



NY 2 (Congress and Ferry Streets) Corridor & River/Ferry Street Intersection Improvements Project

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #2

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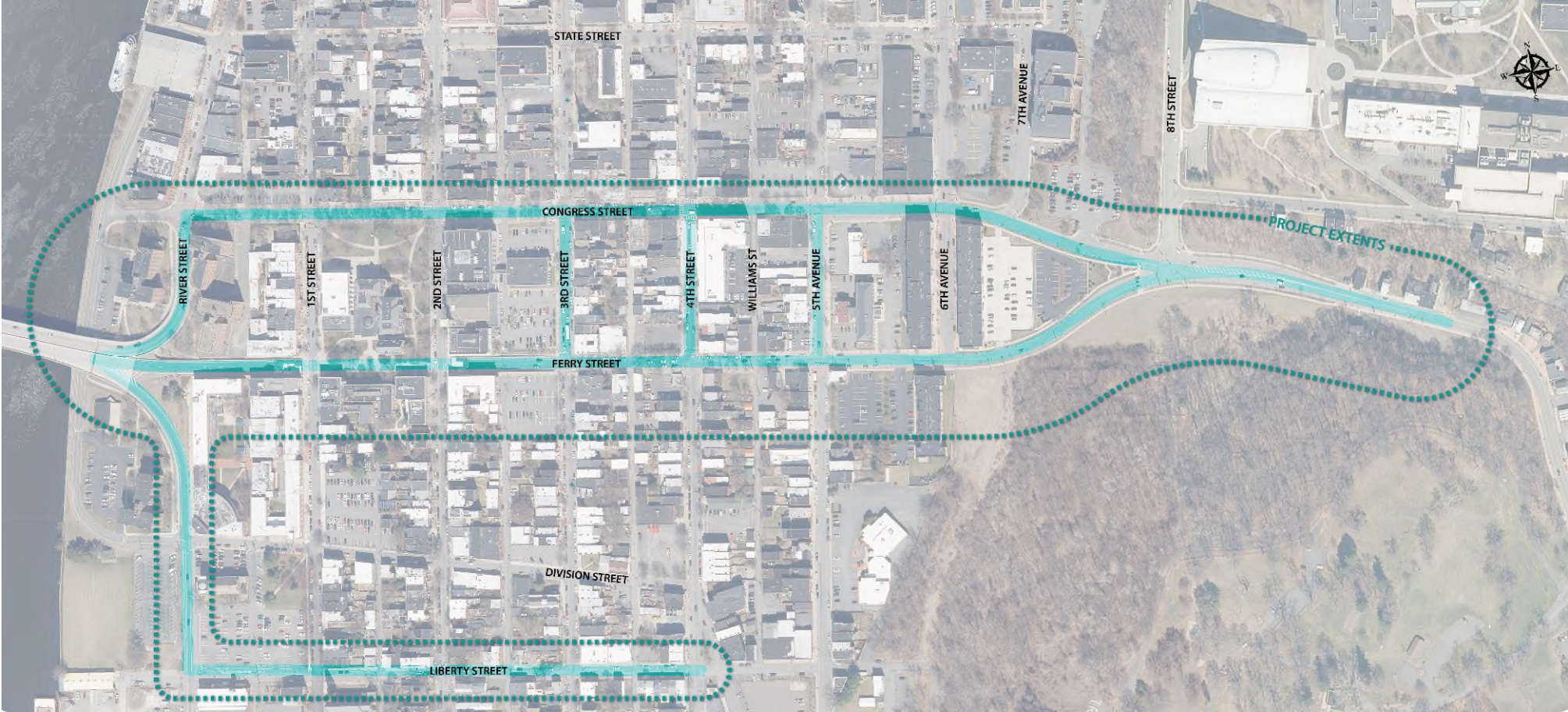


Agenda

- Project Overview
 - Project Limits
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 - Proposed Work
- Construction Impacts
- Next Steps and Schedule
- Comment Period



Project Limits



Background, Objectives and Funding

- Background
 - Consists of 3 components:
 - NY 2 (Congress and Ferry Streets) Corridor Improvements
 - River/Ferry Street Intersection Improvements
 - Ferry Street Tunnel Rehabilitation
 - Connection to Watervliet and points east
 - Construct project in coordination with Taylor Apartments



Background, Objective and Funding

- Project Objectives

- Provide increased mobility for all users throughout the corridor
- Congress & Ferry - Complete Streets (sidewalks, curb ramps, curb extensions & bicycle accommodations)
- River/Ferry Street intersection - Address geometric deficiencies to improve traffic flow
- Rehabilitate Ferry Street tunnel

- Funding

- ~\$9.8M - Engineering, Construction & Inspection
- Cost Split: 80% Federal/20% City



Existing Conditions

- Posted speed limit – 30 mph
- Two 12-foot travel lanes
- On-street parking
- Sidewalk w/ curbing both sides
- Mix of commercial & residential



