# **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

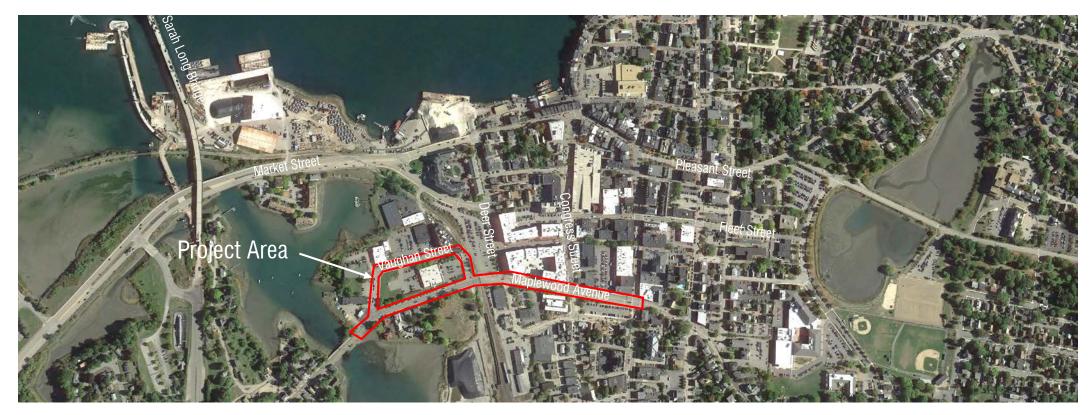


**ALTUS ENGINEERING - Utility and Permitting Eric Weinrieb** 



**Public Works Project Manager** 

Project Area and its Context

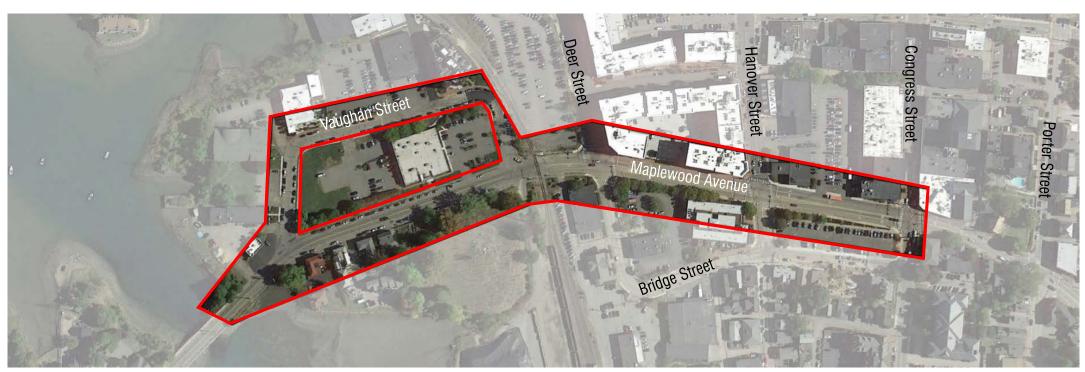




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#### Project Area



Project Scope:

