

# **CHESTNUT STREET COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION**

March 30, 2021

Transportation Advisory Committee and Department of Planning and  
Community Development

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- Agenda
- Goals for the meeting
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- Discussion and community feedback
- Next steps

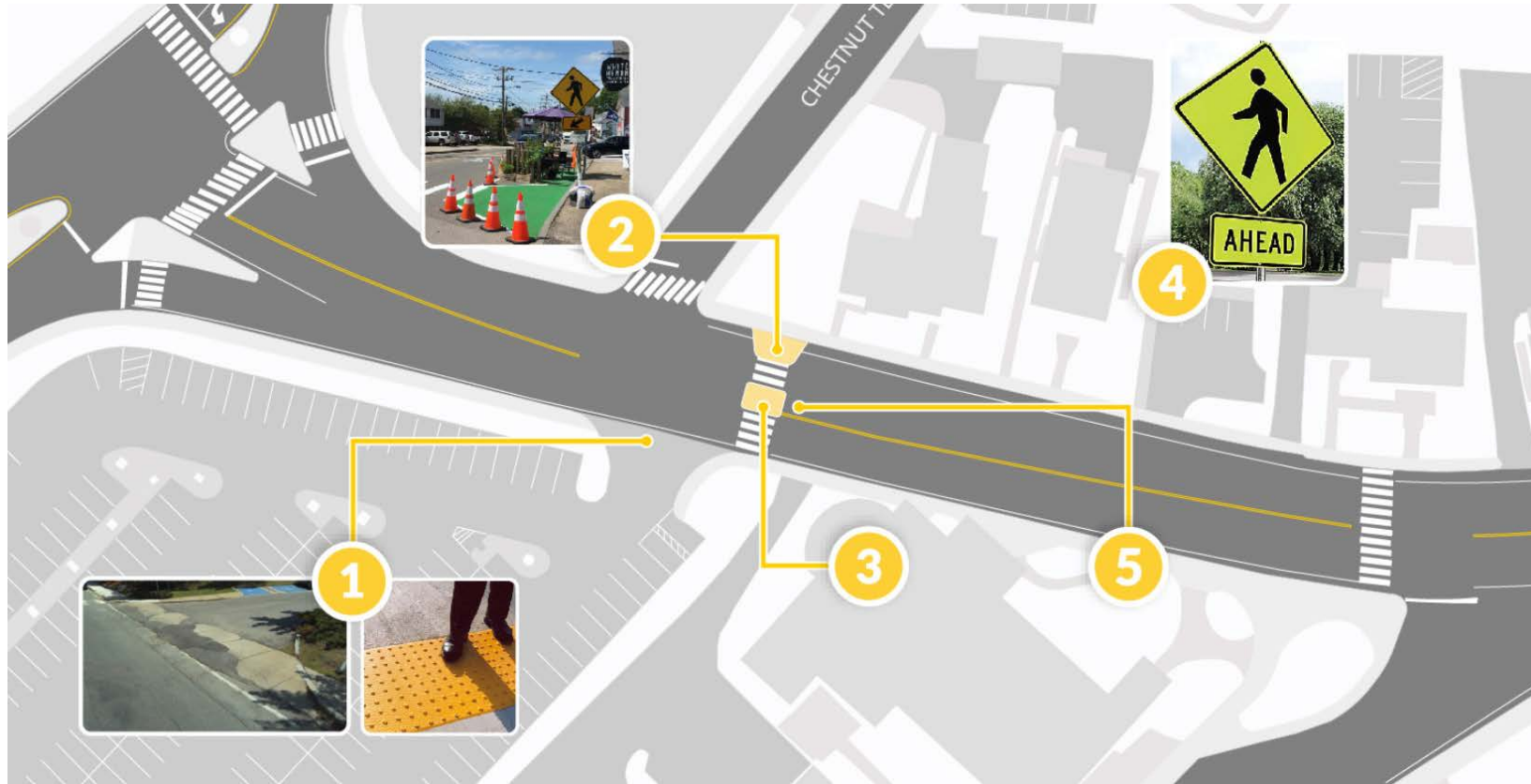
# Goals for the Meeting

- Hear your concerns about safety issues on Chestnut Street between Mystic Street and Medford Street.
- Learn what you prefer for improvements to safety for pedestrians crossing and walking along Chestnut Street.
- Learn what you prefer for improvements to enhance safety for bicyclists riding on Chestnut Street.
- Identify measures to discourage cars and trucks from speeding



