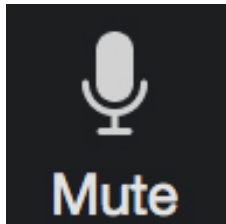
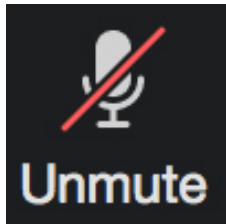
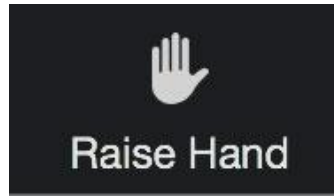


# Vernon Street / I-290 Interchange Transportation Study

## Pre-Proposal Meeting

February 14, 2025  
Paul Revere Room  
One Mercantile Street





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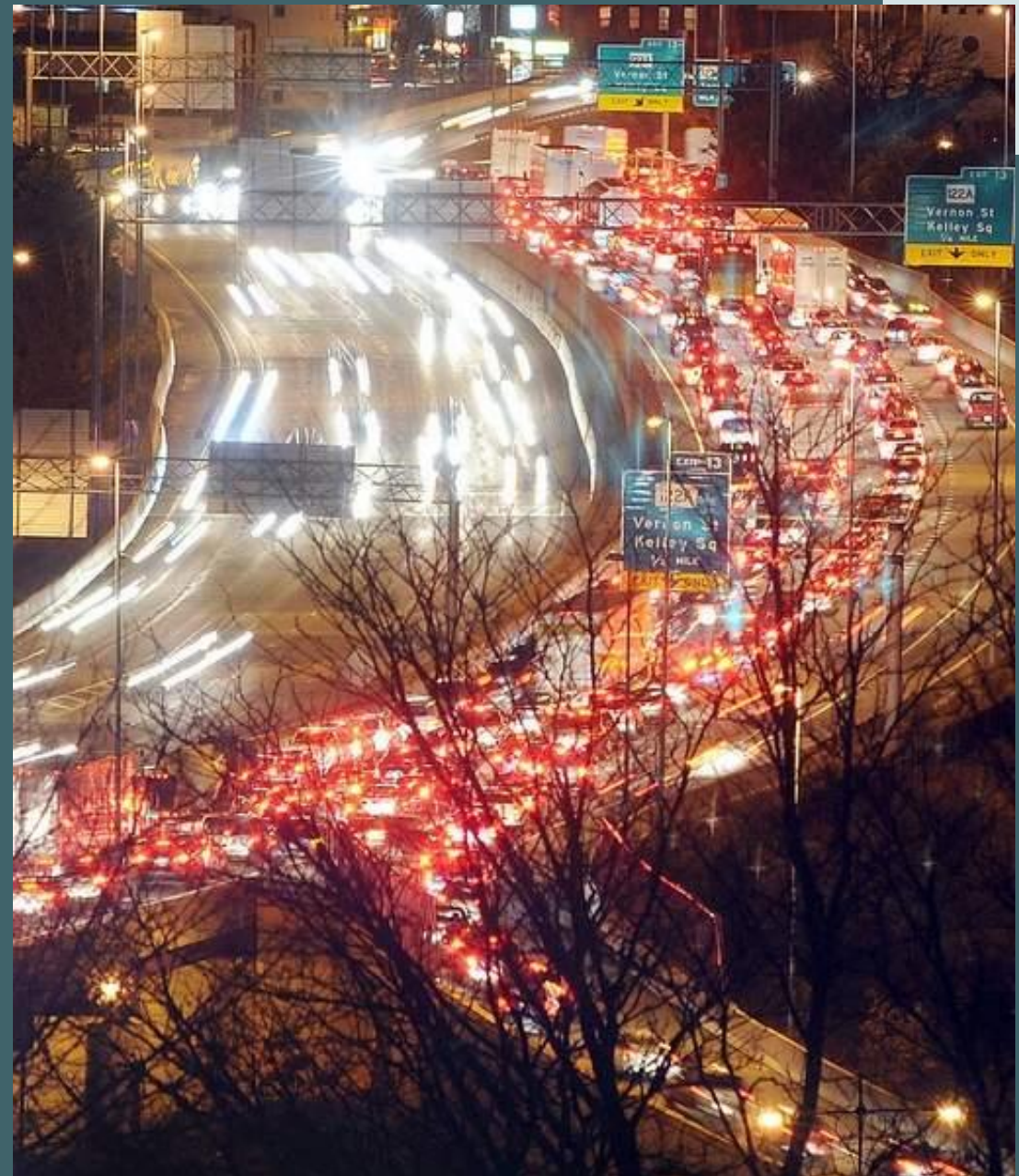
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- Instead of introductions, attendees should enter their name, pronouns, and the organization they represent in the chat.
- Use the chat as a valid/equal communication tool for topics related to the meeting.
- Speak slowly and clearly.
- Try not to interrupt other people or attempt to speak over them.
- **We will answer questions at the end of the presentation.**

