



Cherry Avenue Extension Multi-Use Path Project

Town of Bethlehem Public Meeting | December 12, 2023



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Agenda

- Project Overview
 - Background, Objectives and Funding
 - Project Limits
 - Existing Conditions
 - Proposed Work
 - Construction Impacts
- Next Steps and Schedule
- Workshop to Follow

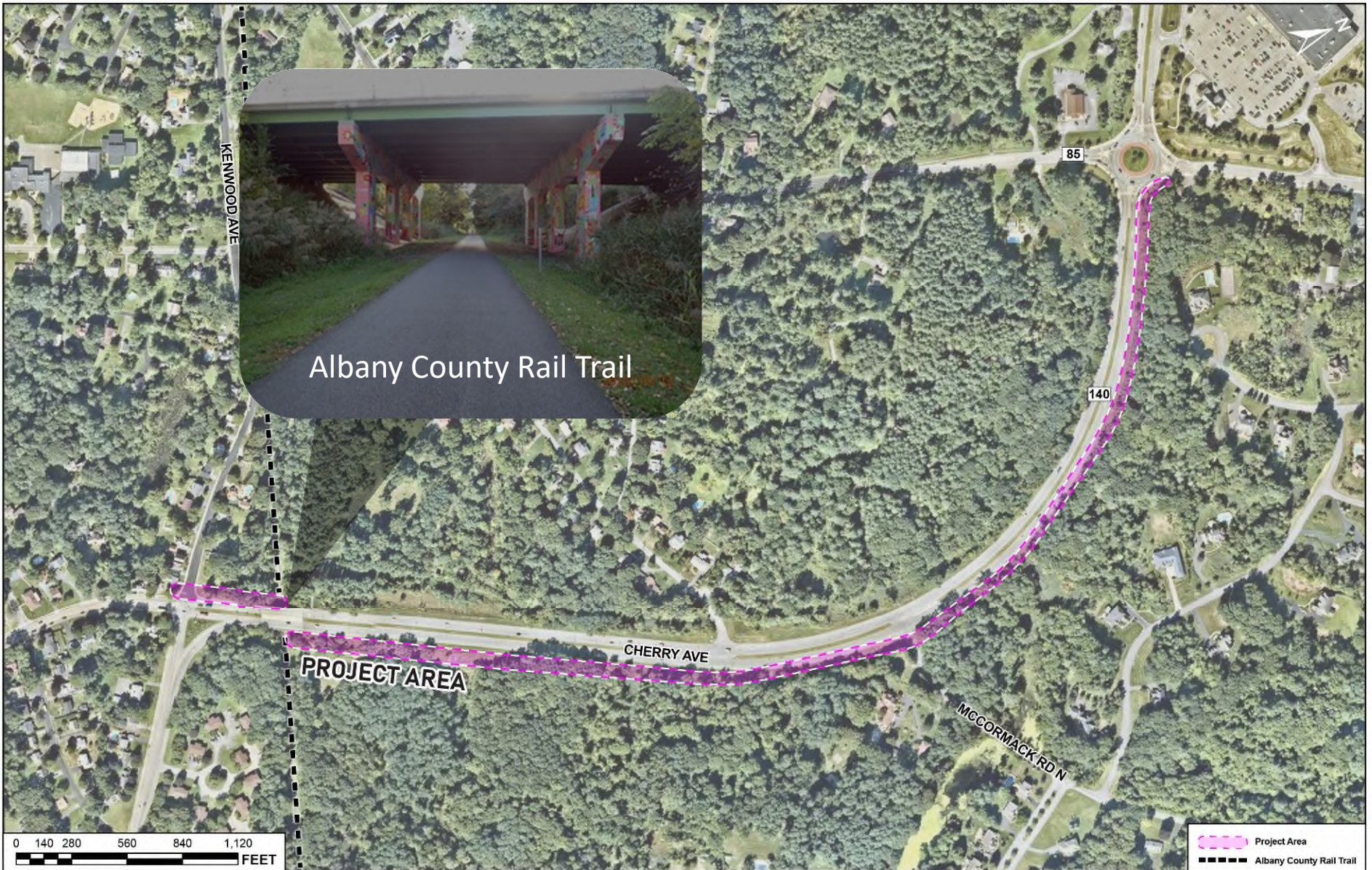
Background, Objectives and Funding

- Background
 - Town's Comprehensive Plan
 - Connections to Hamlets of Slingerlands and Delmar
 - Networking planning
 - Capital District Trails Plan
- Project Objective
 - To provide pedestrian and bike connectivity among mixed-use areas, residential neighborhoods, and recreation facilities in Slingerlands and Delmar
