

Foster Street Reconstruction

Notice of Intent

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Foster Street Reconstruction Project

Description of the Project Limits

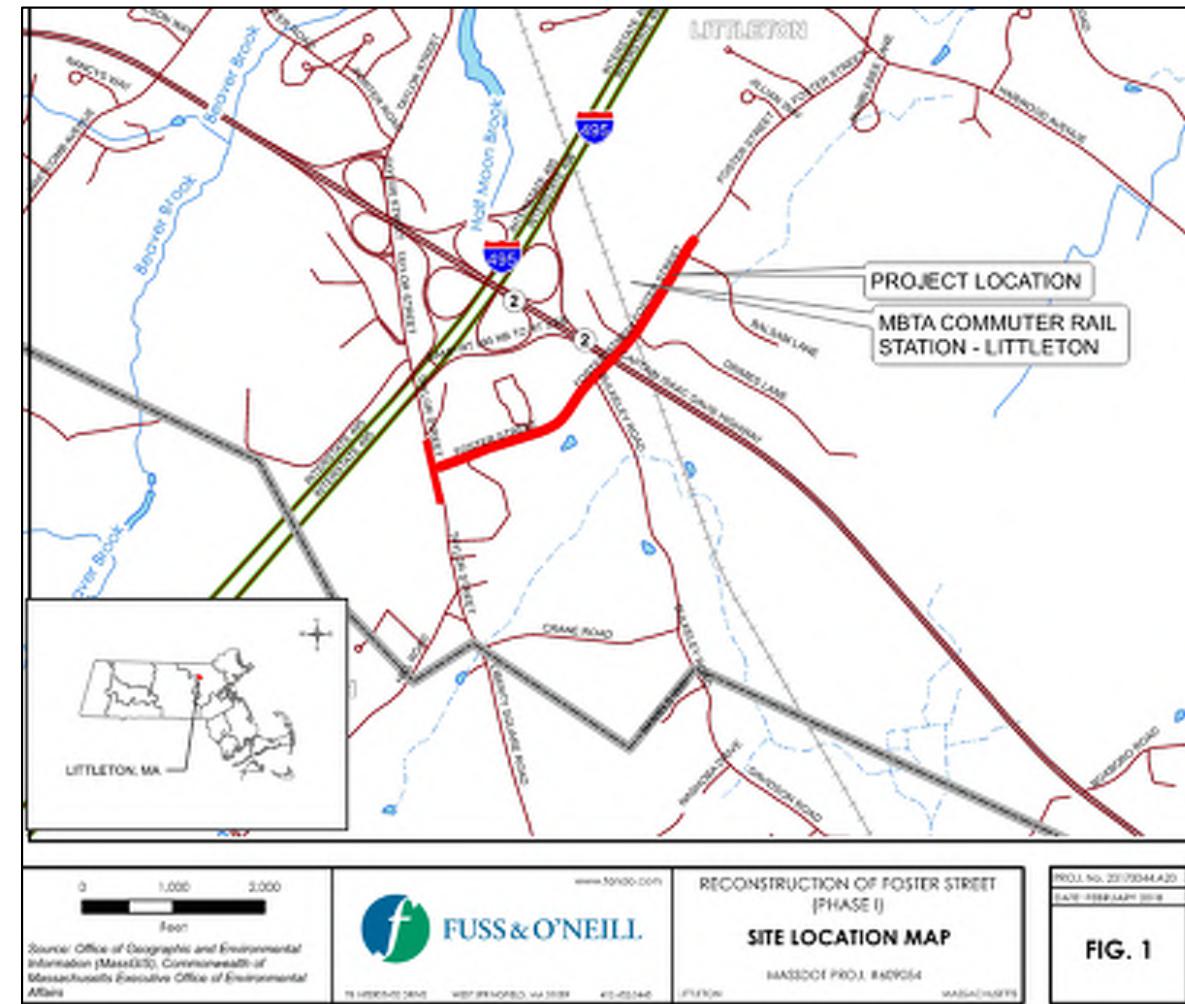
- The project is a linear road reconstruction
- Total project length = 0.81 mi

Foster Street = 0.75 mi

Taylor Street = 205 ft

Grimes Lane = 145 ft

- Total project work limit area is 5.37 acres



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Project purpose and need:

- Improve safety for all travel modes on Foster Street.
- While Foster Street is under construction, the Town will also replace the water main underneath Foster Street.



