



Reconstruction of the Pell Bridge Approaches

Public Workshop #2

July 16, 2018

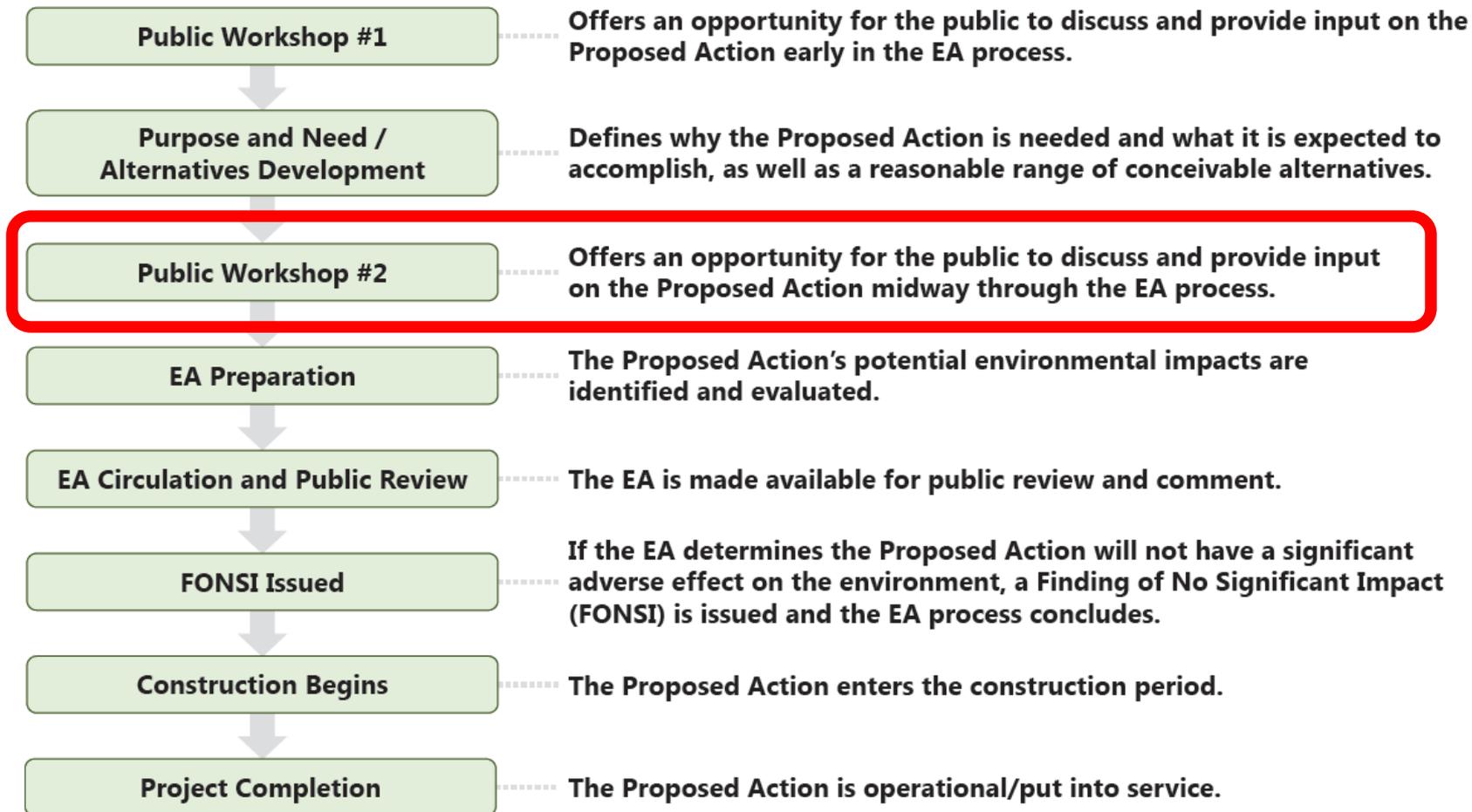


Agenda

- Project Purpose and Need
- Environmental Assessment (EA) Process
- Public Meeting #1 Survey – Input Summary
- Project Components
- Overview of Alternatives
- Public Input
- Project Website
- Next Steps
- Open House

- Project Purpose
 - Improve safety and connectivity for all road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles
 - Create parcels for development
- Project Need
 - Reduce vehicular congestion and queuing on Pell Bridge
 - Improve connectivity between Newport's North End and Downtown areas for all road users
 - Spur economic development

Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and Schedule



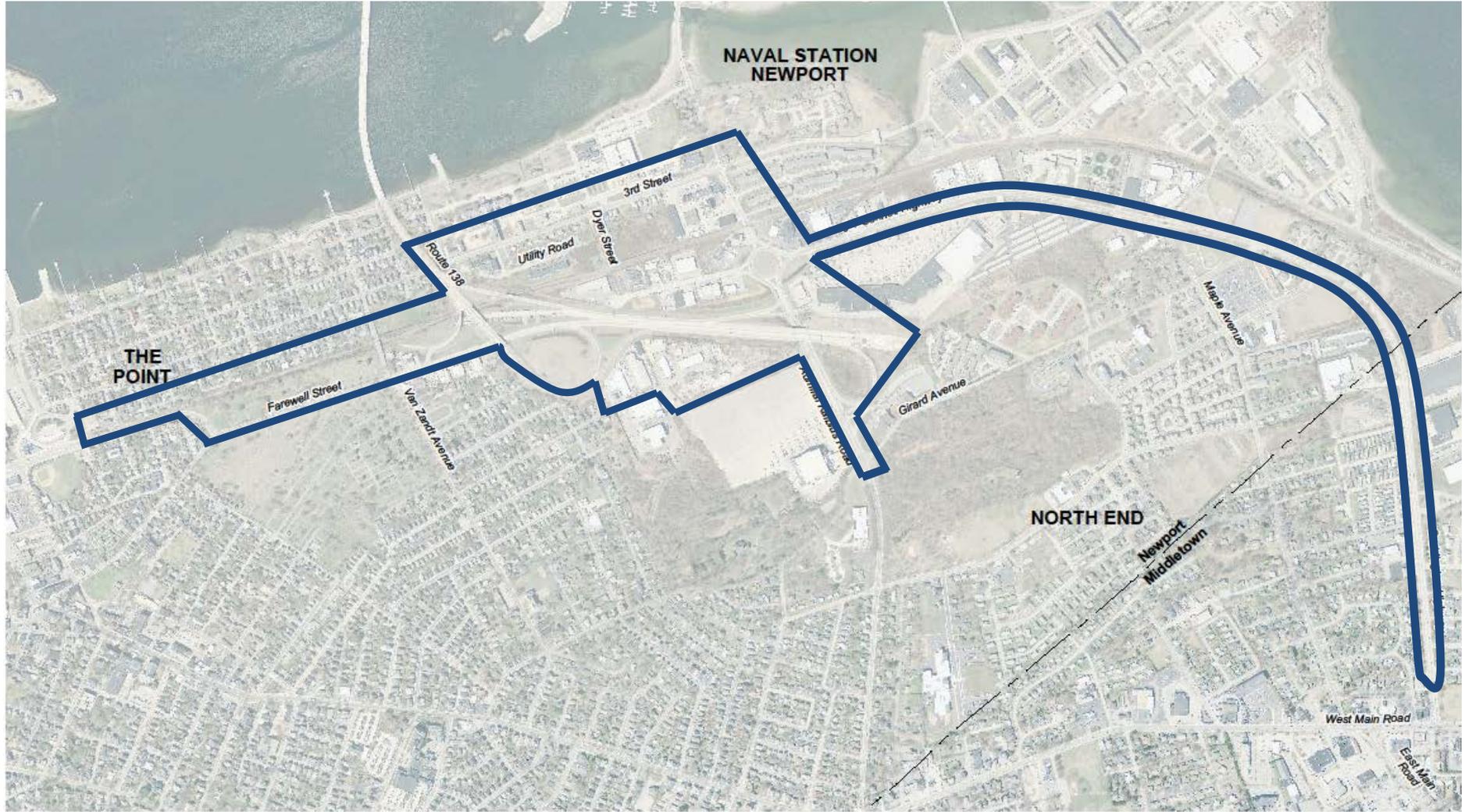
- Over 70 comments received. Majority of topics focused on:
 - Bike Facilities
 - Pedestrian Connectivity (Especially to North End)
 - Third Street Used as a Cut-Thru
 - Local Business Impact
 - Traffic Congestion/Ramps Queuing onto Bridge
 - Drainage/Flooding
 - Developable Land