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Background
- Timeline & Budget
- Tasks
- Evaluation Criteria
- Q & A

# Introduction



View of I-290, Worcester



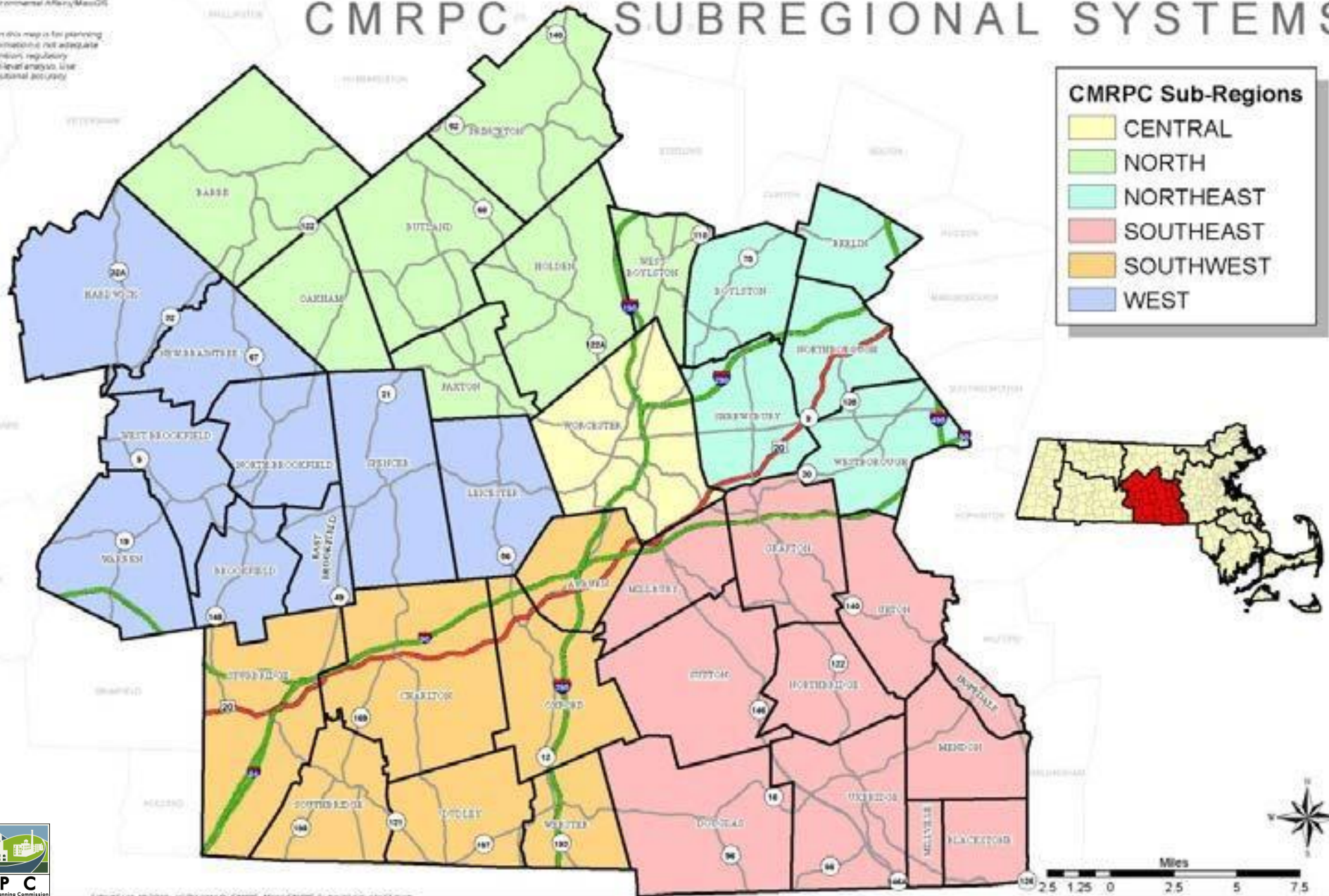
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# CMRPC SUBREGIONAL SYSTEMS

