Maplewood Avenue Downtown Complete Street Project

Initial Public Meeting November 13, 2017

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
 - Project Area and Scope
 - Transportation Context
 - Design Context
 - Existing Conditions
- Finding Balanced Solutions
 - Circulation and Modes
 - Streetscape Character

- Breakout Groups Provide Us with Your Thoughts!
- Next Steps



Welcome and Introduction of Project Team

City Planning and Public Works Staff



City of Portsmouth – Planning Director Juliet Walker **Project Manager**

Design Team



SEBAGO TECHNICS - Traffic and Roadway Engineers Stephen S. Sawyer, Jr. **Consultant Project Manager**

David Moore Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development

Eric Eby **Parking and Transportation Engineer**

Dave Desfosses



HARRIMAN – Streetscape Design Steven G. Cecil Lead Designer

Howard Snyder Landscape Architect



ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN - Bicycle and Pedestrian Phil Goff

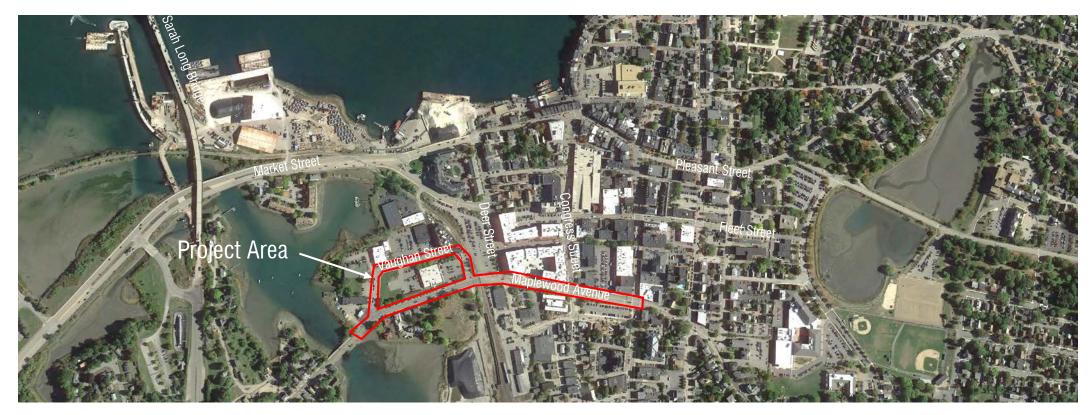


ALTUS ENGINEERING - Utility and Permitting Eric Weinrieb



Public Works Project Manager

Project Area and its Context

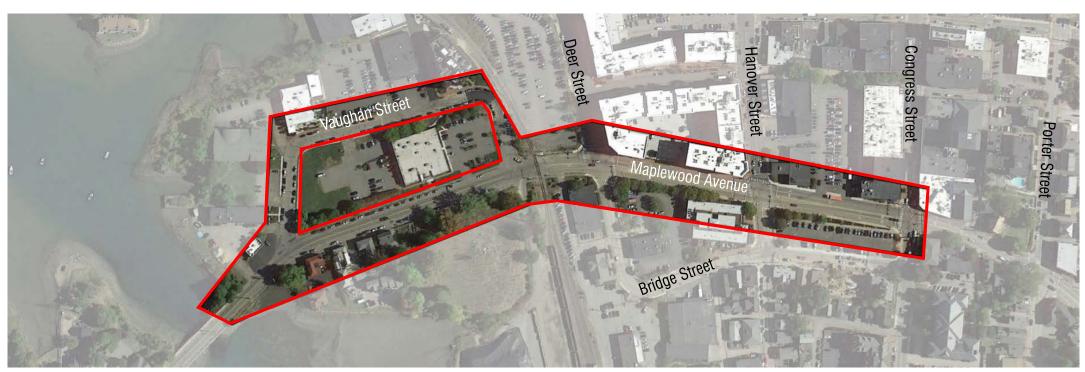




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Project Area



Project Scope:

- Improvements within the public right-of-way
- Coordination with adjacent parcels and projects

