

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

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(See below for more details)**

6:30 PM

March 15th, 2023

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

This is the time for all comments on any of the agenda items or non-agenda items.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Speed Limit Review Progress Report, by speed limit working group members

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)

- A. Daniel Street, request for lighted flashing stop sign at Market Square, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to place on file.****

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Woodbury Avenue, request for traffic calming, by residents. **Sample Motion: Move to hold additional public meeting, to present revised plan incorporating speed cushions.****
- B. Dennett Street, request for traffic calming, by residents. **Sample Motion: Move to approve temporary bump-out north of Sparhawk Street.****
- C. Sagamore Avenue, request to slow traffic, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to approve installation of additional speed limit sign and speed feedback sign.****

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Sagamore Avenue, update on cross-section improvement project.**
- B. Monthly Accident Report from Police**
- C. Response to resident concerns regarding Chevrolet Avenue sidewalks and speeding, Gallagher's Place crosswalk on Islington Street, and traffic speeds on Miller Avenue near Spring Street**
- D. Downtown parking study status update**
- E. Bartlett Street at Thornton Street, update on temporary roundabout trial.**

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

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Unaudited

Percentage of Fiscal Year Complete 58.33%
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Preliminary
Totals Thru
January 31, 2023

	Total	Budgeted	% of Budget
FY 23			
Parking Meter Fees	2,463,993.96	3,250,000.00	76%
Meter Space Rental	176,275.00	150,000.00	118%
Meter In Vehicle	0.00	0.00	0%
EV Charging Stations	9,440.78	10,000.00	94%
Parking-Area Service Agreements	3,000.00	50,000.00	
High Hanover Transient	1,481,316.91	1,909,000.00	78%
High Hanover Passes	692,649.32	1,265,100.00	55%
Foundry Place Transient	244,242.41	502,000.00	49%
Foundry Place Passes	266,195.06	451,500.00	59%
Parking Sign Permit	0.00	0.00	
HH Pass Reinstatement	495.00	750.00	66%
Foundry Pass Reinstatement	519.75	750.00	69%
Parking Violations	646,529.50	700,000.00	92%
Immobilization Administration Fee	2,550.00	5,000.00	51%
Summons Admin Fee	0.00	0.00	0%
Total FY 23	5,987,207.69	8,294,100.00	72%

	BUDGETED	
	5,881,795	71% Transfer to Parking Fund
	2,412,305	29% Funds Remaining in Gen Fund

Marc Stettner
91 Fairview Avenue
Portsmouth NH 03801

3/4/2023

City of Portsmouth NH
Parking & Traffic Safety Committee
1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Dear Parking & Traffic Safety Committee,

I am requesting that the City redesign and add flashing LED red lights (like installed at Cate St. and Bartlett St.) to the stop sign at Daniel Street and Market Street. Numerous vehicles at night are not stopping at this intersection. There is a significant risk of someone who is using the crosswalk at this intersection or a few feet away in Market Square, being hit by a vehicle. I believe the primary reason for vehicles not stopping at night is that drivers are distracted by the numerous other lights as they approach this intersection. The Police are constantly ticketing vehicles at this intersection not stopping. The Police should be consulted to consider my suggestion at other dangerous intersections such as this.

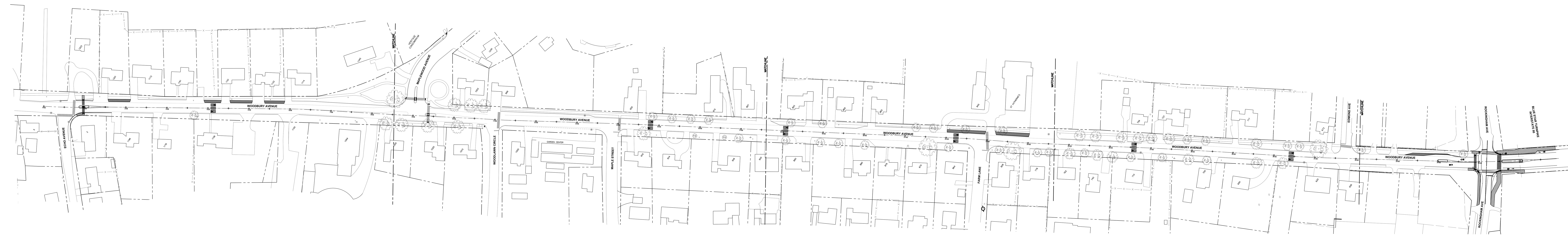


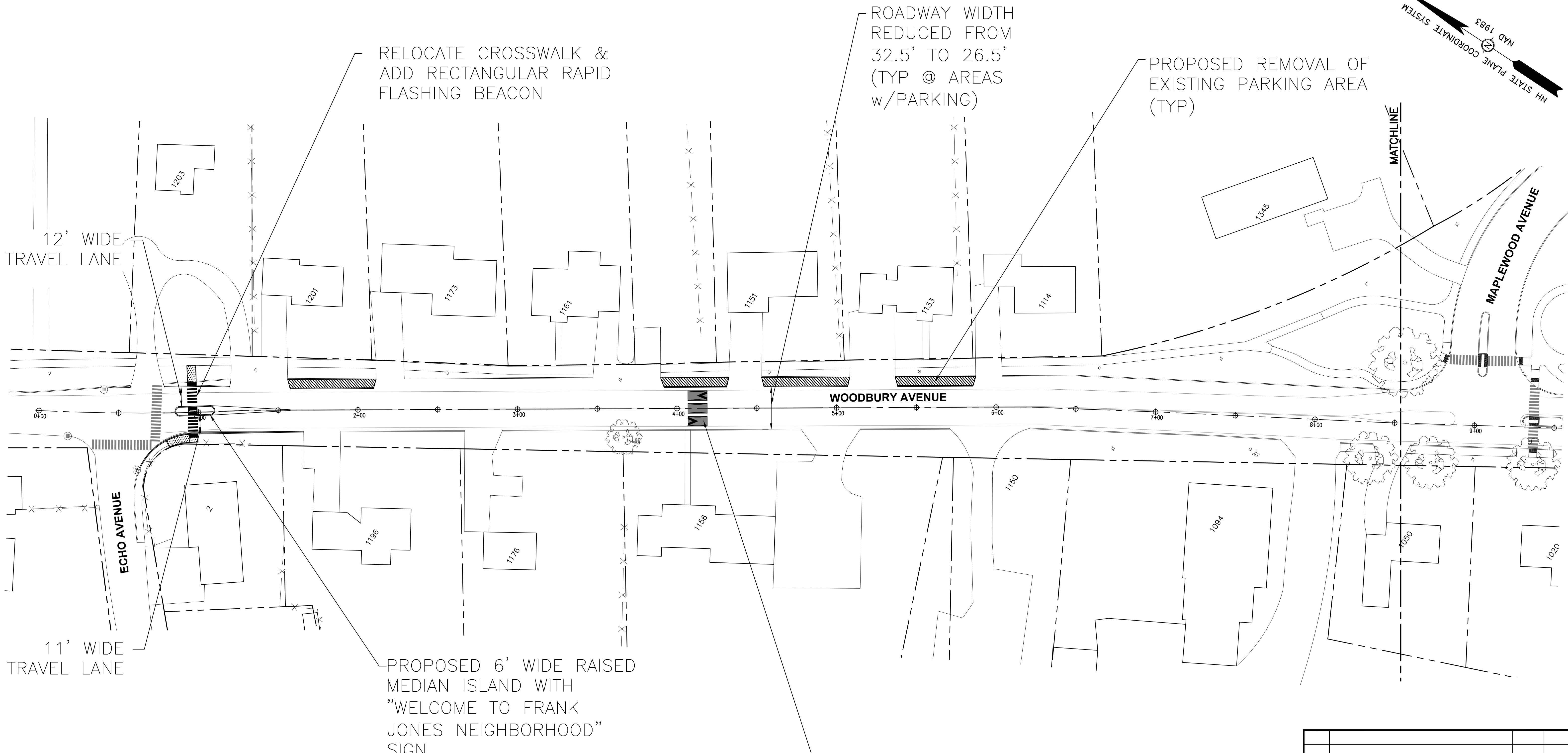
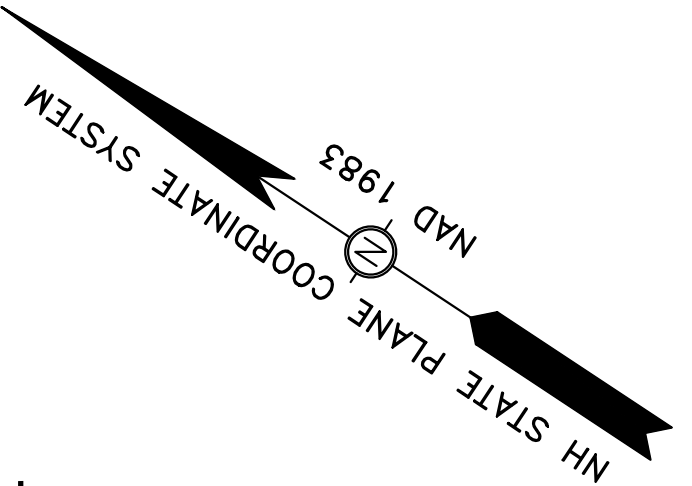
Suggestion: Get rid of square metal sign post* and move signs to lamp post. Add red flashing LED lights to sign. Power for LED lights can be provided by lamp post instead of solar cells which may not be practical in this location.

Thank you for considering this change to make this intersection and possibly others much safer for everyone.

Marc Stettner

* The City should consider getting rid of all these square metal sign posts and replace them with posts that match the current period lighting posts.





