

Public Meeting #2

Burlington-Winooski BF RAIZ(2)
Burlington STP 5000(29)

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BRIDGE**



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Presentation Logistics



Q&A to follow presentation



Make sure your volume is turned up; presenters cannot see or hear you.



Online questions will be shared through the “Virtual Podium”



We will alternate questions from in-person and online attendees

Agenda



Project Recap

- Location
- Schedule
- Selected Alternative
- Maintenance of Traffic During Construction



Current Efforts

- Outreach
- Alignments
- Intersection
- Bike/Ped Safety

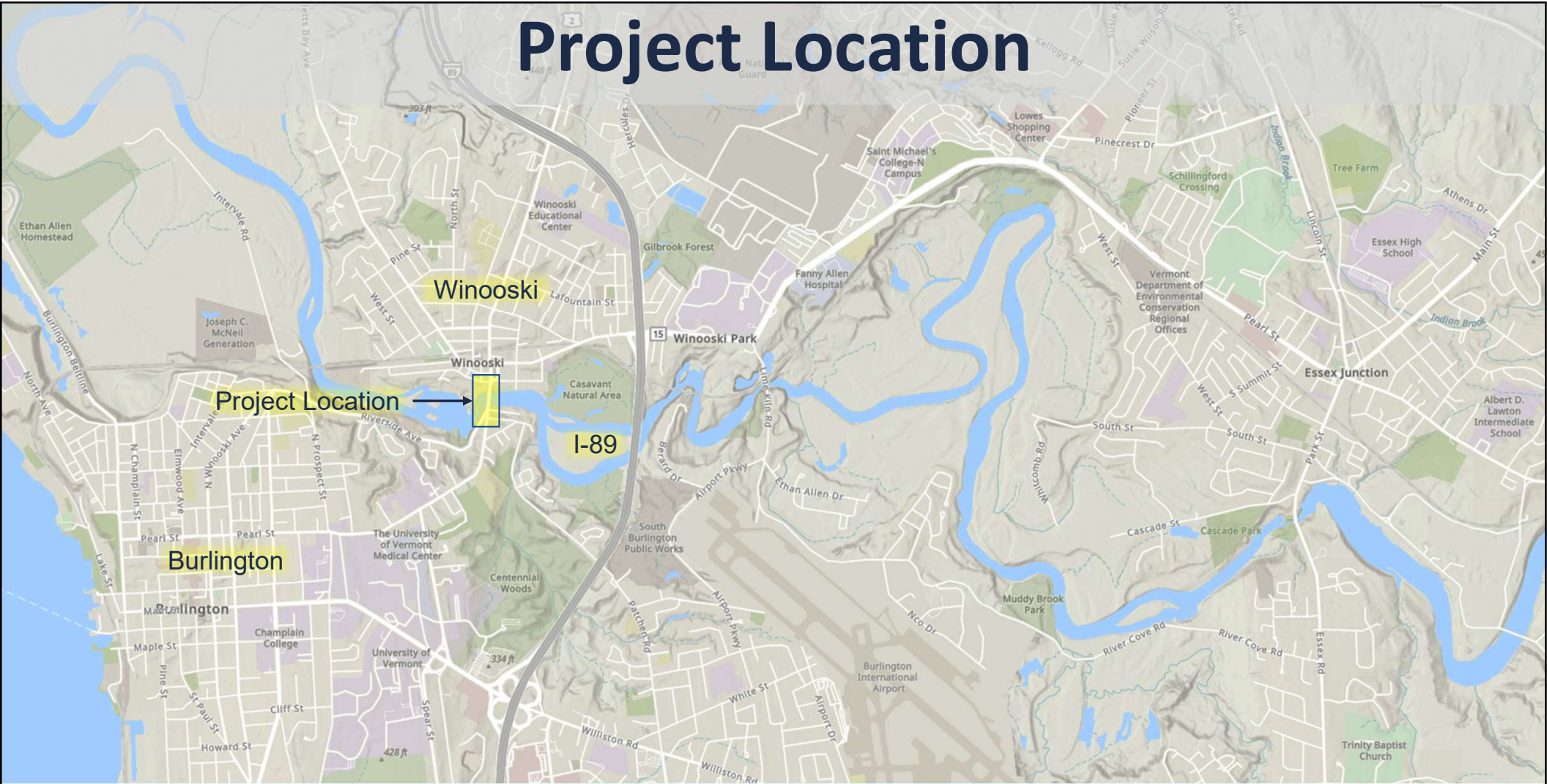


Next Steps

Project Recap



Project Location



Project Site



Image Landsat / Copernicus

Project Area



Project Focal Points

Intersection

Bridge

Schedule – Past

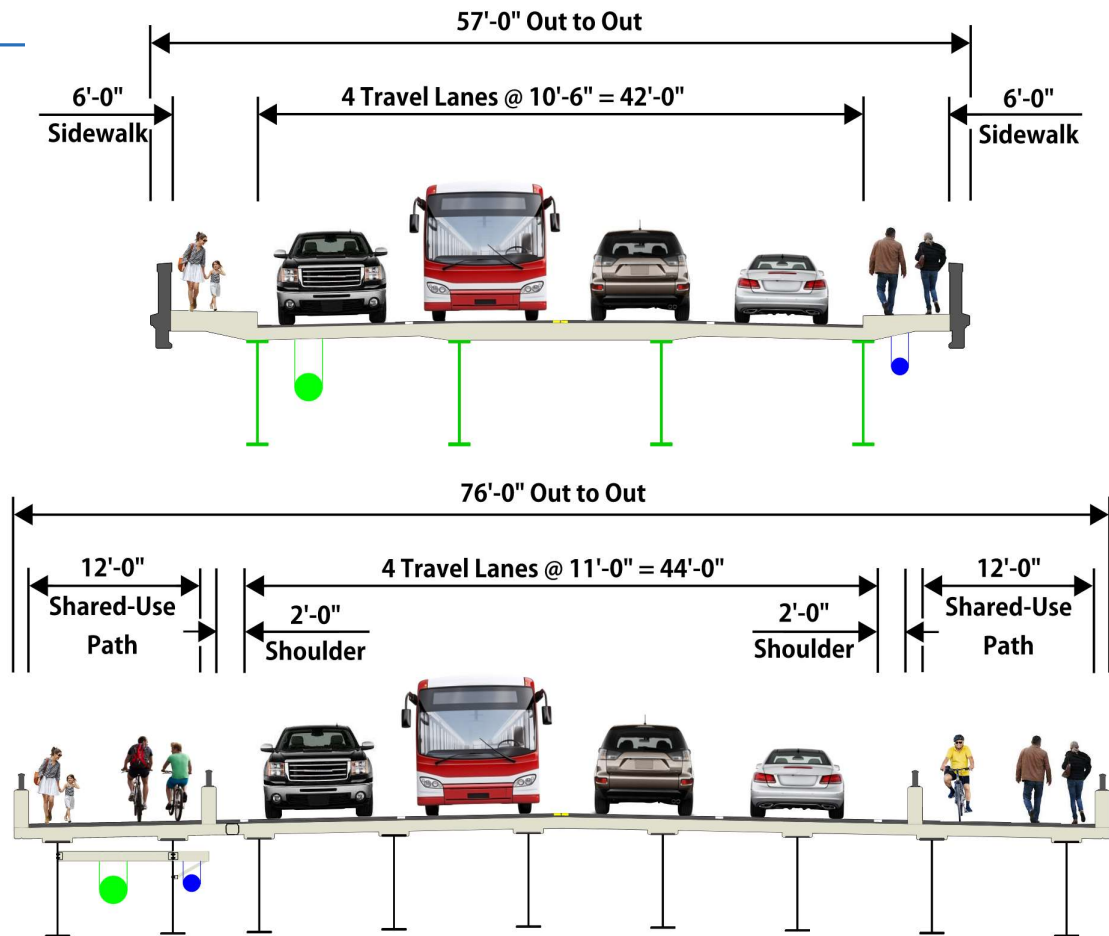


Schedule – Current and Future



Bridge Features

- Complete replacement
- Separated multi-use paths
- Maintains four travel lanes and adds shoulders

