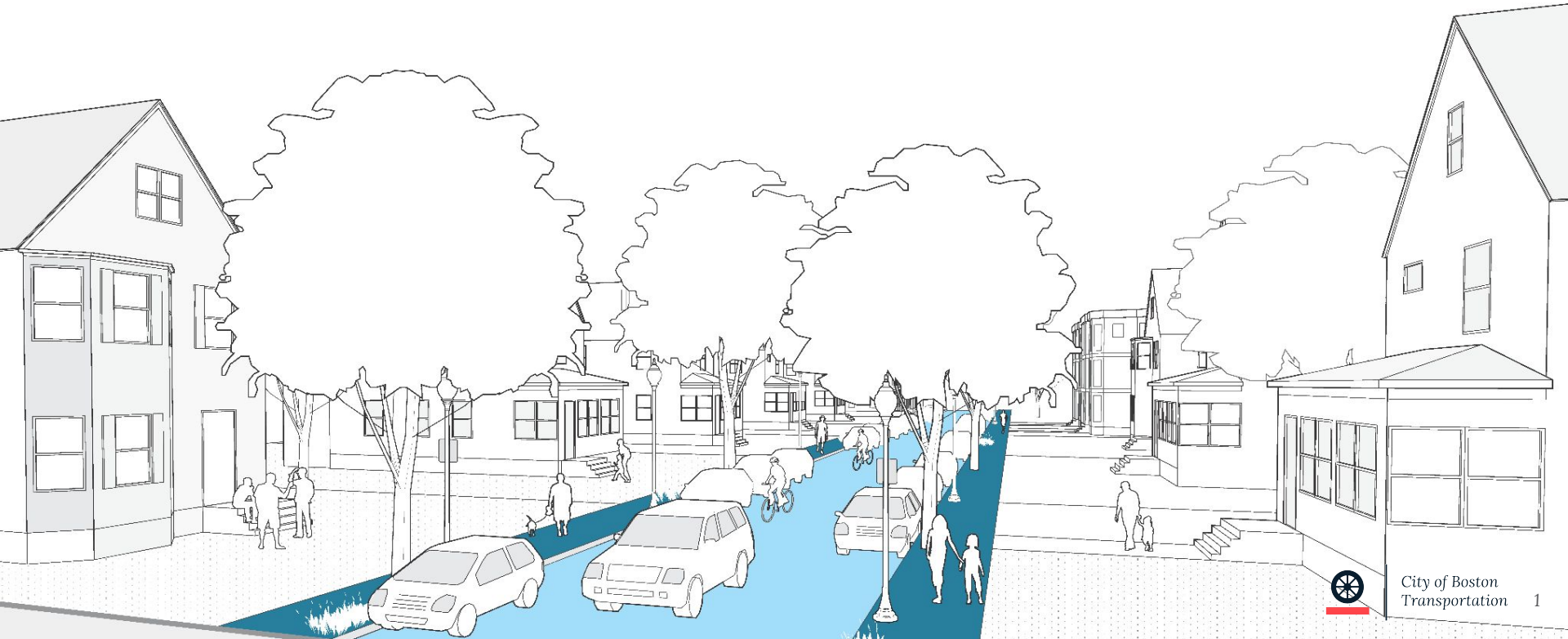


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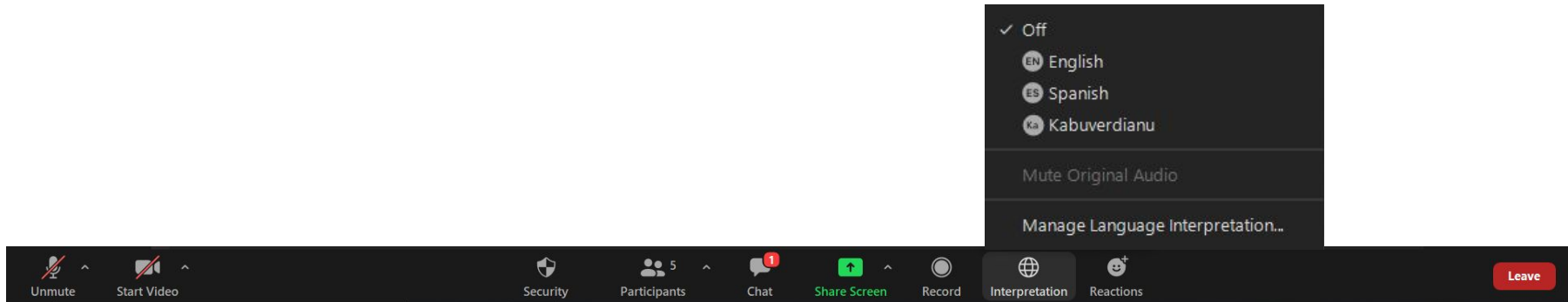
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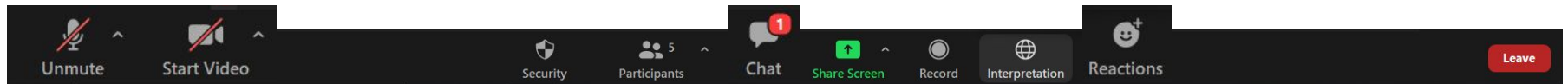
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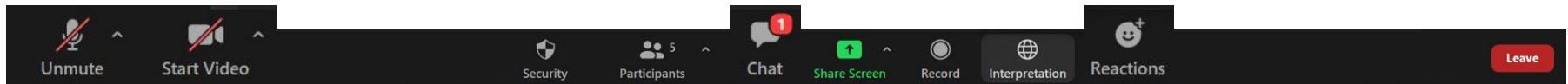
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A blue-tinted photograph of a residential street. In the foreground, a dark SUV is parked on the left side of the road. A small sign on the sidewalk reads "BLACK LIVES MATTER". The street curves to the right, with several houses and utility poles visible in the background. The sky is clear and blue.

Neighborhood Slow Streets **LOWER SOUTH STREET AND VICINITY**

*November 16 and 17, 2021
via Zoom*

Hi!



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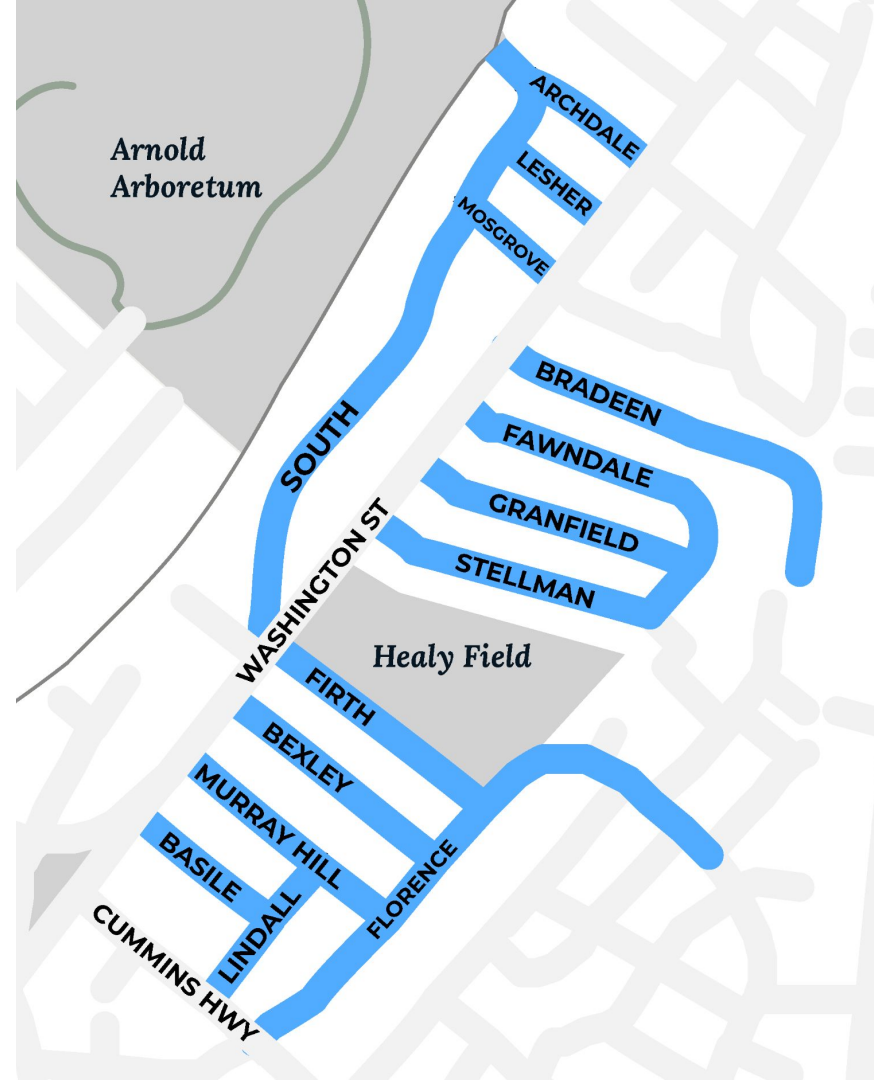
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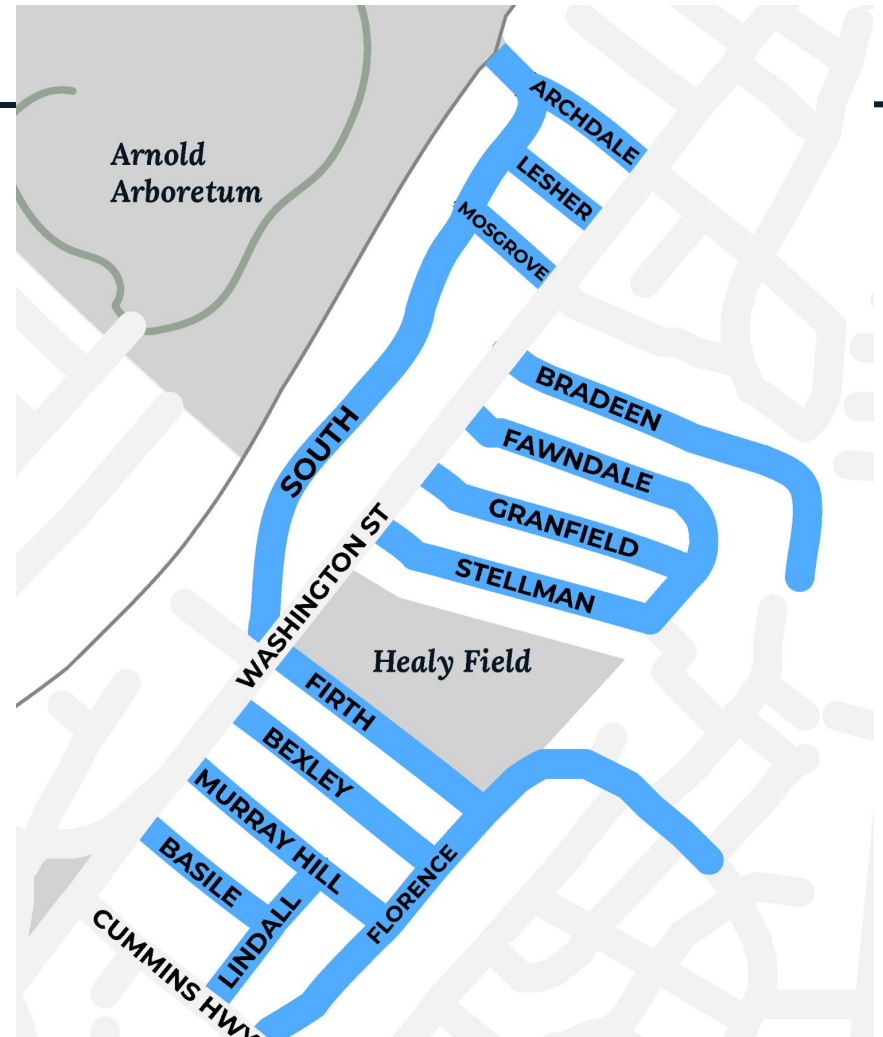
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Lower South Street and Vicinity zone



Tonight's meeting

- ▶ Review what we have done so far
- ▶ Potential streets for speed humps
- ▶ Updated concepts for our focus areas
- ▶ Our next steps



What is Neighborhood Slow Streets?