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

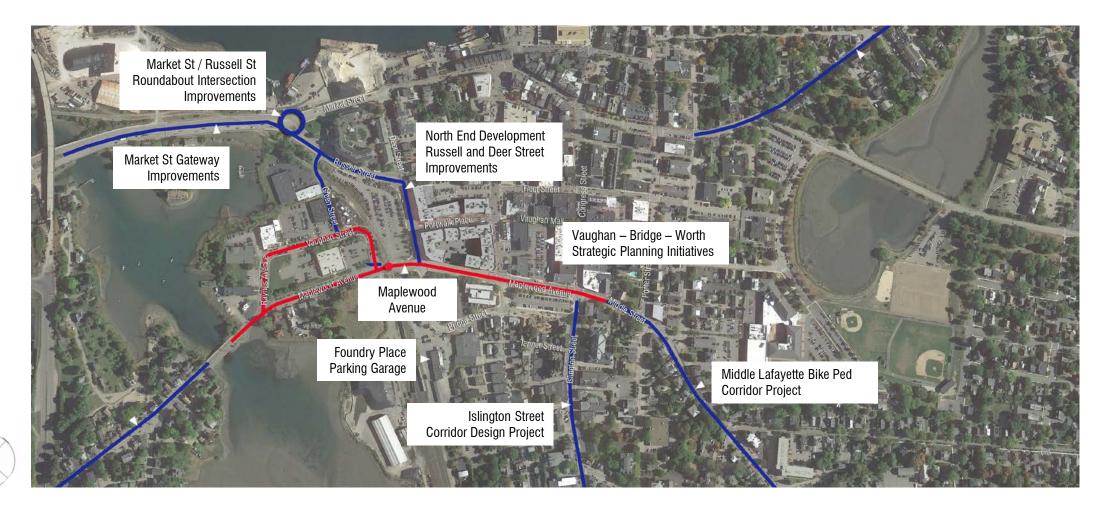


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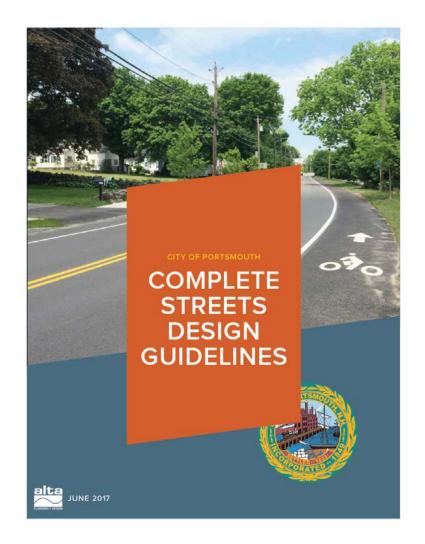
Project Area – Coordination with Adjacent Parcels and Projects





**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

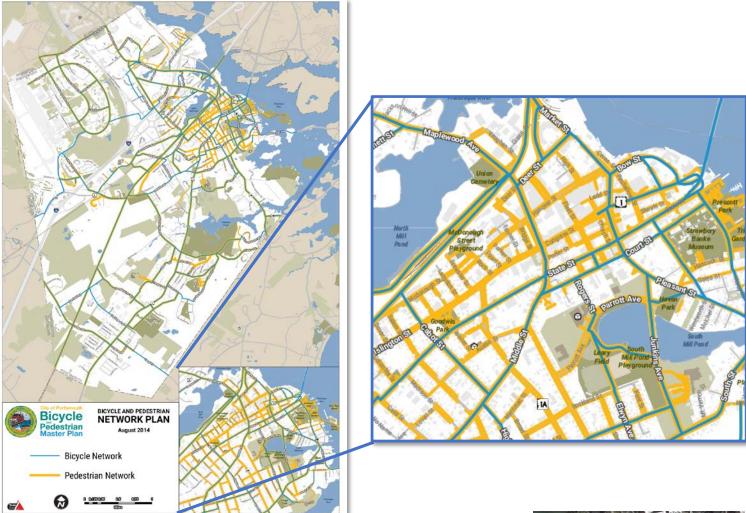


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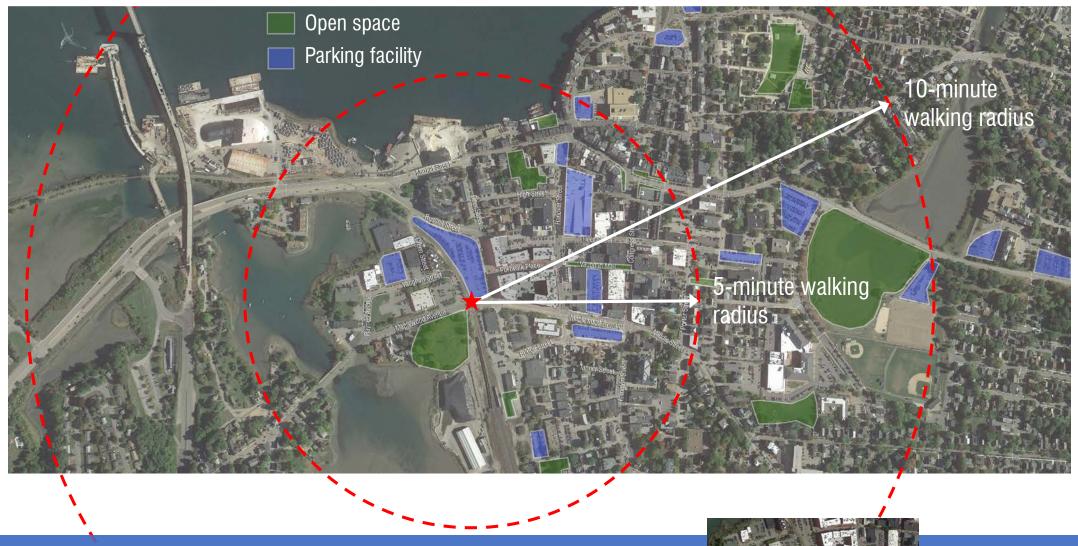
Transportation Context- Pedestrian Network and Bicycle Network