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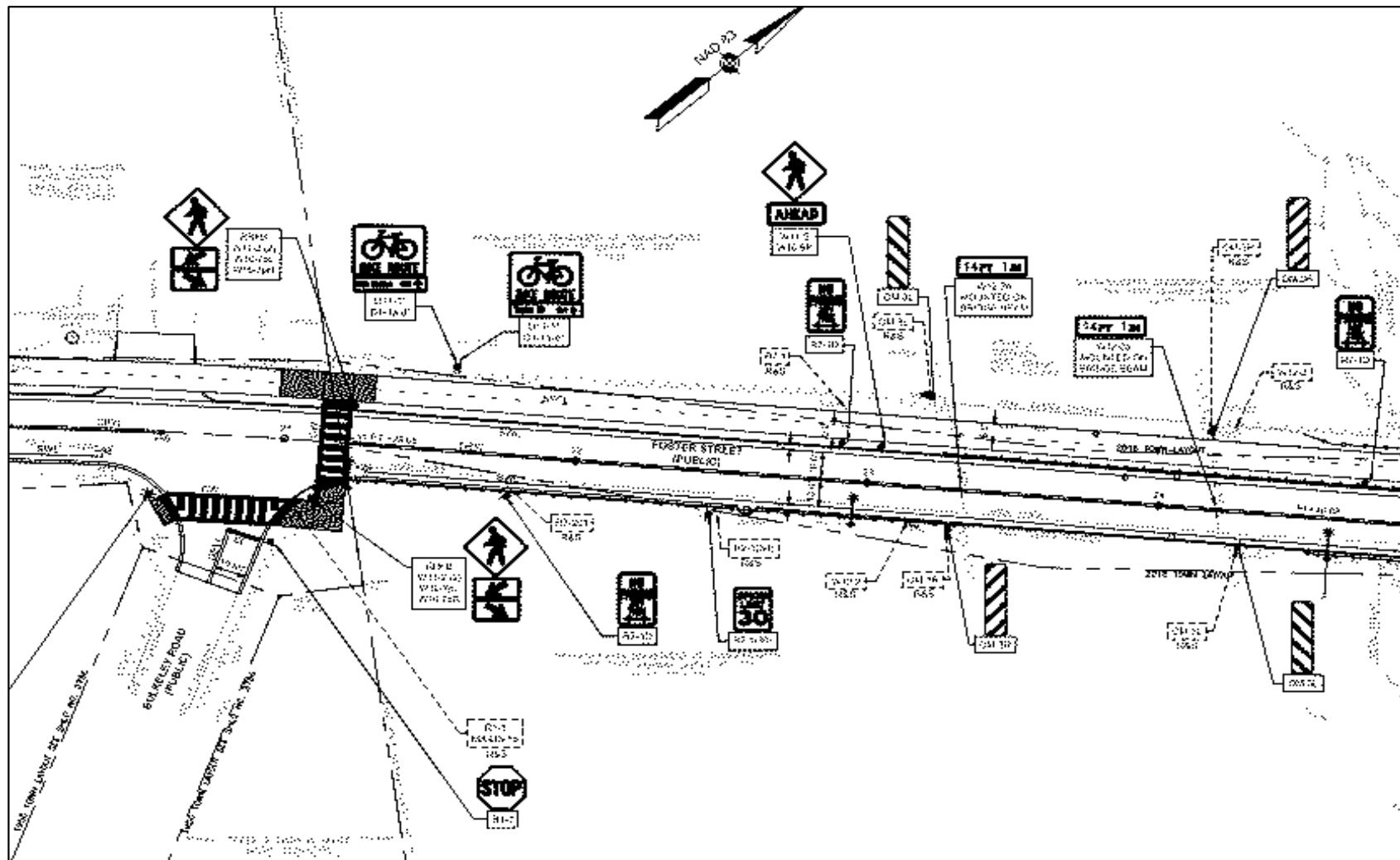
-Realign and improve safety at the Grimes Lane intersection with Foster Street. A notable crash occurred here in January 2018 between a tractor-trailer and MBTA commuter rail train.



