

Public Engagement Meeting #1

Fleet Street Reconstruction Project City of Portsmouth, NH

Public Information Meeting



May 6, 2021

City of Portsmouth

- Peter Rice, PE, Public Works Director
- Terry Desmarais, PE, City Engineer
- Zach Cronin, EIT, Assistant City Engineer
- Eric Eby, PE, Transportation Engineer
- Dave Desfosses, Construction Manager
- Stephanie Seacord, Public Outreach Coordinator

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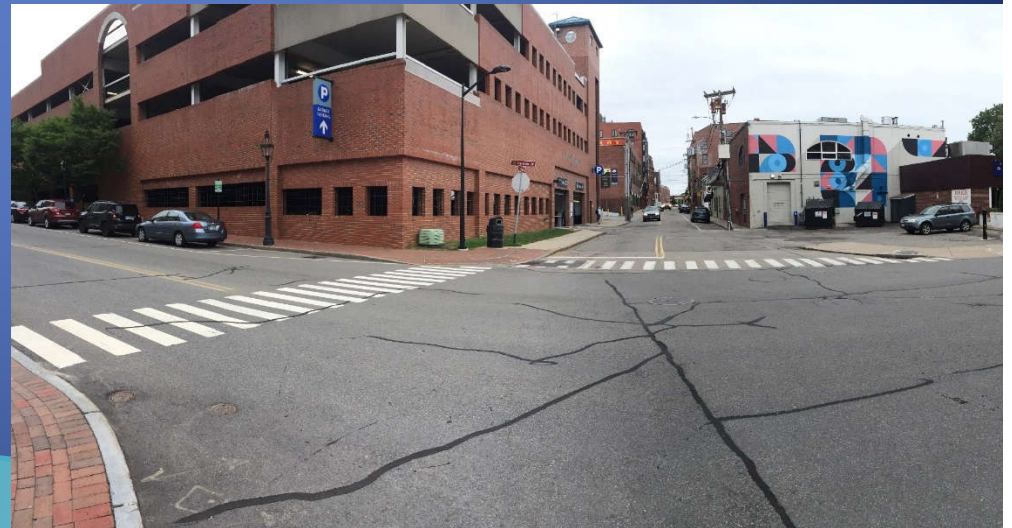
- Keith Pratt, PE, President
- Dan Rochette, PE, Project Manager
- Phil Macdonald, PE, Technical Leader
- Robbi Woodburn, Landscape Architect
- Vicky Martel, Landscape Architect
- Steve Sawyer, PE – Sebago Technics
- Brad Lyon, PE, – Sebago Technics



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Agenda

1. Purpose of This Meeting
2. Background & Goals
3. Work Completed to Date
4. Schedule
5. Public Information and Outreach
6. Public Participation



