

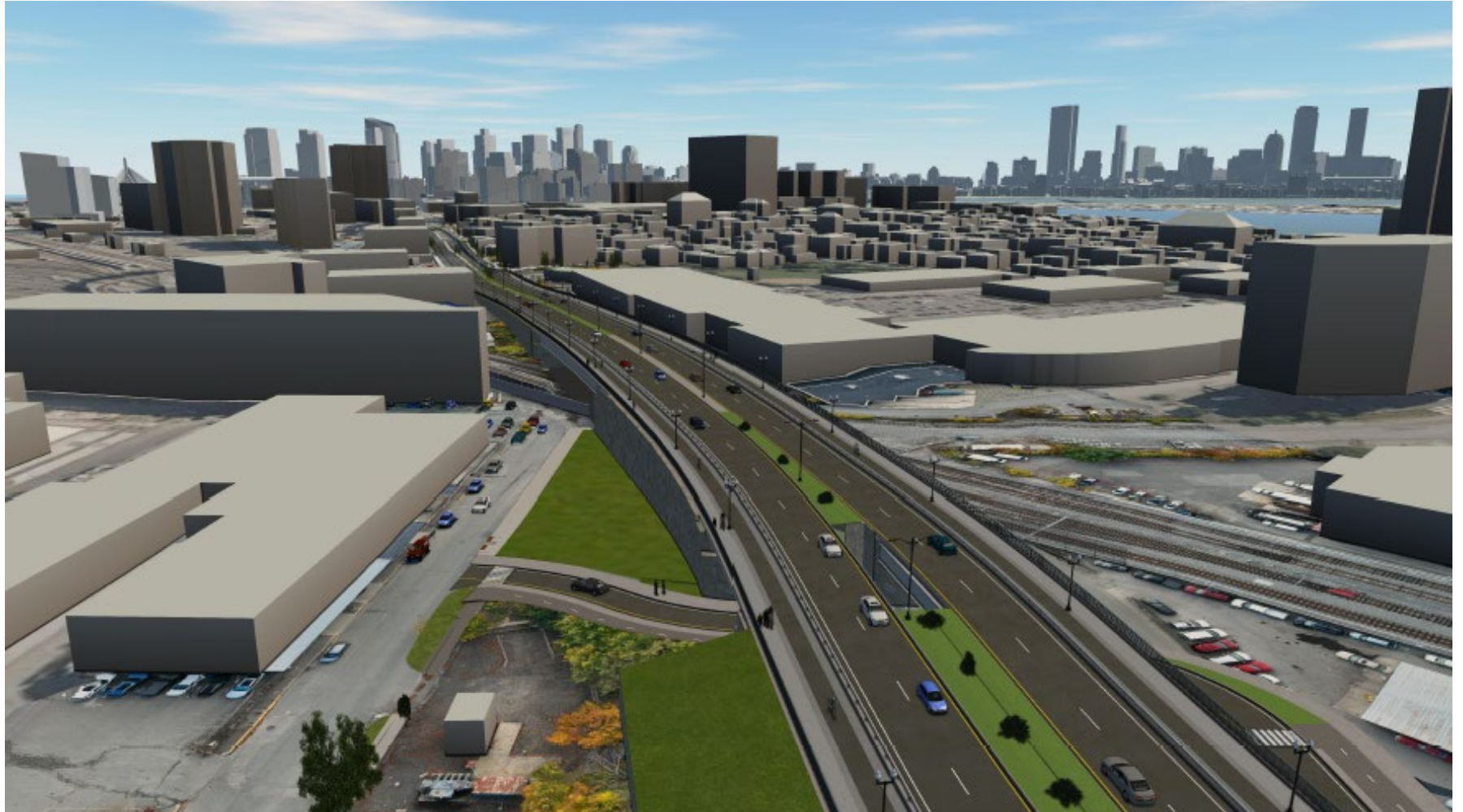


City Update August 2026 PTAC Meeting



Agenda

- MassDOT
Squires Bridge
Replacement
Project



Above: Rendering of the reconstructed Squires Bridge and realigned Somerville Ave Extension (Credit: MassDOT)