- ▶ Focus on safety on a connected network of small, *neighborhood streets*
- ▶ Built design changes to *improve safety and slow speeds*
- ▶ Posted speed limit of **20 MPH**



How we approach design

Engage
residents in
prioritizing **key**
focus areas

Prioritize people
walking and
biking, older
adults, youth,
and people with
disabilities

Reduce crashes
that lead to
serious **injury**
or **fatality**

How we heard from you

BY MAIL

- ▶ initial letter and survey questions mailed in late August 2020
- ▶ postcards and letters mailed in October 2021

INTERACTIVE SURVEY

- ▶ open through December 2020, published in English, Spanish, and Cape Verdean Creole

OUTDOOR WORKSHOP

- ▶ September 12, 2020 at Healy Field

VIRTUAL MEETING

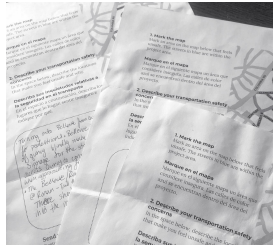
- ▶ March 31, 2021 via Zoom

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

- ▶ Online feedback form, phone calls with you, and emails with you

How we got here

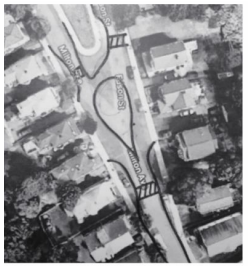
YOUR LETTERS, COMMENTS



OUR OBSERVATIONS



DESIGN CONCEPTS

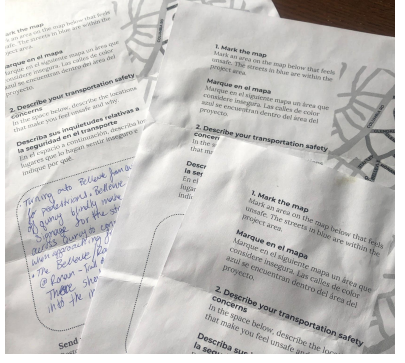


We shared these concepts in March 2021 and accepted comments through the summer.

DESIGN CONCEPTS



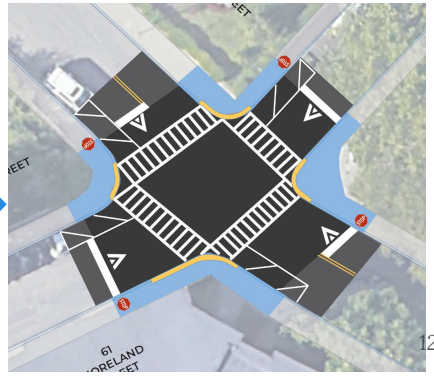
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ENGINEERING REVIEW



INITIAL DESIGN





THROUGHOUT THE ZONE

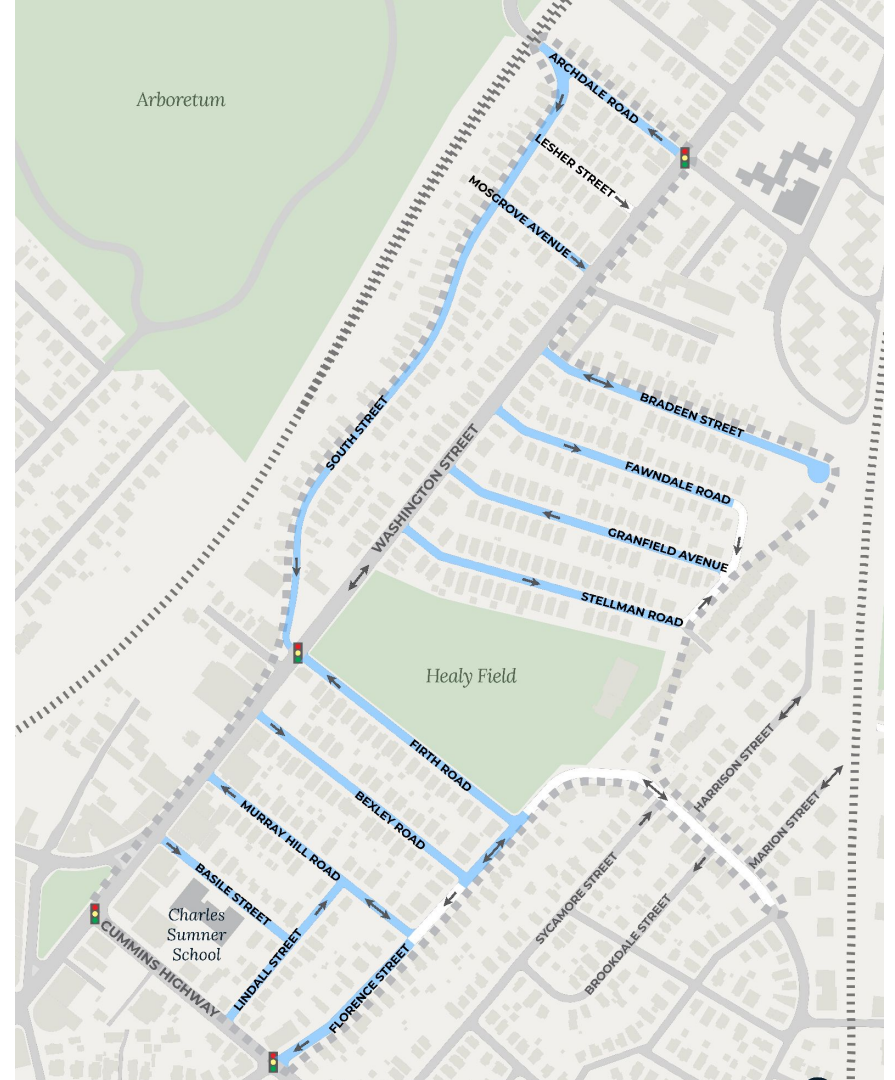
“Gateway” signs and markings

- ▶ Let people know they’re in a Slow Zone
- ▶ 20 MPH signs
- ▶ Supplemental “20 MPH” pavement marking



Add speed humps on many streets

- ▶ Every 150' to 250'
- ▶ Not in front of driveways
- ▶ No impact on parking



Speed humps are not speed bumps



YES! Gradual taper up and down, 12 to 14 feet long



NO! Abrupt, hard bump, 3 to 4 feet long

Speed hump considerations

1. Hills
2. Curved streets
3. Emergency needs

We cannot put speed humps on steep sections of streets.



Speed hump considerations

1. Hills
2. Curved streets
3. Emergency needs

We cannot put speed humps on or near curves. Drivers won't have enough advance visibility of them.



Speed hump considerations

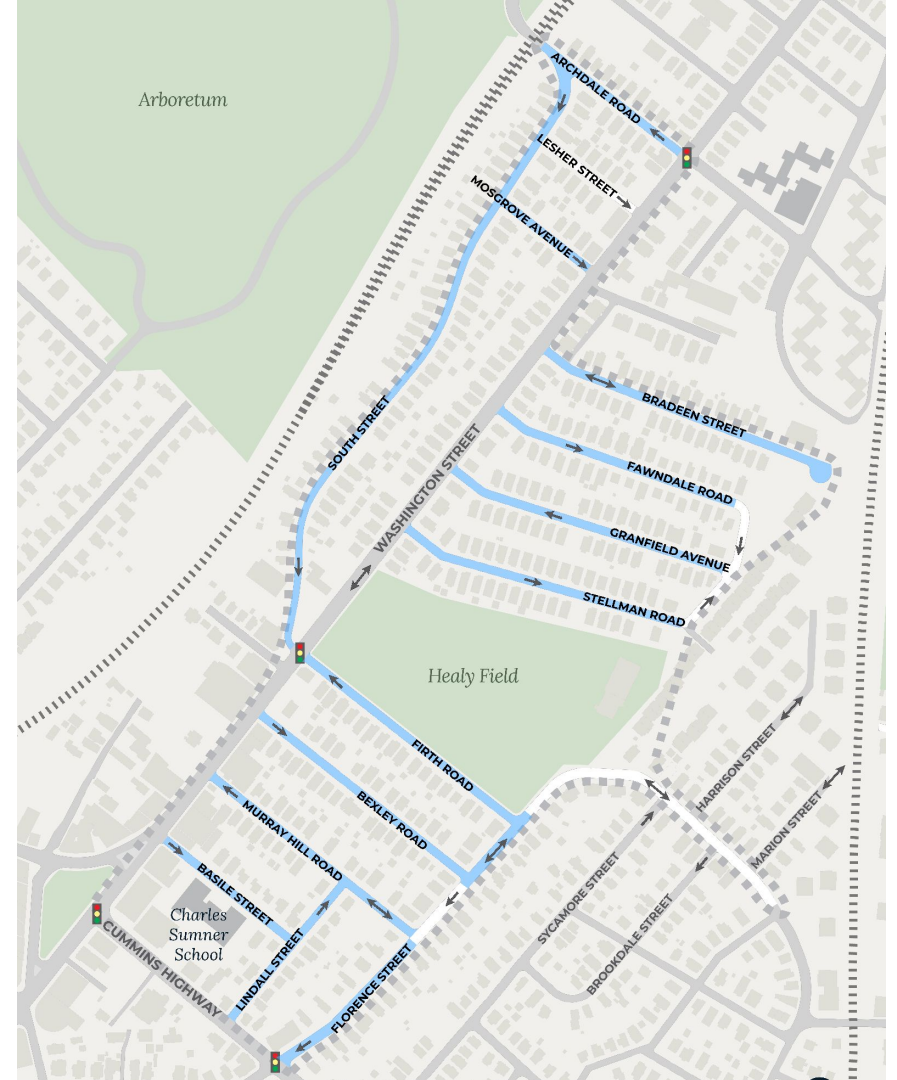
1. Hills
2. Curved streets
3. **Emergency needs**



We follow guidance from emergency responders to plan how many speed humps we can build. We balance everyday safety needs with minimizing response times.

