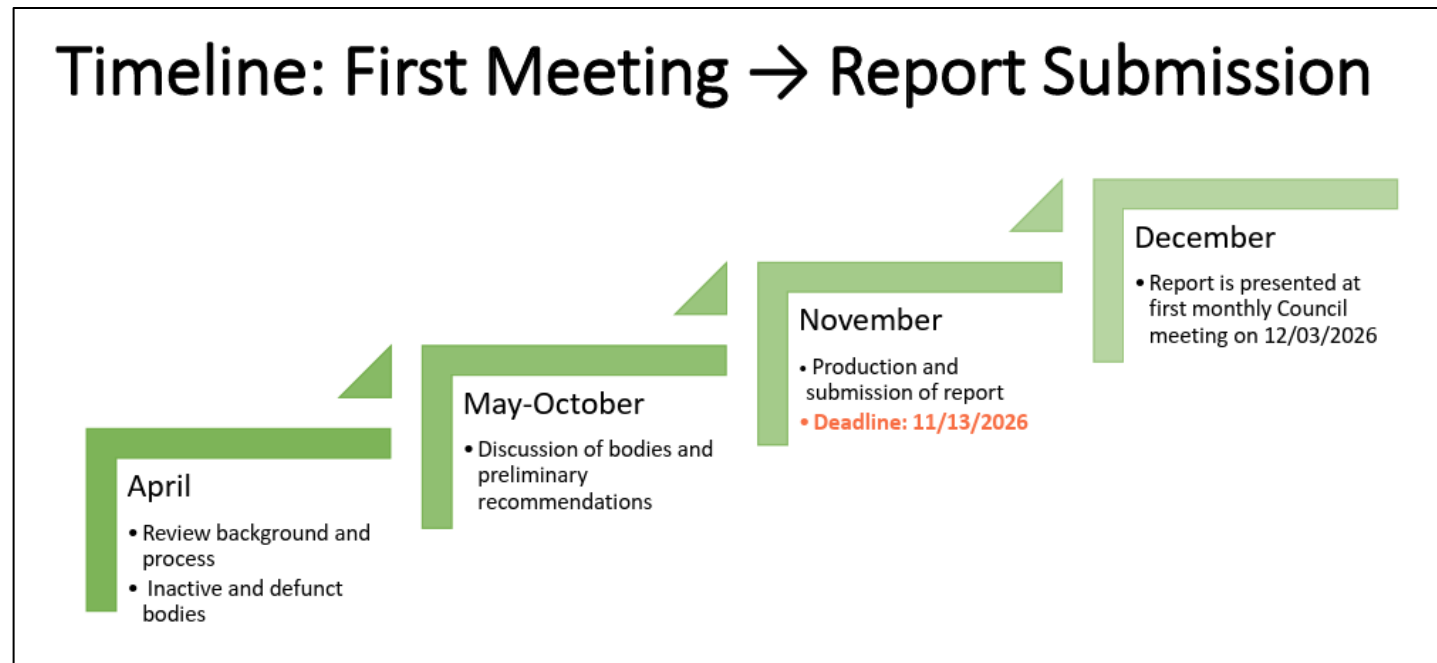




June 2026 SBAC Meeting: City Updates

Committee Recruitment

- The City has established a Review of Multiple-Member Bodies Committee to assess and make recommendations on the functions of all of the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
- Slides from the Committee's first meeting in April can be found [here](#).
- Citywide, appointment of new members has been put on pause until this Committee presents its final report to City Council, which is currently anticipated in December 2026. There are exceptions if there are persistent inability to reach quorum or do meaningful business.



Upcoming Events

- SomerStreets Carnival, Sunday, June 7, 1-4pm
 - Rain date: Sunday, June 14
- Council on Aging Information Session, Ralph and Jenny Center, Tuesday, June 16, 1-2pm
- Portuguese Coffee Hour, Ralph and Jenny Center, Tuesday, June 16, 2-3 pm
- Ward 2 Slice of the City, Wednesday, June 24, 5-7pm
- Asian Tea Party, Ralph and Jenny Center, Tuesday, July 7, 2-3pm
- Union Square Farmers Market, Saturdays May 9 – October 31, 9am – 1pm
 - Mobility has a table, will confirm date in the next month



