



NORWALK

ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN STUDY

Connecticut Ave / Van Buren Ave

Public Workshop
March 24, 2025



Engage | Design | Advance



Existing Work

Agenda

- Vision & Goals
- Engagement Summary
- Existing Conditions Findings
- Issues & Opportunities
- Concept Development
- Breakout Tables
- Next Steps

Project Team



Consultant Team









Vision & Goals



Vision Statement

In partnership with residents, businesses, and government, Route 1 (Connecticut Ave/Van Buren Ave) in Norwalk will have a coordinated land use and transportation design that will deliver safety for all road users, connect communities to jobs and amenities, enhance quality of life, and create a vibrant gateway to Norwalk.

Study Goals

-  Eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on the corridor
-  Provide convenient and accessible connectivity for all modes
-  Remove barriers to jobs, education, and services for all, regardless of mode
-  Enhance opportunities for mixed-use, sustainable economic development within the study area
-  Create an attractive and pleasant gateway into Norwalk
-  Develop implementable, meaningful solutions

Engagement Summary



Public and Stakeholder Engagement



Public Meeting 1
May 20, 2024



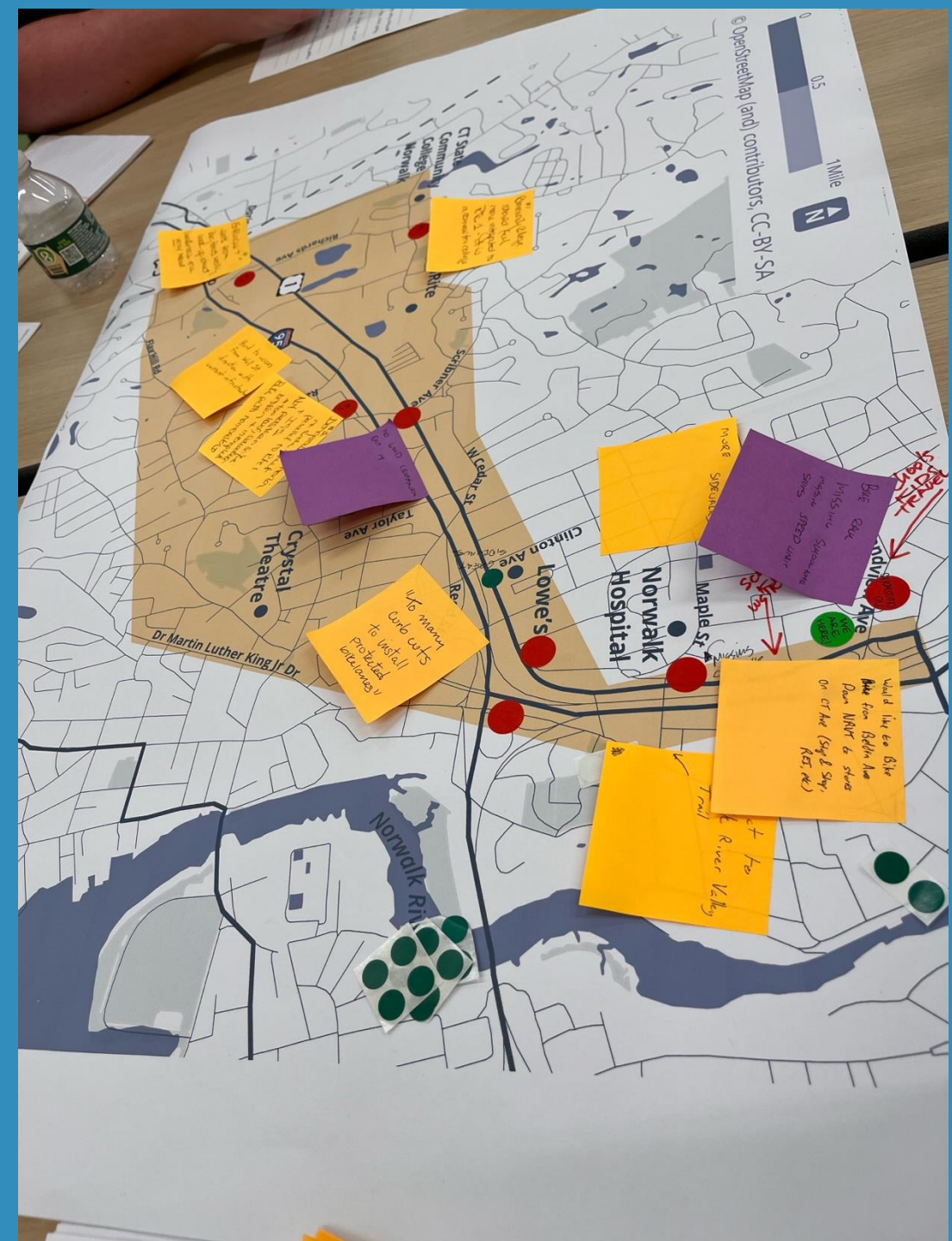
Business and Transit
Outreach
August 7, 2024



