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## **Hartford Line Enfield Station**

### **Public Information Meeting**



**Enfield Town Hall – Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

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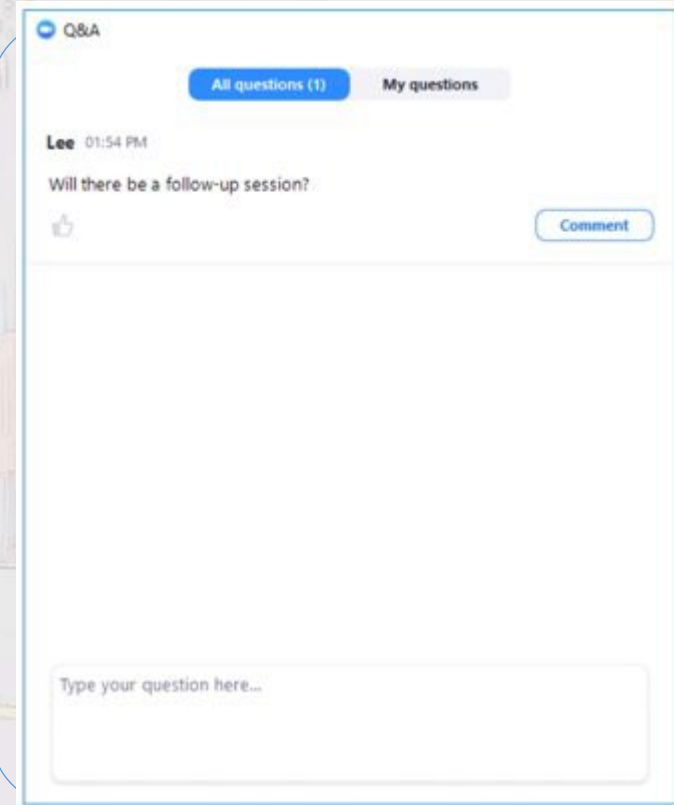
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# INTRODUCTIONS

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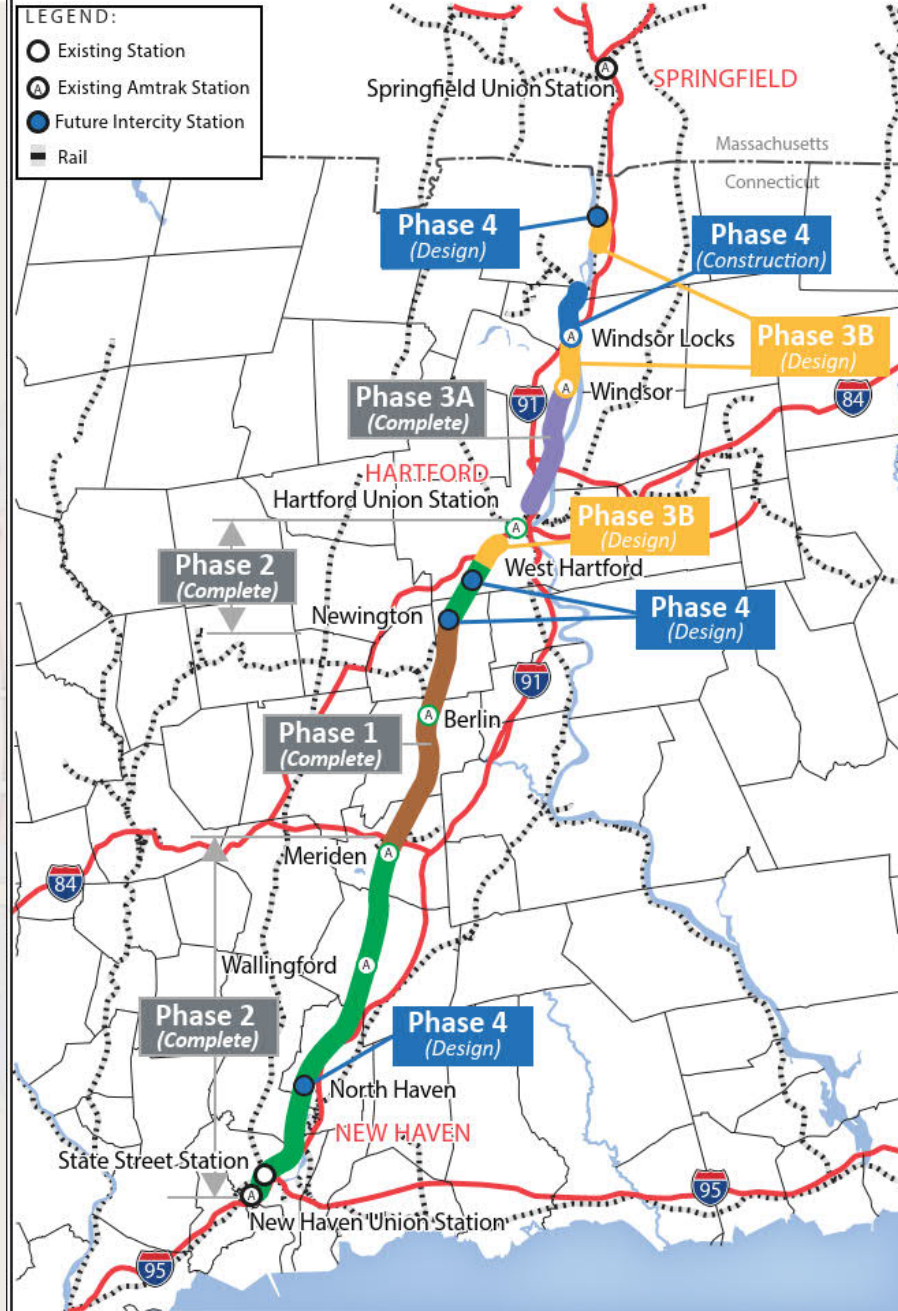
- **Richard Bertoli**, Principal Engineer
- **Julianne Chatman**, Project Engineer
- **Zachary Guarino**, Property Agent
- **Kevin Carifa**, Planning Director
- **Mark McMillan**, Supervising Planner
- **Kevin Fleming**, Supervising Planner