## CMRPC Sub-Regions

- CENTRAL
- NORTH
- NORTHEAST
- SOUTHEAST
- SOUTHWEST
- WEST



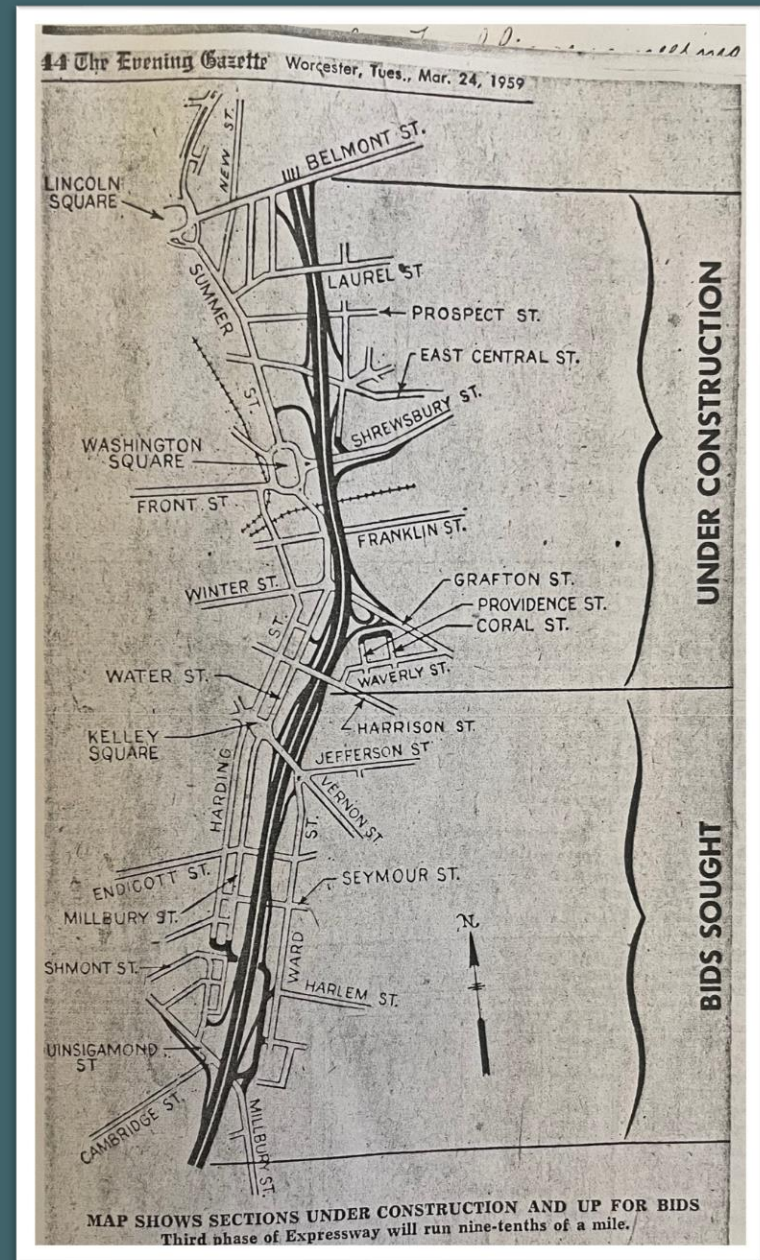


# Steering Committee

- CMRPC Executive Director
- CMMPO Staff
- City of Worcester
- MassDOT Highway Division (D3)
- MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning



# Background



*The Evening Gazette*, Worcester,  
March 24, 1959





# I-290 uprooted neighborhoods

I-290/Item Page B1  
Square Barber Shop were relocated

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## \$37 Million, 6½ Mile Road Through Heart of City Planned

Major Recommendation To Relieve Traffic

ing at Lincoln square would be too extensive because of the high property valuations in the area, the engineer said. Therefore, he added, the expressway is the only practical means of relieving congestion in the

## State Land Actions Filed for Expressway

The state took the first concrete steps yesterday to extend the \$50,000,000 Worcester Expressway beyond Lincoln Street to Harlow Street.