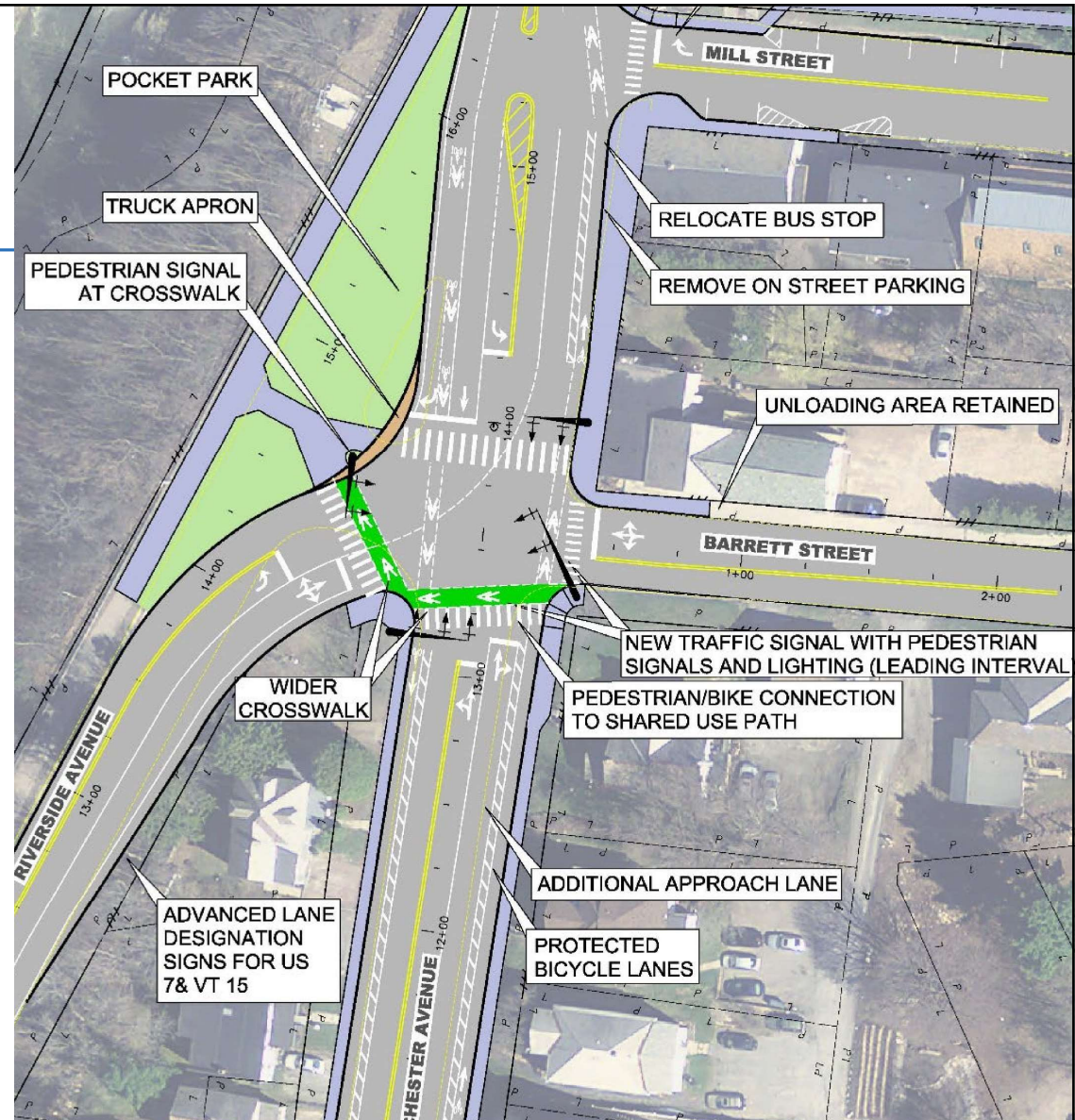


Bridge Features – Lanes and Shoulders

- High Traffic Volume
- City-Designated Truck Route
- Emergency Access in Both Directions
- Flexibility for Future Use (Transit Lanes, etc.)
- Future Maintenance Needs (Lane Closures, etc.)
- Acts as Emergency Crossing if I-89 or Lime Kiln is Closed
- Stormwater Drainage and Snow Storage
- 4 Lanes and 48-ft Total Width to Remain

Intersection Features

- Consolidated intersection
→ Improved safety and mobility
- Emphasis on Bike/Pedestrian improvements



Maintenance of Traffic

- 25,000 Vehicles & 300 Bikes/Peds per day
- Need to balance:
 - Minimize impact to traveling public, and
 - Safe, sufficient construction site
- Utilize combination of:
 - Temporary lane closures
 - Temporary bridge closure



Current Efforts



Project Refinement

- Continued Outreach
- Alignment Evaluations
- Intersection Arrangement
- Bike/Ped Safety & Mobility



Continued Outreach

- Public Meetings & Events
- Local Government Meetings
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Website and E-Blasts
- Surveys
- Property Owner Meetings
- Utility Coordination
- Environmental Coordination



Do you travel across the Burlington-Winooski Bridge?
We want to hear from you!

Please help the Vermont Agency of Transportation better understand how you are using the Burlington-Winooski Bridge. Our Travel Survey will take less than 2 minutes to complete.

The survey can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or by scanning the QR Code.



What We Have Heard

Commerce **Schedule** **Bike/Ped** **Aesthetics**
Traffic Calming **Safety** **Flooding**
Adjacent Projects **Costs** **Mobility** **Turn Movements**
Construction Congestion **Emergency Response** **Parks and Greenspace**
Business Impacts **Lighting** **E-Bikes**
Narrower Lanes **Contaminated Soils**
Wider Lanes **Historic Significance**

