NH Route 108 Complete Streets Improvements Dover - Somersworth - Rochester 29604

Public Informational Meetings

September 19, 21 & 26, 2023





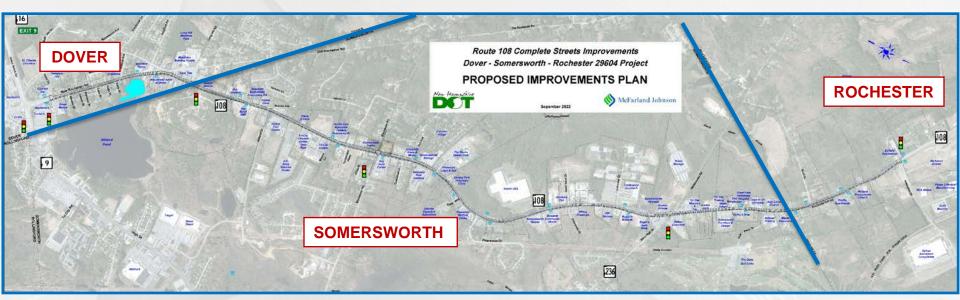
Agenda

- 1. Project Background
- 2. Project Working Group
- 3. Purpose and Need
- 4. Key Resources
- 5. Alternatives Development
- 6. Crosswalk Locations
- 7. Proposed Improvements
- 8. Next Steps
- 9. Questions and Comments





Project Background - Existing



- 4.4 Miles
- 3 Cities (part Urban Compact)
- 2 / 3 Lanes
- Shoulders Vary
- Minimal Sidewalks
- Existing Concrete Slab
- COAST Bus Route 12







Complete Streets

A Complete Street is a street designed for all users independent of their age or ability and regardless of whether they travel by car, bus, train, bicycle or walk.











Project Working Group

NH Route 108 Complete Streets Working Group	
Name/Position	Affiliation
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Michael Williams, Director of Operations	COAST Bus
Donna Benton , Director of Planning & Community Development	City of Dover
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Ken Mavrogeorge, City Engineer	City of Dover
Amelia DeGrace, Asst. City Engineer	City of Dover
Jill Semprini, Asst. City Engineer	City of Dover
Michelle Mears, Director of Planning & Community Development	City of Somersworth
Mike Bobinsky, Director Engineering	City of Somersworth
Amber Hall, City Engineer	City of Somersworth
Peter Nourse, Director of City Services	City of Rochester
Shanna Saunders, Director of Development & Planning	City of Rochester
Jen Czysz, Executive Director	Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Colin Lentz, Sr. Transportation Planner	Strafford Regional Planning Commission

- Dover, Somersworth& Rochester
- Planning Commission
- COAST
- Formal Meetings



Listening Sessions and Walking Tour



The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) invites the public to attend a Walking Tour for the proposed improvements to a 5-mile section of NH Route 108 in Dover, Somersworth, and Rochester. This Walking Tour is being held to seek community input on the corridor and desired changes that would follow the principles for a Complete Street. A Complete Street balances the needs of motorized, non-motorized, and transit users.

Rain or

Shine!

WHAT: WALKING TOUR

WHEN: Thursday, June 27, 2019

WHERE: • Intersection of Blackwater Road/

- Intersection of Long Hill Road/ NH Route 108 (5:00 PM)
- Intersection of West High Street/ NH Route 108 (6:00 PM)

WHO: You! Residents, Business Owners,
Commuters, Local Officials, Elected Officials

You are invited to attend a Walking Tour with the project design team. Join us at one intersection or at all three. Safety vests will be provided by NHDOT for attendees. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water.

For further information, please contact Wendy Johnson, NHDOT Project Manager at Phone: (603) 271-2171 or Email: wendy.johnson@dot.nh.gov. Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483 or call 603-271-3222 – TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification for the need of assistance should be made at your earliest convenience.



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For more information visit www.108TriCityCompleteStreets.com

Listening Session #1

• March 18, 2019 Dover

Listening Session #2

May 2, 2019 Somersworth

Walking Tour

• June 27, 2019





Purpose and Need

Purpose

The purpose of the NH Route 108 Complete Streets Improvements project is to provide a corridor that accommodates various modes of travel including cars, trucks, public transit, bicycles and pedestrians that incorporates safety improvements, while addressing daily congestion issues along the five-mile corridor in Dover, Somersworth and Rochester.



Purpose and Need

Need

- Peak period traffic demand causes queuing and delays at key signalized intersections.
- Vehicles regularly travel at speeds above the posted limit throughout the corridor.
- Left turns from and to the corridor are difficult due to the high volume of traffic causing delays and safety concerns.
- Limited pedestrian facilities are present in the corridor.
- Formal Bicycle facilities are not present in the corridor.
- Buses stopping at the numerous bus stops along the corridor often block traffic, causing delays.
- Facilities for waiting passengers are not present at the majority of the bus stops.
- Streetscape and landscape elements are lacking along the corridor.



Key Resources

The evaluation of environmental and cultural resources impacts within the project limits is on-going. The resources and impacts of the chosen preferred alternative will be documented in an Environmental Study/Section 4(f), which will be posted on NHDOT's web site.

Environmental Resources that are potentially present and which are being evaluated in the vicinity of the project area include: Willand Pond (a Class A waterbody), Public Water Supplies, Recreational Areas, Perennial Streams, Floodplains, Conservation Lands, Wetlands, the state-endangered plant (Northern Blazing Star), and the federally-endangered Northern Long-eared Bat.

Cultural Resources within the project consist of several properties potentially eligible for listing of National Register of Historic Places a potential historic district, sensitive archaeological sites, and cemeteries. For Cultural Resources, the project will need to comply with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. This Act requires the Department to identify and assess the project's impacts to cultural resources, which are buildings, historic districts, and structures, as well as archaeological sites, that are generally greater than 50 years old.

These regulations offer individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the potential impacts to historic resources an opportunity to become more involved in an advisory role through meetings and commentary. They may become what are known as Consulting Parties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The lead Federal Agency for this project is the Federal Highway Administration. Although the role of a consulting party is advisory in nature, FHWA must consider a consulting party's input carefully before making a final decision on how the project will affect historic resources.

Consultation recognizes the importance of local involvement in the decision making process. If you wish to become a Consulting Party, please contact me after the meeting for information on contacting FHWA or to obtain a pamphlet on the process.

Surveys have been conducted during the development of this project. The Department will continue to coordinate with the Federal Highway Administration and the NH Department of Historical Resources regarding the impacts and mitigation to the historic resource located within the project limits.

Additionally, the Federal Highway Administration's Section 4(f) of the DOT Act regulations require the evaluation of impacts to historic resources to determine whether alternatives which avoid or minimize impacts to these properties are reasonable or prudent.