Project Components

- Consolidate and remove existing highway infrastructure
- Reconnect JT Connell Highway
- Provide connectivity between JT Connell Highway and Third Street
- Provide multi-modal connectivity between North End and Gateway Center
- Provide park & ride and transit opportunity between Pell Bridge Interchange and Gateway Center

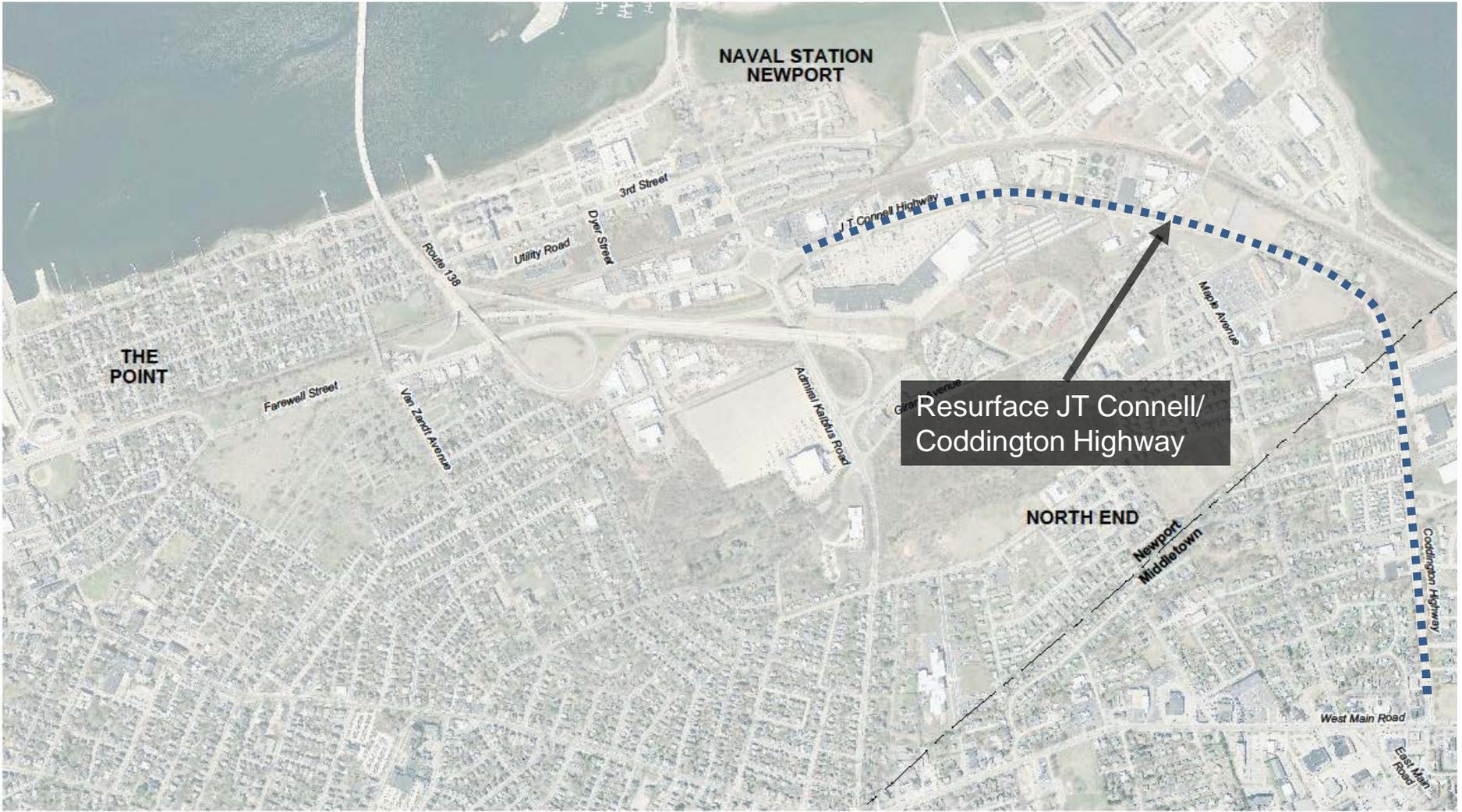


Project Study Area

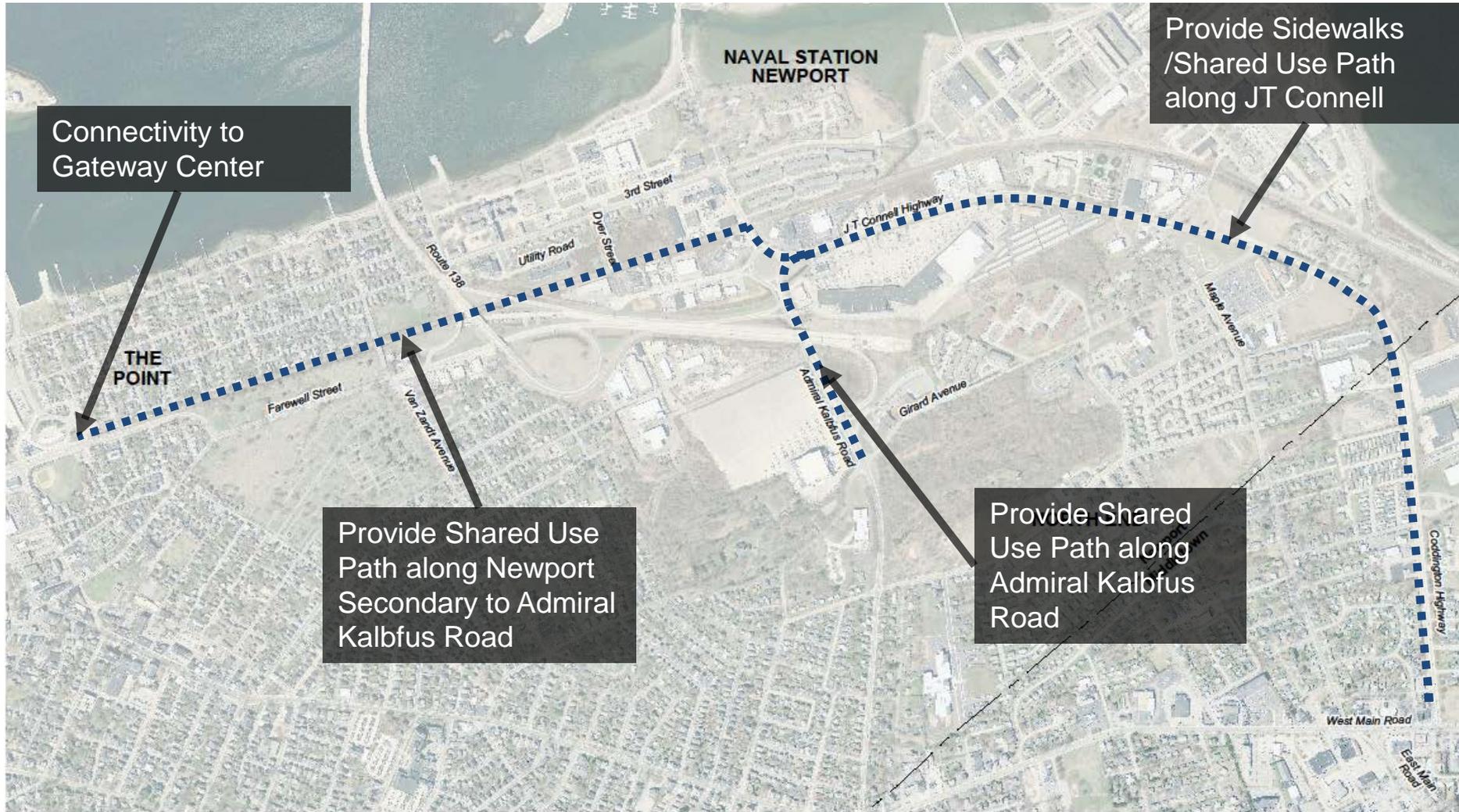


- JT Connell Highway Resurfacing
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity
- Future Shuttle Service along Newport Secondary
- Admiral Kalbfus Road Safety Improvements
- Interchange Area Realignment
 - Alternative 1: Maintain Freeway/Interchange
 - Alternative 2: Partial Interchange/Local Street Network
 - Alternatives 3A-B-C: Local Street Network
 - Alternatives 4A-B: Local Street Network