Alignments

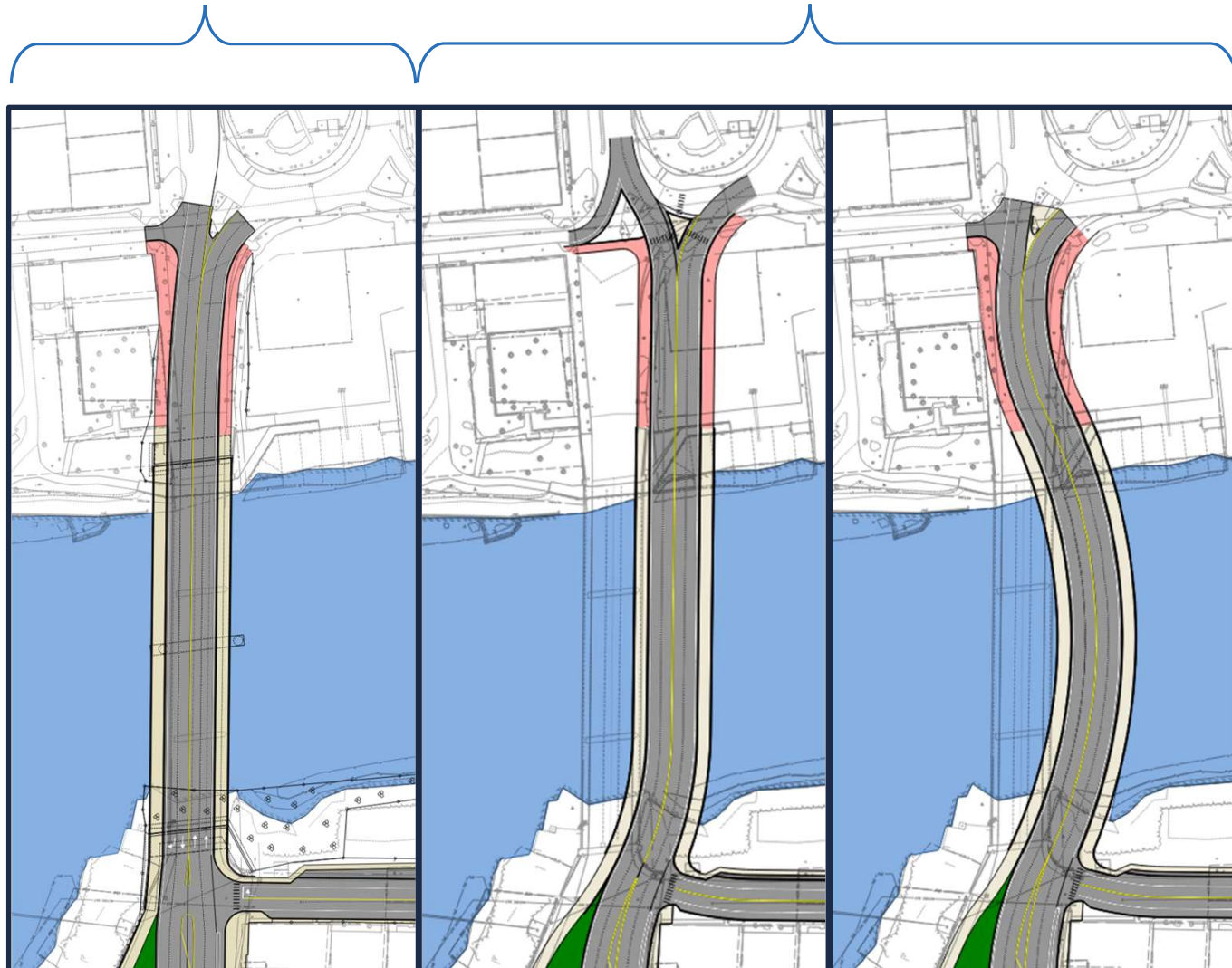


Alignments

- Different:
 - Construction Methods
 - Traffic Control
 - Mobility

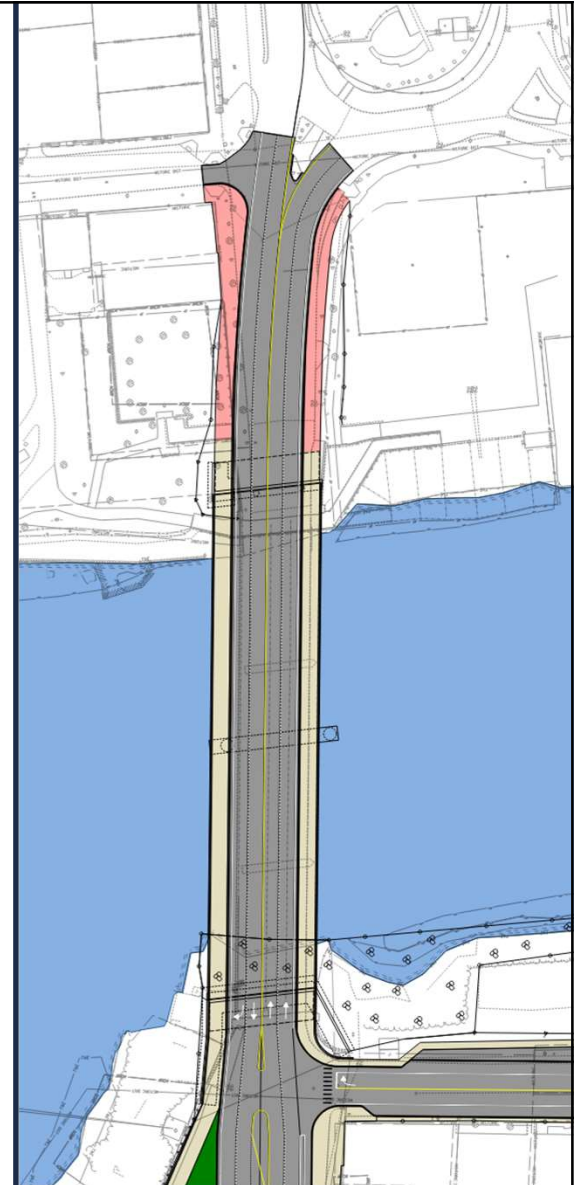
On-Alignment

Shifted Alignment



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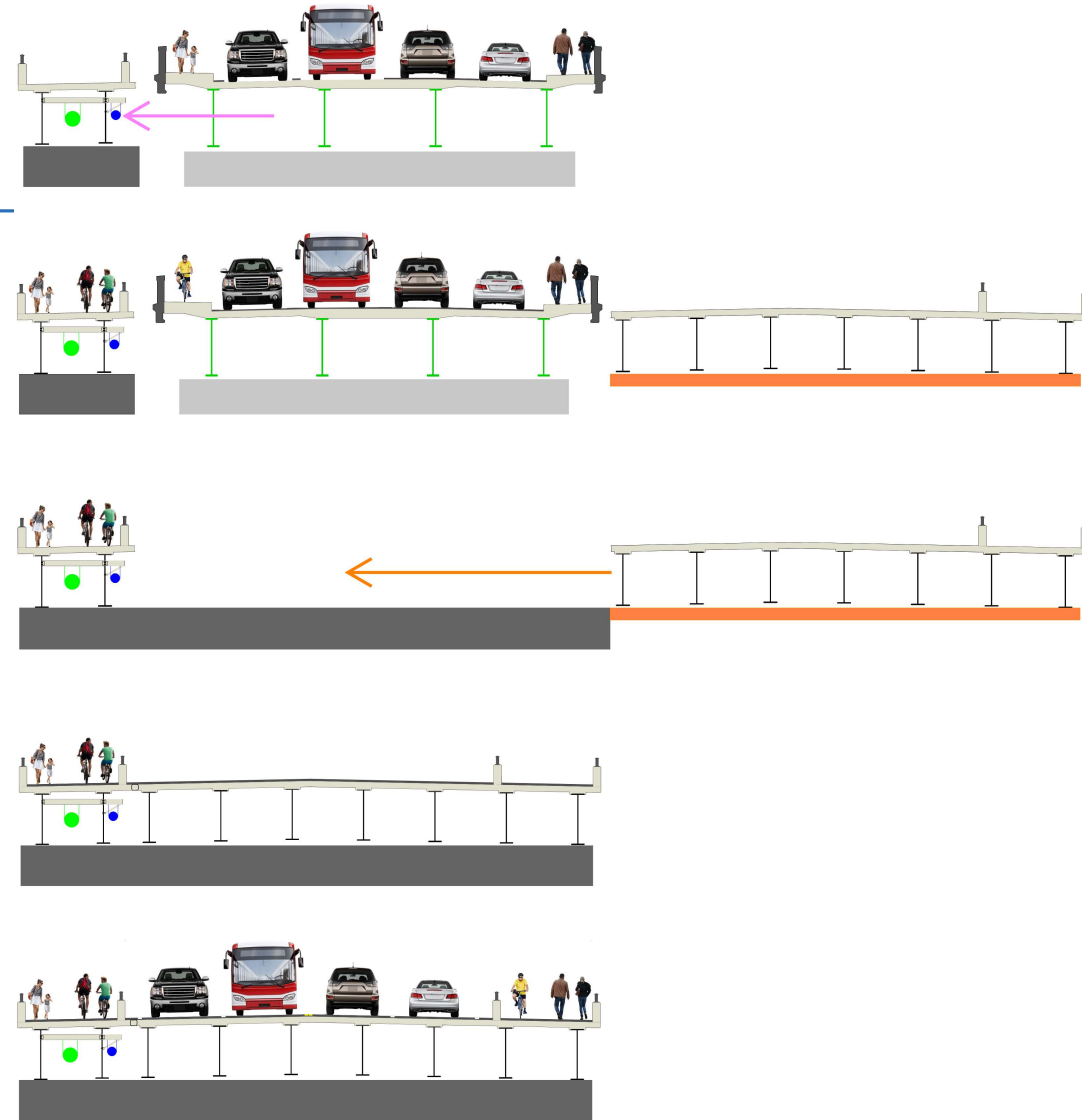
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- Vantage points from Colchester Ave and circulator unchanged
- Majority of widening towards the dam