Contact Information:

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Key Resources

Natural Resources

- Willand Pond
- Wetlands (Sporadic)
- Rare Plants

Cultural Resources

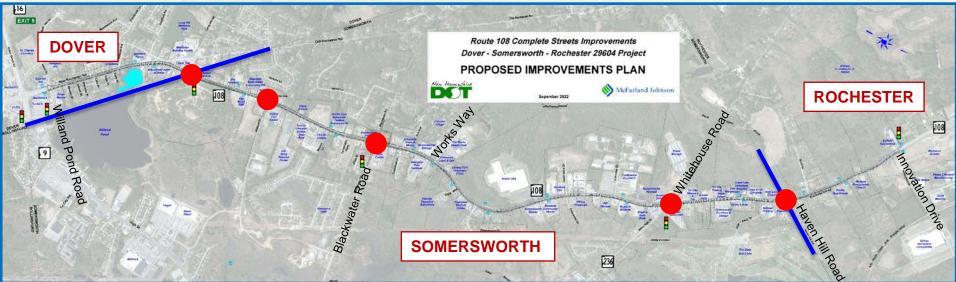
- 4 Historic Properties
- 5 Archeologically Sensitive
 Areas



Please note that Section 106 of the National Historic
Preservation Act offers those that possess a direct interest in
historical resources, including town officials, Historical
Societies, and Historical Commissions, an opportunity to
become more involved in an advisory role during project
development as "Consulting Parties.



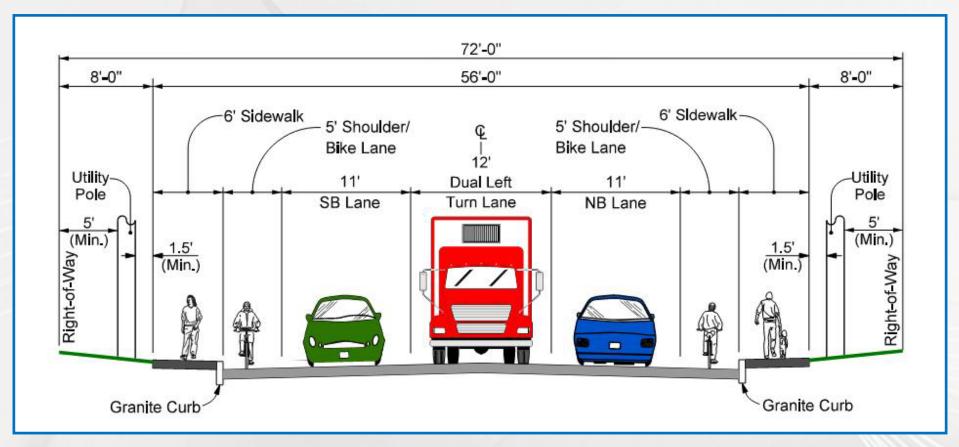
Alternatives Development



- Route 108 Lane Configuration
 - 2, 3, 4 & 5 Lanes
- Shoulder / Bike Lanes
- Sidewalk Accommodation
 - One vs Both sides of Route 108
 - Crosswalks
- Intersection Configuration at Key Locations
 - Signalization
 - Roundabouts

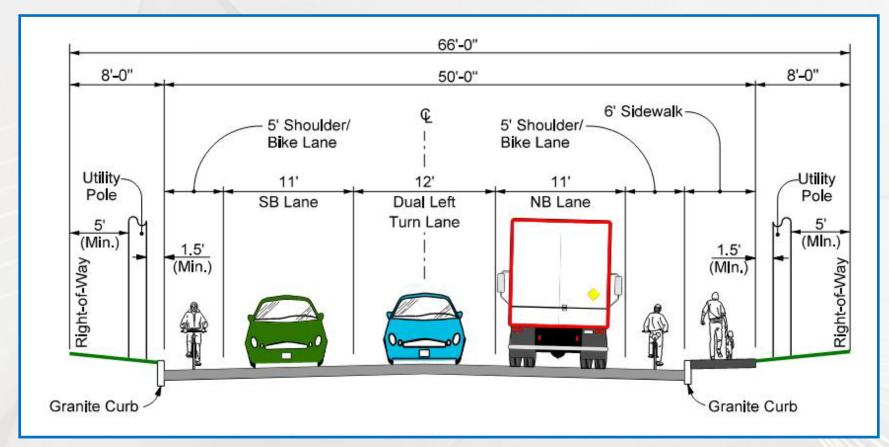






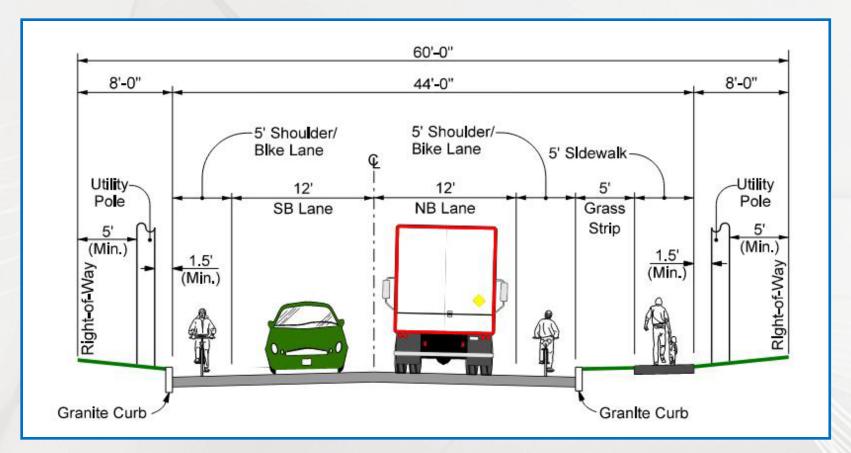
Typical Section – Three Lanes with Bike Lanes & Sidewalks on Both Sides (Willand Pond Road to Works Way – 2.0 mi)





Typical Section – Three Lanes with Bike Lanes & Sidewalk on East Side Only (Works Way to Haven Hill Road – 1.8 mi)



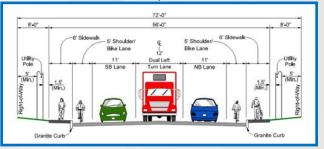


Typical Section - Two Lanes with Bike Lanes & Sidewalk on East Side Only (Haven Hill Road to Innovation Drive – 0.6 mi)