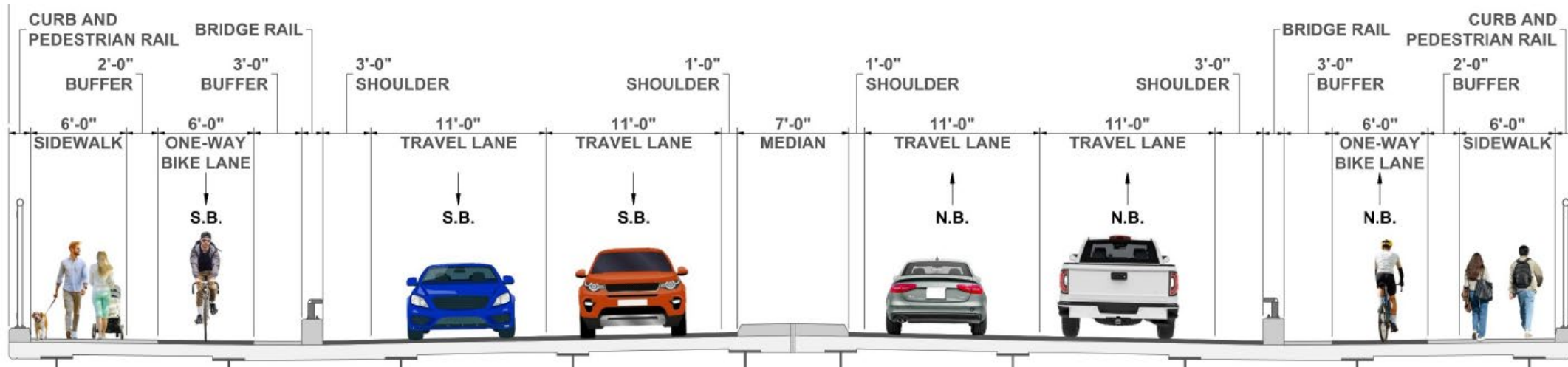
MassDOT Squires Bridge Replacement Project

- MassDOT's Squires Bridge Replacement project extends along **McGrath Highway** from the southern extent, just over the city line, at **Third Street** in Cambridge to the northern extent at **Poplar Street** and **Medford Street** in Somerville.
- This project was separated from the McGrath Boulevard project when it became clear the bridge would need to be full replaced
- A virtual Public Informational Meeting (PIM) was hosted by MassDOT to present the design on Tuesday July 14th, ahead of the formal 25% design public hearing expected later this year.