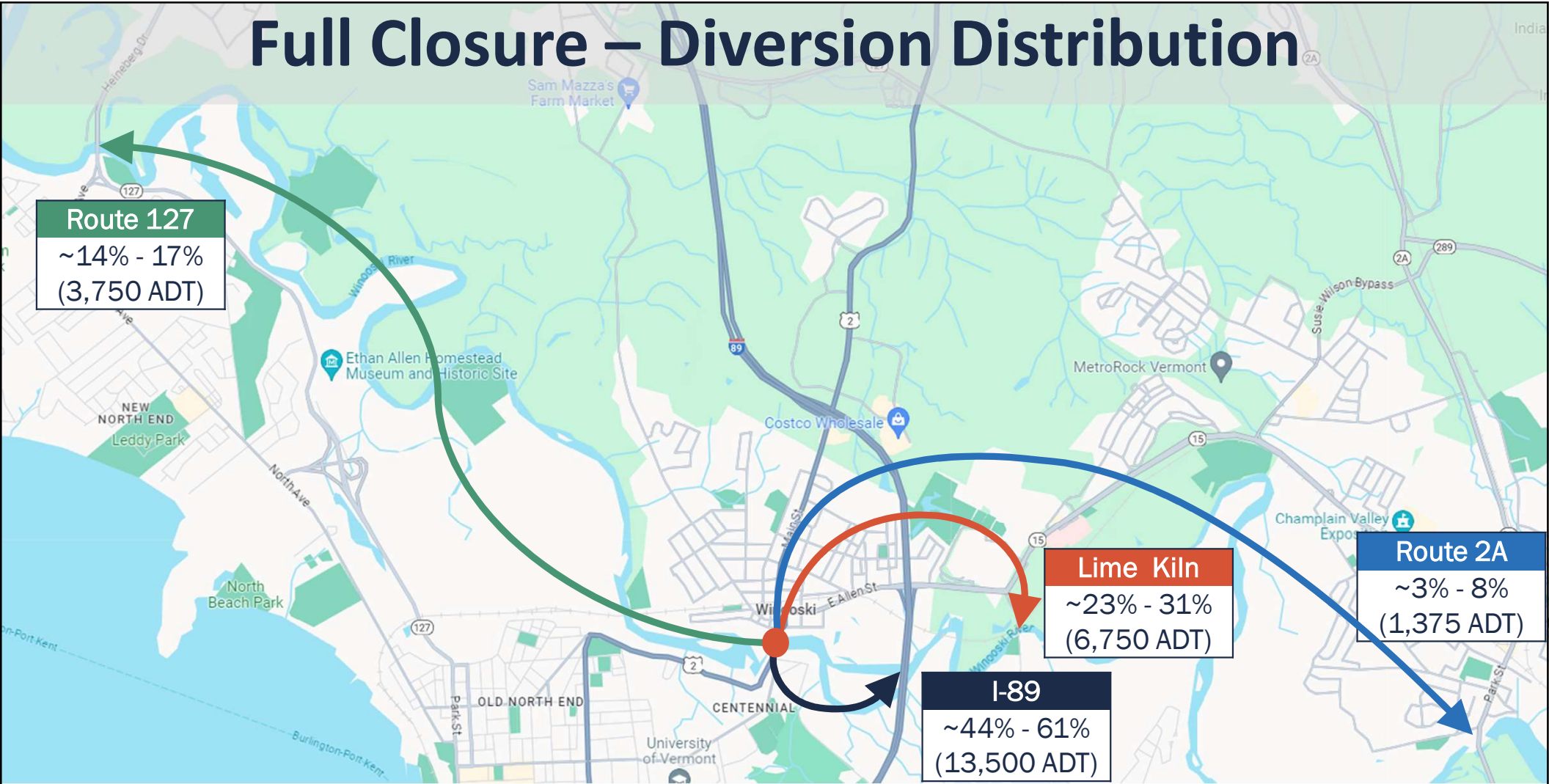
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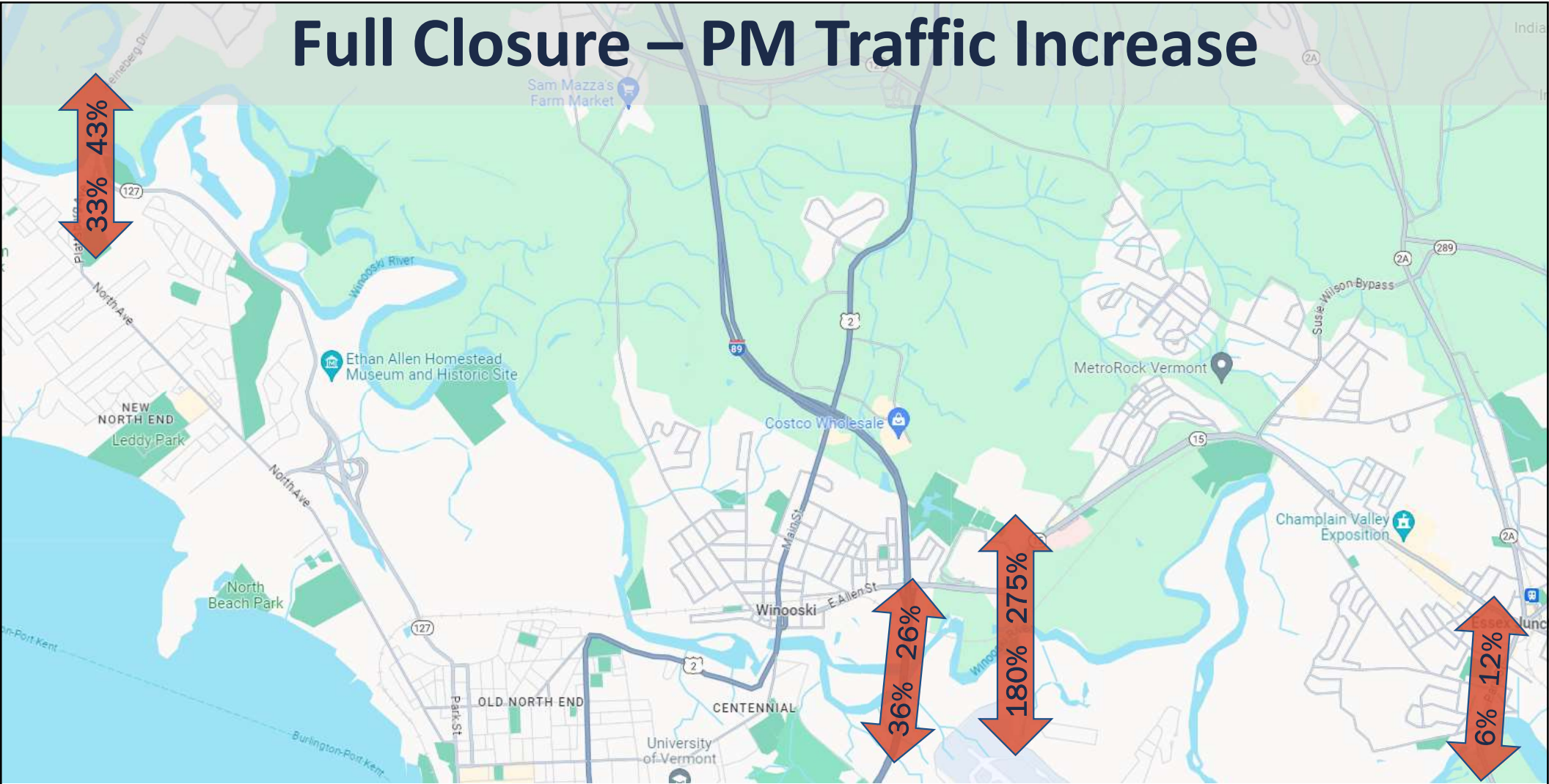
- Build new bridge, next to existing bridge
- Transfer Pedestrians and utilities
- Temporary 4 to 6 week closure for demolition and sliding new bridge together



Full Closure – Diversion Distribution




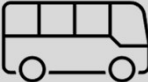


Full Closure – PM Traffic Increase

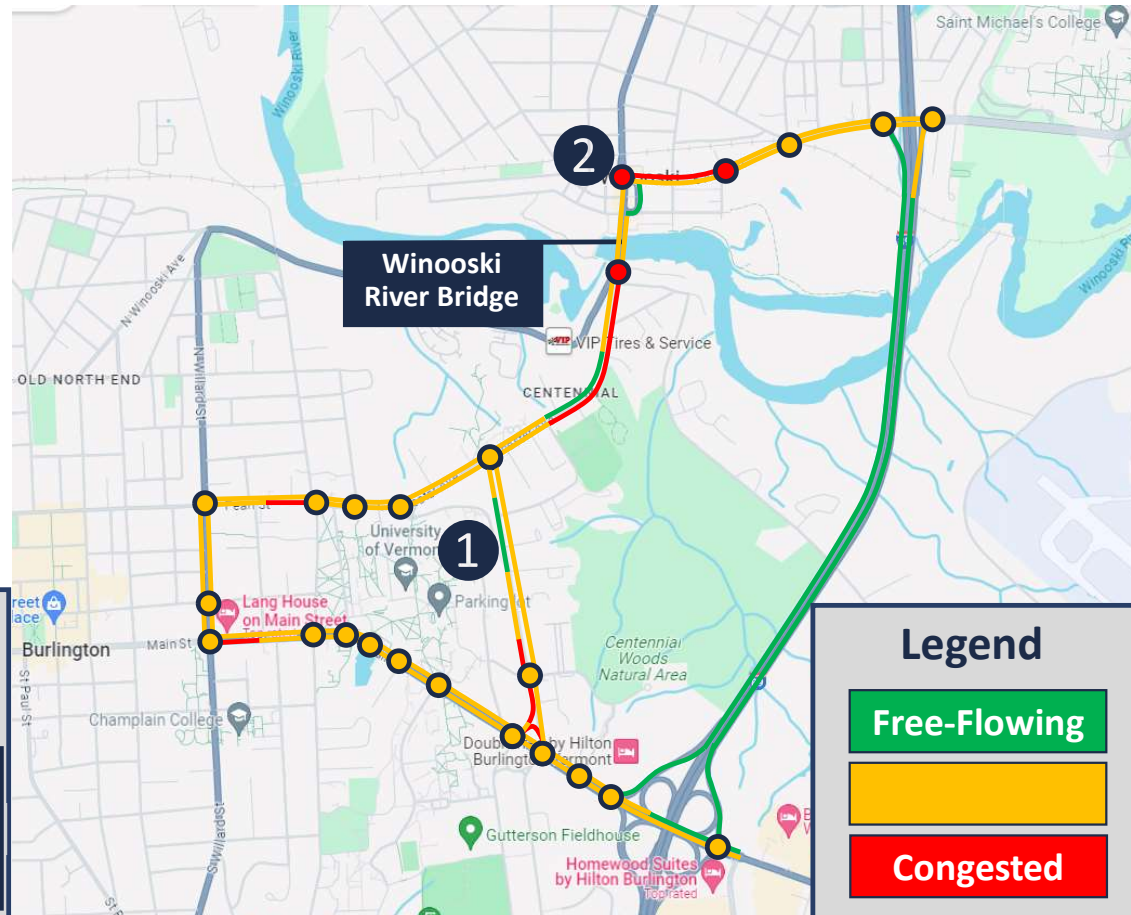


Existing Conditions (PM)




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

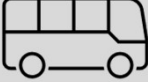
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-  Congested