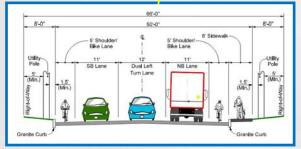




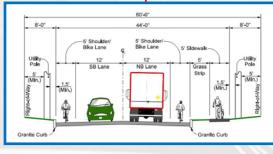




Willand Pond Road to Works Way



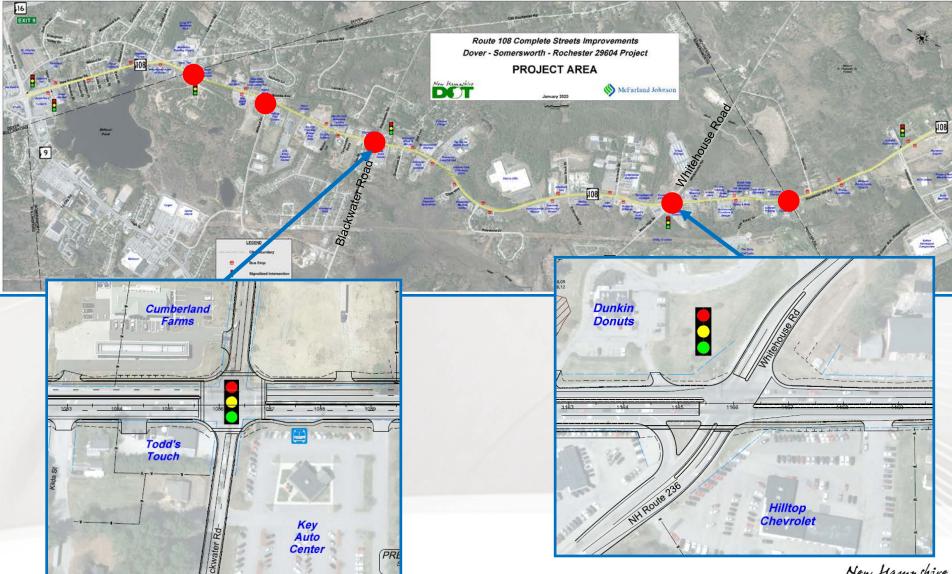
Works Way to Haven Hill Road



Haven Hill Road to Innovation Drive



Alternatives Development – Intersections



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Alternatives Development

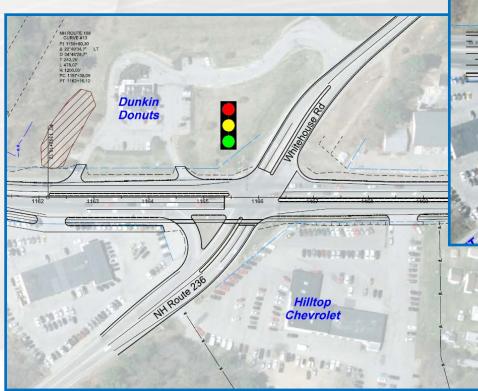
Route 108 / Blackwater Road Intersection