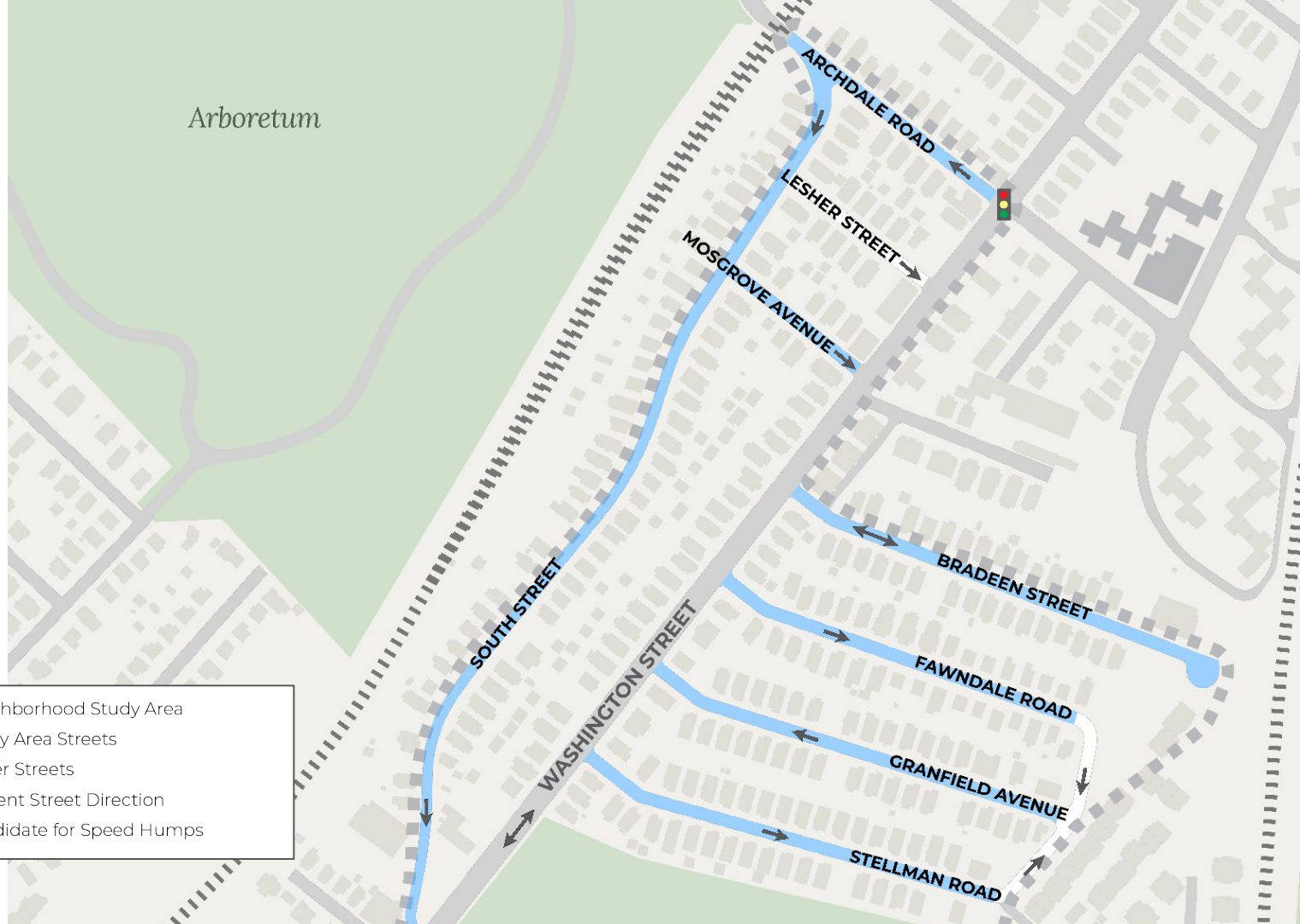
We are considering speed humps on these streets.

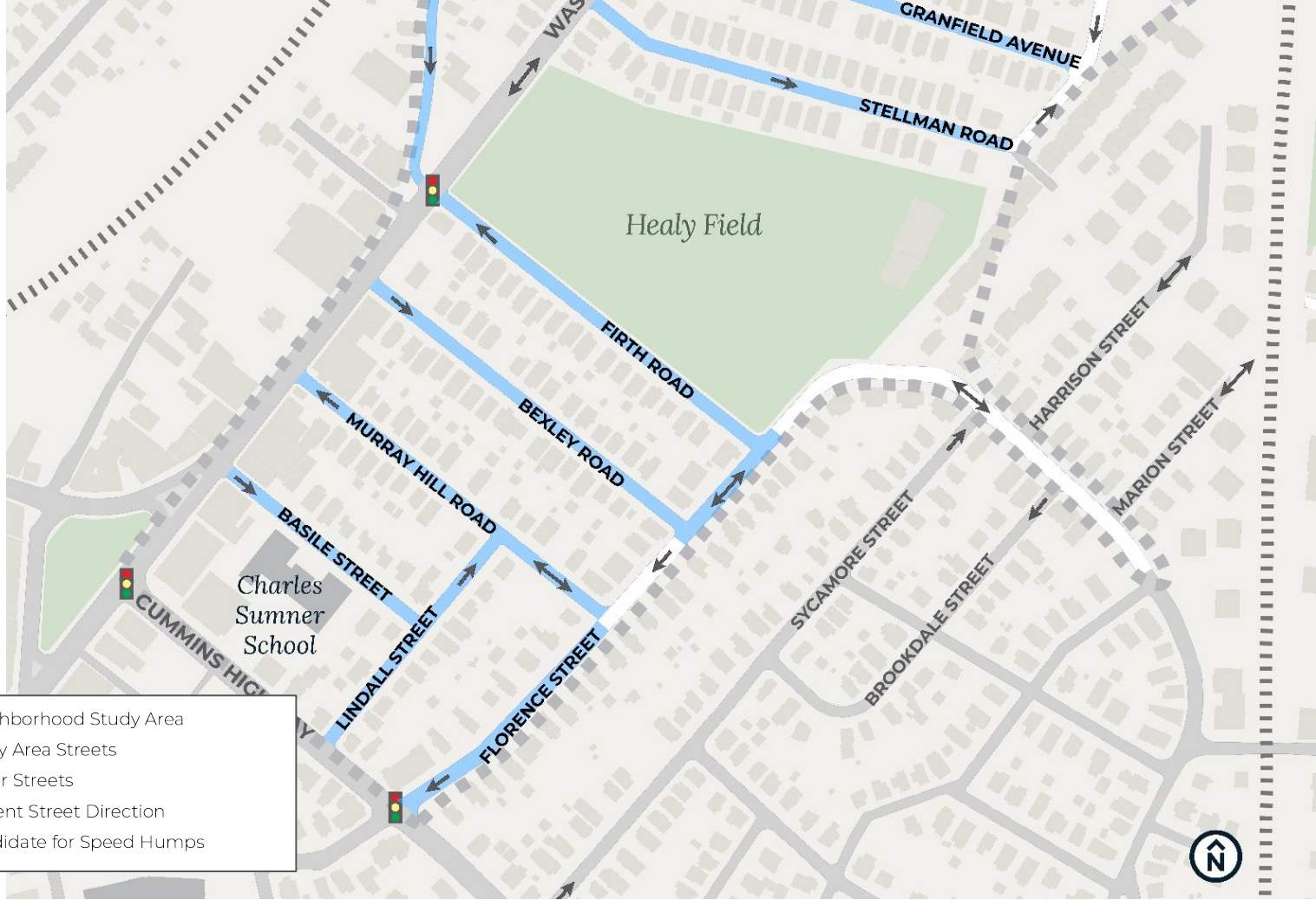
- ▶ **Blue areas** indicate potential speed humps segments.
- ▶ Segments in white are not eligible for speed humps.
- ▶ After the design review process, we may not put speed humps on all streets.



Arboretum

- ■ ■ Neighborhood Study Area
- Study Area Streets
- Other Streets
- ← Current Street Direction
- Candidate for Speed Humps