Bike Safety and Story Walk Event, Capuano School Playground, May 2026

Quick-Build Projects

Faster-implementation projects that use flexible materials and minimal or no construction

Design

- **Elm-Beacon Connector ([project page](#))**
 - [Final design](#) released April 2026
 - Installation planned to begin Summer 2026
 - Cambridge will install the [redesign of the Beech St/Elm St](#) intersection this summer.
- **Somerville Avenue ([project page](#))**
 - Concept design Open House Tuesday, June 9, 5:30-7:30pm at Conway Park, 550 Somerville Ave
 - Inclement weather date Wednesday, June 10, 5:30-7:30pm
 - Design feedback survey and recorded presentation will be made available online after the open house
 - Street outreach pop-ups
 - Tuesday, June 16, 5:00-6:00pm
 - Friday, June 26, 12:30-1:30pm
 - Tuesday, June 30, 5:00-6:00pm
 - [Virtual office hour](#) Thursday, June 18, 5:30-6:30pm
- **East Washington Street ([project page](#))**
 - First Community Meeting (Virtual), Wednesday, June 17, 6:00-7:30pm, [register in advance](#)
- **Community Path Safety Improvements ([project page](#))**
 - Community Engagement Report [published](#)
 - Design Strategy anticipated to be finalized in Summer 2026



East Washington Street Quick Build Safety Improvements Project Area Map

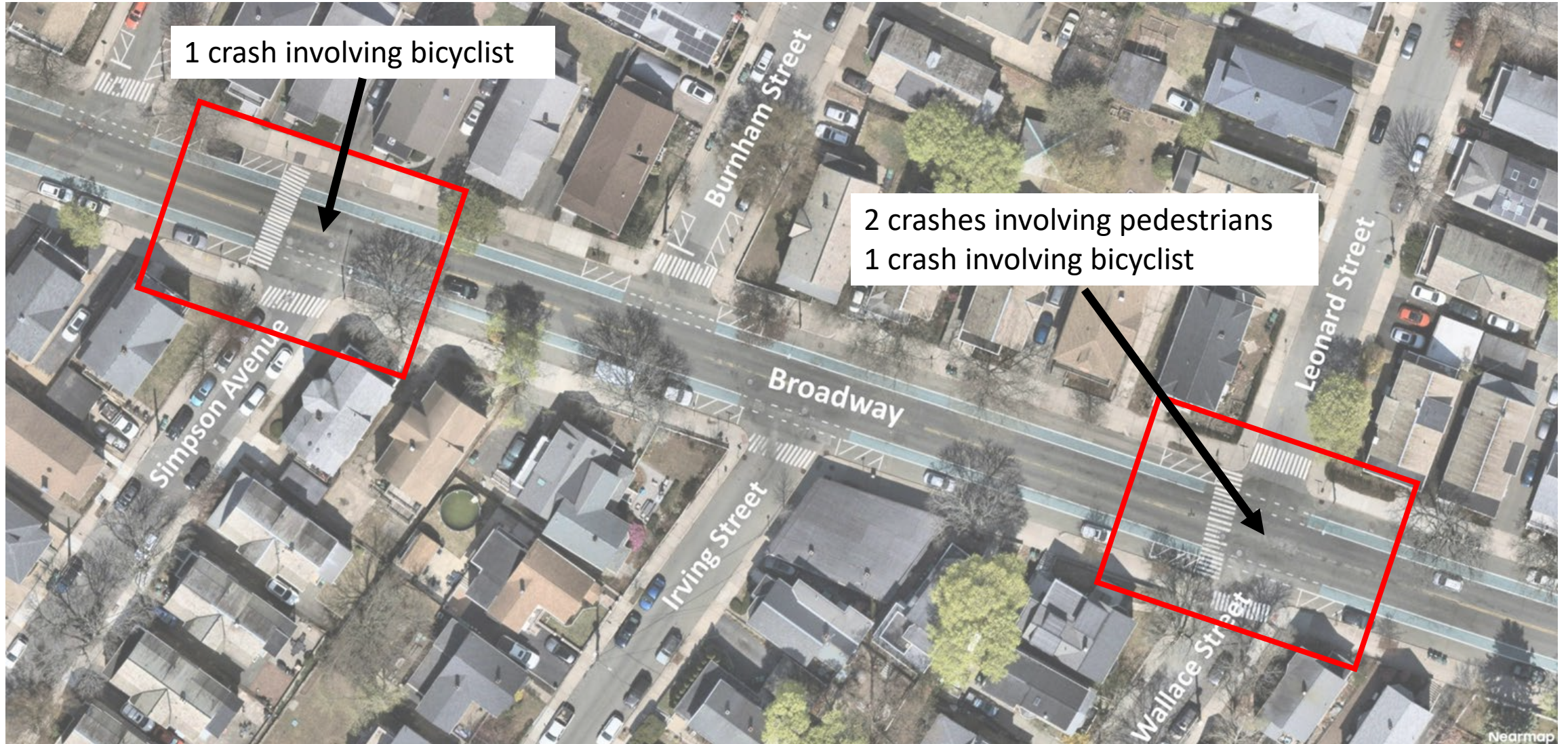
Broadway at Wallace St and Simpson Ave Quick-Build