Bus & Walking Tour
October 8, 2024

Public Meeting 1

- Sidewalk gaps, lack of bus shelters and benches, missing and unsafe crosswalks
- Non-vehicular connectivity, access, and comfort
- Strong interest in trees, green infrastructure, and green spaces



Business and Transit Outreach Day



Store owners shared that transit users wait under awnings or in stores to avoid the rain while waiting, but often miss the bus because stores are far from the stop



Transit users commonly run across the road while cars are in motion to catch the bus due to limited crosswalks

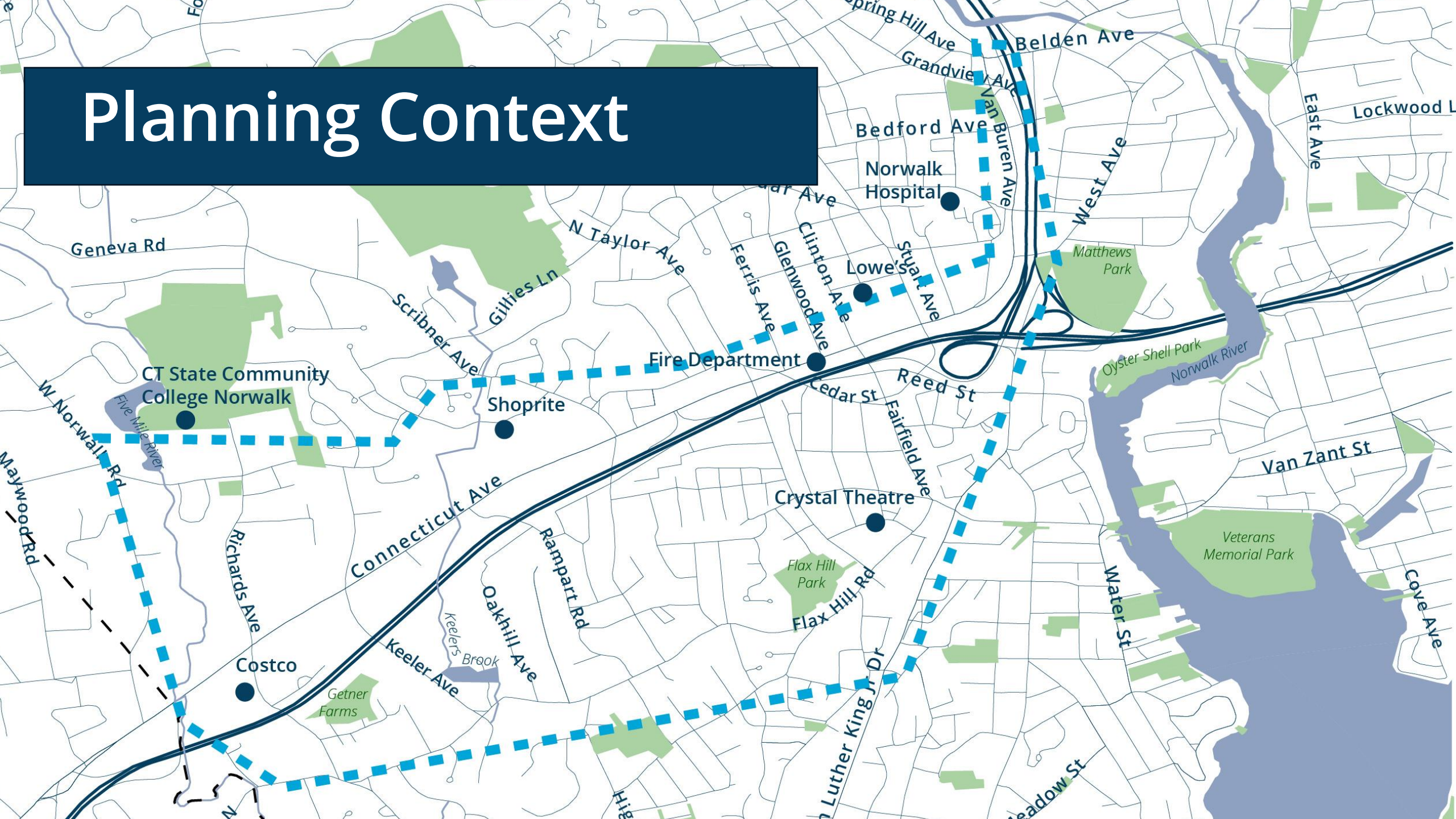


Transit users use tree canopies to shield from the weather in the absence of bus shelters and create make-shift shortcuts through the grass for direct access to stops