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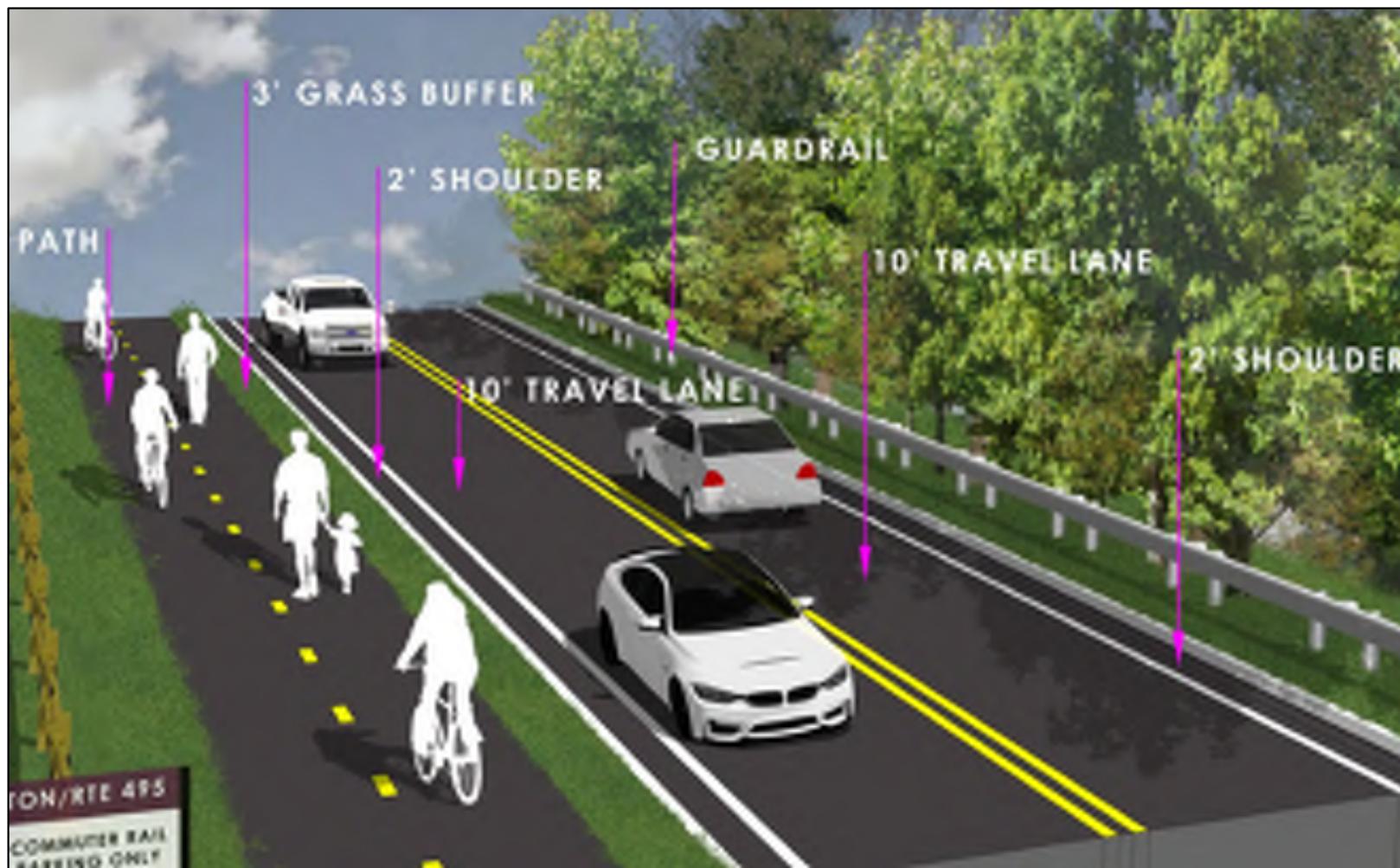
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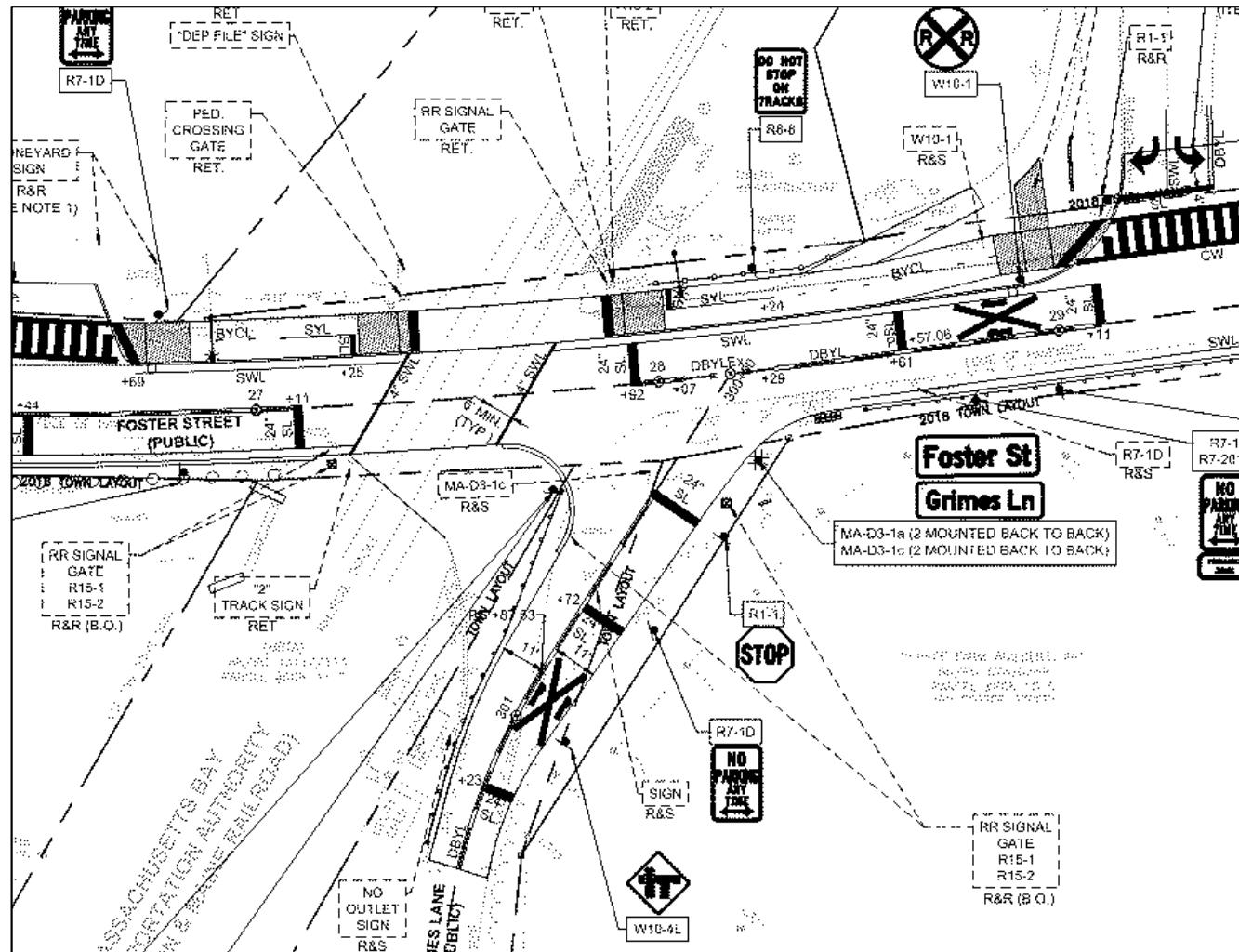
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Proposed work Grimes Lane:

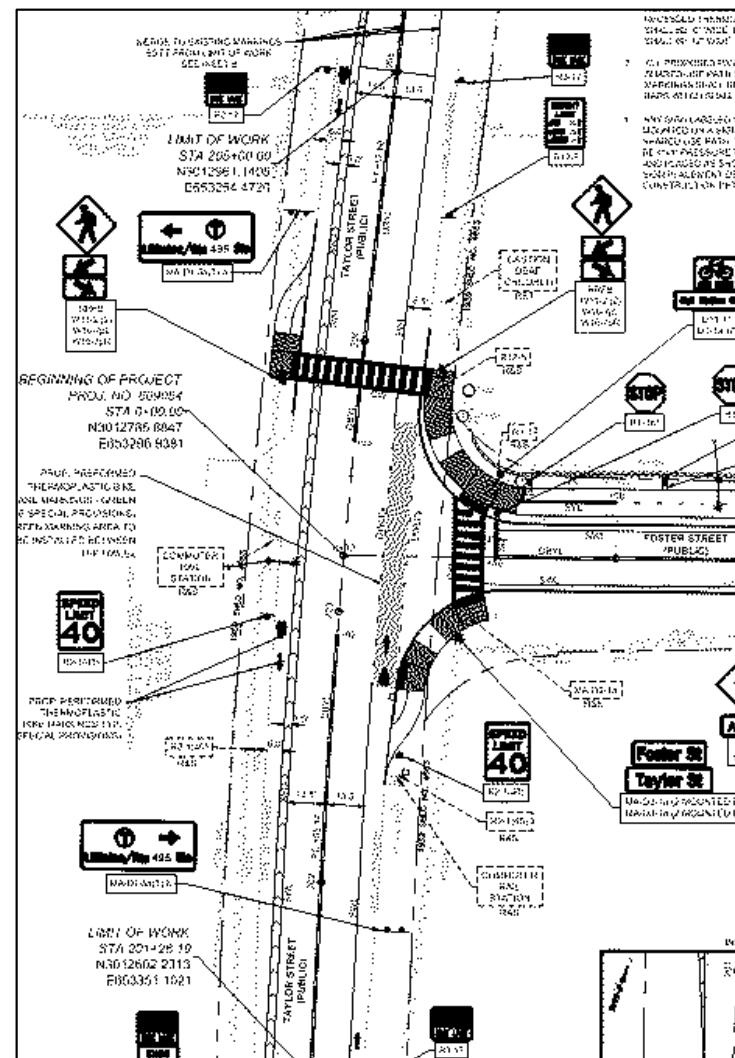
-A realignment of Grimes Lane Intersection with Foster Street