# INTRODUCTIONS

## PROGRAM & DESIGN TEAM

- **Robert Yirigian**, Program Manager – WSP USA
- **Marla Engel**, Environmental Task Manager – WSP USA
- **David Tudryn**, Station Design – Michael Baker International
- **Aaron Foster**, Civil and Track Design – HNTB Corp.
- **David Mirosław**, Structural Design – HW Lochner
- **Mike Kowalczyk**, Traffic - STV







# About the Hartford Line



Service Launched on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# PURPOSE:

Provide a safe, reliable, convenient alternative to automobile travel from Enfield to Hartford, New Haven, and Springfield and to other cities, such as New York and Boston, via rail connections

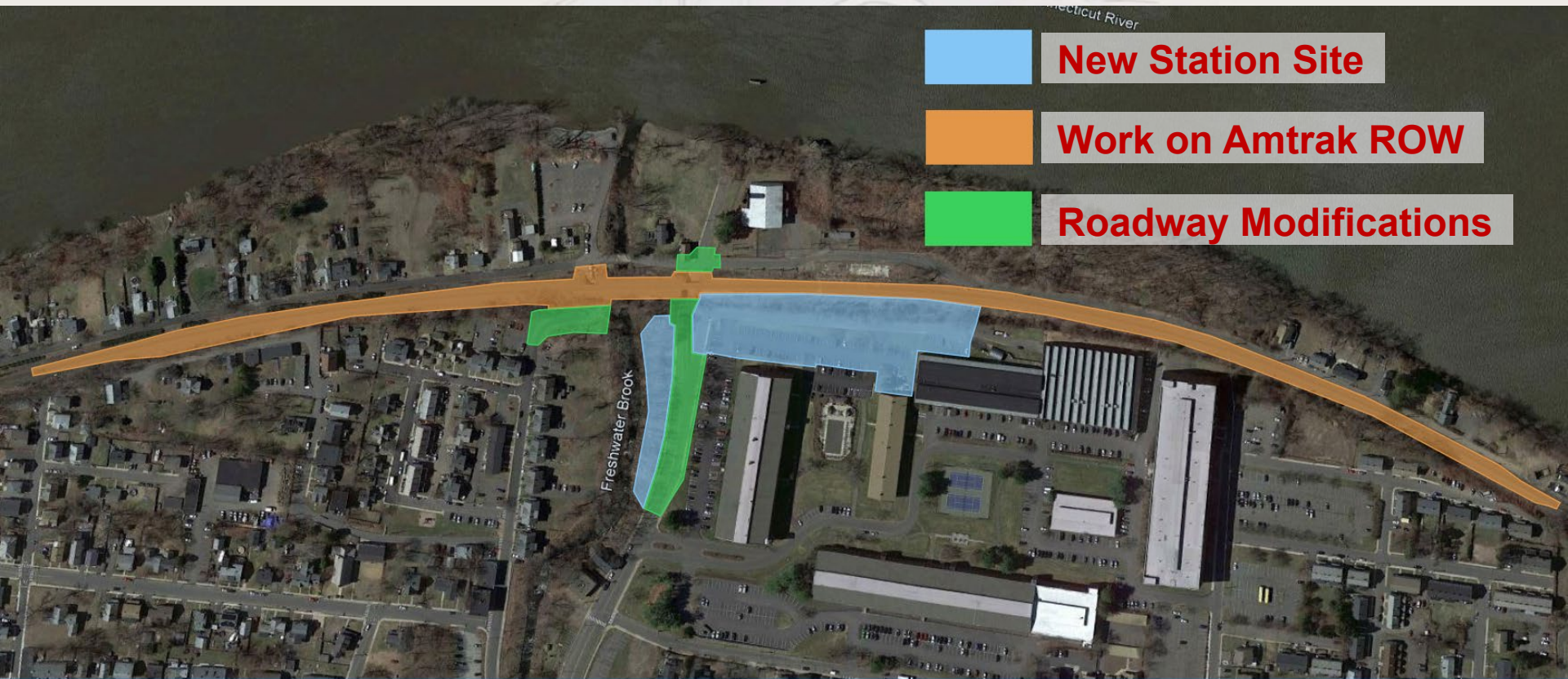
## Other Benefits:

- Increase frequency of non-automobile travel options to Hartford, New Haven, and Springfield
- Reduce vehicle dependency and emissions



# Enfield Railroad Station Project

## ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT







1909 colorized postcard of Thompsonville Station. (From Wikipedia, image in public domain)



1967 photograph of the Thompsonville Station while served by Penn Central (Trainweb.org)