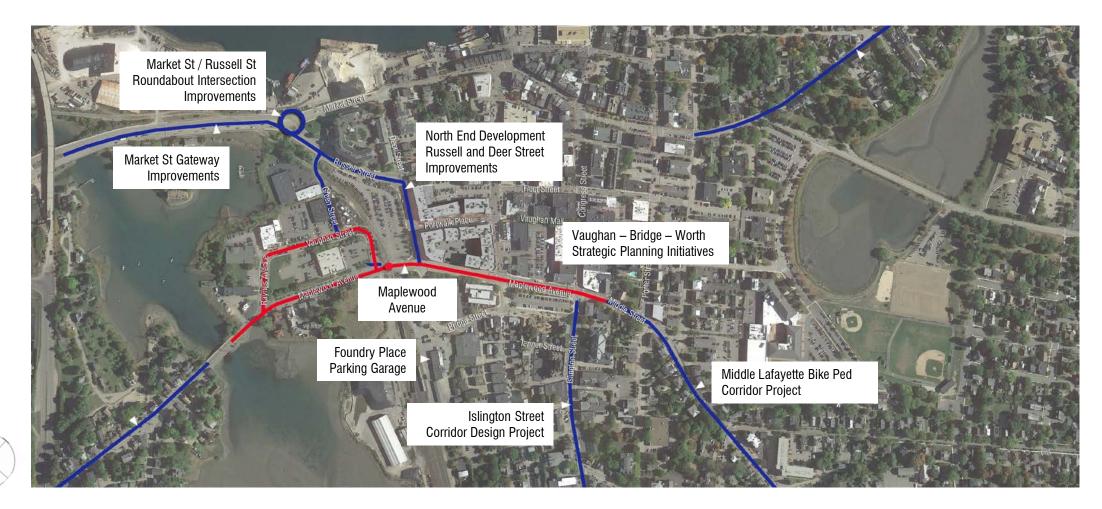


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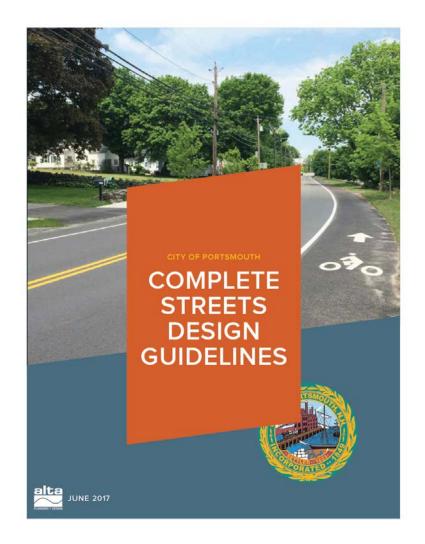
Project Area – Coordination with Adjacent Parcels and Projects





Municipal Transportation Initiatives

- Complete Streets Design Guidelines, 2017
- *Maplewood Avenue Complete Street Study*, 2014
- *Portsmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*, 2014





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Municipal Open Space and Connectivity Initiatives



City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire



Islington Street Corridor Improvement Action Plan

Action Plan Matrix

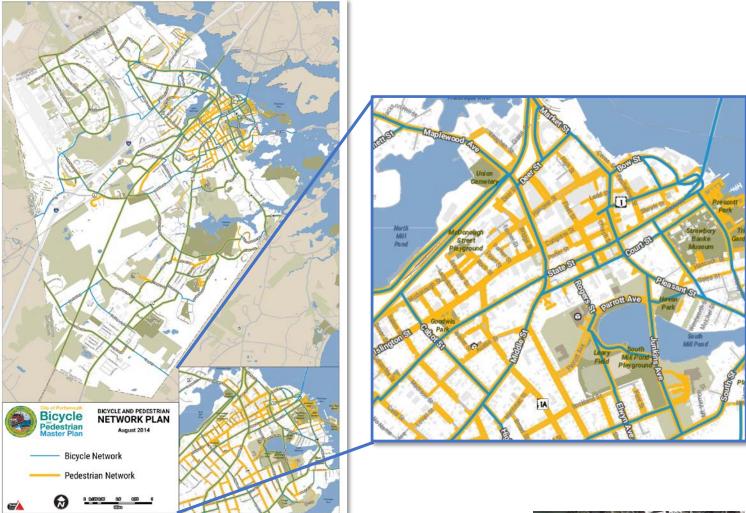


completed: December, 2009 commissioned by: Economic Development Commission, City of Portsmouth, NH Art-Speak, Cultural Commission, City of Portsmouth, NH submitted by: Richardson & Associates, Landscape Architects, Saco, ME Evan Haynes, Public Art Consultant, North Yarmouth, ME