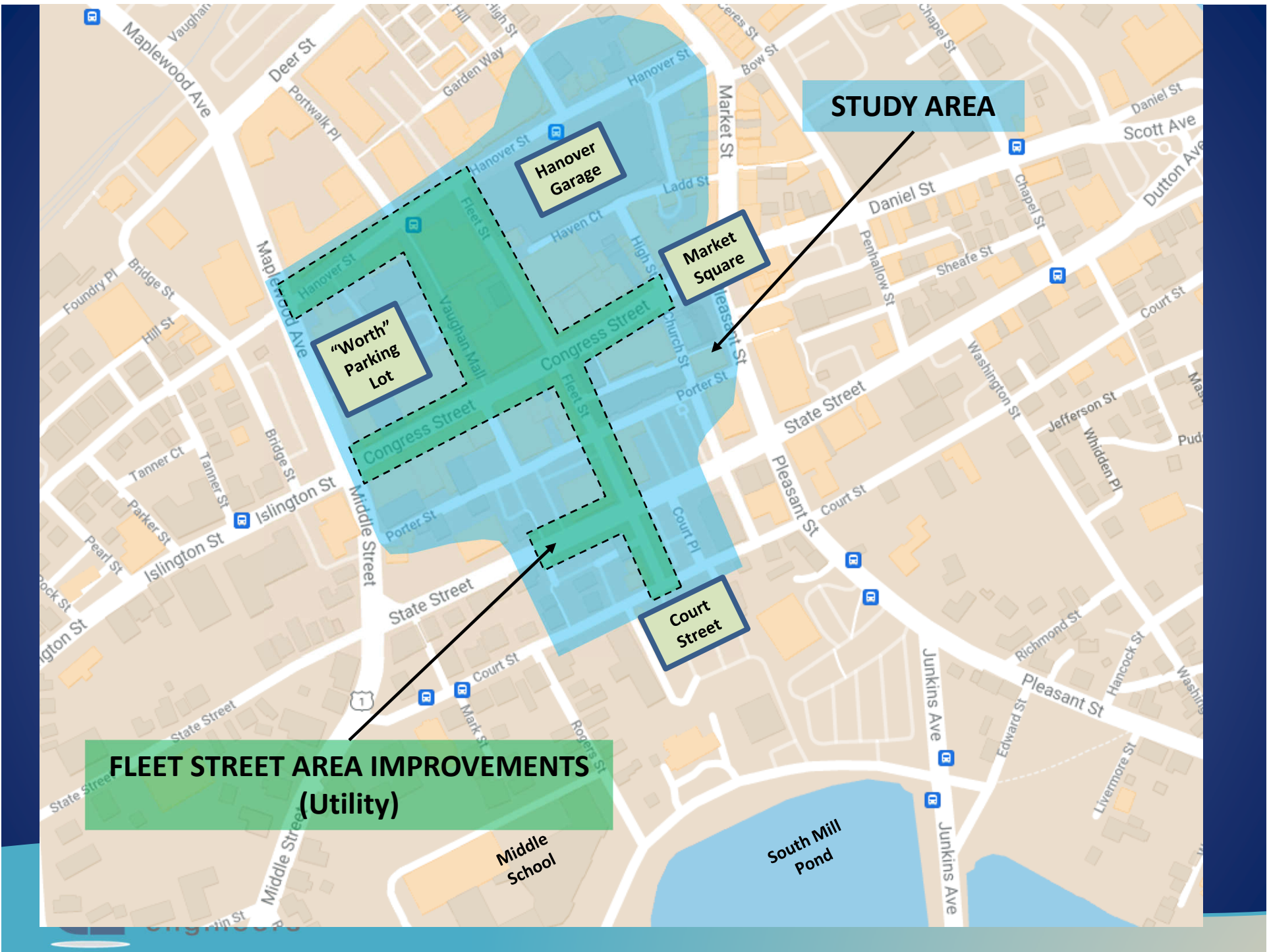
Meeting Purpose

- Provide brief project background
- Review work complete to date
- Review public information to date
- Begin the public engagement process prior to roadway conceptual design

Meeting Purpose

- This is a...
 - Listening session prior to start of design
 - Way to gather a better “wish list”
 - Blank slate
- This is not a...
 - Presentation of Concepts
 - Design review meeting
 - Presentation of project budgets

Design or alternatives will be presented in a future meeting



STUDY AREA

**FLEET STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS
(Utility)**

**Hanover
Garage**

**Market
Square**

**"Worth"
Parking
Lot**

**Court
Street**

**Middle
School**

**South Mill
Pond**

Project Background

- EPA Consent Decree requires Fleet Street Sewer Separation work
- Sewer Separation = Installation of a separate drainage system to remove stormwater and sump pump flows from the sewer system