- Funding
 - \$1,961,000 covering engineering, construction and inspection
 - 80% Federal and 20% Local Funding

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Existing Conditions

- 1960s highway project
- Classified minor/principal arterial
- Two 11-foot travel lanes in both directions
- 13-to 16-foot-wide landscaped median
- 8-to 12-foot-wide paved shoulders
- Curbing provided only at center median
- Posted speed limit – 45 mph
- Residential area
- Traffic data

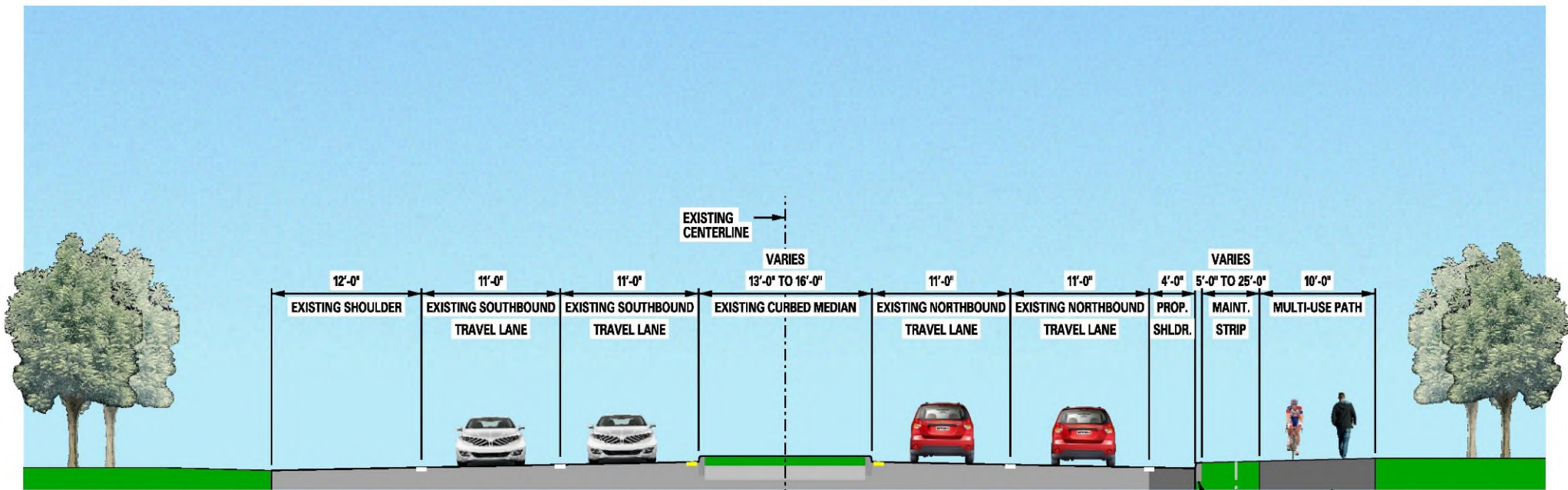
Proposed Work – Multi-Use Path

- East side of road (north of ACRT)
- 4' shoulder
- 6" reveal mountable curb
- 5' min. maintenance strip
- 10' paved path

