



Metropolitan Water Tunnel Program

Program Update

MWRA Advisory Board

November 17, 2022



Agenda

- Program Schedule
- Recent Activity
 - DEIR Submittal
 - Evaluation of Alternatives
 - Preferred Alternative
 - Draft Section 61 Findings
- Ongoing and Upcoming Contracts
- Where to Find Information / How to Contact Us





Program Schedule

- Overall Program Schedule
 - Currently in Preliminary Design - thru early Jan 2024
 - Targeting beginning Final Design in mid 2024
 - Targeting bidding first tunnel contract in 2027
 - Program completion by 2040
- Preliminary Design Status
 - Evaluate tunnel alignment alternatives
 - Geotechnical investigations
 - Environmental Impact Reports
 - Preliminary Design Report
 - Establish contract packages
 - Refine Program cost and schedule

We are Here



Draft Environmental Impact Report

- Submitted in October 2022
- Public comment period ends Dec 9, 2022 (extended)
- Certificate will be issued on Dec 16, 2022
- Includes:
 - Alternatives evaluation process and results
 - Preferred alternative + 2 backups
 - Details of proposed shaft sites (location, limits, purpose, duration, land needs, etc.)
 - Construction impacts at each site (traffic, noise, air quality, vibrations, water supply, wetlands impacts, etc.)
 - Proposed management of impacts (Section 61 Findings)
 - Stakeholder and community outreach
- www.mwra.com/mwtp/resources.html#docs



Key Locations

Construction Shaft Sites

- Fernald Property, Waltham
- I90/I95 Interchange, Weston
- Highland Ave/I95 Interchange, Needham
- American Legion, Mattapan

Connection Shaft Sites

- Lexington St Pump Station, Waltham
- Cedarwood Pump Station, Waltham
- Hegarty Pump Station, Wellesley
- St. Mary Street Pump Station, Needham
- Newton Street Pump Station, Brookline
- Southern Spine Mains, Boston

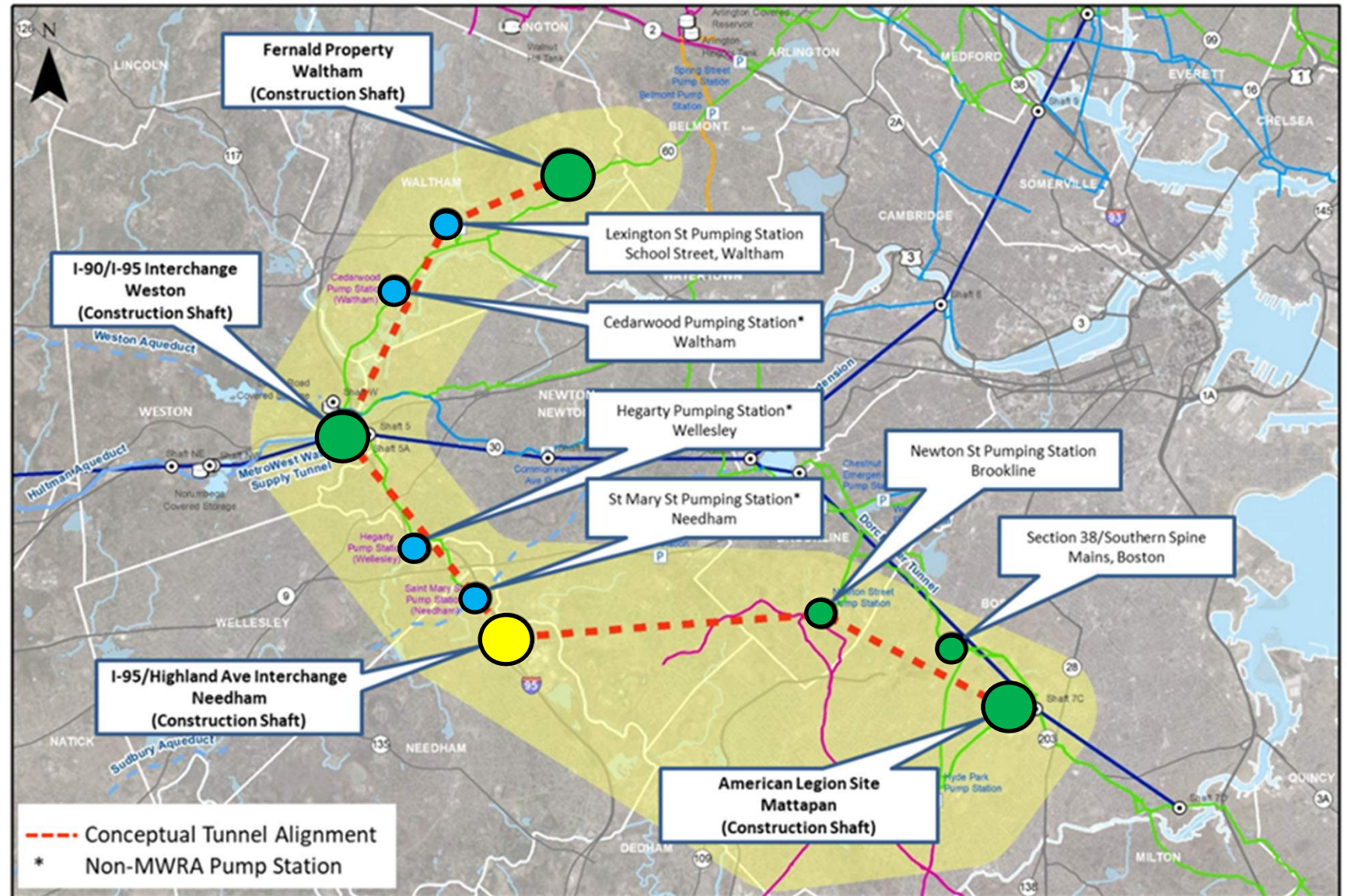
Final shaft locations subject to permits and real estate acquisition

* Non MWRA Pump Station

● Required Connection (required for system redundancy)

● Secondary Connection (provides local benefit)

● Construction Shaft (no connection)



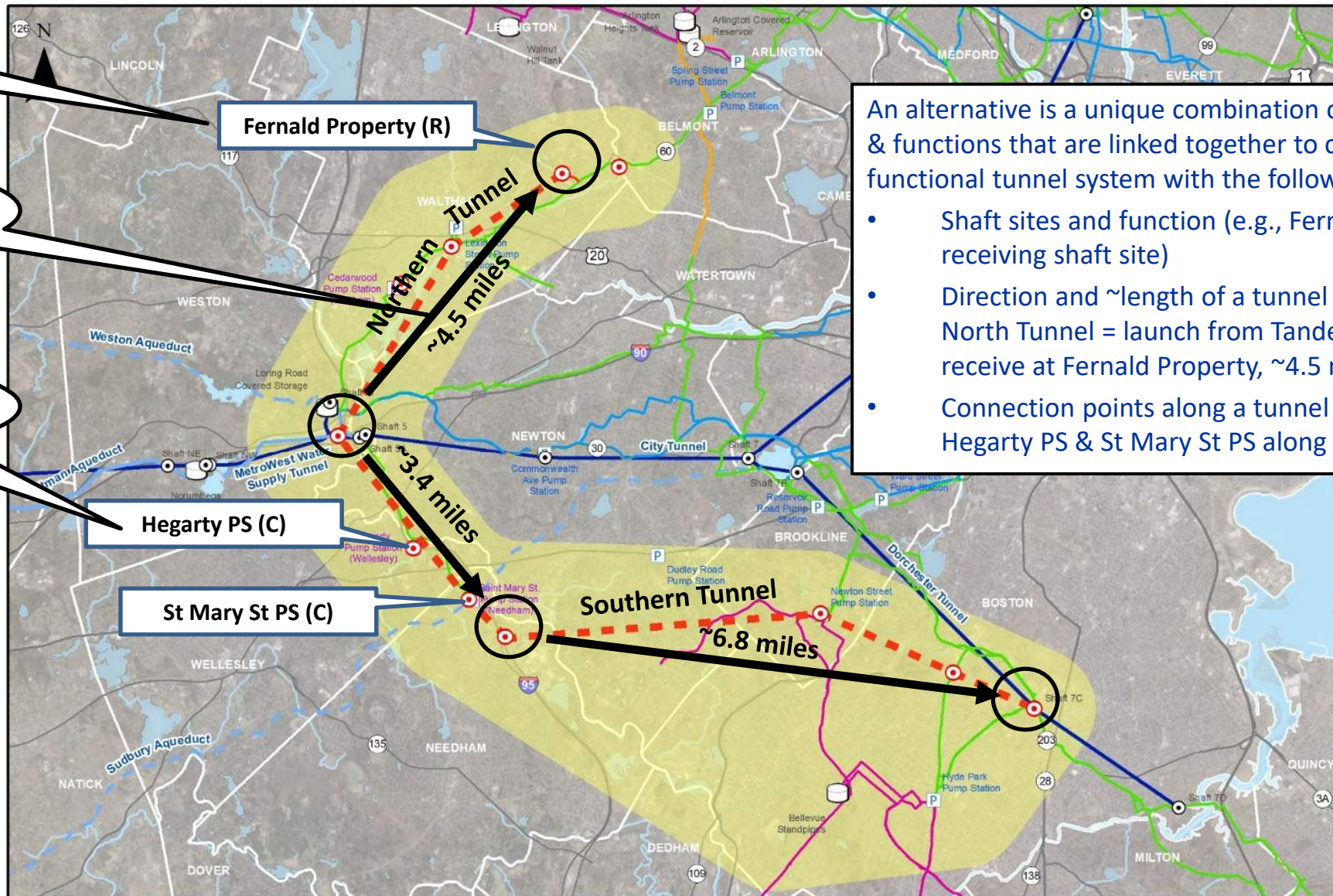


What is an “alternative”

Shaft site and
Function

Tunnel Direction
and Length

Connections along a
tunnel segment



An alternative is a unique combination of specific shaft sites & functions that are linked together to create a complete functional tunnel system with the following items “fixed”

- Shaft sites and function (e.g., Fernald Property as a receiving shaft site)
- Direction and ~length of a tunnel segment (e.g., North Tunnel = launch from Tandem Trailer and receive at Fernald Property, ~4.5 miles)
- Connection points along a tunnel segment (e.g., Hegarty PS & St Mary St PS along South Tunnel)



