

ROUTE 3A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



From the Lobster Pound to Muzzi's Corner

March 2, 2026

Presentation to the Conservation Commission

- Brief History of the Route 3A Project
- Significant Roadway Improvements
- Why are we here? Article GG, ATM 2026
- Review of Corridor Impacts
 - Areas of Commission Care, Custody and Control

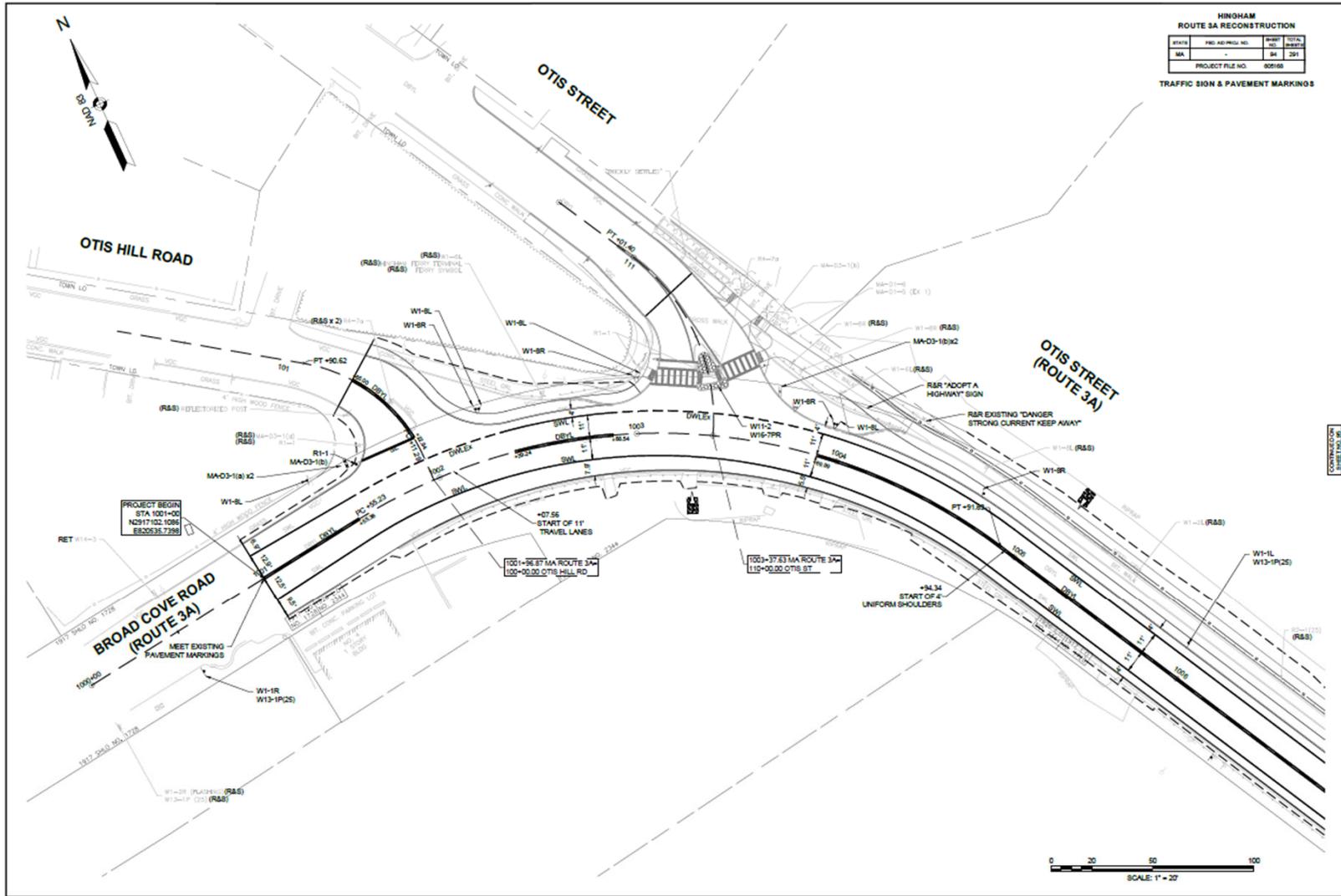
a brief history

- 2009 Rotary Analysis – Board of Selectmen held hearings to discuss alternative improvement plans
- 2013 MassDOT Road Safety Audit in response to neighborhood concerns with safety
- 2014 Town requested a corridor study from the State; study was completed in 2016
- 2017 Route 3A Task Force created by the Board of Selectmen
- 2018 Pilot road diet – data collected during simulated lane reduction from the rotary east to Rockland Street
- 2022 ‘Live Virtual’ Design Public Hearing hosted by MassDOT in January