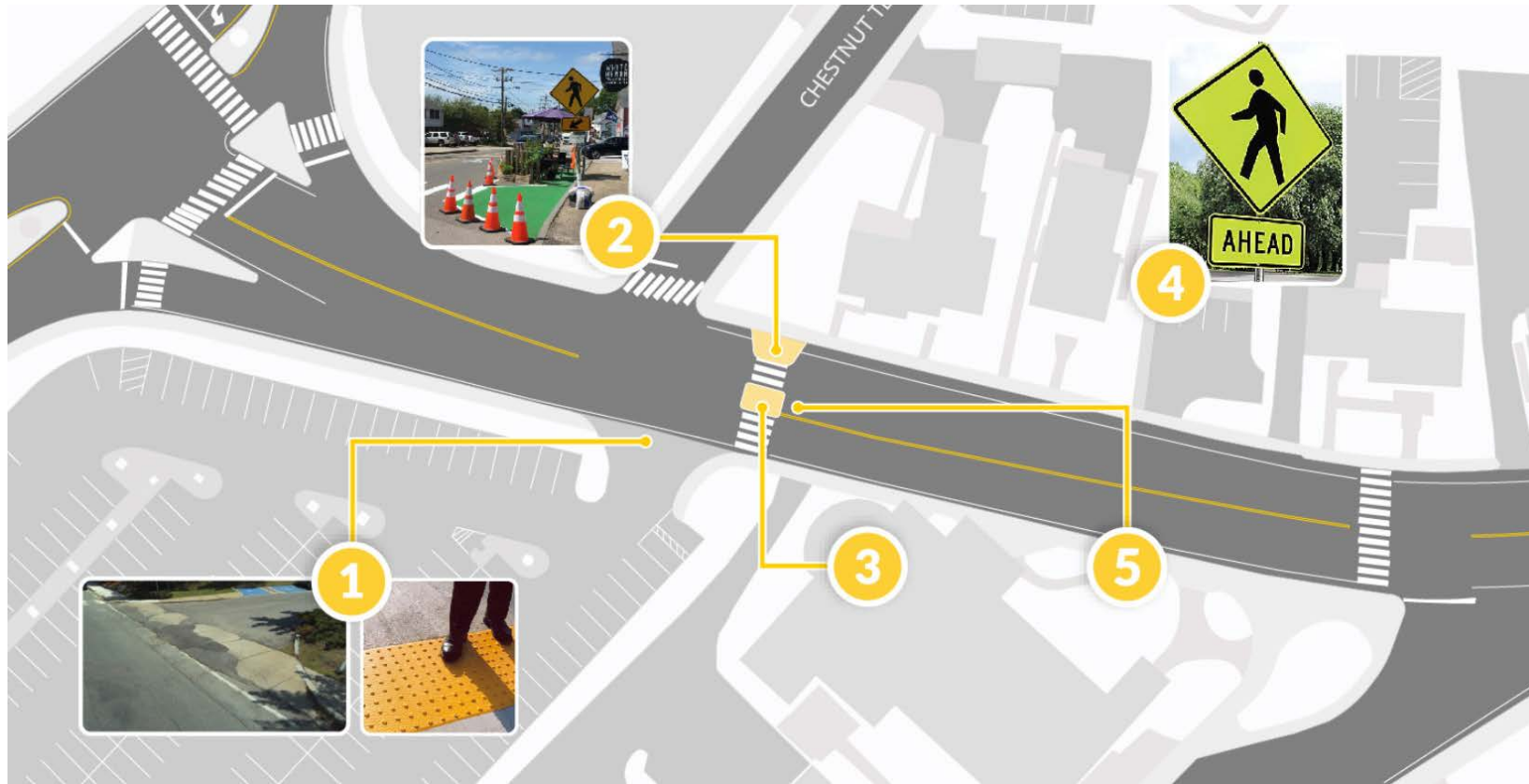
- Pedestrian fatality at Chestnut Terrace crosswalk.
- Vehicles turning right from Mystic Street northbound to Chestnut Street and vehicles turning right from Chestnut St to Mystic St northbound can move at high speed through the slip lanes.
- Vehicles lining up from Mystic Street through Chestnut Terrace crosswalk.
- Complaints of speeding on Chestnut Street.
- Frequent bicycle traffic with no marked bike lanes.
- Broken sidewalk across Russell Common Parking Lot driveway
- Study of potential safety improvements along Chestnut Street between Mystic Street and Medford Street undertaken at the request of the Select Board.
- Chestnut Street is 50 feet wide.