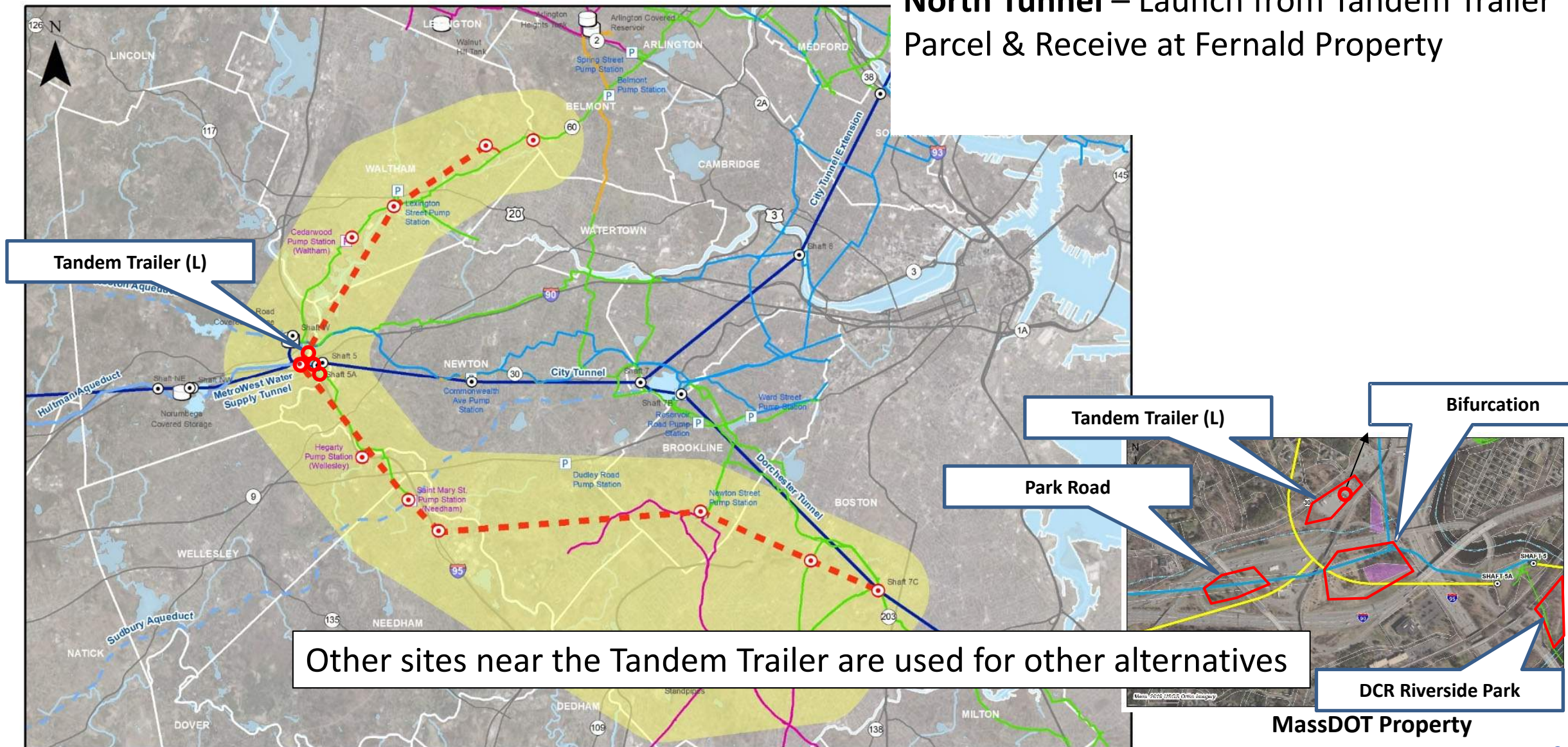
How We Assembled Alternatives and Narrowed the Selection

- Started with Two-Tunnel Concept (North and South Tunnels)
- > 30 alternatives:
 - Program study area, system hydraulics, connection points, possible shaft sites (undeveloped/suitable), link tunnel segments, etc.
- Narrowed to 10 alternatives:
 - Land availability, constructability, operations, environmental & social, reasonableness, etc. etc. etc.
- Reduce from 10 to 3 alternatives:
 - All 3 alternatives will be evaluated equally in the DEIR
- Select the preferred alternative:
 - Land availability, more constructability issues, contract packaging/interfaces, phasing, sequencing, schedule, in service, cost, etc.
 - Carried forward to preliminary design



Alternative 1 North Tunnel

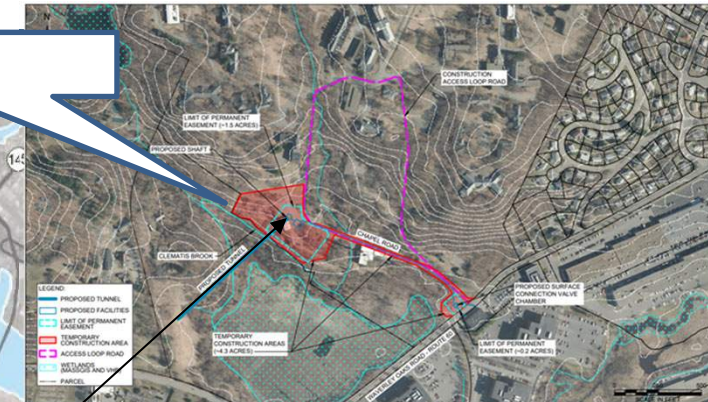
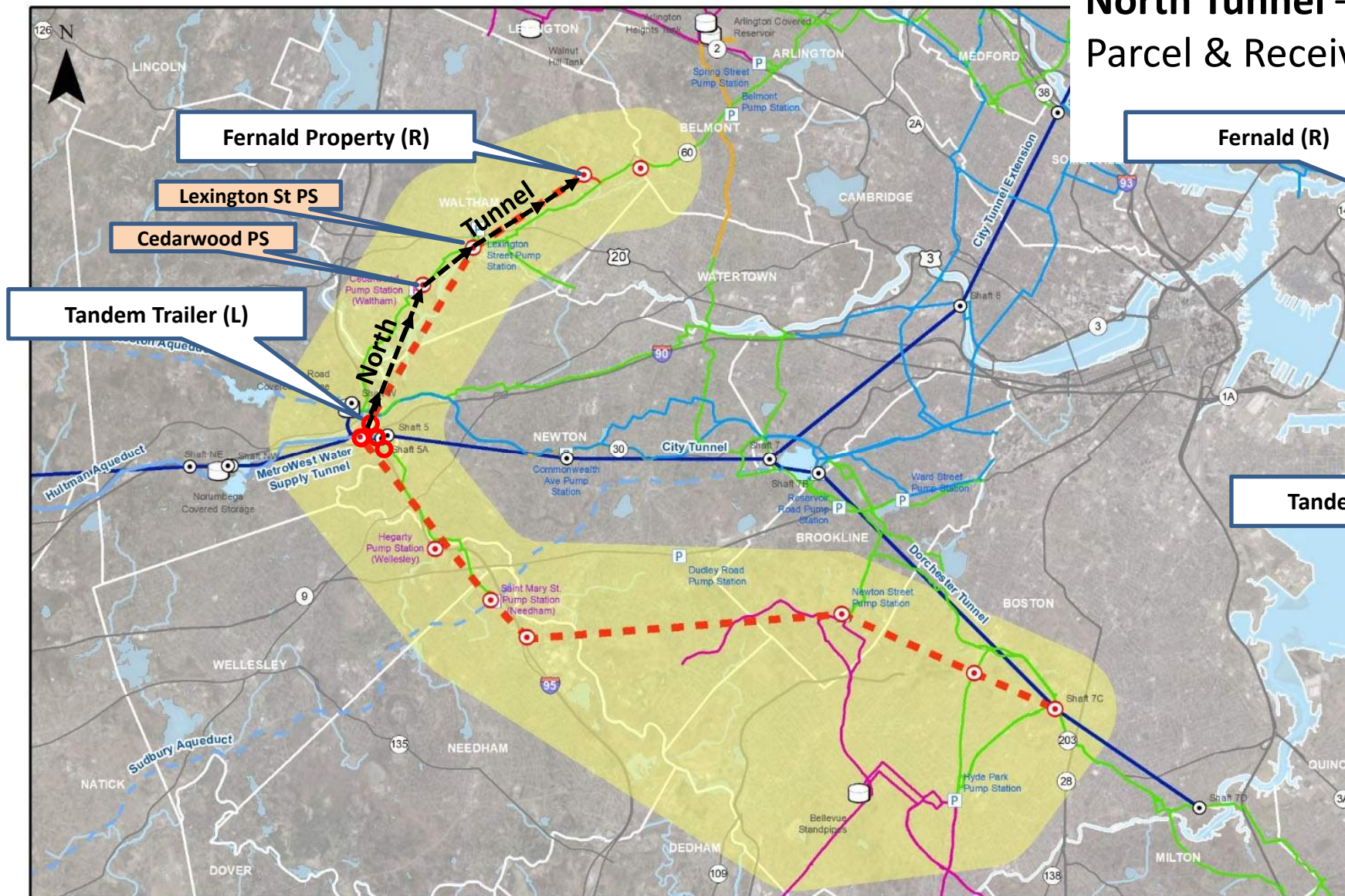
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Fernald Property