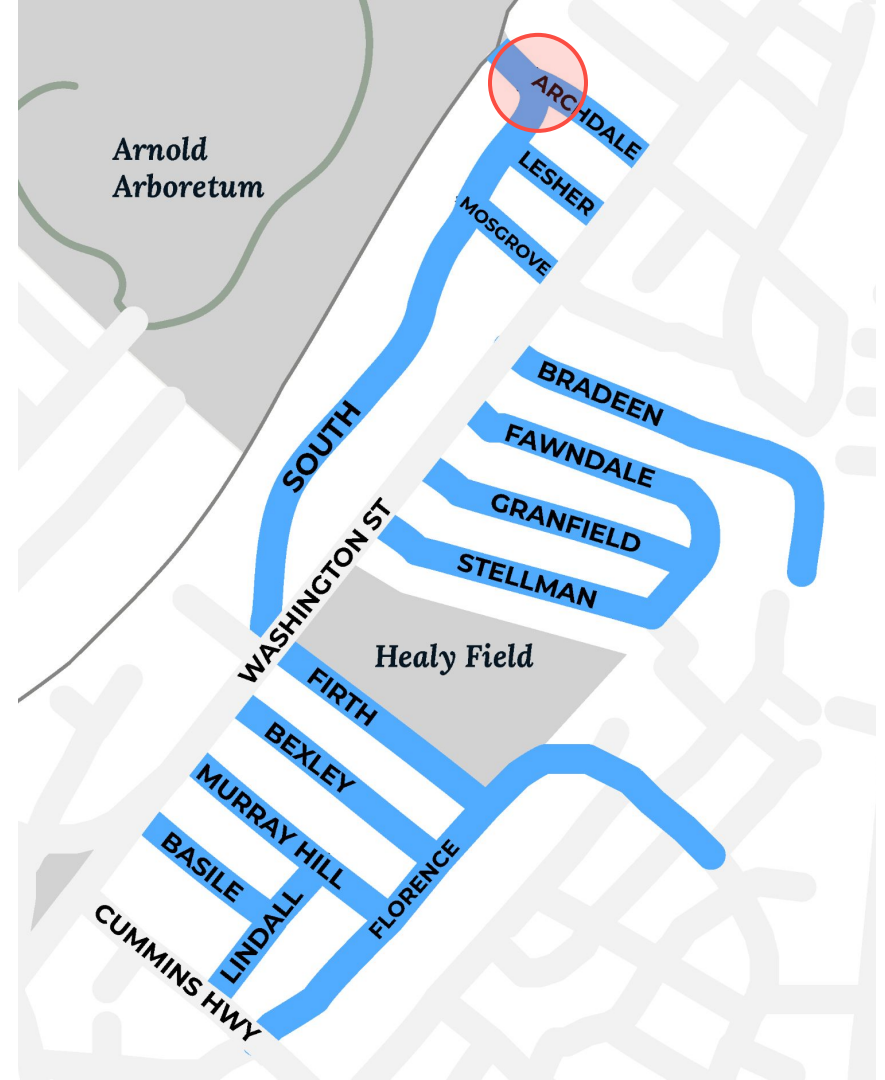




FOCUS AREA 1: SOUTH STREET AT ARCHDALE ROAD

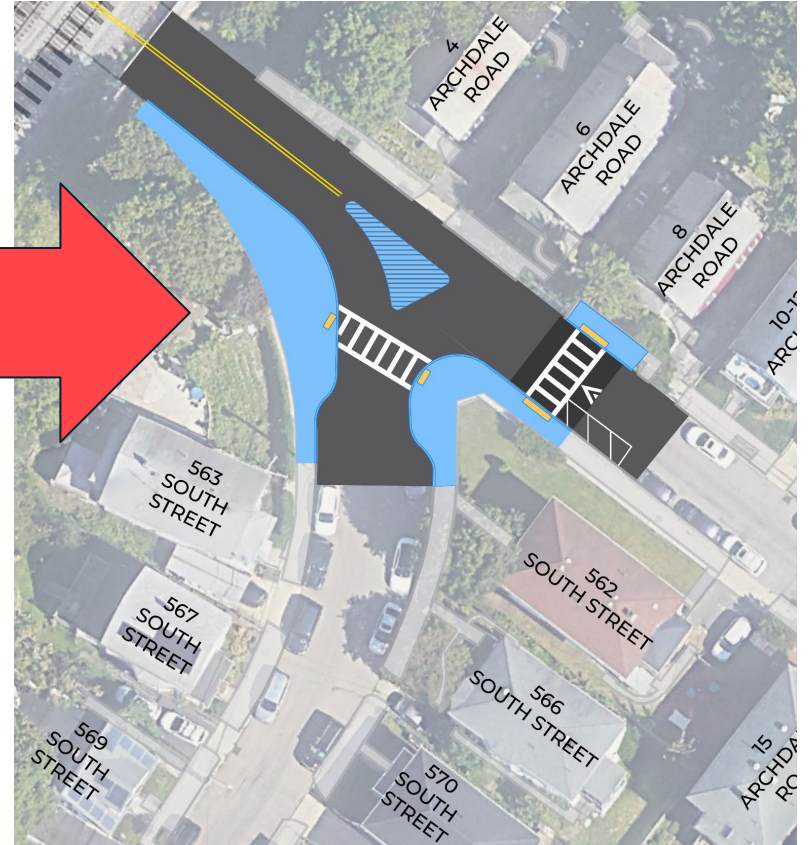
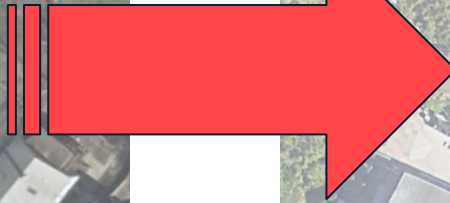
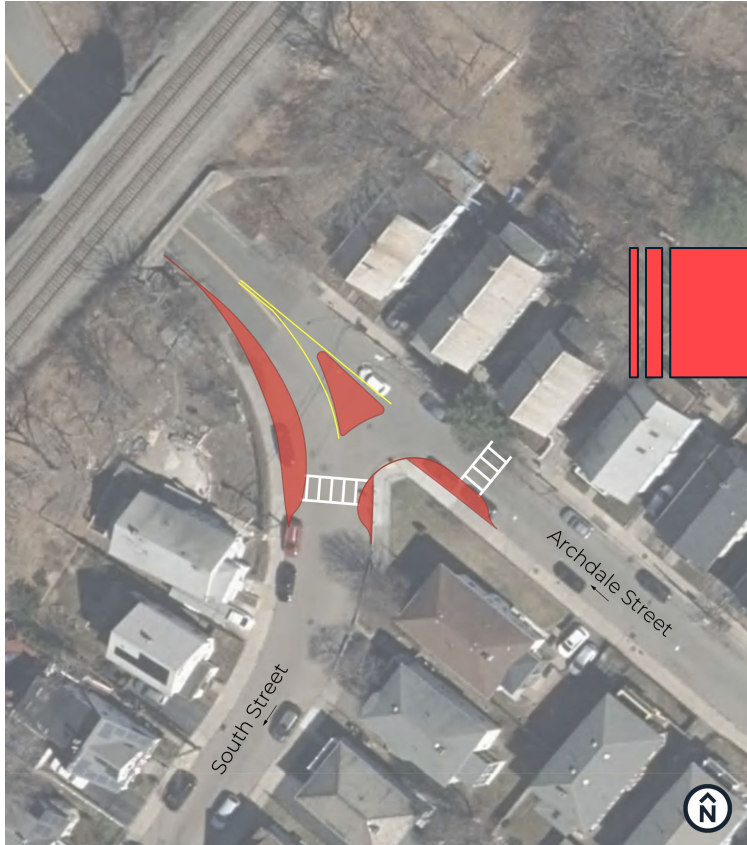
We're focusing here because:

- ▶ You told us drivers come fast and don't stop for people crossing on foot.
- ▶ The visibility is poor.
- ▶ There are no accessible ramps or an obvious location to cross the street.



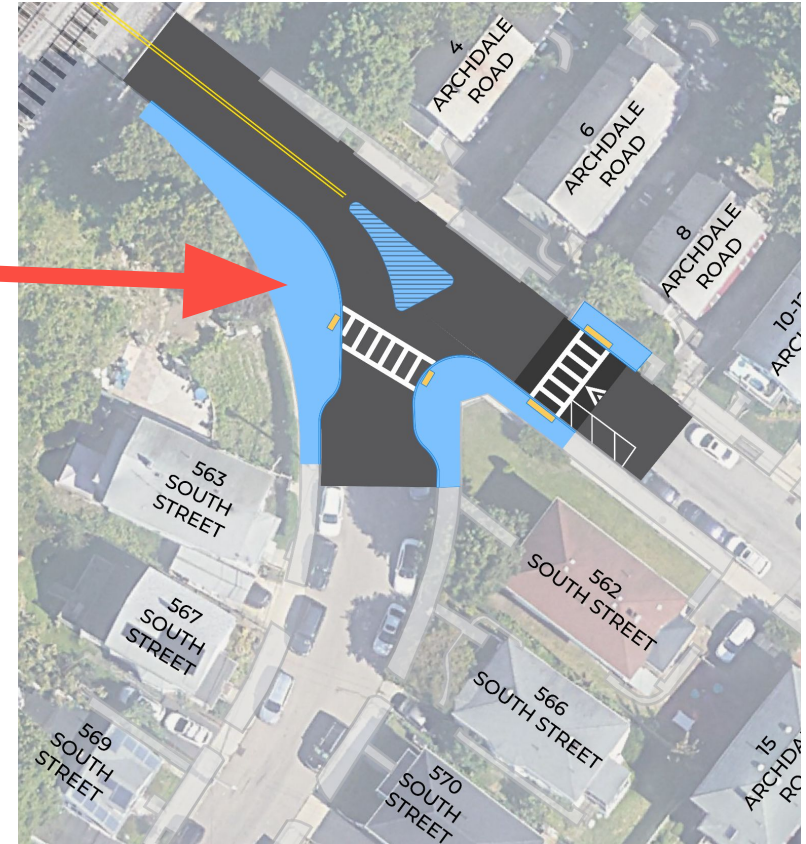
Concept

Initial design



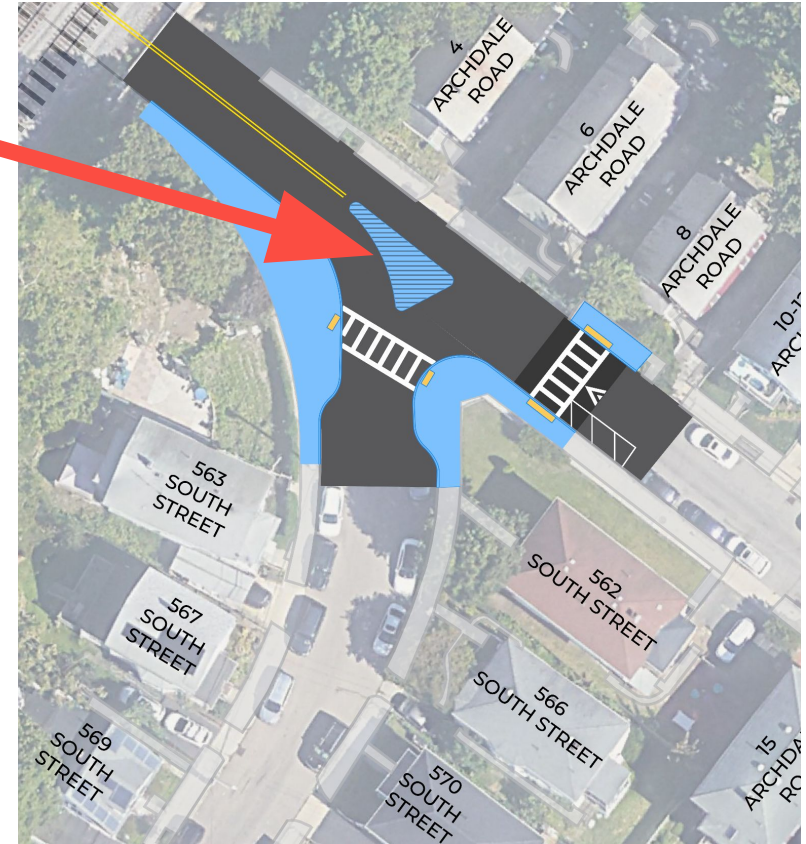
What changed?

- ▶ Curve of South Street will better slow drivers and improve visibility of crosswalk



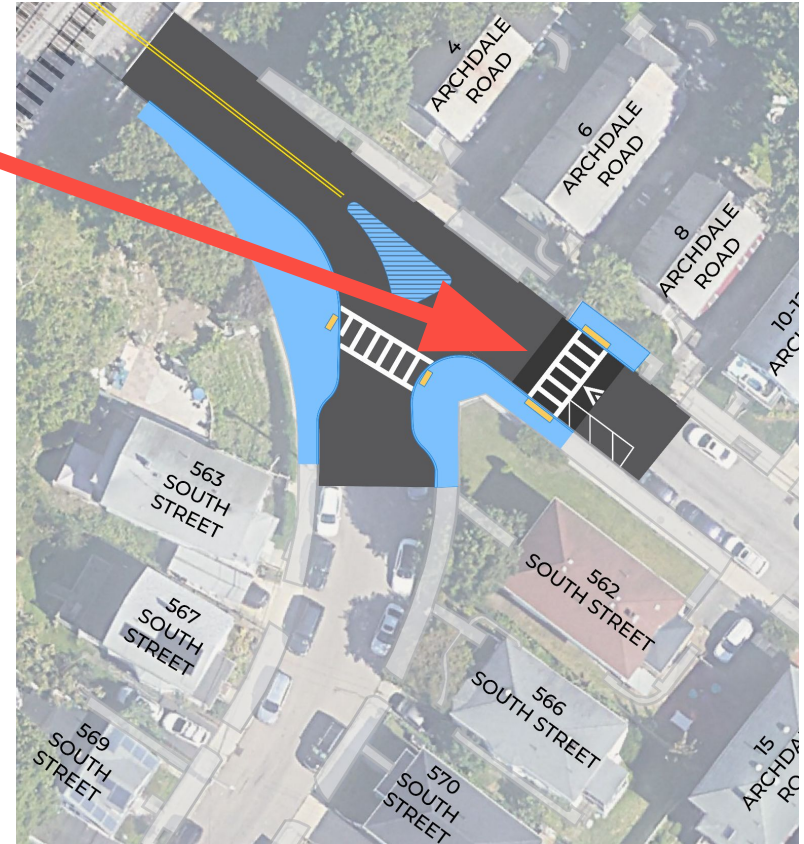
What changed?

- ▶ Island will be mountable to accommodate fire trucks that may make this turn



What changed?