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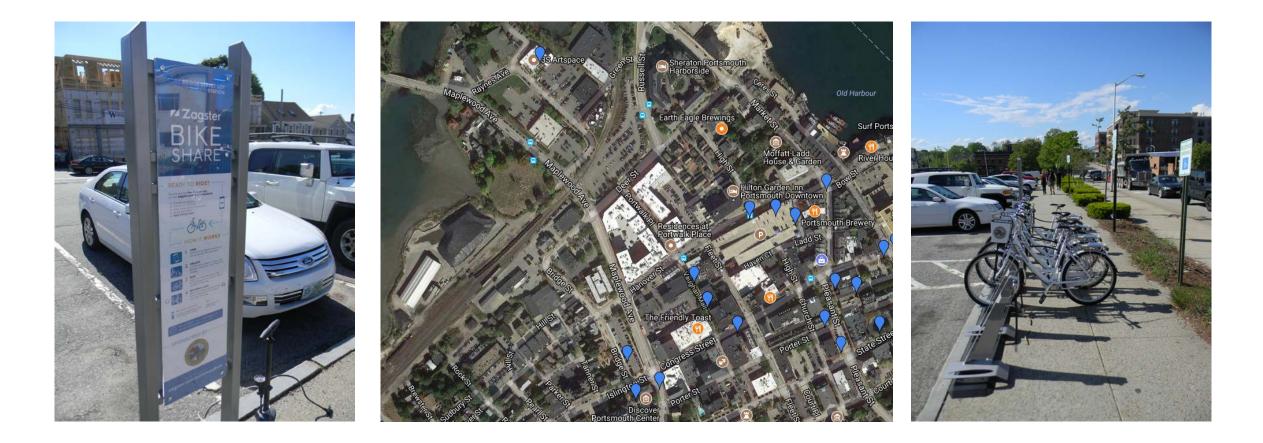
#### Transportation Context – Walkability and Distances



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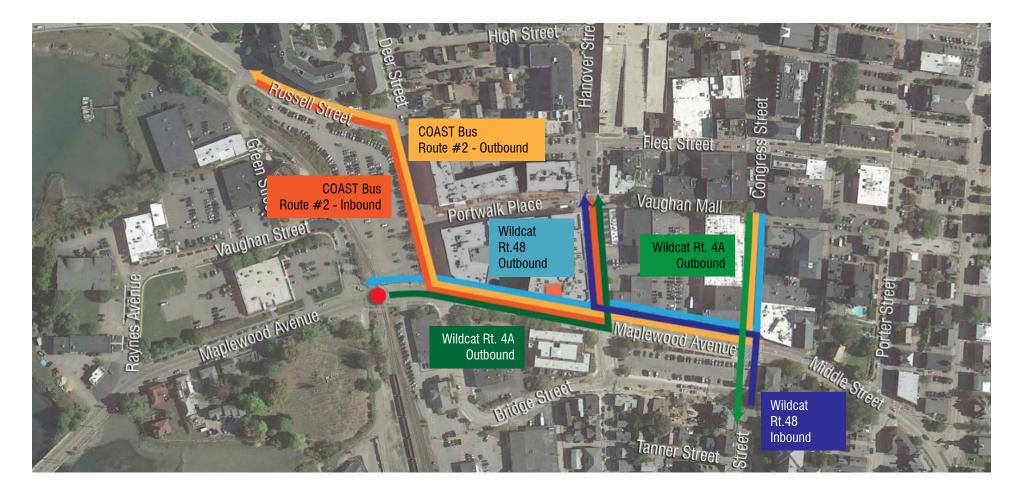
#### **Project Overview** Transportation Context – Bike Share Locations



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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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45 Maplewood Avenue

