

Briefing on the Status of the Cape Cod Rail Trail Town Council

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VISION 88



CONNECTING THE CAPE COD BIKE PATH NETWORK

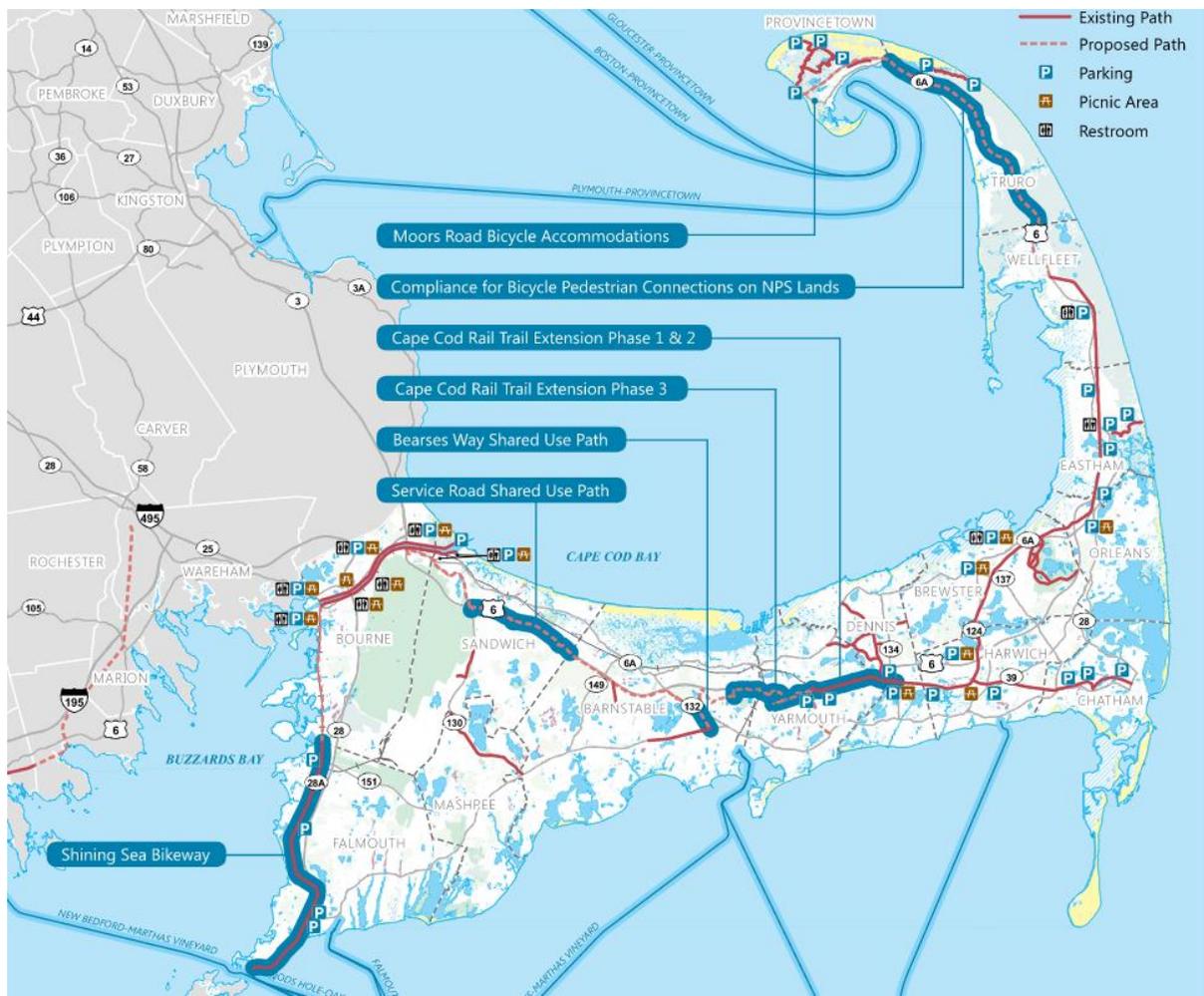


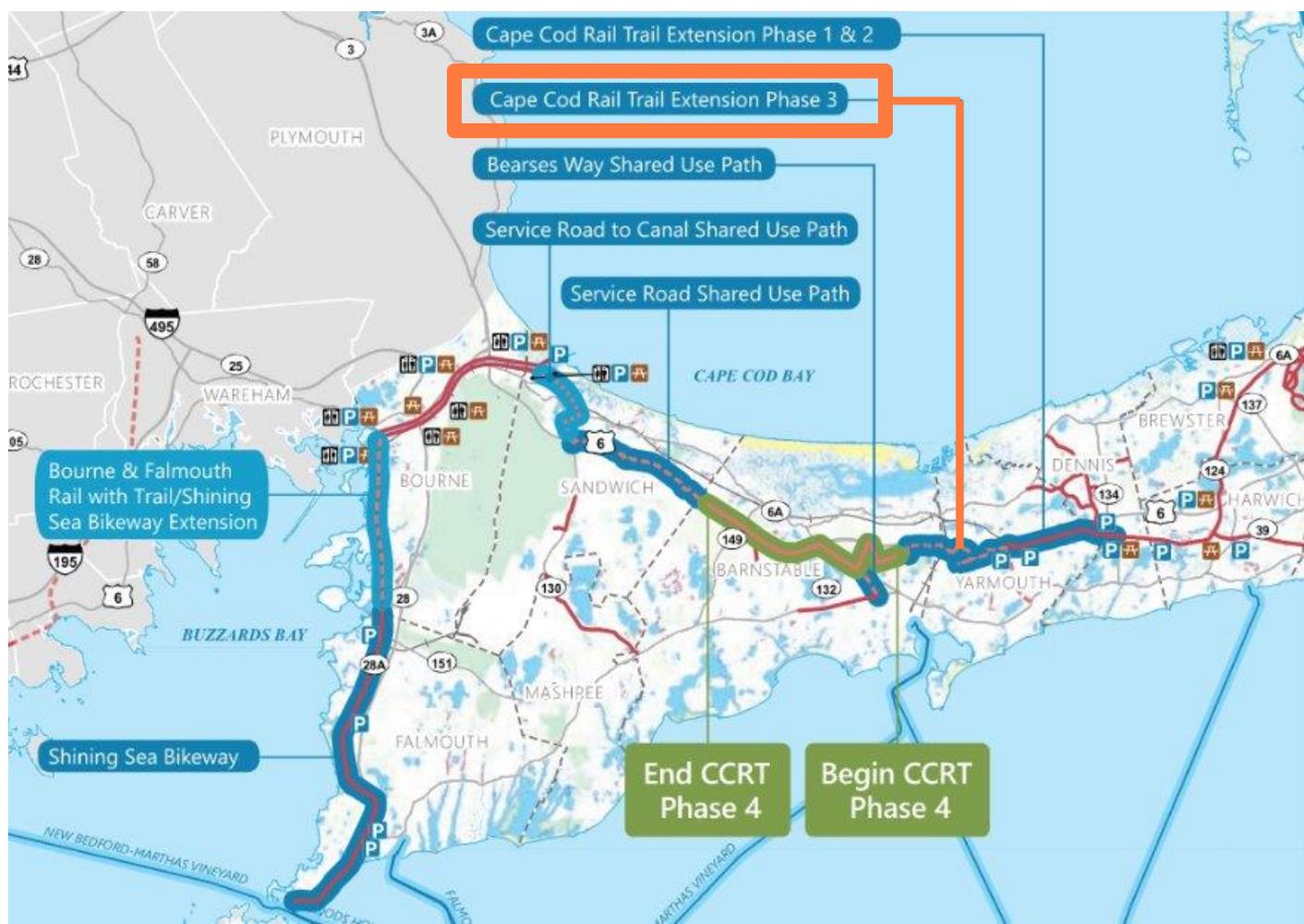
BUILDING THE SPINE

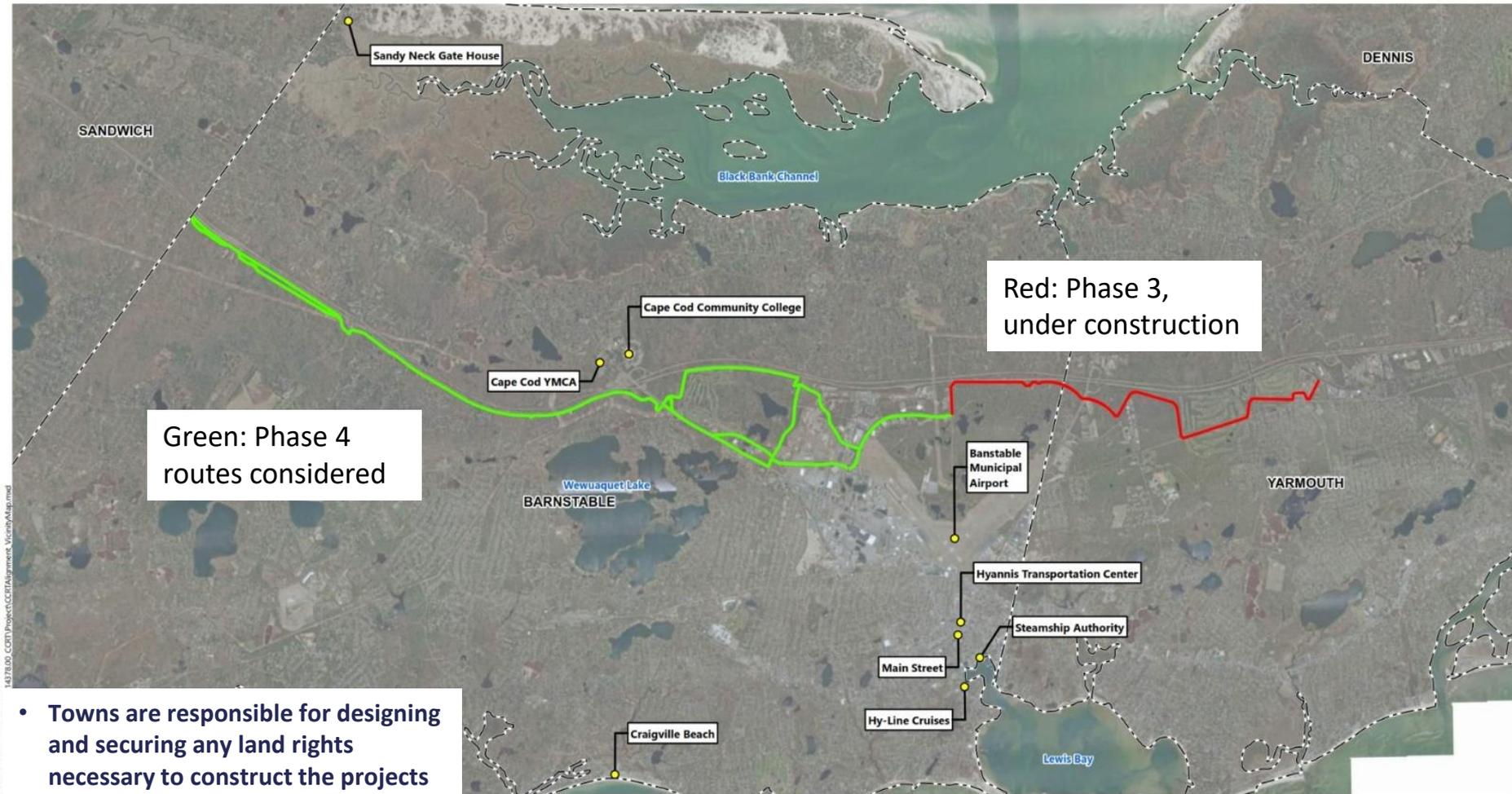
"Vision 88" represents a vision for bicycle path connections to and within Cape Cod by proposing a continuous shared-use path network of 88 miles from Woods Hole to Bourne to Provincetown.

