



Public Meeting

Safe Routes to School

Stratton Elementary School

November 10, 2021

AGENDA

Introduction

Michael Hanna, Stratton School Principal
Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner

Project Background

Daniel Amstutz
Amy Archer, Project Manager at Pare Corporation

Revised Scope

Amy Archer

Design Progress

Amy Archer

Questions & Comments

Open Discussion

Schedule

Amy Archer

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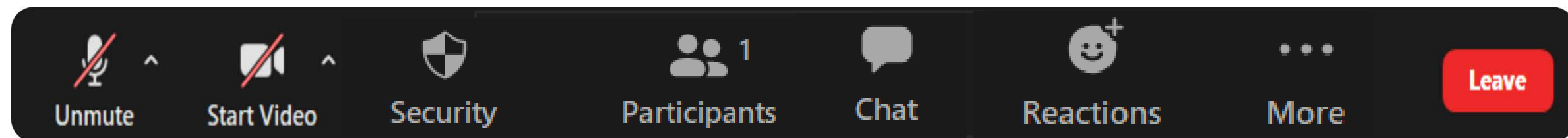
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INTRODUCTION

- **Partner School** – M. Norcross Stratton Elementary School
- **Municipality** – Town of Arlington
- **MassDOT's Highway Division** – Responsible for administering the Design Process and providing Resident Engineer Services
- **Design Consultant** – Responsible for Design.
Pare Corporation: Amy Archer, P.E.
- **Federal Highway Administration** – Responsible for Oversight



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Improvements under SRTS

Improvements that are included under the Safe Routes to School award include:

- Sidewalk improvements
- Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements
- Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
- On-street bicycle facilities
- Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- secure bicycle parking facilities
- Traffic diversion improvements

This project was selected for:

- **Sidewalk improvements**
- **Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements**
- **Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements**



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Stratton Elementary Area

As of 2019, Stratton Elementary School had 462 students.

During the 2019 school year:

- 60% of students walked **to** school
- 49% of students walked **from** school

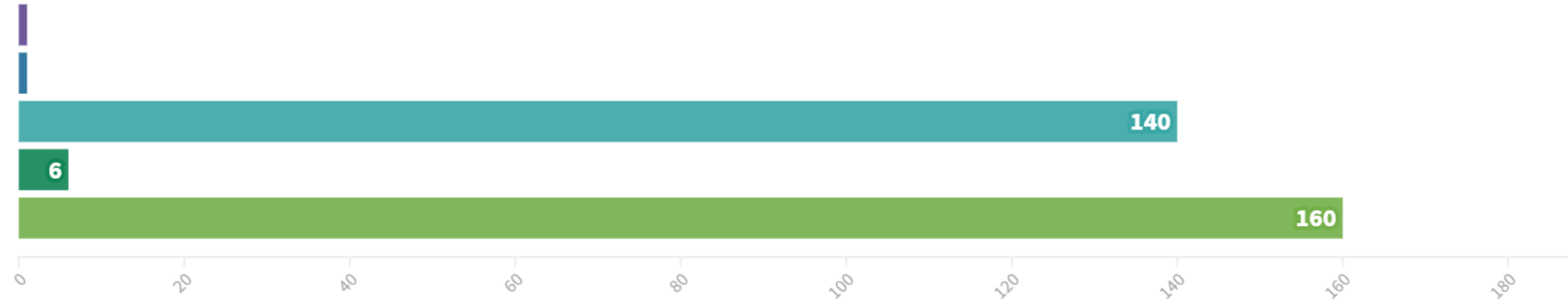
Student Transportation Modes (2019)