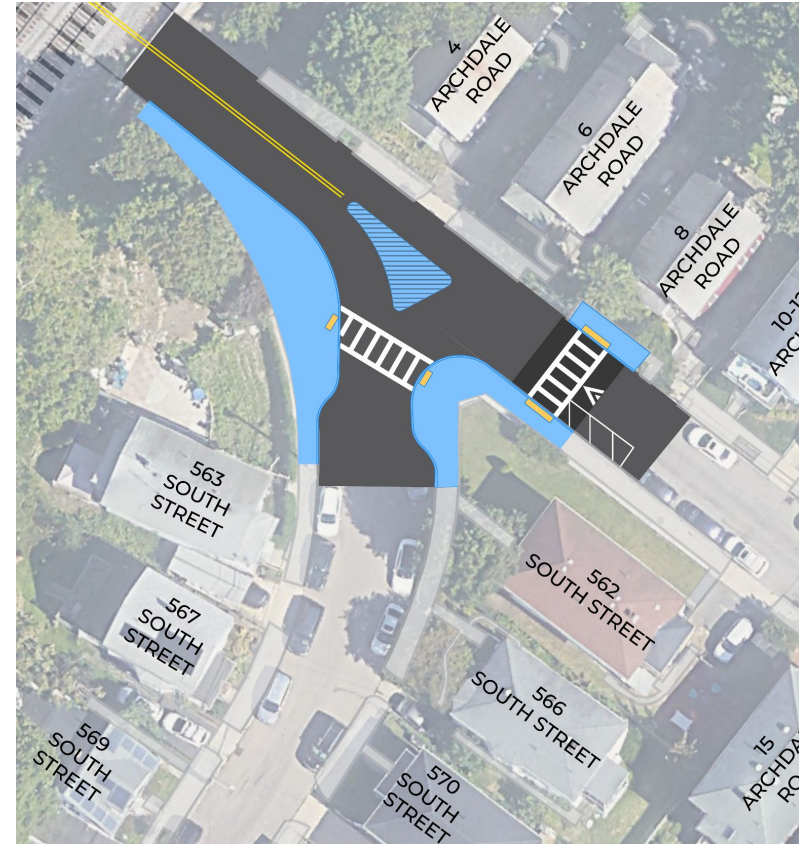
- ▶ Changed crosswalk to a raised crosswalk in response to requests.
 - People in crosswalk will be more visible
 - Drivers slow down once more before going into Arboretum



About the new crosswalks

To keep these crosswalks safe for everyone, we need to restrict some parking. This will help drivers and pedestrians see each other.

- ▶ You will not be allowed to park on the crosswalks.
- ▶ You will not be able to park on South Street until after the crosswalk.
- ▶ You will not be able to park on Archdale approaching the crosswalk or just after it.

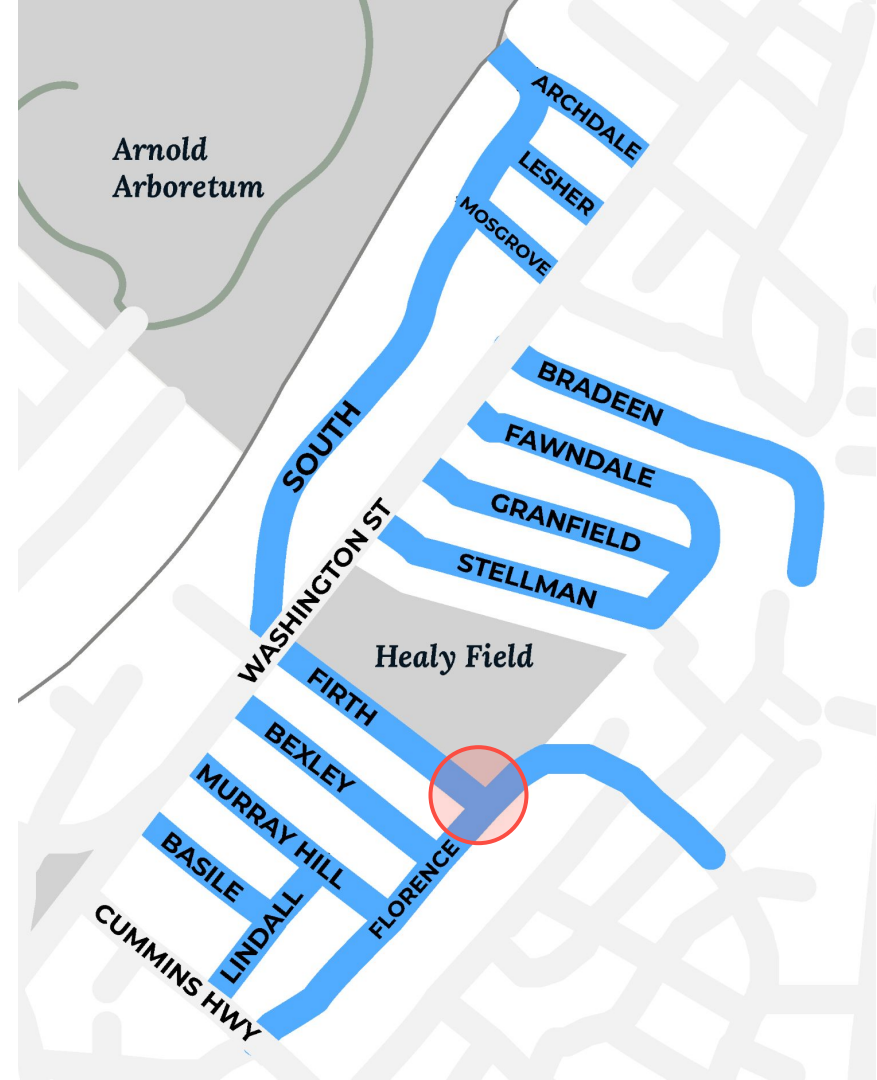




**FOCUS AREA 2:
FIRTH ROAD AT
FLORENCE STREET**

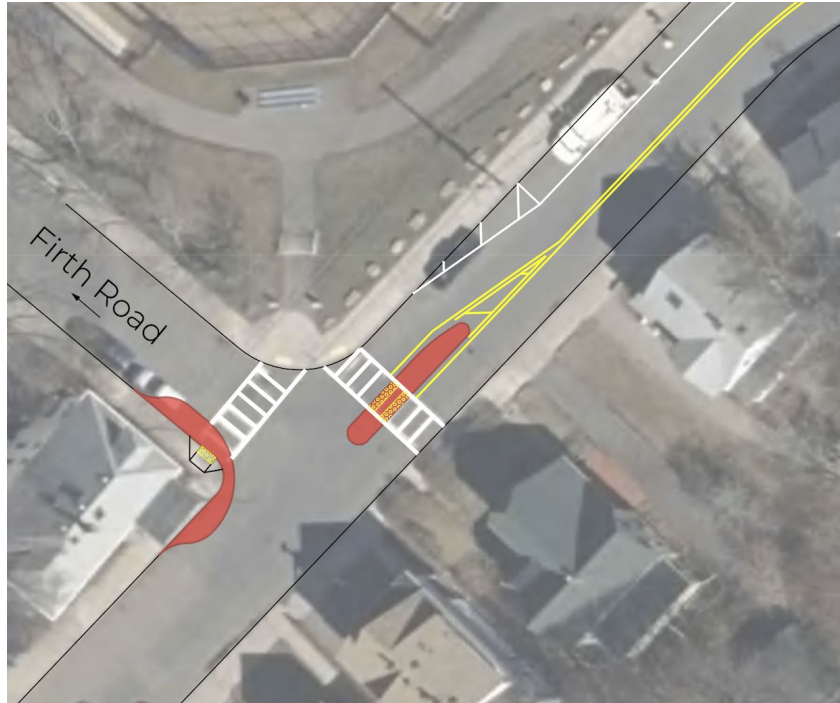
We're focusing here because:

- ▶ You told us people drive fast around the bend and don't always stop for people in the crosswalk
- ▶ Drivers don't always stay in their lanes around the curve
- ▶ Because of the curve, the crosswalk could be unexpected for drivers

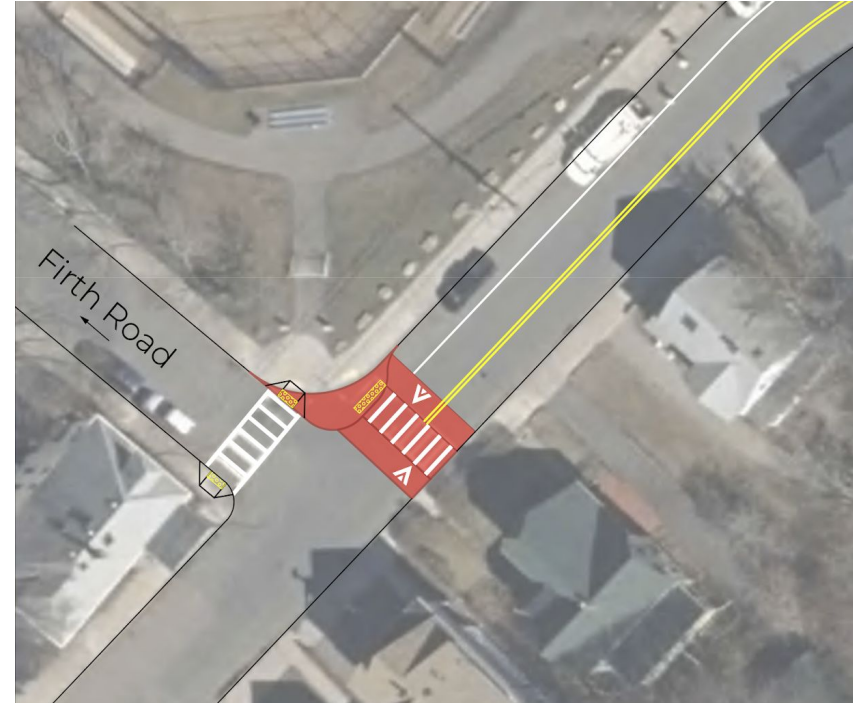


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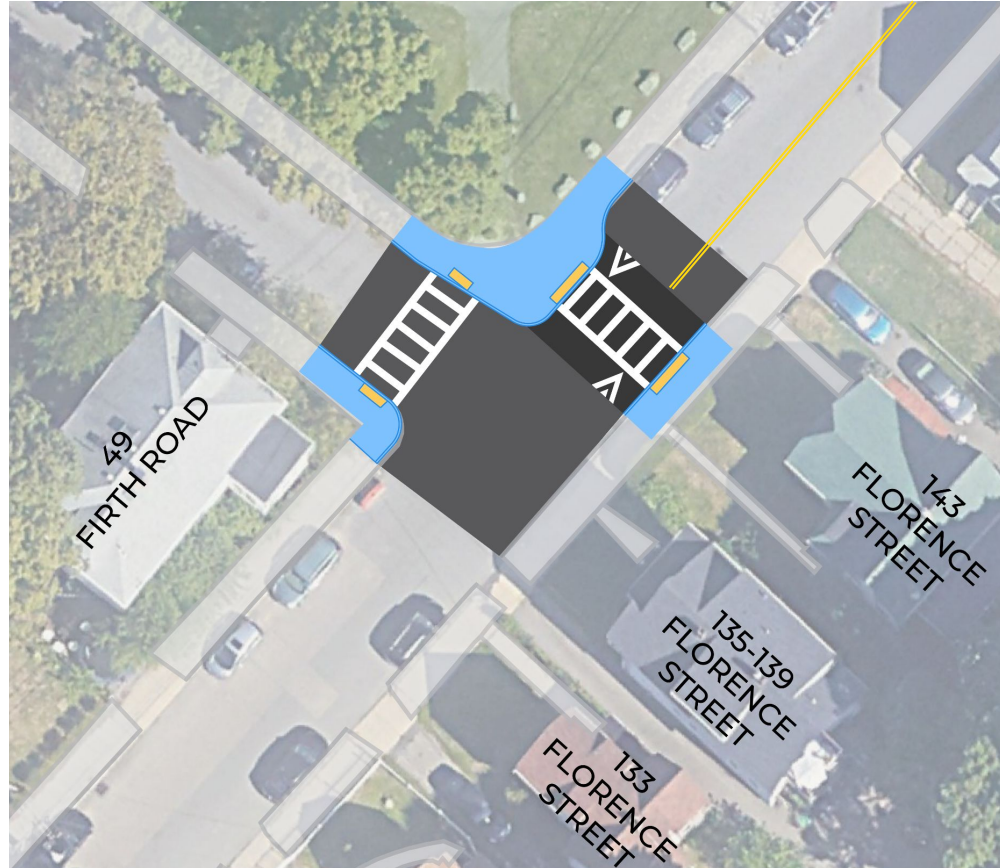
Option A:
Crossing island