- ❖ 2023 MassDOT has assumed responsibility for design and construction costs through completion
- ❖ 2024 Initial Conservation Commission Workshop
- ❖ 2025 Shifted to 2026/2027 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Budget with a total programmed cost of \$32.6M
- ❖ DEC 2025 GM2 submitted 100% design documents to MassDOT – initial review and comment period has concluded with relatively minimal comments, and no significant changes to the design
- ❖ Based on project schedule, the current DRAFT TIP provides full funding of the project in FFY 2027, with an ad date of 2/2027

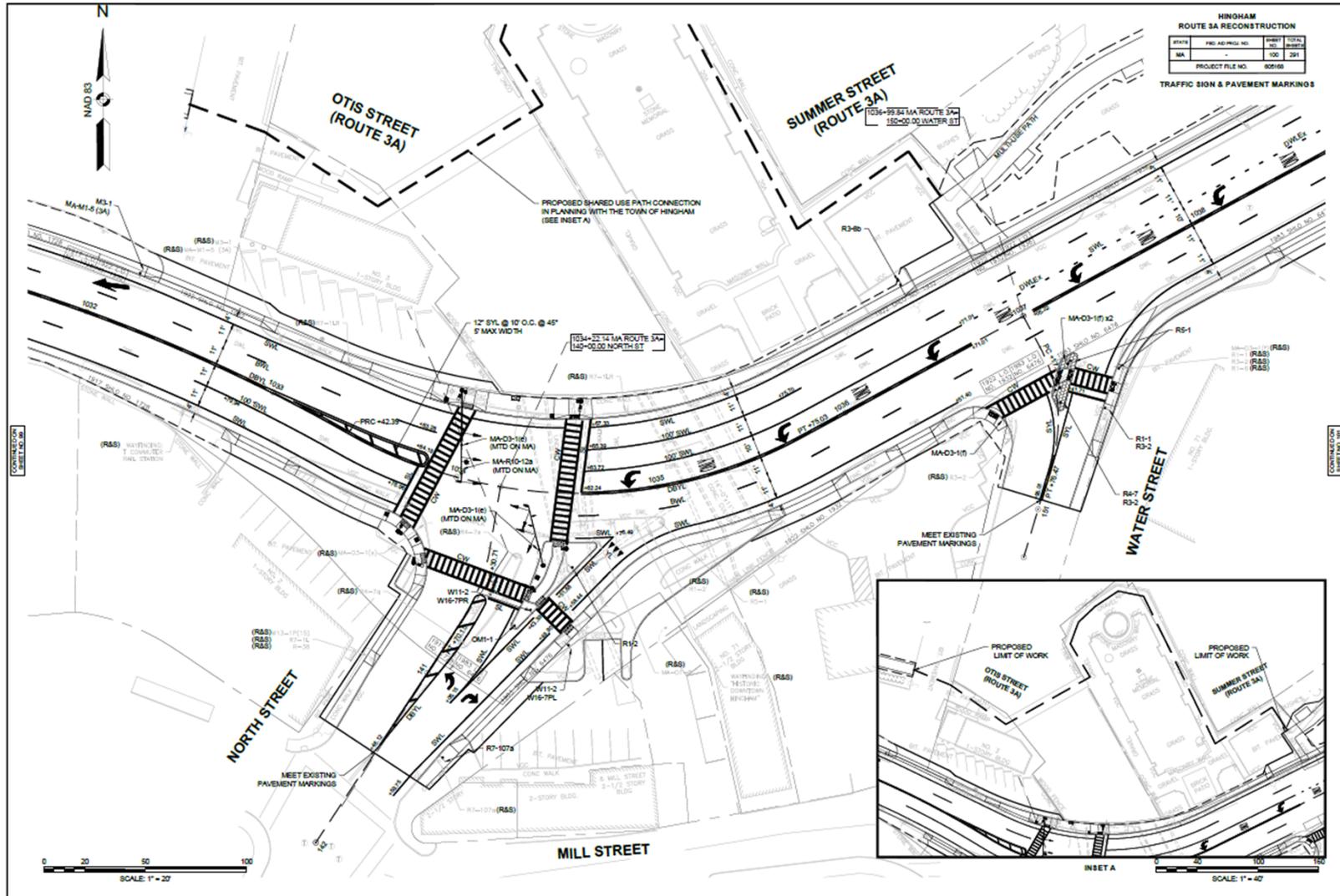
Project Benefits

- Citizen Led Safety Improvement Project
- Achieves multiple Master Plan Goals
 - Neighborhood Connectivity from Crow Point, to Downtown, around the Roundabout and past Martins Lane
 - Activating the Harbor
 - Increasing Accessibility