Land-taking actions for about 83 parcels were filed at the Registry of Deeds by the state Department of Public Works.

avian fraternal lodges; areas of land owned by W.H. Sawyer Lumber Co. which was a landmark on lower Lincoln Street for years; property owned by Tucker & Rice Inc., the Boston & Maine Railroad and Central Oil Co. of Worcester.

Also part of the property of the Worcester Girls Club, an

## Expressway Voted Down By Council

By JOHN F. BATTLES AND WALTER SMITH, Telegram Staff Reporters

By the margin of a single vote, the City Council took an official stand last night against the proposed Worcester Expressway.

That action came at the tail end of a hearing that lasted more than four hours—a hearing that was the last of its kind.

State Has Say

The state has the final say on the six-lane highway now on the drawing boards for a two-year study from Broomfield

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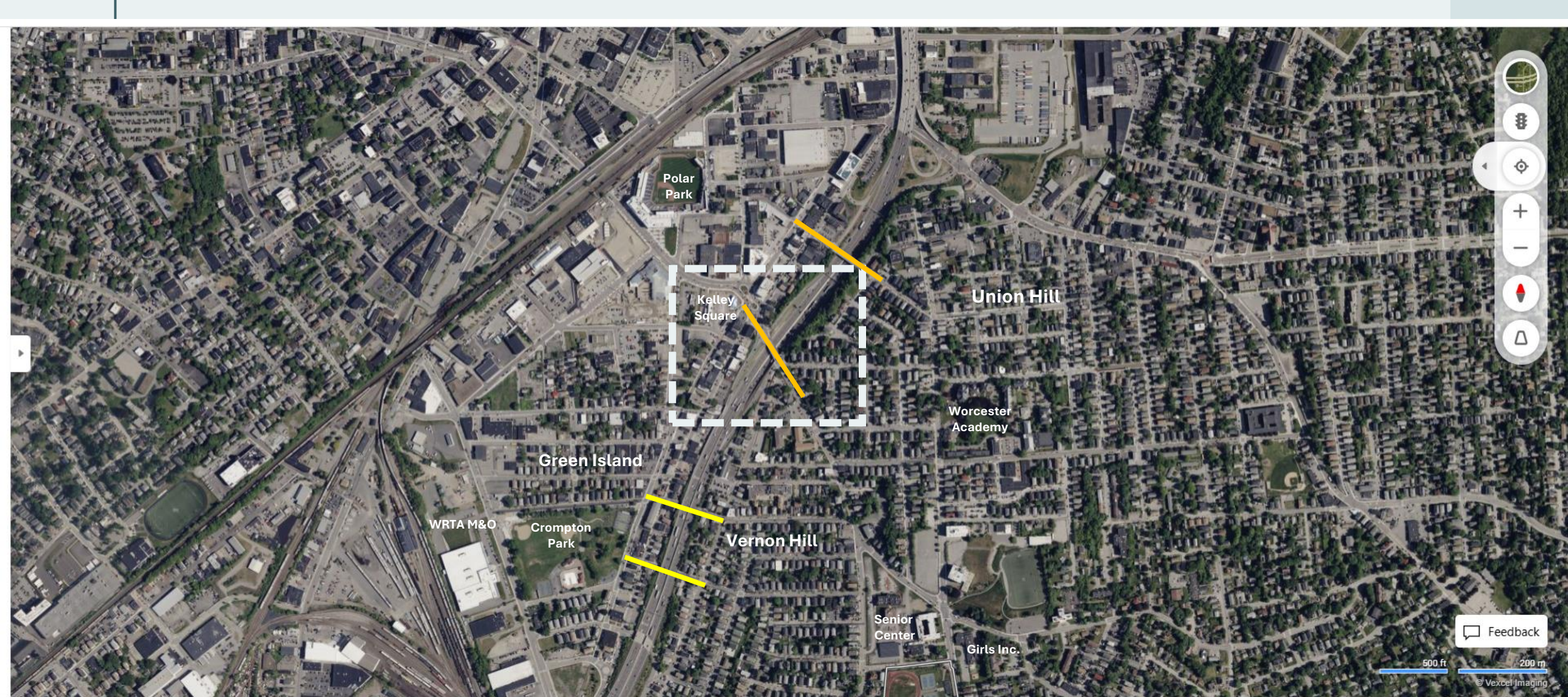
Vernon Hill