■ Bike ■ Carpool ■ Family Vehicle (No Carpool) ■ School Bus ■ Walk

Transportation to School



Transportation from School

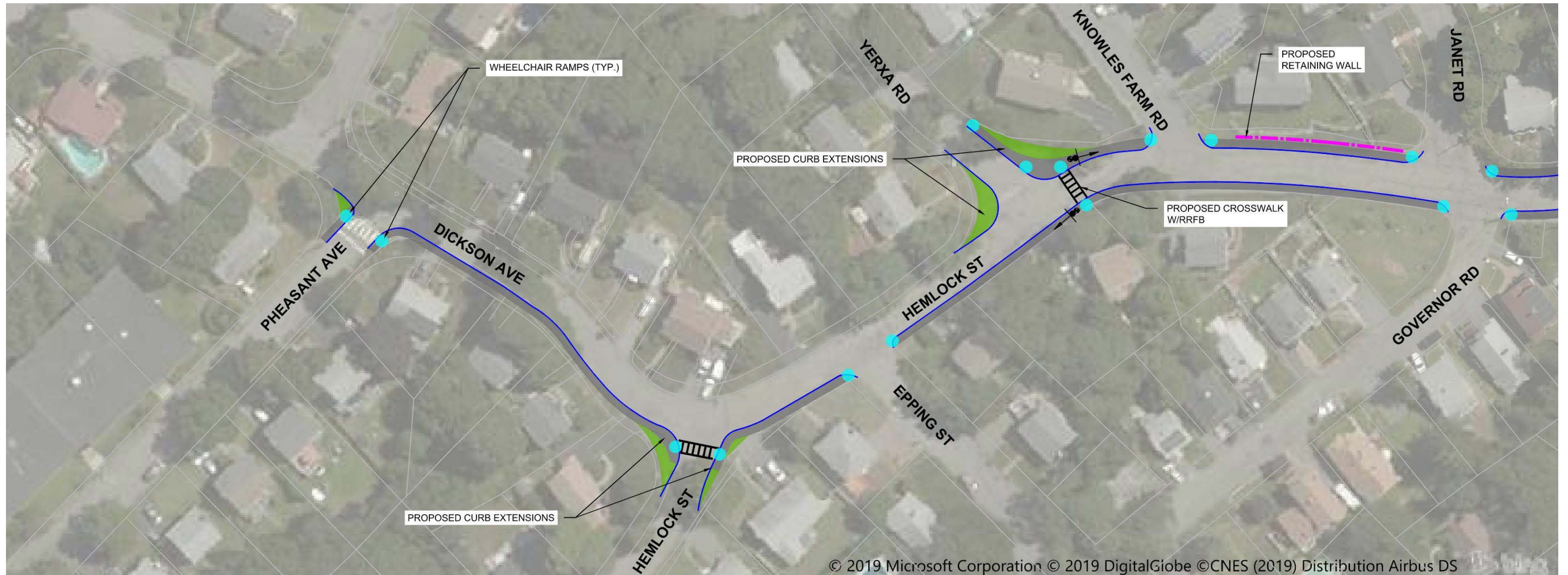


PROJECT BACKGROUND

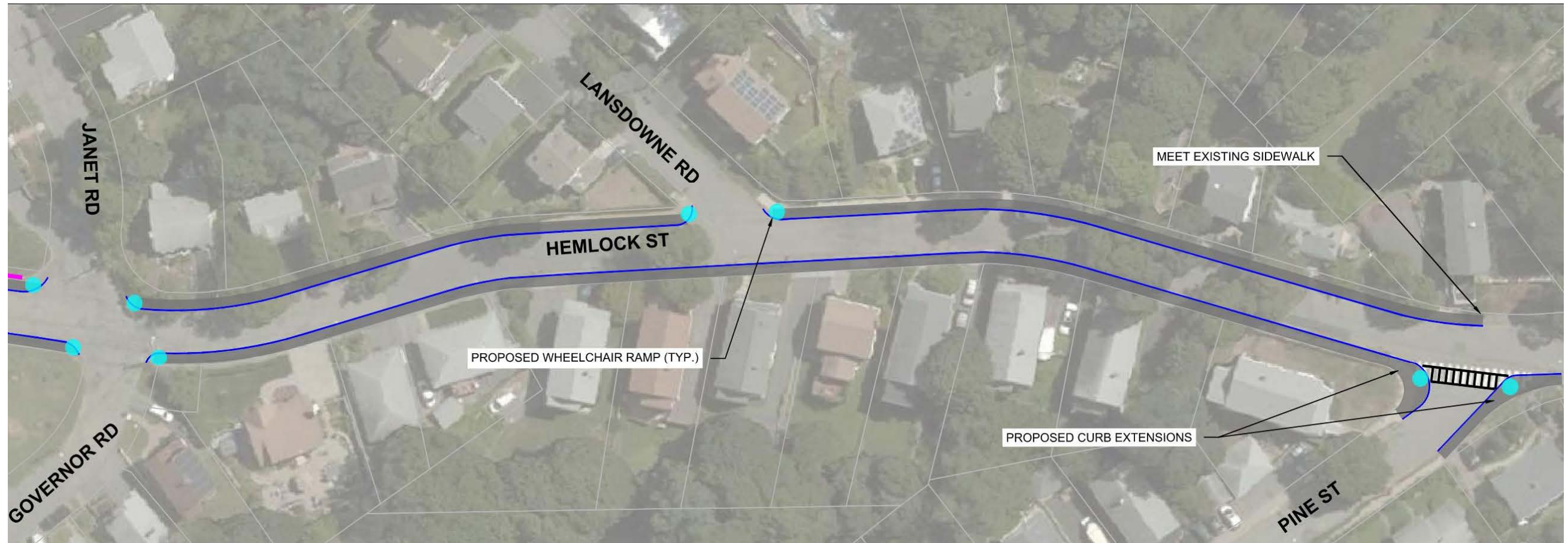
Project Goals

- Remove accessibility barriers by installing ADA-compliant curb ramps and repairing deficient sidewalks;