Existing Conditions

Planning Context



Existing Daily Traffic

Intersection Geometry

U.S. Rt 1 & Richards Ave

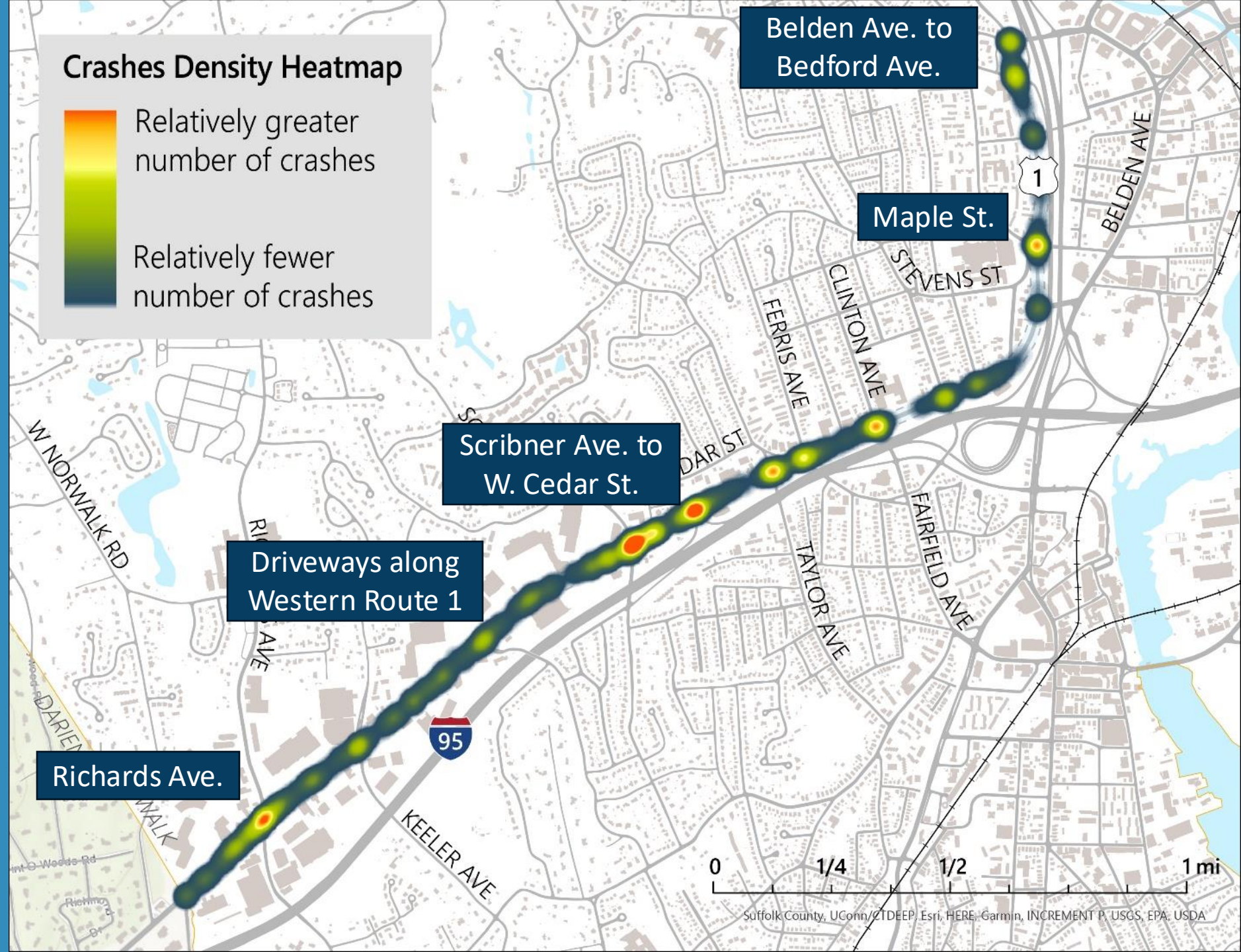


U.S. Rt 1 & Scribner Ave



Crashes

- 2019-2023
- 1,400 crashes