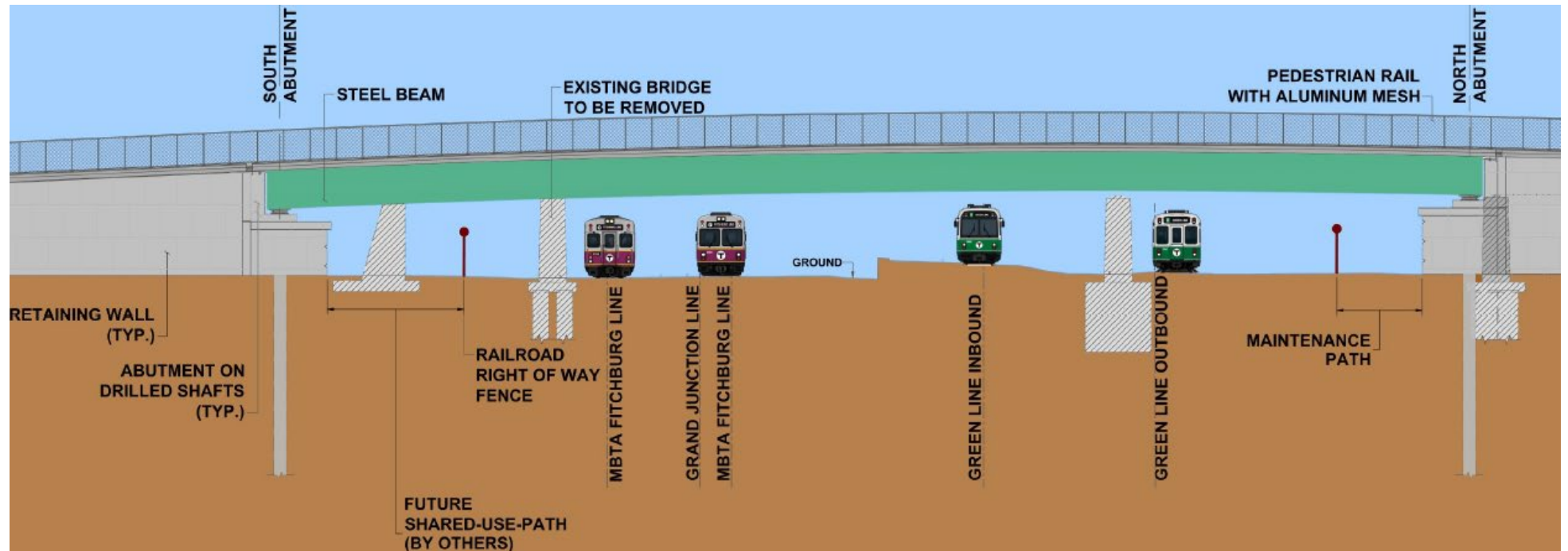


MassDOT Squires Bridge Replacement Project

Cross
Section



Elevation



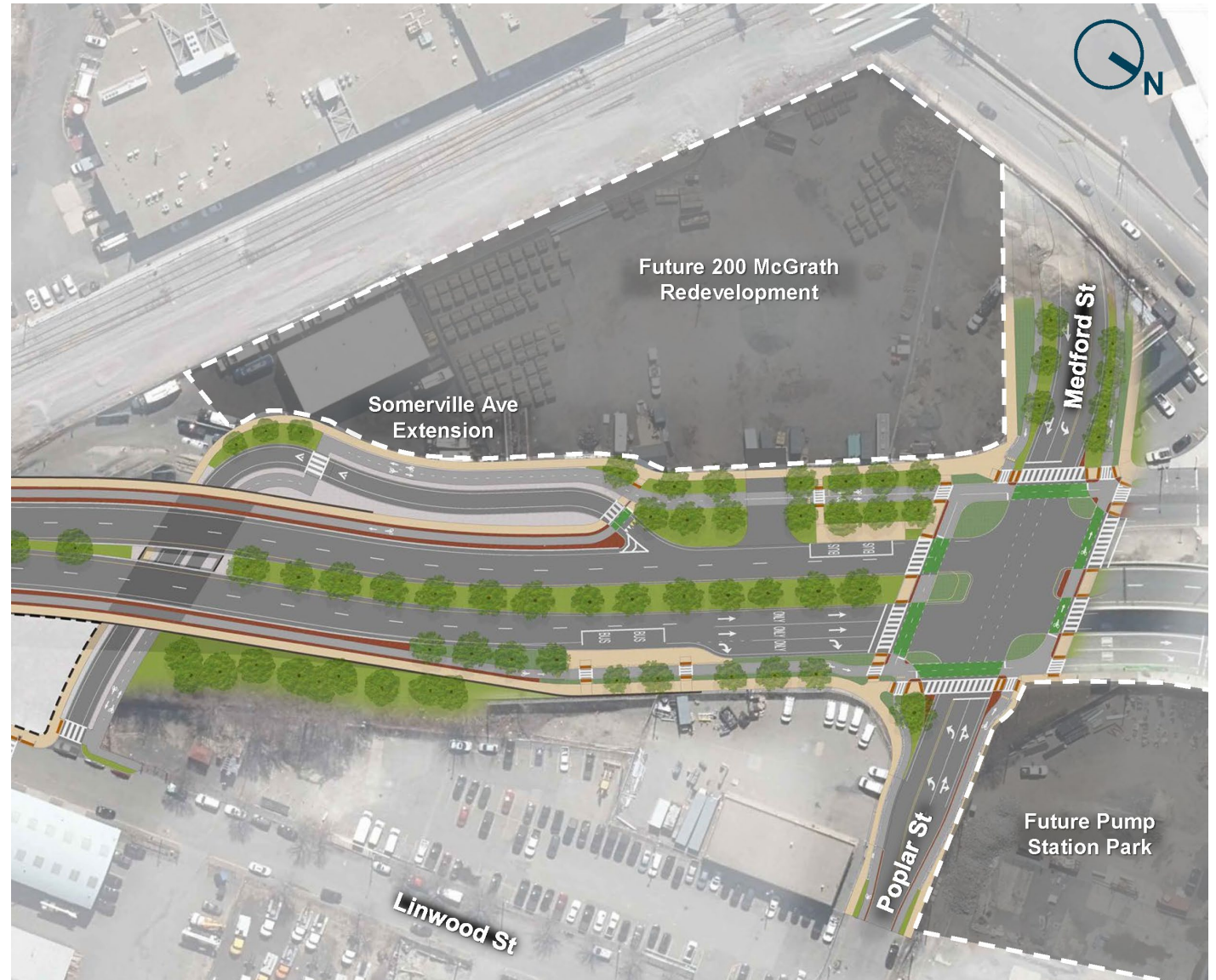
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- New ADA Compliant Access proposed to Linwood St
- Realignment of Somerville Ave extension with 'air gap'
- Single Span over MBTA railroad ROW.



MassDOT Squires Bridge Replacement Project

- Project meets McGrath Boulevard Project at Medford St/Poplar St
- Realigned Somerville Ave Extension:
 - Includes separate sidewalk and a two-way bike facility
 - Entrance shifted south to allow 200 McGrath driveway exiting vehicles to enter directly onto McGrath SB rather than routing through Brickbottom.
- Complicated multi-year construction process expected to overlap with McGrath Boulevard.



MassDOT Squires Bridge Replacement Project

- Submit email comments to: massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us
- Submit written comments to:
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Attention: **MAJOR PROJECTS**, PROJECT FILE NO. 612634
- View meeting presentation: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massdot-meeting-presentation-somerville-cambridge-71426/download>