Option B:
Raised crosswalk



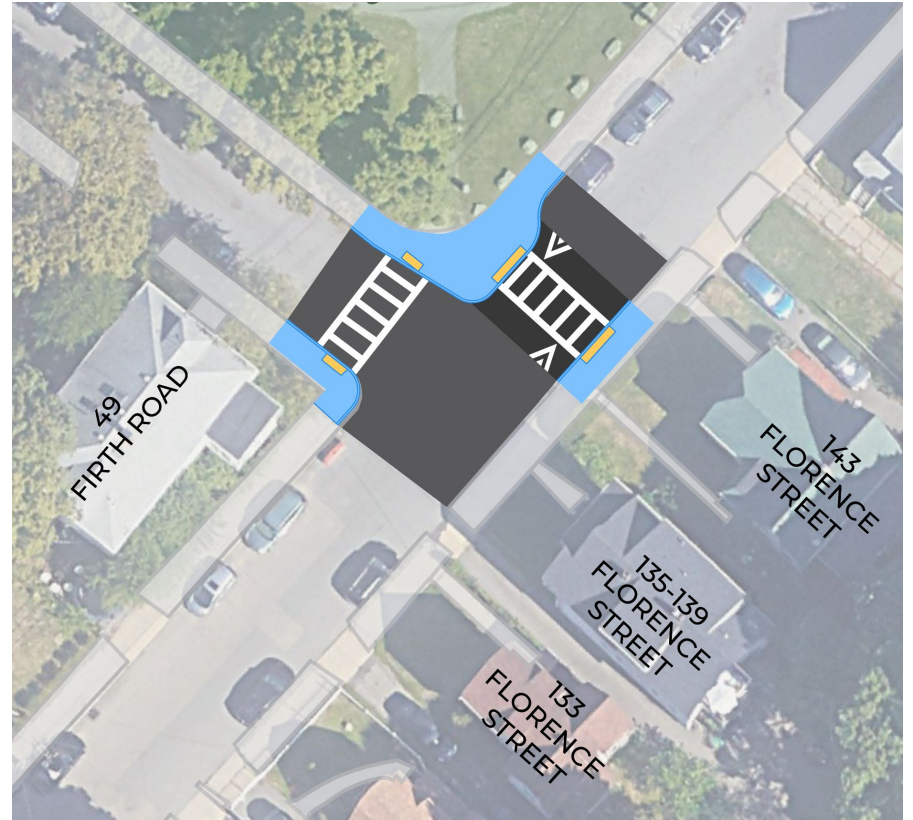
Initial design: raised crosswalk



About the raised crosswalk

To keep these crosswalks safe for everyone, we need to restrict some parking. This will help drivers and pedestrians see each other.

- ▶ You will not be allowed to park on the crosswalk.
- ▶ You will not be able to park along the curb extension.

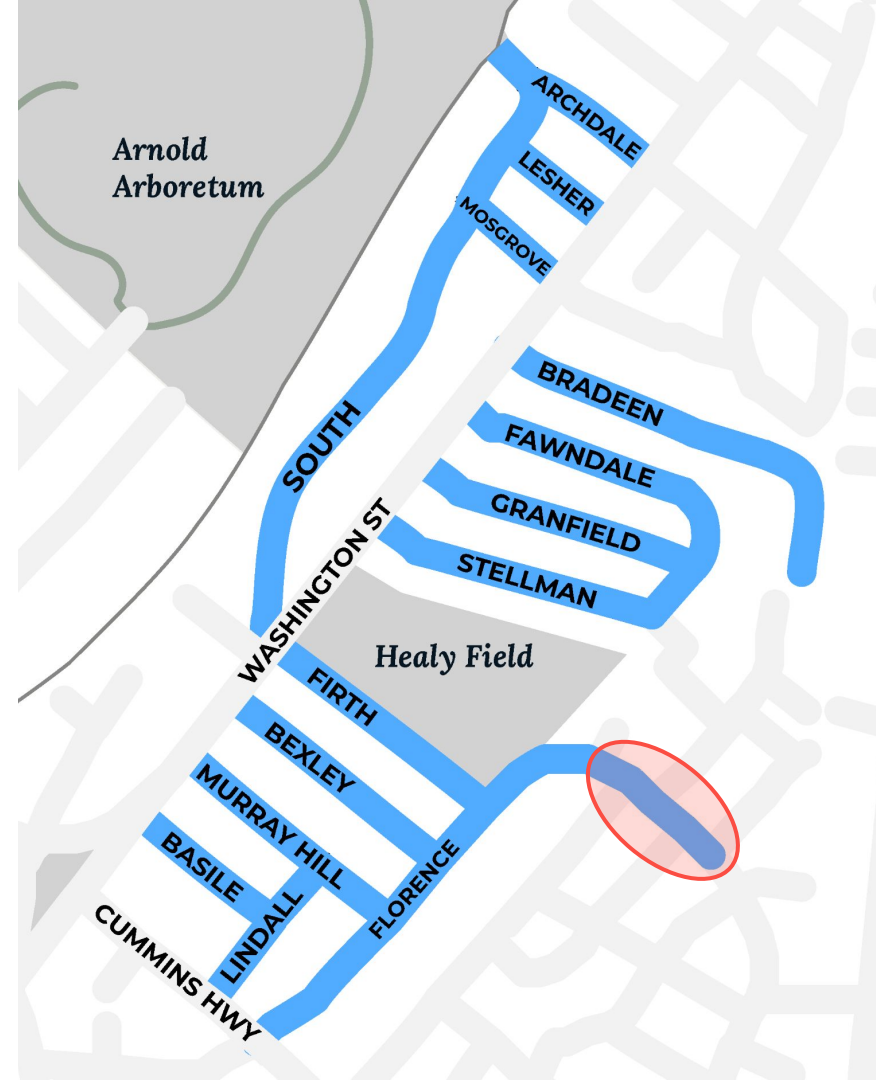




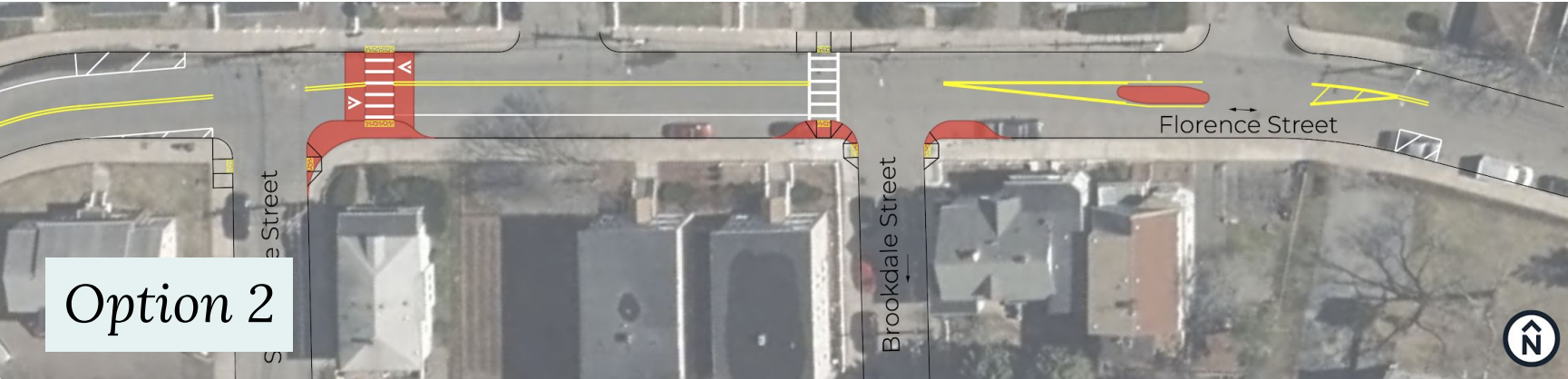
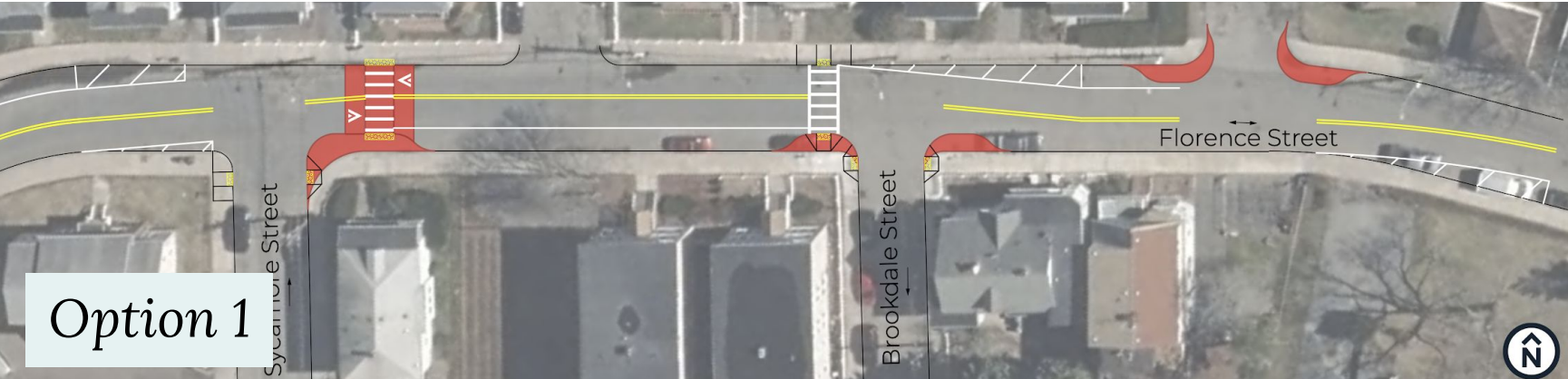
FOCUS AREA 3: FLORENCE STREET