- Install new sidewalks to provide a safe and accessible walking path to and around the Stratton school;
- Narrow roadway intersections to slow vehicles and reduce pedestrian crossing distances;
- Provide safe pedestrian crossings at intersections where needed; and
- Install appropriate signage through the project corridor.

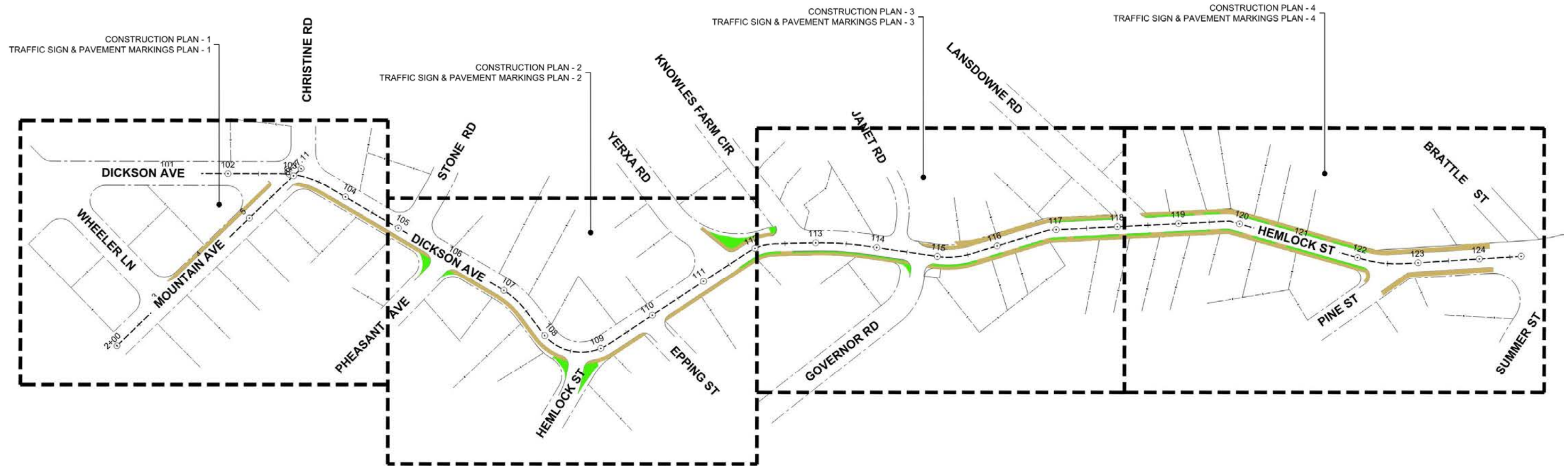
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REVISED SCOPE