- 2 fatalities

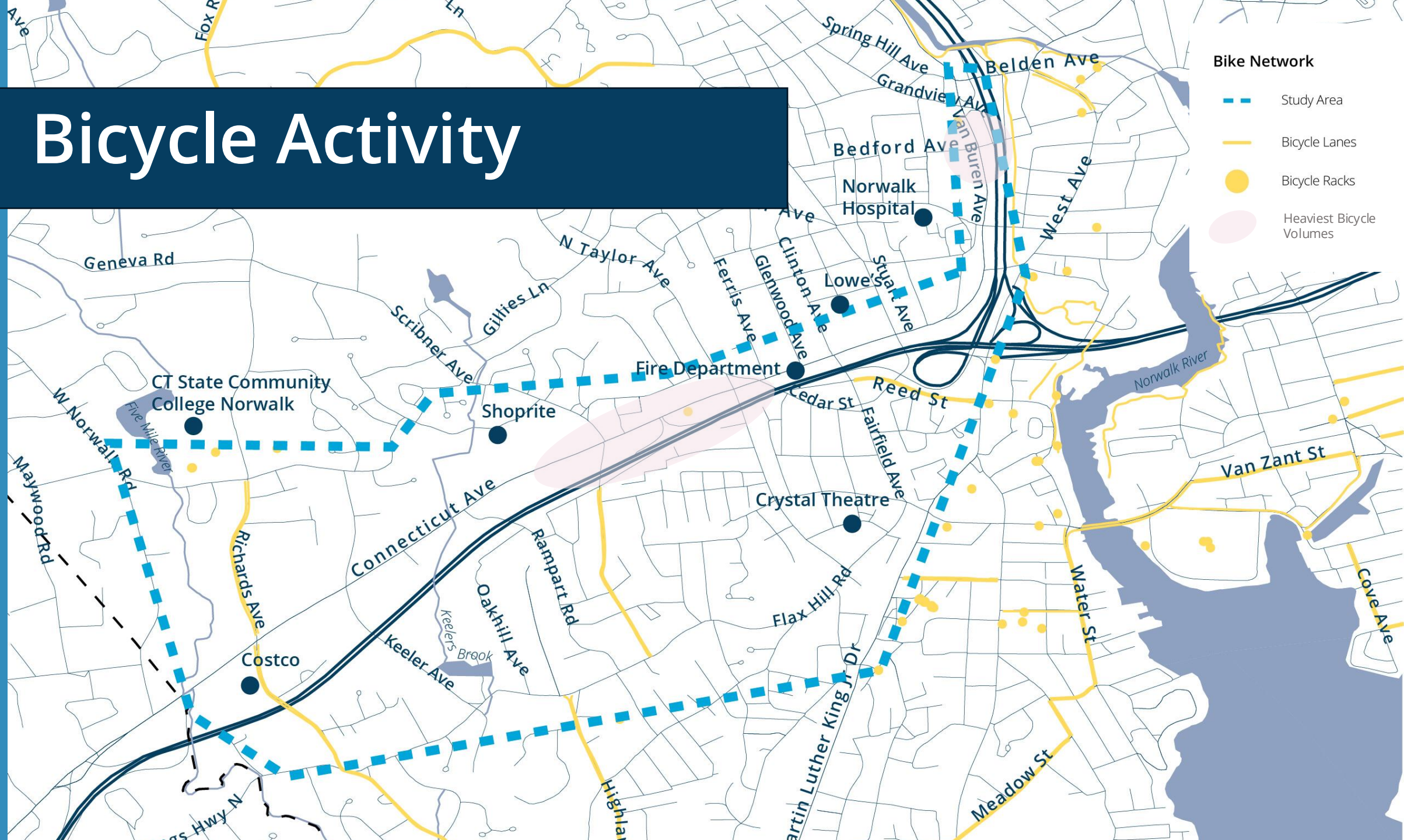


Pedestrian and Transit Activity



*Note: Map portrays all NTD bus stops (including shuttle routes) and NTD WHEELS bus service routes (but not shuttle routes)