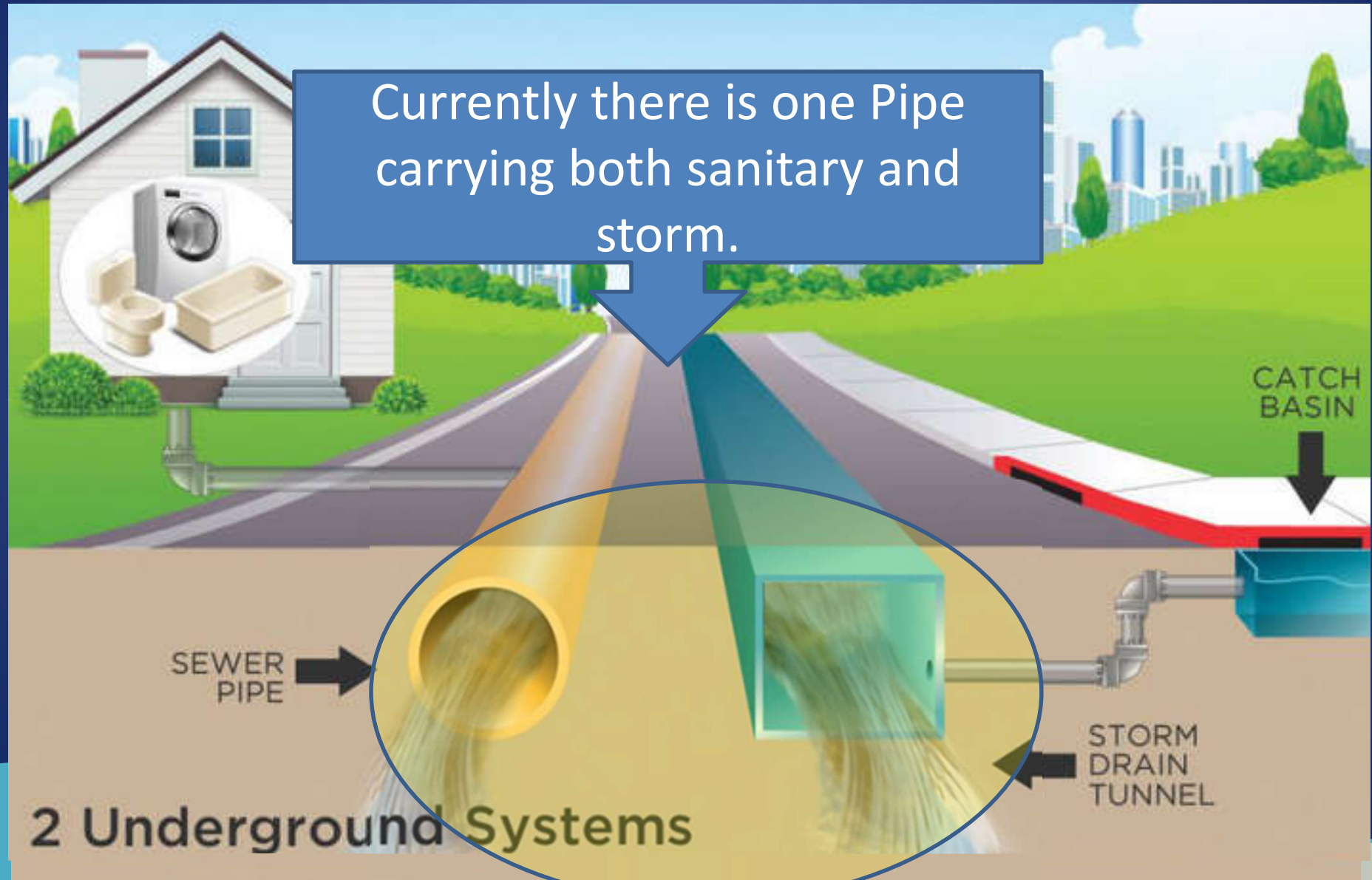


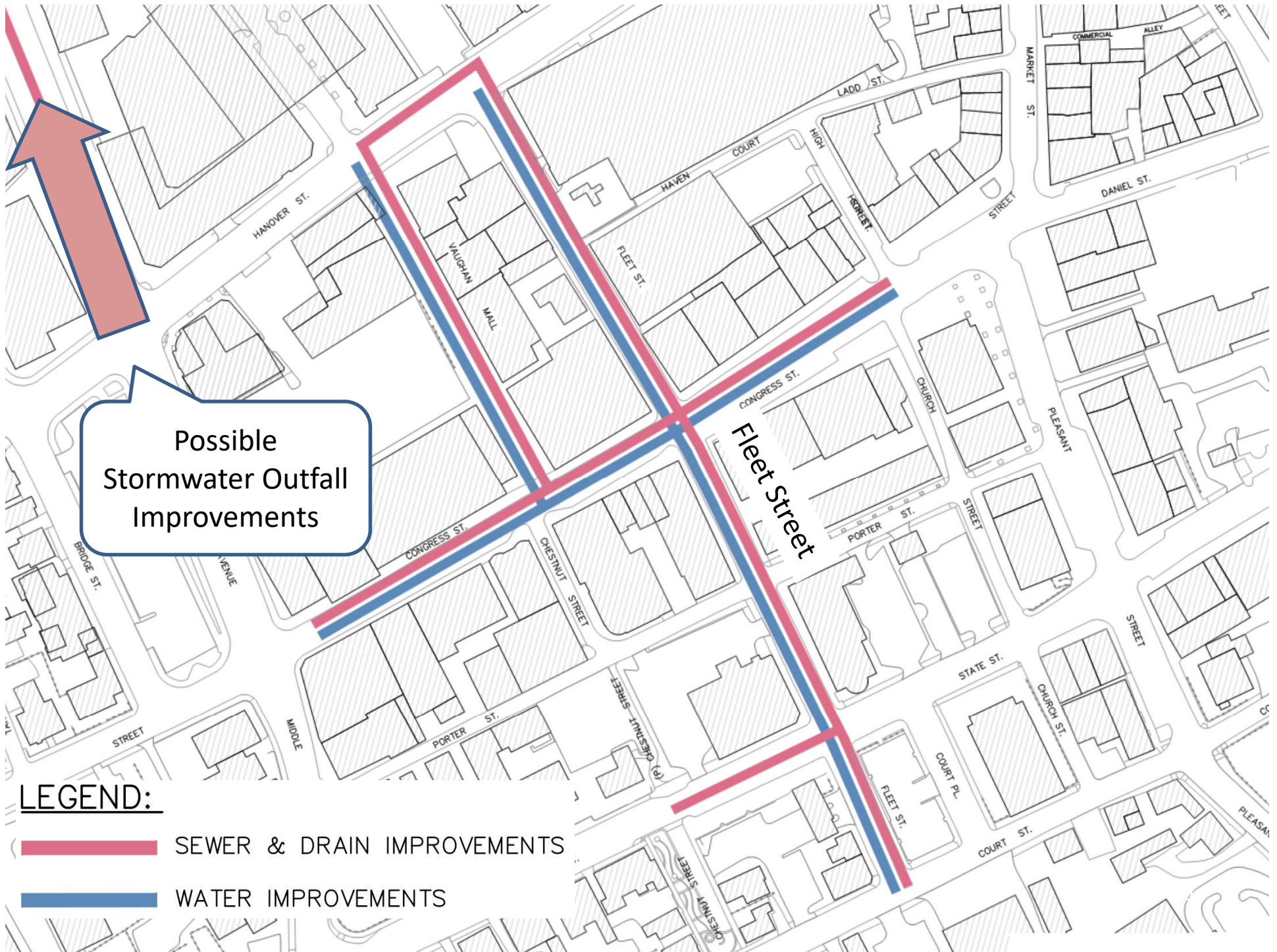
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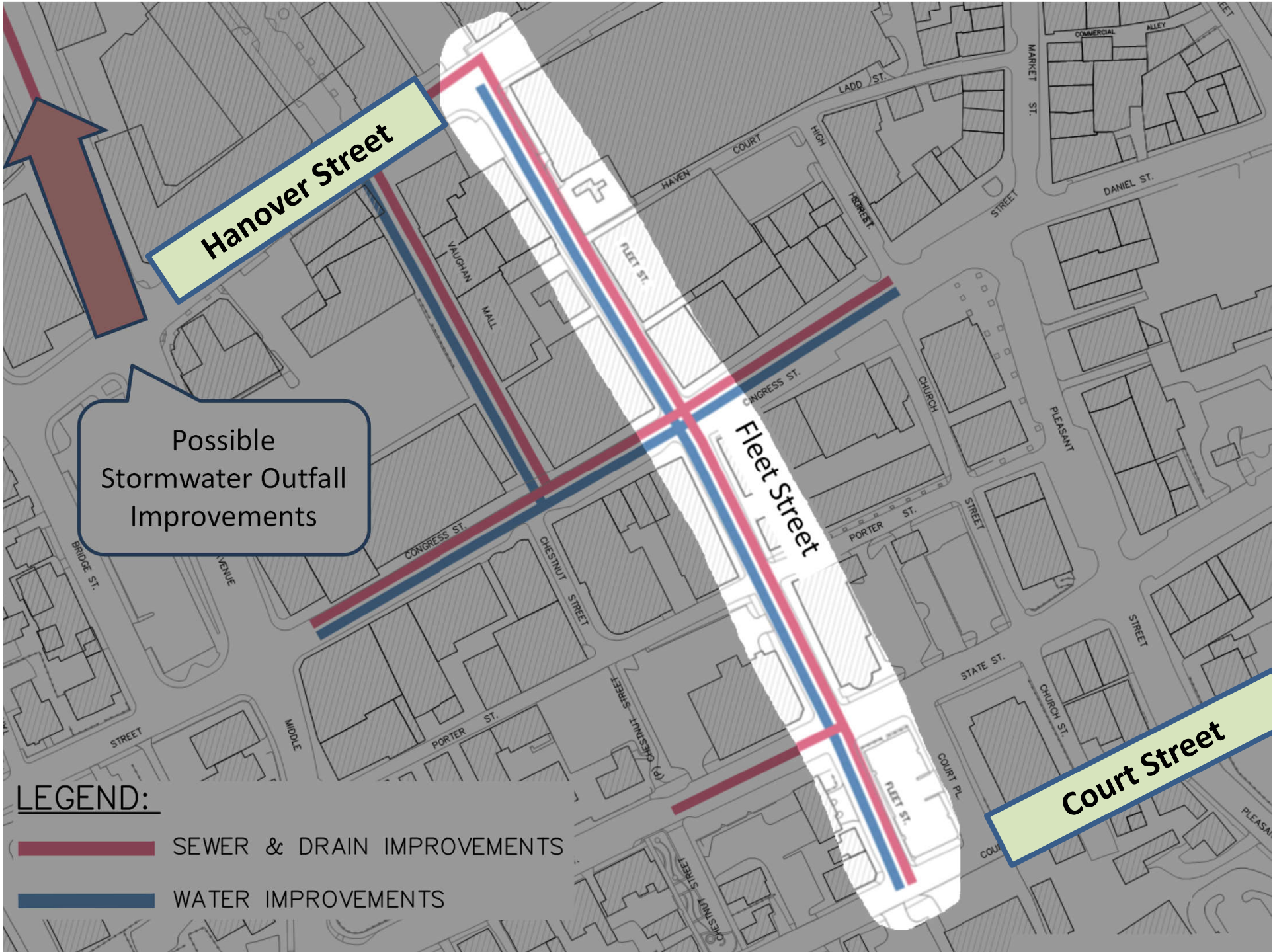
City of Portsmouth, NH
December 22, 2017