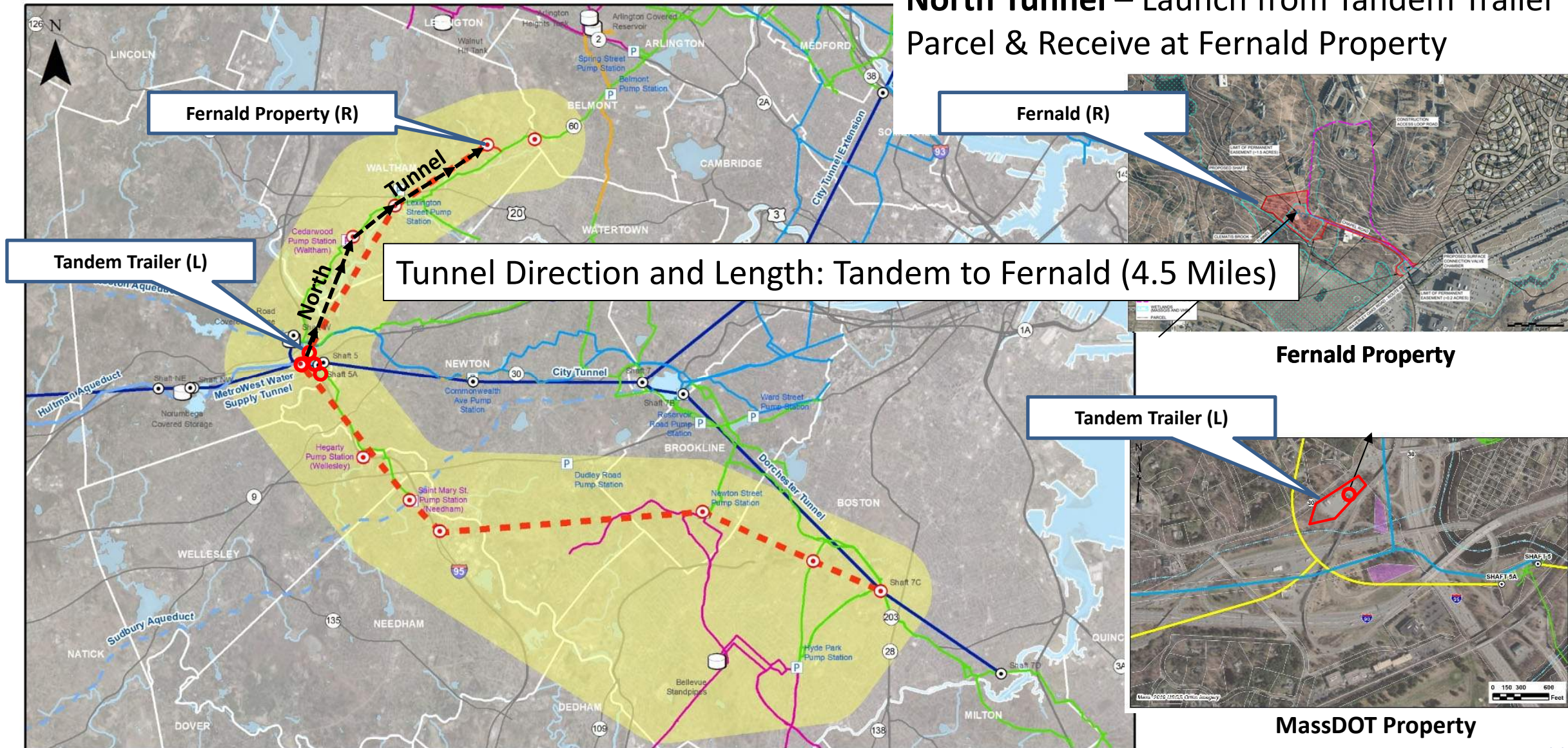


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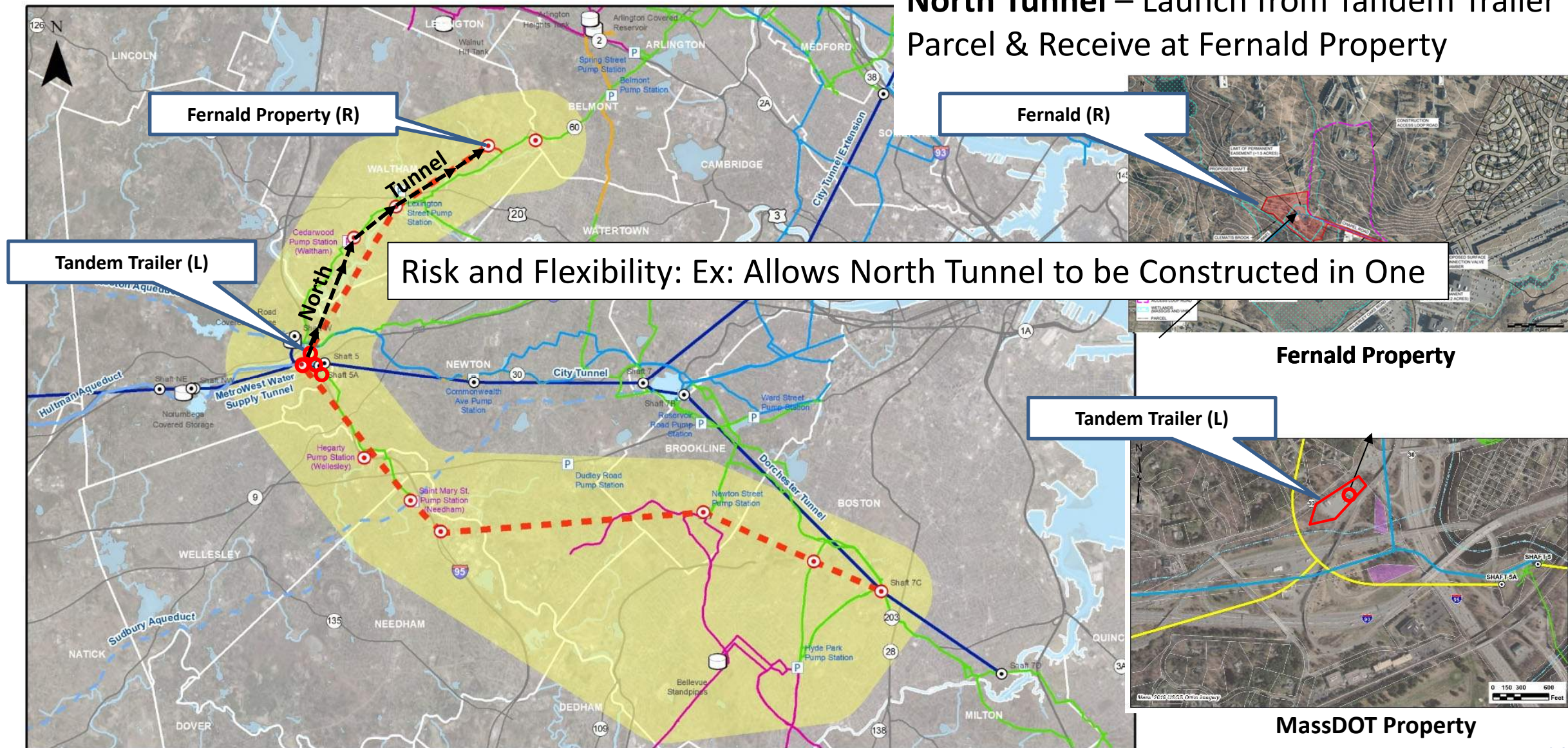
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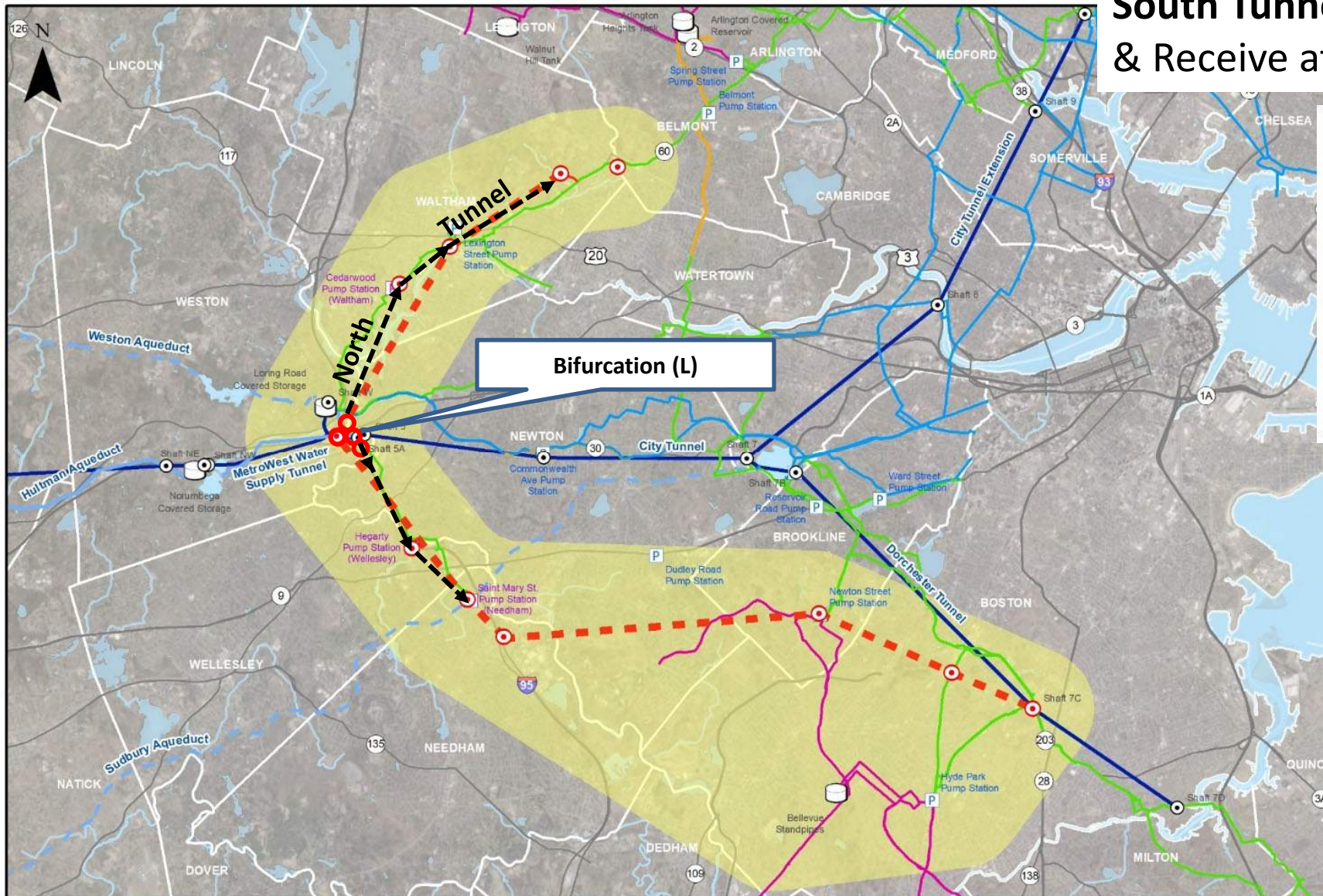
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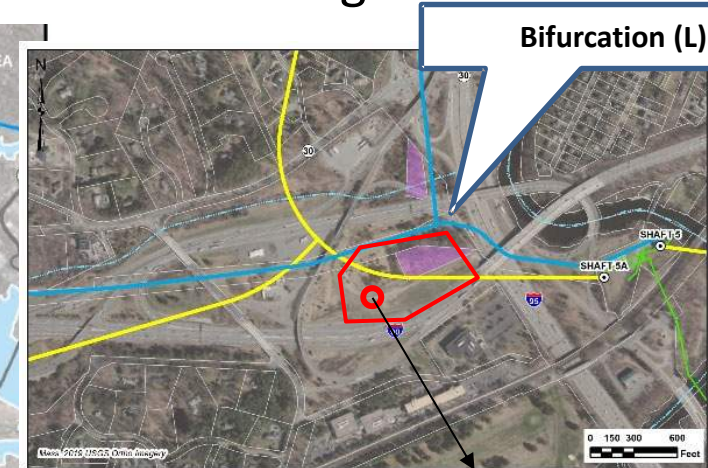
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Alternative 1 South Tunnel