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Proposed work Taylor Street:

- New bike lanes and pedestrian safety features at the Taylor Street intersection with Foster Street



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Proposed Stormwater Improvements:

- (9) Existing catch basins on Foster Street replaced with new deep-sump (4ft) catch basins**
- (7) Existing catch basins remodeled and repaired**
- (4) New leaching (impervious) catch basins on Foster Street to convey stormwater runoff into ground infiltration**
- (3) New deep-sump catch basins on Foster Street**

All other existing catch basins in the project limits remaining are to be cleaned at the completion of construction

The rip-rap drainage swale on the frontage of MBTA property will be rebuilt as a rip-rap lined swale with catch basins having the same overall area as existing condition

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Proposed WPA Resource Area Impacts:

-No direct impacts to Bank, BVW, LUW, RA, or BLSF are proposed

Table 1: Buffer Zone Impacts

100-FT Buffer from BVW or Bank			
Description	Area (SF/AC)	Perm./Temp.	Cause/Descrip. Of Impacts
Total Zone Area in Project Limit	(116,466/ 2.67)	-	-
Existing Impervious	(50,517/ 1.16)	Perm.	Road surface, Sidewalk
Net Change in Impervious	(+15,768/+0.36)	Perm.	Road surface, Shared-use path
Proposed Impervious	(66,285 /1.52)	Perm.	Road surface, Shared-use path
Temp. Impacts	(35,344 / 0.81)	Temp.	Earthwork, grading, grubbing. To be restored with loam & seed

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- The project is eligible as a limited project under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(f):

“Maintenance and improvement of existing public roadways, but limited to widening less than a single lane, adding shoulders, correcting substandard intersections, and improving inadequate drainage systems.”