Traffic Safety Improvements Broad Cove at Otis Street



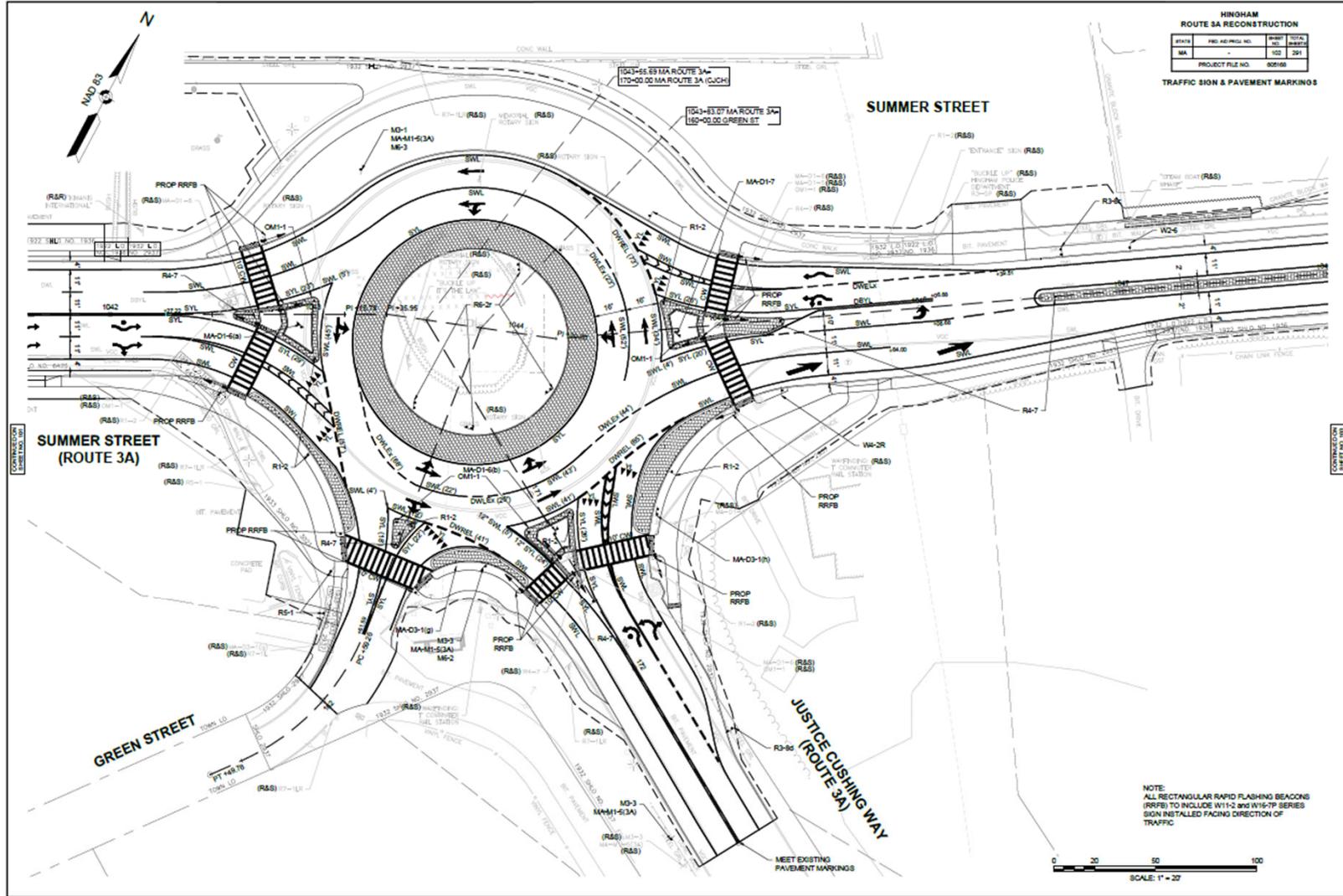
Traffic Safety Improvements North Street intersection at 3A