# Potential Short-Term Improvements



1. Repair sidewalk across the Russell Common Lot driveway and install detectable panels on both sides of driveway.
2. Install a temporary curb extension on the north side of the street at the Chestnut Terrace crosswalk.

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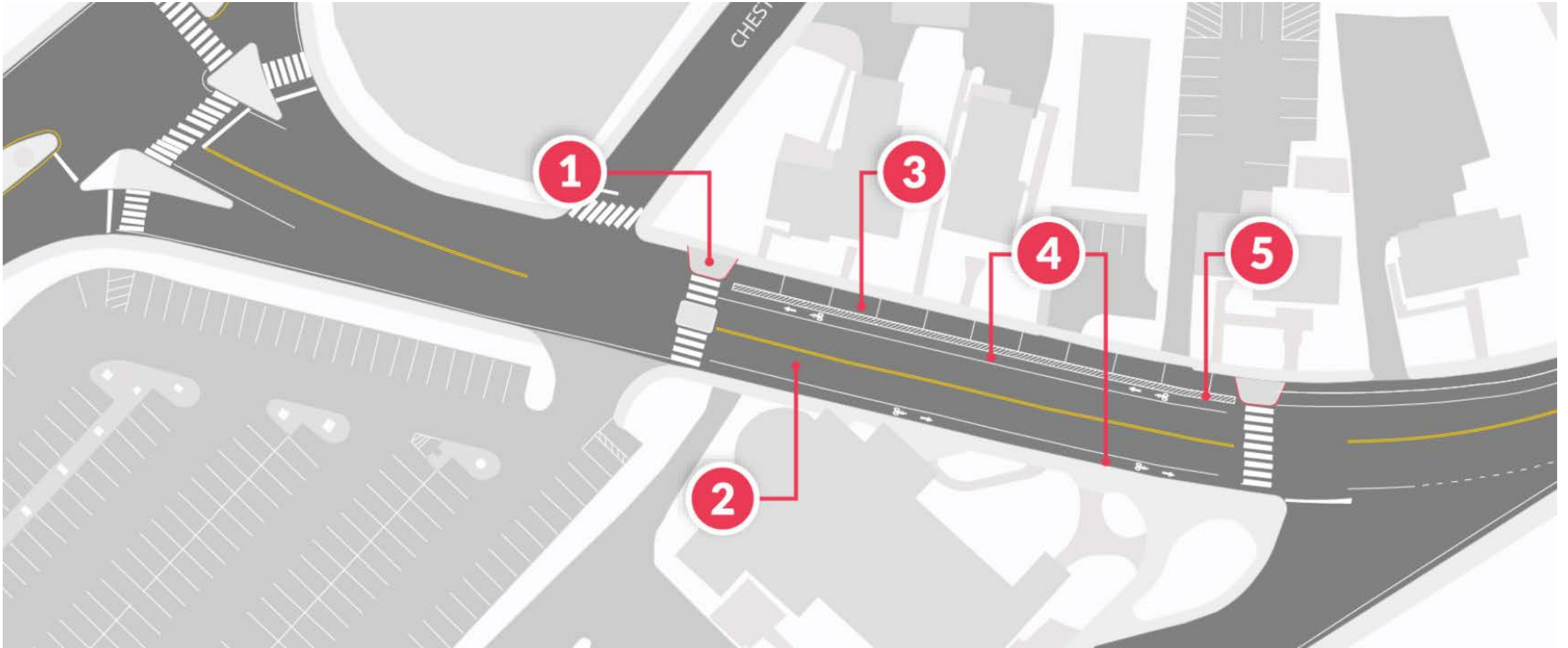
3. Install a temporary pedestrian refuge island in the middle of the Chestnut Terrace crosswalk.
4. Install additional crosswalk warning signs throughout the Chestnut Street corridor.