South Tunnels – Launch from Bifurcation & Receive at American Legion

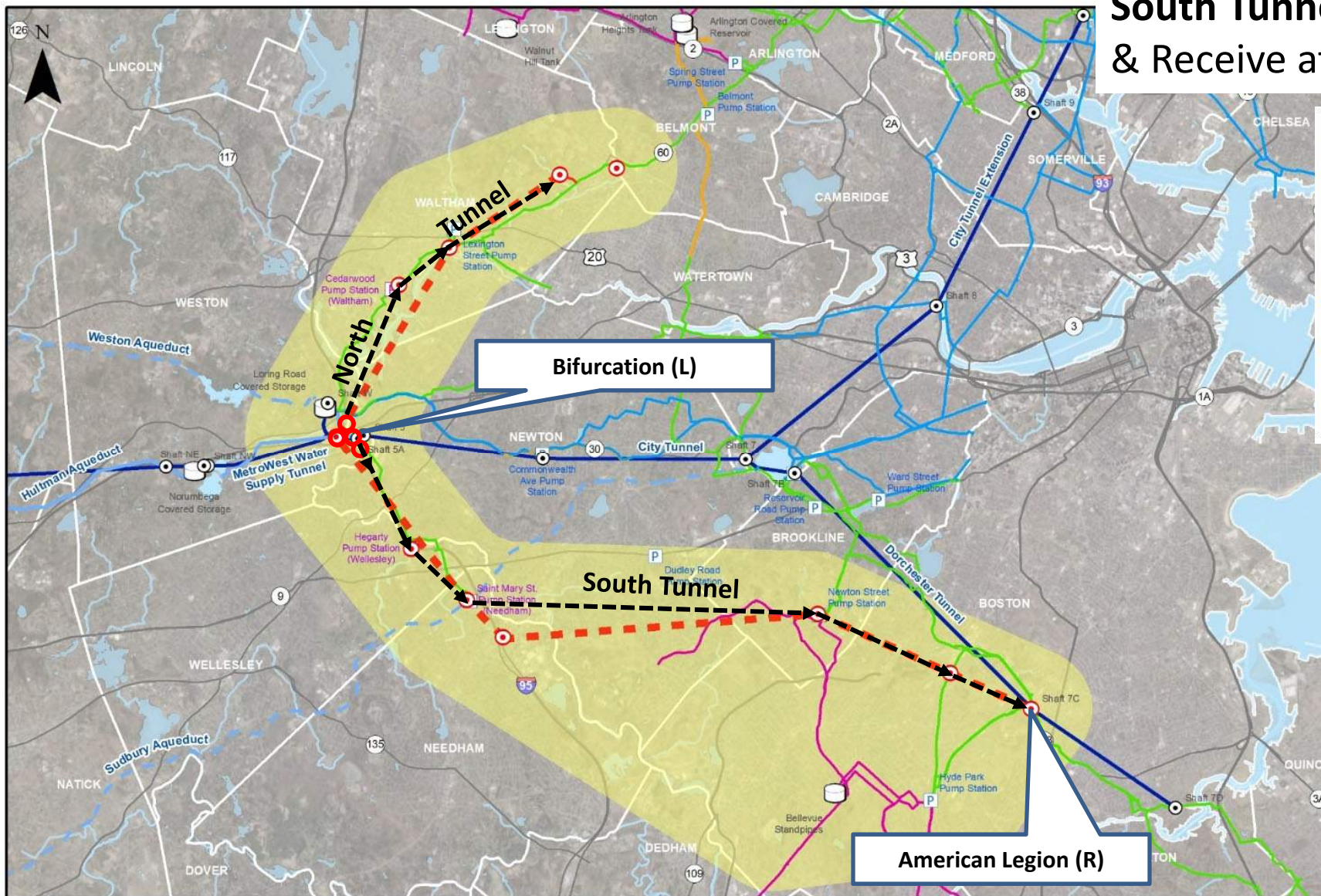


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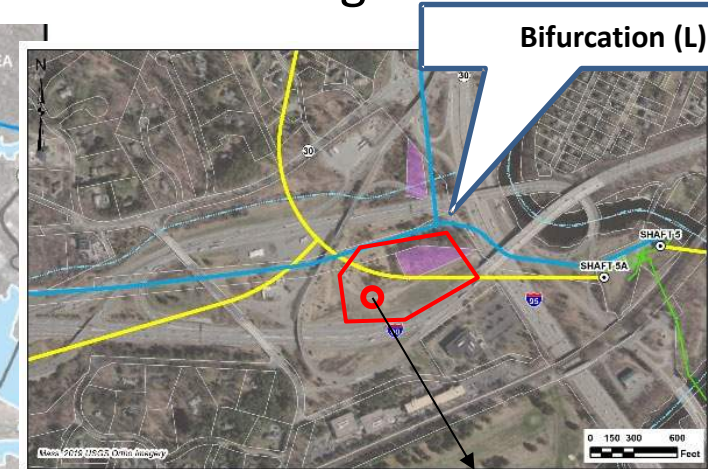
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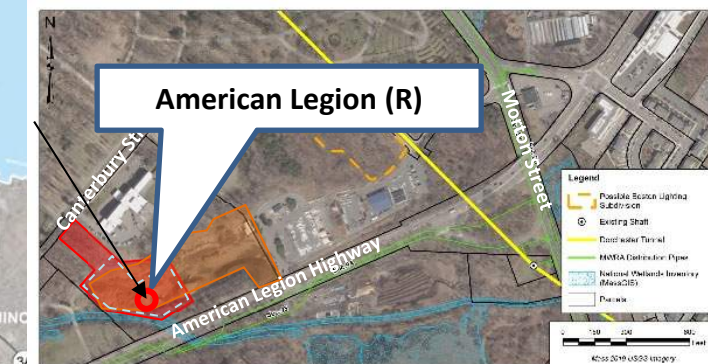
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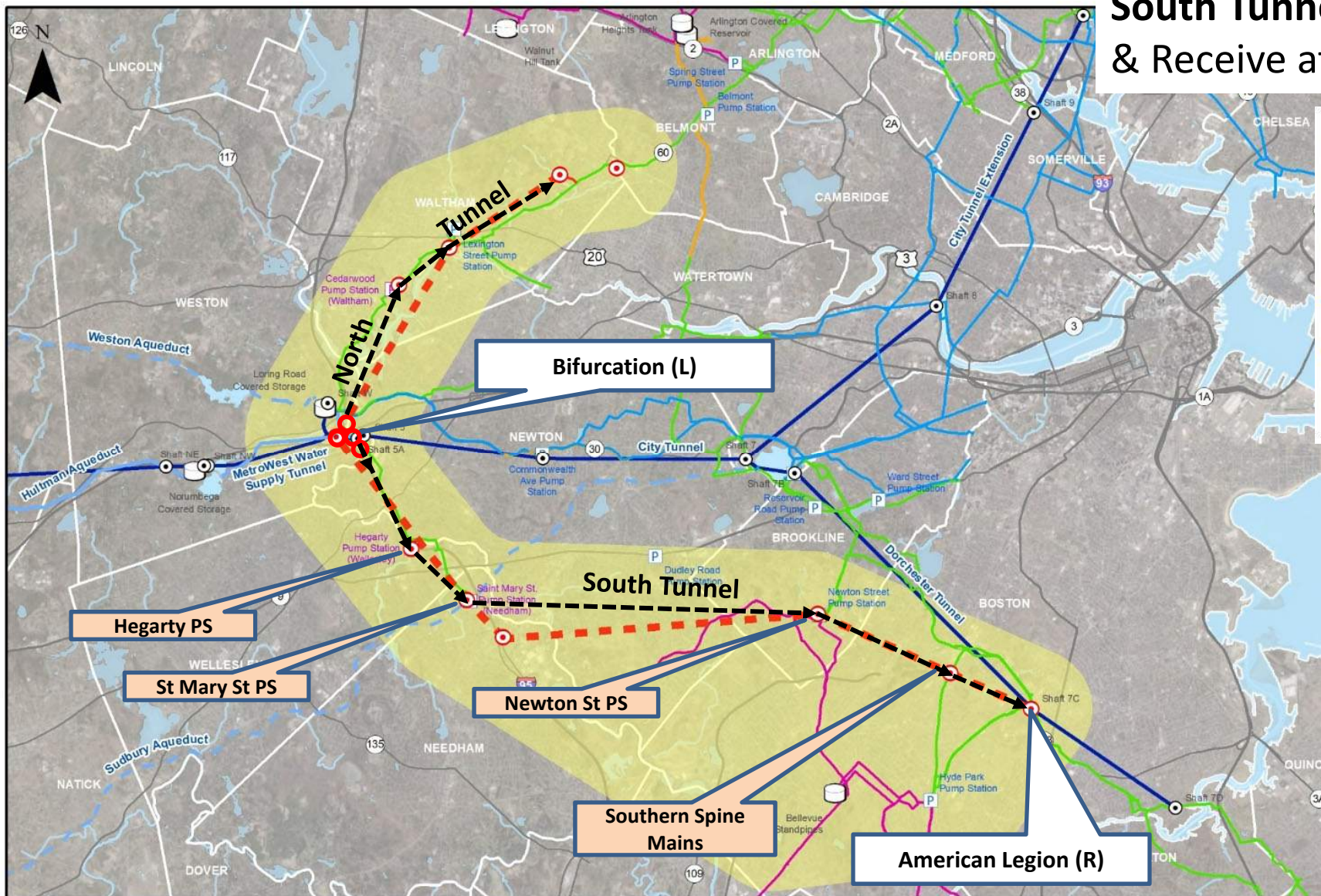
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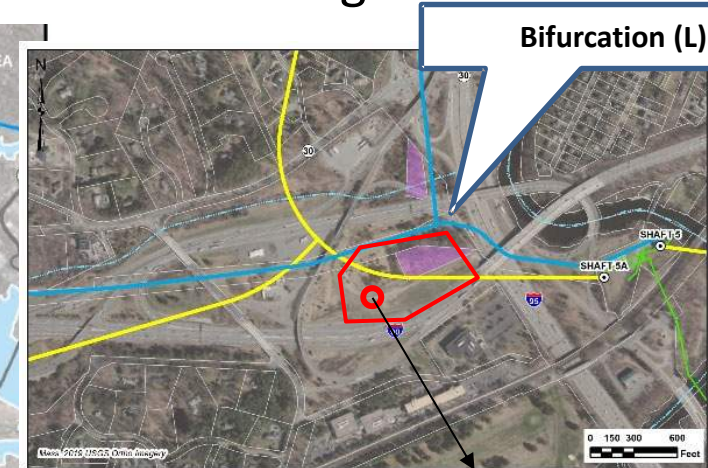
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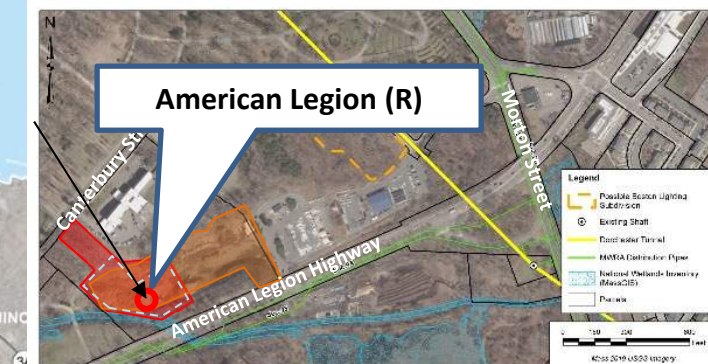
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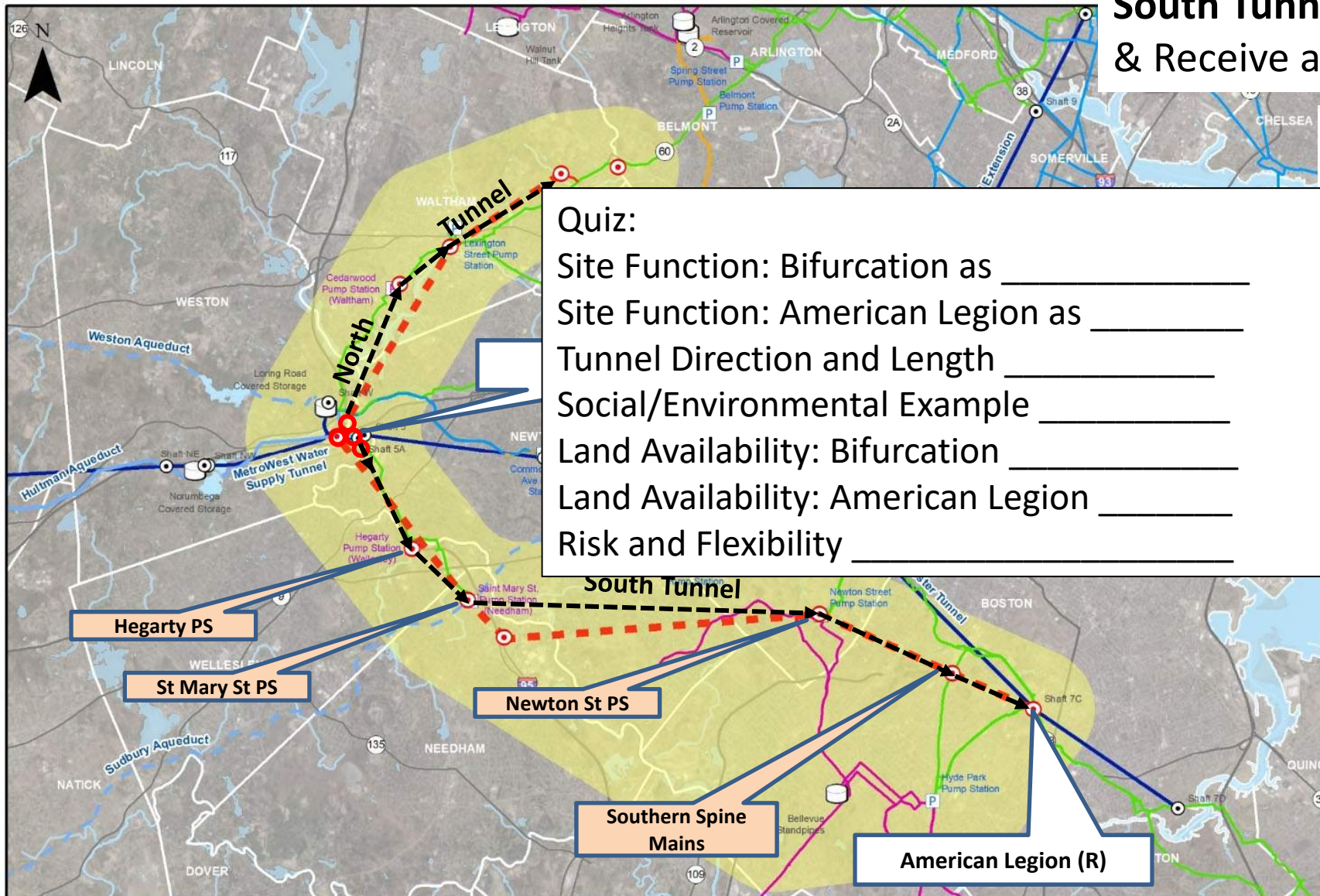
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DCR Property