12' WIDE TRAVEL LANE

11' WIDE TRAVEL LANE

RELOCATE CROSSWALK & ADD RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON

ROADWAY WIDTH REDUCED FROM 32.5' TO 26.5' (TYP @ AREAS w/PARKING)

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF EXISTING PARKING AREA (TYP)

PROPOSED 6' WIDE RAISED MEDIAN ISLAND WITH "WELCOME TO FRANK JONES NEIGHBORHOOD" SIGN

PROPOSED SPEED CUSHION

WOODBURY AVENUE

ECHO AVENUE

MAPLEWOOD AVENUE

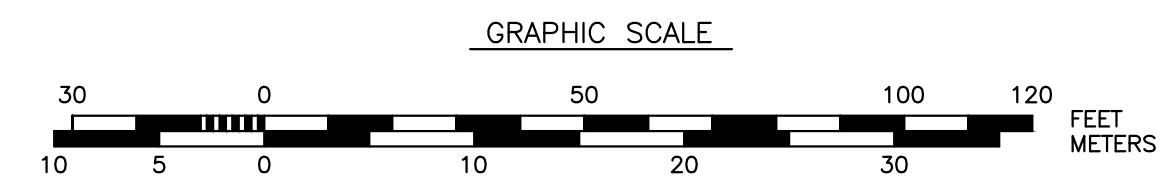
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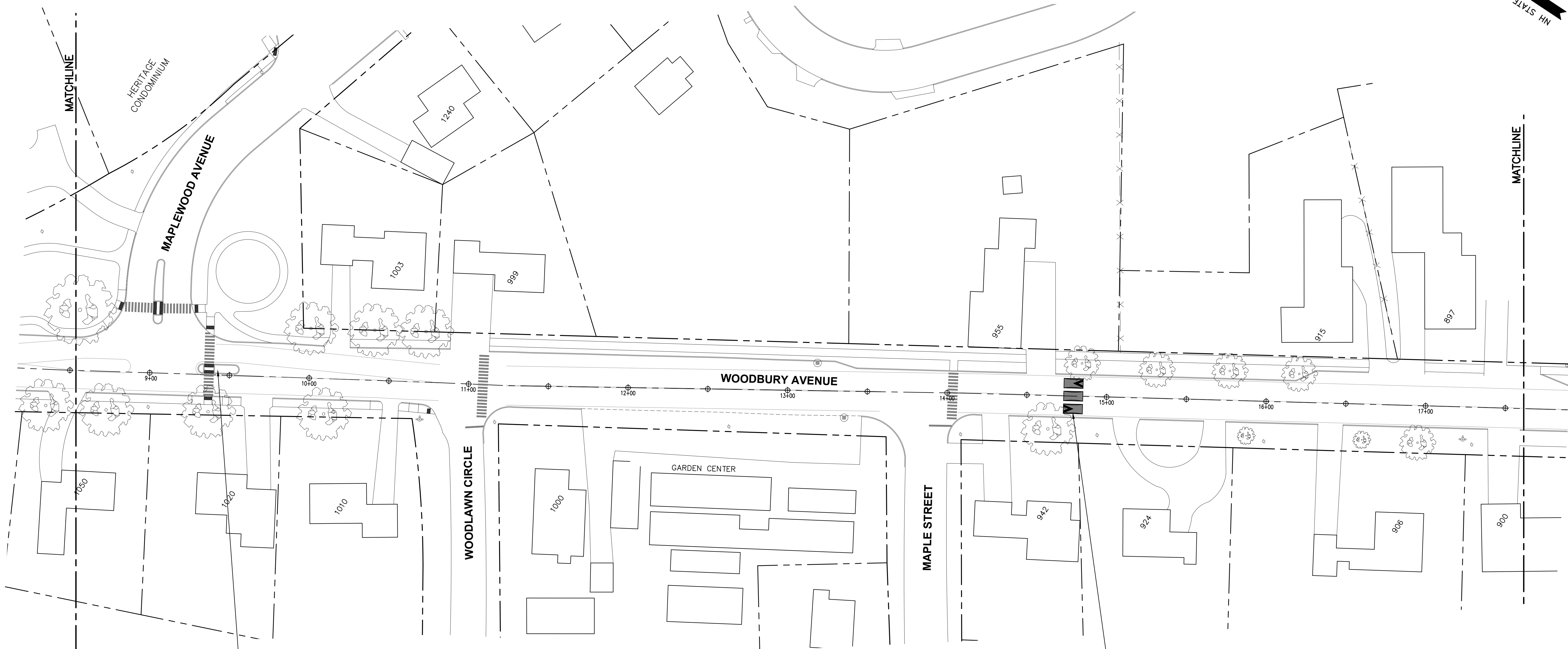
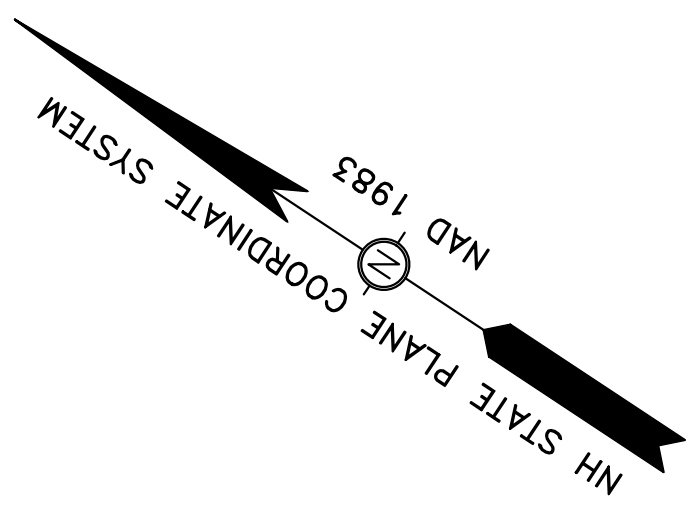
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NO.	REVISIONS	APP'D	DATE

PROJECT: **WOODBURY AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING**
 TITLE: **ROADWAY LAYOUT PLAN**

DRAWING SCALE:	AS SHOWN	DATE:	JANUARY 2023
PROJECT NO.:	7247	SHEET:	C-101
APPROVED BY:	MRB		

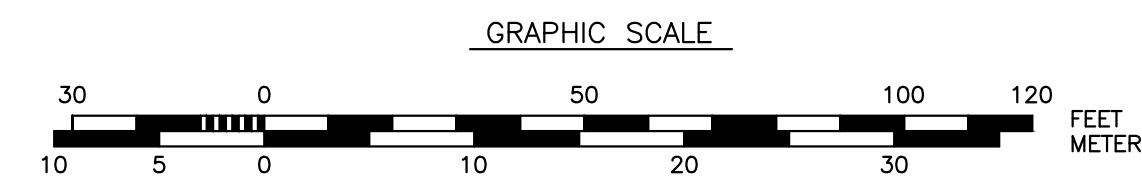
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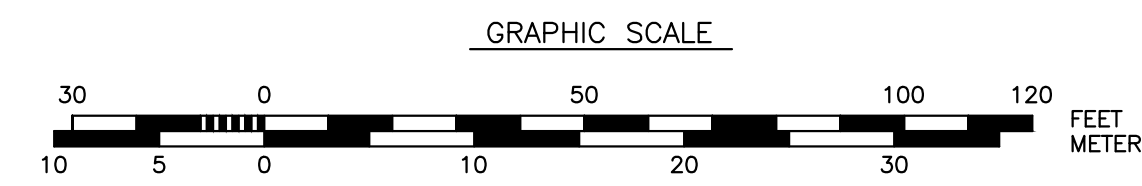
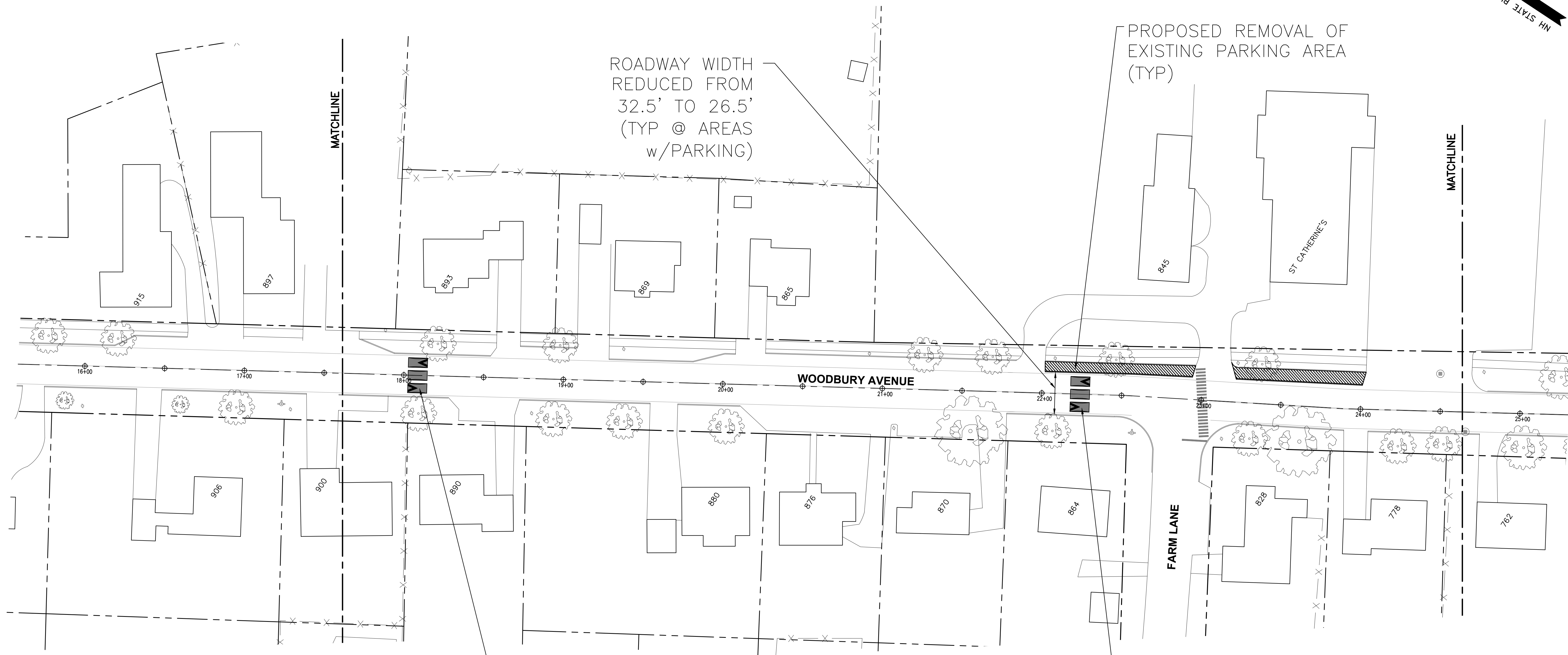
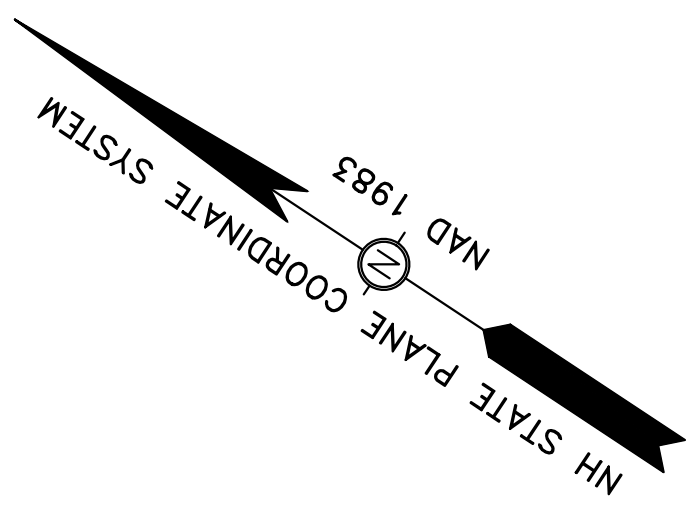