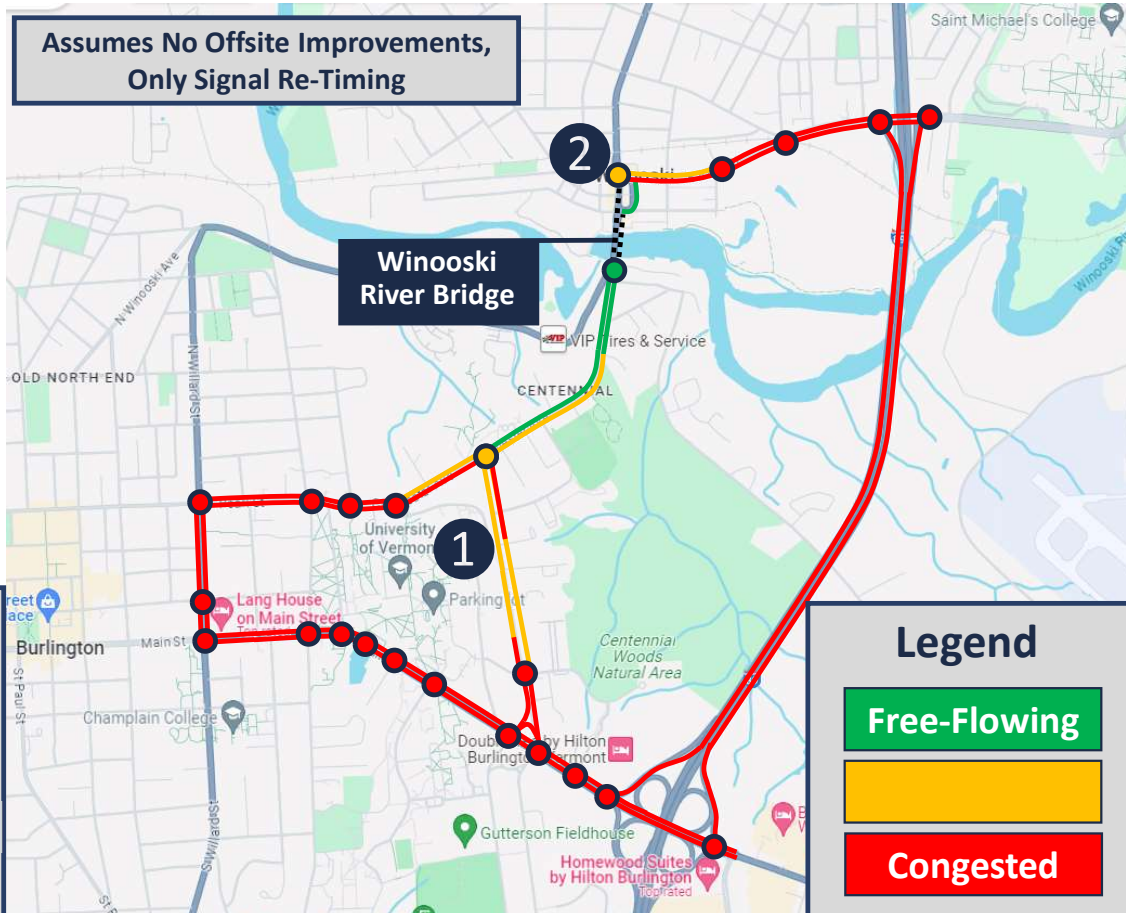


Full Bridge Closure (PM)

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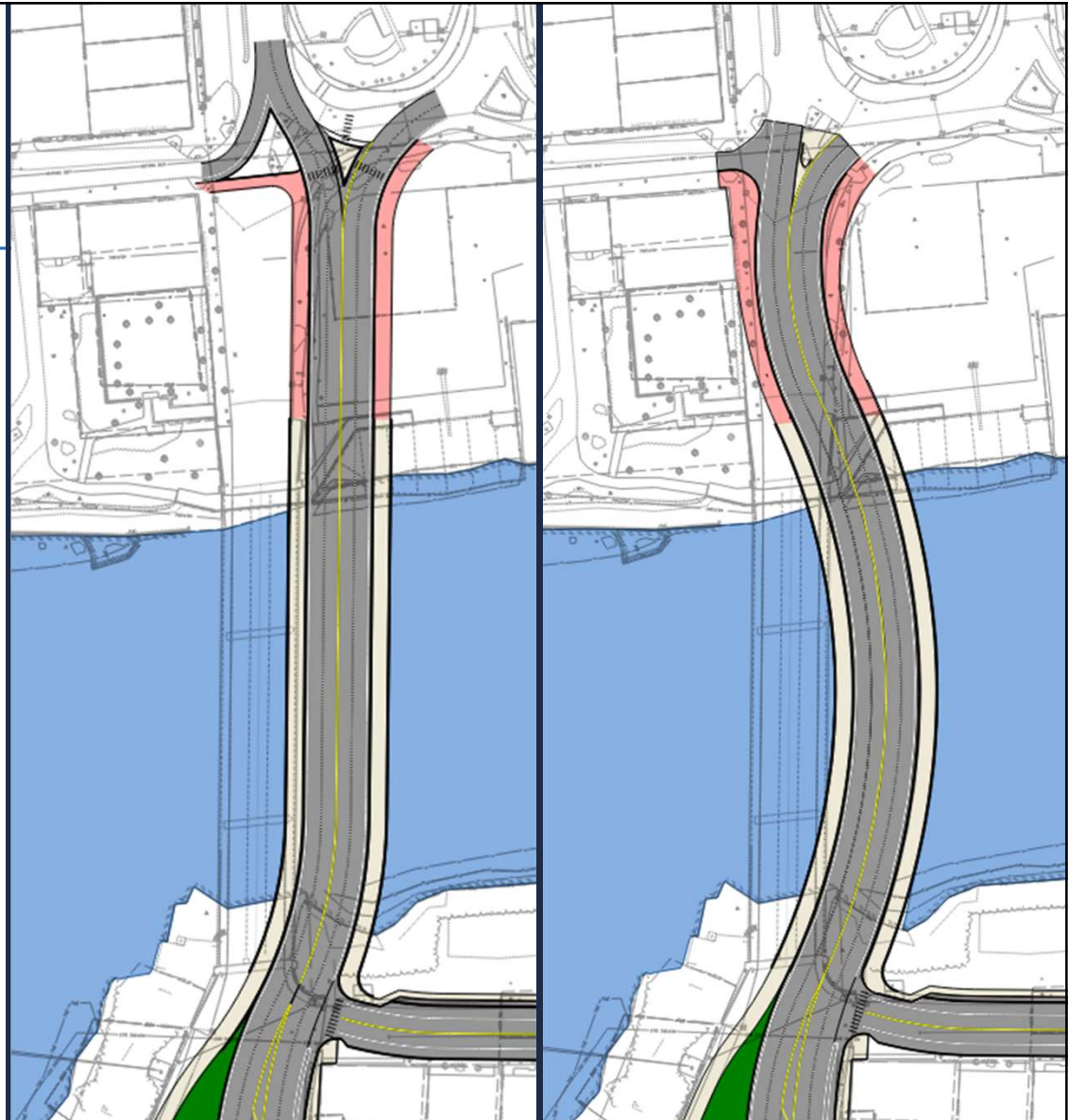
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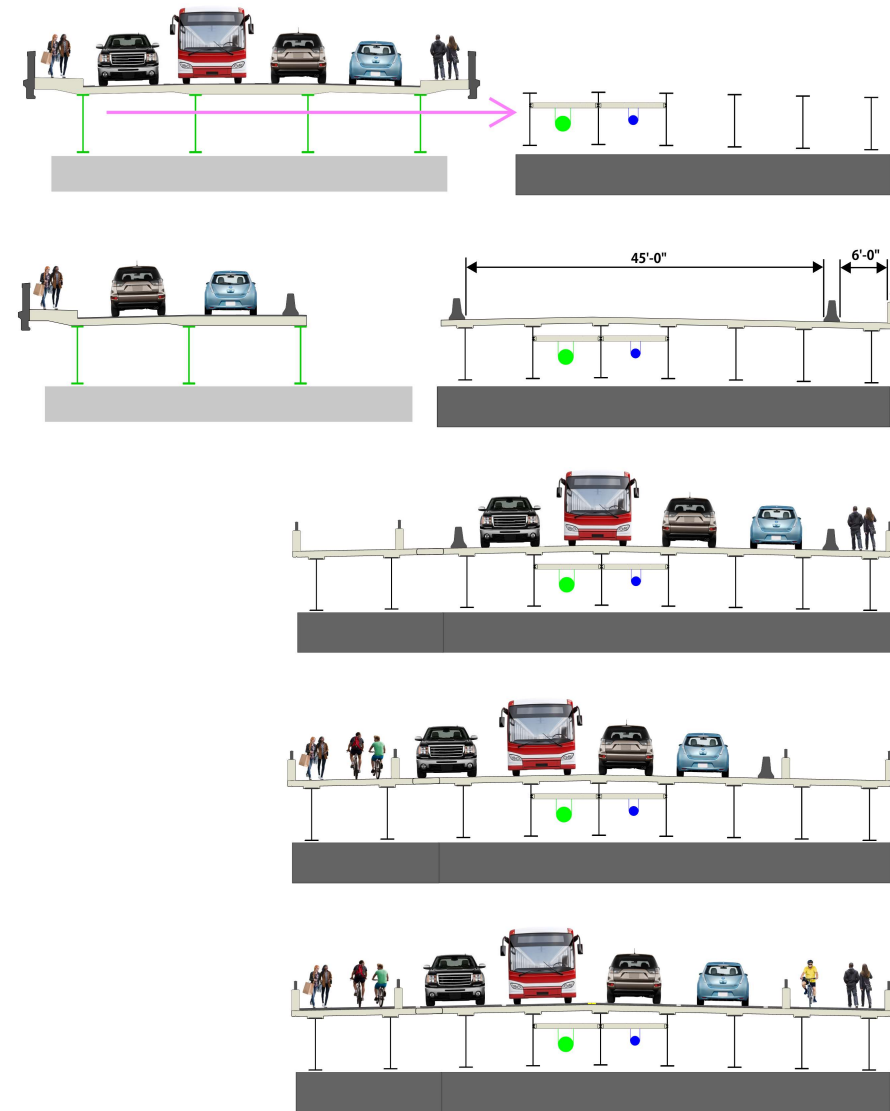
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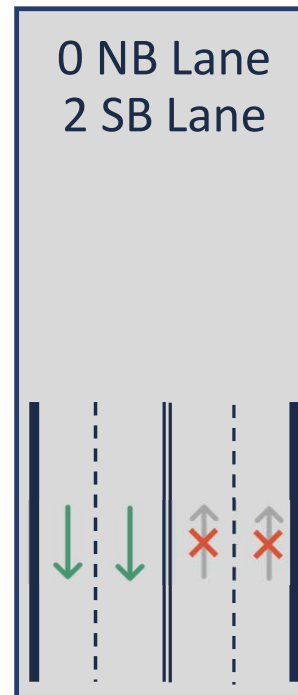
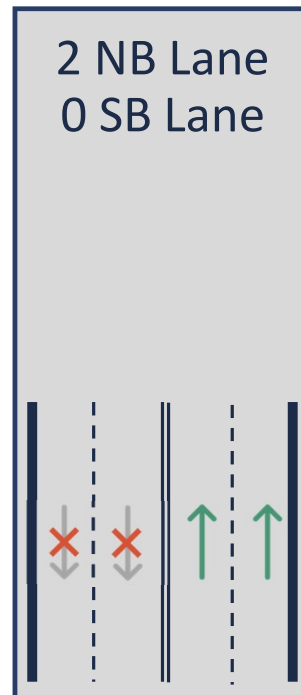
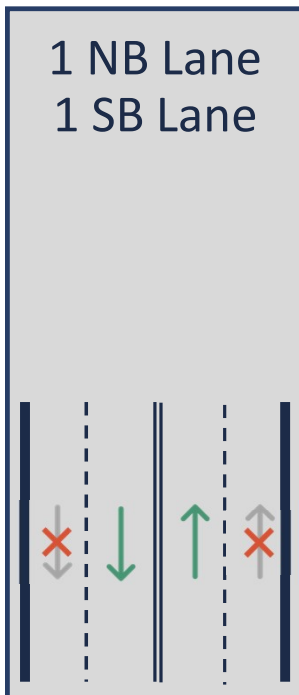
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- Build majority of bridge upstream of existing
- Temporary 16 to 20 week closure of 2 lanes of traffic for demolition and completion of part of new bridge
- Open new bridge to all traffic
- Complete remainder of bridge