Inner Harbor



Traffic Safety Improvements Roundabout



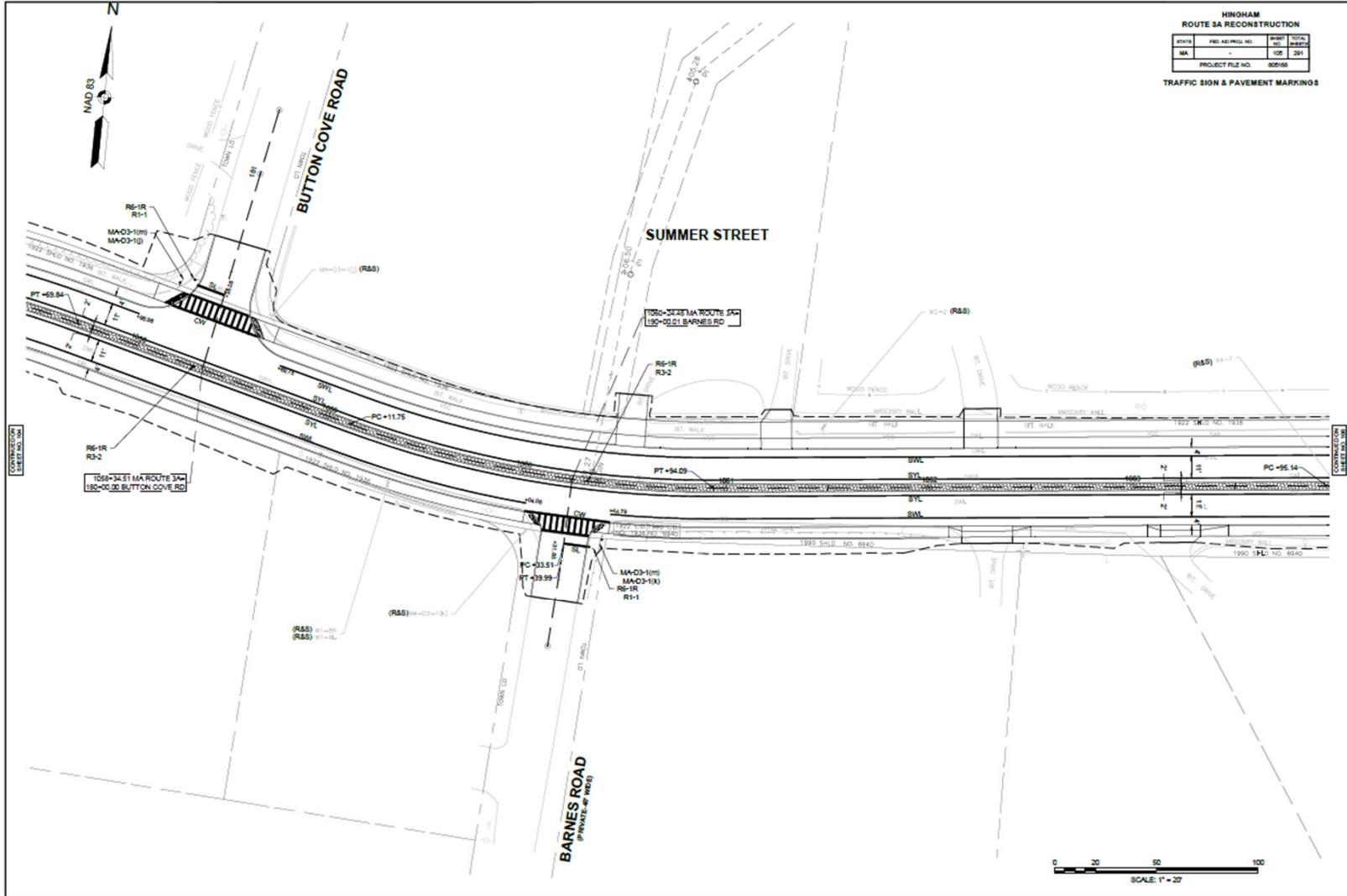
Roundabout



Hingham Route 3A Improvements

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Traffic Safety Improvements Summer Street



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- ❖ Land under the Care, Custody and Control of the Conservation Commission subject to Article 97