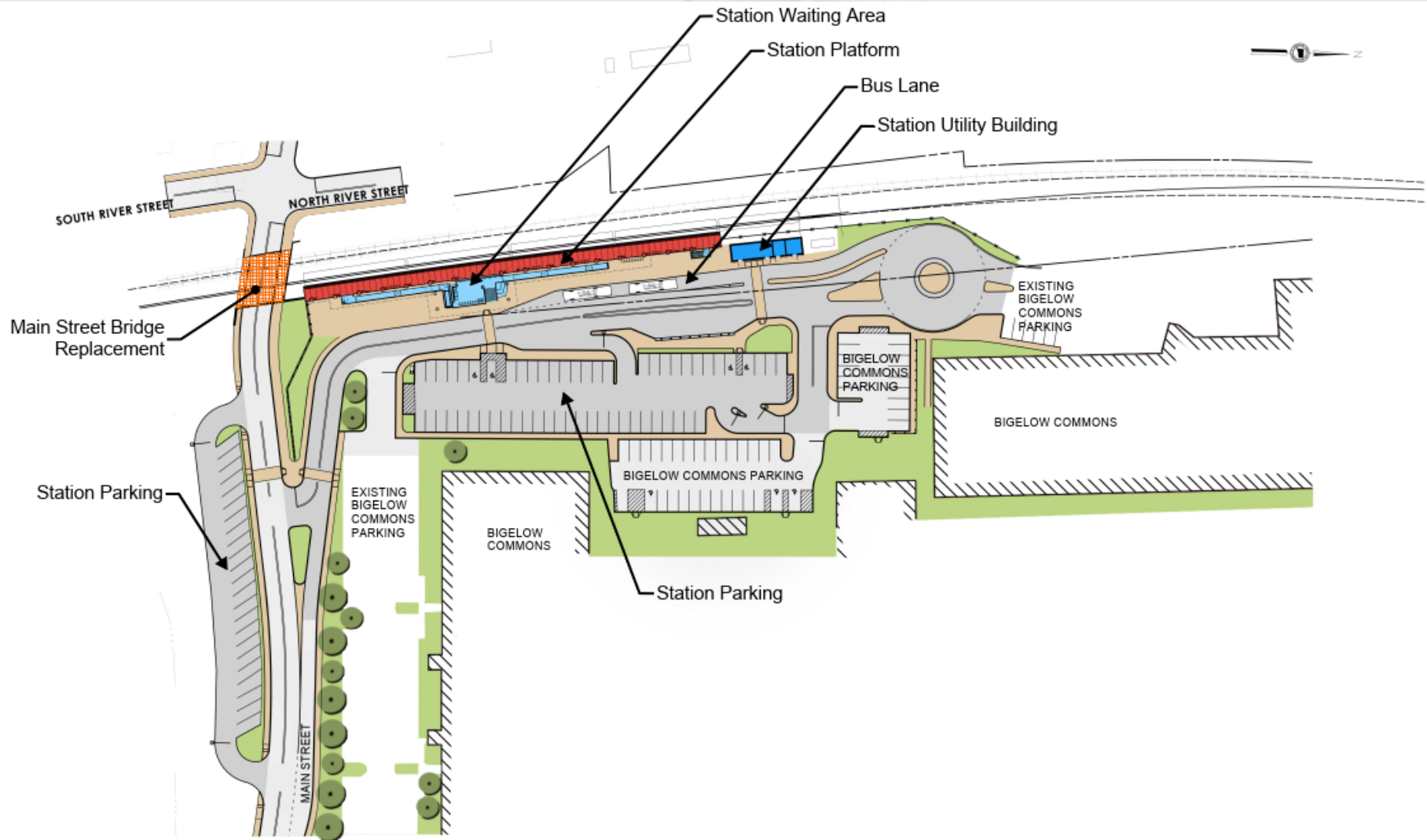
1980 photograph of the Thompsonville Station, renamed Enfield by Amtrak (From Wikipedia, image in public domain)



2014 photograph of the demolished original station and site of the proposed Enfield Station (From Wikipedia, image in public domain)



# Enfield Railroad Station Site Plan





# Enfield Railroad Station Site View





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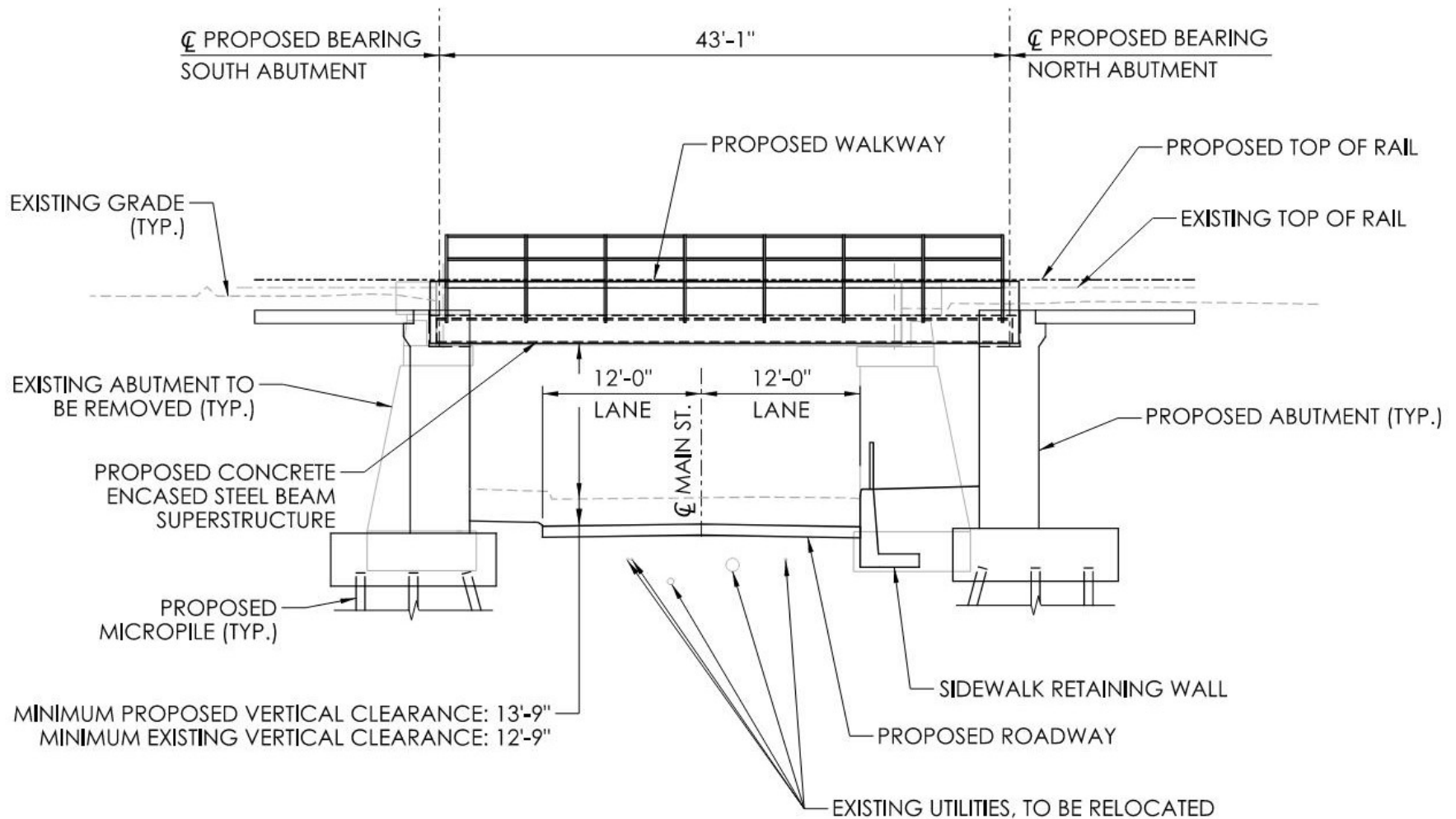