Bicycle Activity



Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit



Issues & Opportunities



Corridor-wide Issues

- Crashes at Scribner Ave., Richards Ave., and Maple St.
- Stop and go traffic from Darien line to Fairfield Ave
 - Travel delay at Keeler Ave., Cedar St., and Scribner Ave.
 - Congestion at side street approaches to Route 1
- Walking and biking access and safety
- Tree canopy and aesthetics

Corridor-wide Opportunities

- Signal timing upgrades for
 - Reduced delay
 - Improved flow
 - Increased pedestrian crossing time
- Improved signal technologies
- Completing sidewalk network & adding crosswalks
- Transit shelters and benches
- Improving aesthetics and tree canopy

Concept Development



Planning-Level Concepts

This is the start of the design process. Your input is valuable!



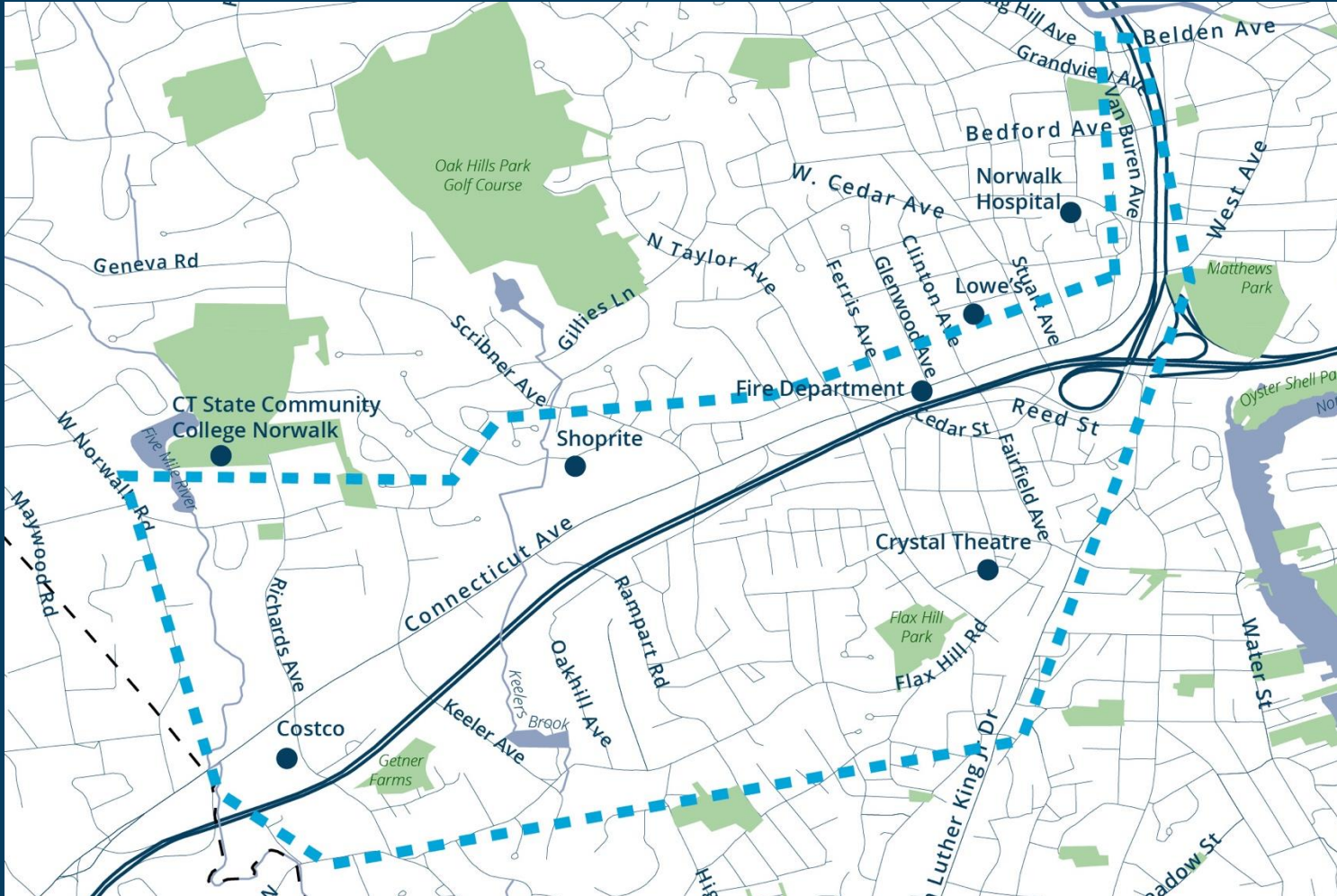
Planning-Level Concepts

Considerations:

- Existing Conditions, including traffic volumes and signal optimization
- Issues, Opportunities, Community Concerns
- Turning templates for appropriate design vehicles
- CTDOT Design Criteria
- General topographical constraints
- Limit right-of-way expansion to the extent possible

Considered but not drawn: ADA ramps, bus shelters, utility lines, ROW lines

Route 1 Corridor-wide Improvements



- Bicycle & pedestrian safety
- Improved vehicle flow
- Access management
- Street trees, public art, gateway treatments
- Seating and shelters at better spaced bus stops
- Transit Signal Priority

Route 1 Corridor – Concept Alternatives



- 1 Bedford Ave
- 2 Scribner Ave
- 3 Keeler Ave

1. Bedford Ave

Issue, Opportunity, Community Concern	Proposed Solution
Missing sidewalks	
Lack of bike accommodations and access to Norwalk River Valley Trail	
School pick-up/drop-off queuing	
Excess roadway capacity	

1. Bedford Ave

Issue, Opportunity, Community Concern	Proposed Solution
Missing sidewalks	Complete network
Lack of bike accommodations and access to Norwalk River Valley Trail	Multi-use path (southerly/easterly side of Route 1)