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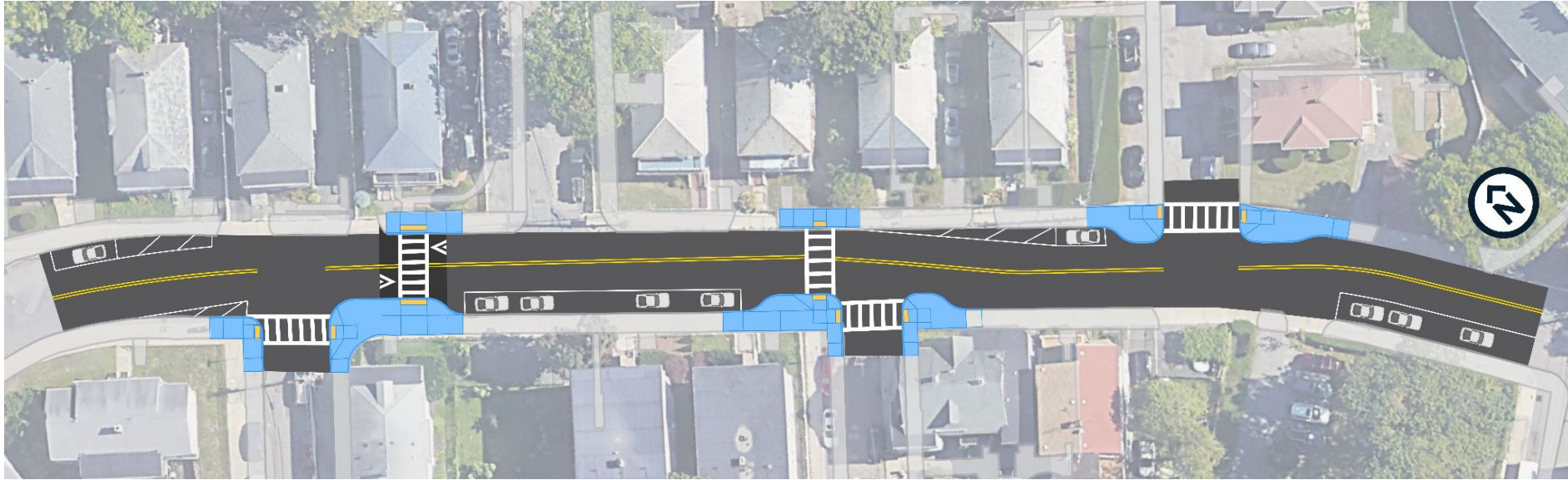
- ▶ You told us to consider traffic-calming more of Florence Street
- ▶ Drivers move fast on the straight section of Florence
- ▶ People park on the side of Florence where parking is restricted



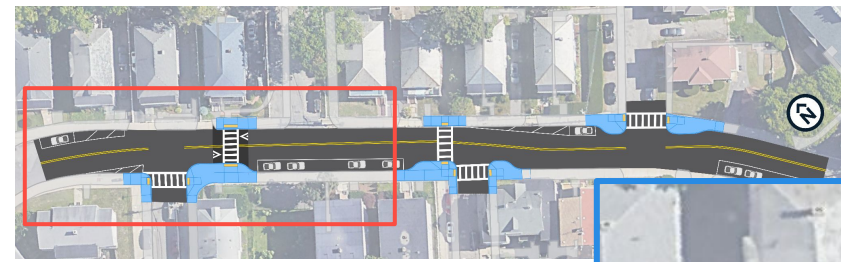
We shared two ideas for Florence Street



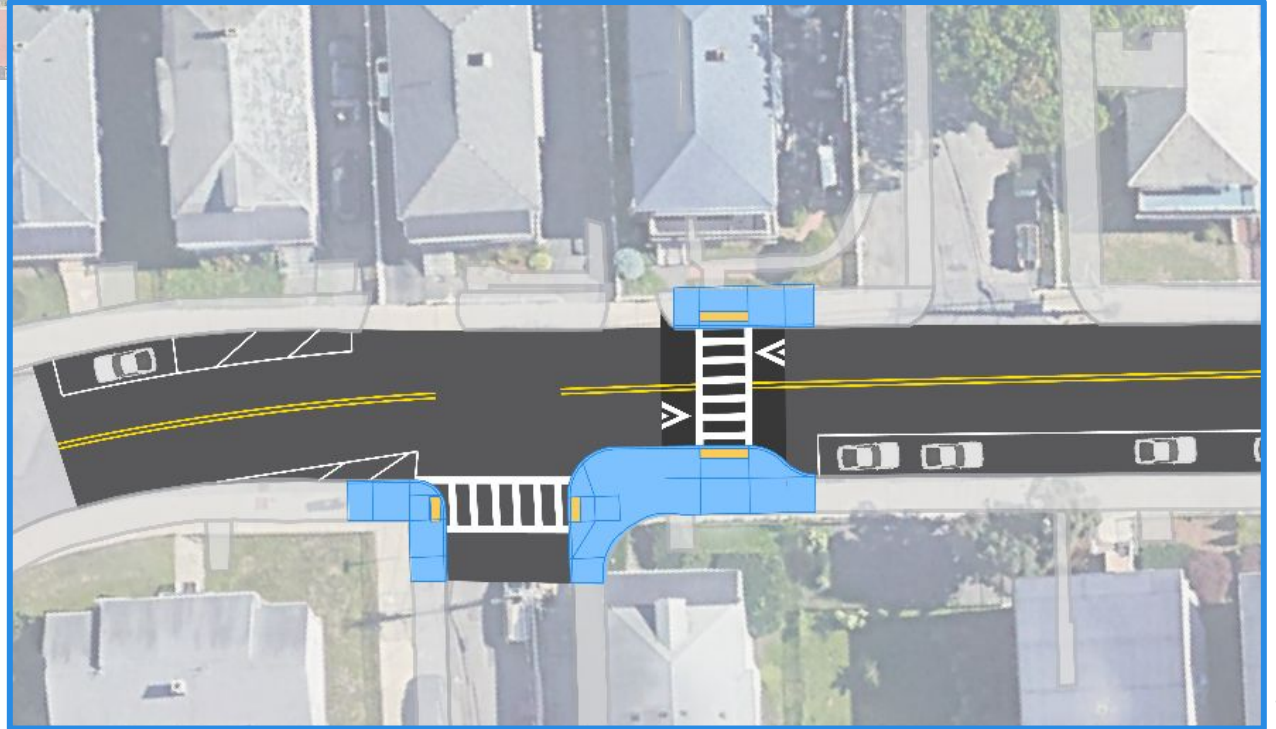
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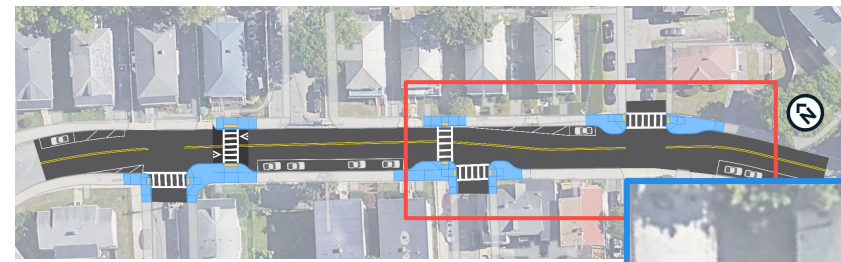
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*Raised crosswalk with
curb extensions
between Sycamore
and Harrison*

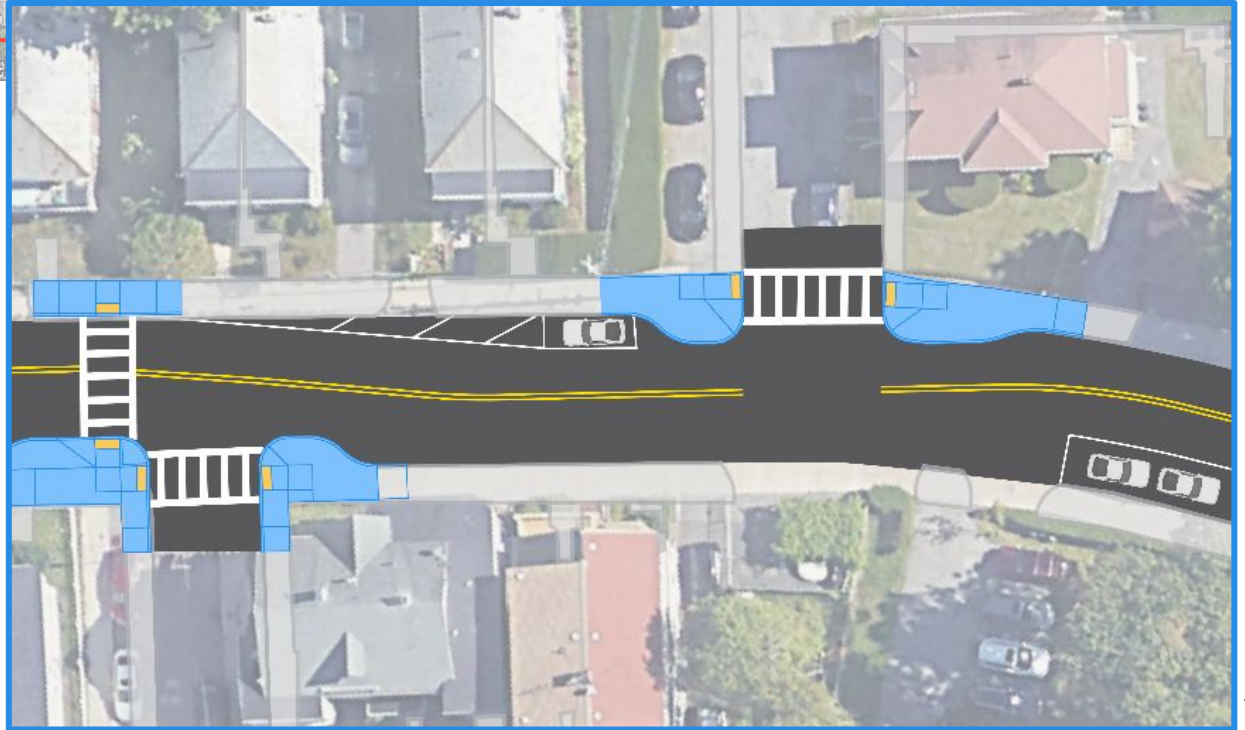


Initial design



*Curb extensions and
crosswalk at
Brookdale*

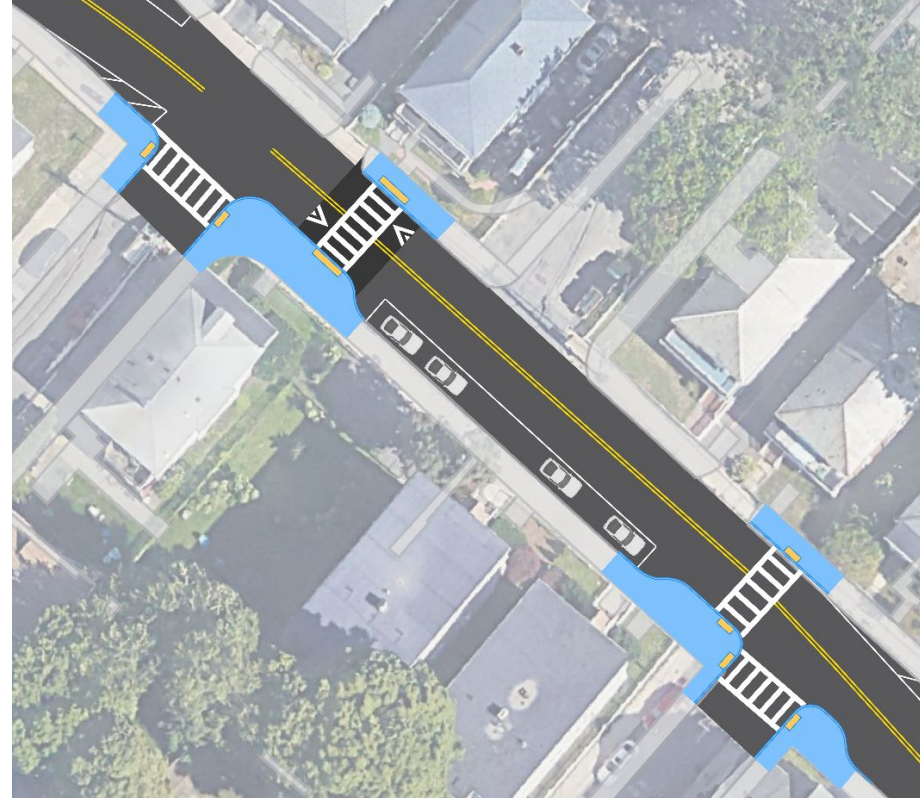
*Curb extensions and
crosswalk over
Marion*



About the new crosswalks

To keep these crosswalks safe for everyone, we need to restrict some parking. This will help drivers and pedestrians see each other.