CONNECTING THE REGION

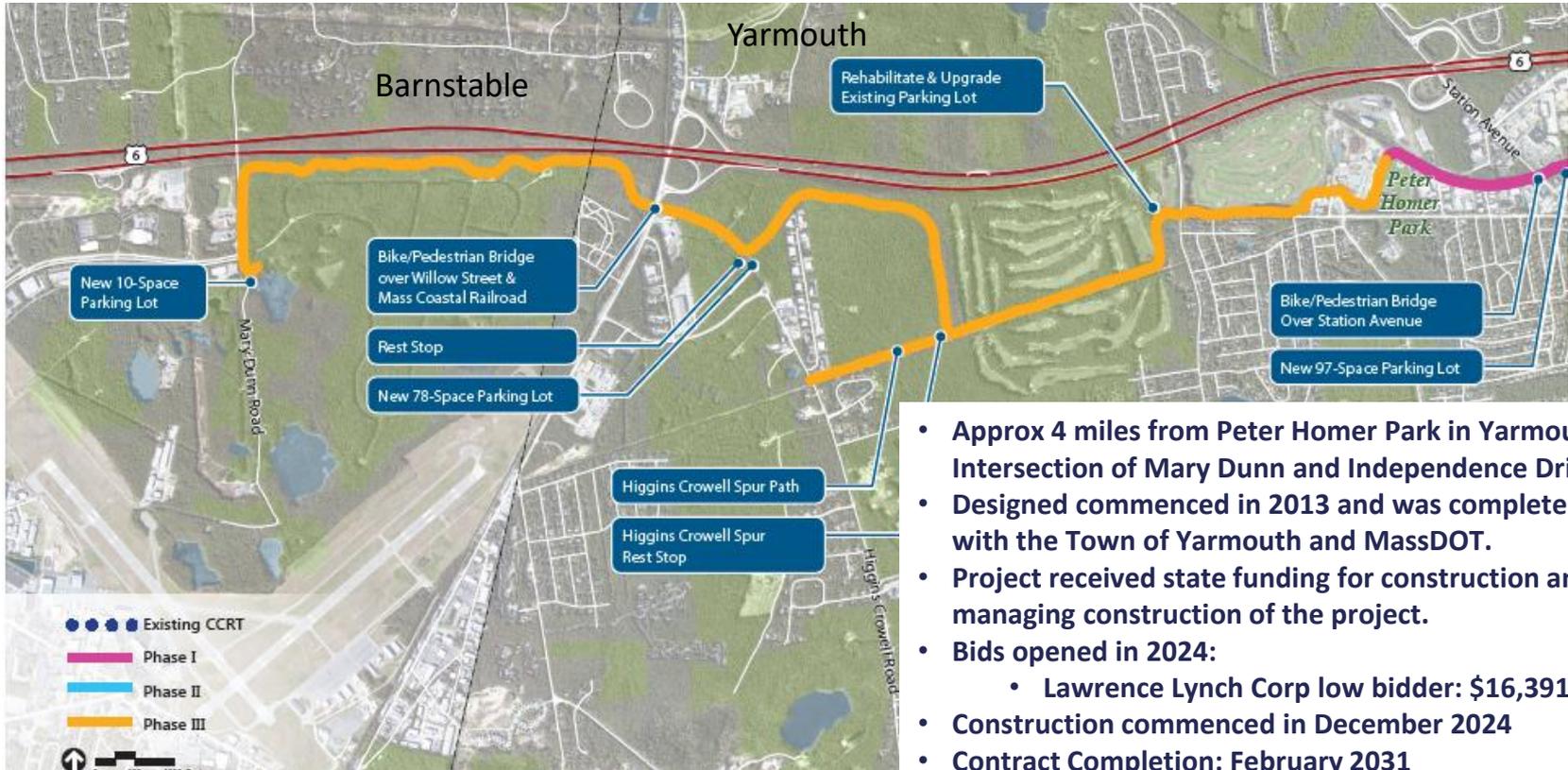
Successful and equitable execution of this vision also requires context sensitive improvements along key regional corridors to connect with neighboring regions, multi-modal hubs, centers of community and business activity, essential services, and local routes to additional destinations.