Union Hill

Worcester  
Academy

Senior  
Center



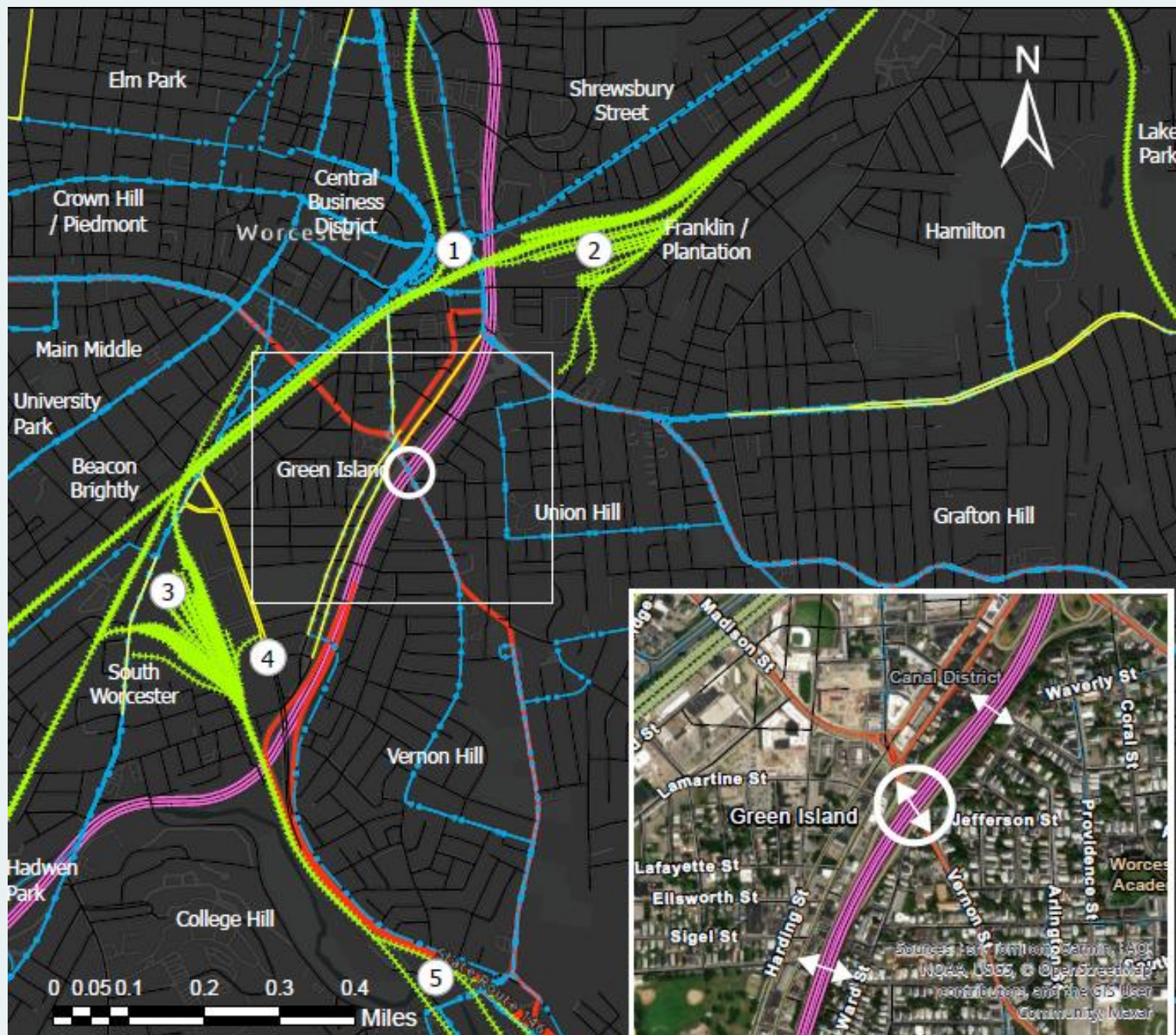


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Feedback

500 ft 200 m  
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## Legend

### Major Roads

- Interstate
- U.S. Route
- State Route
- Local Road
- - - Freight Line
- Bike Lane
- - - WRTA Bus Routes
- # Area of Interest\*

