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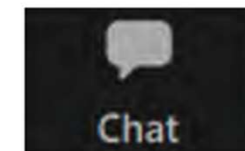
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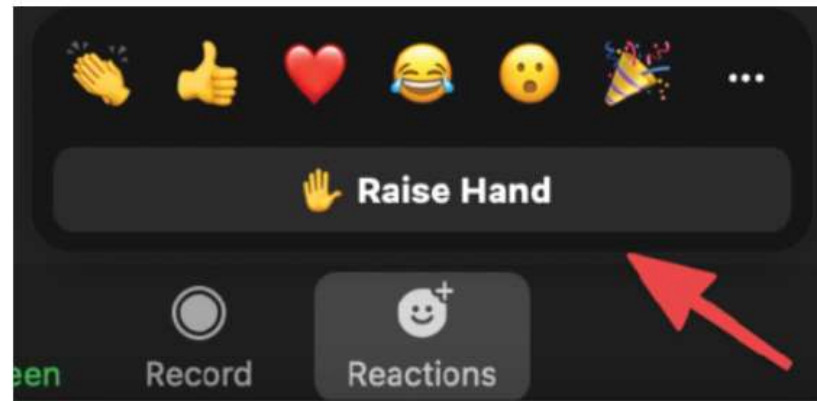
ZOOM MEETING INFO AND TIPS

- Zoom controls are available at the bottom of your screen.
- We will be recording this meeting and posting it on our project webpage. If you do not wish to be recorded during the meeting, please turn off your microphone and camera.
- We want to ensure that this conversation is a pleasant experience for all. Please remain muted during the presentation to avoid background noise. If not, we may mute you!
- Clicking on these symbols activates different features. The Closed Captions functionality is helpful!
- Use chat function to provide written comments and submit questions.
- Use raise hand function (dial *9 if joining by phone) and wait to be called upon to participate verbally during the discussion portion of the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION



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**PLEASE SAVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS
FOR AFTER THE PRESENTATION**

PROJECT TEAM

BLESSING OF THE BAY COMMUNITY

CITY OF SOMERVILLE



MyRWA



DCR



DESIGN TEAM

Landscape Architecture:



Civil Engineering:



Traffic Engineering:



PROJECT FUNDING

1. INTRODUCTION



Somerville Community Preservation Act (CPA)



Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Private Foundations

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

Everyone Deserves:

- To be respected.
- An opportunity to participate.
- To be heard without interruption.

Therefore:

- Take note of how often you speak.
- Consider those who don't have a voice here today, and how our discussion impacts them.
- Listen respectfully and assume the best intentions.

SHORE DRIVE GREENWAY GOALS

- Improve access to the Mystic River for all
- Improve safety and accessibility
- Support ecology along the Mystic River shoreline
- Improve public health outcomes: enhance recreational experience and promote walking, biking, and rolling to get around
- Provide relief from urban heat

WHAT INFORMED THIS WORK?

- Regional
 - Mystic River Master Plan (2009)
 - Mystic River Greenway Vision (2015)
 - Masstrails Priority Network Vision (2024)
- Local
 - **Healey Mystic Master Plan (2016)**
 - Somerville Climate Risk Assessment (2017, 2023)
 - Blessing of the Bay Master Plan (2018)
 - Somerville Bicycle Network Plan (2023)
 - Somerville Pollinator Action Plan (2024)

2. PROJECT

Context



**MYSTIC
HOUSING**

**ASSEMBLY
SQUARE**

COLUMBUS PARK
COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY

HEALEY SCHOOL

BLESSING OF
THE BAY PARK

GRIMMONS
PLAYGROUND

BAXTER PARK

TRUM FIELD

FOSS PARK

DRAW SEVEN PARK

M.L.C.