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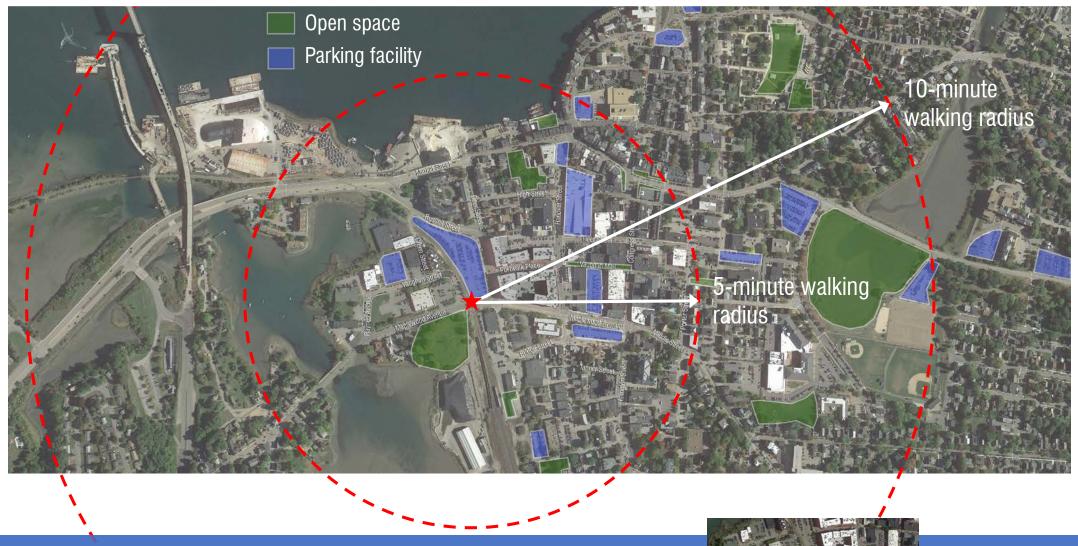
Transportation Context- Pedestrian Network and Bicycle Network



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Transportation Context – Walkability and Distances



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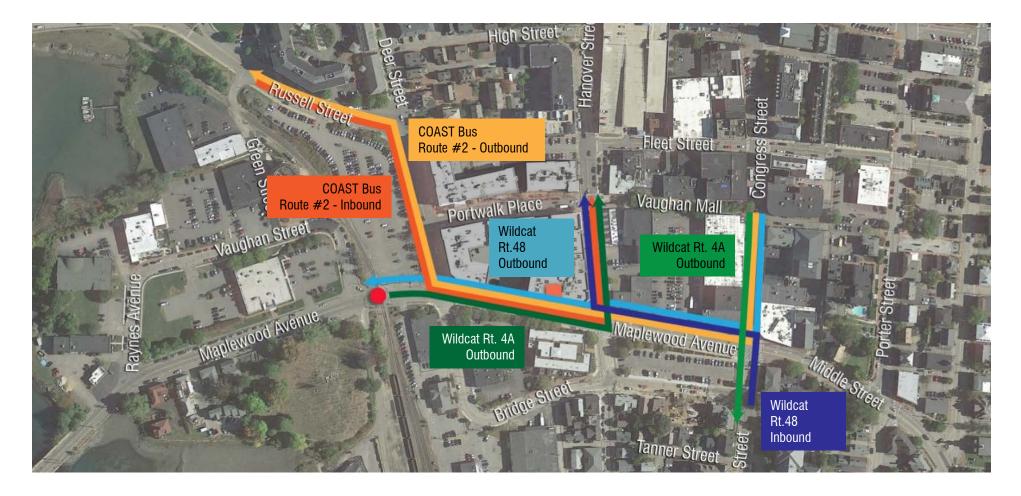
Project Overview Transportation Context – Bike Share Locations



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Transportation Context – Transit Routes