School pick-up/drop-off queuing	Wide shoulder to accommodate queues
Excess roadway capacity	Road diet

2. Scribner Ave & Cossitt Rd

Issue, Opportunity, Community Concern	Proposed Solution
High crash location with sightline concerns	
Skew limits signal time improvements	
Large intersection, especially for WB left turn to I-95 NB ramp	
Limited queue storage for SB Scribner to I-95 NB ramp	
Heavy left turn to I-95NB Ramp, Cossitt Road residents have trouble exiting	
Curb cuts near intersection	
Missing bike connections	

2. Scribner Ave & Cossitt Rd

Issue, Opportunity, Community Concern	Proposed Solution
High crash location with sightline concerns	Straighten intersection, shorten crossings & improve grade
Skew limits signal time improvements	Slight realignment to intersection
Large intersection, especially for WB left turn to I-95 NB ramp	Channelize Scribner (SB)
Limited queue storage for SB Scribner to I-95 NB ramp	Alter channelization for EB right turn
Heavy left turn to I-95NB Ramp, Cossitt Road residents have trouble exiting	Roundabout at Cossitt Road
Curb cuts near intersection	Limit driveways, restrict left turns
Missing bike connections	Multi-use path

3. Keeler Ave

Issue, Opportunity, Community Concern	Proposed Solution
Missing crosswalk	
Long crosswalk lengths	
Sidewalk gaps east of Keeler Ave	
Unnecessary right turn lane for Home Depot	
High transit ridership corridor	

3. Keeler Ave

Issue, Opportunity, Community Concern	Proposed Solution
Missing crosswalk	Adjust radius for northeast corner to add crosswalk
Long crosswalk lengths	Extend curb
Sidewalk gaps east of Keeler Ave	Complete network
Unnecessary right turn lane for Home Depot	Bus pull in (far-side stop)
High transit ridership corridor	Bus pull-in and improved stop facilities

Next Steps



Next Steps

- Submit your comments to our website →
- Continue concept development
- Virtual public meeting (Summer)
- Final Report



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Thank you!