Alternative 1 South Tunnel



Quiz:

Site Function: Bifurcation as _____

Site Function: American Legion as _____

Tunnel Direction and Length _____

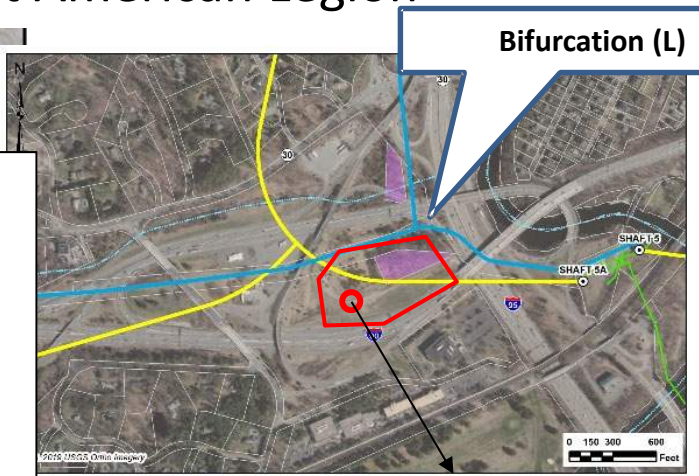
Social/Environmental Example _____

Land Availability: Bifurcation _____

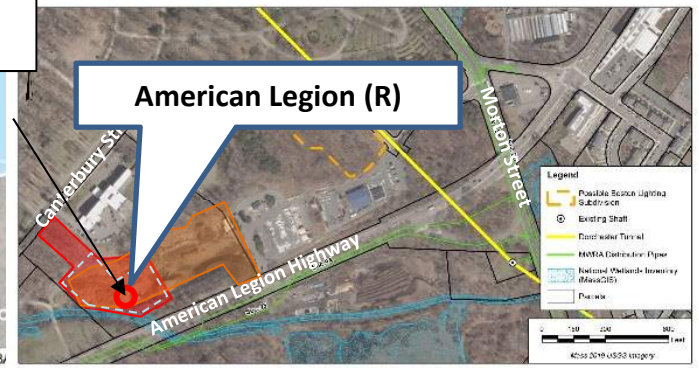
Land Availability: American Legion _____

Risk and Flexibility _____

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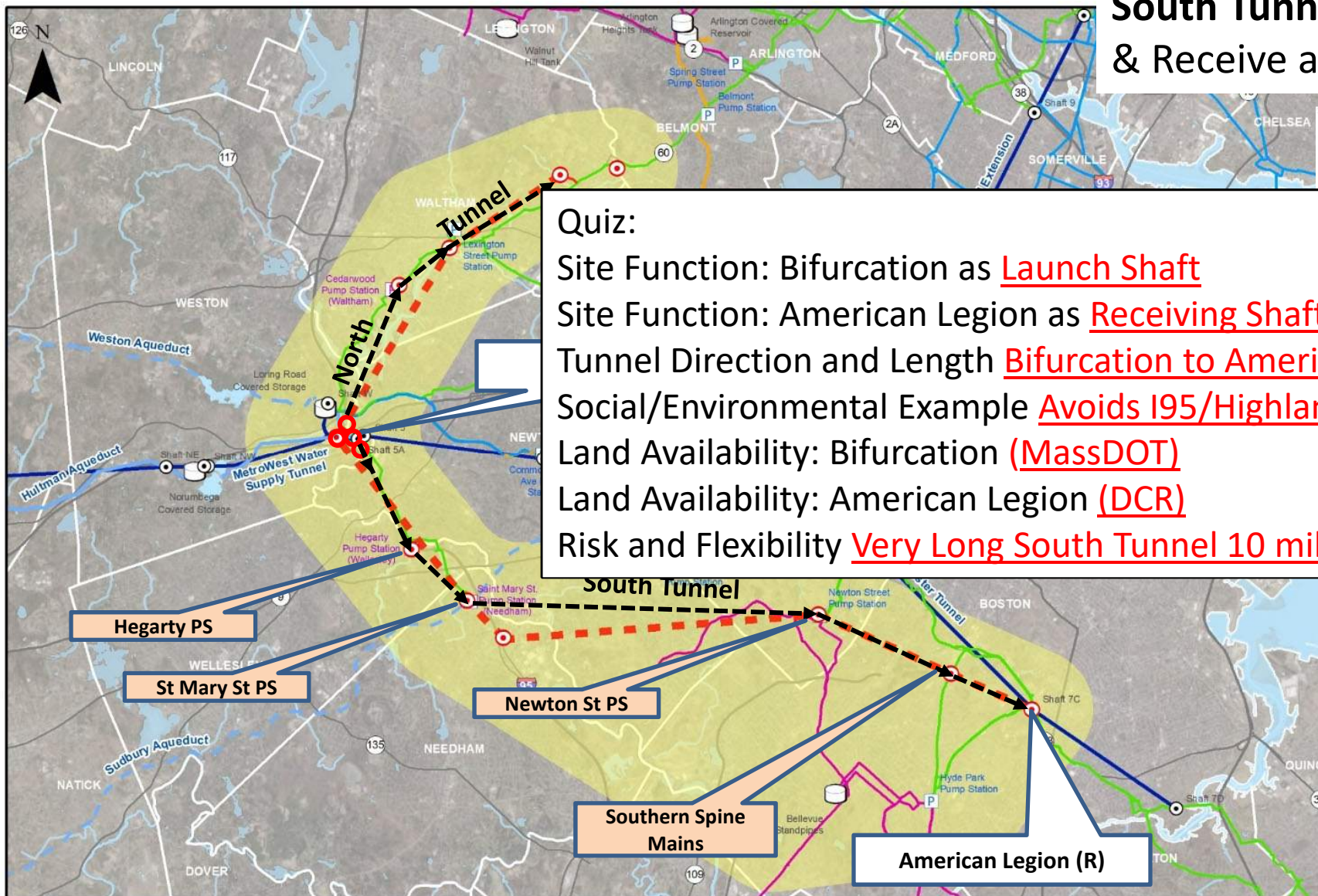


DCR Property

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Alternative 1 South Tunnel



South Tunnels – Launch from Bifurcation & Receive at American Legion

Quiz:

Site Function: Bifurcation as Launch Shaft

Site Function: American Legion as Receiving Shaft

Tunnel Direction and Length Bifurcation to American Legion (10+ miles)

Social/Environmental Example Avoids I95/Highland Ave

Land Availability: Bifurcation (MassDOT)

Land Availability: American Legion (DCR)

Risk and Flexibility Very Long South Tunnel 10 miles



DCR Property



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Alternatives Evaluation Process – Cont.

Alternatives Comparison

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Tunnel Alignment ⁽¹⁾	TT>FE B>AL	NW>FE (B) NE>AL	TT>FE B>NW NE>AL	TT>FE NW>PRW NE>AL	FE>TT NW>B NE>AL	TT>FE B>NW AL>NE	TT>FE NE>B NE>AL	TT>FE NW>RP NE>AL	B>FE NW>B NE>AL	NW>FE (PRW) NE>AL
Constructability / Engineering	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Land Availability	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Environmental	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Social / Community	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Operations	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cost ⁽²⁾	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Schedule (tunnel(s) in service)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Retain Alternative	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y

(1) Site Abbreviations: TT – Tandem Trailer; FE – Fernald Property; B – Bifurcation; NW – Highland Avenue Northwest; NE – Highland Avenue Northeast; AL – American Legion; RP – Riverside Park;

PRW – Park Road West; (B) or (PRW) indicates Large Connection Shaft in that tunnel segment: > indicates tunnel mining direction

(2) Construction cost only for the differential in capital construction costs among the alternatives.