Goal - Separate Sewer and Drainage

Currently there is one Pipe carrying both sanitary and storm.







Hanover Street

Possible
Stormwater Outfall
Improvements

Flet Street

Court Street

LEGEND:

SEWER & DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS

WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Completed Field Work Data Collection

- Topographic Survey
- Traffic Signal Inventory
- Subsurface Investigations (test borings)
- Basement Surveys

Public Information To Date

- Introductory Public Meeting
 - Completed 9/9/2020
- Utility Coordination Meeting
 - Completed 11/11/2020
- Door to Door Notice Distribution
 - Completed December 2020

City Website

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/fleet-street>

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FLEET STREET AREA RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The City of Portsmouth is preparing preliminary engineering and conducting field work for the Fleet Street Area Reconstruction Project. This project includes the replacement of the underground utilities and reconstruction of sidewalks on Fleet Street. The City has hired Portsmouth-based consultant, Underwood Engineers, to complete this work.

Department of Public Works consultant Flow Assessment Services has conducted utility surveys of buildings in the area, working with building owners. Flow Assessment Services is a sub-consultant to the engineering consultant, Underwood Engineers, Inc.

Building utility surveys are important for project planning for the following reasons:

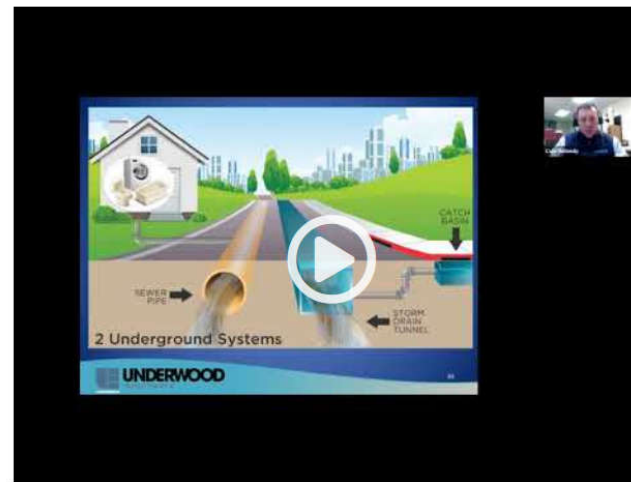
- To identify the number and types of service pipes entering buildings
- To map the direction of the plumbing discharge flow
- To maximize the benefit of planned project roadway/drainage improvements to private properties