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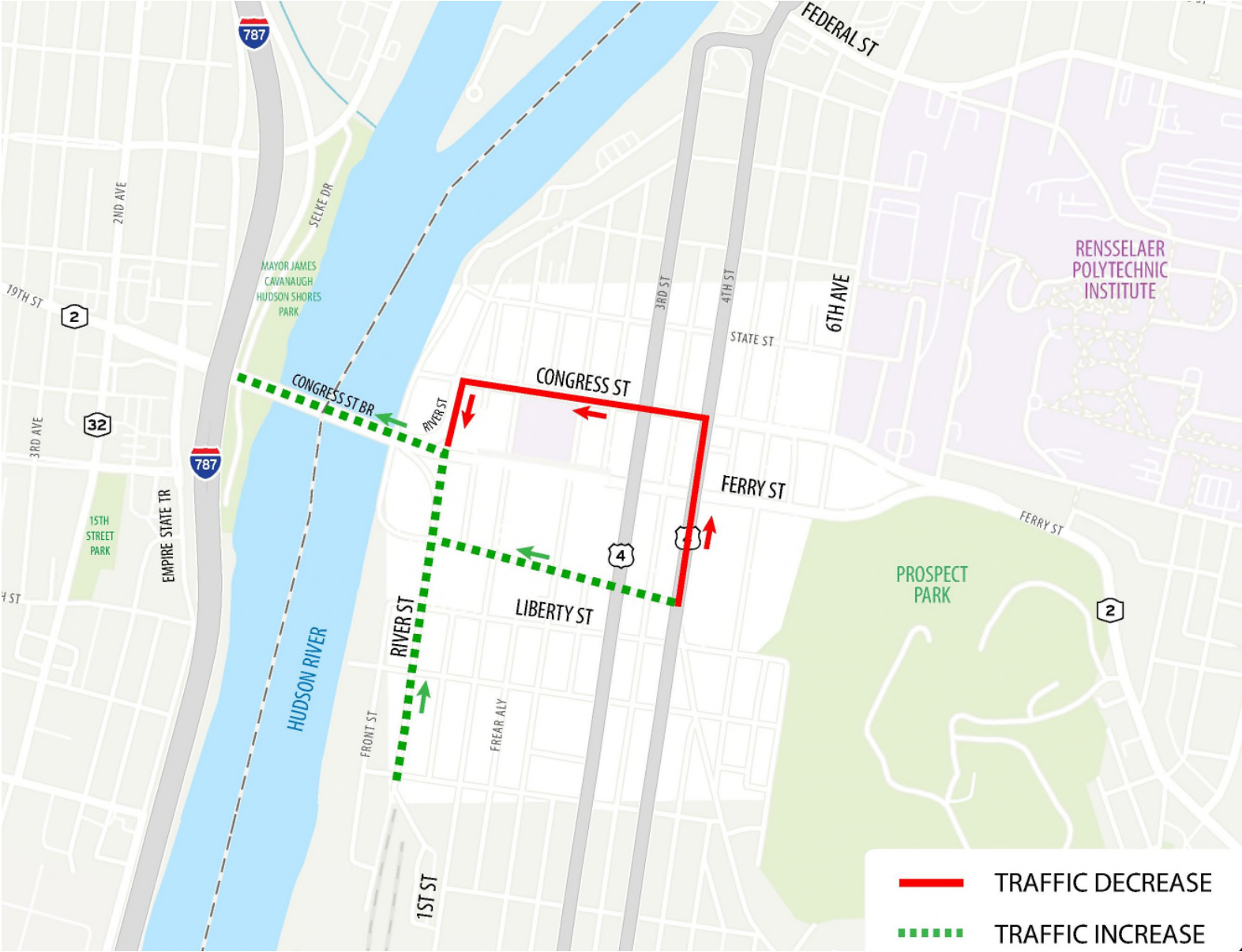


Proposed Work

- ADA compliant sidewalks, curb ramps & crosswalks
- Pavement rehabilitation
- Drainage improvements
- Landscaping & striping
- Intersection improvements – traffic diverted



Proposed Work – Traffic Diverted



- TRAFFIC DECREASE
- - - TRAFFIC INCREASE



Proposed Work

- Tunnel Rehabilitation
 - Concrete repairs
 - Waterproofing roof joints
 - New lighting
 - Noise protection (Alternative 1A)
- Bicycle accommodations
 - 1A – Congress & Ferry One-Way Buffered Bike Lanes
 - 1B – Congress Street Two-Way Buffered Bike Lanes