DESIGN PROGRESS



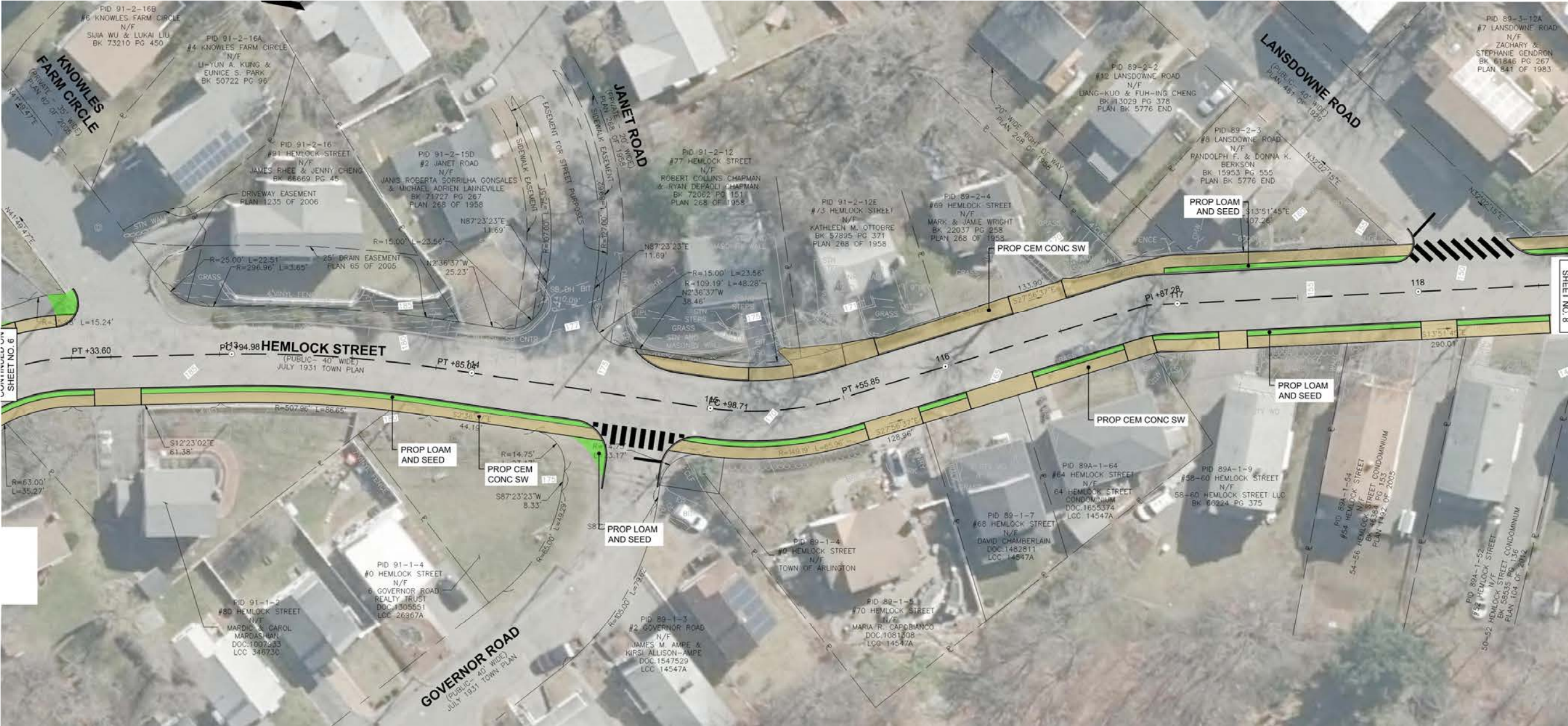
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PHEASANT AVENUE
(PUBLIC - 40' WIDE)
PLAN 84 OF 1957

DESIGN PROGRESS



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Current Design –

All proposed elements within existing roadway right of way (ROW)