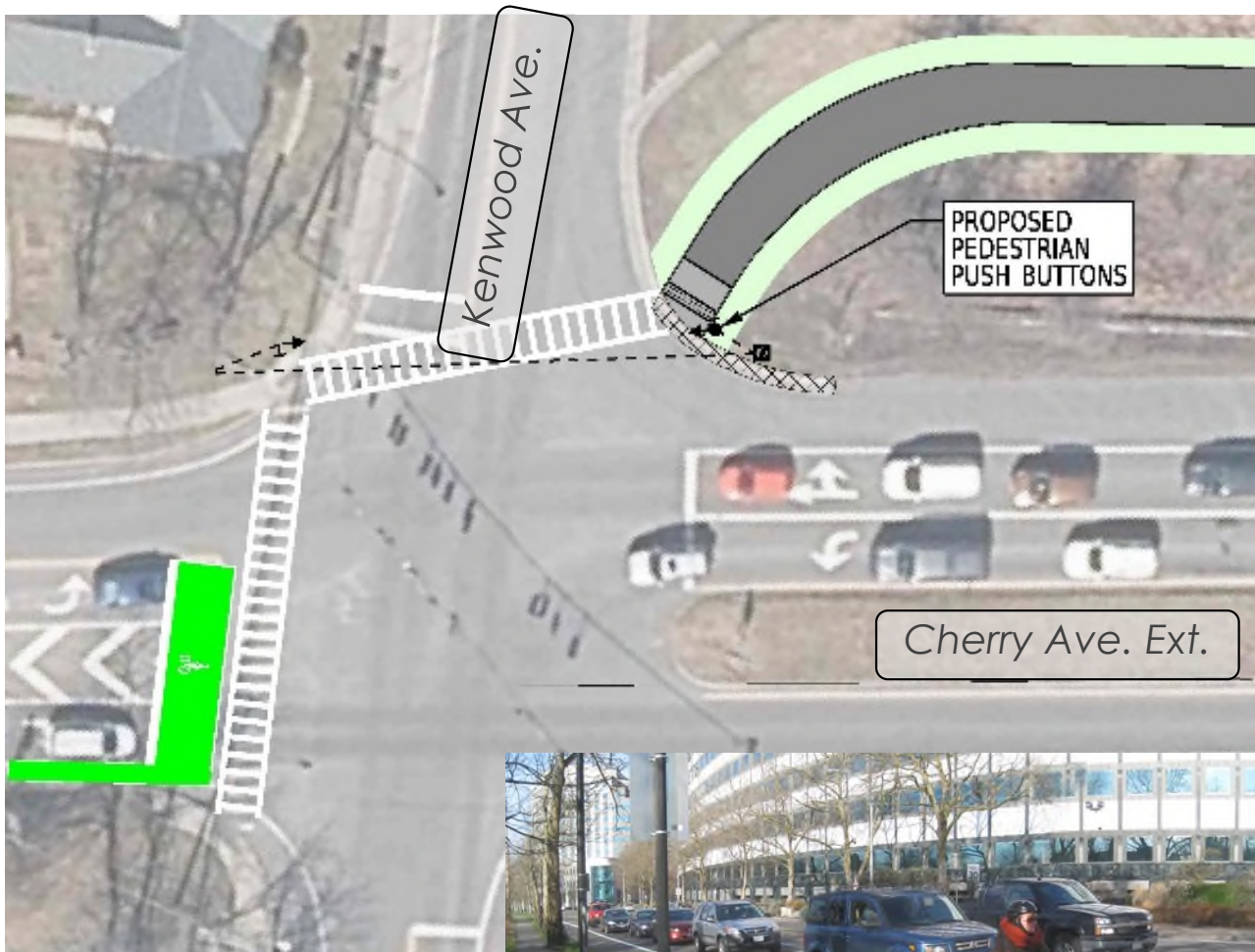


Proposed Work – Multi-Use Path

- Maintain existing travel lanes
- Meet existing grading/landscaping
- Roadside improvements
- ADA compliant crossings