Community Feedback

- **Community members have expressed feeling unsafe crossing the street at the intersections of Broadway & Wallace Street/Leonard Street and Broadway & Simpson Avenue**
 - Vehicles are speeding and not yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalks
 - Vehicles are taking frequent and fast turns from Broadway onto side streets
 - It is difficult for pedestrians to see oncoming traffic because parked vehicles are blocking sightlines
 - Vehicles are using the Broadway @ Leonard Street bus stop to pass other vehicles that have stopped for pedestrians or are waiting to take a left turn
- The project was informed by community feedback received through the Mobility Division's general engagement channels and at two project-specific outreach pop-ups at these intersections in October 2025

Crash History (2020-2024)



Representative Vehicle Speeds*



*85th percentile speeds

Vehicle Volumes: 7am-7pm



Vehicle Volumes: AM Peak Hour

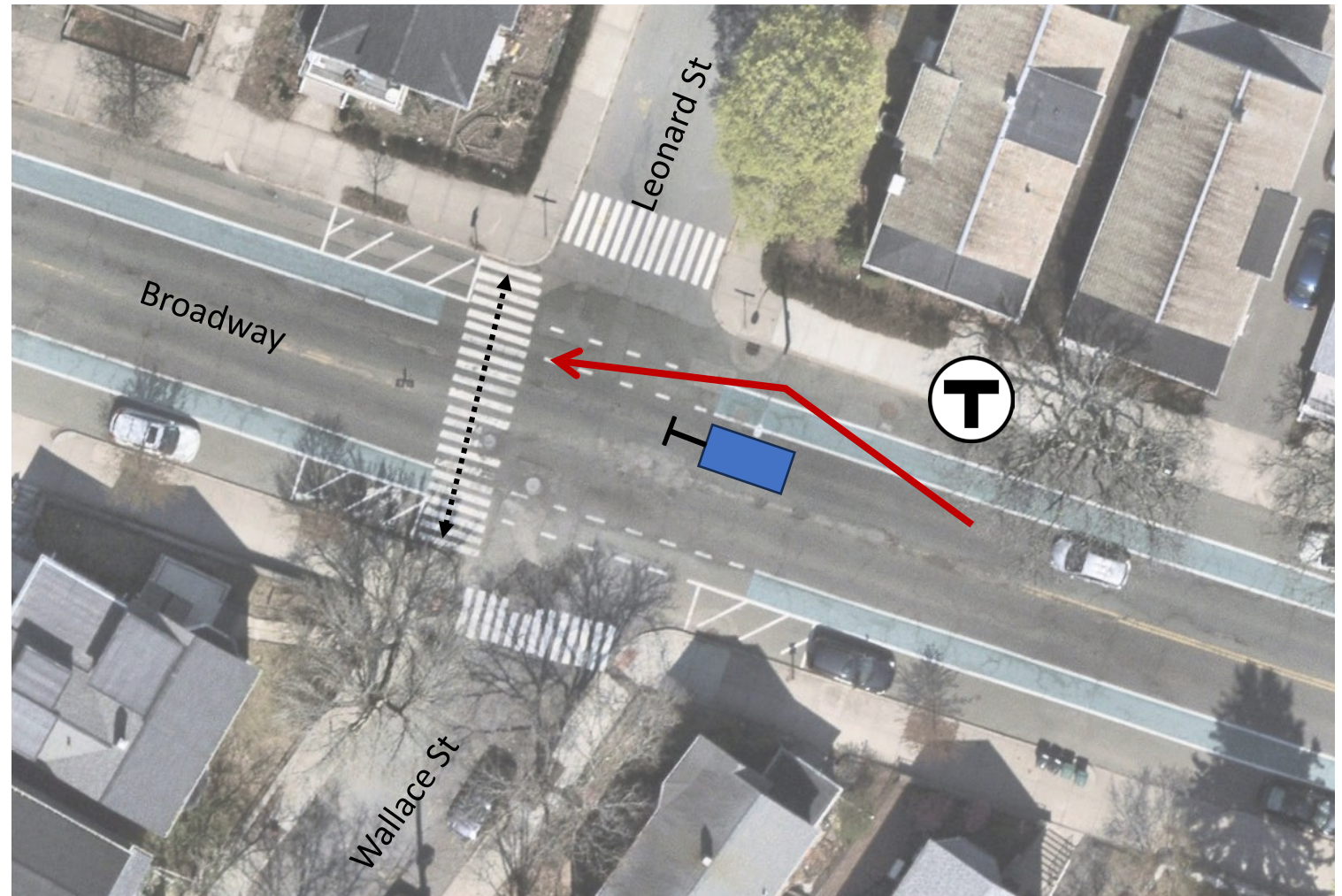


Vehicle Yielding

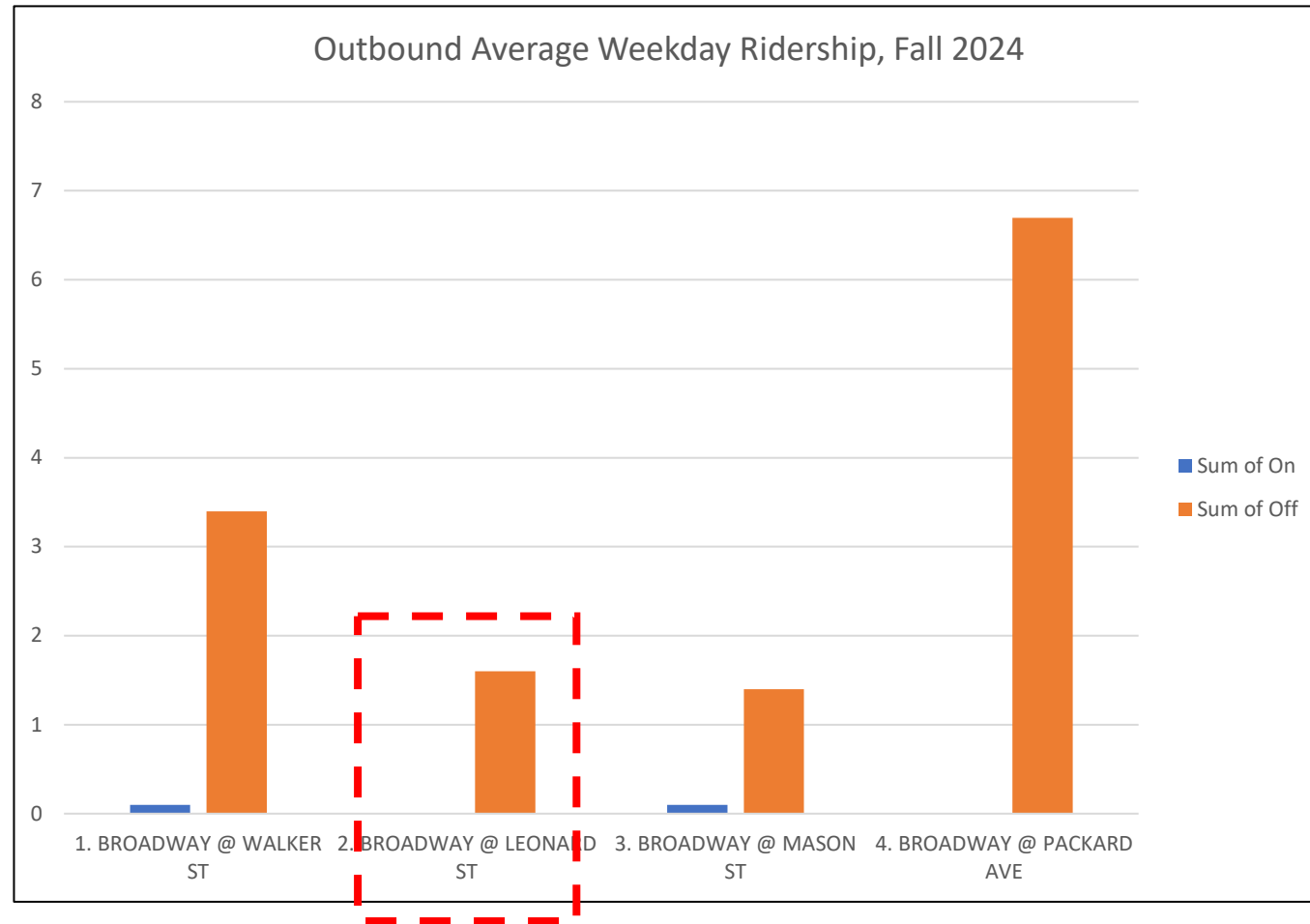


Dangerous passing behavior observed at Wallace Street / Leonard Street crossing