Project Area includes:

- Shore Drive Right-of-Way (ROW)
- Roadside section of Blessing of the Bay park

Different project from:

- Blessing of the Bay Vegetative Management/Meadow (MyRWA)
- Mystic River Outfall & Sewer Separation (City)

2. PROJECT RECAP



Boathouse

Greenway/Shore Drive Project Area

Ten Hills

Fellsway

I-93

2. PROJECT RECAP

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Meeting:
DESIGN



Oct 3rd, 2024

2024 MULTI-LINGUAL ENGAGEMENT:

Mystic Learning Center (10/16 + 10/21)


Blessing of the Bay Park (10/28 + 10/29)

Conservation Commission Hearing



Dec 2, 2025

Public Meeting:
INFO SESSION



May 7, 2026

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Design & Engineering

Summer 2024 to Winter 2025/2026

Permitting

Winter 25/26

Bid Process

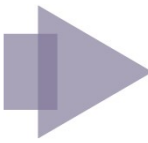
Winter 25/26

Construction

2026 & 2027

Greenway!

2027 onward



WE ARE HERE

3. GREENWAY PROJECT PLAN

Existing Conditions



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New Greenway Conditions

Existing Conditions



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- 86 new trees for heat relief and noise buffer
- 2,345 SF of landscape
- Improved accessibility with a 12-foot paved multi-use path (*walking, running, biking, rolling, skating...*)
- Safer commuting – raised boulevard separates vehicles and bikes
- Rest spots with benches and Mystic River views
- Underground green stormwater infrastructure keeps river clean and reduces park flooding risk

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Greenway Profile



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Key Map

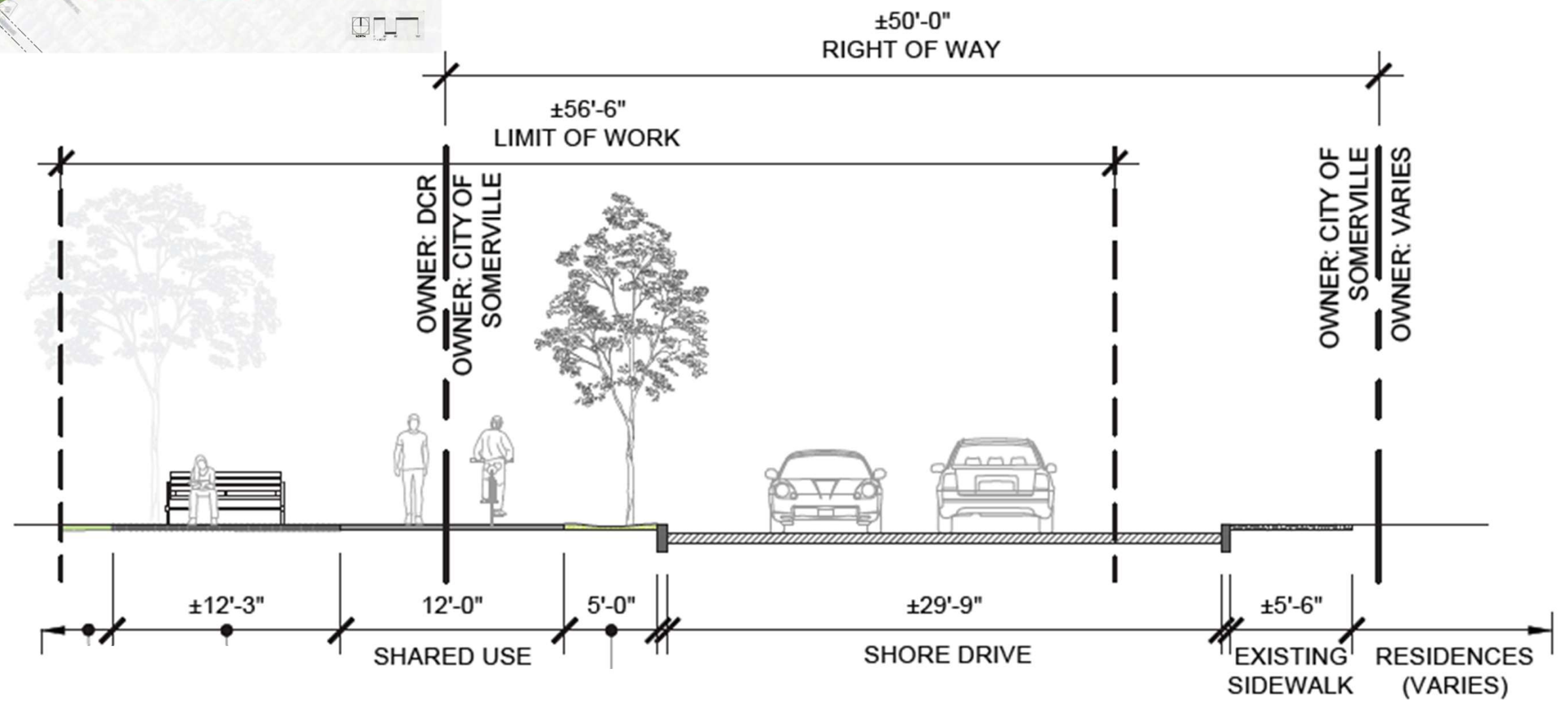
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Area 1
Boathouse Parking to Puritan Road