While the project is focused on Fleet Street from Hanover St to the larger area will be studied in the initial phases of engineering and other improvements can be properly designed. A map of the area is shown below:

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FLEET STREET PUBLIC YOUTUBE MEETINGS



11.15.20 FLEET STREET PUBLIC MEETING

November 18, 2020



09.09.20 FLEET STREET PROJECT

September 14, 2020

Public Engagement This Meeting

- Listen to Public and Summarize Needs First
 - This Meeting!
- Blank Slate Engage Public to Collect Ideas
 - Improve Pedestrian Accommodations
 - Alternate traffic patterns
 - Seating Areas

Benefit is that most of the design effort is completed after public input

Public Engagement Next Steps

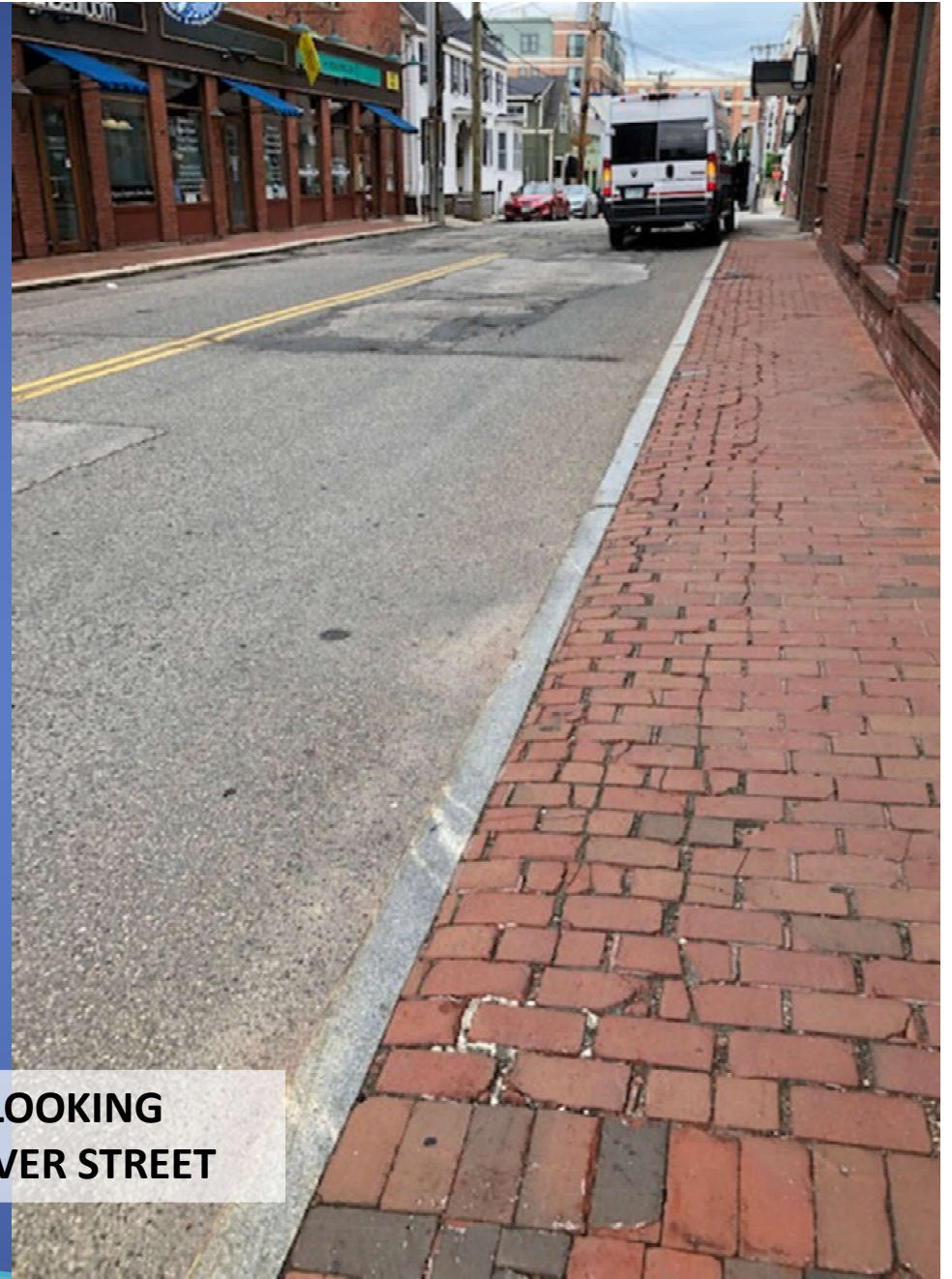
- Presentation of Alternatives
 - Summer 2021
- Presentation of Chosen Alternative
 - Fall 2021

Target Construction Schedule

- Start of Final Design - Fall 2021
- Additional Public Info/Update Meetings - Spring through Fall 2022
- Start of Construction - Spring 2023