- High volume of left turns from Broadway onto Wallace Street.
- Vehicles traveling thru on Broadway use Broadway @ Leonard Street bus stop to bypass vehicles slowing or stopping to make left turn onto Wallace Street or stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- This behavior creates a dangerous condition for pedestrians.



Broadway @ Leonard Street bus stop utilization averages <2 riders per day



Existing bus stop spacing



Bus stop spacing w/Broadway @ Leonard Street stop elimination



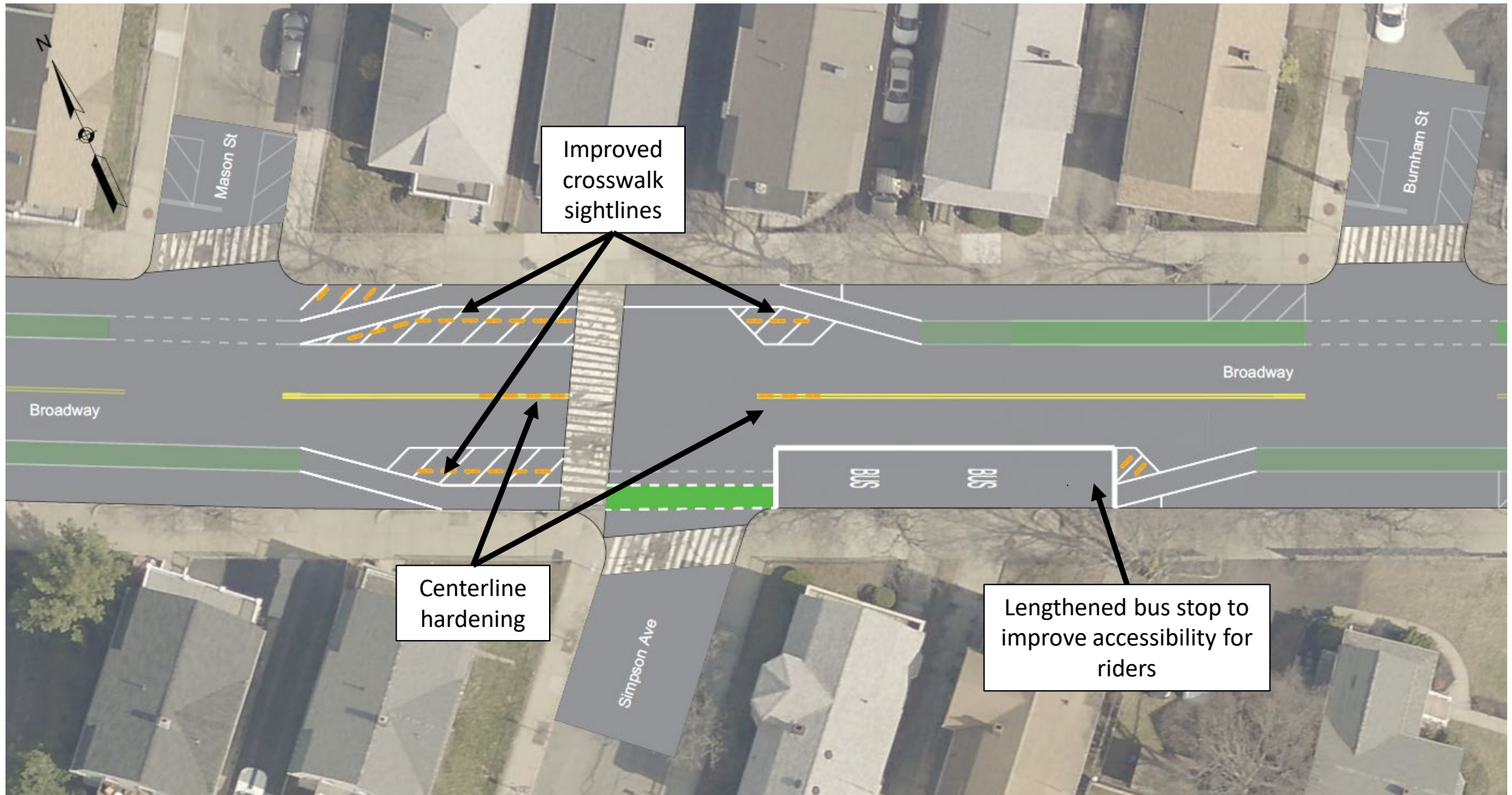
Possible future stop spacing w/stop relocation