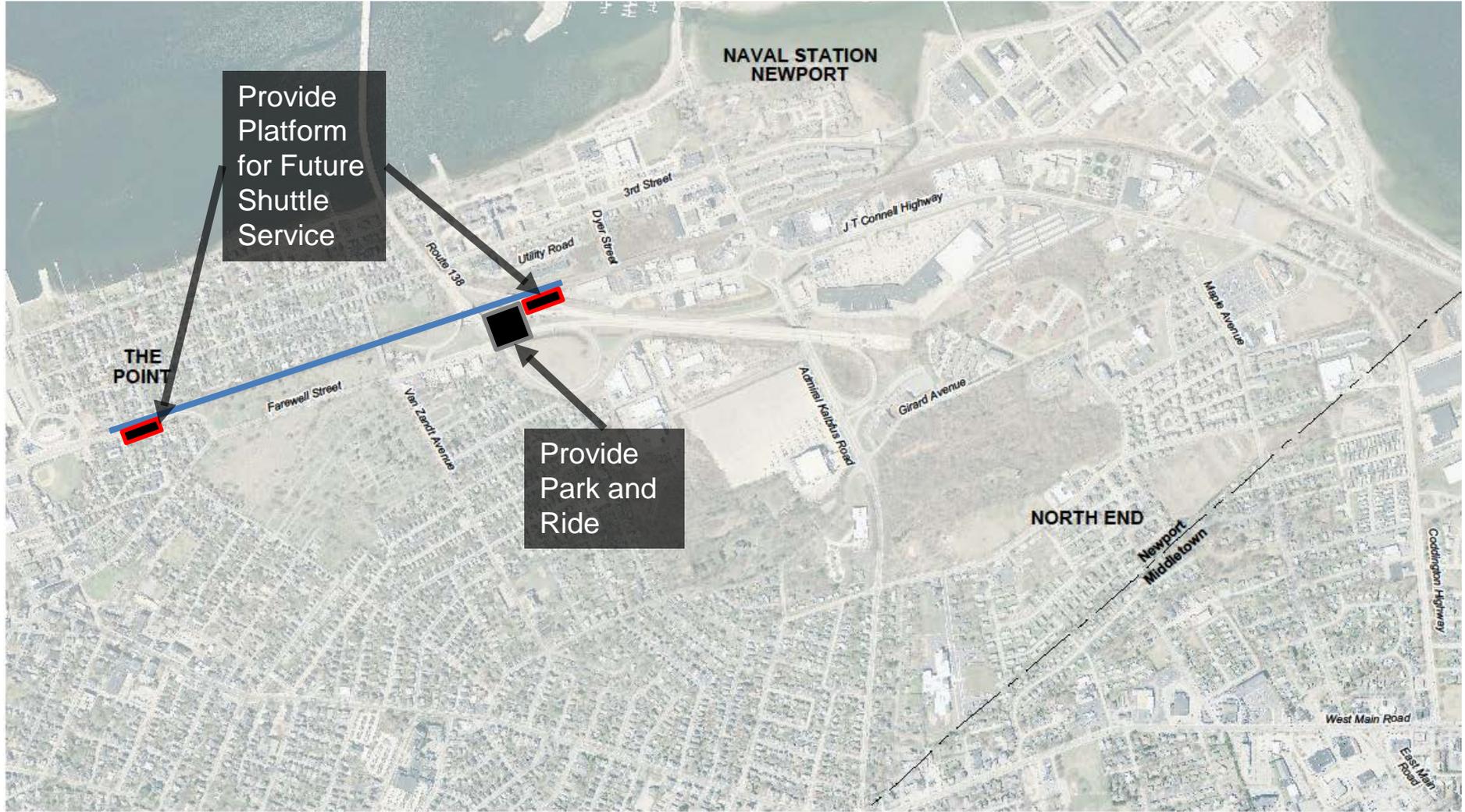
JT Connell Highway Resurfacing



Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity



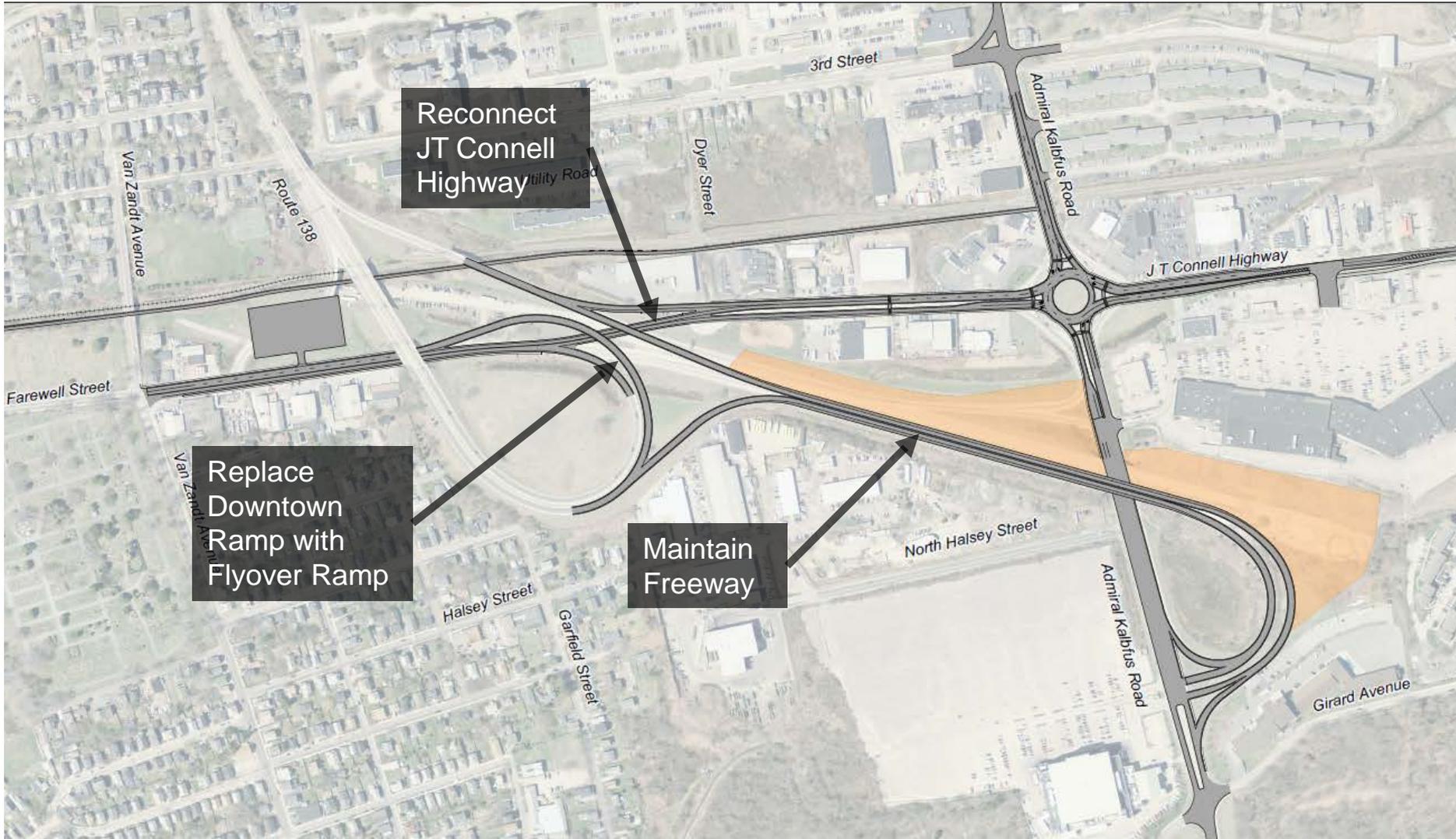