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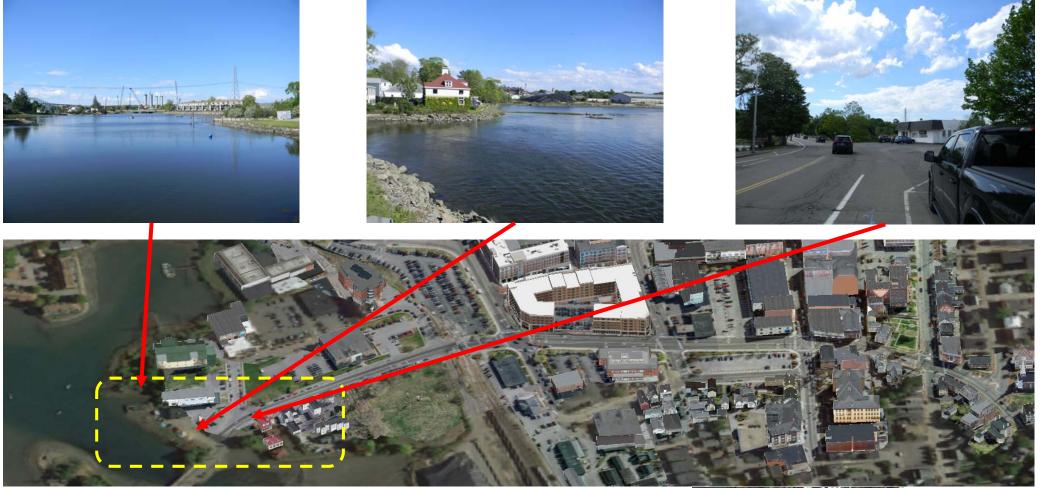
#### Private Development Projects



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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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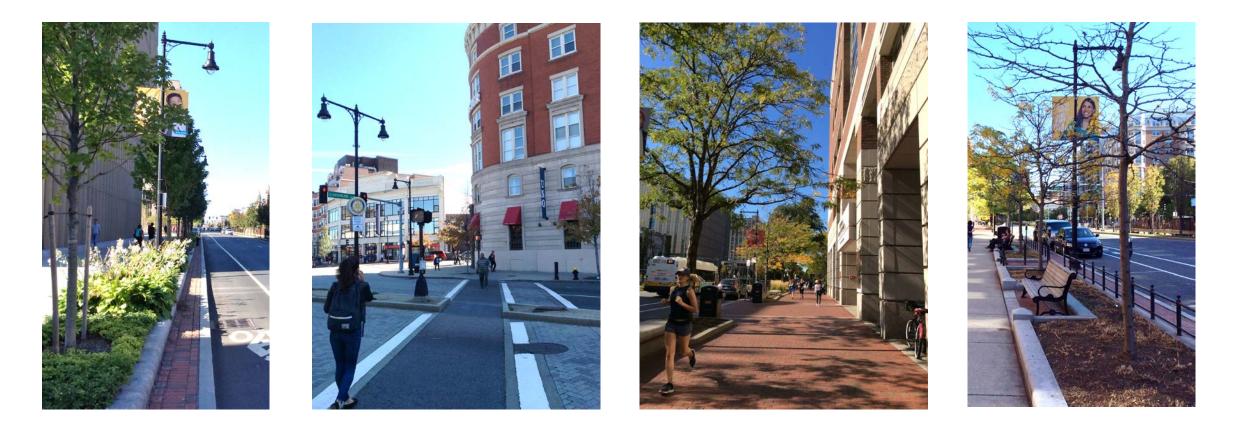


Portwalk Place, Portsmouth

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Precedents for Downtown Street Design



#### Commonwealth Avenue, Boston

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#### Newburyport, Massachusetts

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#### Seattle, Washington

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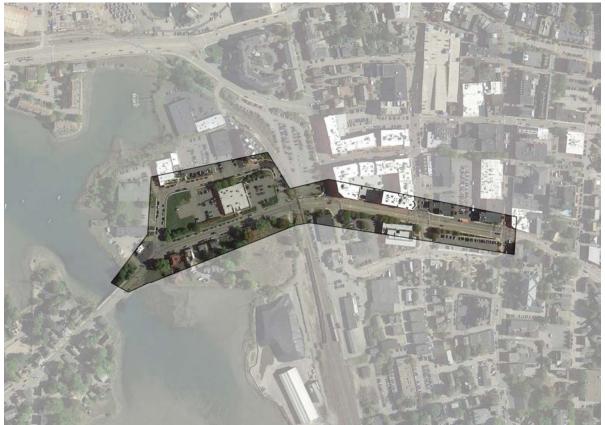


### **Breakout Discussions**

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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