# Main Street Existing Bridge



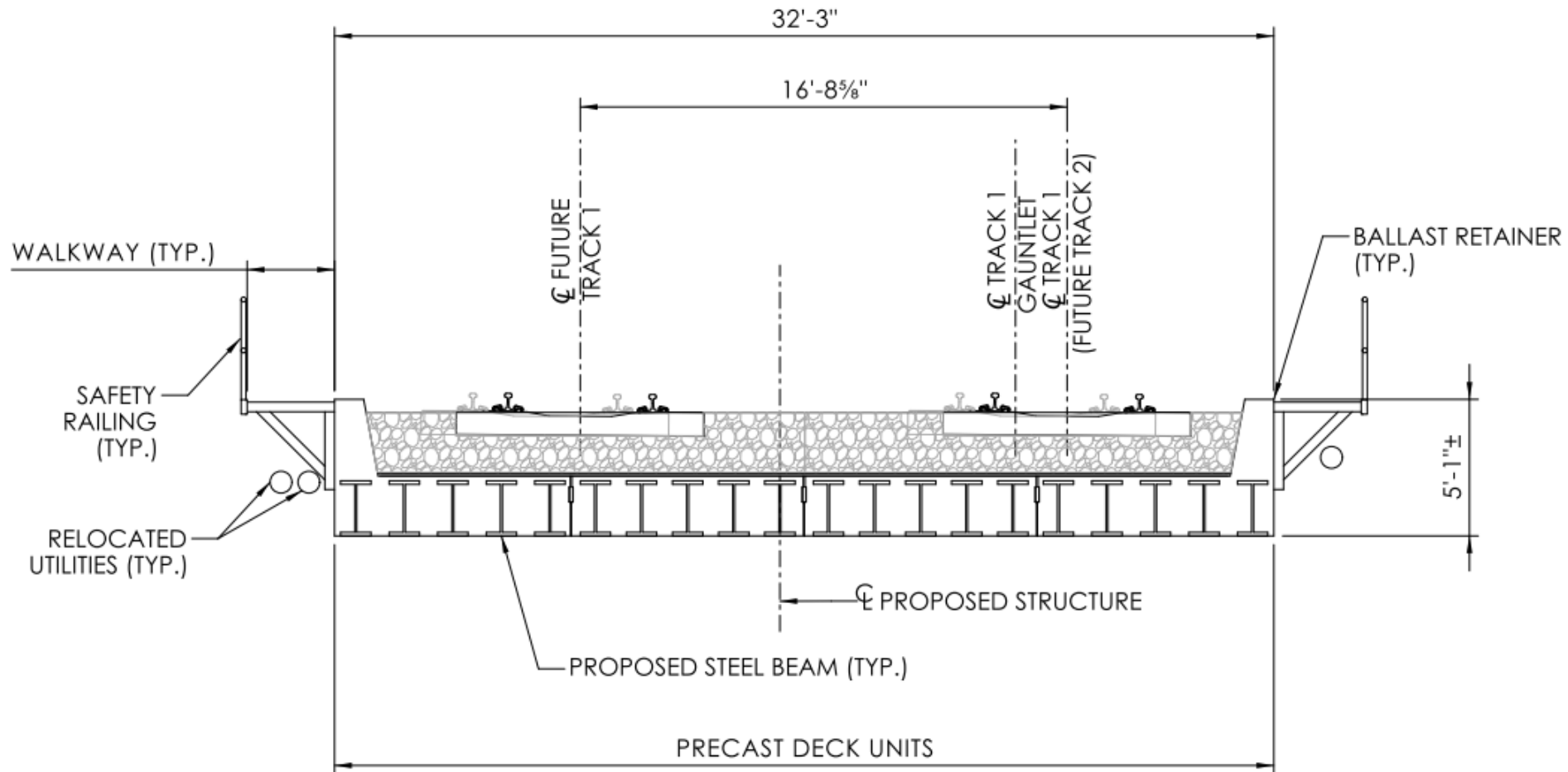


# Main Street Proposed Bridge