**FLEET STREET FROM
HANOVER STREET**



**FLEET STREET LOOKING
TOWARDS HANOVER STREET**

**FLEET STREET – OUTDOOR
EATING AREA**





**INTERSECTION OF CONGRESS
AND FLEET STREETS**



**FLEET STREET LOOKING
TOWARDS STATE STREET**



**CONGRESS STREET LOOKING
TOWARDS FLEET STREET**

**CONGRESS STREET –
OUTDOOR EATING**





**VAUGHAN MALL LOOKING
TOWARDS HANOVER STREET**



**VAUGHAN MALL –
OUTDOOR EATING**





**EXAMPLE
SHEAFE STREET – BEFORE
AND AFTER**



**EXAMPLE
SHEAFE STREET – BEFORE
AND AFTER**





**EXAMPLE
ISLINGTON STREET – BEFORE AND
AFTER**



Underwood Engineers Office Hours

- May 17, 2021 through June 25, 2021
- Call ahead appointments
 - In Person COVID Friendly
 - Interactive Video Chat
 - 15 Minutes
- Telephone - 436-6192





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**FLEET STREET RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT AREA**

**OFFICE HOURS
25 Vaughan Mall**



Today's Approach

- Listen to...
 - Issues
 - Goals
 - Ideas
 - Considerations
 - Priorities (and compromises)

This is a blank slate, no design work has been completed, no alternative will be presented

Considerations and Priorities *(What's Important to You?)*

- Pedestrian accommodations and seating
- Traffic patterns & calming
- Landscape & trees
- Bike accommodations
- Overhead utilities
- Parking
- Curbing realignments
- Other?



Vaughan Mall –
Mayor’s Blue Ribbon
Committee

Market
Square
Master Plan

Outdoor seating
and Dining

LEGEND:

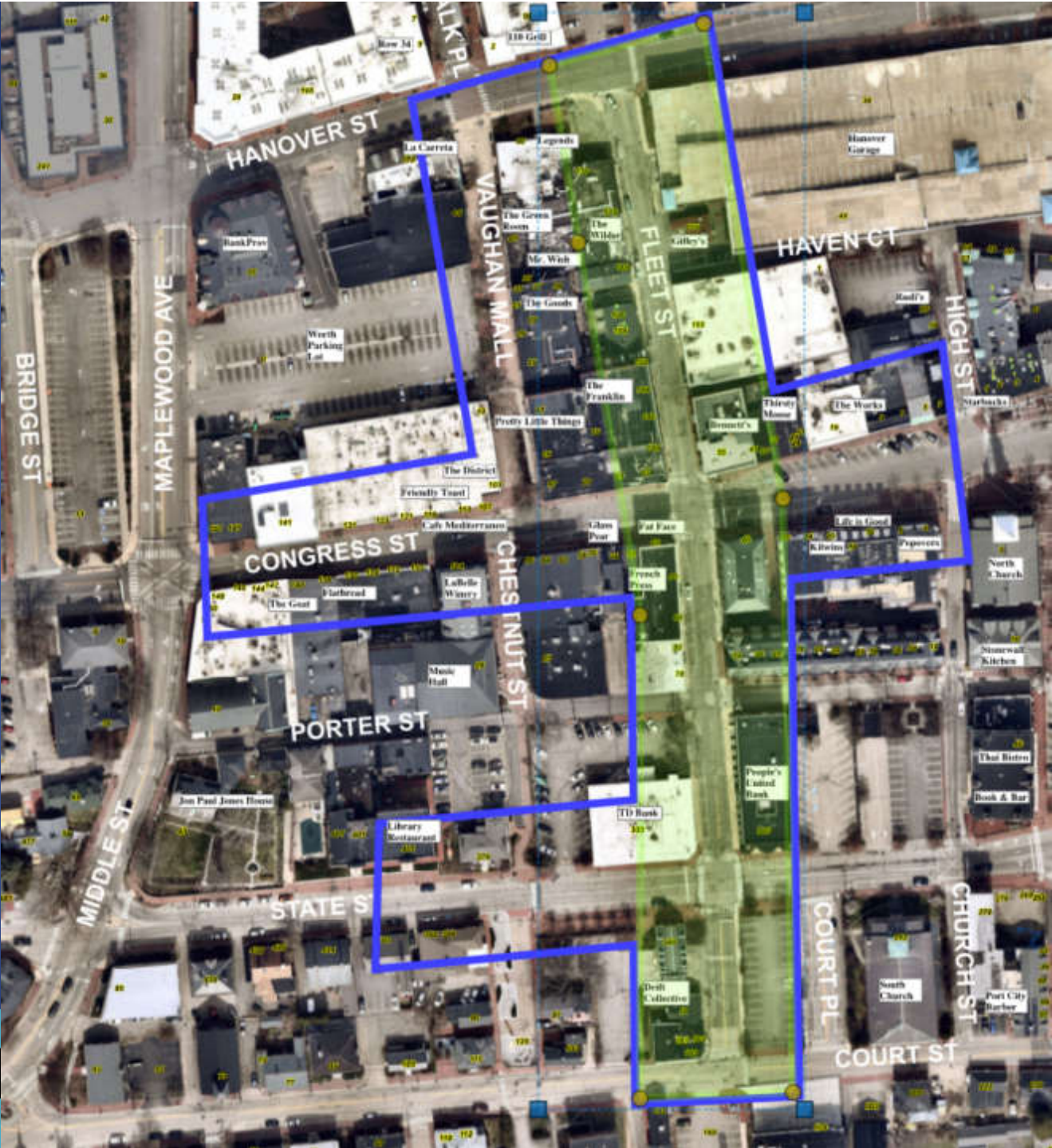


ROAD/RECONSTRUCTION &
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

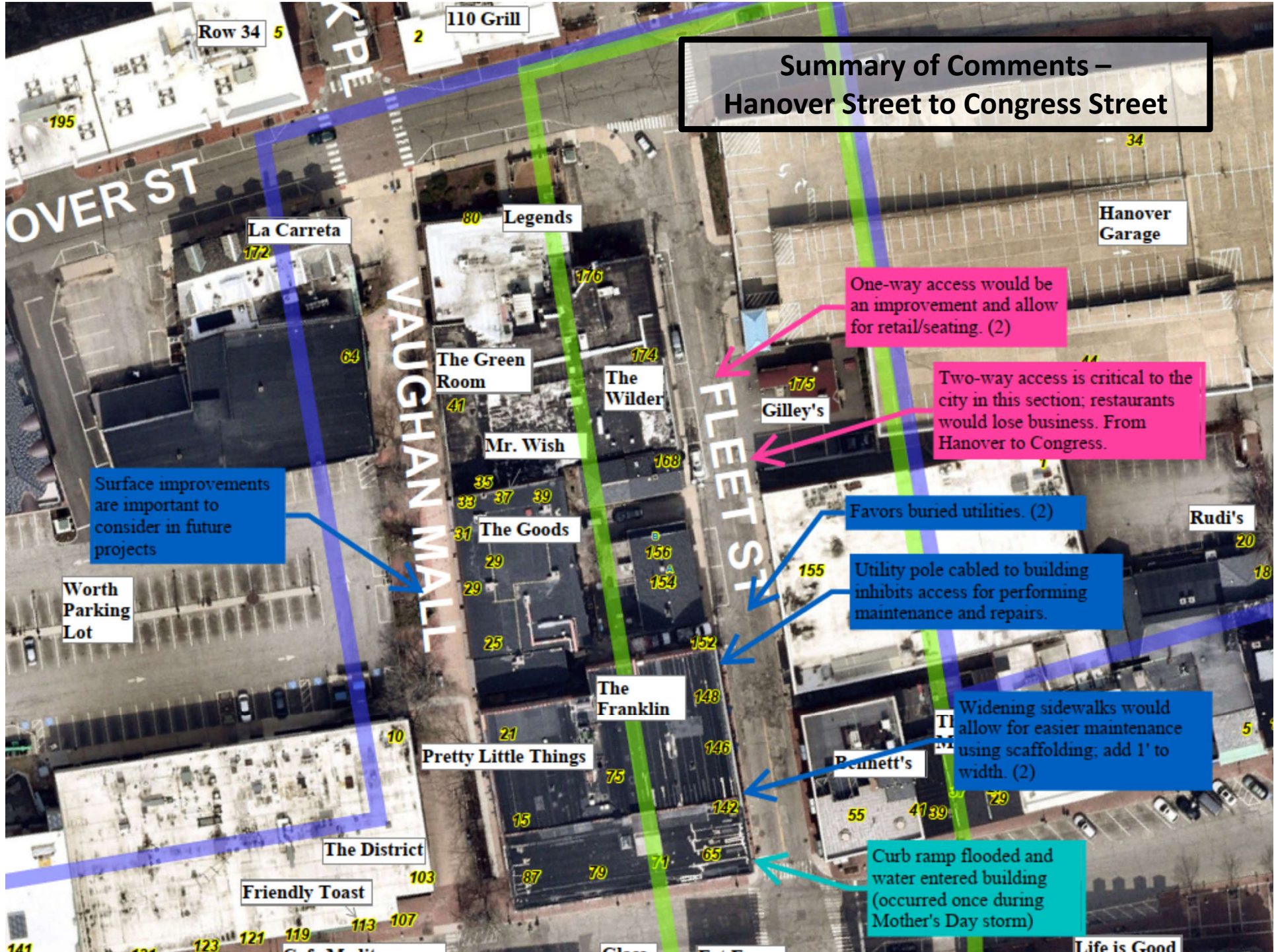


ROAD/LANDSCAPE RESTORATION
DUE TO UTILITY WORK





Summary of Comments – Hanover Street to Congress Street



Surface improvements are important to consider in future projects

Worth Parking Lot

One-way access would be an improvement and allow for retail/seating. (2)

Two-way access is critical to the city in this section; restaurants would lose business. From Hanover to Congress.

Favors buried utilities. (2)

Utility pole cabled to building inhibits access for performing maintenance and repairs.