- The project proposes to widen Foster Street pavement by 6ft for the shared-use path, a width that is less than one vehicle lane
- The project qualifies as a redevelopment project for stormwater management

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Impacts under Town of Littleton Wetland Protection Regulations

-The project proposes impacts inside the 50-ft No Disturb Zone

Table 2: 50-ft No Disturbance Zone Impacts

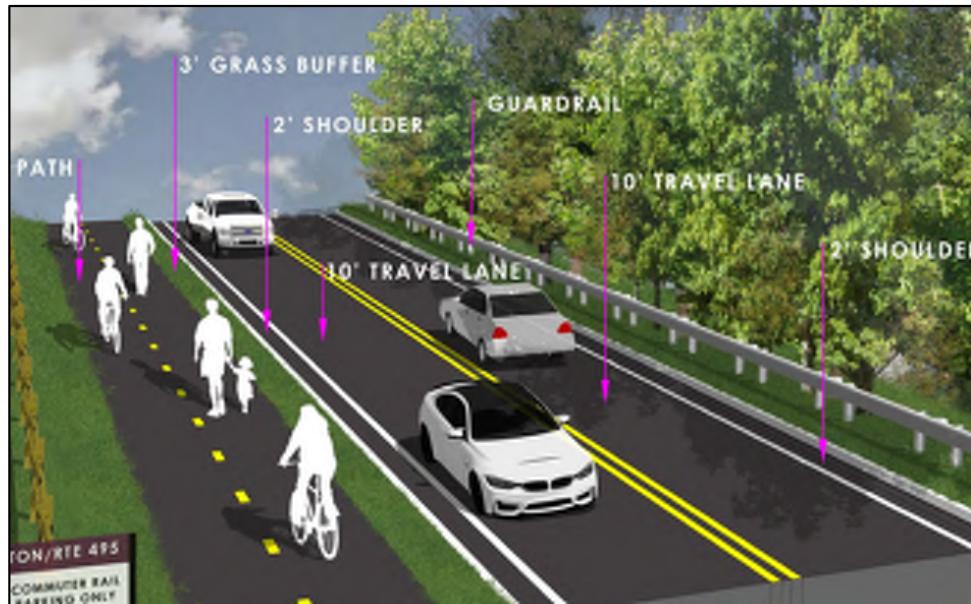
50-FT No Disturb Zone from BVW or Bank			
Description	Area (SF/AC)	Perm./Temp.	Cause/Descrip. Of Impacts
Total Zone Area in Project Limit	(45,253 / 1.04)	-	-
Existing Impervious	(14,655 / 0.34)	Perm.	Road surface, Sidewalk
Net Change in Impervious	(+7,499 /+0.17)	Perm.	Road surface, Shared-use path
Proposed Impervious	(22,154 / 0.50)	Perm.	Road surface, Shared-use path
Temp. Impacts	(14,355 / 0.33)	Temp.	Earthwork, grading, grubbing. To be restored with loam & seed

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The project is seeking a waiver under Section 1.4(2) of the Town Wetland Regulation

- Impact to 50-ft No Disturb Zone was minimized to 3% of total project area**
- The proposed impacts are to locations that are already adjacent to an existing roadside**
- The preferred alternative widens less than a competing alternative**
- Sedimentation and erosion control measures will be implemented during construction**
- A mitigating factor is the creation of a new facility for non-motorized travel connecting residential areas to the commuter rail station. The project may result in a reduction in vehicular trips to the station.**

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Thank You!

Questions and Comments