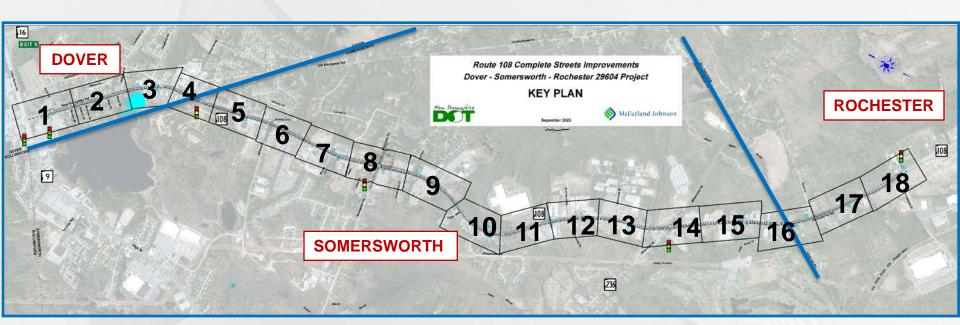


Alternatives Development

Route 108 / Whitehouse Road / Route 236 Intersection



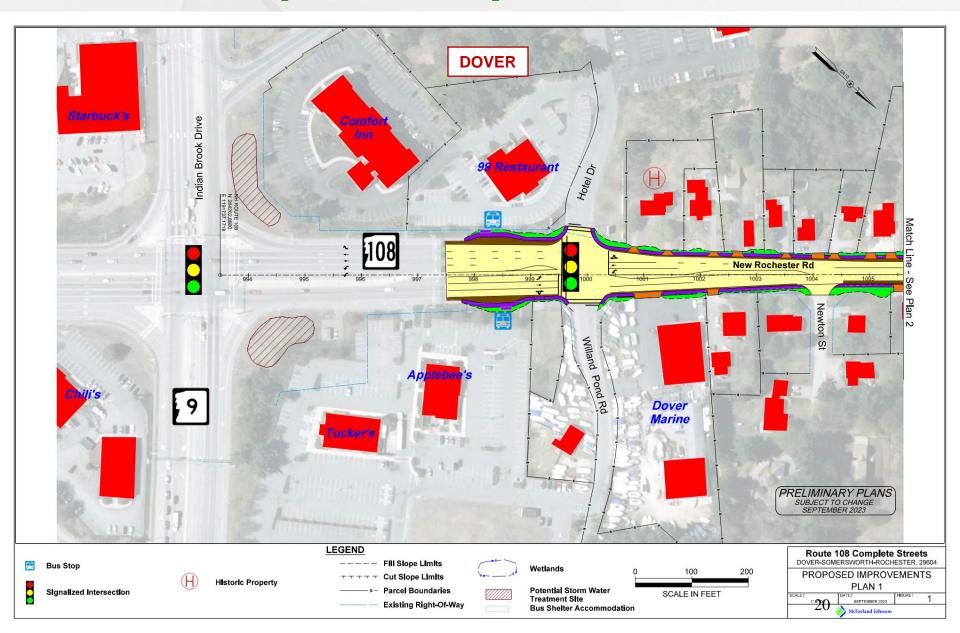


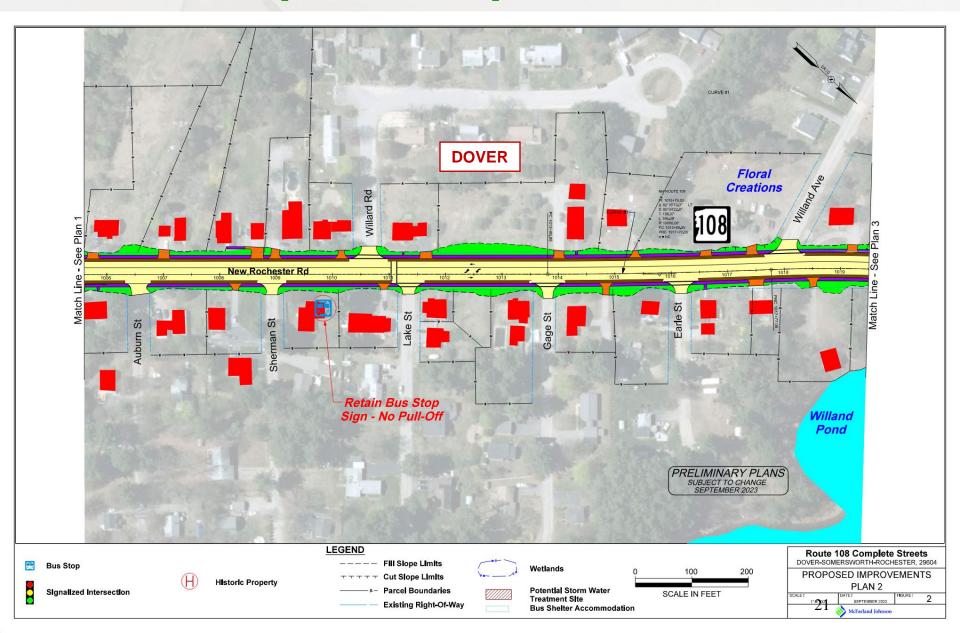


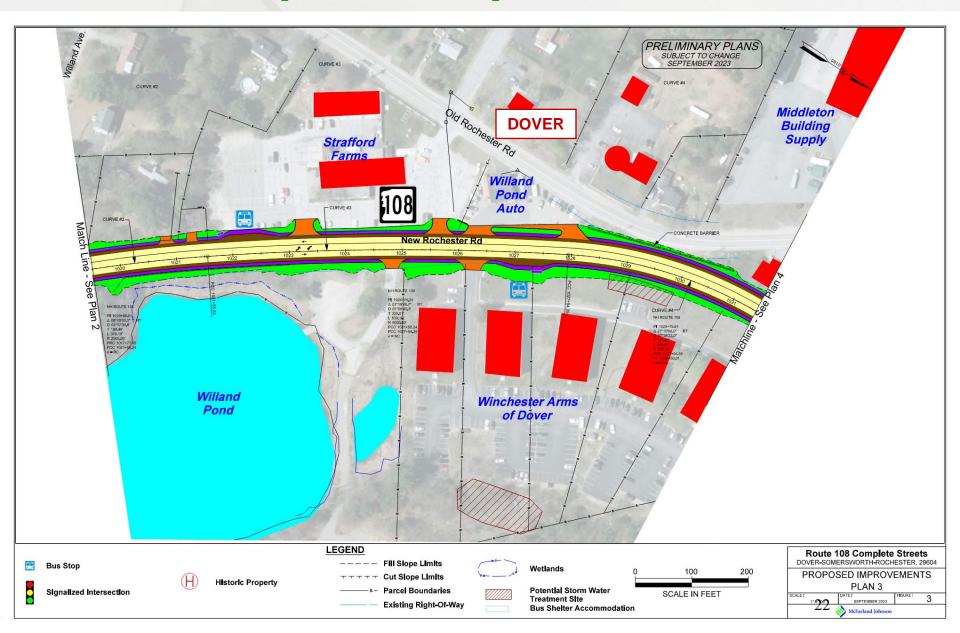
Topics for Discussion

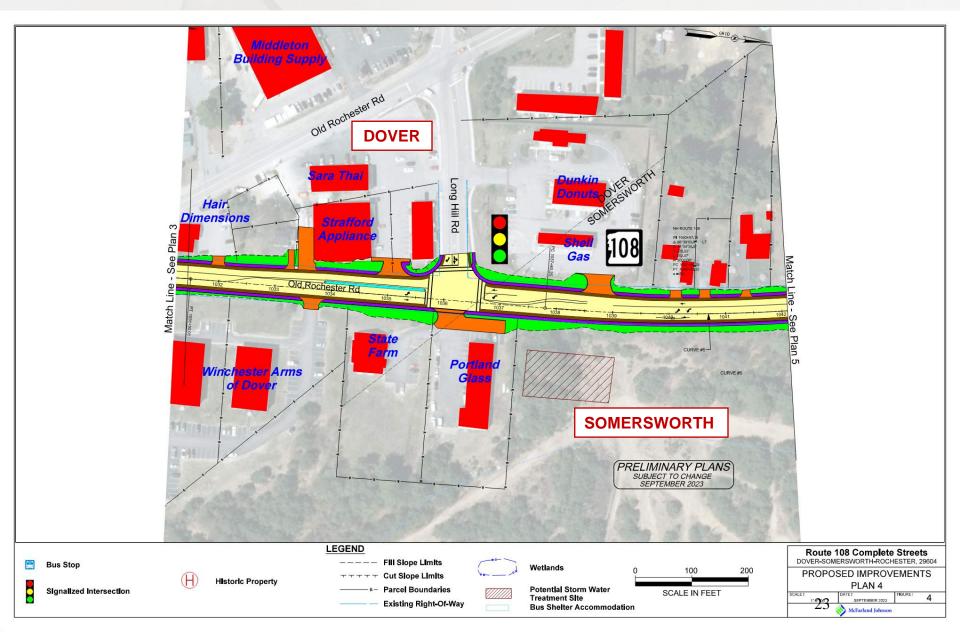
- Turn Lanes
- 2. Sidewalks
- 3. Bus Stop Locations
- Crosswalk Locations
- 5. Stormwater Treatment Sites (BMPs)