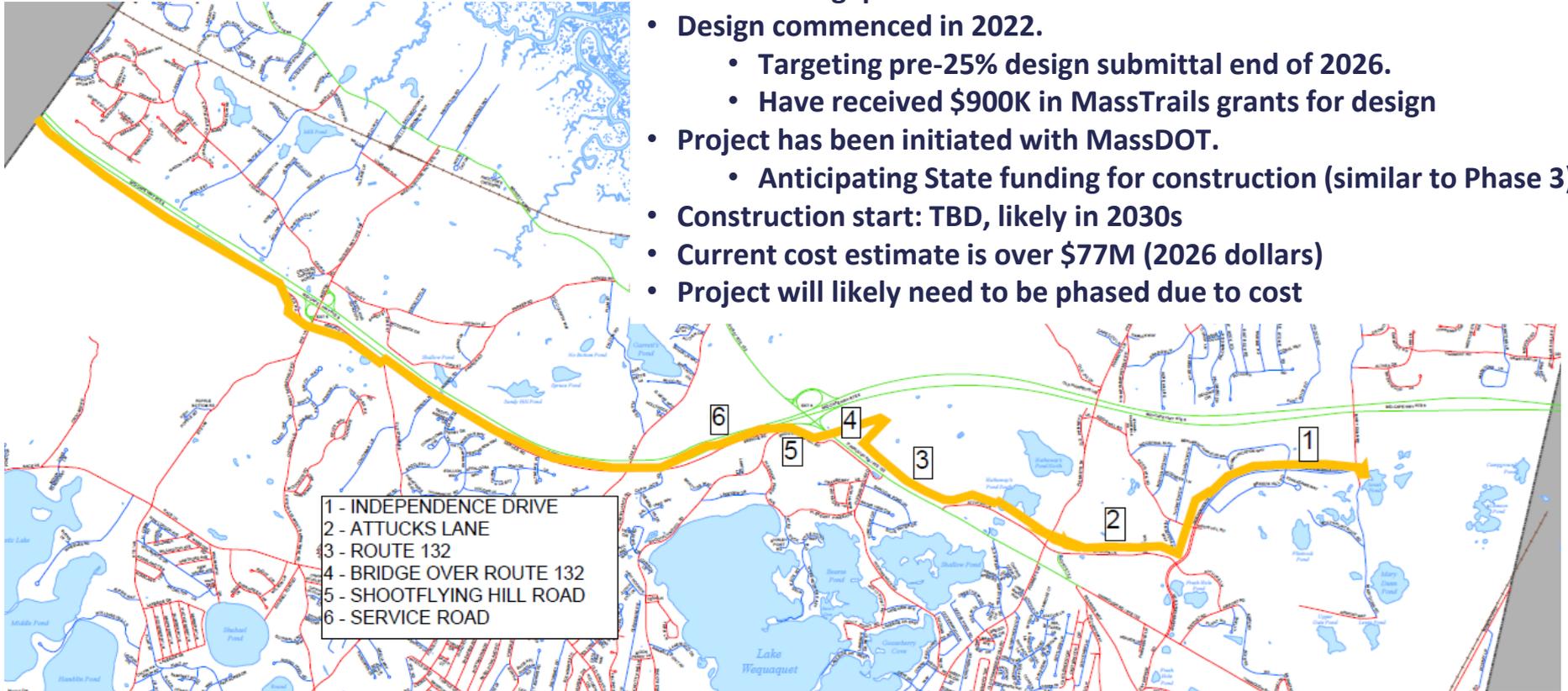


Phase 3



- **Approx 4 miles from Peter Homer Park in Yarmouth to Intersection of Mary Dunn and Independence Drive in Barnstable**
- **Designed commenced in 2013 and was completed in partnership with the Town of Yarmouth and MassDOT.**
- **Project received state funding for construction and MassDOT is managing construction of the project.**
- **Bids opened in 2024:**
 - **Lawrence Lynch Corp low bidder: \$16,391,305.50**
- **Construction commenced in December 2024**
- **Contract Completion: February 2031**

Phase 4



- From End of Phase 3 to Chase Road in Sandwich
 - Majority of project in Barnstable (approx. 10 miles)
 - Approx. 0.5 miles in Sandwich to extend Service Road SUP to close gap from Chase Road to town line
- Design commenced in 2022.
 - Targeting pre-25% design submittal end of 2026.
 - Have received \$900K in MassTrails grants for design
- Project has been initiated with MassDOT.
 - Anticipating State funding for construction (similar to Phase 3).
- Construction start: TBD, likely in 2030s
- Current cost estimate is over \$77M (2026 dollars)
- Project will likely need to be phased due to cost

Next Steps

- **Complete construction of Phase 3 (MassDOT)**
- **Complete the pre-25% design submittal for Phase 4**
- **Identify resources for completion of the design of Phase 4**
 - **Potential sources: Grants, CPC, Capital, Chapter 90**
 - **Existing MassTrails Grants fund through pre-25% submittal**
- **Secure any necessary land acquisitions/easements needed for Phase 4**
- **Further vet potential phasing of Phase 4**
- **Continue to collaborate with MassDOT and ultimately seek their commitment to fund construction of Phase 4**
- **Anticipated future council actions:**
 - **Design funding (potential grant acceptance, CPC authorization, capital appropriation, etc)**
 - **Land acquisitions/easements**



Questions?