EXISTING RAISED MEDIAN ISLAND WITH RRFB

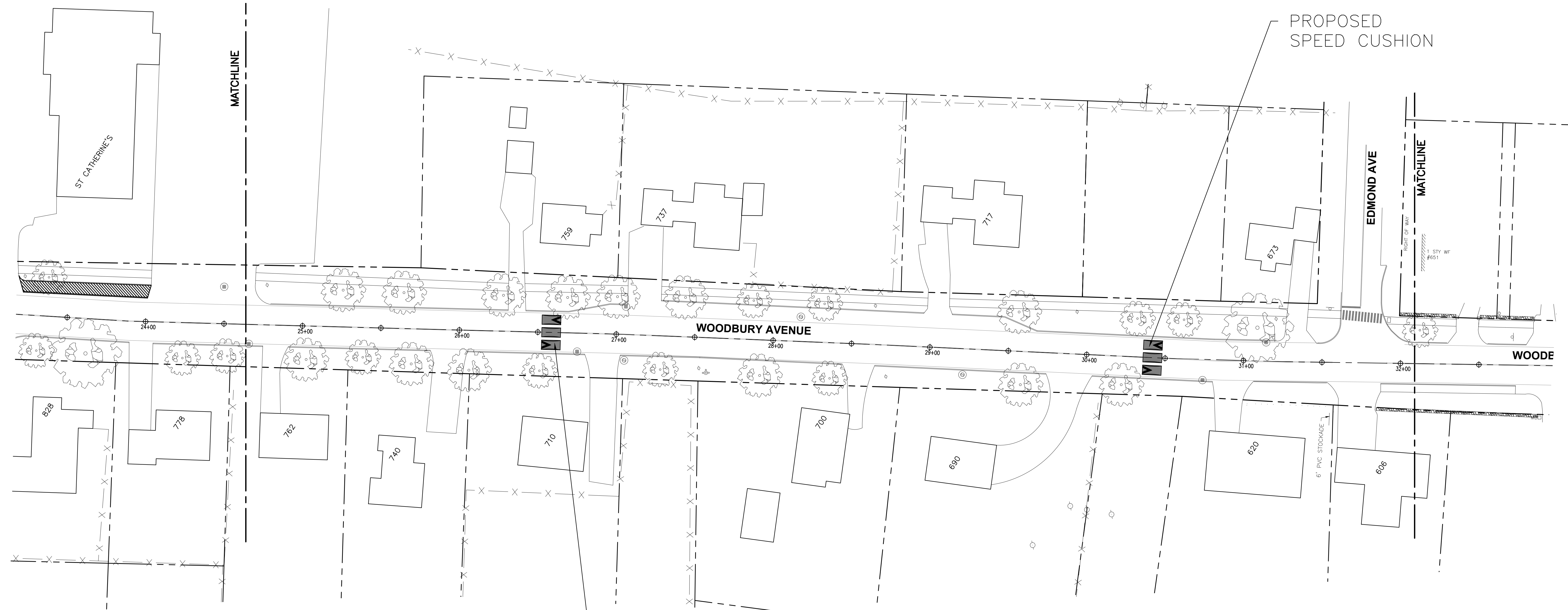
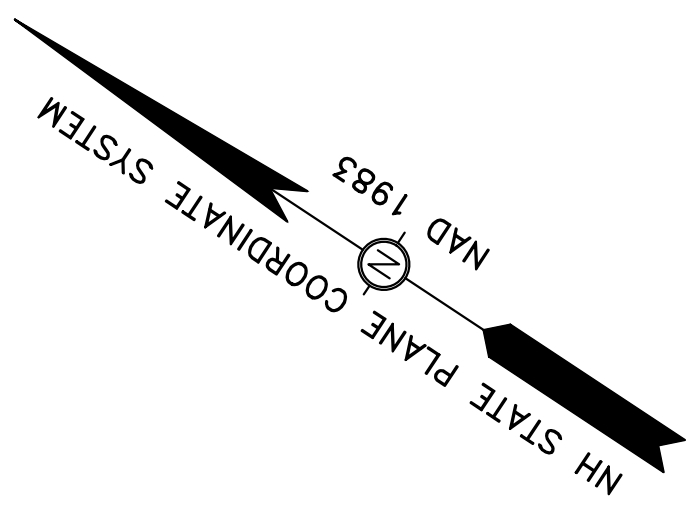
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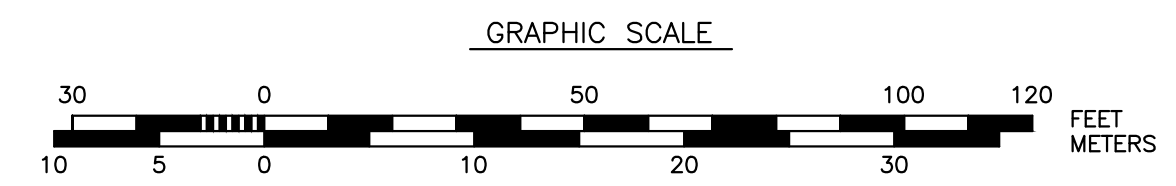