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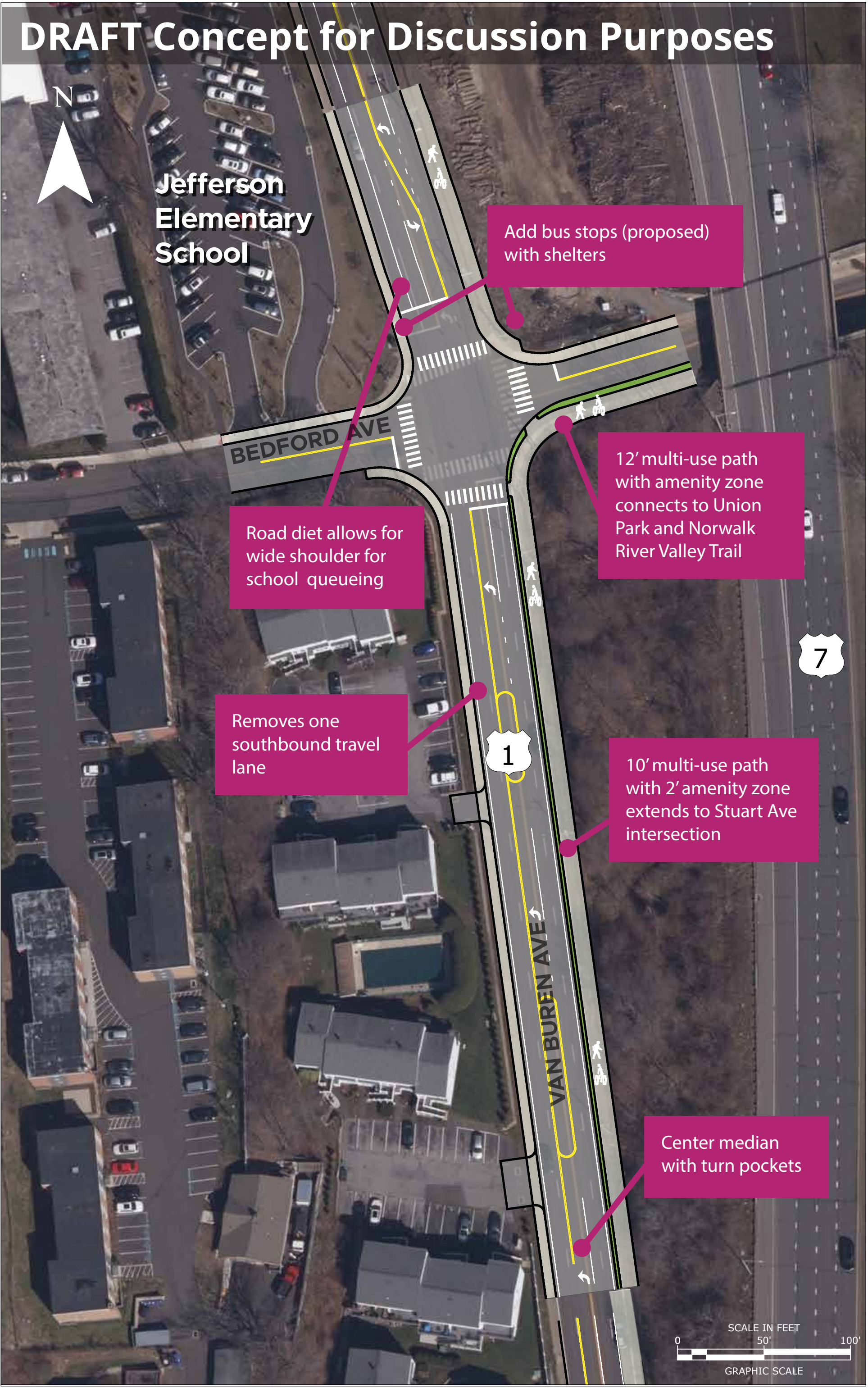


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Proposed Network and Corridor Wide Improvements for Public Review (Draft)



DRAFT Concept for Discussion Purposes



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Home Depot

Widen Keeler Ave
sidewalks and
amenity zones

Citi

Extend curb and tighten
radius to slow turning
vehicles, allow for North/
South crosswalk

Far-side pull out bus
stop (proposed) with
shelter and lighting

Far-side in-lane
bus stop
(proposed)