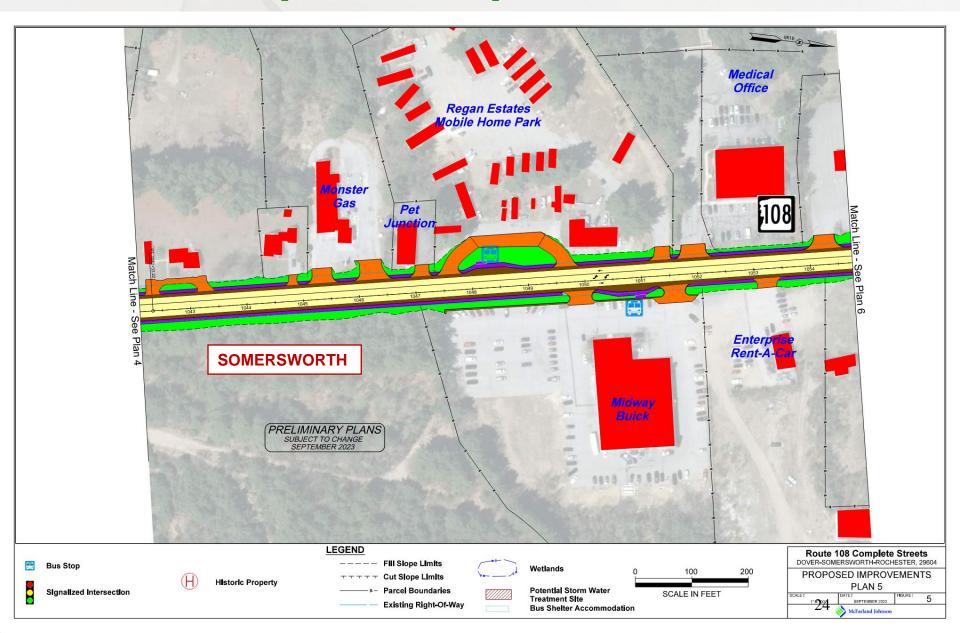


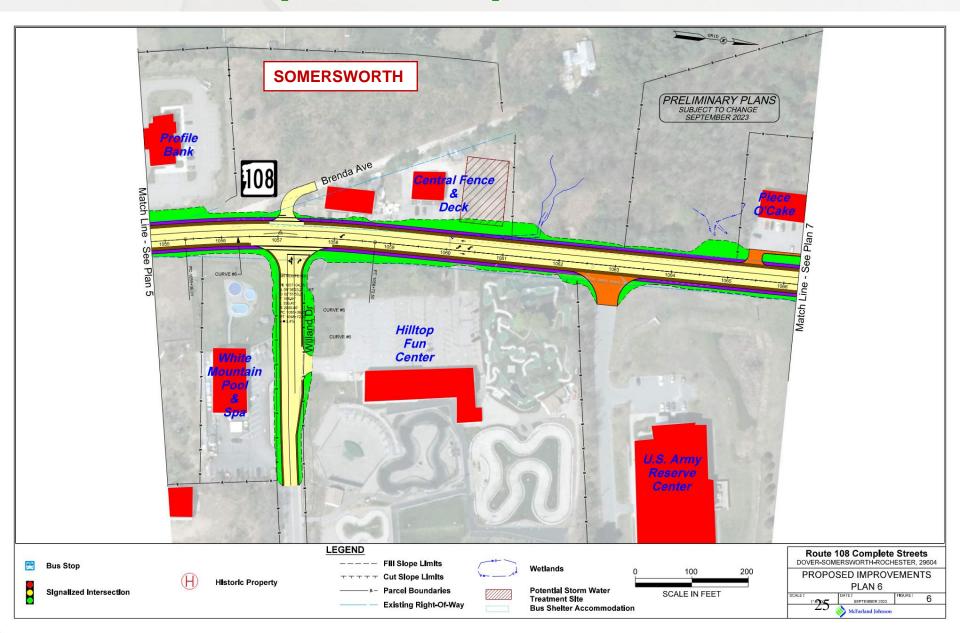


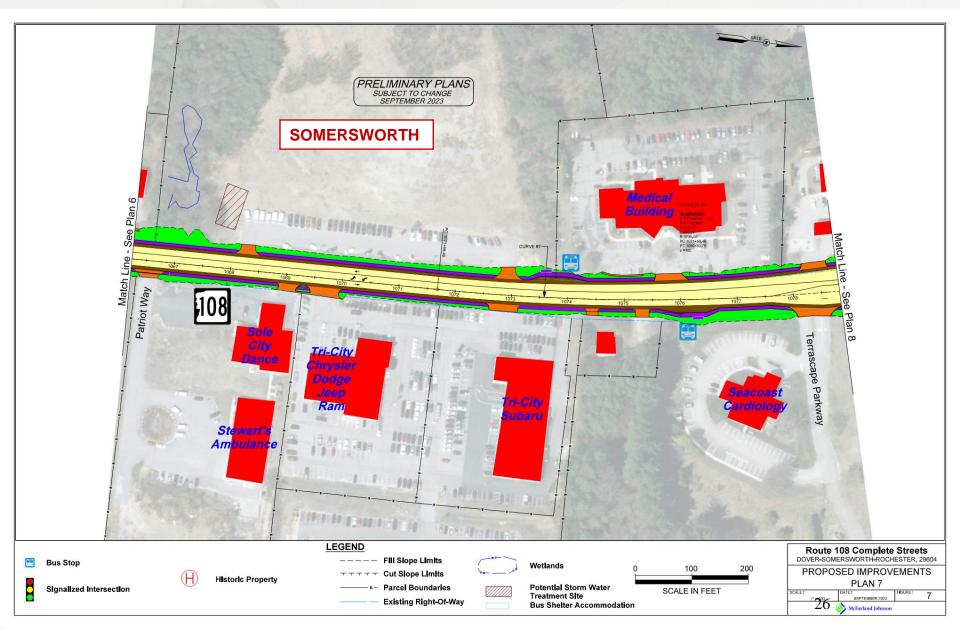


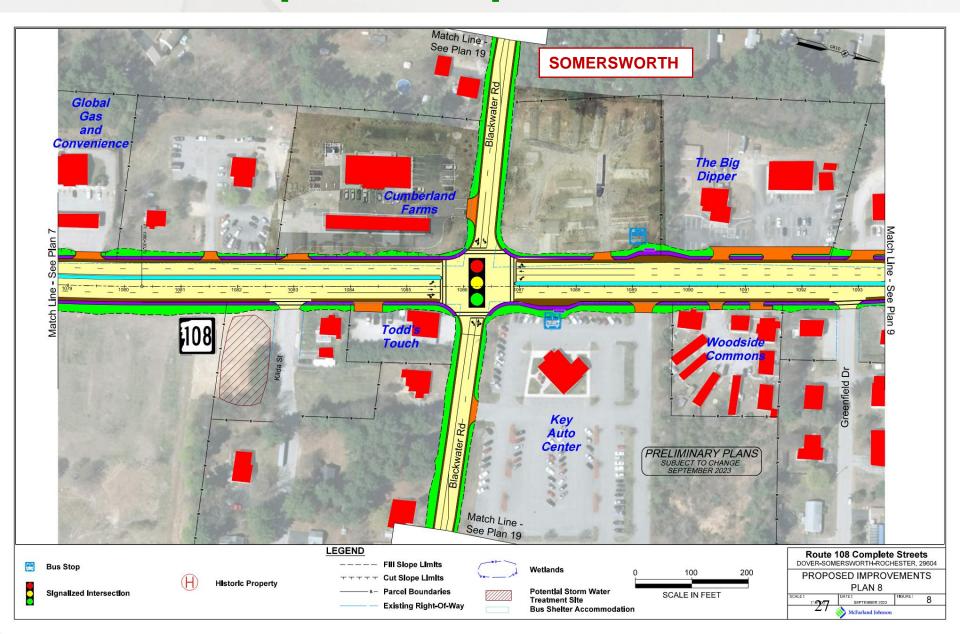


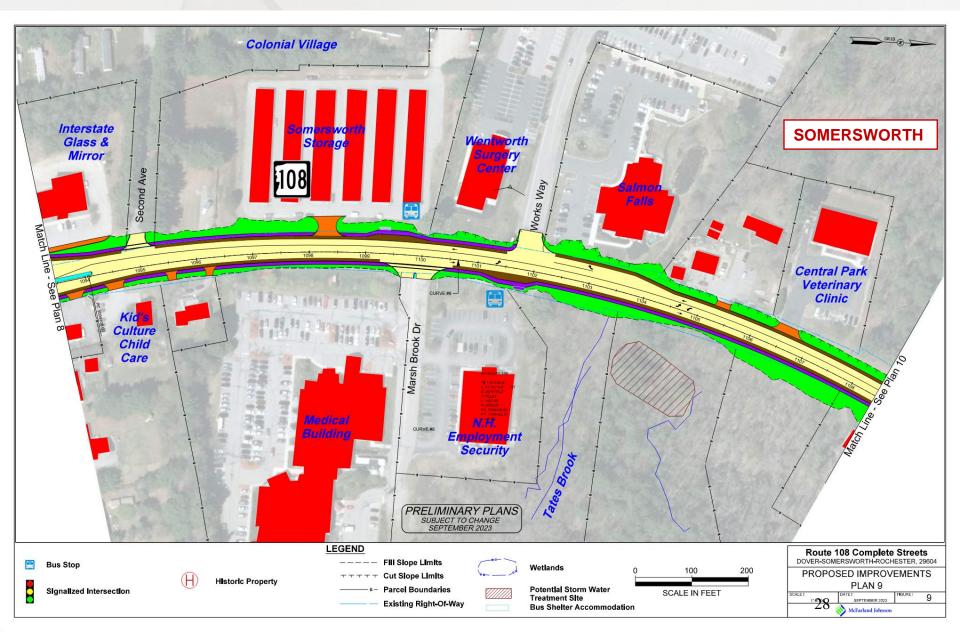