Conceptual for discussion only



Three Shortlisted Alternatives

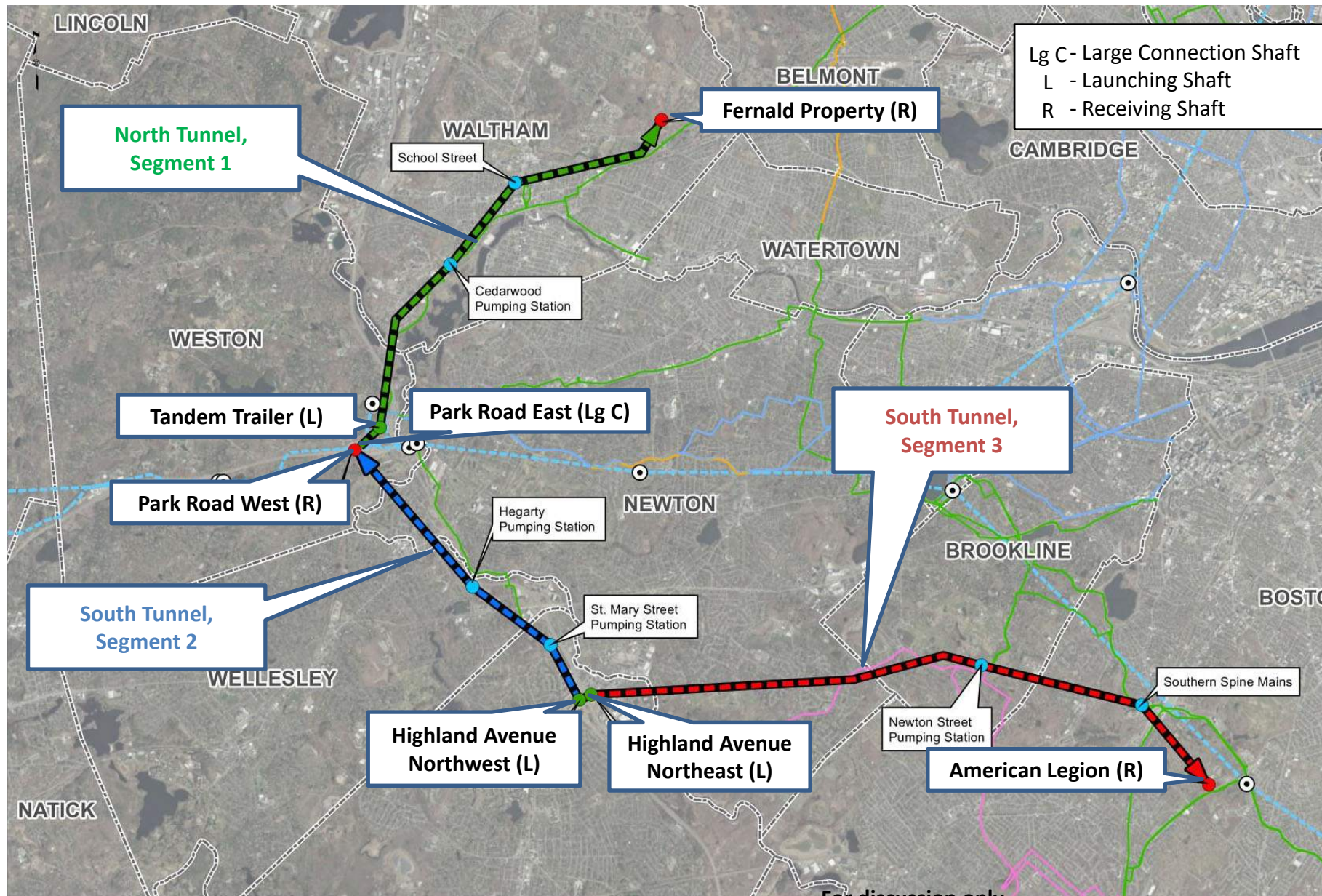
The three shortlisted alternatives are:

- **Alternative 4 - Preferred**
- **Alternative 3**
- **Alternative 10**





Preferred Alternative



Preferred Alternative Includes:

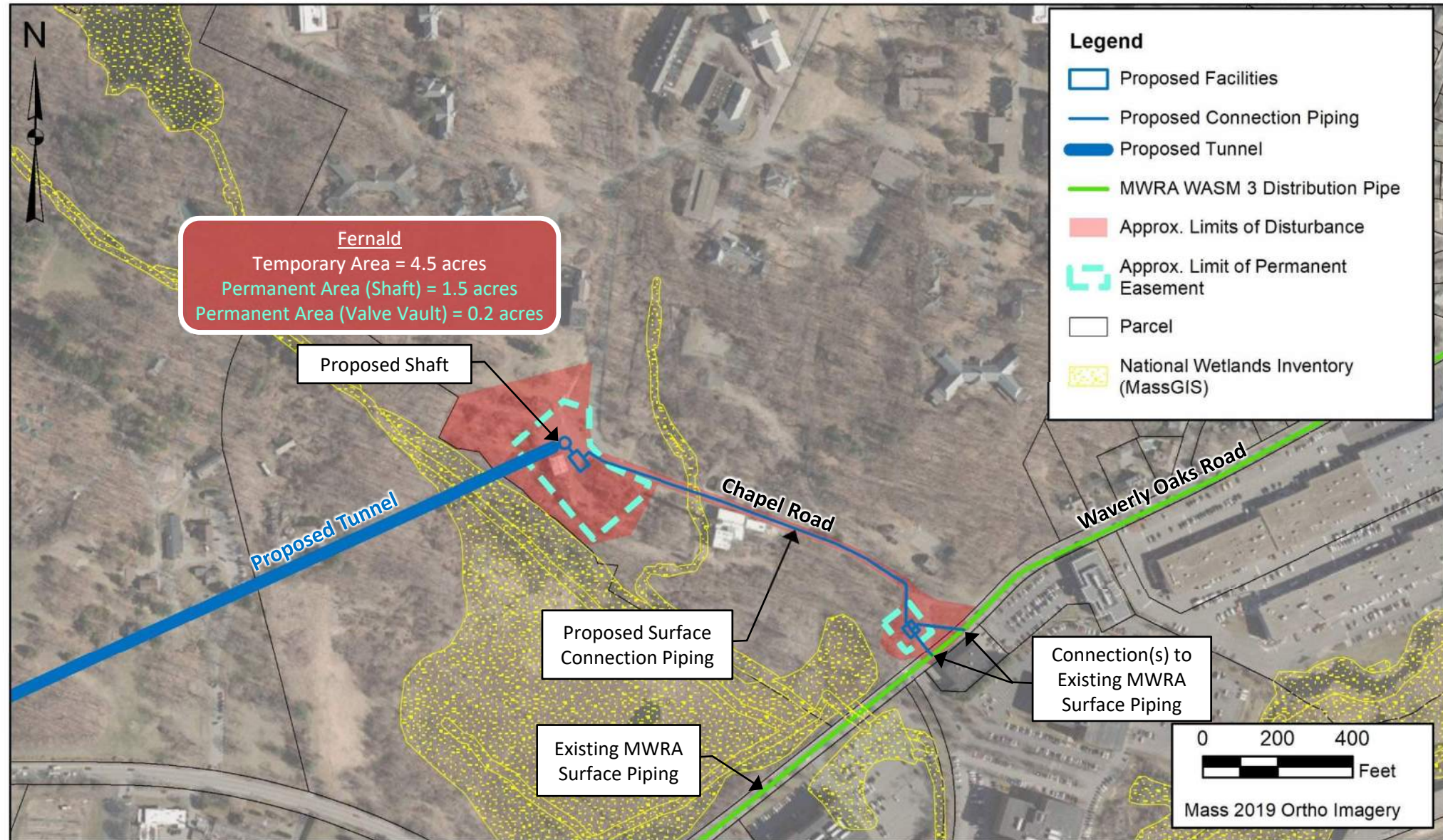
- 14.7 miles to deep rock tunnel
- 3 launching shaft sites
- 3 receiving shaft sites
- 1 large connection shaft site
- 6 connection shaft sites
- 3 tunnel segments
 - Segment 1 = tunnel from Weston (Tandem Trailer) ~4.5 miles to Waltham (Fernald Property)
 - Segment 2 = tunnel from Needham (Highland Ave NW) ~3.4 miles to Weston (Park Road W)
 - Segment 3 = tunnel from Needham (Highland Ave NE) ~6.8 miles to Mattapan (American Legion)
- Tunnel system will operate as 2 tunnels (North Tunnel & South Tunnel)



Fernald Property

Site Characteristics:

- Owned by City of Waltham
- Wetlands Present
- Historic properties
- MCP sites
- Previously disturbed

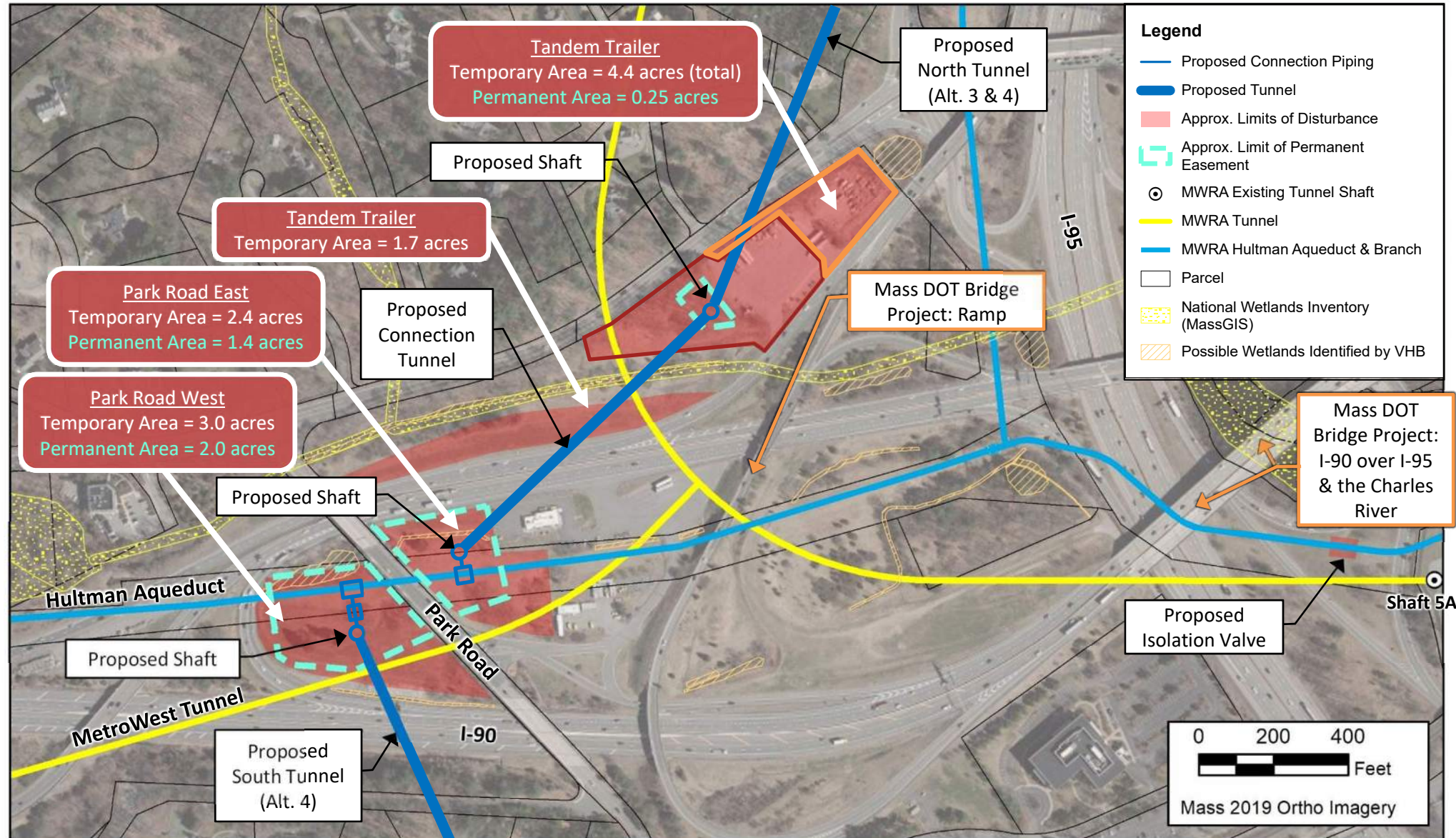




I-90 / I-95 Interchange

Site Characteristics:

- Owned by MassDOT and MWRA
- Wetlands Present
- Previously disturbed, portions paved
- MWRA Hultman Aqueduct

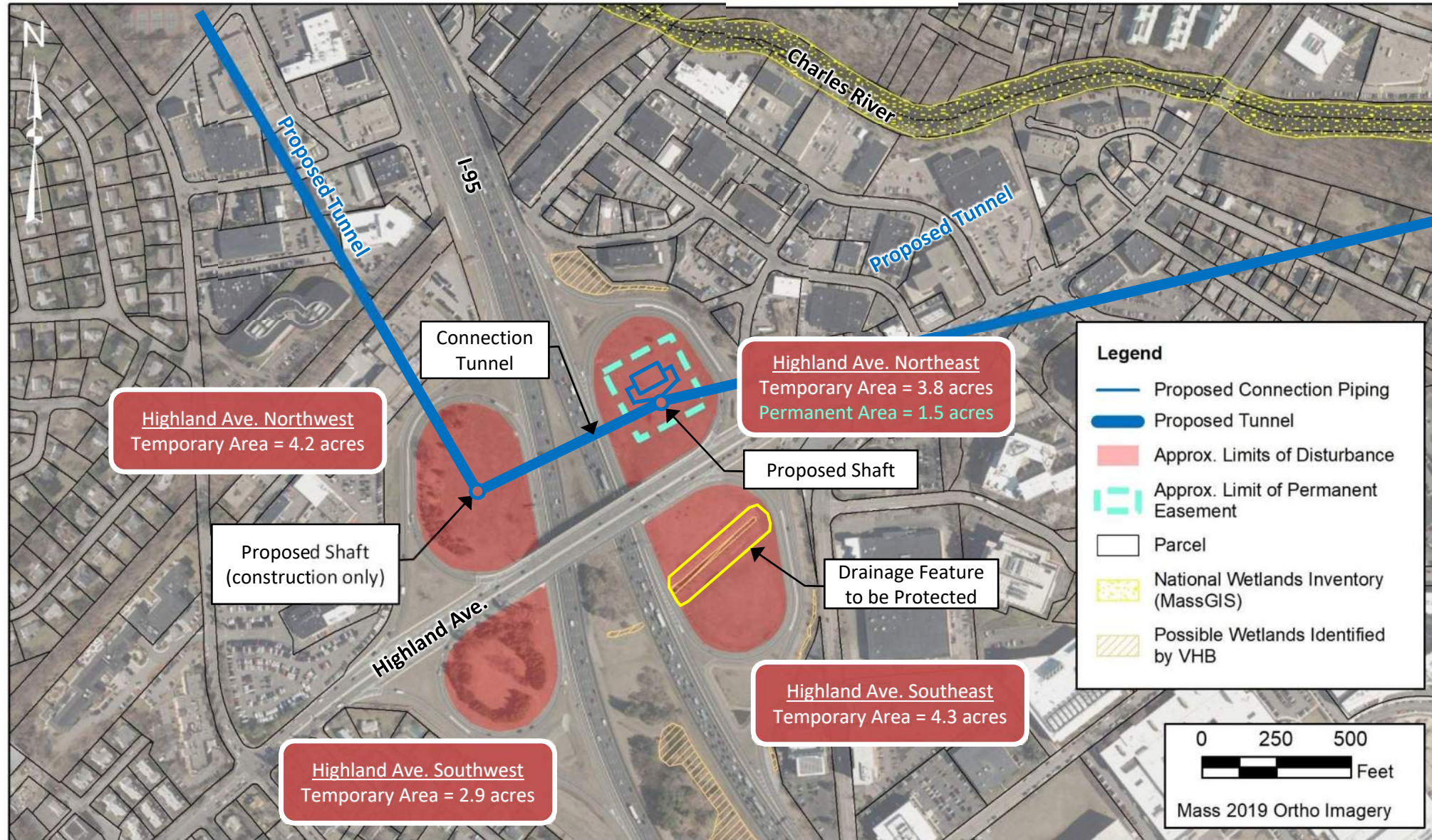




Highland Avenue Northwest or Northeast

Site Characteristics:

- Owned by MassDOT
- Wetlands Present
- Previously used for construction staging

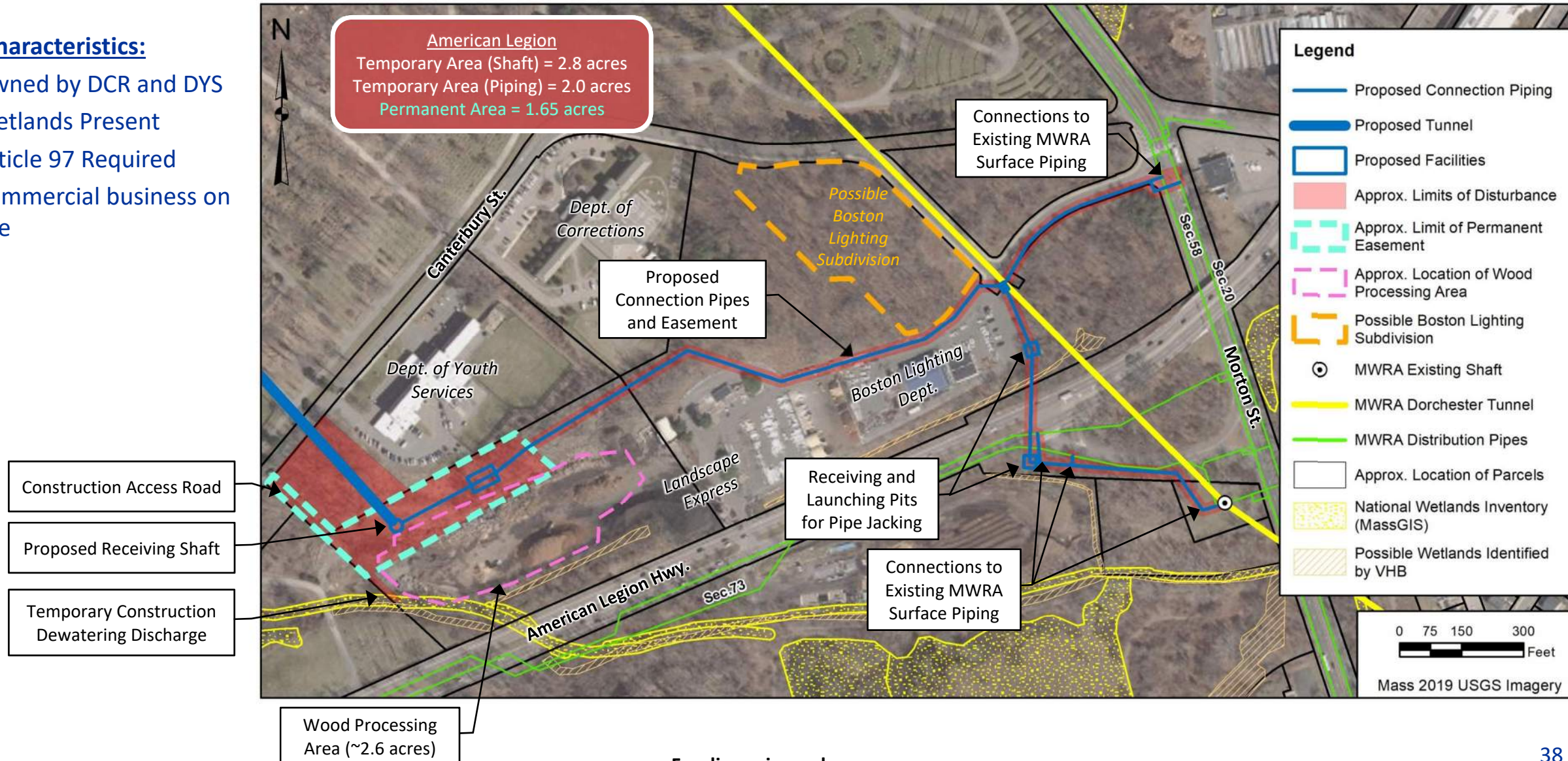




American Legion

Site Characteristics:

- Owned by DCR and DYS
- Wetlands Present
- Article 97 Required
- Commercial business on site



For discussion only



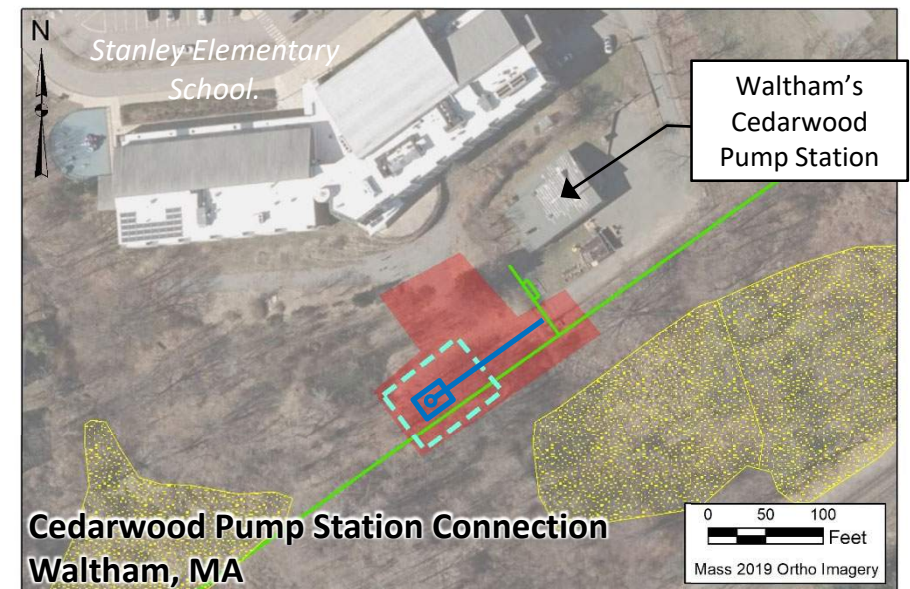
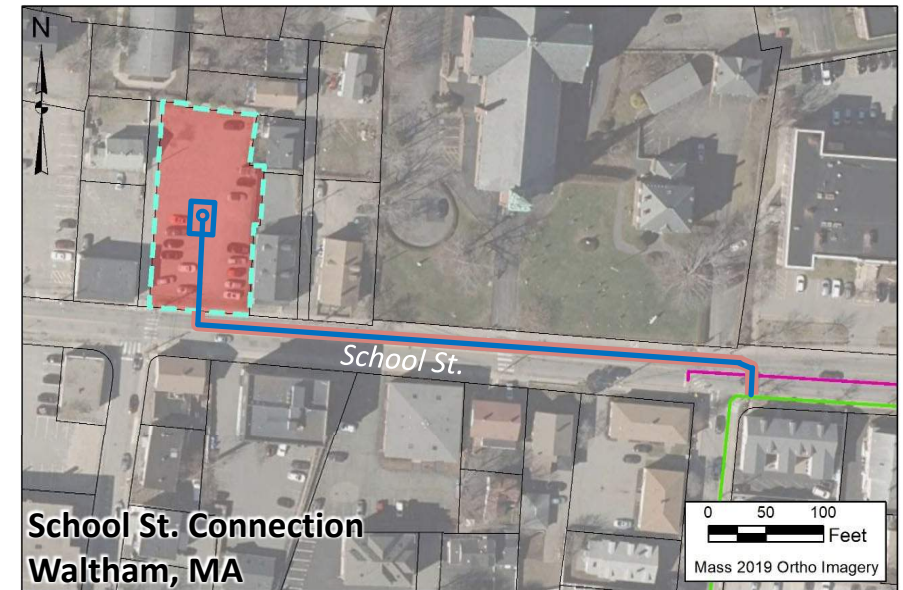
Alignment Shortlist - Connection Shafts (North Tunnel)