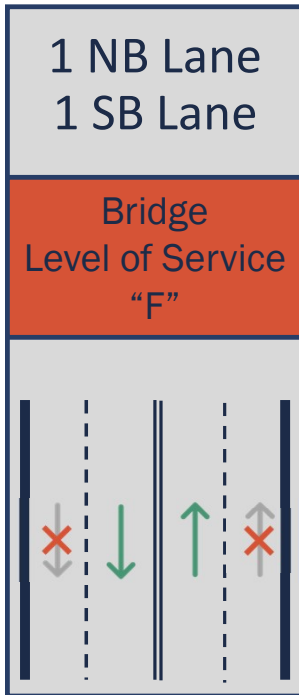
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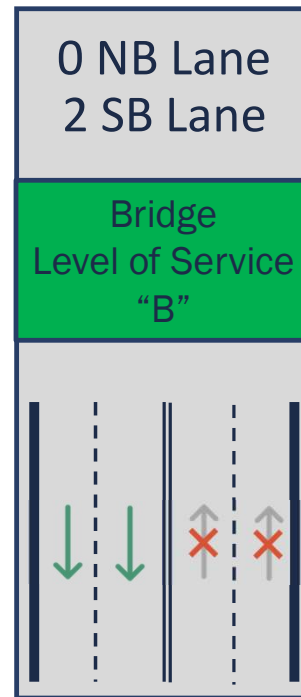
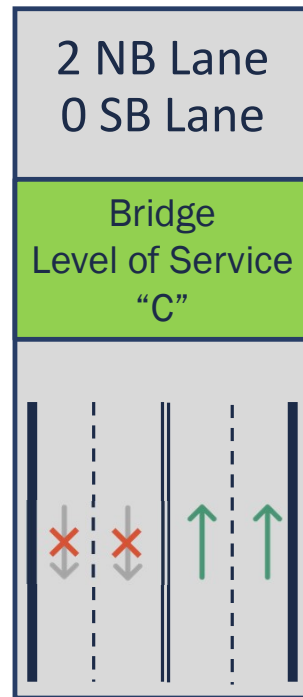
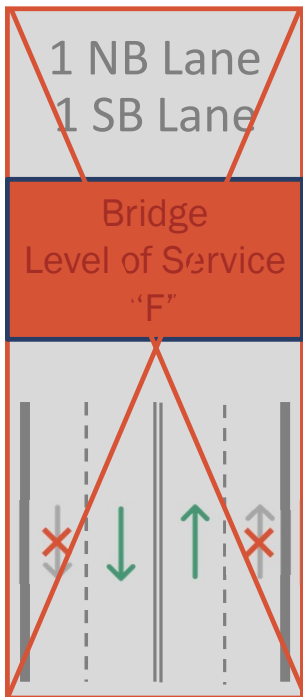
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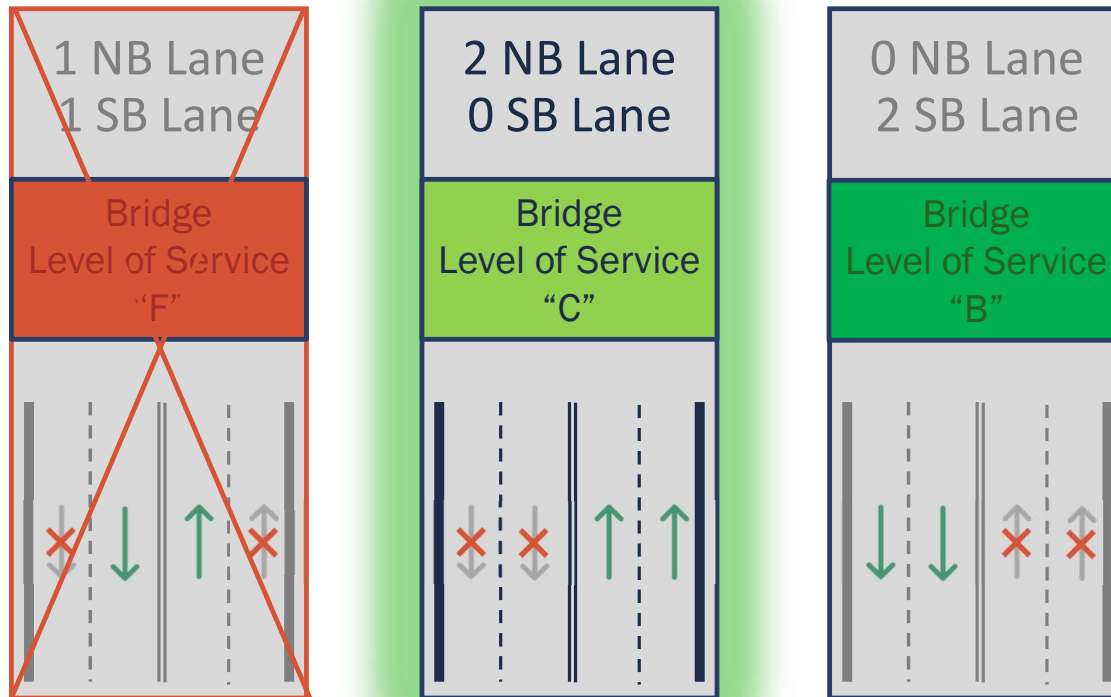