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5. Remove the crosswalk at Chestnut Terrace because of proximity to Mystic Street and direct pedestrians to crosswalks at Medford Street and Mystic Street.

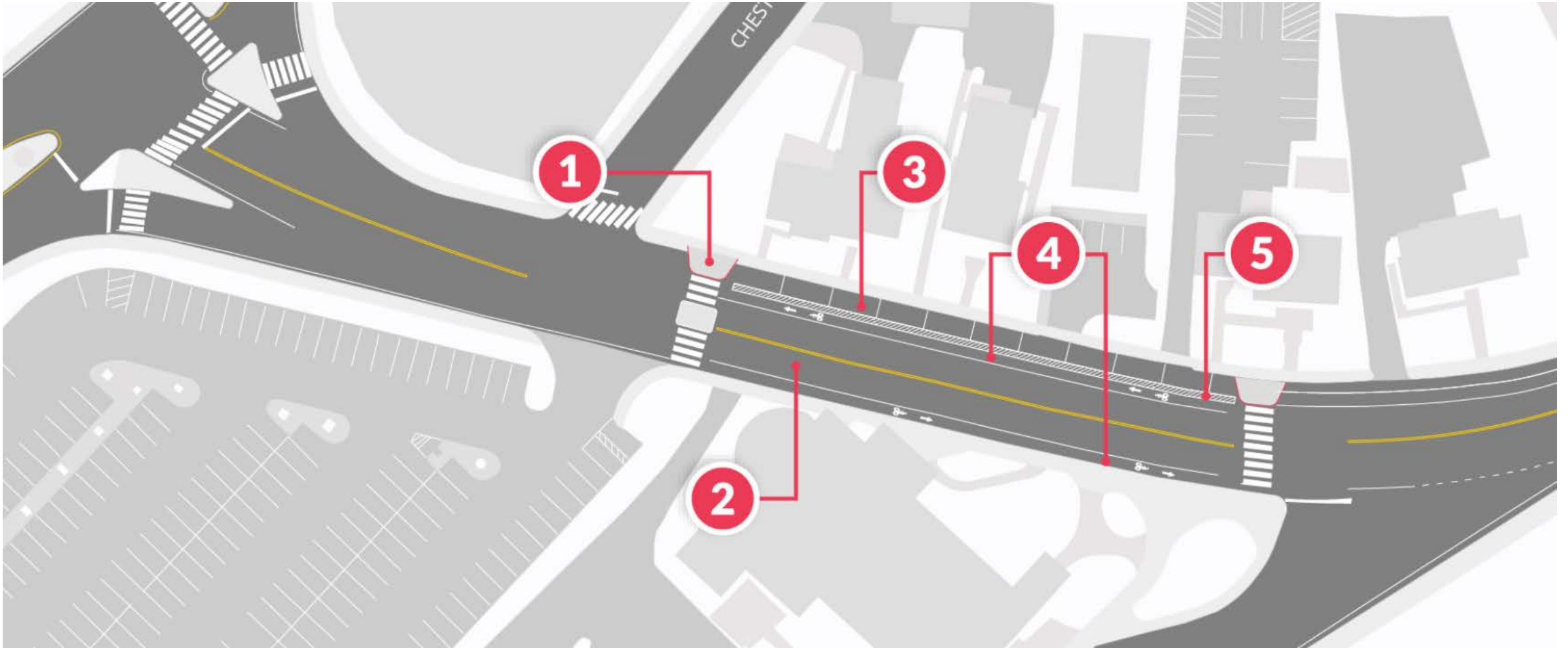
# Potential Mid-Term Improvements



1. Install permanent 8-foot pedestrian curb extensions on the north side of Chestnut Street at Chestnut Terrace and Medford Street crosswalks.
2. Narrow the travel lane in each direction to 11 feet.