- ❖ Timeline of Article 97 Progression

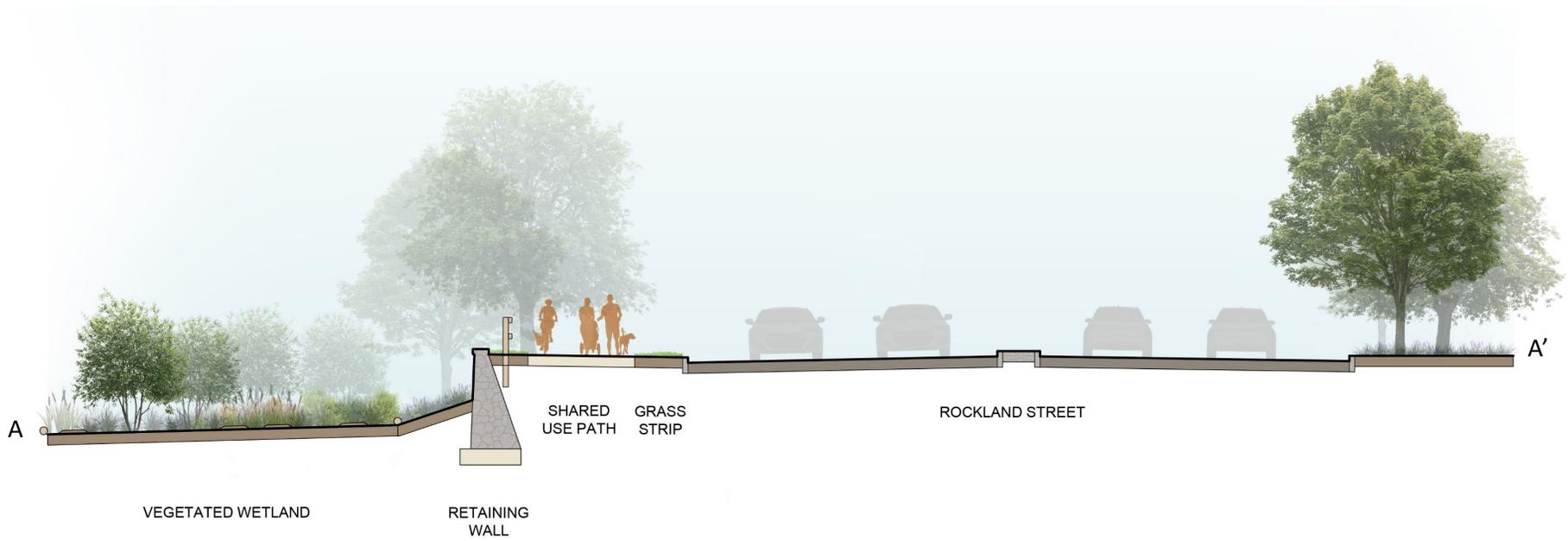
- ❖ Conservation Commission Vote/Trustees of the Bathing Beach Vote
 - ❖ Select Board Vote (Tentative 3/17)
 - ❖ Advisory Committee Presentation (Tentative 3/19)
 - ❖ Identification of Article 97 Mitigation
 - ❖ Advisory Committee Vote on Comment and Motion (Tentative week of 4/13)
 - ❖ Town Meeting Vote on Article
 - ❖ Article 97 Parcel Appraisals by MassDOT, if not sooner
 - ❖ Submission by Town to Legislature (on or before 5/8)
 - ❖ Review and Report of Article 97 from EOEEA to Legislature
 - ❖ Legislative votes in each house approving Article 97 petition

Why are we here?

- ❖ Land under the Care, Custody and Control of the Conservation Commission subject to Article 97
 - ❖ Identification of Article 97 Mitigation
 - ❖ Town staff are reviewing options for potential acquisition of interest in properties: either in fee or in restrictions
 - ❖ Once appraised value is determined by MassDOT, mitigation funds would be applied towards the acquisition of the identified interest

- ❖ Separately, MassDOT will file an NOI to address the Conservation Commission's Regulatory Jurisdiction through the entirety of the project