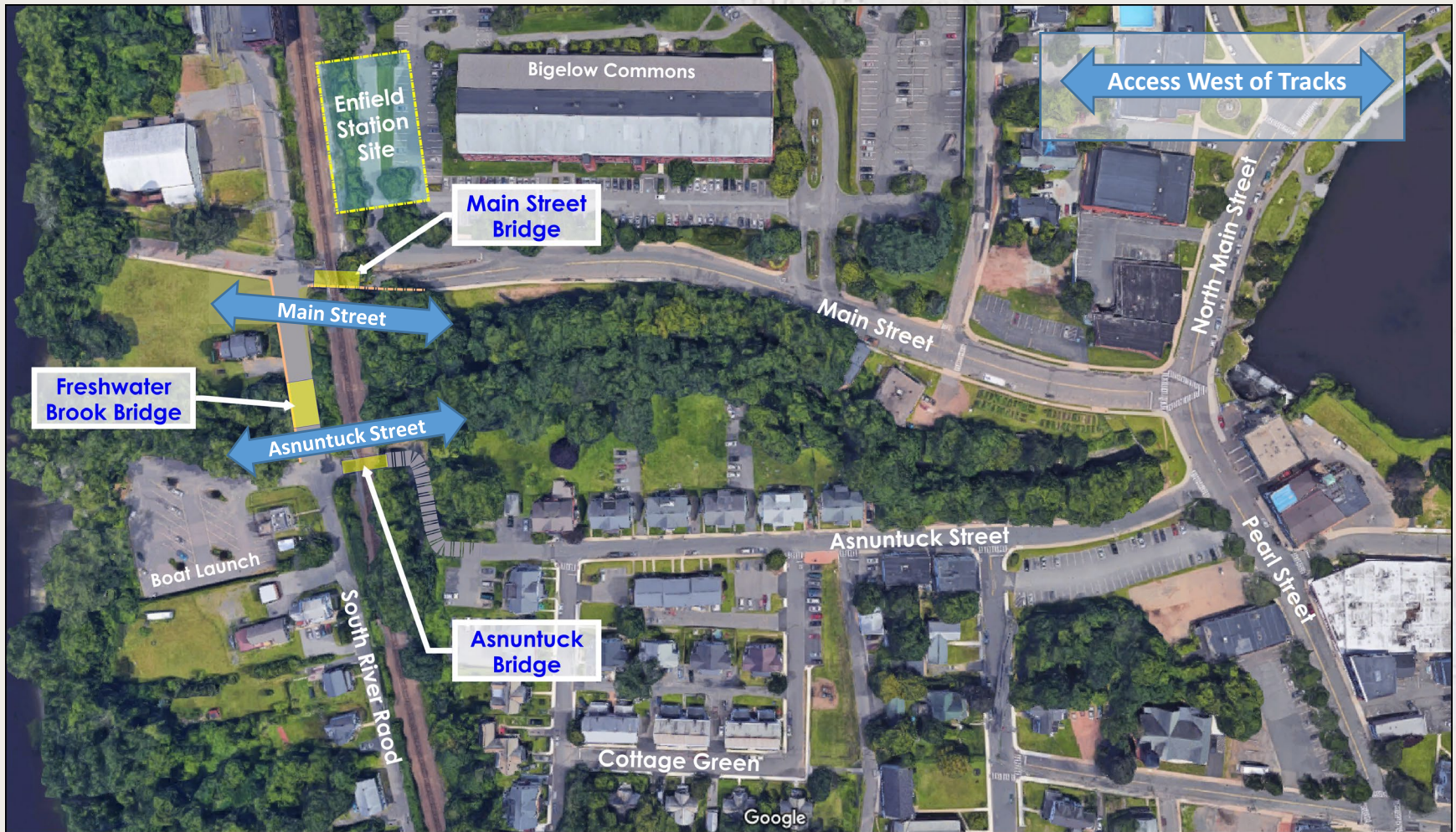


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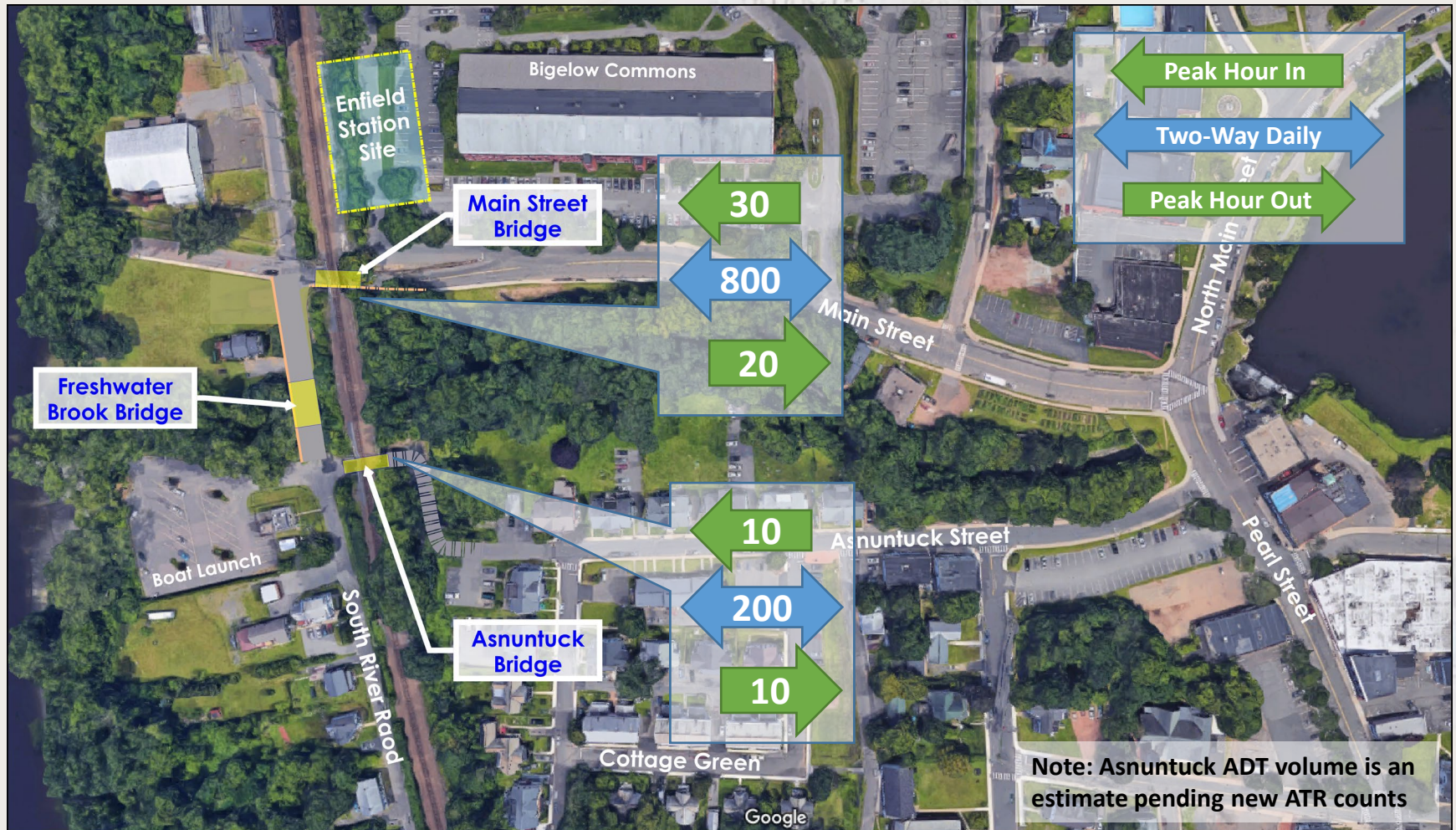