\*Areas of Interest - Transportation

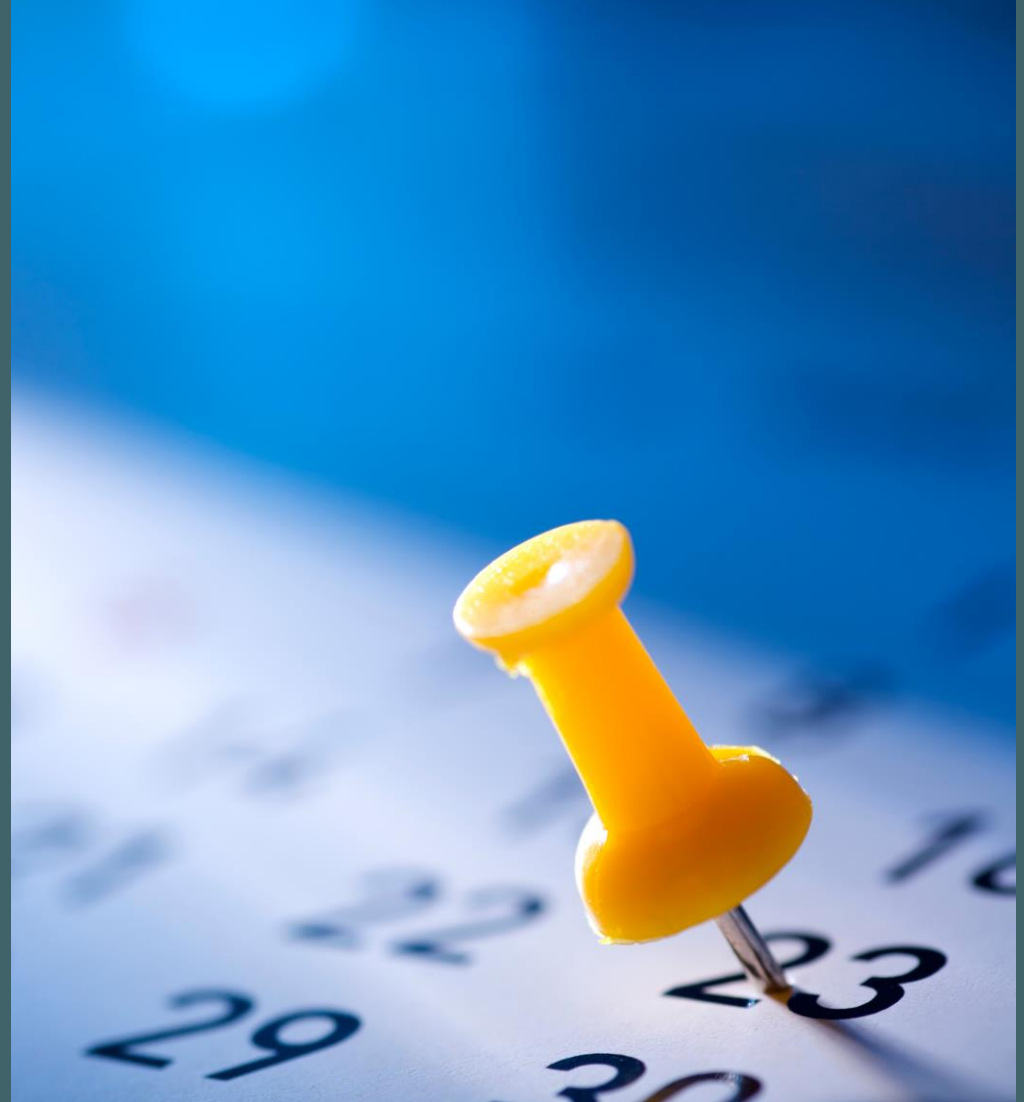
1. Union Station
2. Worcester TVT CSX Yard
3. Worcester P&W RR Southbridge St. Yard
4. WRTA Maintenance & Operations Facility
5. Blackstone Valley Heritage Info. Center