School Street:

- Owned by MWRA
- Previously a restaurant parking lot, all paved

Cedarwood PS:

- Owned by City of Waltham
- Behind elementary school and pump station





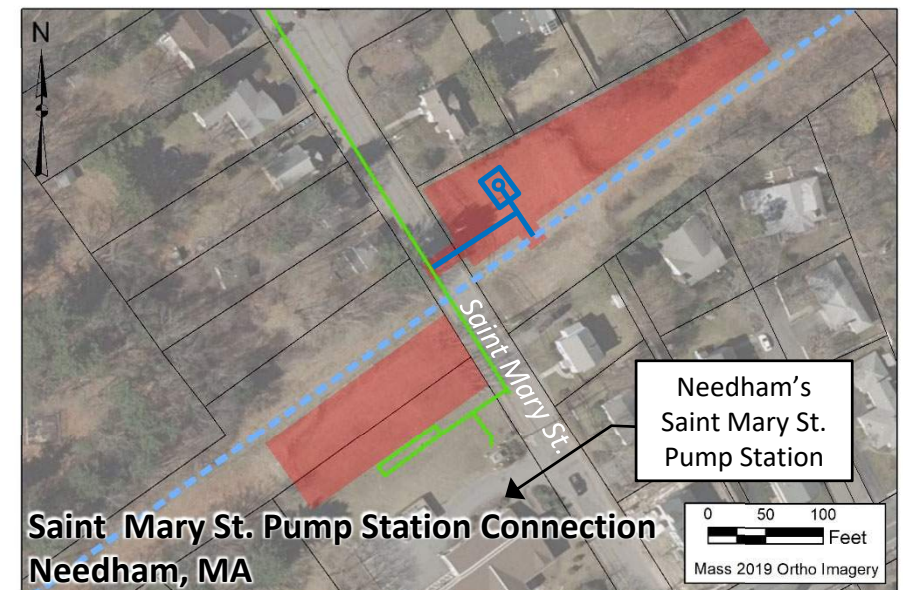
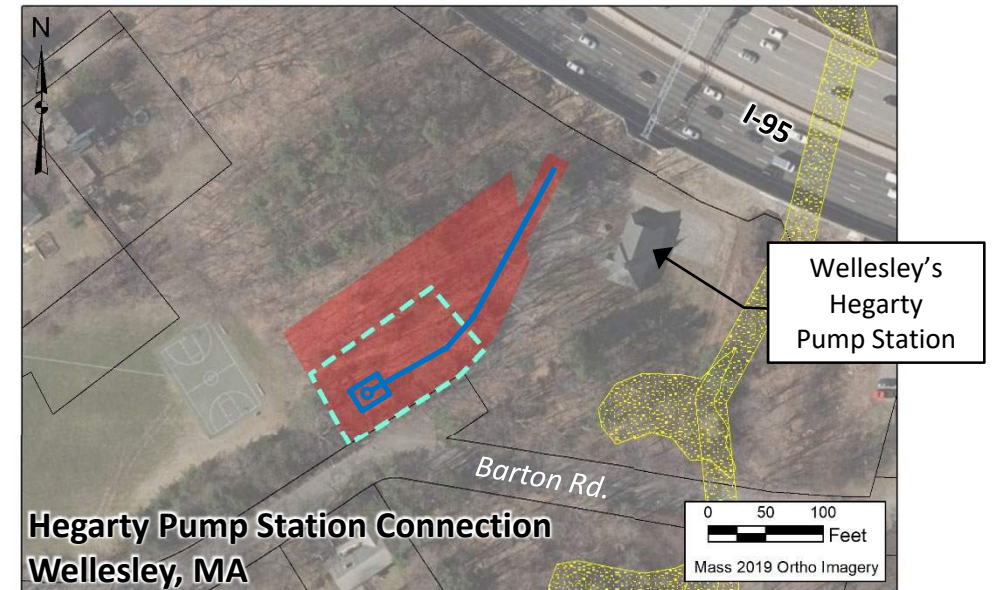
Alignment Shortlist - Connection Shafts (South Tunnel)

Hegarty PS:

- Owned by Town of Wellesley
- Potential Article 97

St Mary Street PS:

- MWRA's Sudbury Aqueduct Easement
- Pump Station Owned by Town of Needham





Alignment Shortlist - Connection Shafts (South Tunnel)

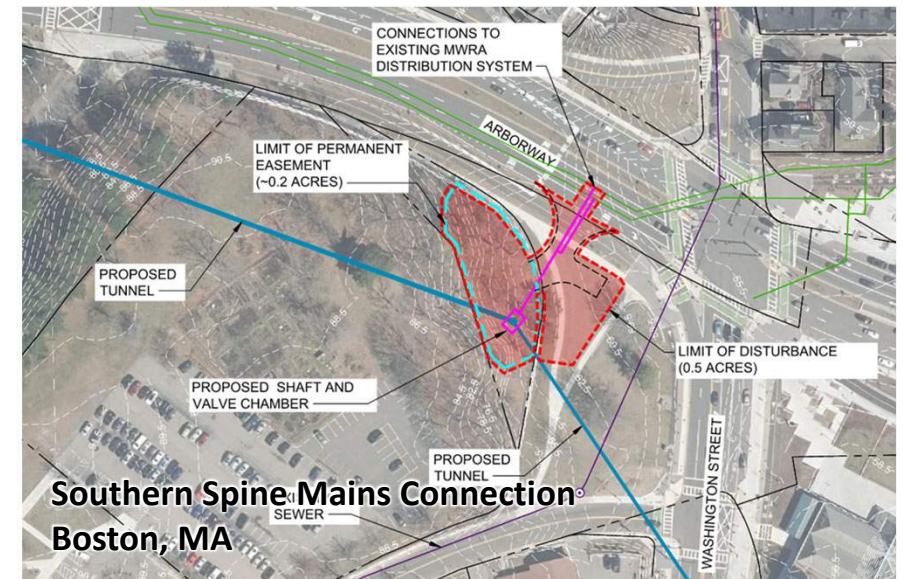
Newton Street PS:

- Owned by MWRA
- Existing pump station in operation



Southern Spine Mains:

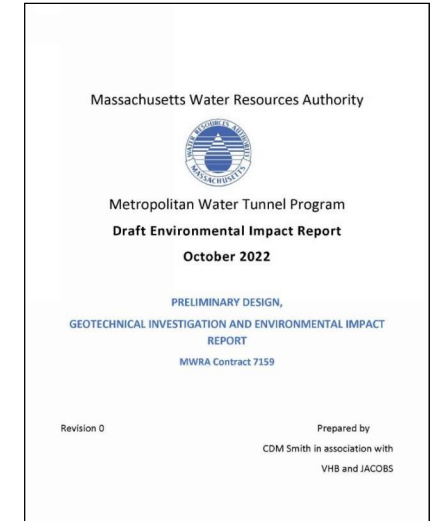
- Controlled by DCR adjacent to Mass DPH





Potential Construction Impacts & Planned Management

- Construction activity (amount and duration) and potential impacts will vary between shaft sites based on function & phase of construction
- Not all tunnel segments & shaft sites will be active at the same time
- Some sites (i.e., connection shaft sites) will have least and infrequent activity
- Some sites (i.e., launching shaft sites) will have the most activity
- Potential impacts include
 - Traffic
 - Water supply
 - Noise and vibrations
- Details are presented in the DEIR, Chapter 7 (Draft Section 61 Findings)



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Traffic & Water Supply

- Traffic increases will be most noticeable near launching shaft sites at shift change
 - Less traffic is expected near receiving shaft site and least near connection shaft sites
 - Adjustments to existing traffic signals or new traffic signals will help limit these impacts
 - Haul routes and hauling hours will be established, no exceptions
 - Police details and flaggers will be used to keep everyone moving
 - Wheel wash and street sweeping will help keep areas clean
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- Tunnel construction will not impact the existing MWRA water tunnels
 - There are no public water supply wells close to the new tunnel alignment
 - Prior to construction any private wells near the tunnel alignment will be checked and monitored during construction
 - During construction water levels along the tunnel alignment will be monitored
 - The construction the contractor will limit groundwater inflow into the tunnel
 - A water supply contingency plan will be put in place, just in case



Noise & Vibrations

- Noise levels will vary by shaft site, function, and phase of construction
- Launch shaft site ~ 24/7 once TBM excavation begins
- Receiving shaft site – Mostly daytime work, some nighttime work
- Connection shaft site – Day time work, no night work planned
- Noise level criteria will be set & monitored during construction
- Permanent condition will not increase noise levels above existing
 - Construction methods will be adjusted to control vibrations, where needed
 - No blasting for connection shaft construction, use drilling methods
 - Rock removal for launch/receiving shafts will be done via controlled blasting
 - Max vibration criteria will be set & vibration monitoring will occur to protect nearby homes/businesses/infrastructure
 - Close coordination with local Fire Department, Emergency Personal, and MassDOT



Other Topics To be Worked Out - Not Included in the DEIR

Other Community related topics not detailed in the DEIR:

- Connections to community systems
 - Cedarwood PS, Waltham
 - Hegarty PS, Wellesley
 - St Mary St PS, Needham
- Emergency Egress & Fire Rescue
- Thru preliminary and final design, we plan to work with your community to address these topics, and others, in full
- MWRA would like to eventually execute a MOA with each City/Town in which the tunnel will be constructed to address....
- MOA's will be in compliance with MWRA guidelines & practices



Ongoing and Upcoming Contracts

- Program Support Services and Preliminary Design Engineering contracts are both ongoing
- Core Storage Facility
 - Board of Directors approved the lease of a new facility in Needham
 - Planning for late winter/early spring move in
- Geotechnical Support Services (2023 – 2025)
 - Currently in procurement phase
 - ~40 deep borings over ~3 years
 - Targeting Jan 2023 NTP
- Final Design Engineer
 - Targeting mid 2024 NTP
 - Currently conducting industry outreach
- Construction Manager
 - Targeting NTP in 2026



Where to Find Information / How to Contact Us

- <https://www.mwra.com/mwtp.html>
 - Program documents (ENF, DEIR)
 - Meeting notices, agendas, presentations, minutes
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Questions/Comments?



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