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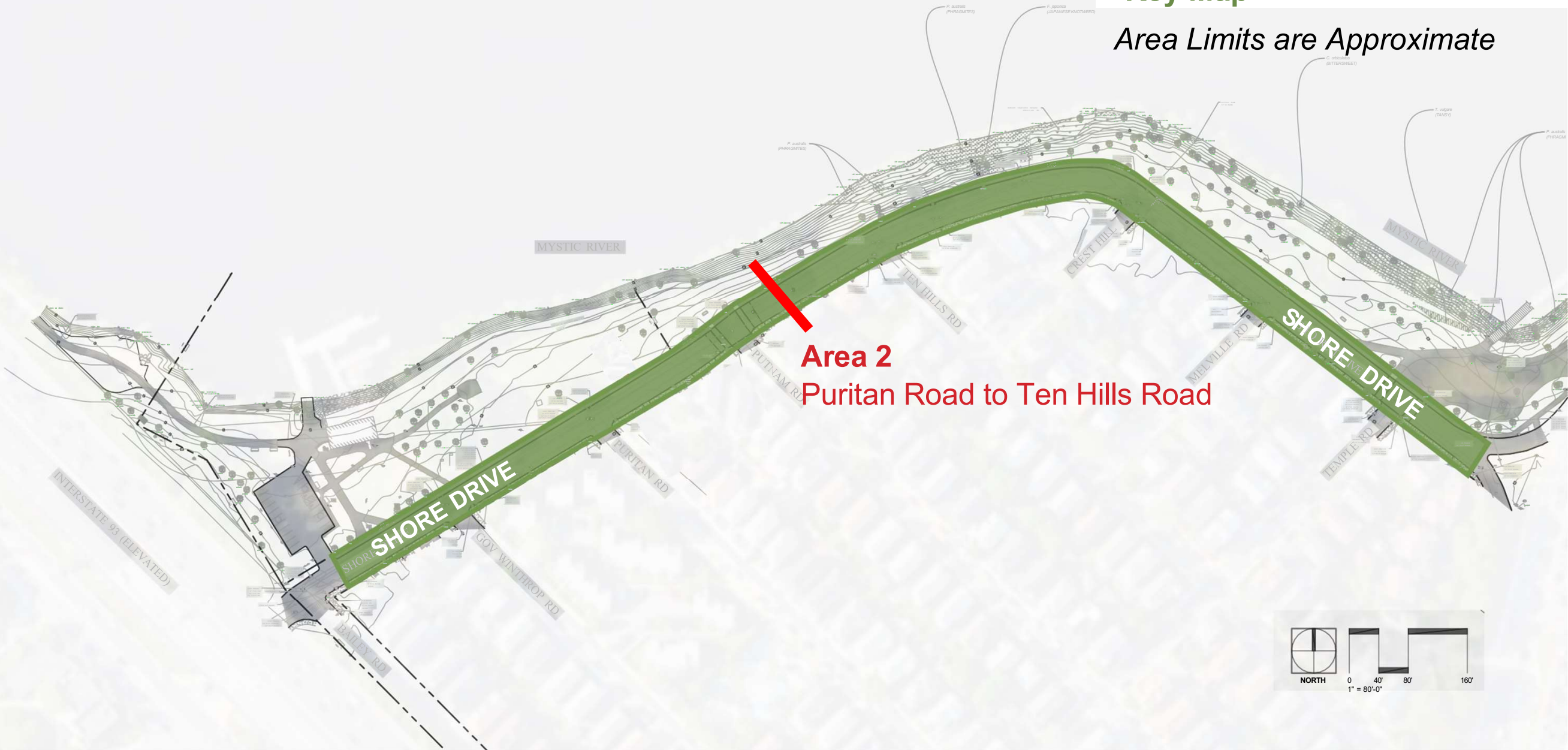
Greenway Profile – Area 1