# Project Need

- Regional Corridor
- Congestion
- Safety
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations
- Major Freight Route
- Bridge
- On/Off Ramps
- Social Mobility
- Climate Hazards
- Green Infrastructure
- Public Health
- Land Use
- Economic Development

# Timeline



# Schedule

Schedule of Events	Date/Time
Release	January 31, 2025
Optional: Pre-Submittal Conference Worcester, MA	February 14, 2025
Deadline for Questions	February 19, 2025
<b>RFP Response Deadline</b>	<b>February 28, 2025</b>
Interviews	March 14, 2025
Announcement	March 19, 2025
Anticipated Contract Execution	April 1, 2025
End of Contracted Services	September 30, 2026



# Budget

## Federal:

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - \$550K
- Funds available until September 30, 2026

## State:

- Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Community One Stop for Growth - \$100K
- Funds available until June 30, 2026

# Tasks





# Task 1 – Project Management

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## Consultant Roles

- Project Management Plan
- SharePoint site (or similar)
- Coordination and participation in bi-weekly check-in calls
- Monthly progress reports and invoices

# Task 2 – Stakeholder and Community Engagement

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## Consultant Roles

- Public Involvement Plan
- Fact sheets
- Website and social media content
- Materials/presentations for Advisory Committee (6) and CMMPO (2) meetings
- Technical assistance for public meetings

## CMRPC Roles

- Provide guidance
- Keep the website updated
- Social media postings
- LEP and accessibility support
- Management and coordination of Advisory Committee meetings
- Catalog public comments

# Task 3 – Existing Conditions

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## Consultant Roles

- Existing Conditions Report
- Identify and review datasets, planning documents
- Inventory and definition of current issues and opportunities
- Inventory of project constraints

## CMRPC Roles

- Identify/collect planning documents
- Coordinate data sharing

# Task 4 – Future Year No-Build Conditions

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## Consultant Roles

- Work with CMRPC modeler to develop assumptions
- Examine / Analyze model outputs

## CMRPC Roles

- Regional model
- Provide support in the development of assumptions
- Provide socio-demographic and land use projections

# Task 5 – Development of Alternatives

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## Consultant Roles

- Description, maps, and graphics of conceptual alternatives

## CMRPC Roles

- Provide support in the simulation



# Task 6 – Alternatives Analysis

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## Consultant Roles

- Analysis
- Presentation and engagement materials

## CMRPC Roles

- Facilitate Advisory Committee meeting
- Advertise public meetings
- Provide support with translation and interpretation services
- Document and catalog public comments

# Task 7 – Recommendations & Implementation Plan

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## Consultant Roles

- Revised alternatives based on public feedback
- Recommendations
- Implementation Plan
- Online version of recommendations

# Task 8 – Final Report

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## Consultant Roles

- Draft Report for 30-day public review period
- Executive Summary
- Final Report
- Online version of Final Report

## CMRPC Roles

- Facilitate Advisory Committee meeting
- Advertise public meetings
- Provide support with translation

# Proposal Structure

Components	Pages
Cover Letter	1
Table of Contents	1
Executive Summary	1
Statement of Organization Project Approach Tasks and Timeline	No more than 10 pages
Personnel Qualifications	1 page per individual
Relevant Prior Project Experience	Up to 5 pages
References	1
Statement of Financial Stability Statement of Litigation History DBE Certification Signed Attachments	
Fee Proposal	Separate document

# Evaluation





# Evaluation Criteria

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Impact factor	Points	Attributes
Understanding the RFP	10	Understand goals and values, meaningful involvement
Project Approach	30	Understand the study area attributes, creative approach
Staff Qualifications	10	Necessary experience
Relevant Experience	25	Client-Consultant, MPO/RPAs, alternatives
Proposal Quality	5	Excellence in narrative and design
Interviews	20	Clear understanding of the project scope

# Questions





# Thank You

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