

# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

## PROJECT FAQ

### What is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national movement that aims to make it safer and easier for students to walk and bike to school. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) runs a statewide SRTS program and uses Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) federal funds to construct projects selected through a competitive process open to local governments and school systems.

### What does this have to do with Stratton?

Pedestrian safety near Stratton Elementary School is a concern of parents, elected officials, town and school staff, and the Transportation Advisory Committee, especially for areas lacking safe sidewalks. In 2019, the Town applied for a MassDOT SRTS Project Award to fund pedestrian safety improvements near Stratton Elementary School. This project was awarded just over \$1 million to improve specific routes leading to Stratton.

### What might be changing?

The project will improve three streets:

- Hemlock St between Brattle St and Dickson Ave
- Dickson Ave between Hemlock St and Mountain Ave
- Mountain Ave between Dickson Ave and Wheeler Ln

See the project area map on the reverse side of this flyer for details. Changes will include installing ADA-compliant curb ramps, repairing deficient sidewalks, installing new sidewalks, narrowing roadway intersections to slow vehicles and reduce pedestrian crossing distances, improving crosswalks, and adding new signs to the area.

### Why was this area chosen?

The steep roadway on Hemlock makes crossings hazardous for pedestrians, and the lack of sidewalks on stretches of Hemlock and Dickson Ave compromise the safety of students. The town recognizes the need for improvements on other streets, and intends to seek out town and other grant funding for this purpose. DPW recently repaired sidewalks on Mountain Ave, and plans to repair sidewalks on Pheasant Ave soon.

This project supports strategies in Connect Arlington, the Sustainable Transportation Plan.

### How much will the project cost?

MassDOT will be paying for design and construction of the project, at an estimated cost of \$1,072,752. The Town is responsible for right-of-way costs associated with the project, which will be determined during the survey and design phases.

### What is the project timeline?

The Town is working with Pare Corp—MassDOT's design consultant—to prepare the project design. The 25% design is due early December, with the 25% public hearing to be held in late April.

### How can I provide feedback?

On November 10 at 6:00 p.m., the Town is hosting a virtual public meeting to share details of the updated project scope and gather community feedback about key design features. Register at [tinyurl.com/StrattonSRTS](https://tinyurl.com/StrattonSRTS)

Pare Corp seeks guidance on issues around tree and on-street parking impacts, sidewalk accessibility, project scope and length, and location of pedestrian crossings. MassDOT will also be collecting feedback through their online survey tool, which will be available after the November 10 meeting.

Updated for 11/10/21 public meeting

### QUESTIONS?

For more information on this project, contact:

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### VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING!

Date: November 10, 2021

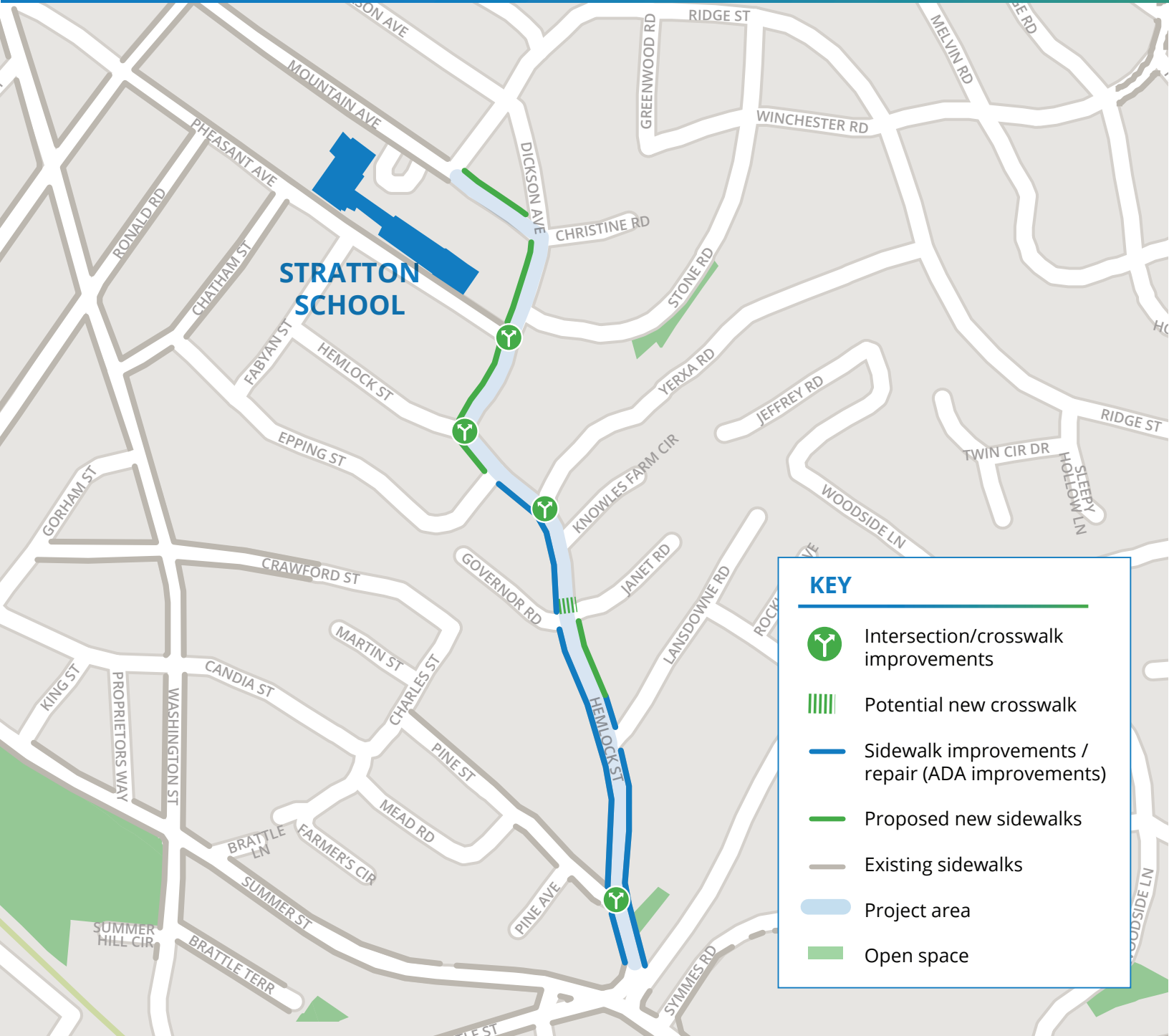
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