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Historic Context





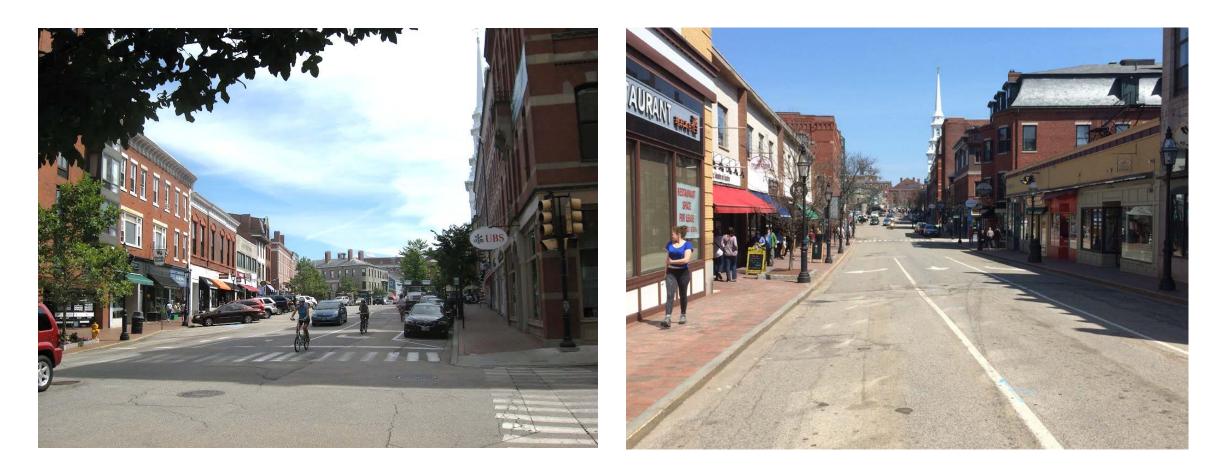




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Urban Design Context - the Downtown



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Project Overview Urban Design Context - Neighborhoods

Urban Design Context - Rail Right-of-Way

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Private Development Projects



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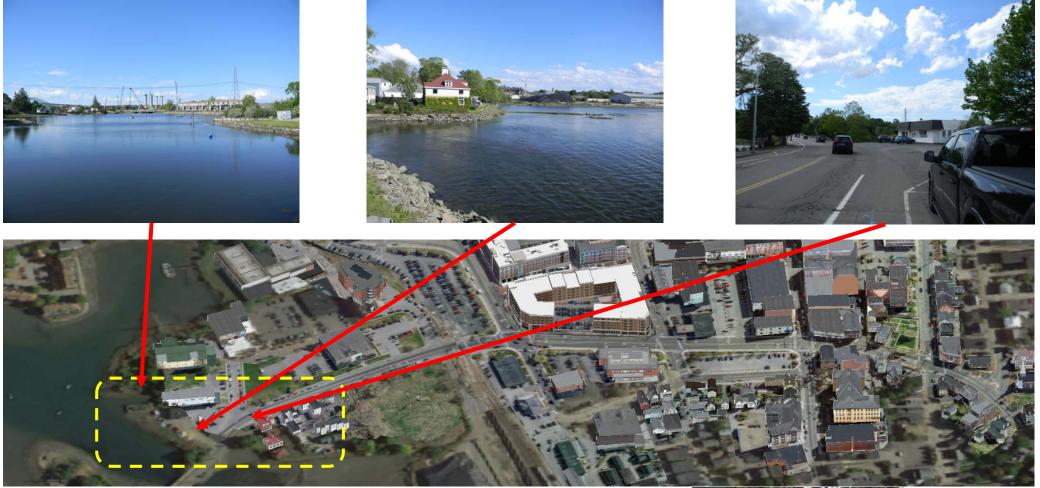
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Existing Conditions Bridge Transition



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Project Overview Existing Conditions *Multiple Images*



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Project Overview Existing Conditions *Historic Border*



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Existing Conditions Changing Loop



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Existing Conditions Urban Edge



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Project Overview Existing Conditions *Transition Segment*



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Design Parameters and Needs

- Vehicular traffic 25% increase expected from new development
- Transit COAST and Wildcat
- Bicycle routes City wide network
- Pedestrian circulation Walking to and between destinations
- Historic District Regulatory requirements