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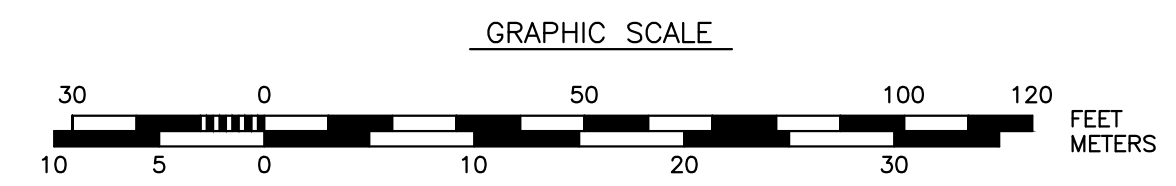
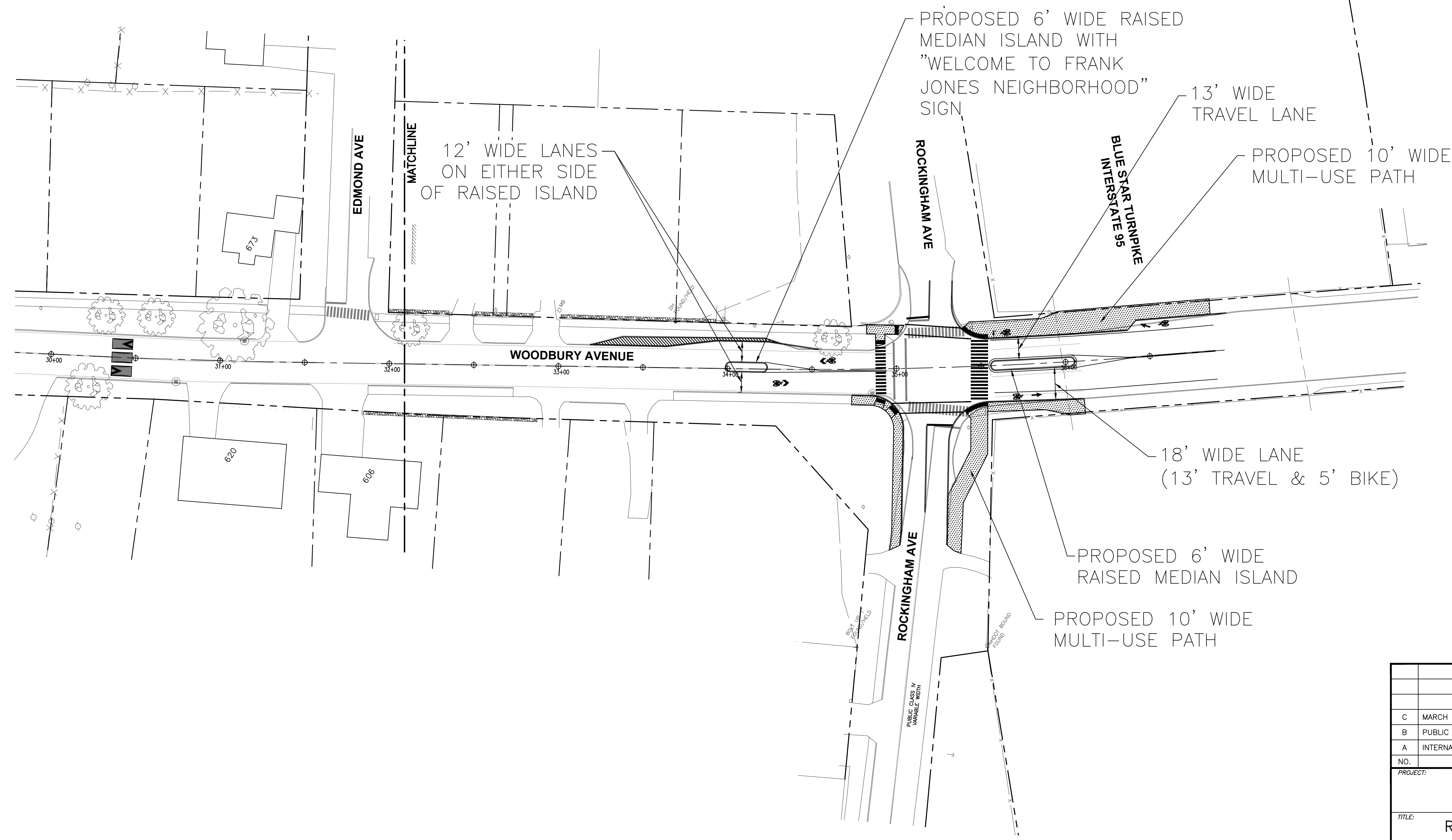
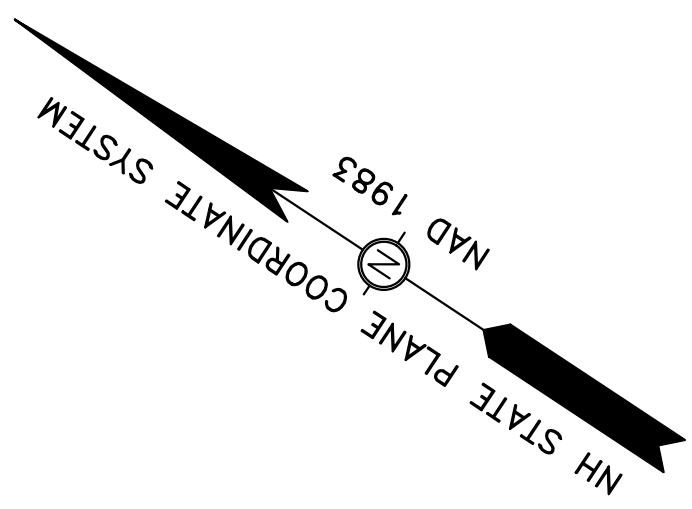


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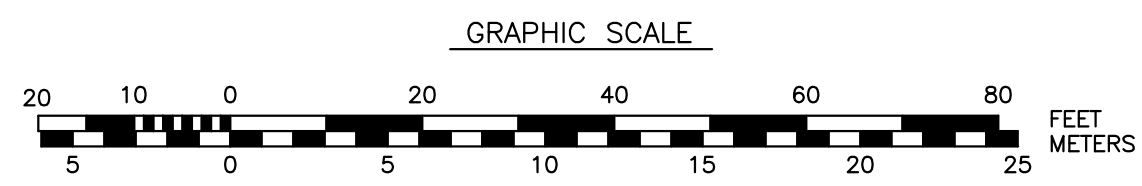
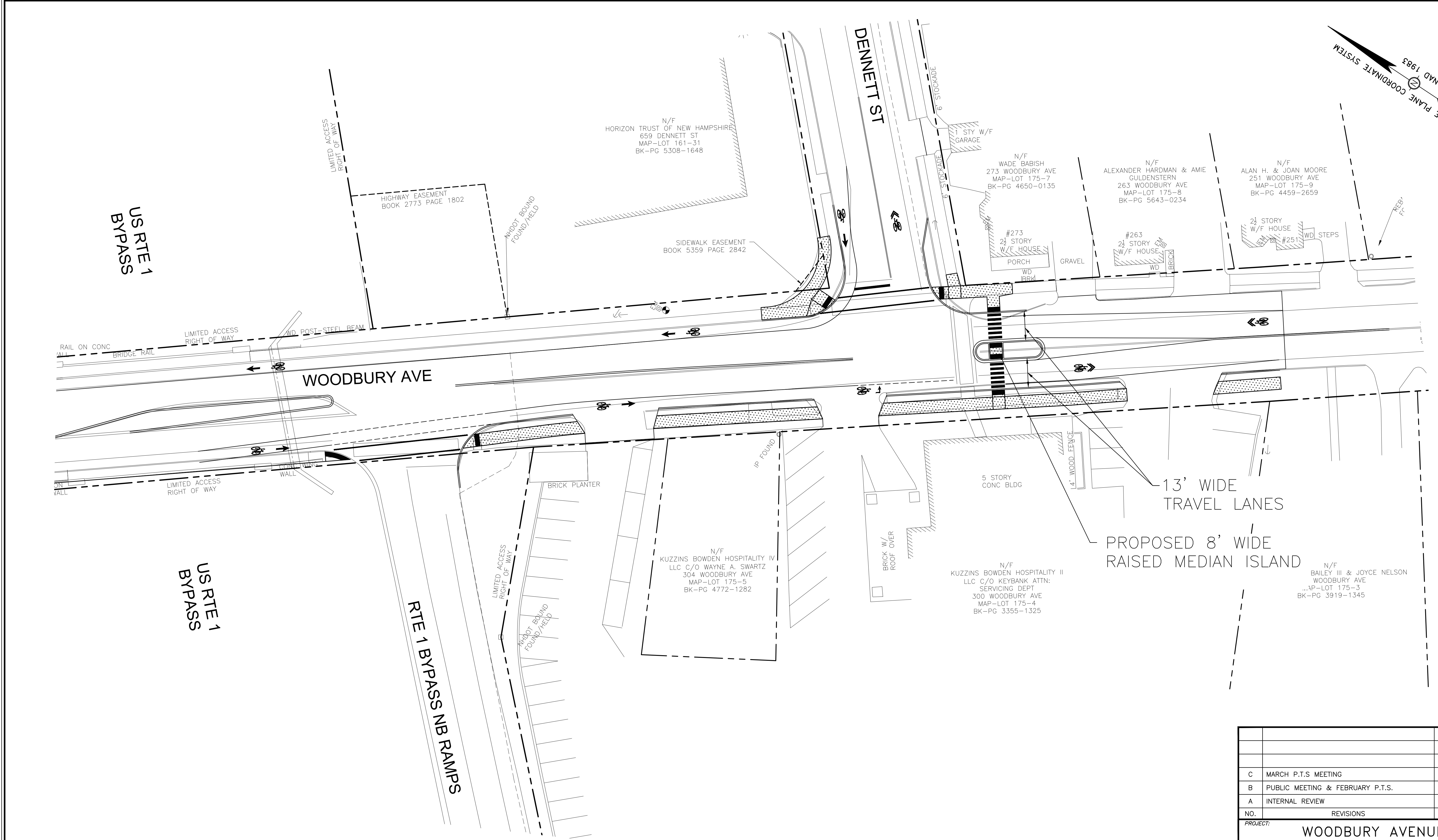
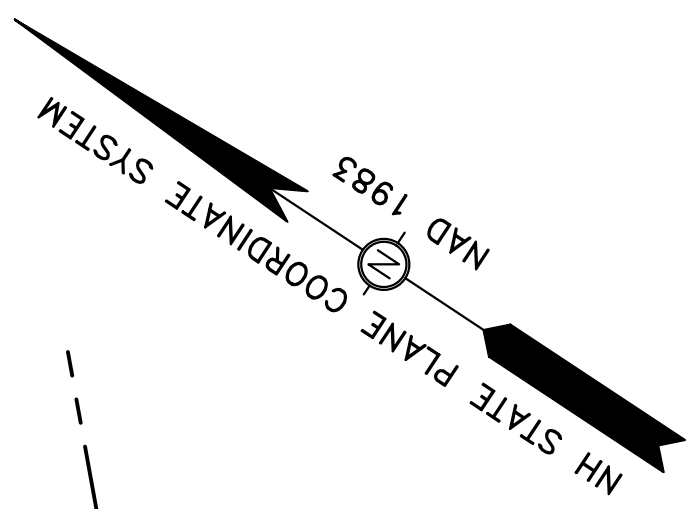
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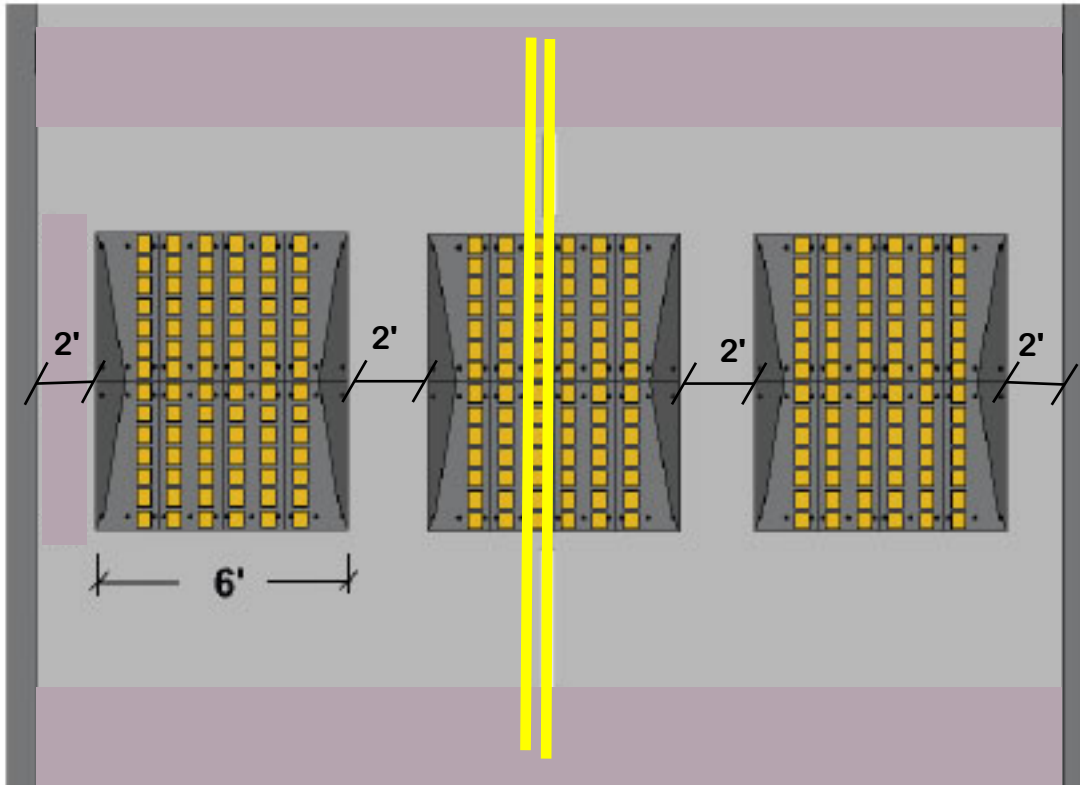