# Existing Circulation





# Existing Traffic Volumes

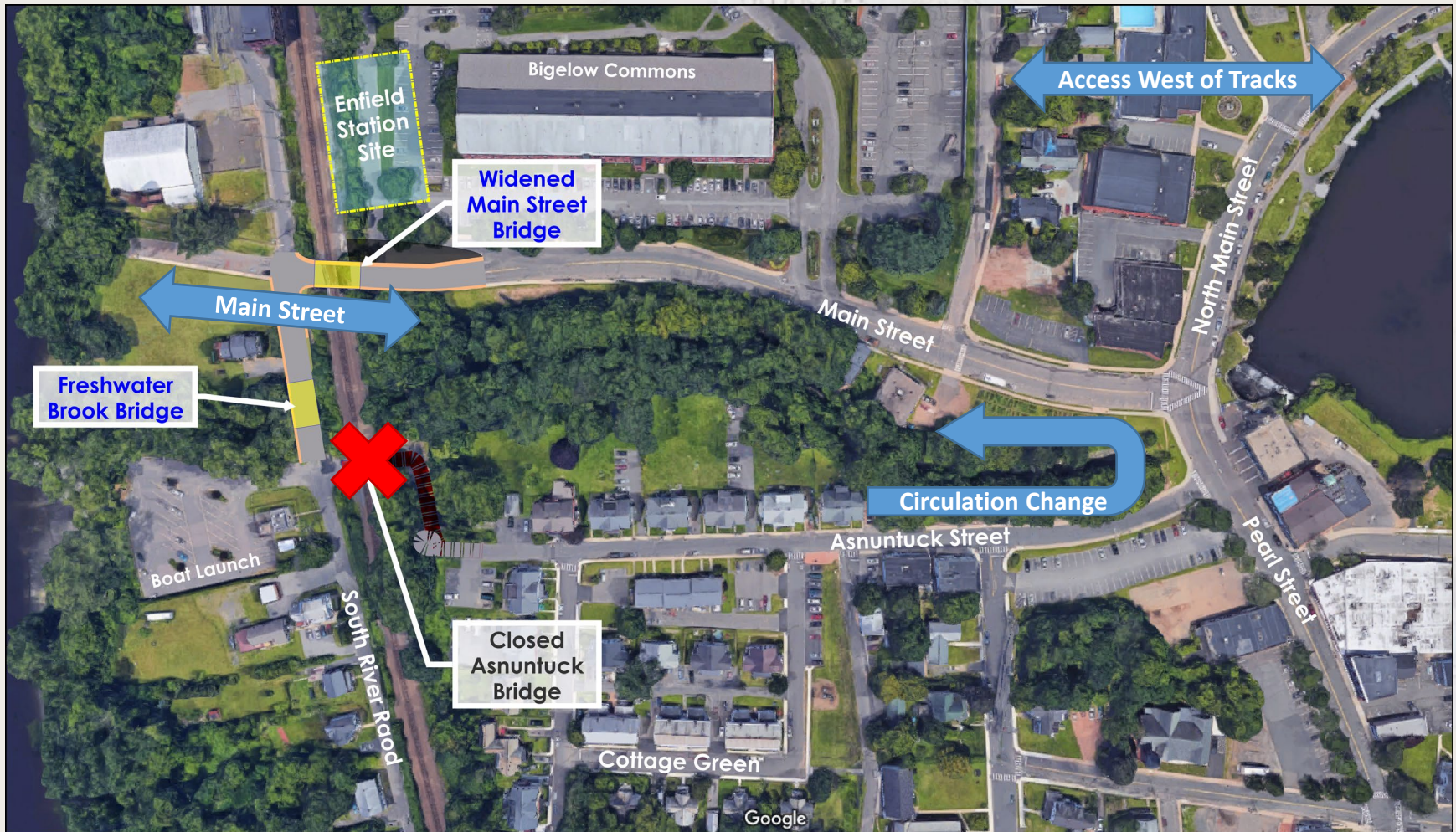




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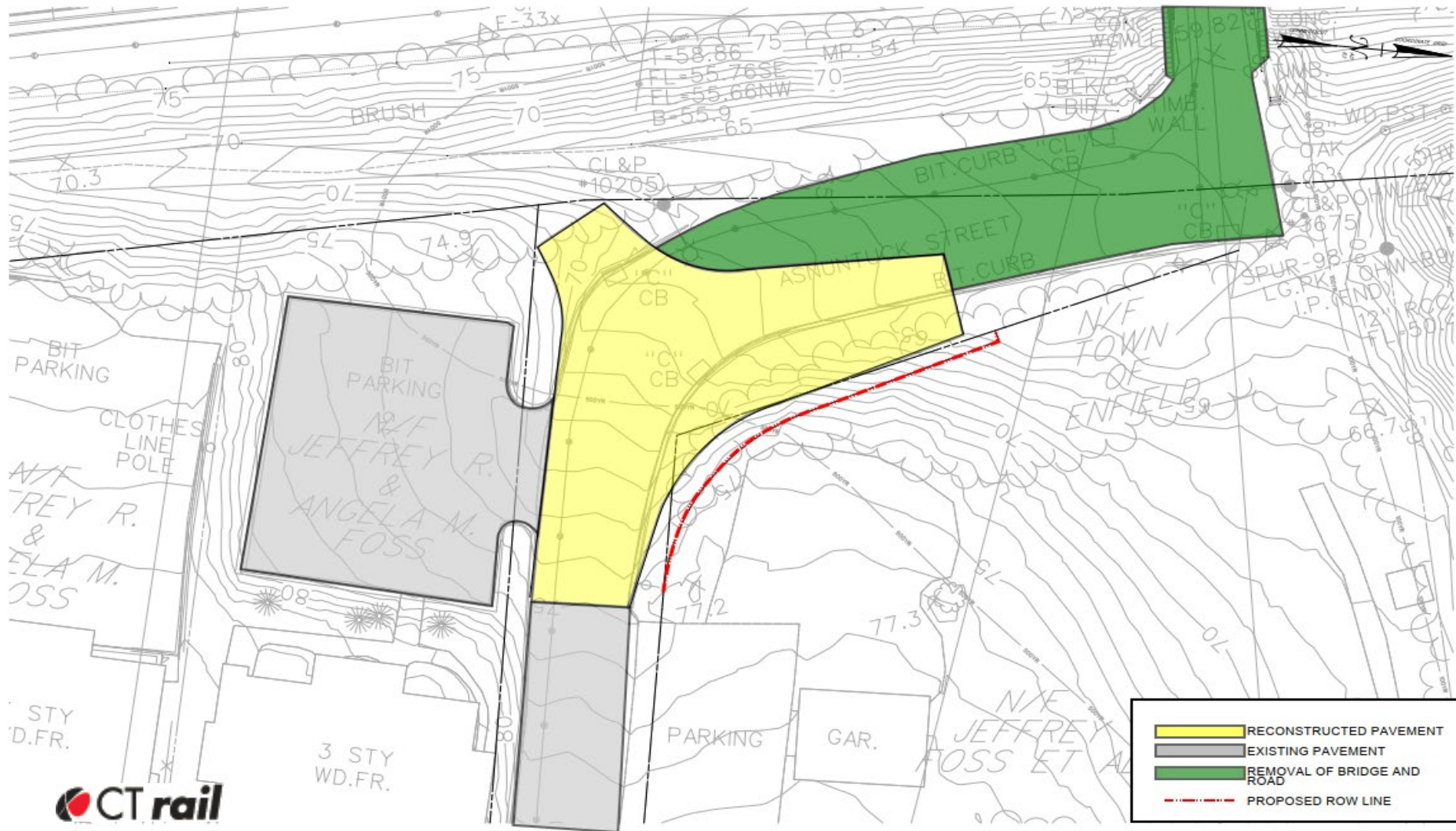