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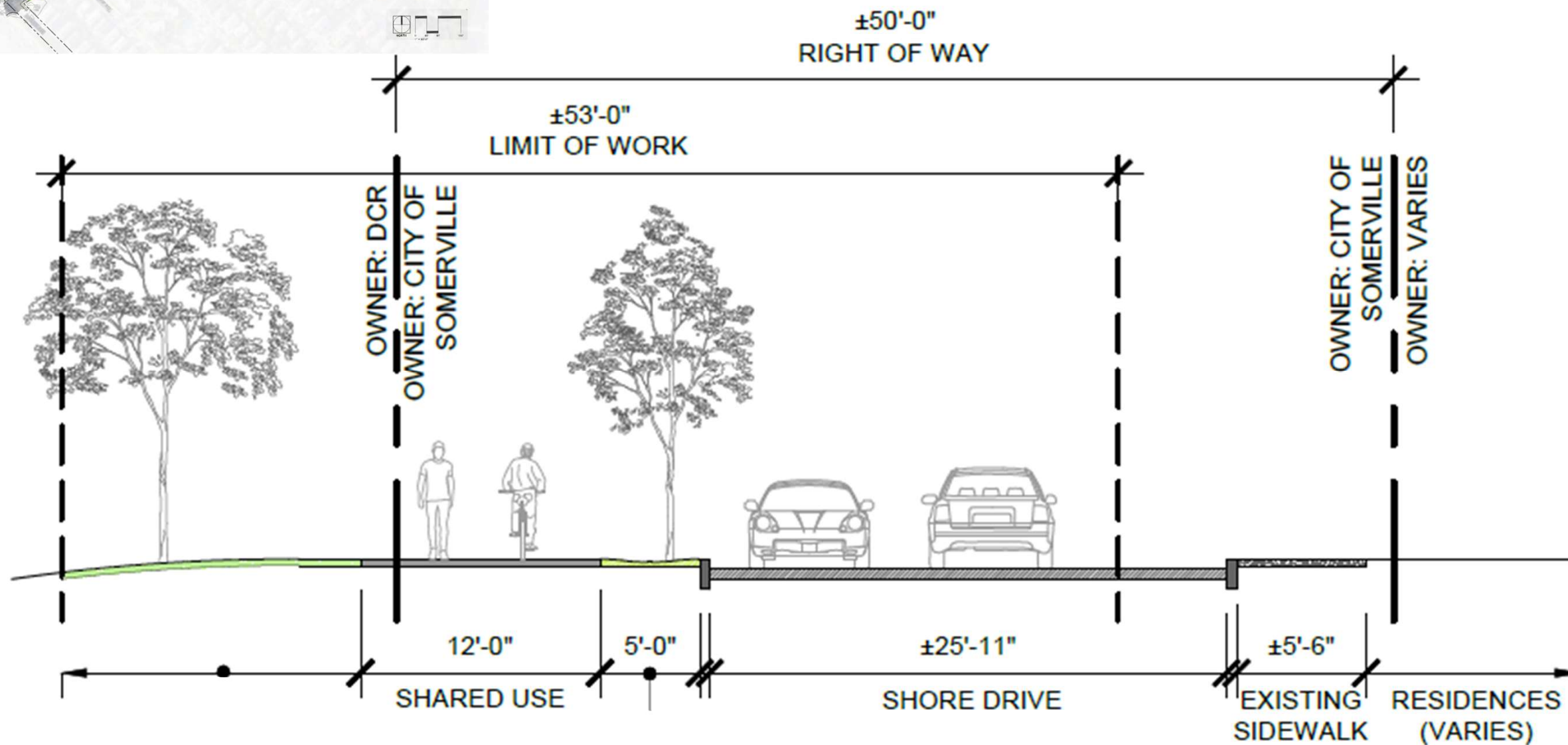
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Area 2
Puritan Road to Ten Hills Road