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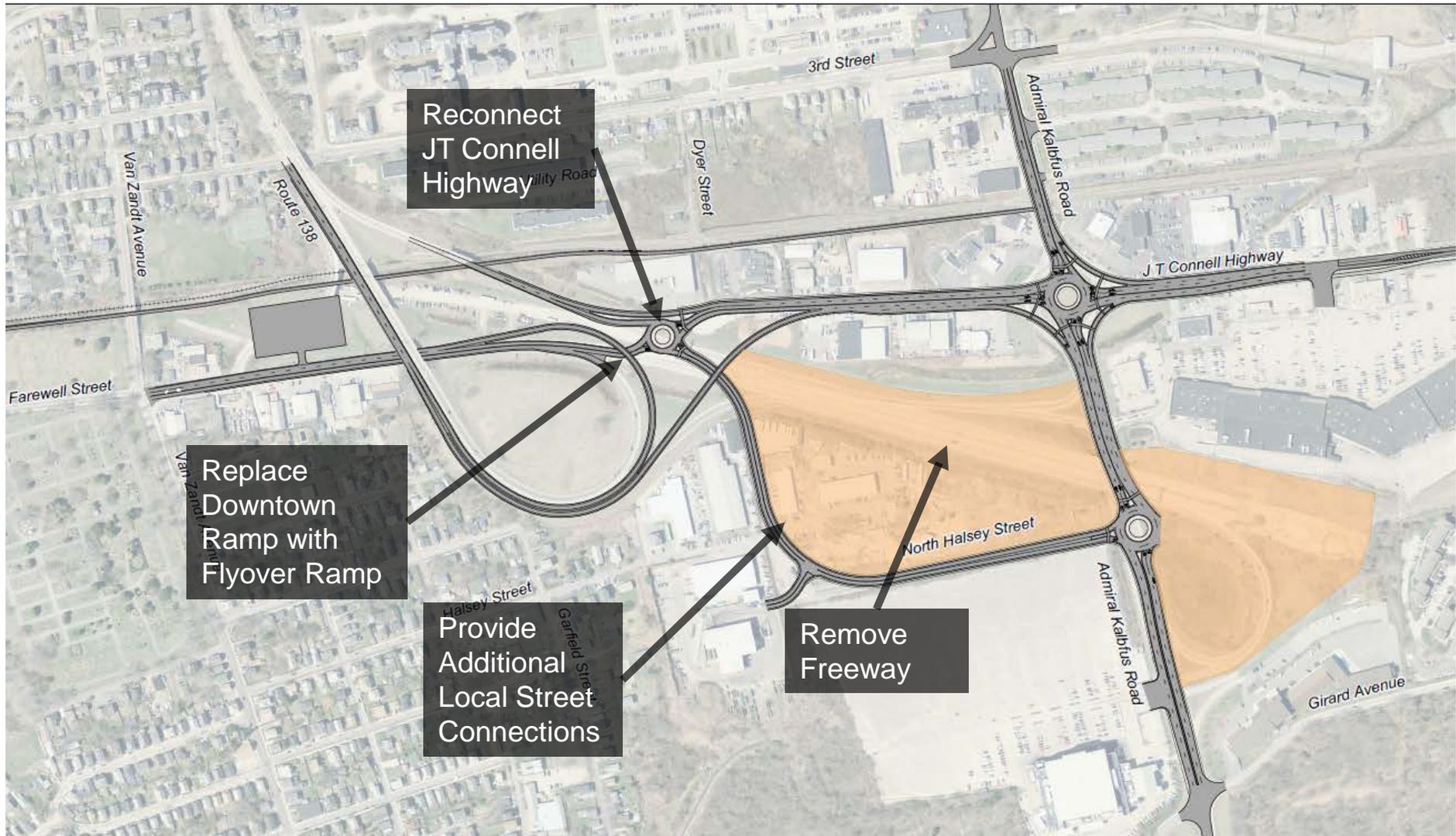
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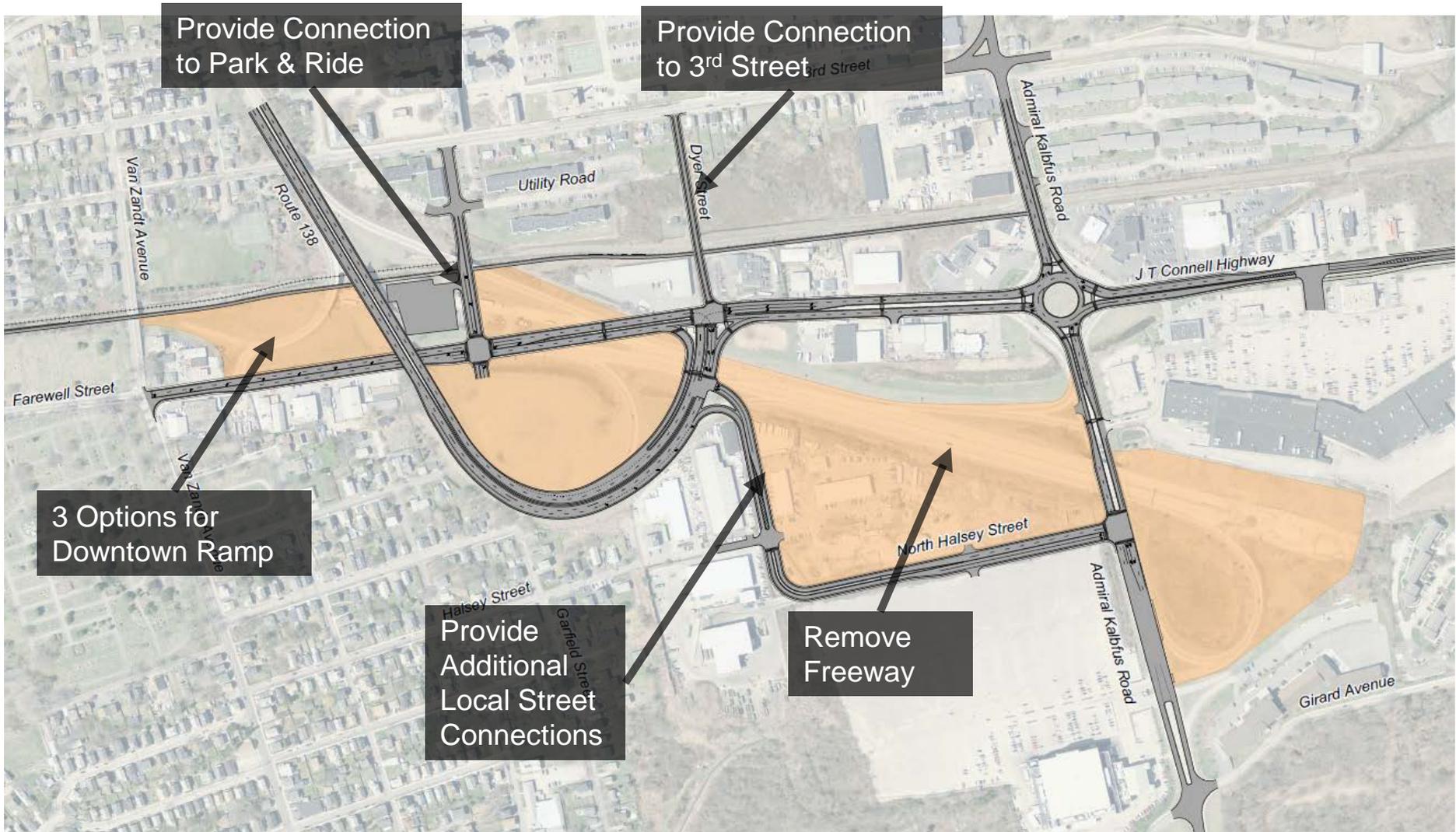
Interchange Area – Alternative 1