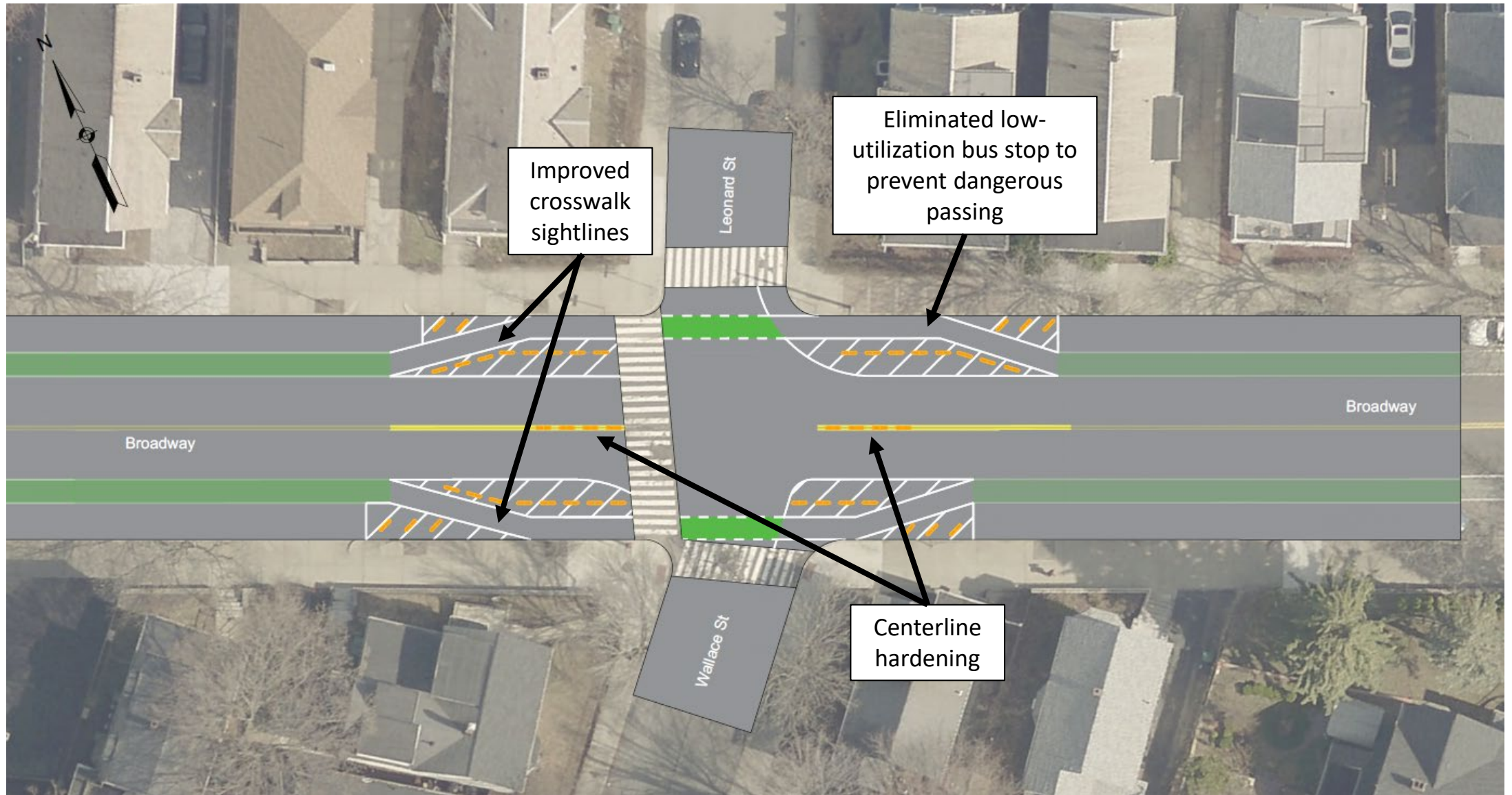
Quick-Build Safety Opportunities

- **Better visibility between road users**
 - Pull parking farther from the intersections to improve sightlines between vehicles and pedestrians in the crosswalks
 - Create greater separation between people driving and biking
- **Reduce vehicle speeds**
 - Install flex posts along the roadway centerline and in buffer areas to force vehicles to turn more slowly
 - Visually narrow travel lanes with pavement markings and flex posts
- **Prevent dangerous passing behavior**
 - Eliminate Broadway @ Leonard Street bus stop

Broadway at Simpson Ave Redesign



Broadway at Wallace St/Leonard St Redesign



Broadway at Wallace St/Leonard St Redesign



Broadway at Wallace St and Leonard St, June 2026

Complete Streets Projects

Projects that do not typically include substantial utility/bridge/signal work; typically using construction contracts that bundle multiple streets together

Construction

- **Tufts Street ([project page](#))**
 - Construction underway, remaining work anticipated to be completed Summer 2026
 - Installation of remaining new drainage structures needed to better manage stormwater on the newly designed street
 - Reconstruction of remaining sidewalks (those not rebuilt last year) and adding other streetscape and traffic calming features
 - Repaving of the roadway
 - Construction of raised intersections
- **West Broadway ([project page](#))**
 - Streetscape reconstruction anticipated to begin this summer.
- **Western Pearl Street Reconstruction Project ([project page](#))**
 - Construction anticipated to start in 2026 and completed by November 2027



Tufts Street, June 2026

Complete Streets Projects

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Design