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Greenway Profile – Area 2



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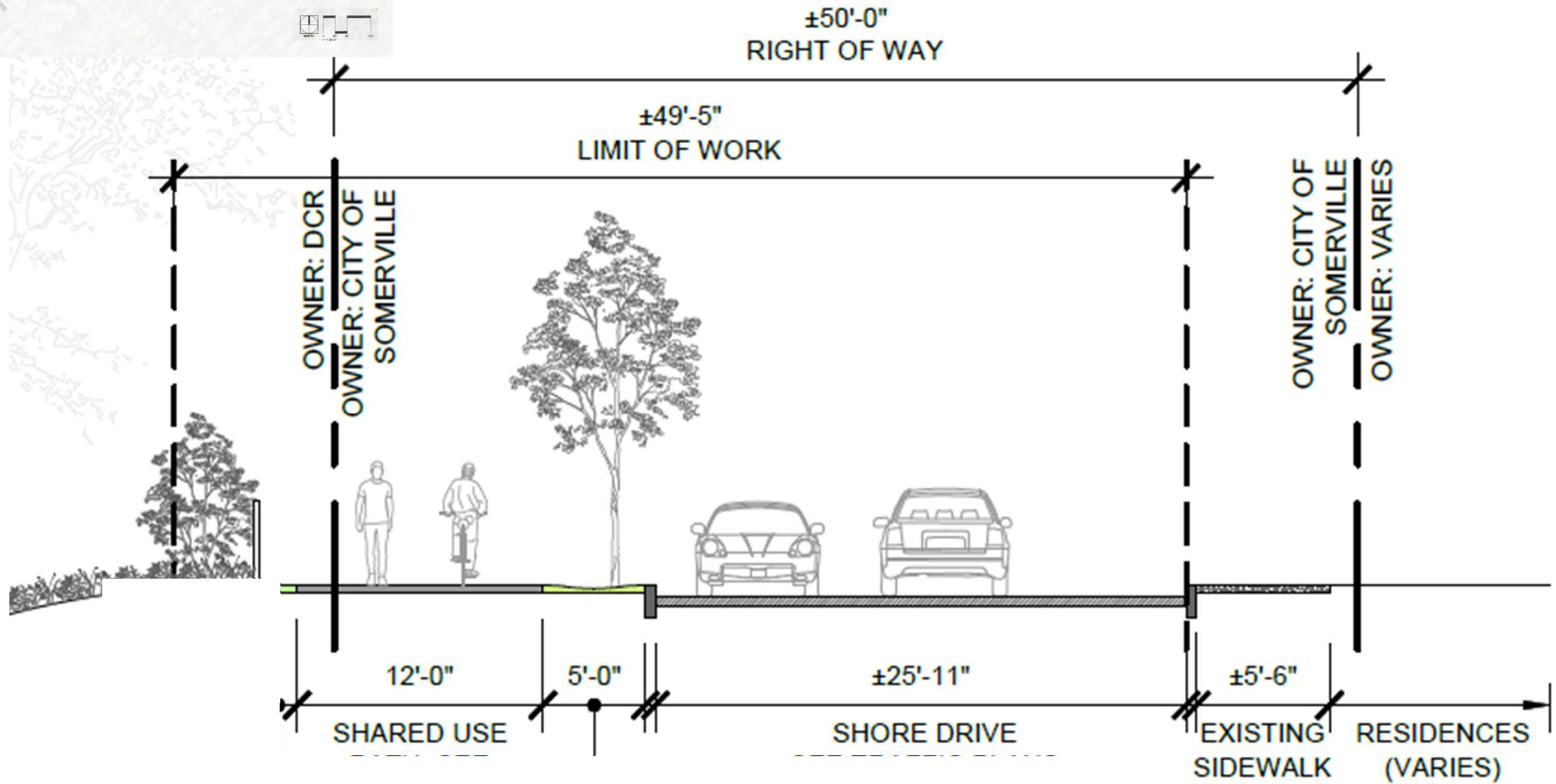
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Area 3
Ten Hills Road to
Crest Hill / Melville (mid-point)