Interchange Area – Alternative 2



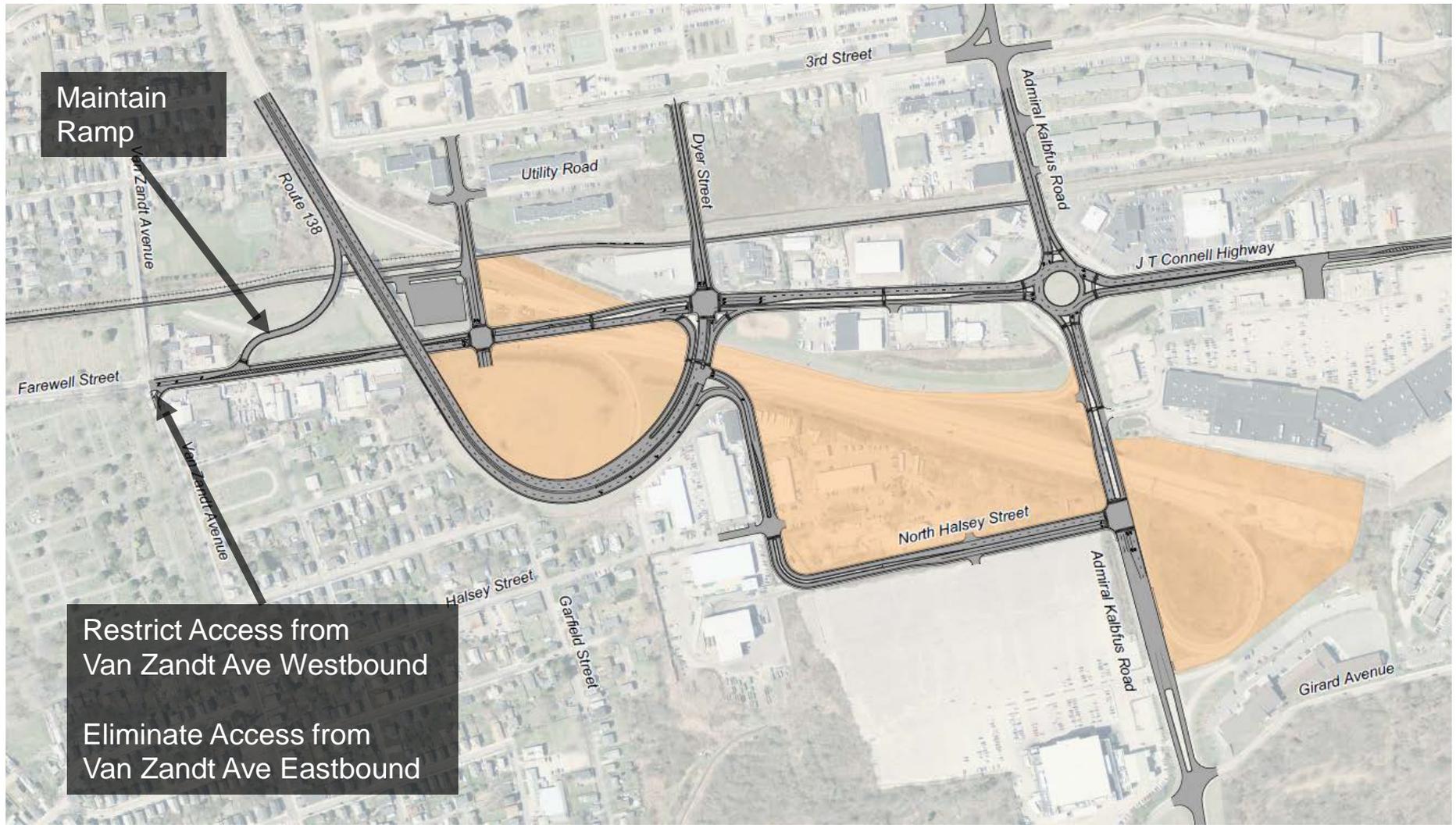
Interchange Area – Alternative 3



Interchange Area – Alternative 3A



Interchange Area – Alternative 3B