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Speed Cushion Specifications



VII. A



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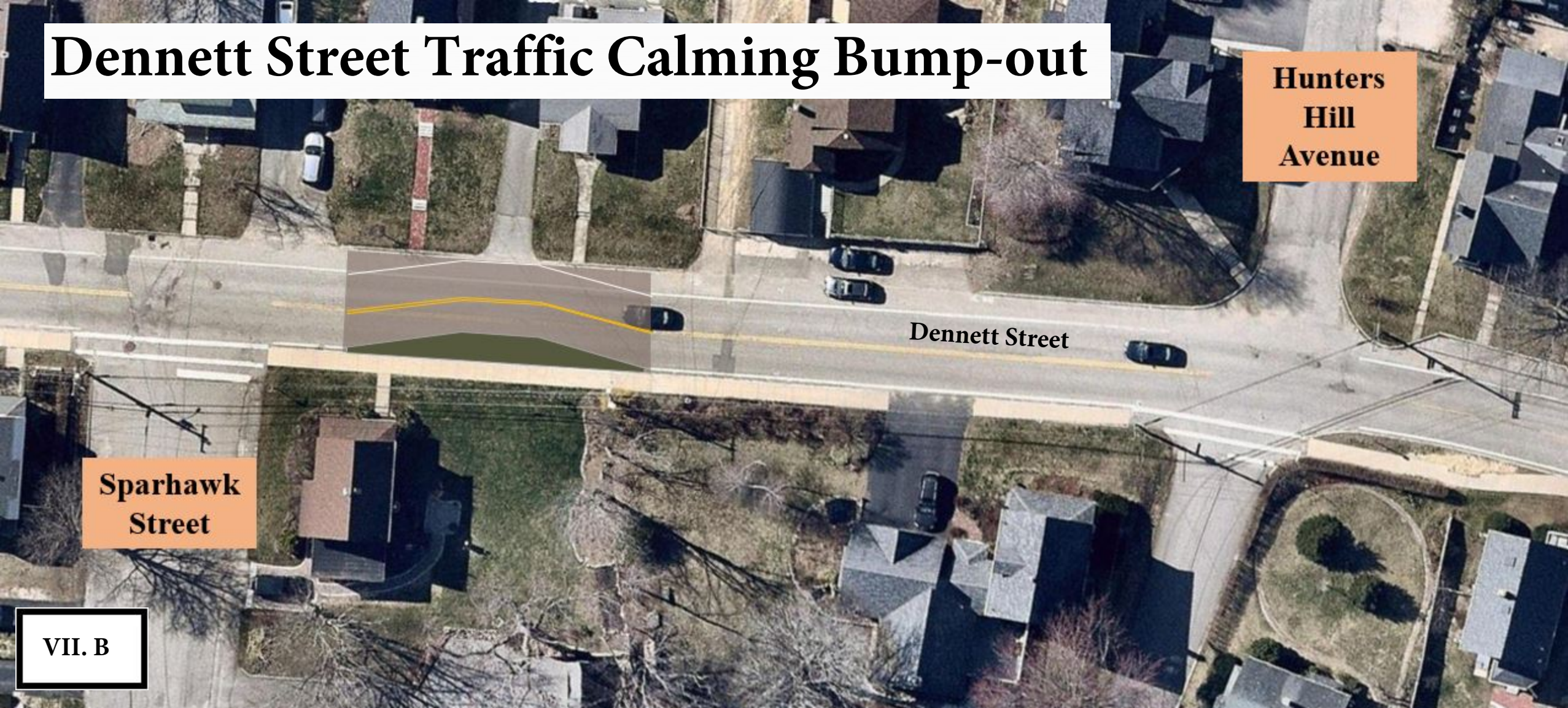
Dennett Street Traffic Calming Bump-out

Hunters
Hill
Avenue

Dennett Street

Sparhawk
Street

VII. B



Sagamore Avenue

Little Harbor Road



Existing Speed Feedback Sign and Speed Limit Sign



Existing Speed Limit Sign

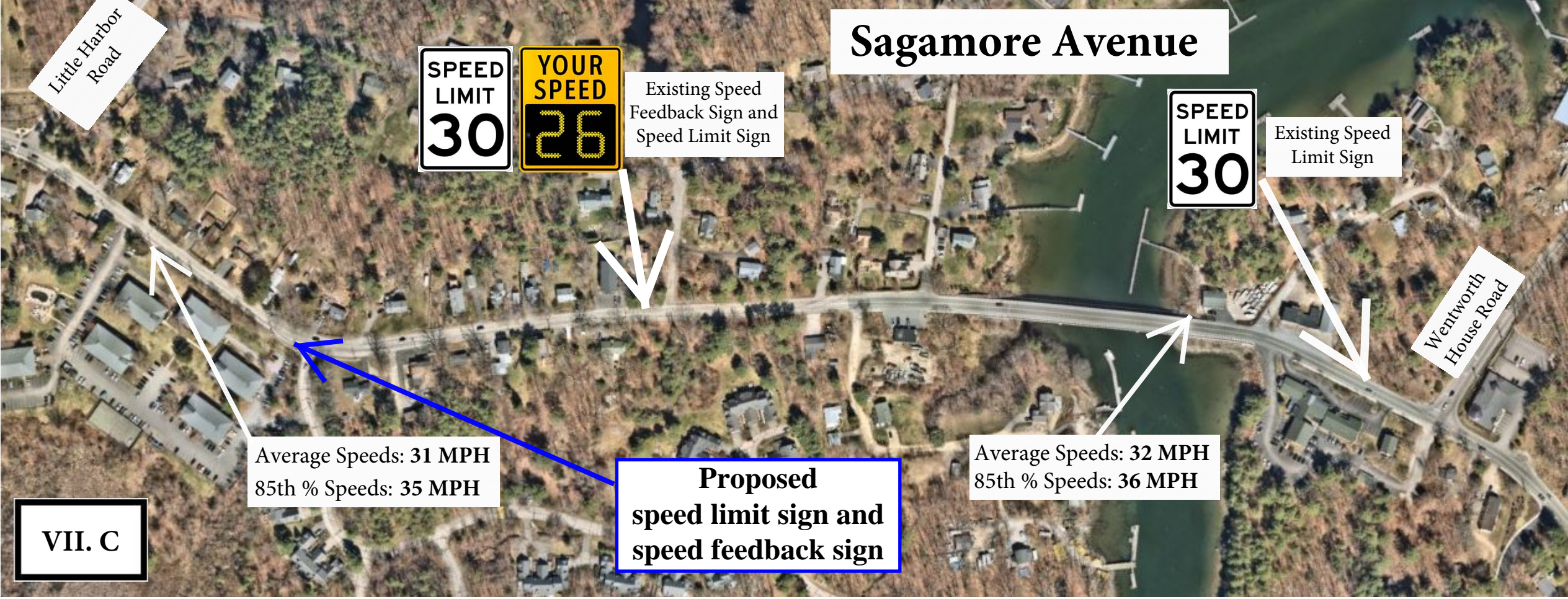
Wentworth House Road

Average Speeds: 31 MPH
85th % Speeds: 35 MPH

Average Speeds: 32 MPH
85th % Speeds: 36 MPH

Proposed speed limit sign and speed feedback sign

VII. C

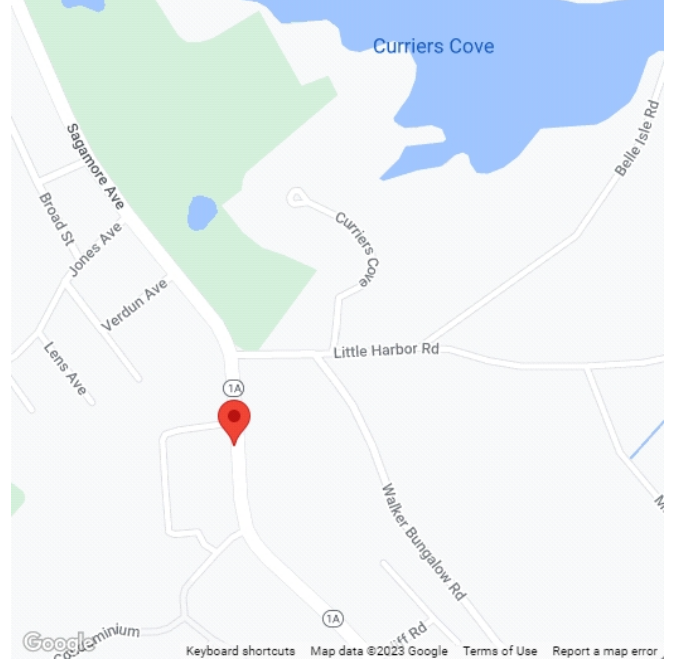


SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

Location



Sagamore Avenue South of
 Sagamore Court Entrance
 Latitude: 43.059543
 Longitude: -70.753744