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Greenway Profile – Area 3



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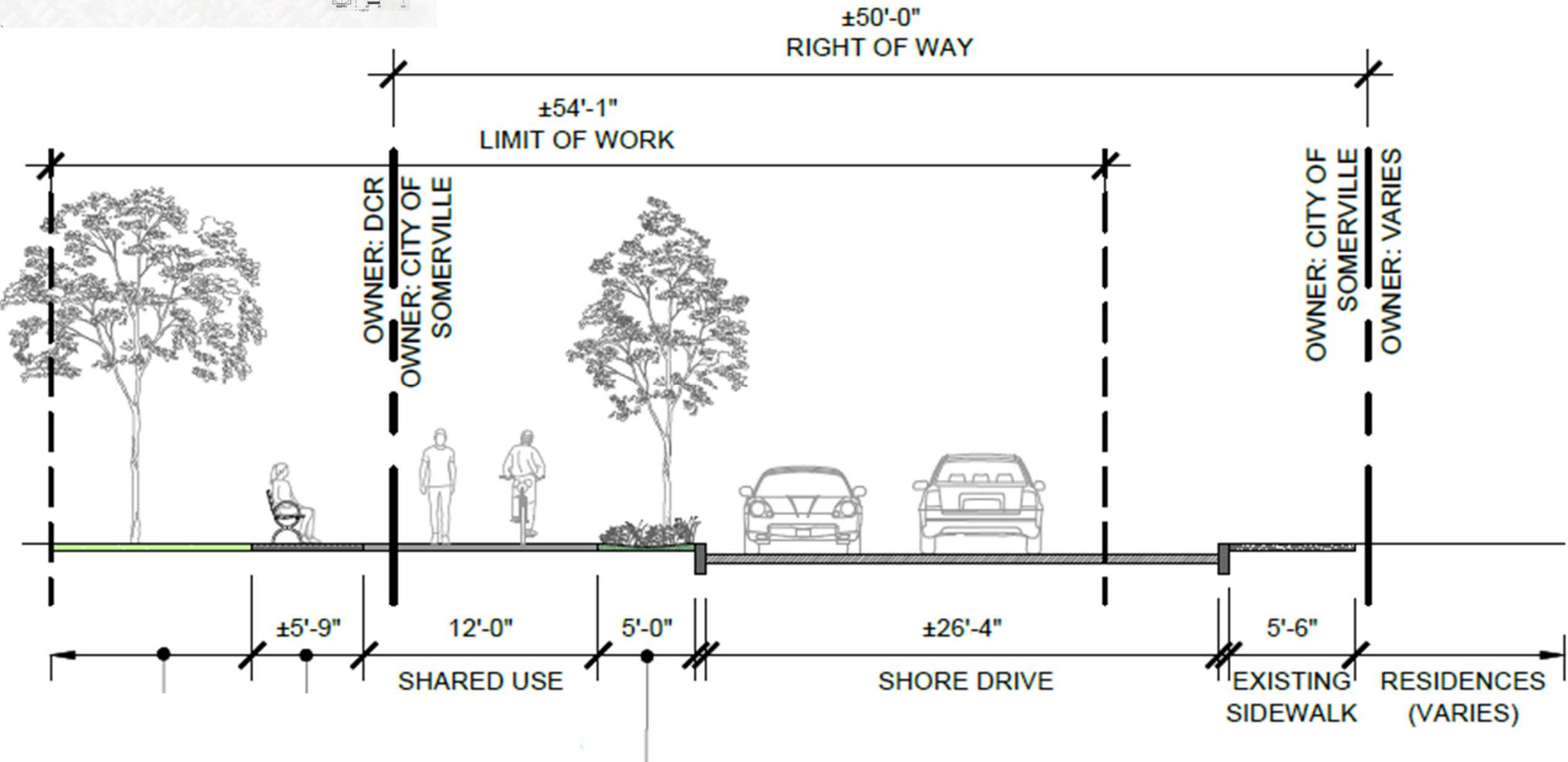