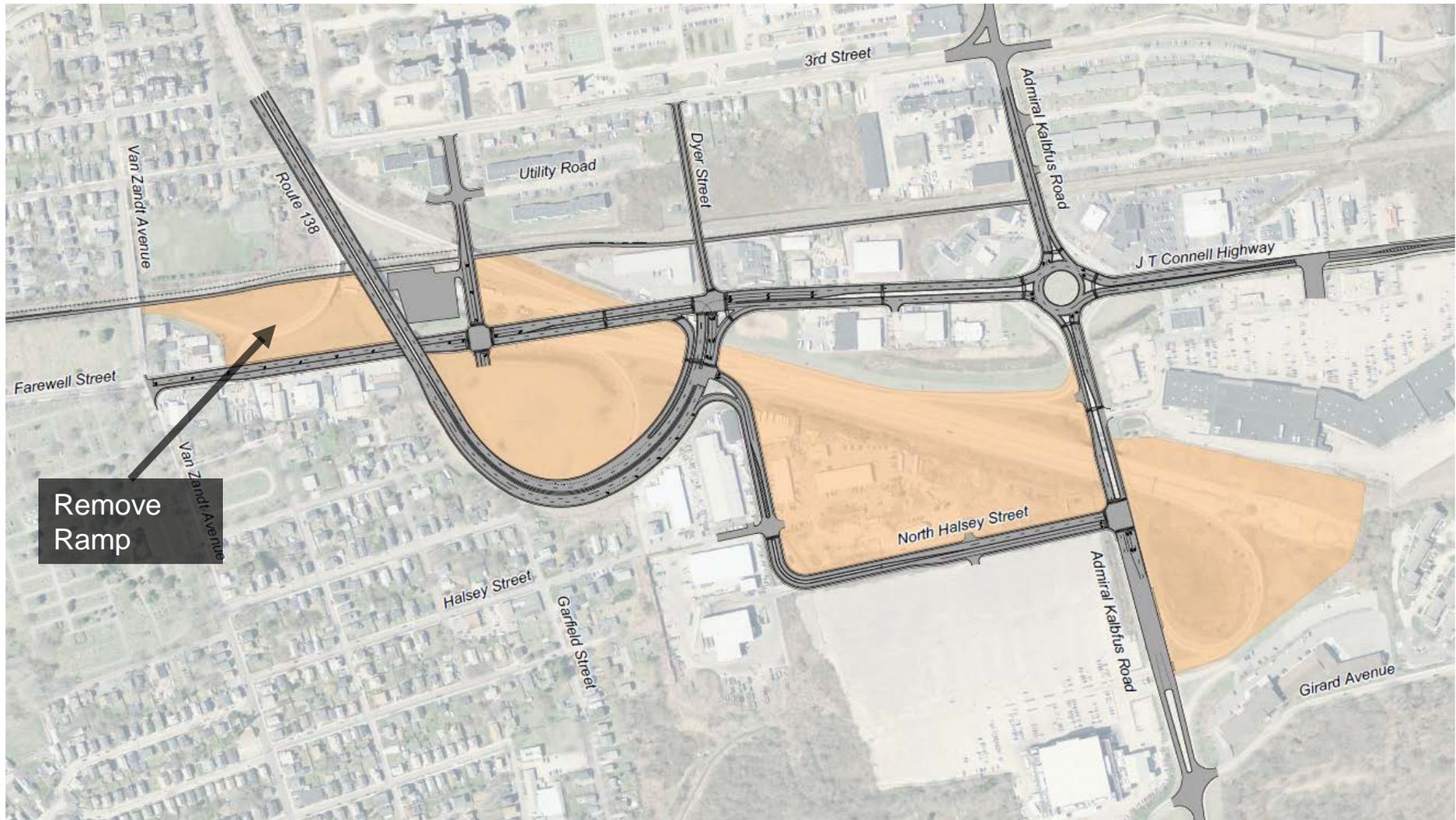


Maintain Ramp

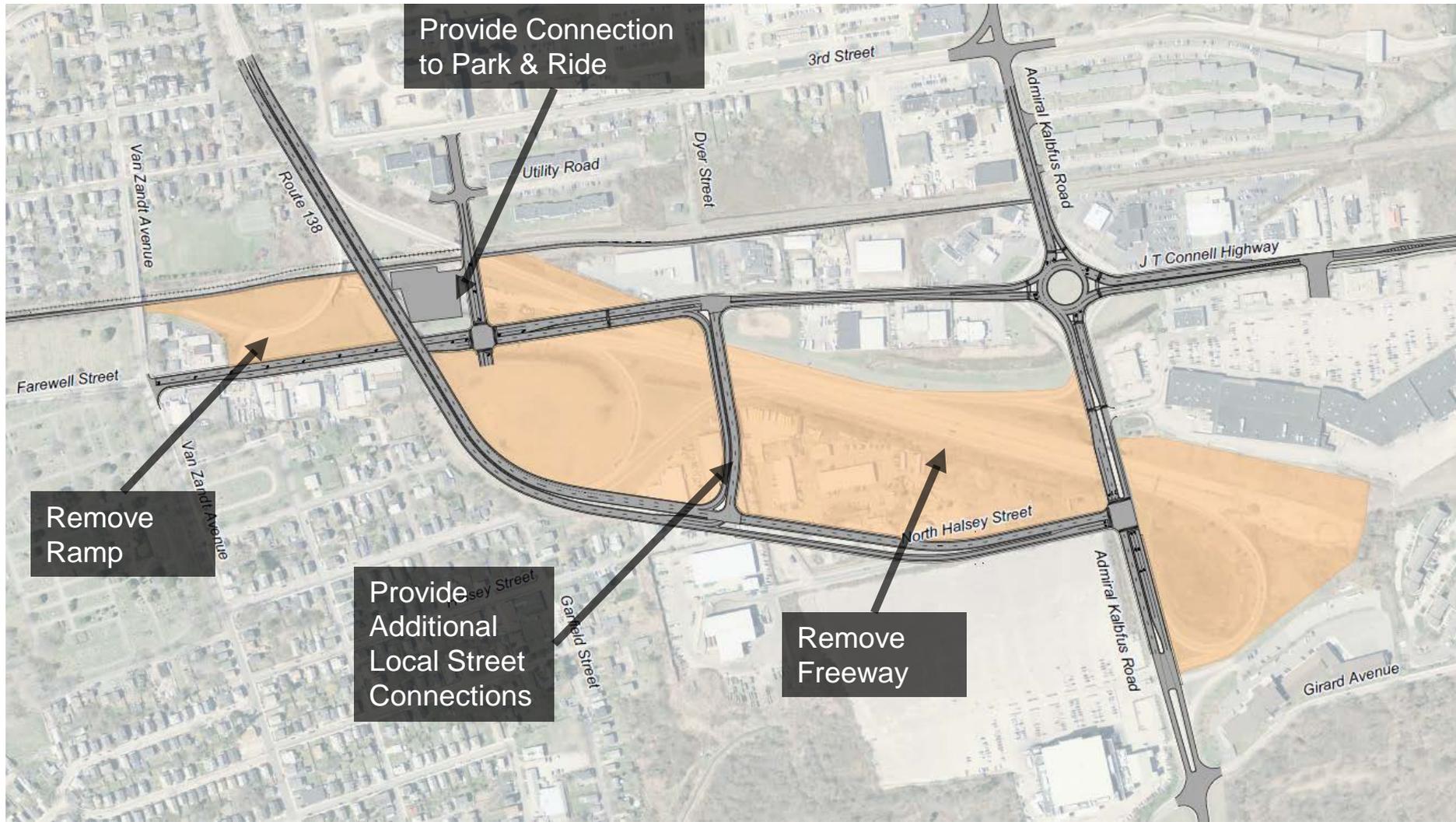
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Eliminate Access from Van Zandt Ave Eastbound