Analysis Time Period



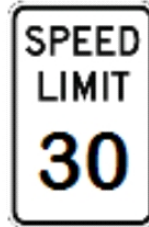
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Vehicles Analyzed



15,760

Speed Limit



30

Average Speed



31

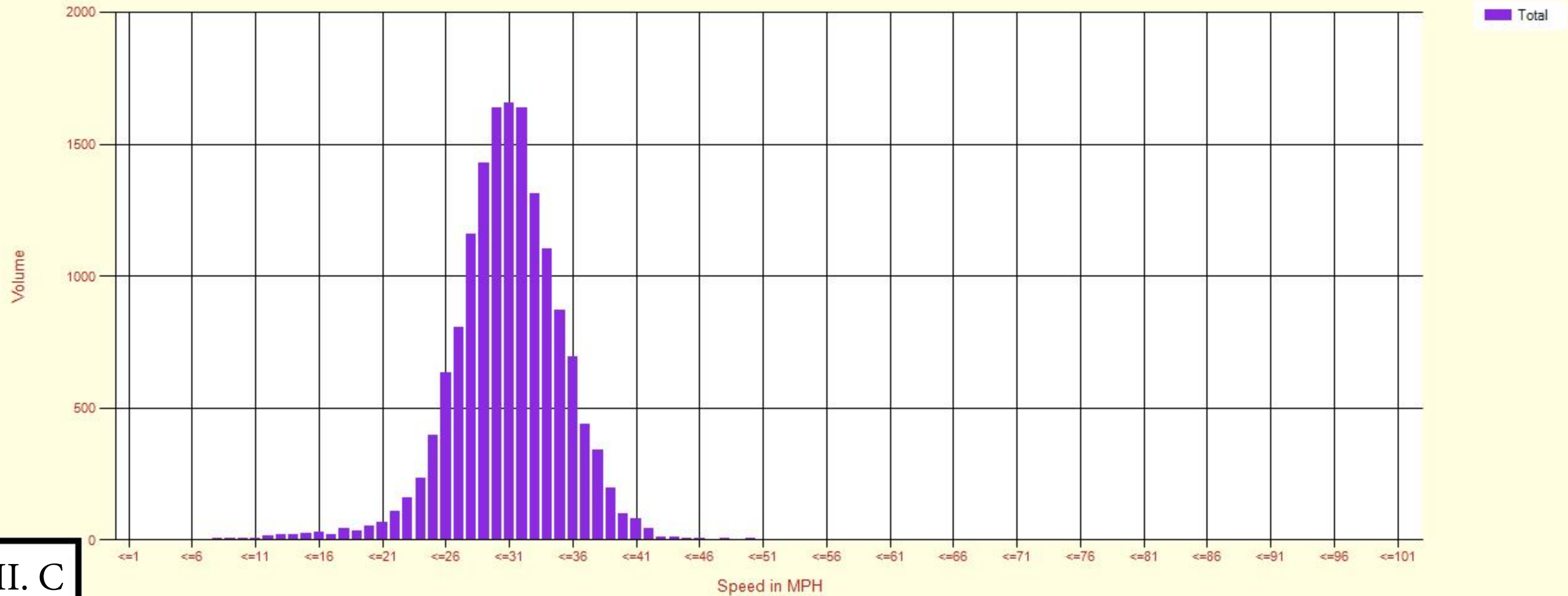
85th Percentile Speed



35

YES	NO	
	X	85 th Percentile speeds are \geq 7-10 MPH over posted limit
	X	Average speeds are \geq 5 MPH over posted limit
	X	5% of speeds are \geq 10 MPH over posted limit

Sagamore Avenue South of Sagamore Court Entrance

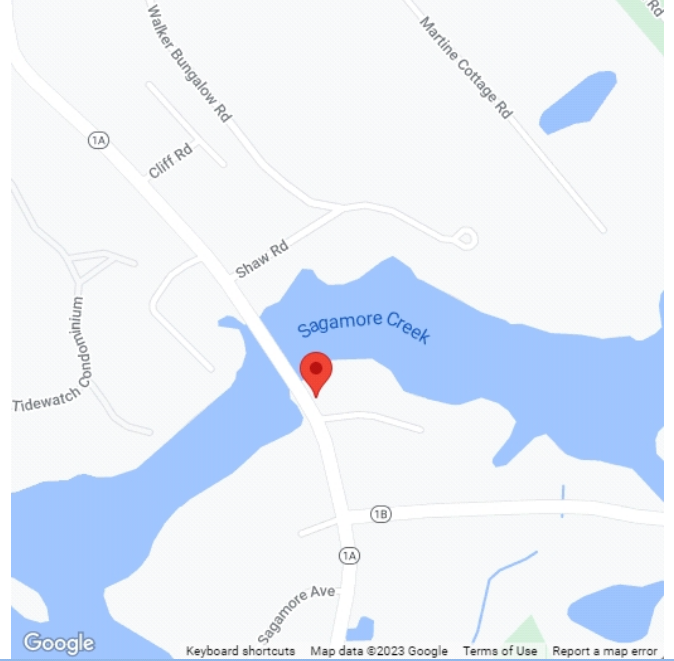


VII. C

SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

Location Sagamore Avenue South of Sagamore Creek Bridge

Latitude: 43.054181
 Longitude: -70.748358



Analysis Time Period



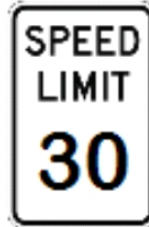
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Vehicles Analyzed



38,236

Speed Limit



30

Average Speed



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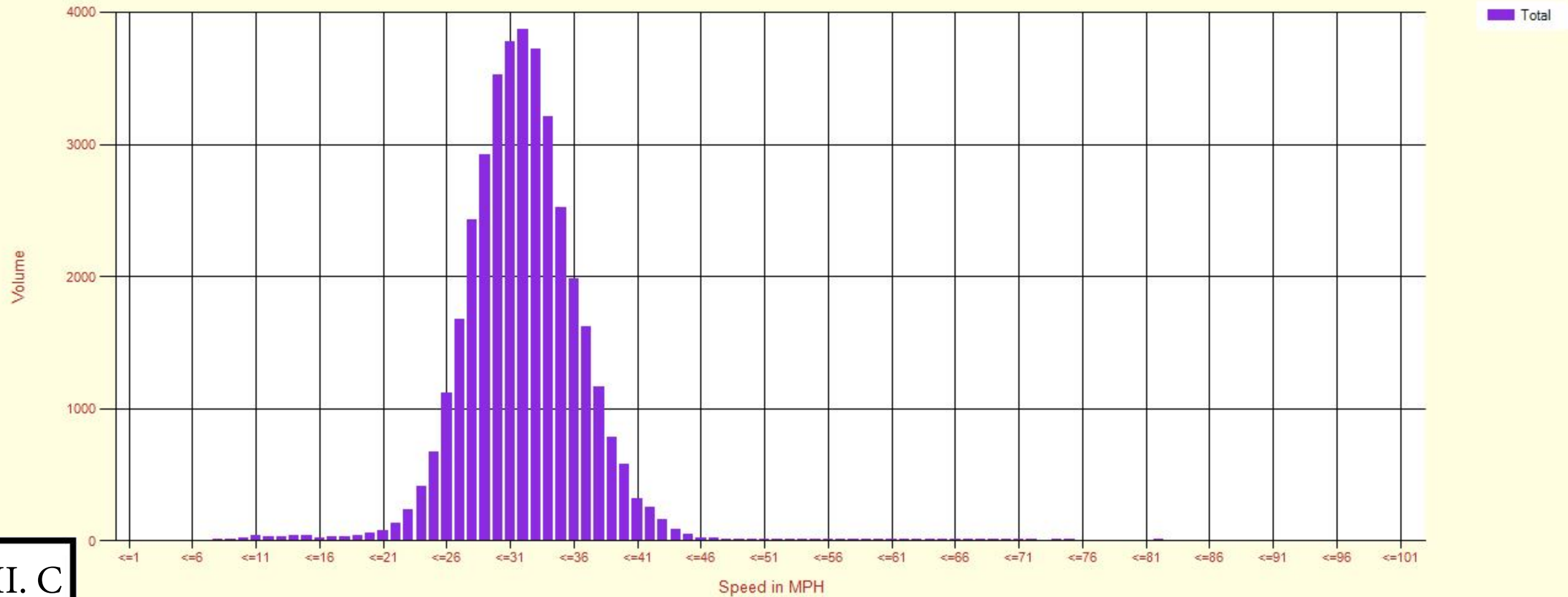
85th Percentile Speed