Seeks to maintain/mimic grass buffer along Hemlock

Prioritizes contiguous yard over buffer along Dickson/Mountain

Potential impact to Utility Poles along Mountain and Dickson

Impacts to trees along Hemlock, Dickson and Mountain for ADA

DESIGN PROGRESS

Potential Trade-offs -

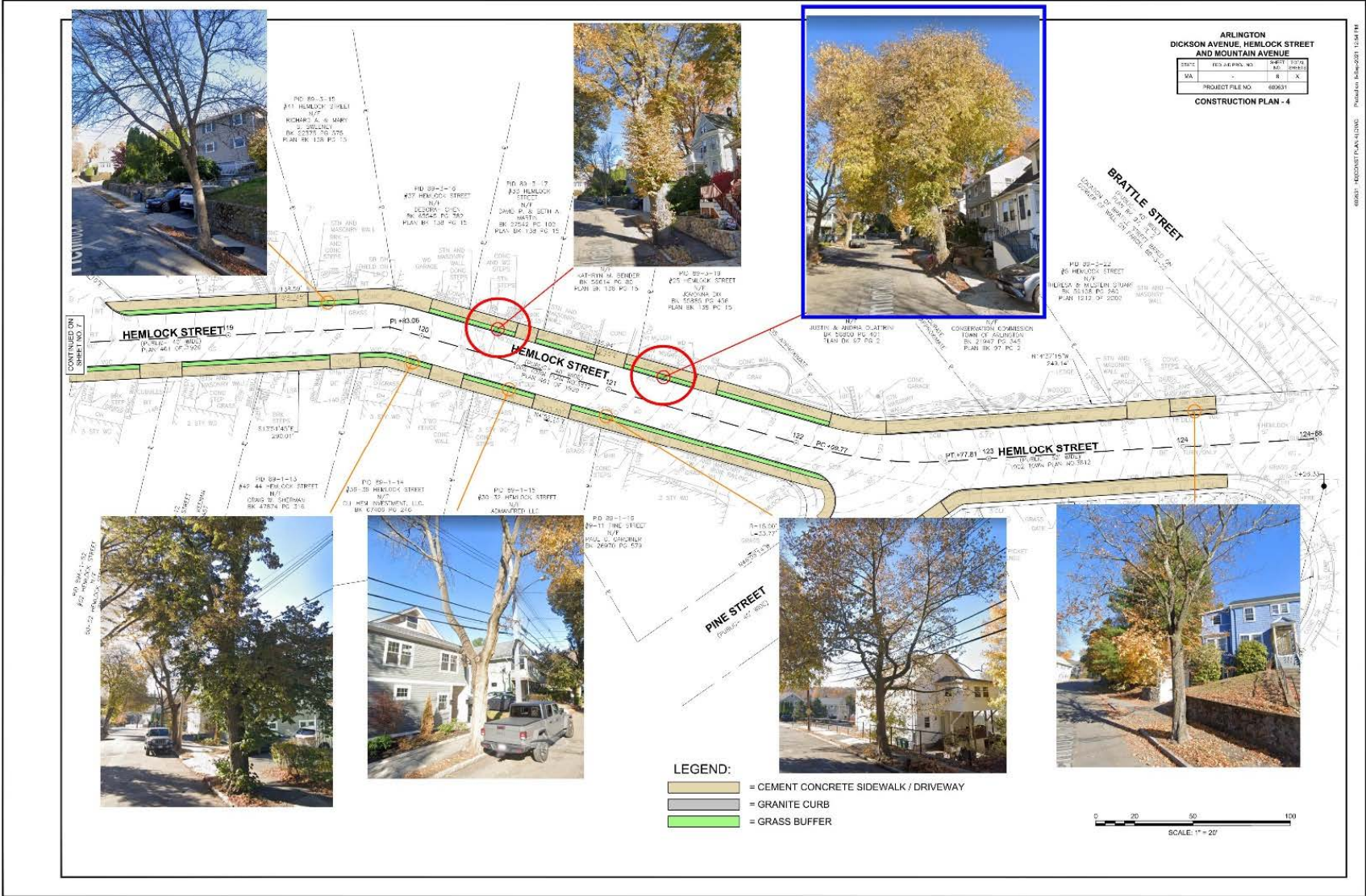
Utility Pole / Tree Impacts

On-Street Parking

Traffic Circulation/Crossings

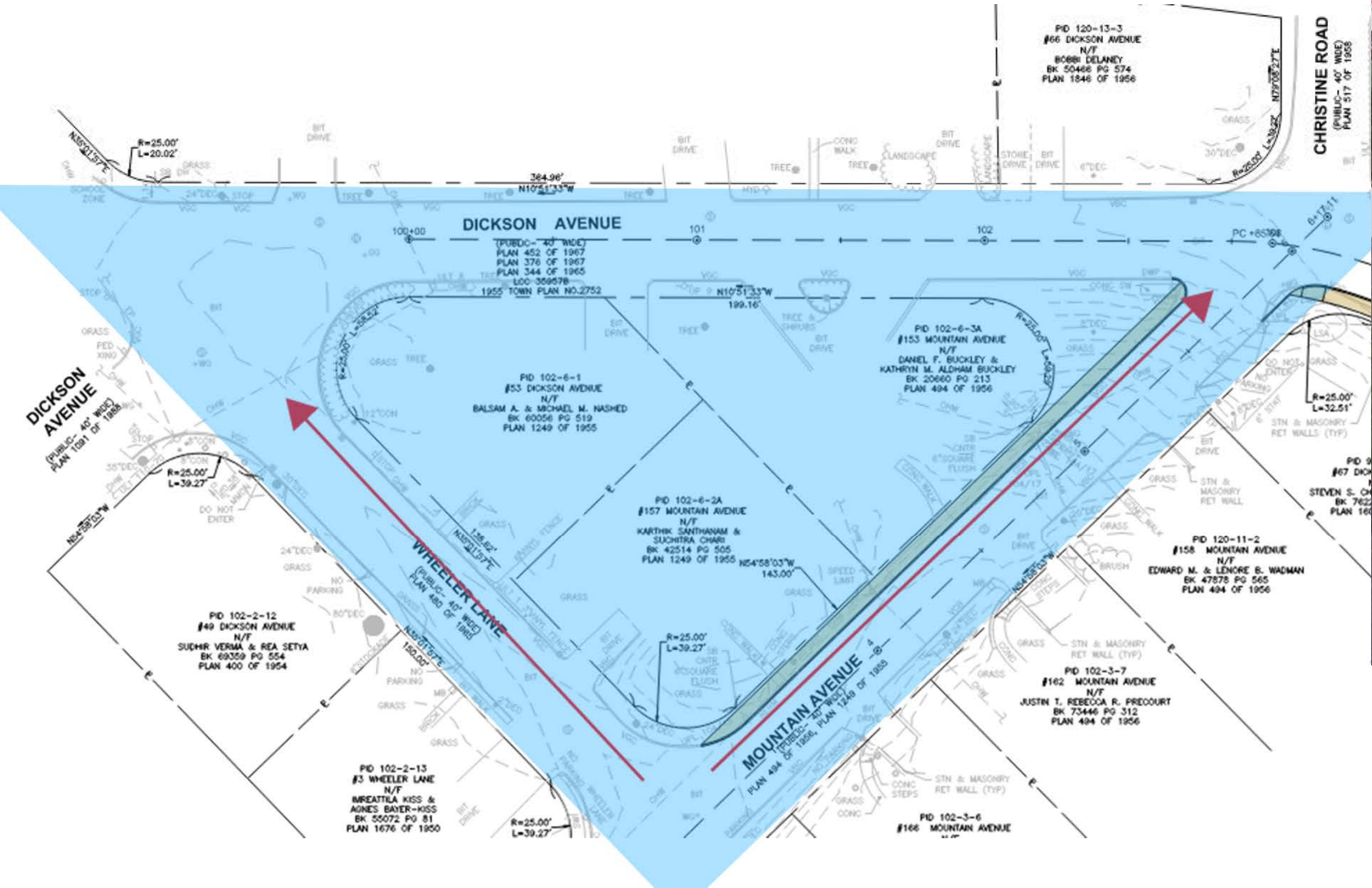
Limited Sidewalk

Right-of-Way



DESIGN PROGRESS

Potential Trade-offs - Mountain Avenue



DESIGN PROGRESS

Potential Trade-offs – Dickson Avenue



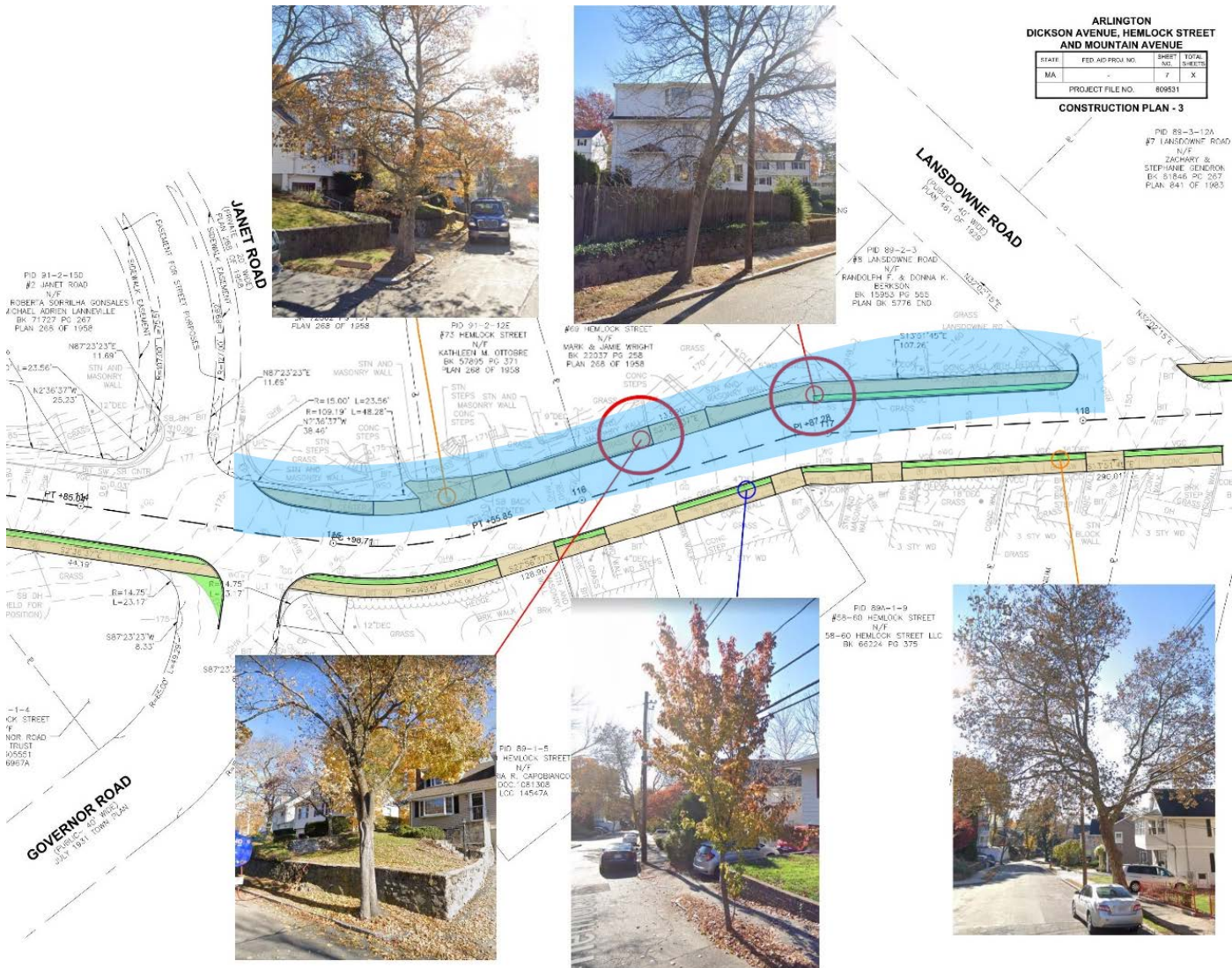
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Potential Trade-offs – Dickson Avenue



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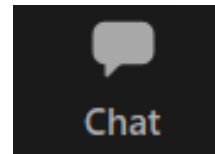
Potential Trade-offs – Hemlock Street



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions



- Submit your questions and comments to the hosts using the Chat button



- Please state your name before your question



- Please share only 1 question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate.



- To ask a question via phone, dial *9 and the moderator will call out the last 4-digits of your phone number and unmute your audio when it is your turn.



- Take time to fill out our online survey!

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/051caf40282f4b1e979f73a3b0133300>

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MORE PROJECT INFORMATION



Stratton Elementary Area Safe Routes to School Project

Pedestrian safety improvements in the Stratton Elementary School area in Arlington, funded by a MassDOT Safe Routes to School Project Award.

- Please visit the Storymap about this project at: https://pima.massdotpi.com/public/event-registration/search?project_id=14267&pe_guid=00d84aae-e4a3-46e2-8c1b-7ced6dacca79
- View project background information, FAQs, and provide comments
- Sign up for updates about the project!

PROJECT SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER
2021**
*Complete
25% Design*

**November
2023**
*Design Complete
Project
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**Spring
2025**
*Construction
Ends*

**SPRING
2022**
*Design
Public
Hearing*

**Spring
2024**
*Construction
Begins*





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