# Proposed Circulation





# Asnuntuck Fire Turnaround



# Project Schedule/Cost

**Anticipated Completion: Fall 2027**

**Anticipated Cost: \$45M**

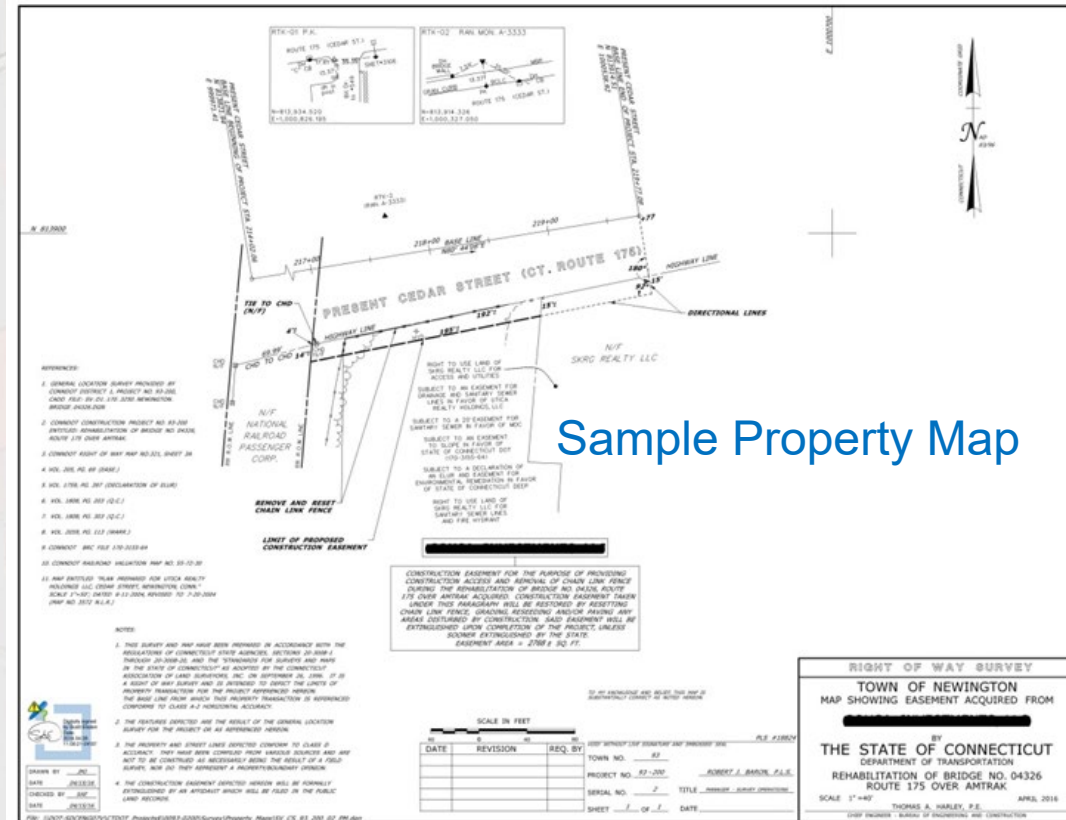
Activity/Responsible Agency	Start	Complete
30% Design	Spring 2023	Complete
Final Design	Fall 2023	Summer 2024
Bid/Award	Fall 2024	Winter 2025
Construction-Rail & Bridge	Winter 2025	Spring 2027
Construction Station, Platform & Site Work	Summer 2025	Fall 2027
Construction- Main Street Roadway Improvements	Summer 2026	Summer 2027

# Division of Rights-of-Way

- Function: Acquire all property/property rights necessary for the project.
- Relevant Law
  - State of Connecticut
    - C.G.S. Section 13a-73 & 13b-36
  - Federal
    - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

# ROW – Acquisition Process

- Letter of Intent to Acquire
- Valuation
- Offer of Just Compensation
- Negotiation
- Acquisition
  - Agreement
  - Eminent Domain/Condemnation
    - 6-month appeal period





# What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

- NEPA is a federal law that requires federal agencies to consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of their actions, including funding.
- Grants from three federal agencies are aiding CT DOT in complying with NEPA for the project.



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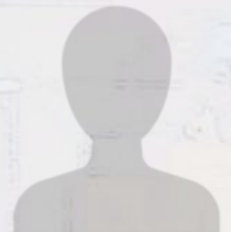
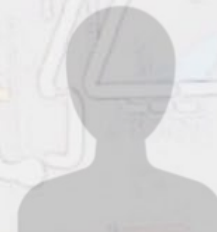


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**Housing and Urban Development**