CONNECTICUT AVE

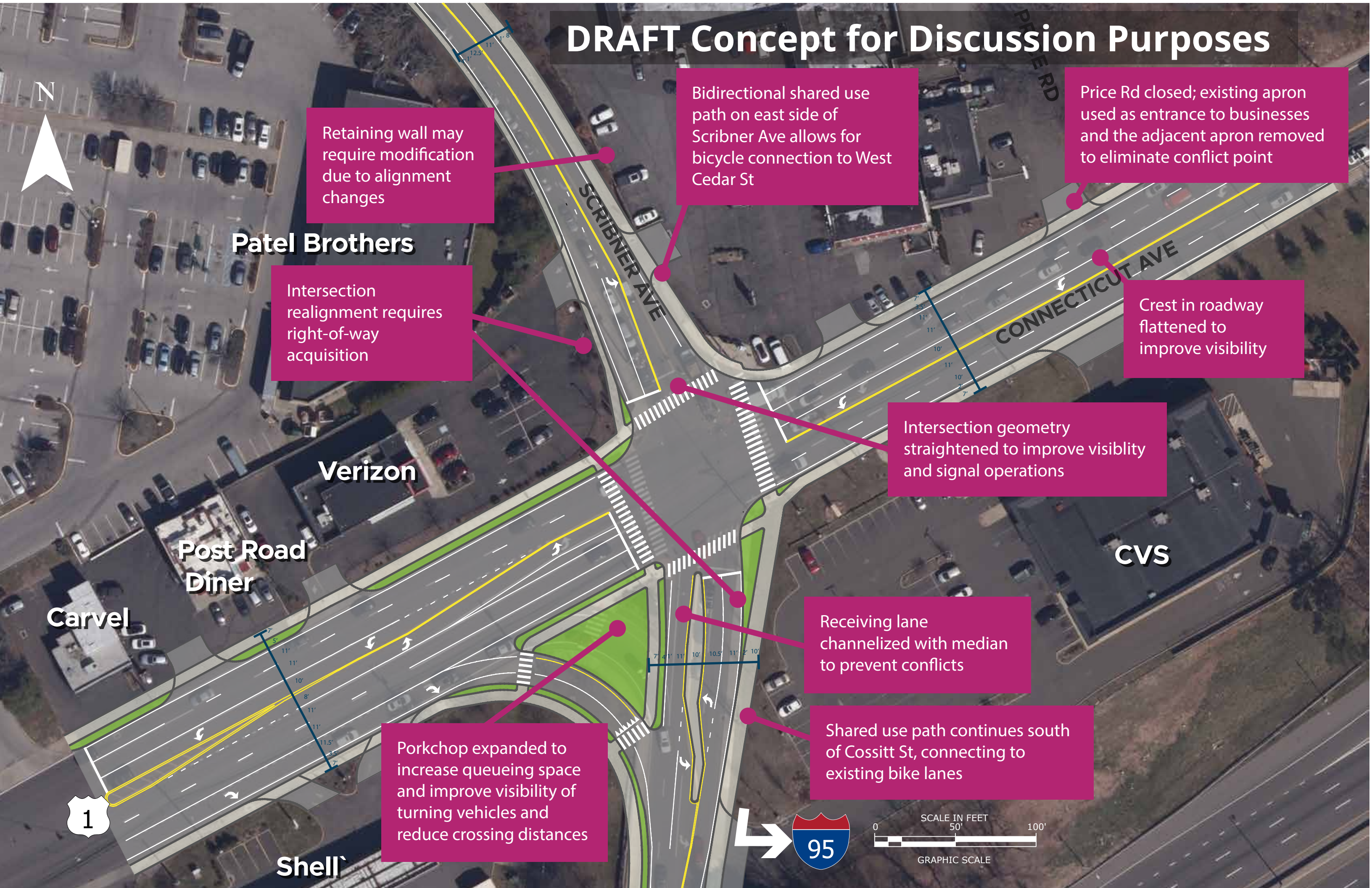
KEELER AVE

American
Steakhouse

Golf Galaxy



DRAFT Concept for Discussion Purposes





DOCS
Urgent Care

Bidirectional shared use path connects bike lanes south of Cossitt Rd to West Cedar St



Advance signage for bicycle crossing



Roundabout improves traffic flow, particularly for Cossitt Rd residents turning onto Scribner Ave or accessing I-95

Mountable apron for large vehicles