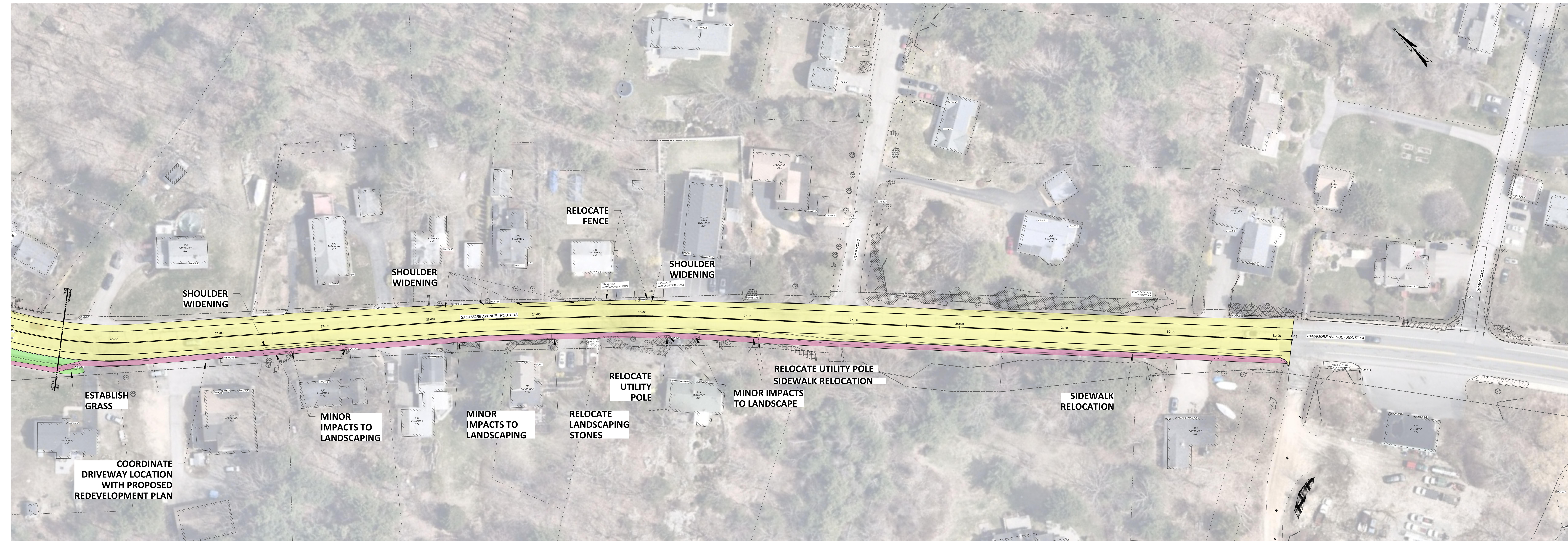
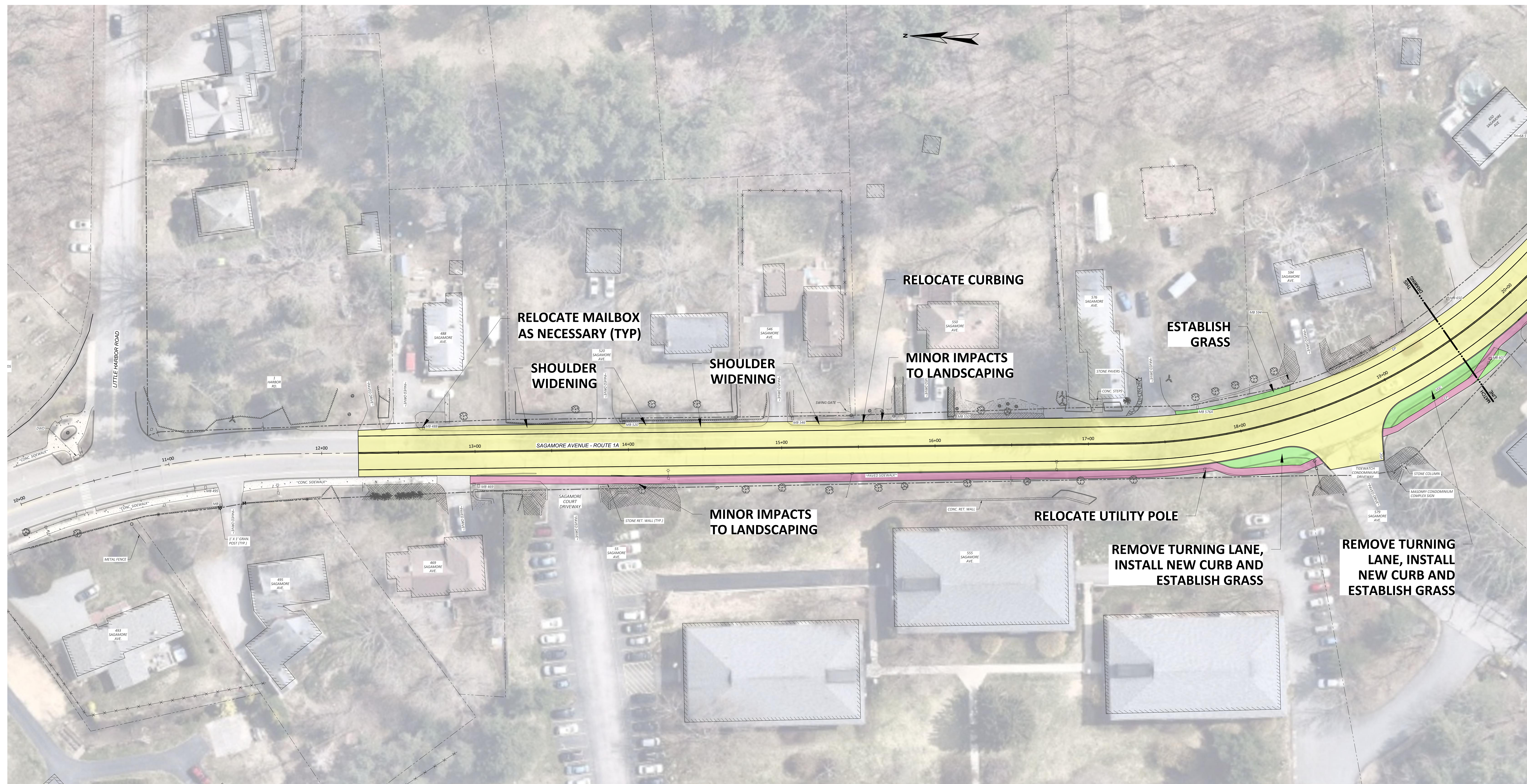
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YES	NO	
	X	85 th Percentile speeds are \geq 7-10 MPH over posted limit
	X	Average speeds are \geq 5 MPH over posted limit
	X	5% of speeds are \geq 10 MPH over posted limit

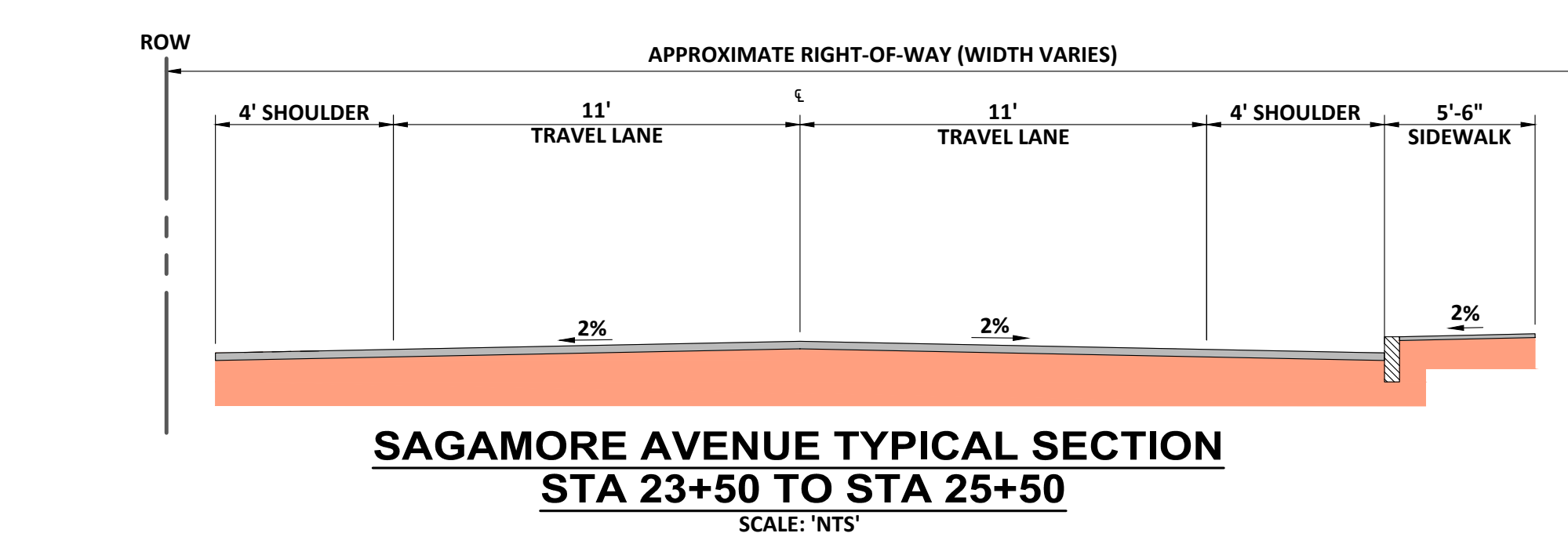
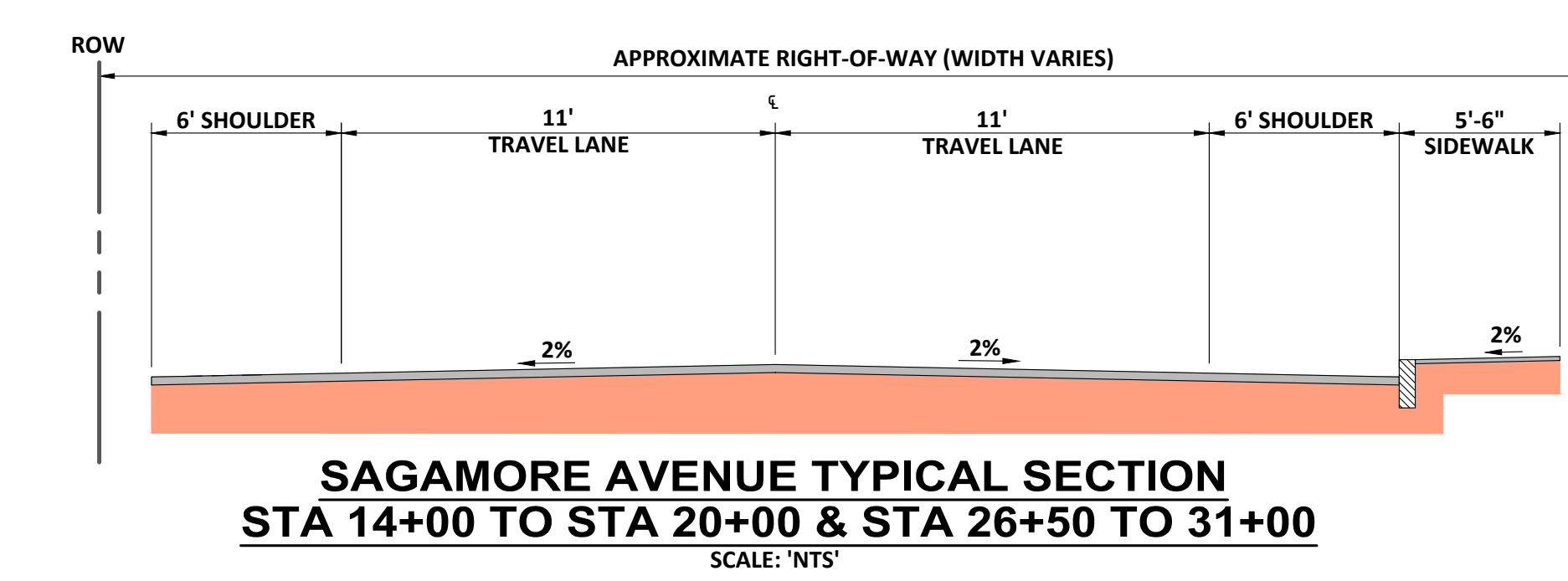
Sagamore Avenue South of Sagamore Creek Bridge