Precedents for Downtown Street Design





Congress Street, Portsmouth

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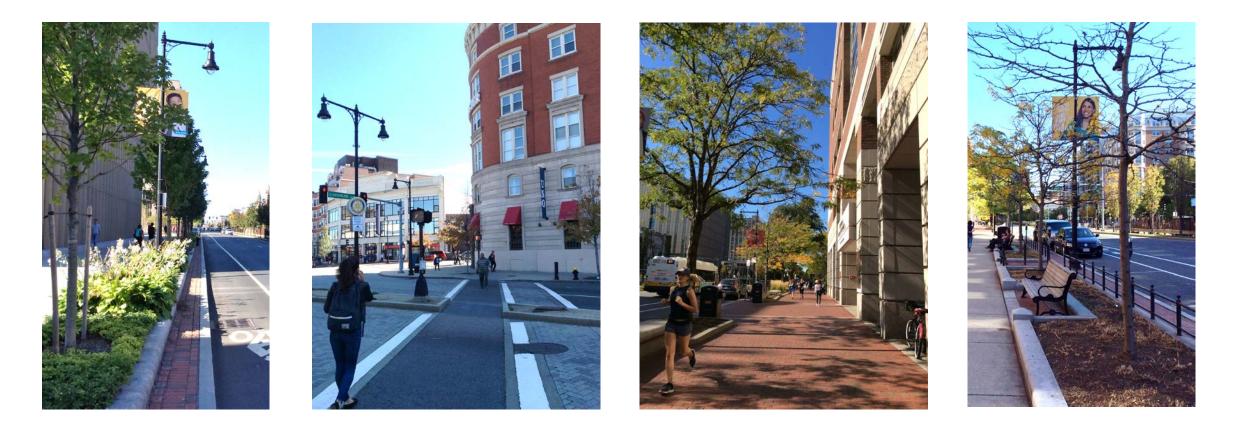


Portwalk Place, Portsmouth

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Precedents for Downtown Street Design



Commonwealth Avenue, Boston

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Precedents for Downtown Street Design



Newburyport, Massachusetts

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Precedents for Downtown Street Design



Seattle, Washington

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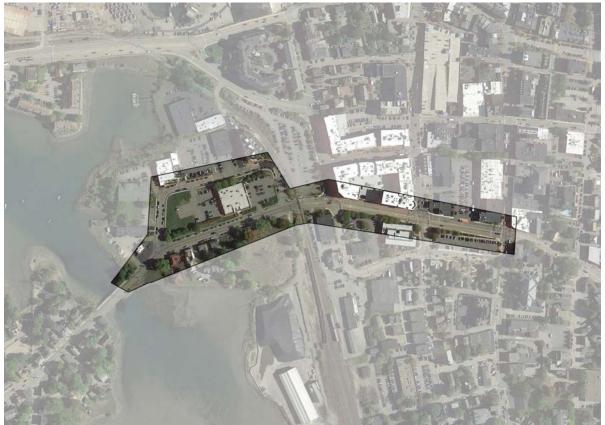


Breakout Discussions

Provide Us With Your Insights

How do You See Maplewood Avenue?

- Opportunities and challenges
- Important values and priorities
- Possible streetscape elements and locations

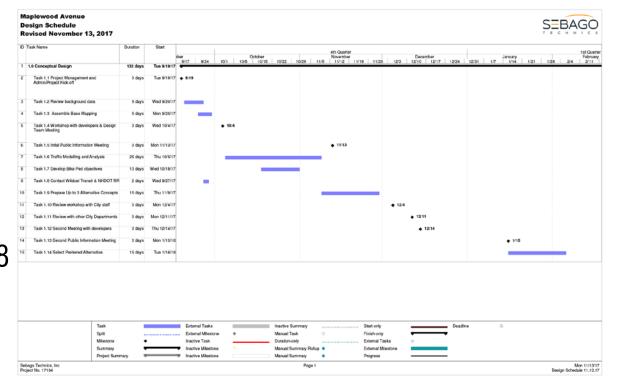




Next Steps

Schedule

- Project Start September, 2017
- Stakeholder and Public Data Gathering October and November
- Assessment and Development of Alternatives -November / December
- City and Public Review December / January, 2018
- Preferred Streetscape Concept February





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