Proposed Work – Kenwood



- Cherry NB bike box
- Kenwood EB new ped crossing
- ADA Ramp at NW corner of intersection



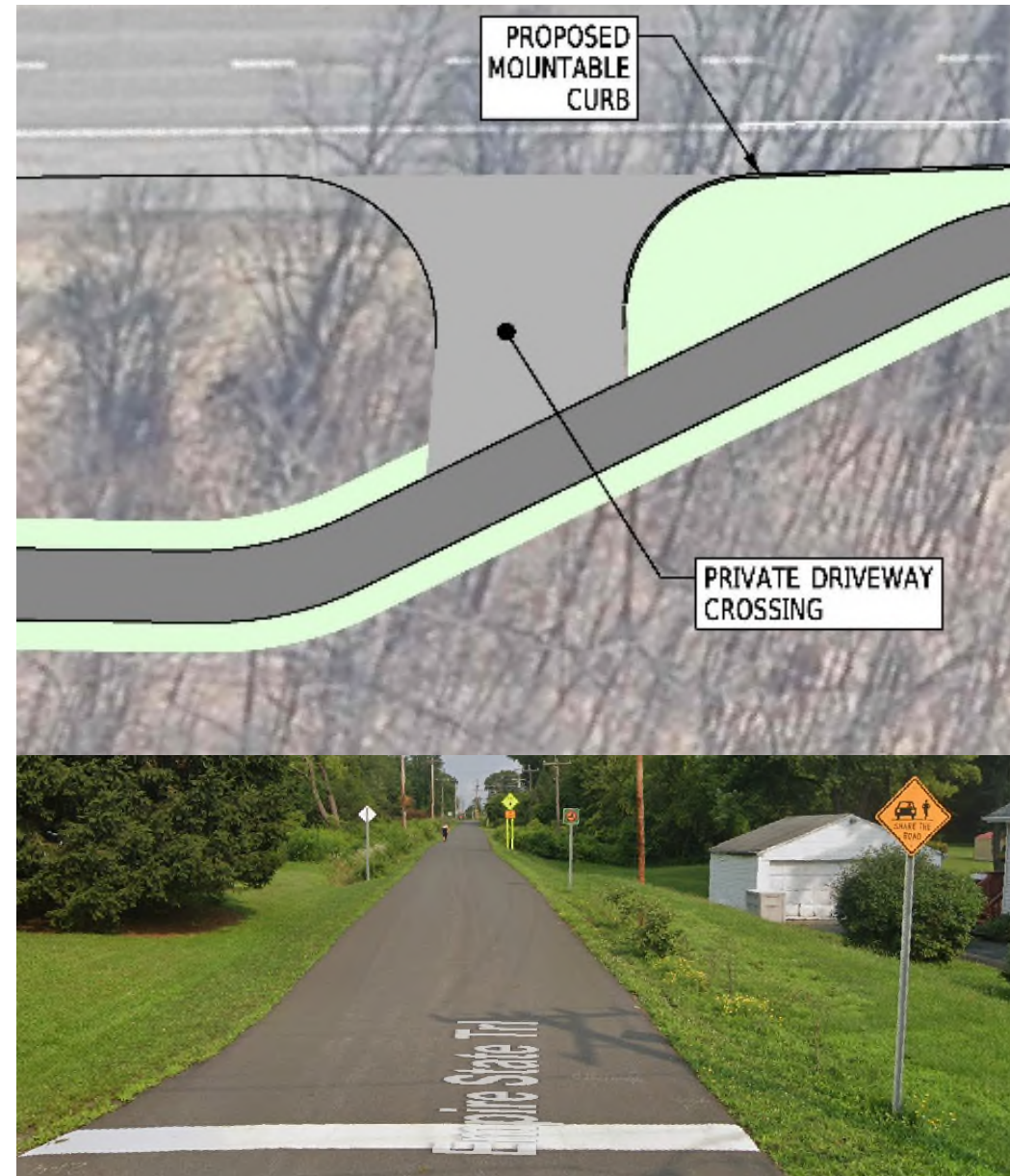
Proposed Work – Intersection of ACRT

- Landscaping/ hardscaping to connect MUP to Albany County Rail Trail
- West of Cherry Ave/ south of ACRT
- East of Cherry Ave/ north of ACRT