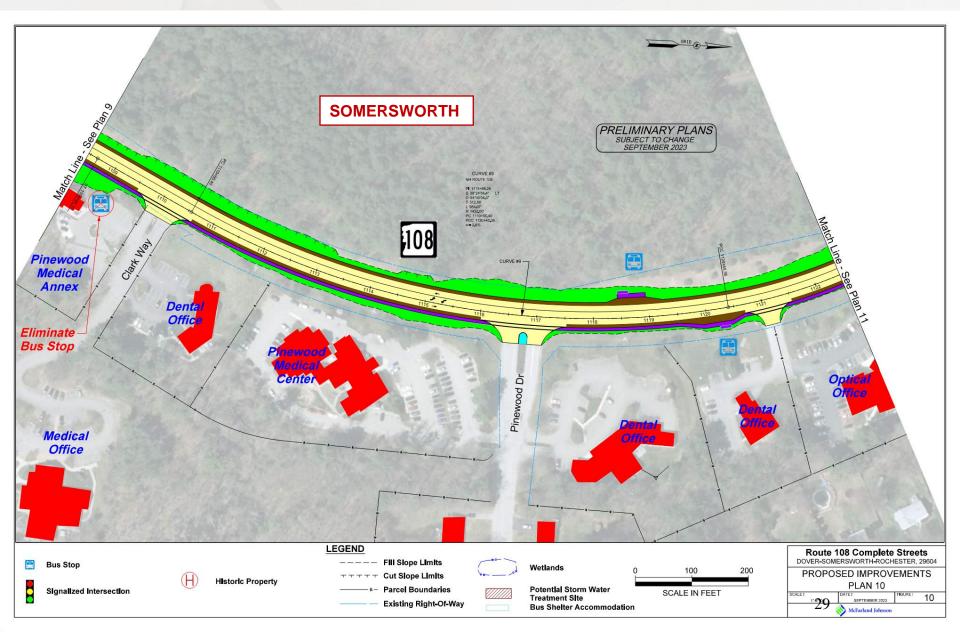


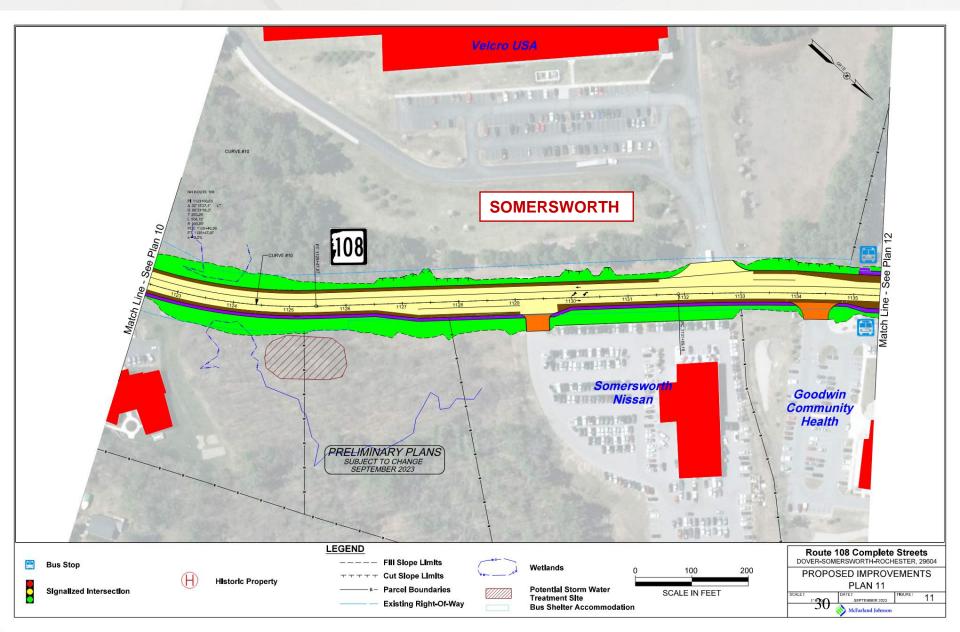


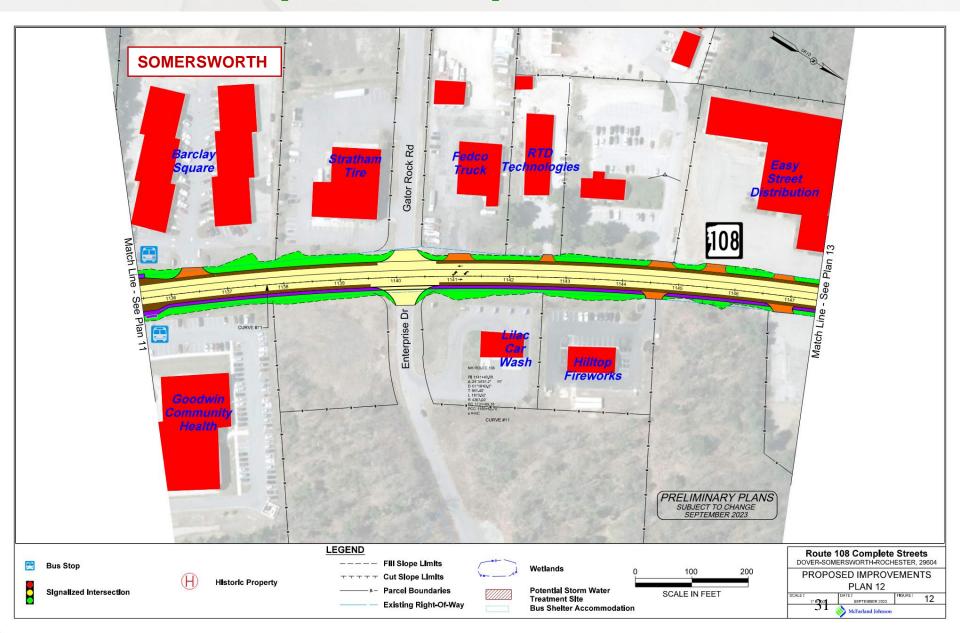


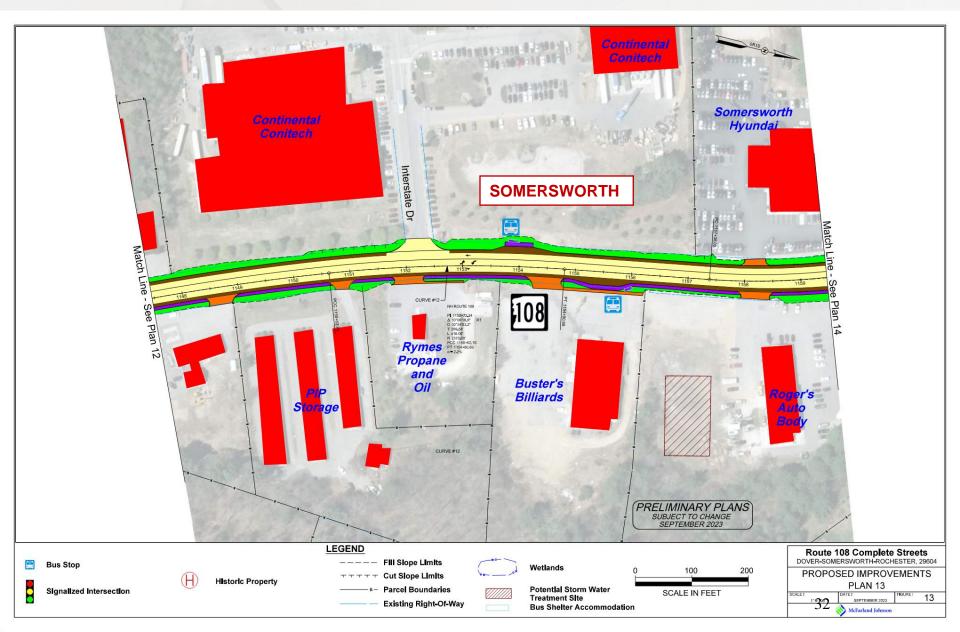


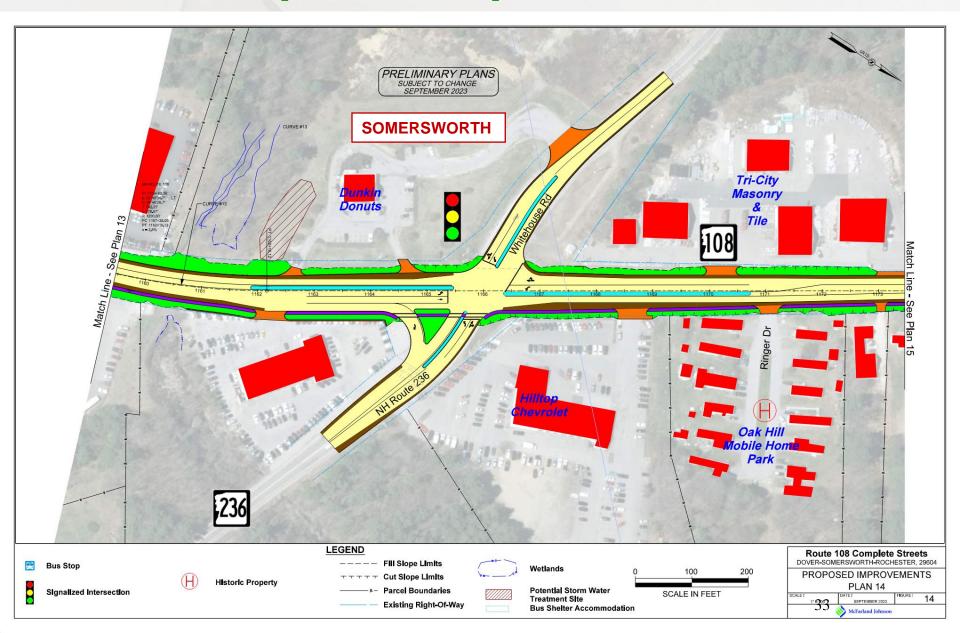