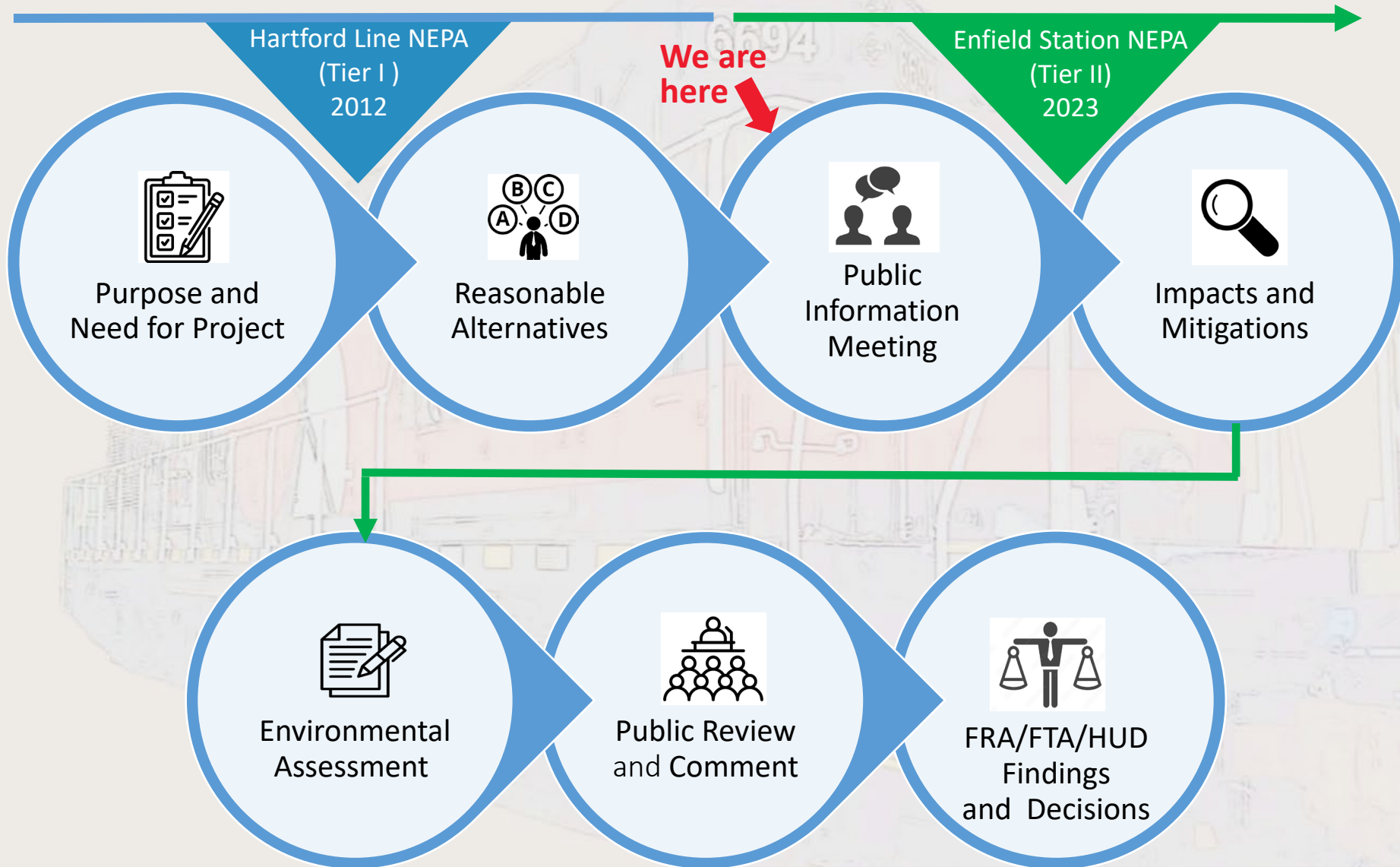
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# The Benefits of NEPA

- Ensure effects to the natural and human environment are considered by federal decision makers (FRA, FTA and HUD).
- Sharing information with and involving the public in the decision-making process.
- Identify opportunities to avoid or minimize impacts.



# The NEPA Process





# This is a “Tiered” NEPA Process

- Tier I: NHHS “Programmatic” Environmental Assessment (2012)
  - Purpose and need (justification) for the overall NHHS program
  - Evaluated alternatives for individual projects
  - Evaluated overall impacts of NHHS program
- Tier II: Site Specific NEPA for Individual Projects
  - Detailed analysis of environmental impacts
  - Ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts

# What Kind of Impacts Are Evaluated?

- Air Quality
- Environmental Justice
- Floodplains
- Hazardous Materials
- Historic & Archaeological Resources
- Land Use, Zoning & Development
- Noise & Vibration
- Parks & Recreation Facilities
- Property Acquisitions
- Safety & Security
- Socioeconomic Impacts
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Transportation & Traffic
- Visual Quality
- Wetlands and Waterways



# Who participates in the NEPA process?

- FRA, FTA and HUD
- Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)
- The Public (You)
- Local Officials
- Local Political Leaders
- State and Federal Environmental Resource Agencies



# NEPA Roles & Responsibilities: FRA, FTA & HUD

- Responsible for NEPA compliance:
  - Have all reasonable alternatives been considered?
  - What type of analysis is required?
  - Is there sufficient opportunity for public participation?
  - Is mitigation required for impacts?
- Oversees and approves the analysis and documentation
- Each agency makes a final funding decision



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# NEPA Roles & Responsibilities: CTDOT

- Proposed the Enfield Station project
- Provides planning, design and other information needed
- Conducts the NEPA analysis under FRA's guidance
- Manages the consulting team that provides technical and logistical assistance to:
  - Analyze impacts
  - Prepare documents
  - Conduct public outreach



# **NEPA Roles & Responsibilities:**

## **Local Officials/Political Leaders, State and Federal Environmental Agencies, and the Public (You)**

**Before the analysis starts, comment on:**

- Impacts that should be studied
- Alternatives to achieve the purpose and need that have not been studied

Issues raised will be studied if they are within the scope of NEPA.

**Review and comment on the analysis conducted in the Environmental Assessment:**

- Accuracy of information and assumptions
- Adequacy of methodology
- New information relevant to the analysis

Substantive comments on the EA will be addressed.



# Next Steps in the NEPA Process

Now – Feb 2024

Evaluate Impacts  
and Prepare  
Environmental  
Assessment

March 2024:  
Environmental  
Assessment  
Available

Mar-April 2024

Review and  
Comment on  
Environmental  
Assessment

August 2024:  
FRA/FTA/HUD  
Issue Findings &  
Decisions

***Comments must be received by  
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# Thank You!



# We Want to Hear from You!

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  - Mail your comment form to:

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Patch



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- Staffed Table
  - Enfield Public Library
- Flyer Drops
  - Somers Public Library
  - Richard Salter Storry Library
  - Pearl Street Library
  - Bigelow Commons
  - Enfield Senior Center
  - Local Community Bulletin Boards
- Transit
  - Hartford Line Train Stations
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