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- ▶ You will not be able to park on Florence where the curb extensions are present.

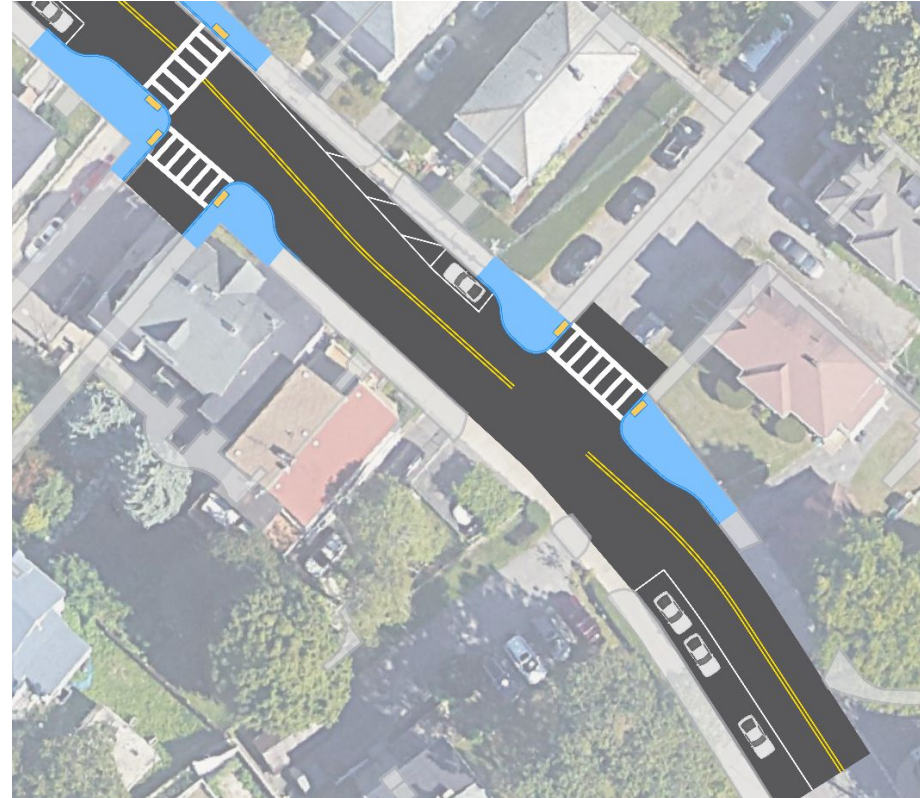


Feedback for Florence Street

Neighbors have asked us to rethink this stretch of Florence Street.

An alternative approach could:

- ▶ Eliminate the proposed curb extensions and crosswalk
- ▶ Place a single speed hump between Marion and Sherwood
- ▶ Restore parking
- ▶ Repaint double-yellow centerlines

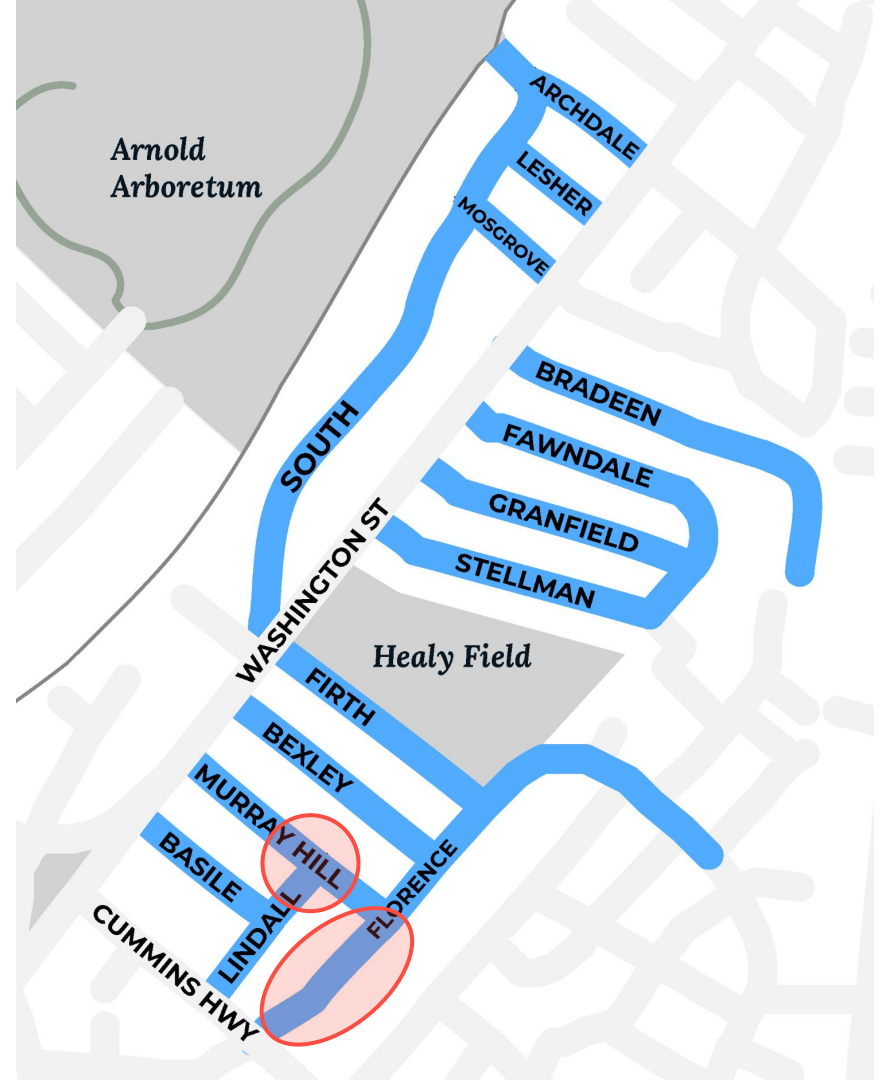




WHAT'S NEXT?

We will hold another meeting to discuss:

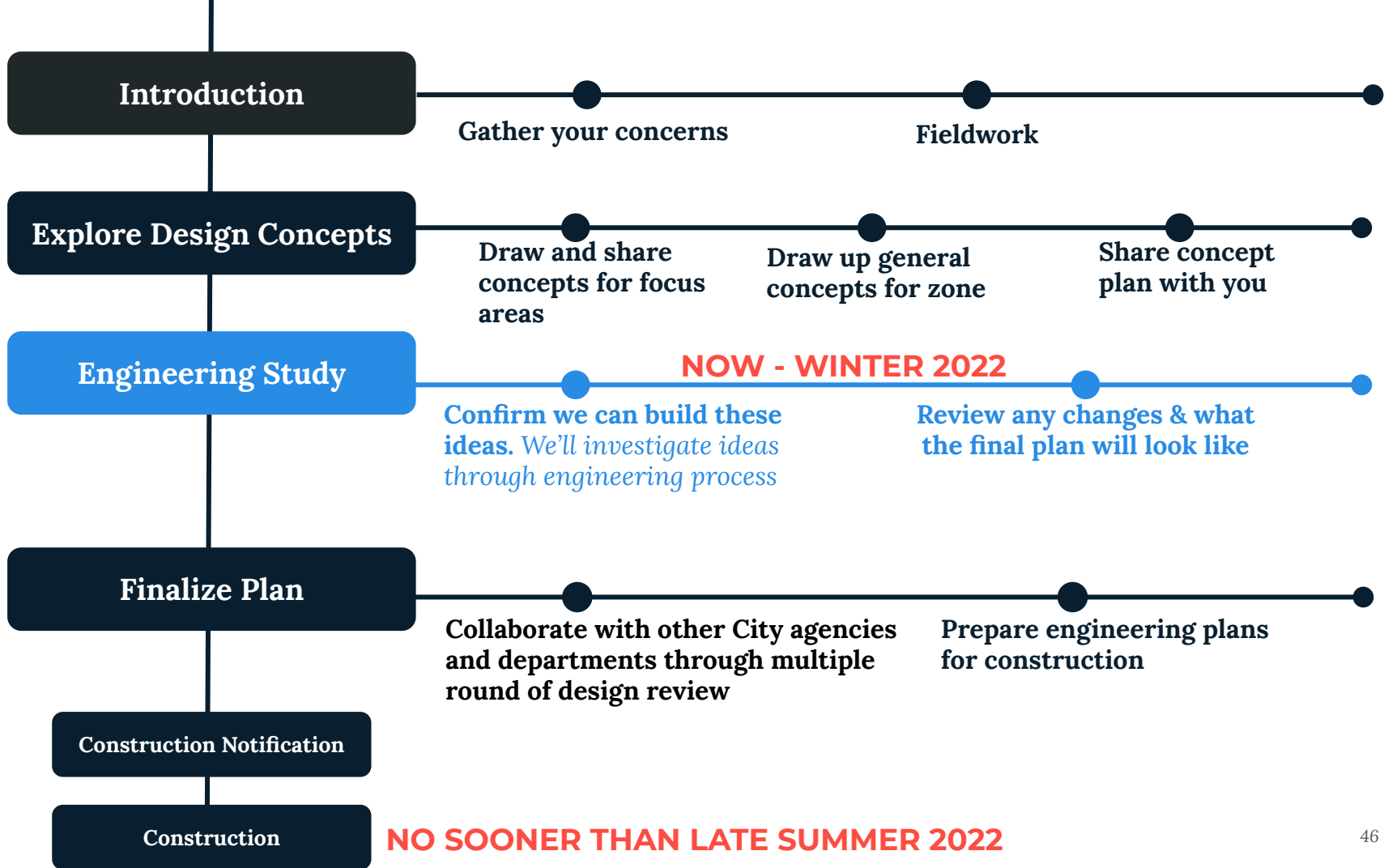
- ▶ Reported issues on Florence Street at Murray Hill and at Cummins; Lindall and Murray Hill
- ▶ Additional changes to our plans based on your feedback



We need your feedback

These plans can still change!

- ▶ Attend our “office hours”
 - *bit.ly/Slow-Streets-15*
- ▶ Get in touch by mail, email, or phone
- ▶ Share information with your neighbors



Stay in touch

- ▶ **boston.gov/slow-streets/lower-south**
 - Sign up for email updates
 - Check the latest information
- ▶ **bit.ly/Slow-Streets-15**
 - Make an appointment to chat with us
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