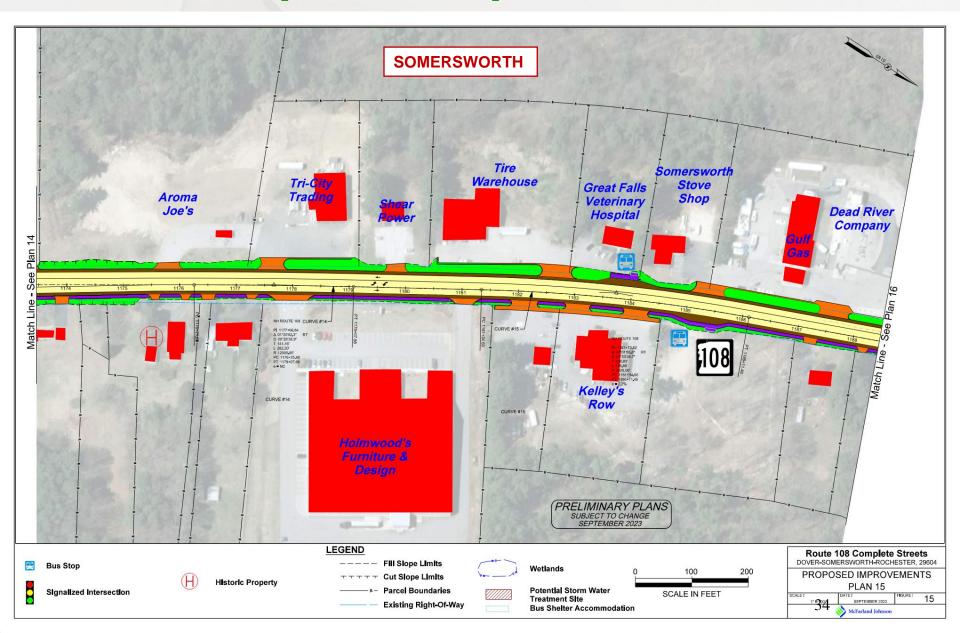


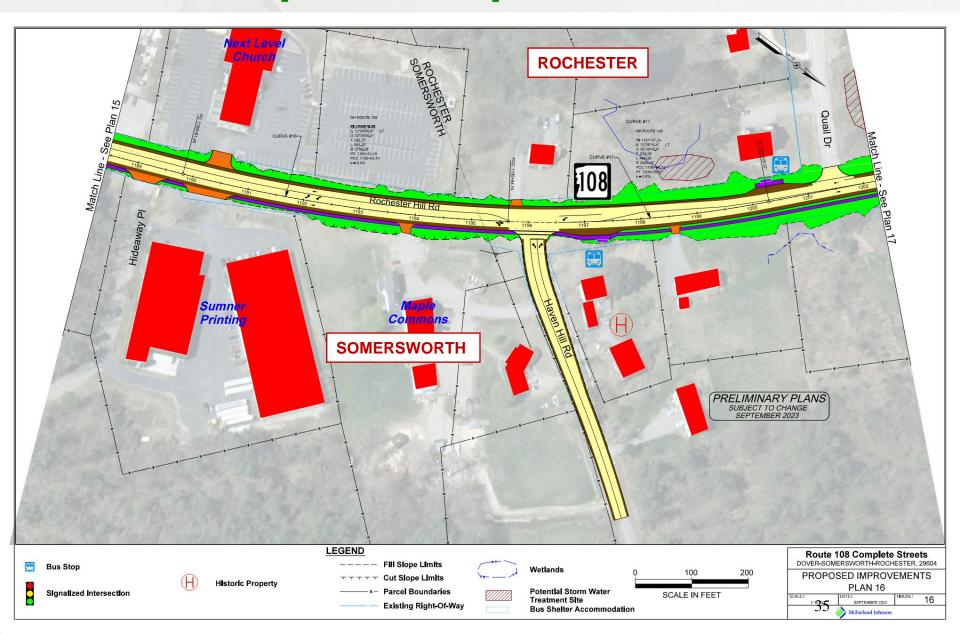


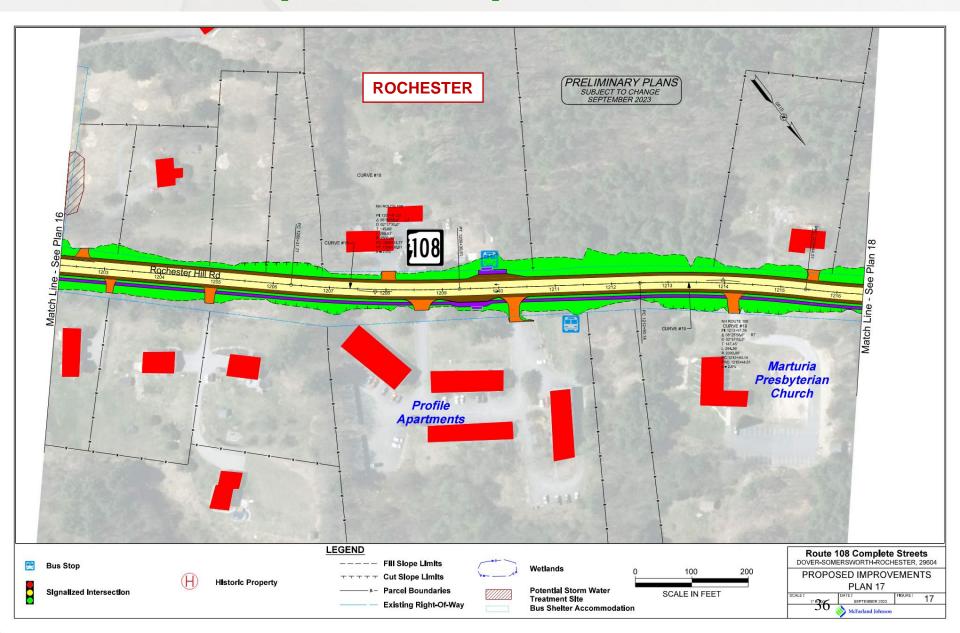


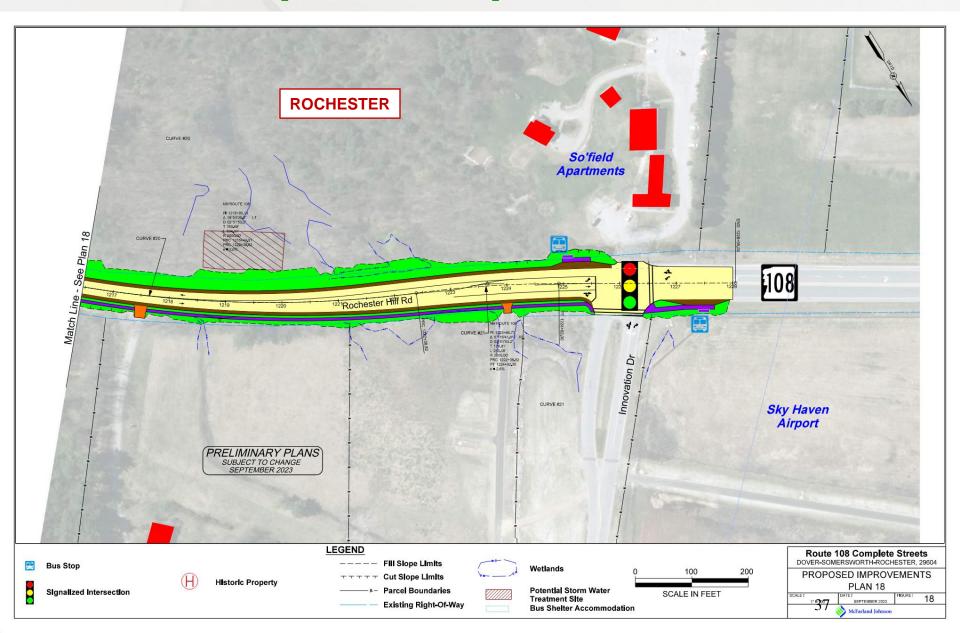












Next Steps

- Finalize Proposed Improvements
- Prepare Environmental Document Winter 2023/2024
- Public Hearing Summer 2024
- Final Design 2025 to 2026
- Construction 2027





Questions / Comments

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