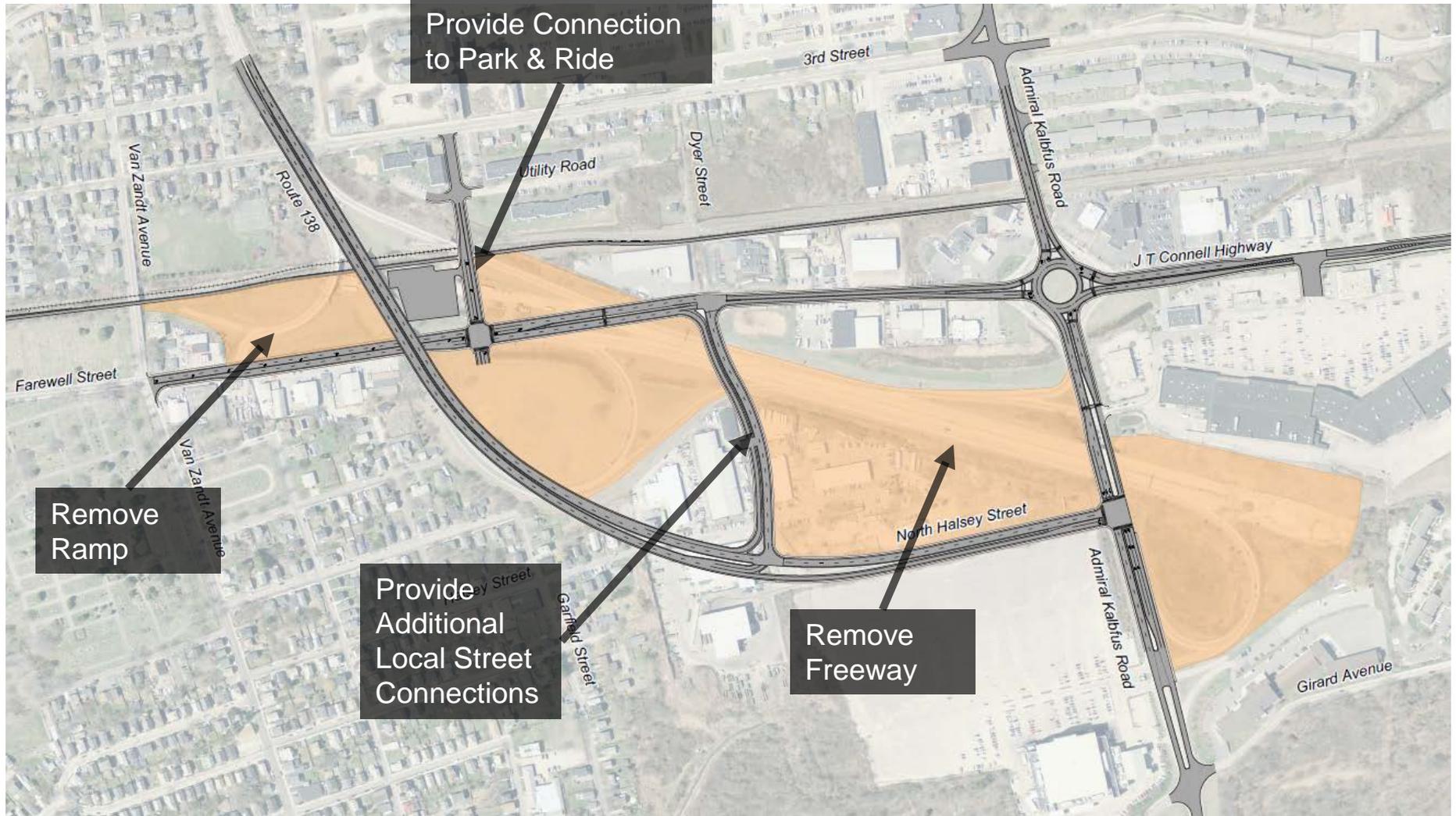
Interchange Area – Alternative 3C



Interchange Area – Alternative 4A

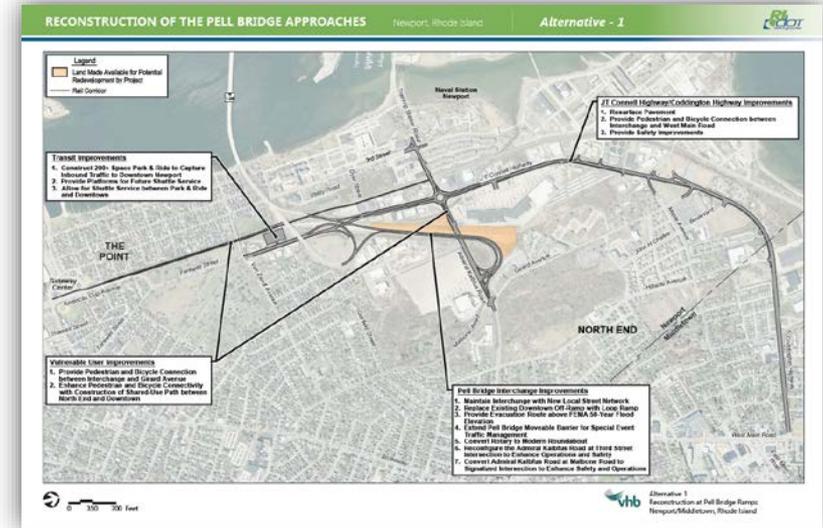


Interchange Area – Alternative 4B



Alternatives Analysis for Discussion

- Station 1 – Alternative 1
- Station 2 – Alternative 2
- Station 3 – Alternatives 3A, 3B, and 3C
- Station 4 – Alternatives 4A and 4B
- Each station has:
 - Graphic of Alternative
 - Project Constraints and Benefits



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Project Constraints	
Noise	• Potential decrease in noise levels near existing downtown off-ramp, which is proposed to be removed.
Environmental Justice (EJ)	• Temporary construction impacts.
Floodplains	• Evacuation route infrastructure was designed to be above 50 year FEMA flood elevation and accommodates for sea level rise during project service life.
Wetlands	• 0.2 acres of wetlands impacted.
Visual Impact	• Elevated highway remains. • New elevated downtown flyover ramp.
Right-Of-Way	• None
Oil and Hazardous Materials	• The project will need to go through the RIDEM Site Remediation process, including completion of the Site Investigation, public notices, and a remedial action work plan and closure report. • The proposed remedy will be to cap the area (with roadway, sidewalks, and landscaped areas). Any excavated material that cannot be re-interred beneath capped portions of the project will need to be properly managed, stockpiled, sampled, and shipped off-site for proper disposal.
Traffic Pattern Impacts	• IT Cornell Highway will be reconnected to Farewell Street (vehicles will no longer need to use freeway segment). • Downtown traffic will be rerouted to the proposed flyover ramp.
Project Benefits	
Traffic	• Eliminates congestion on Pell Bridge during typical peak periods. • Allows for traffic management during special events. • Travel time will decrease to the Naval Station Newport and destinations North of Pell Bridge. • The proposed Park and Ride with Future Shuttle service removes vehicles from traveling downtown.
Environmental Justice	• Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities. • Neighborhood connectivity and walkability.