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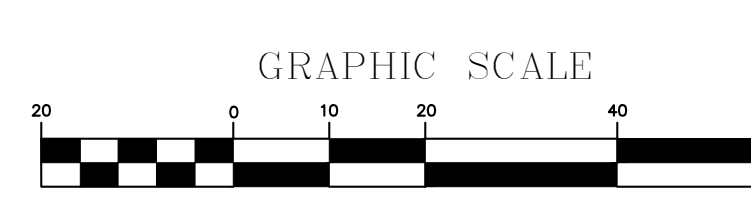
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**SAGAMORE AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT
CONCEPTUAL PLAN**

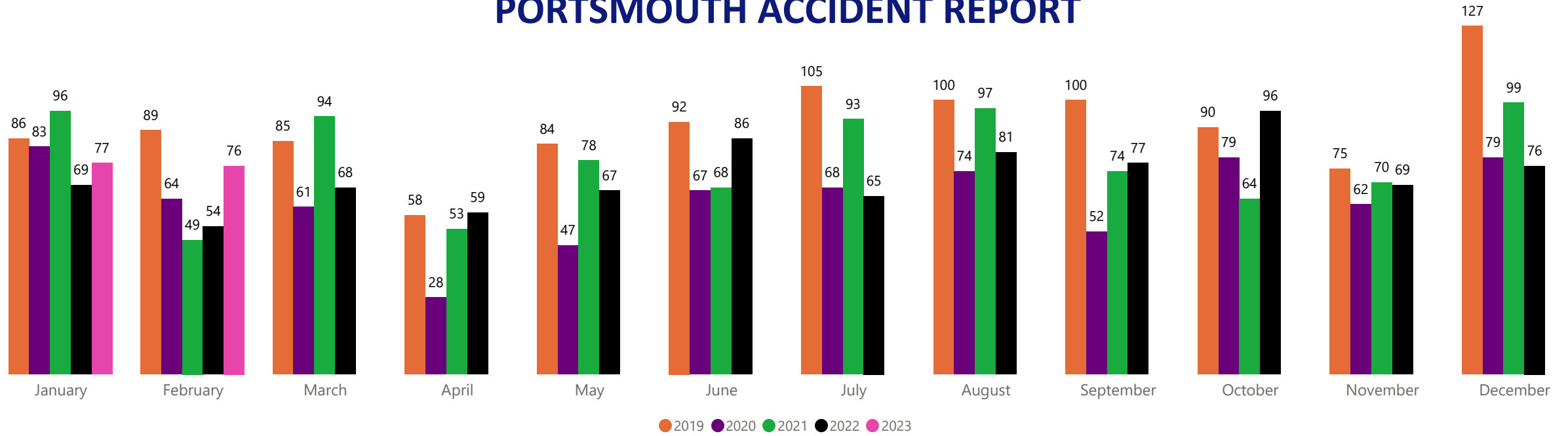
LEGEND

- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED GREENSPACE
- RIGHT-OF-WAY



MARCH 2023

PORTSMOUTH ACCIDENT REPORT

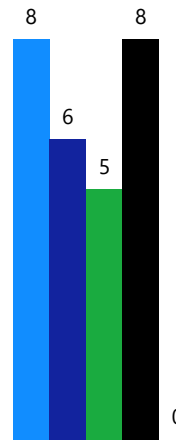
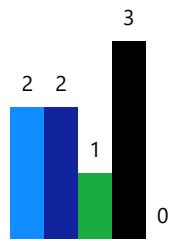


Jan. 2023- 35 reportable crashes, damage > \$1,000
 Feb. 2023 - 37 reportable crashes



YEARLY TOTALS

Month	2023
January	0
February	0
Total	0



Month	2023
January	0
February	0
Total	0



VIII. B

● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022 ● 2023

● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022 ● 2023

● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022 ● 2023

Chairman Peter Whelan requested that City staff report back with a recommendation for a temporary solution when the detour ends and then look for a long-term solution. Chairman Peter Whelan questioned if they should wait to take action on the two spaces at the Weekender lot. Mr. Eby responded that he needed to work with the owners before any action is taken.

Erica Wygonik moved to have staff report back at the next meeting on reasonable intermediate plans to address concerns on this block of Albany Street, seconded by Harold Whitehouse.

On a unanimous roll call, motion passed 9-0.

B. Report back on traffic calming request on Chevrolet Avenue, by Thomas Morley.

Eric Eby commented that a traffic recorder was installed on Chevrolet Avenue. The average speed was 22 mph and the 85th percentile was 26 mph. The recommendation was to remove the 30 mph speed limit signs. Removing the signs would keep speeds as they are. There is no speeding issue at the present time.

Steve Pesci commented that this case may be worth going to the City Council to establish and post 25 mph speed limit signs. No signs could create a potential challenge.

Police Captain Mike Maloney noted that no signs could be problematic because awareness is part of motor vehicle and traffic laws. It doesn't make it impossible to enforce, but it would be harder.

Public Works Director Peter Rice commented that the 30 mph signs should be removed now and then submit the speed limit change proposal to the City Council. There is currently a design to build sidewalks on Chevrolet Avenue. Traffic in that area is dangerous.

Steve Pesci moved to have staff remove the 30 mph signs on Chevrolet Avenue and prepare a proposal to make that street a 25 mph speed limit with posted signs. Additionally, the Planning Department and Public Works Department should start work on a neighborhood traffic pattern plan, in coordination with the sidewalk work, and address logical street naming according to E-911, seconded by Harold Whitehouse.

Harold Whitehouse requested a shorter motion.

Steve Pesci moved to remove the 30 mph speed limits signs on Chevrolet Avenue and prepare a recommendation to the City Council to change the ordinance to make Chevrolet Avenue a posted 25 mph street corridor, seconded by Harold Whitehouse. On a unanimous roll call, motion passed 9-0.

Steve Pesci moved to have staff begin the process to develop a comprehensive street development plan, as resources permit, and use addressing street naming conventions for E-911, seconded by Public Works Director Peter Rice.

Public Works Director Peter Rice commented that he supported the concept, but allocation of resources was outside of this Committee's authority. The Committee should request for the City Council to include money in the annual budget to complete this study.

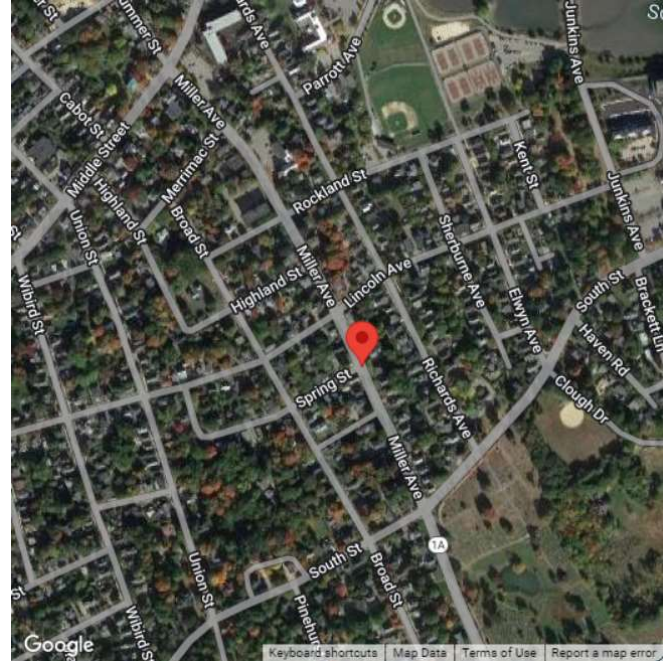


SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

Location



Miller Avenue
at Spring Street
Latitude: 43.067818
Longitude: -70.758992



Analysis Time Period



Start	End
3/21/2016 3:12 PM	3/25/2016 8:18 AM

Vehicles Analyzed



11,283

Speed Limit



30

Average Speed



29

85th Percentile Speed



34