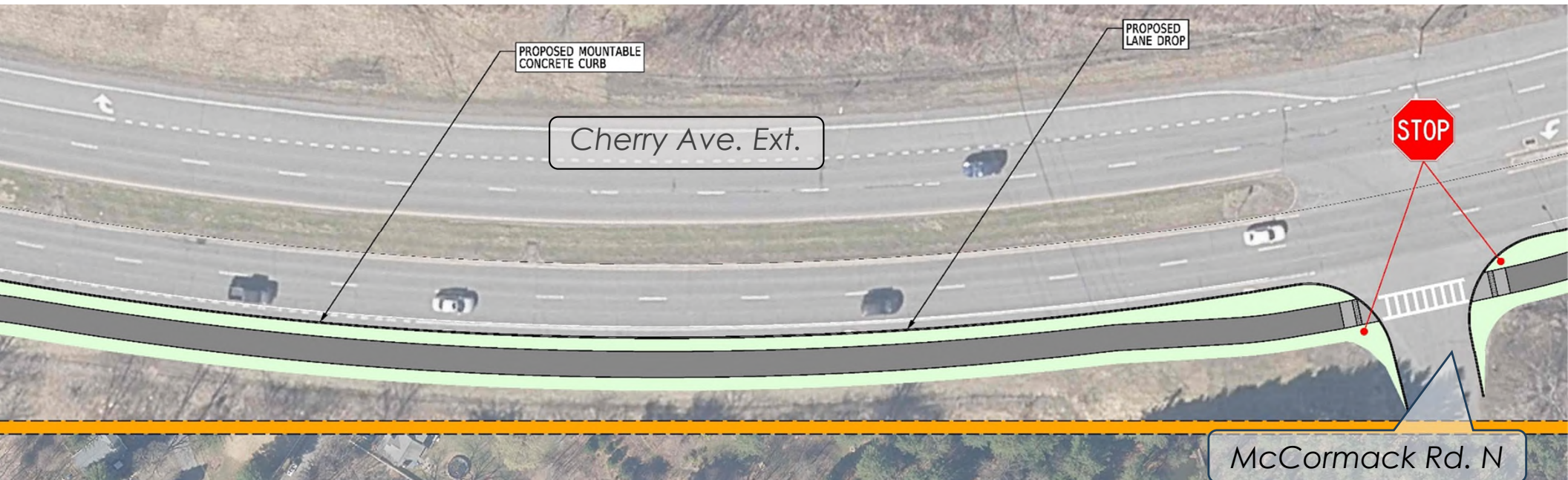
Proposed Work – Private Drive

- Ongoing coordination with private property owner
- Shared access for property owner and users of the MUP
- Signage and materials
- Drainage improvements



Proposed Work – McCormack Road North

- ADA ramp and crosswalk markings at McCormack Road N approach
- Stop signs for multi-use path approach
- Turn lane removal – Cherry Ave northbound right turn lane



Proposed Work – New Scotland Roundabout

- Widen existing sidewalk to 10'
- Maintain existing ramps
- Relocate light poles
- Terminate at private driveway to provide access to New Scotland Road northbound



Construction Impacts

- Traffic Impacts
 - Businesses and residents notified prior to construction
 - Temporary shoulder/lane closures to be utilized
 - No full closures/detours anticipated
- Construction Schedule Restrictions
 - Work restrictions on holidays
- Permits
 - PERM 33 – NYSDOT Highway Work Permit

Next Steps / Schedule

- Design Approval Spring 2024
- Detailed Design Summer 2024
- Bid Opening/
Construction Start Fall 2024
- Construction Completion Summer 2025

Thank You

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