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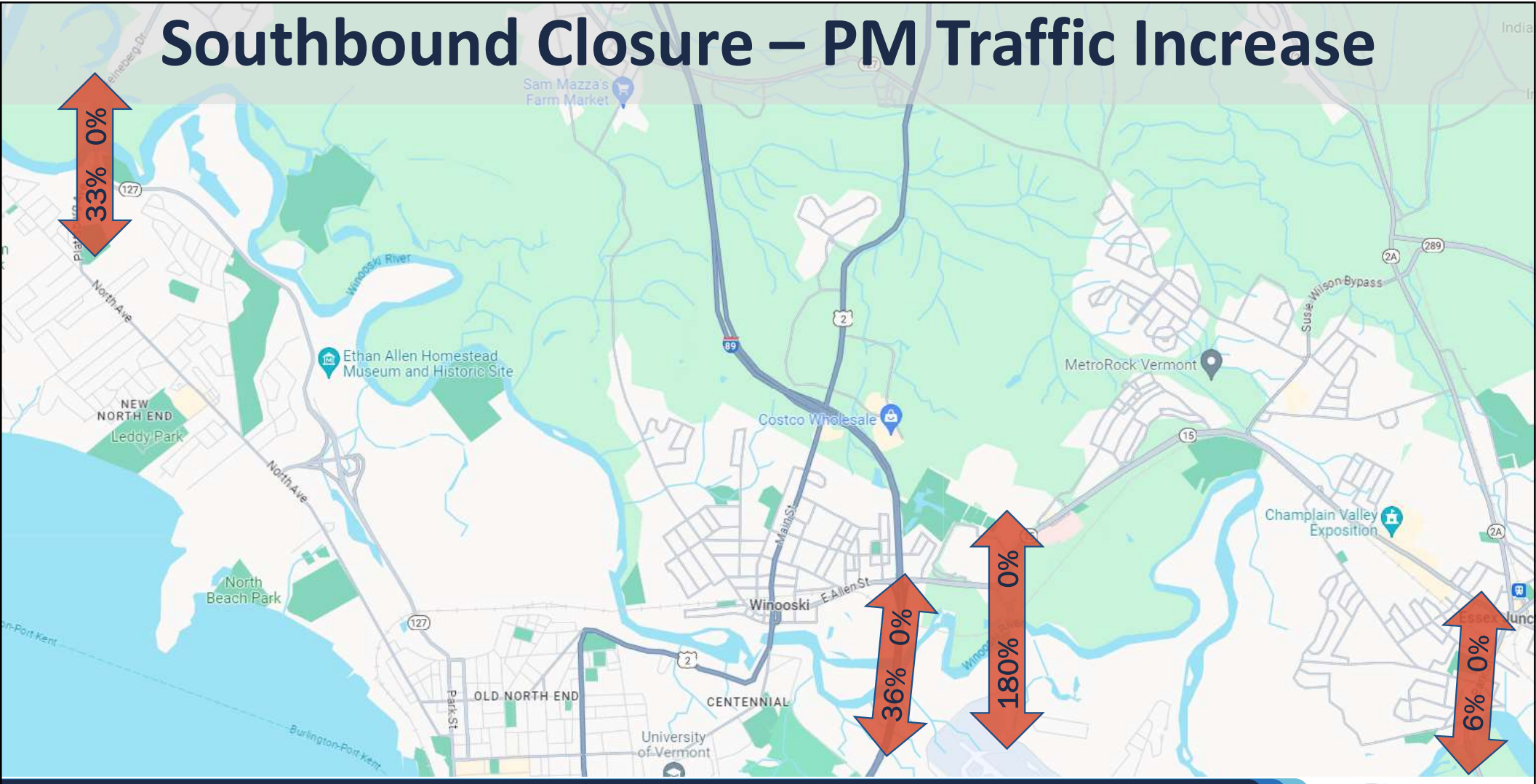
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

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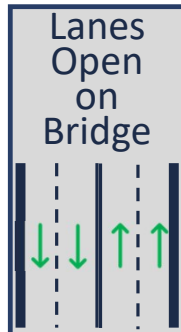


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
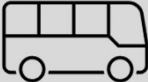
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SB Closed – No Improvements (PM)




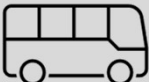
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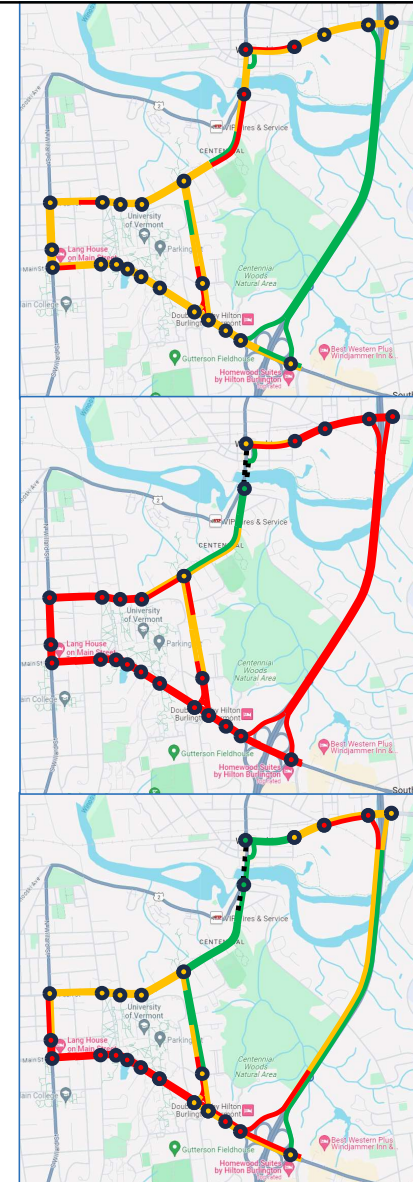
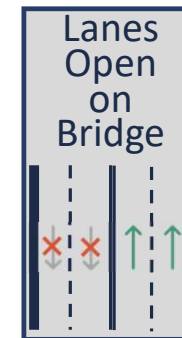
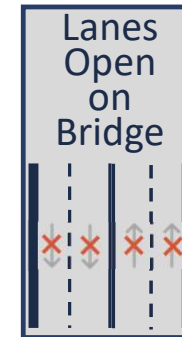
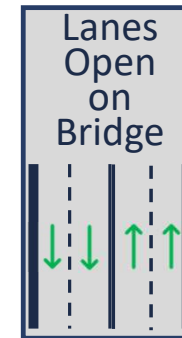
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Traffic Control Comparisons

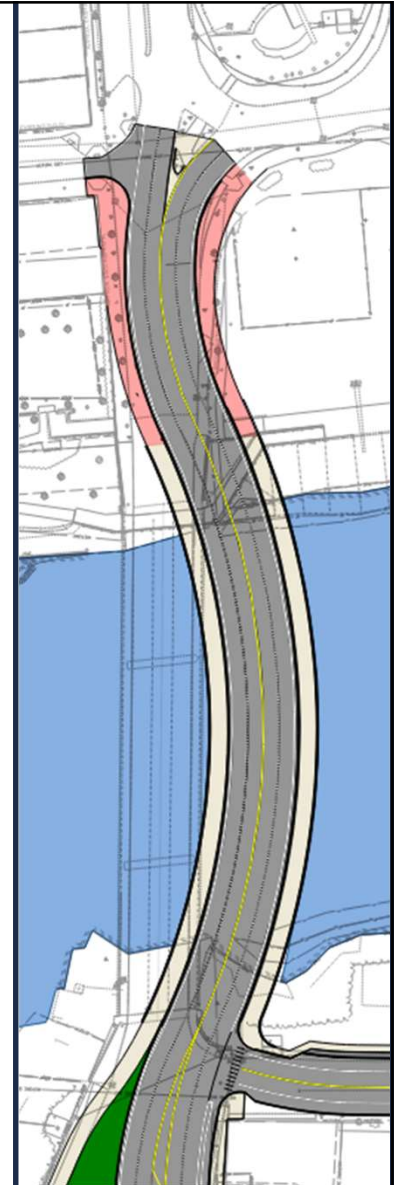
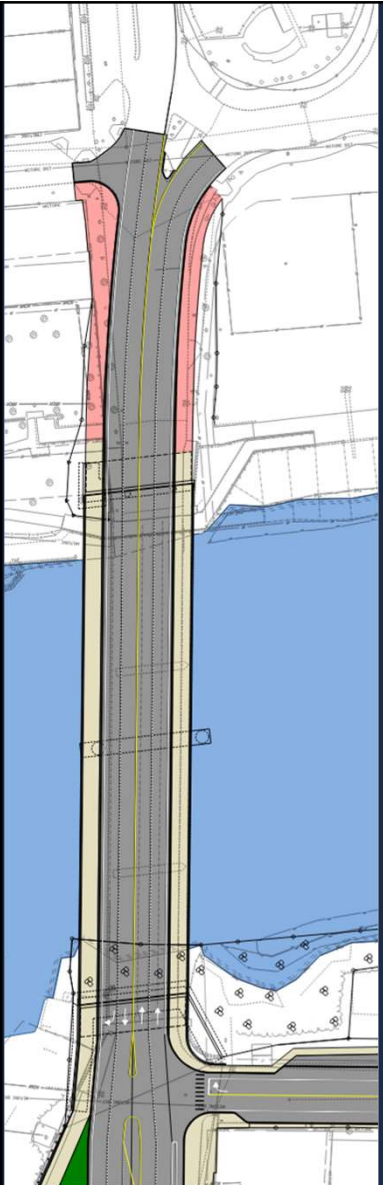
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Alignment Comparison

On-Alignment	<u>FEATURE</u>	Shifted Alignment
Tangent	Alignment	Curved
4	Lanes Detoured	2
4 - 6	Detour Duration (Weeks)	16 - 20
24 - 30	Construction Duration (Months)	24 - 30
No	Natural Traffic Calming	Yes
No	Potential Under Bridge Path in Burlington	Yes