Widening sidewalks would allow for easier maintenance using scaffolding; add 1' to width. (2)

Curb ramp flooded and water entered building (occurred once during Mother's Day storm)

Row 34 5

110 Grill

La Carreta

Legends

Hanover Garage

The Green Room

The Wilder

Gilley's

Mr. Wish

The Goods

The Franklin

Pretty Little Things

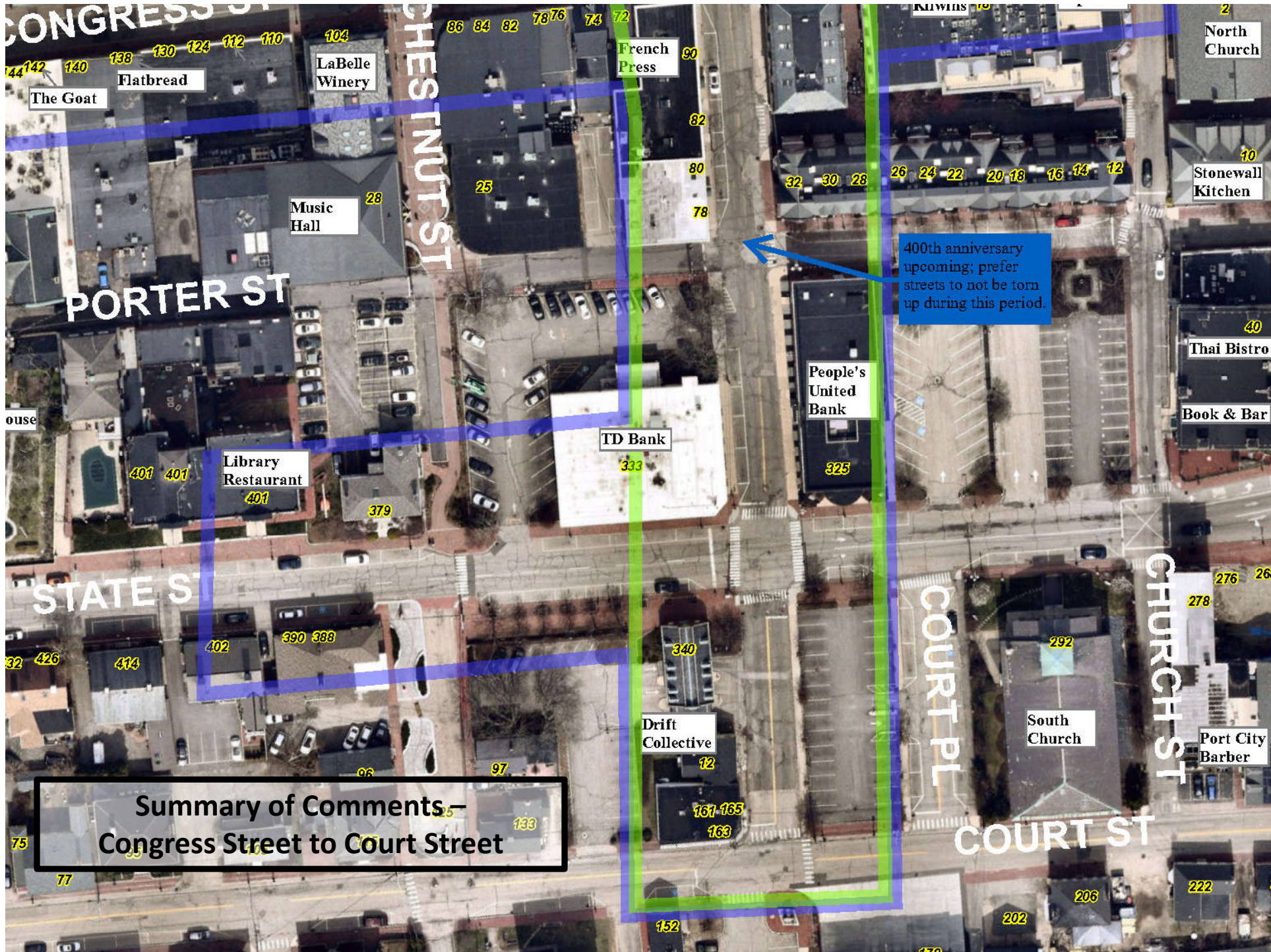
Bennett's

The District

Friendly Toast

Rudi's

Life is Good



**Summary of Comments—
Congress Street to Court Street**

400th anniversary
upcoming; prefer
streets to not be torn
up during this period.

CONGRESS ST
PORTER ST
STATE ST
COURT PL
COURT ST
CHESTNUT ST
CHURCH ST

The Goat
Flatbread
LaBelle Winery
Music Hall
Library Restaurant
Drift Collective
French Press
People's United Bank
South Church
North Church
Stonewall Kitchen
Thai Bistro
Book & Bar
Port City Barber

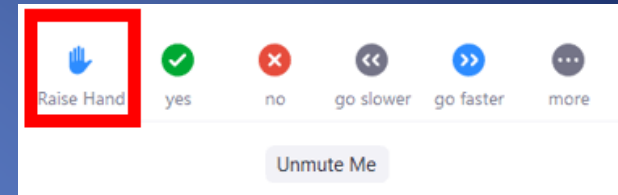
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Summary of Comments

PUBLIC				PRIVATE	
Pedestrian/Bicycle	Traffic/Parking	Outdoor Seating/ Landscape	Drainage/Water /Sewer	Private Accommodations	Other
	One-way access would be an improvement and allow for retail/seating		Curb ramp flooded and water entered building (occurred once during Mother's Day storm)		Widening sidewalks for easier maintenance using scaffolding
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					400th anniversary is upcoming; prefer streets do not be torn up during this period
					Surface improvements are important to consider in future projects
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Public Participation Session

- Digital Hand Raise Function



- When called on your microphone will be enabled by facilitator
- Project team member will navigate a work plan and add notes directly based on discussions



Closing Remarks

FLEET STREET
ROADWAY
RECONSTRUCTION



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