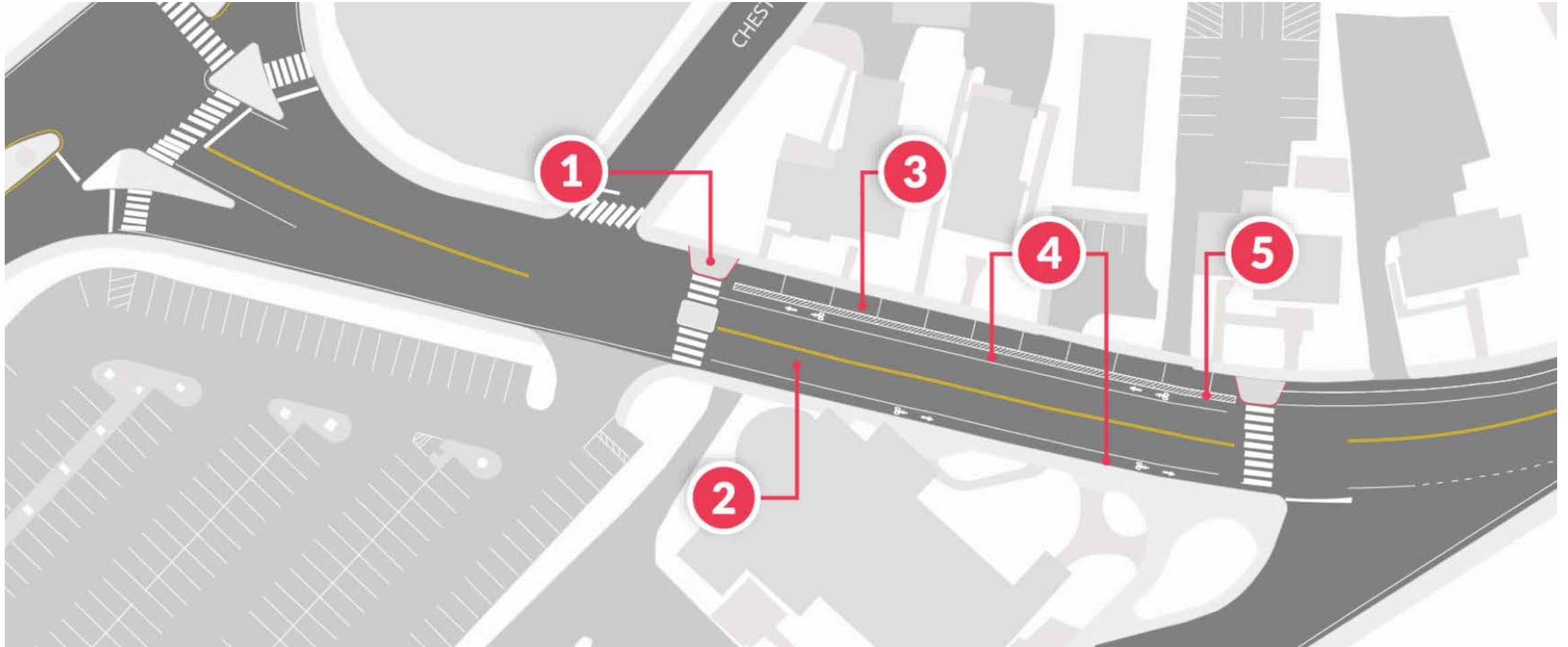


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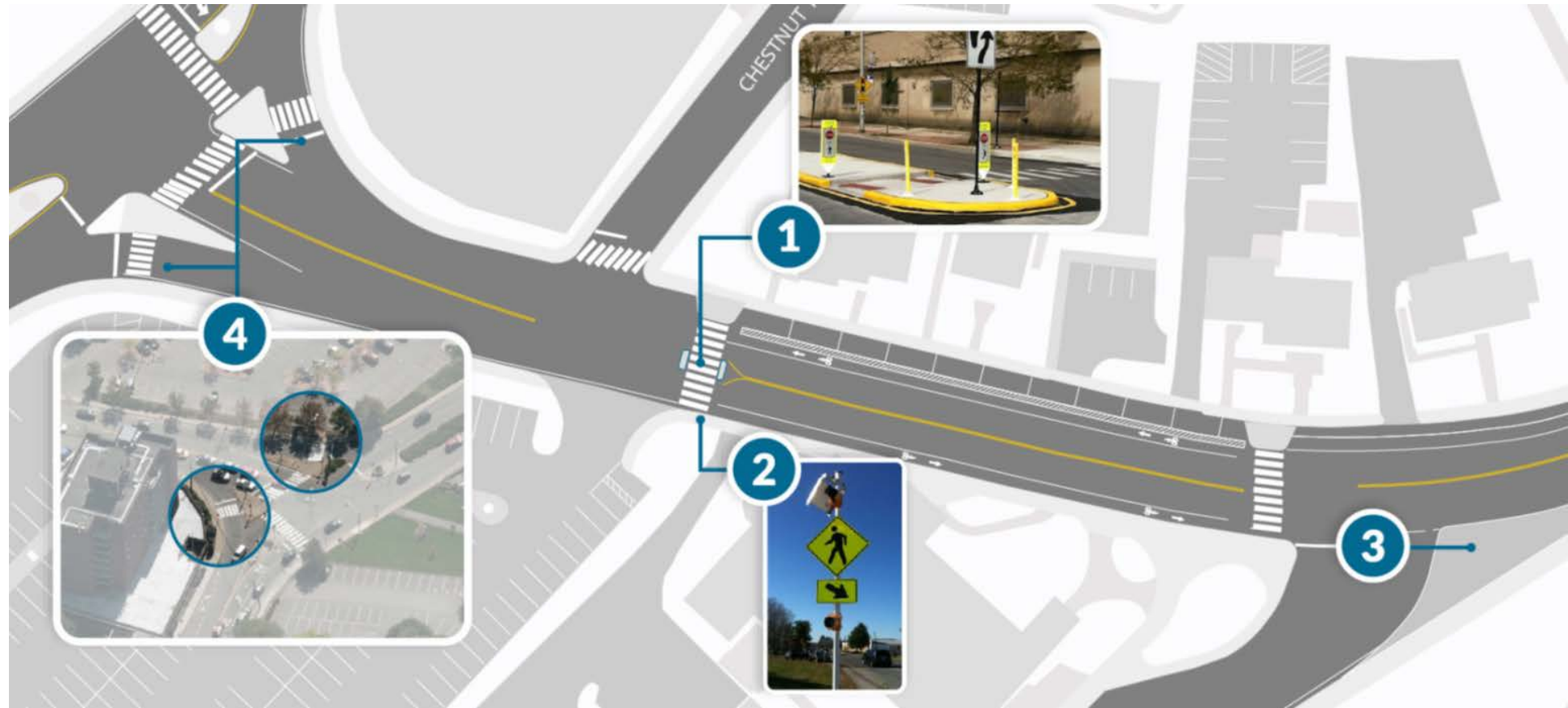
3. Provide an 8-foot parking lane on the north side of Chestnut Street (parking is allowed on the south side on Saturdays and Sundays only).
4. Install 5-foot bicycle lanes on each side of Chestnut Street.