Safety/Connectivity	• Mitigates crashes on the bridge caused by congestion. • Provides off-ramp pedestrian and bicycle facilities, connecting the North End to Downtown. • Allows for pedestrian crossings throughout small portions the interchange area within the local street network.
Developable Land	• 8.2 acres made available for potential redevelopment. Actual developable land within these area still to be determined.

- Public input is critical at this stage of the project
 - Concerns/comments on alternatives for consideration
- Input may be submitted:
 - In person tonight – see comment box
 - By mail – address provided on the comment form
 - Using the online portal – web link provided on the comment form



Thank you for participating!

Provide your comments about the topics discussed at the Workshop by August 20, 2018.

Mail comments here:

RIDOT, c/o VHB
1 Cedar Street, Suite 400
Providence, RI 02903

Submit comments online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PellBridgeApproachesAlternatives>

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Environmental Assessment (EA)

HOME

ABOUT

TIMELINE

FAQ

DOCUMENTS

USEFUL LINKS

SITMAP

Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) is reconfiguring the Pell Bridge Interchange. The following pages give a brief history along with pertinent information about the environmental assessment (EA), Project timeline, and public outreach.



Project Status

- Finalized the first steps of the process including scoping, purpose and need development, and existing conditions
- Determining alternatives to include within the EA

Upcoming Events

- July 16, 2018 - Public Workshop at Newport City Hall
- July 17, 2018 - Public Workshop at Florence Gray Center

Please consider completing the survey below with your questions, concerns and comments about the

- Project Updates
- Meeting Materials/ Graphics/Reports
- Link to Survey
- www.pellbridge-ea.com

- Fall 2018/Early 2019
 - Submit Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) & 30% Design Plans for FHWA Review & Public Comment
- Late Winter/Early Spring 2019
 - Submit Final Environmental Assessment
- Summer 2019
 - FHWA issues determination
- Winter 2019 thru 2023
 - Advertise Project/Construction