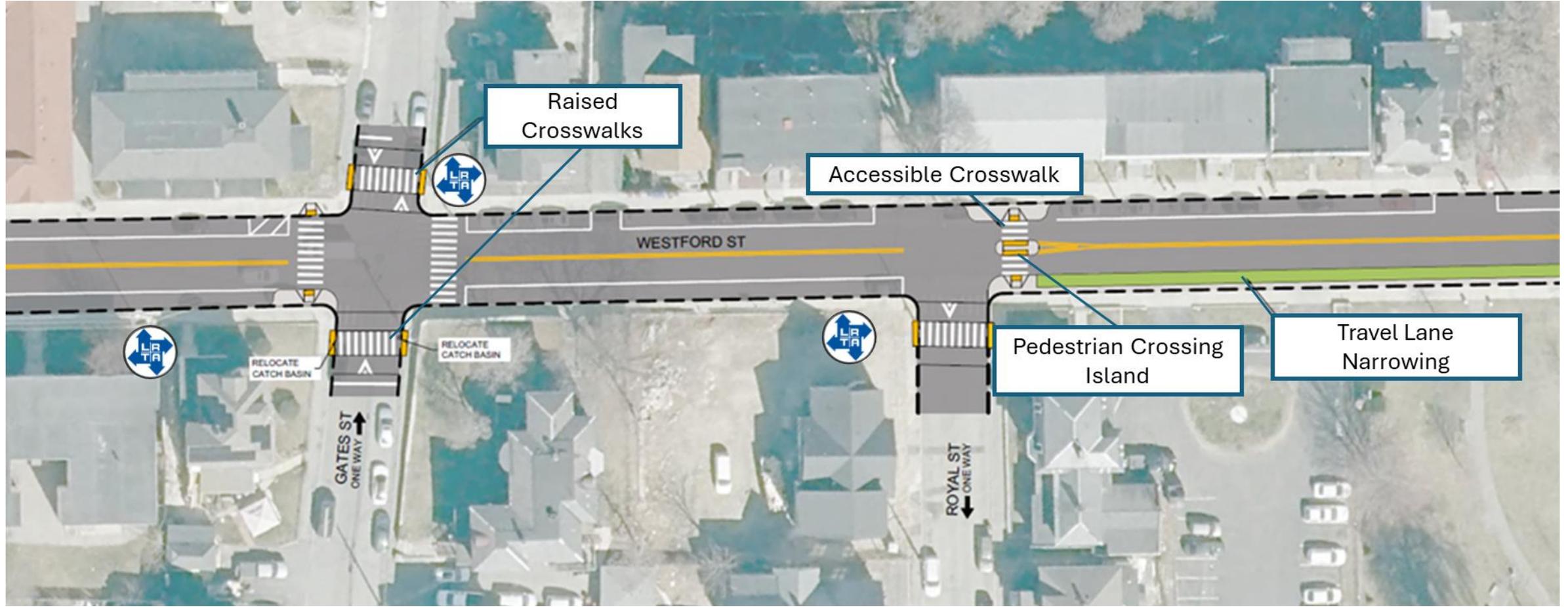
Reduce speeding on priority streets - Fletcher Street



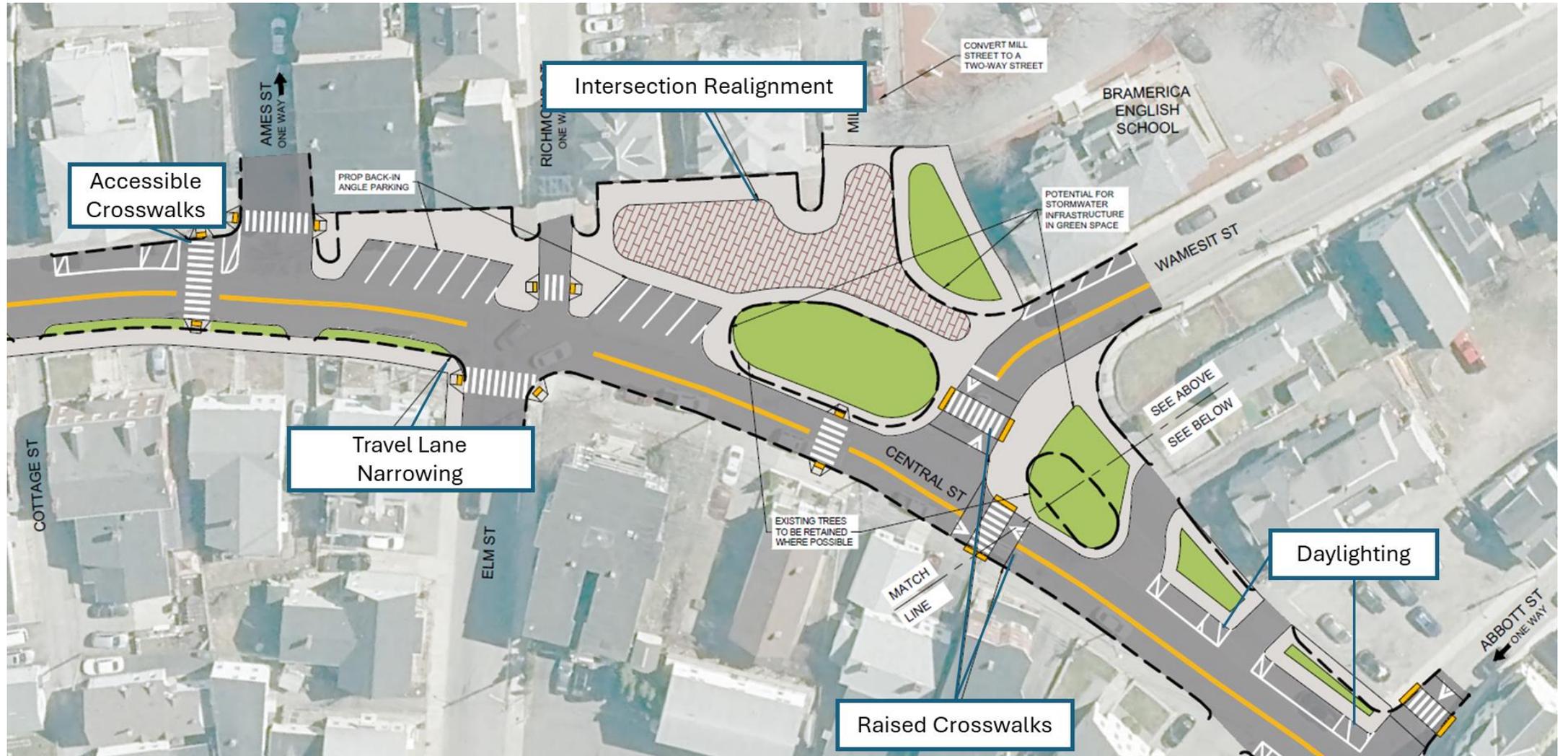
Reduce speeding at priority streets - Fletcher Street – long term



Reduce speeding at priority streets - Westford Street



Reduce speeding at priority streets - Central Street



Feedback and Next Steps

Give us your feedback

- Come talk to us about proposed projects at different stations around the room
- Please visit the project webpage where we also have an online survey for feedback

Scan here for project
webpage and survey



Next Steps

- We will take all the comments we receive and incorporate responses into our recommendations to the City
- All conceptual plans are preliminary and will require many more opportunities for public input and additional planning and design before any changes are made
- The preliminary concepts provide an opportunity for the City to pursue implementation funding through grants and capital improvement planning

THANK YOU!

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