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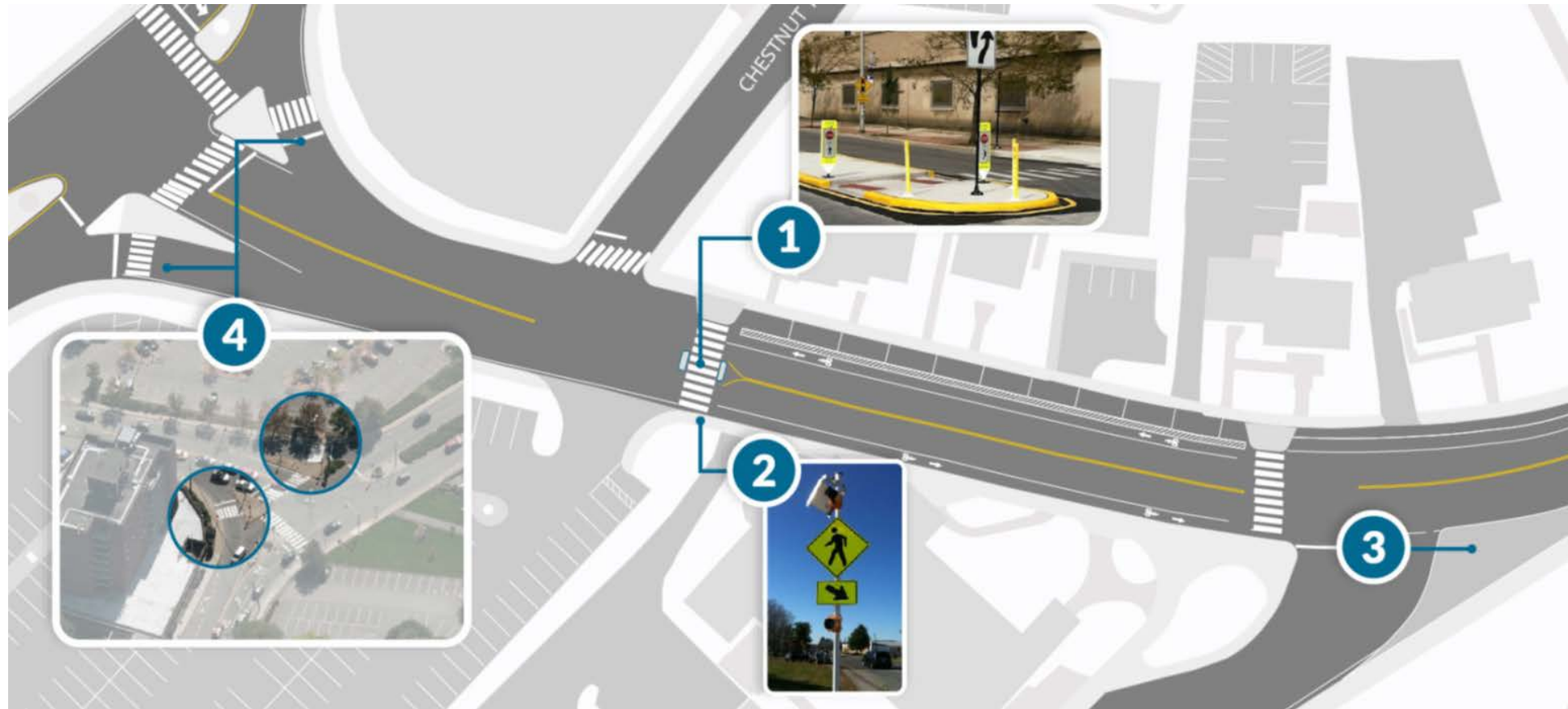
5. Install a 3-foot buffer between the parking lane and the bicycle lane on the north side of Chestnut Street.

# Potential Long-Term Improvements



- 1a. Install a permanent 5-foot pedestrian refuge island in the middle of the Chestnut Terrace crosswalk.
- 1b. Install a raised crosswalk at Chestnut Terrace.
2. Install a pedestrian-activated signal or an automatic flashing warning signal at Chestnut Terrace crosswalk.

# Potential Long-Term Improvements



3. Reconstruct the intersection of Chestnut and Medford Street as a traditional T-intersection.
4. Reconfigure the Chestnut Street and Mystic Street intersection to eliminate slip lanes and improve pedestrian and bicycle travel.

# Listening Session & Public Comments

Comments also invited at  
[surveymonkey.com/r/chestnutstreet](https://surveymonkey.com/r/chestnutstreet)

# Next Steps

- Analyze listening session feedback and survey results  
Take by April 14 at [surveymonkey.com/r/chestnutstreet](https://surveymonkey.com/r/chestnutstreet).
- In next 1 – 2 months, develop short-term measures for safety improvements
- Present short-term recommendations to Select Board for approval
- Consult with Town Departments to have as many short-term improvements as possible installed before the end of 2021
- In the summer and early fall, review medium and long-term improvements for cost, and potential effectiveness and impacts
- Present medium and long-term recommendations to the Select Board for approval
- TAC deliberations will be open to the public to receive additional input