Area 4
Crest Hill / Melville (mid-point) to Temple Road



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Greenway Profile – Area 4



4. CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

**STREET PARKING
REMOVED DURING
CONSTRUCTION**

**YELLOW LINE SHIFTS
OVER TO KEEP TWO
LANES OPEN.**

BIKES SHARE ROAD.

WORK ZONE



TIMELINE

2026

- June: **Construction begins**
- Summer: demolition, excavation, and underground infrastructure
- Early Fall: Install soil, plants, and trees
- Late fall: Pave path; Install lighting; seed lawn

2027

- Spring: Continue planting; install new furnishings
- Summer: **Construction completion**

Ongoing

- Vegetation establishment and maintenance

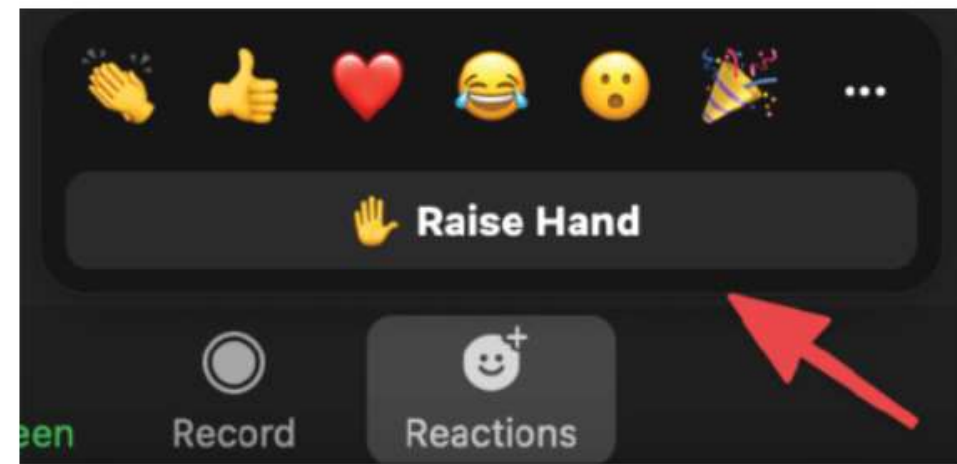


QUESTIONS or COMMENTS?

**Please use the “Raise Hand”
feature under the reactions tab...**

or

**Please write your questions and
comments in the chat.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

We welcome your continued comments and concerns! Reach out to:

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