- **Broadway Magoun Reconstruction Project ([project page](#))**
 - Concept design materials published online
 - [Roll plan](#)
 - Magoun Square intersection redesign options
 - [The Roundabout](#)
 - [The “X”](#)
 - [The “T”](#)
 - [Open House posters](#)
 - [Recorded presentation](#)
 - [Concept design options feedback survey](#) available until June 12
 - Trum Field outreach pop-up, Friday, June 10, 12:00-1:00pm



Broadway Magoun Reconstruction Project Concept Design Open House, May 2026

Intersection Improvements

Construction

- **Bow St/Walnut St**
 - Construction underway, final paving being scheduled
 - Extent of repaving between Fuki and Celeste (approx. 230 feet)
- **Washington St/Merriam St**
 - Construction anticipated to begin this summer



Bow St and Walnut St, June 2026

Major Infrastructure Projects

Projects that include substantial utility/bridge/signal work as well as streetscape work; typically using standalone construction contracts

State Managed

- **McGrath Boulevard ([project page](#))**
 - Conceptual Design materials
 - [Conceptual design overview](#)
 - [Major intersections conceptual designs](#)
 - [Flyover rendering of conceptual design](#)
 - [12/4/25 Open House poster boards](#)
 - 12/9/25 Public Hearing [slide deck](#) and [recording](#)
 - 75% design anticipated in 2026
- **Mystic/Maffa bridges ([project page](#))**
 - Anticipate construction substantial completion in summer 2026
- **Route 38/Route 28 Intersection ([project page](#))**
 - Construction underway on shared use paths on Mystic Ave and Fellsway
- **Mystic River Bike/Ped Bridge ([project page](#))**
 - [Slides](#) and [recording](#) of October 2025 meeting available online.
- **Webster Ave Bridge**
 - Construction start planned 2027



Mystic/Maffa Bridge Replacements, Broadway at Lombardi Street, May 2026