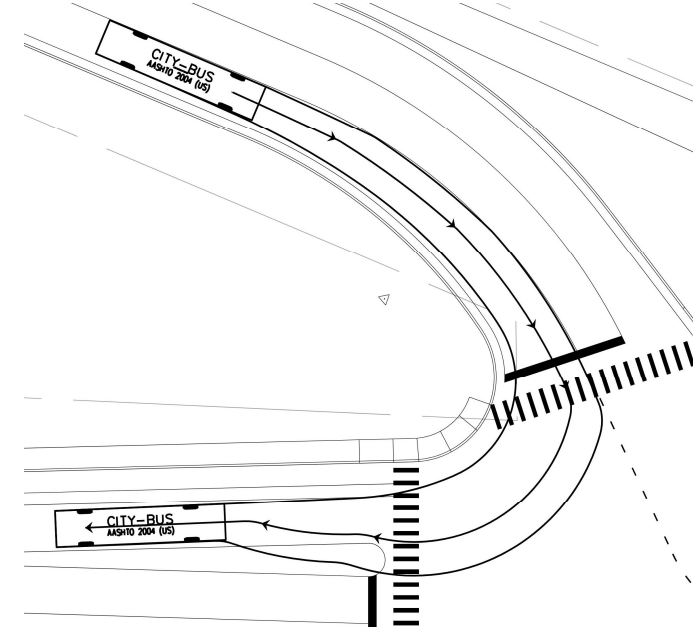
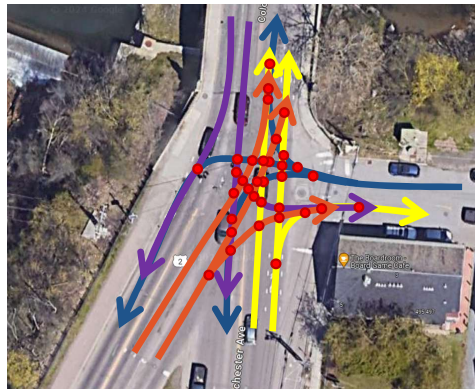


Burlington Intersection



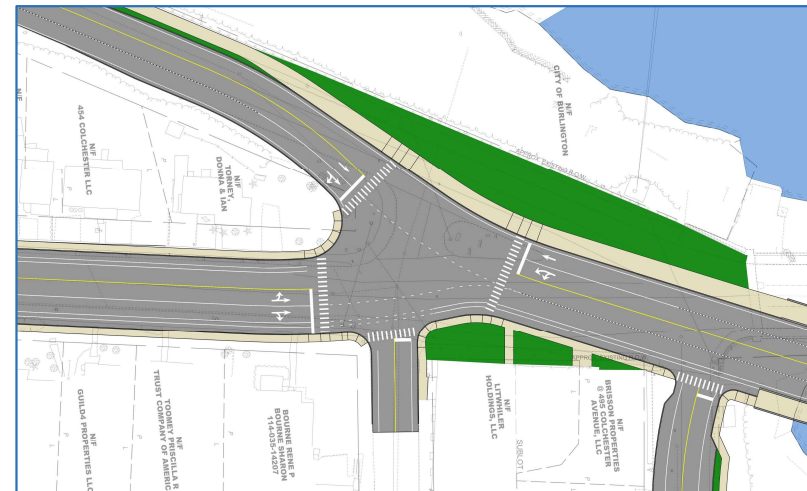
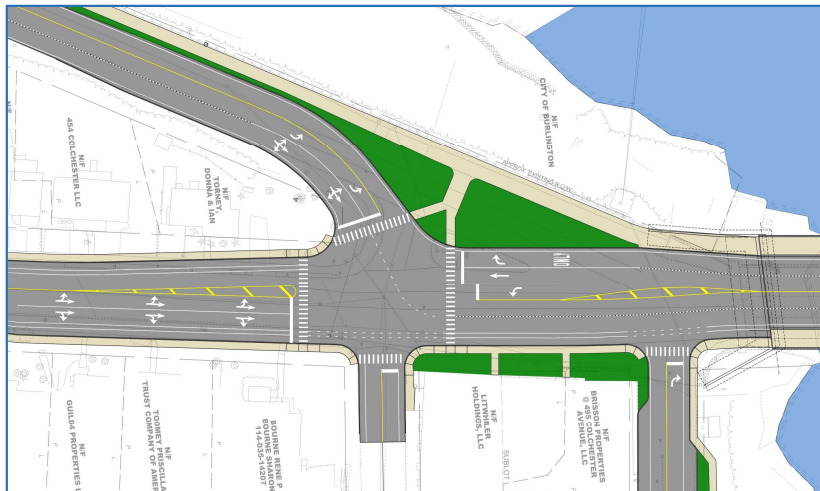
Intersection Refinement

- Signal timing and geometric layout
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Turning movements



Intersection Geometry

- Understanding impact of bridge alignment on intersection
- Safety improvements, reduce conflict points, prioritize primary movements



Intersection summary

- Intersection focused public meeting in the spring
- Advancing design, balancing needs of all roadway users to maximize safety and capacity of intersection
- City-defined truck route vs. neighborhood setting in a natural and historic area

Bike and Pedestrian Safety

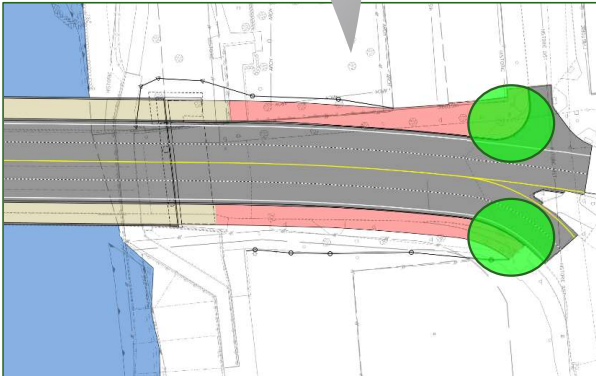
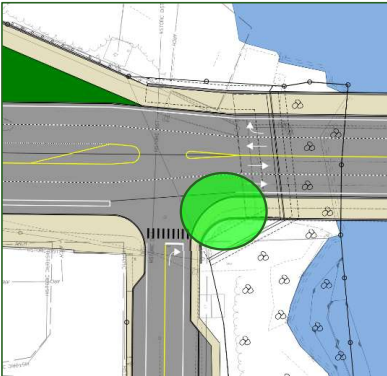
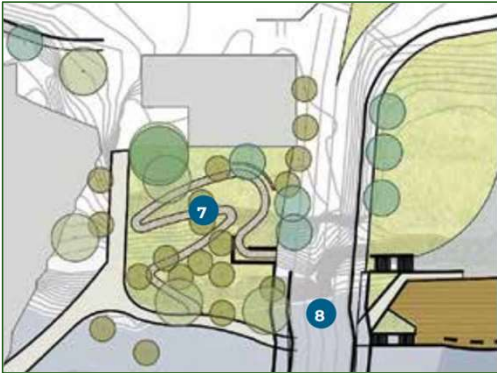


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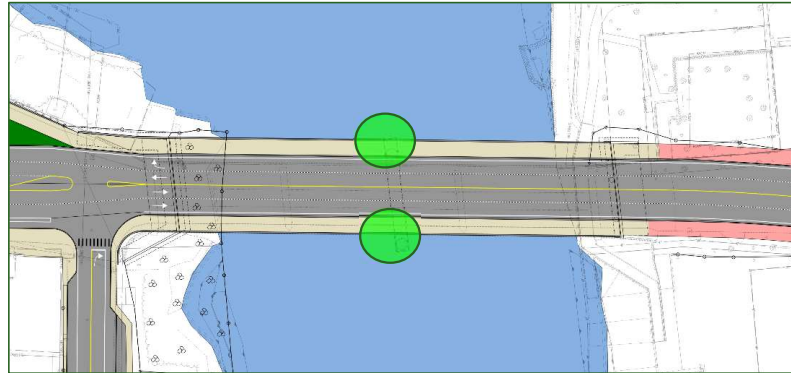
- Provide continuity and safe transitions through intersection and bridge
- Pedestrian phase of signal – exclusive vs. concurrent, leading pedestrian intervals, pedestrian detection, etc.
- Use signing and striping to encourage safe operation through intersection, onto bridge and in shared use path on bridge



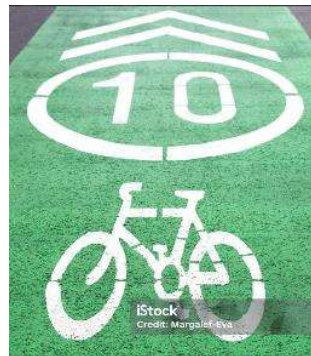
Potential Shared Use Path - Transitions



Potential Shared Use Path – Refuge/Belvedere



Potential Shared Use Path – Signing and Striping



Next Steps



Next Steps

- Continued evaluation of constructability, schedule, traffic control
- Heavier focus on intersection
- Utility Coordination
- Right of Way
- Aesthetics and Historics (*Section 106*)
- ***Continued Outreach!!***

Questions?



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