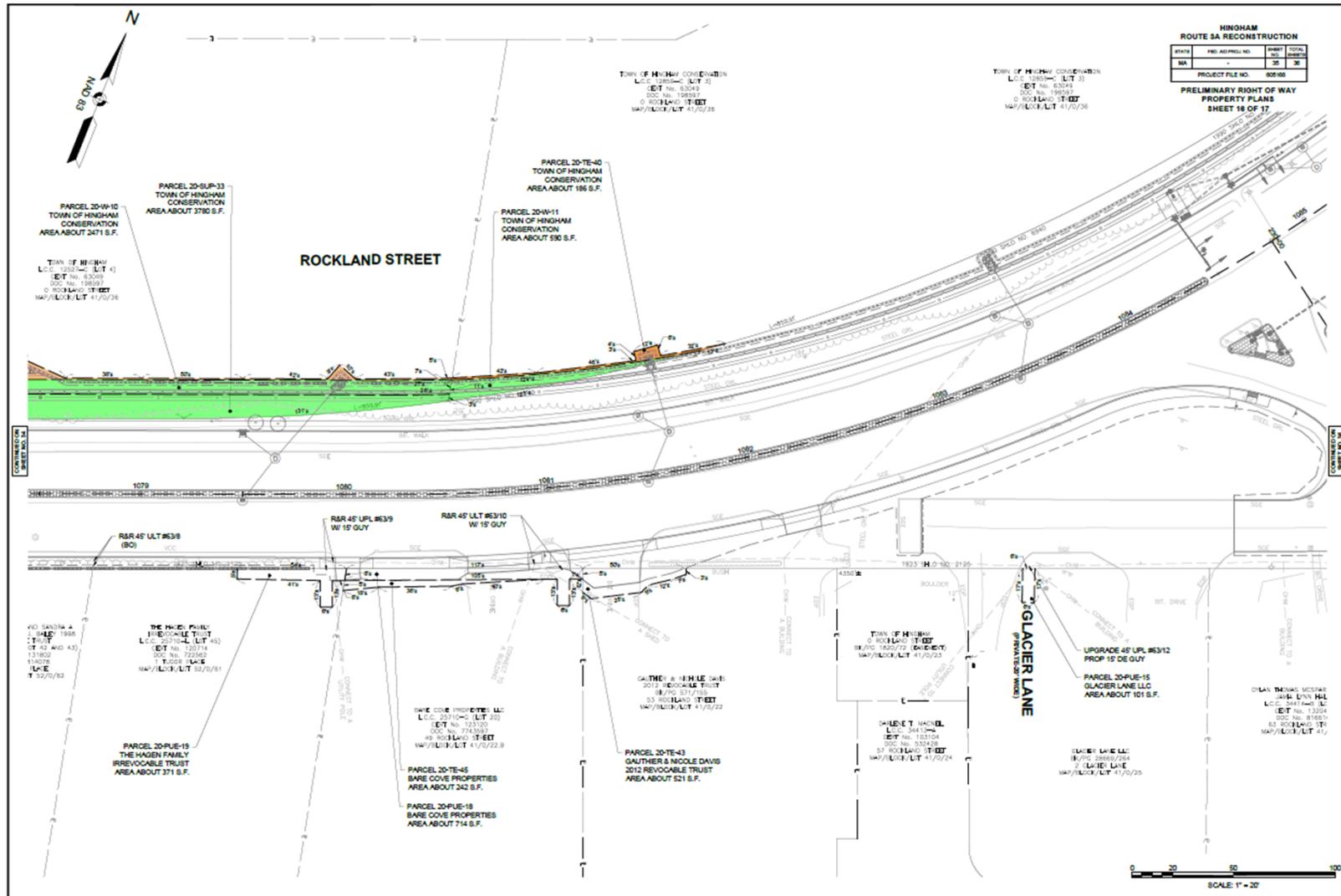
Conservation Commission Properties along Rockland Street (cont.)



SECTION ACROSS WETLAND AND SHARED PATH

SCALE: 1" = 10'

Conservation Commission Properties along Rockland Street (cont.)



Anticipated Vote

- ❖ To approve the provisions of the Town Meeting Warrant Article regarding the Route 3A Project as it affect parcels of land under the care, custody and control of the Commission
- ❖ To approve the petition to be filed by the Select Board with the General Court under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution pursuant to the Warrant Article for approval of the grant of temporary and permanent grant of easements for highway purposes in portions of the parcels under the care, custody and control of the Commission for the reconstruction of Route 3A
- ❖ To transfer the care, custody and control of those portions of the parcels as shown on the plans which are presently under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission to the Select Board for said temporary and permanent public way purposes, respectively, contingent upon final approval of said Article 97 petition
- ❖ All of the above to enable the Route 3A Project as shown on plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Route 3A / Summer Street / Rockland Street in the Town of Hingham Plymouth County Preliminary Right of Way Plans”, current draft dated 12/19/25