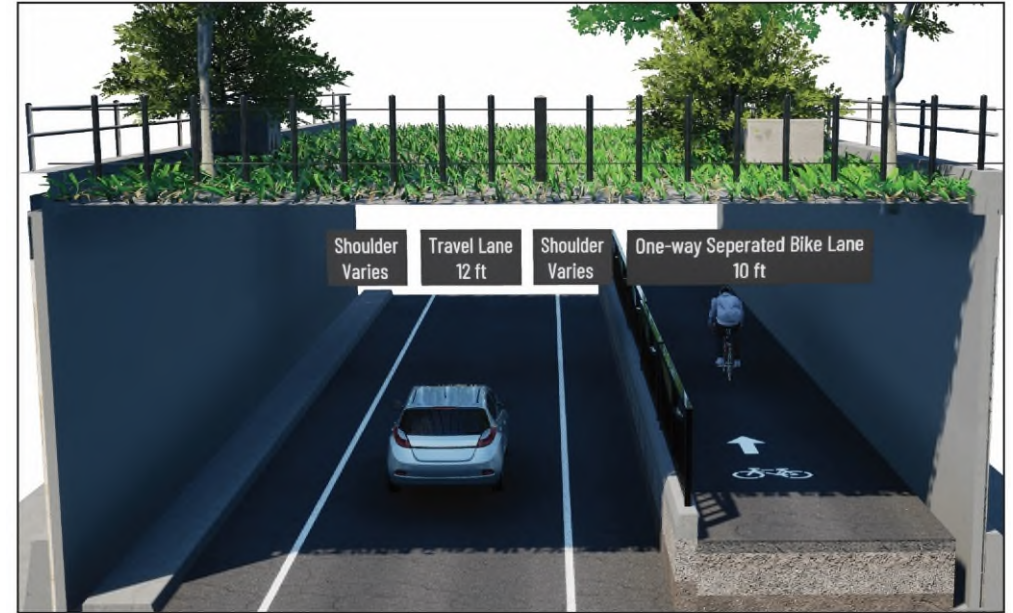
Proposed Work

1A – Congress & Ferry Streets One-Way Buffered Bike Lanes



Congress Street Looking West
Ferry Street Looking East

- 12-foot travel lane
- 10-foot parking lane
- 3-foot buffer space
- 8-foot bike lane



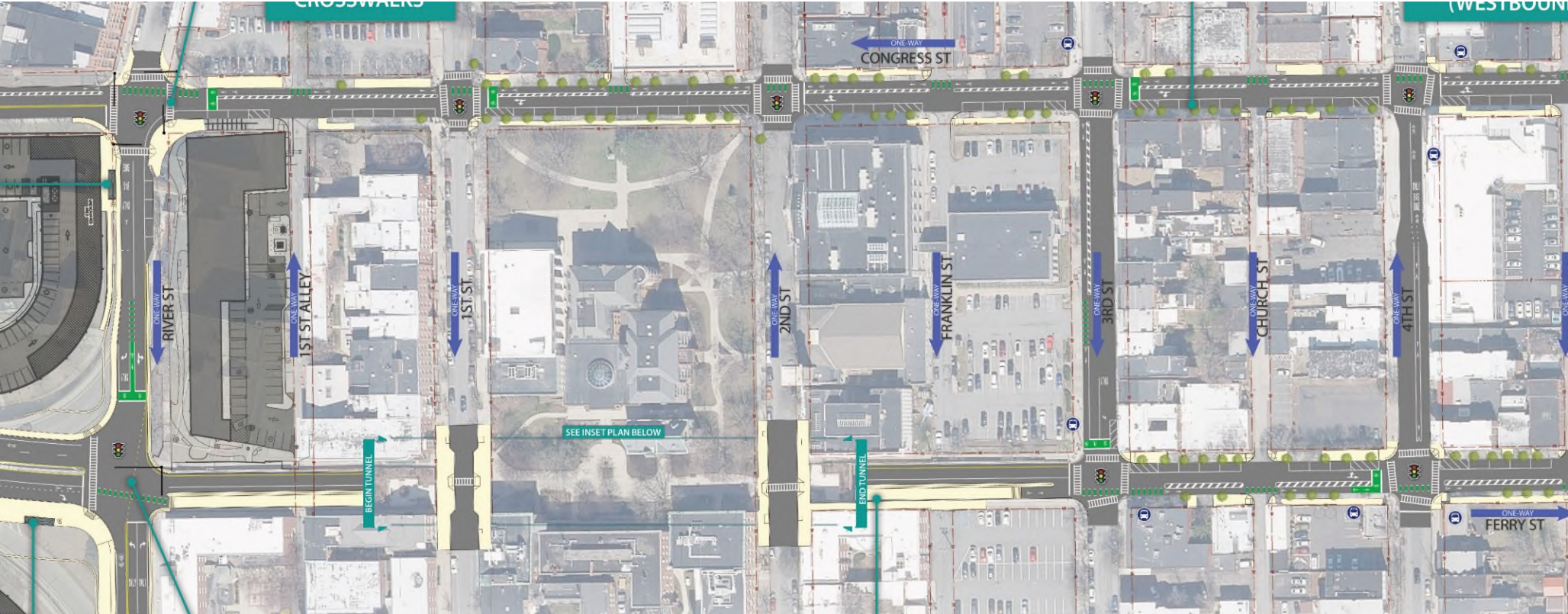
Ferry Street Tunnel Looking East

- 12-foot travel lane
- Shoulder width varies
- 10-foot separated bike lane



Proposed Work

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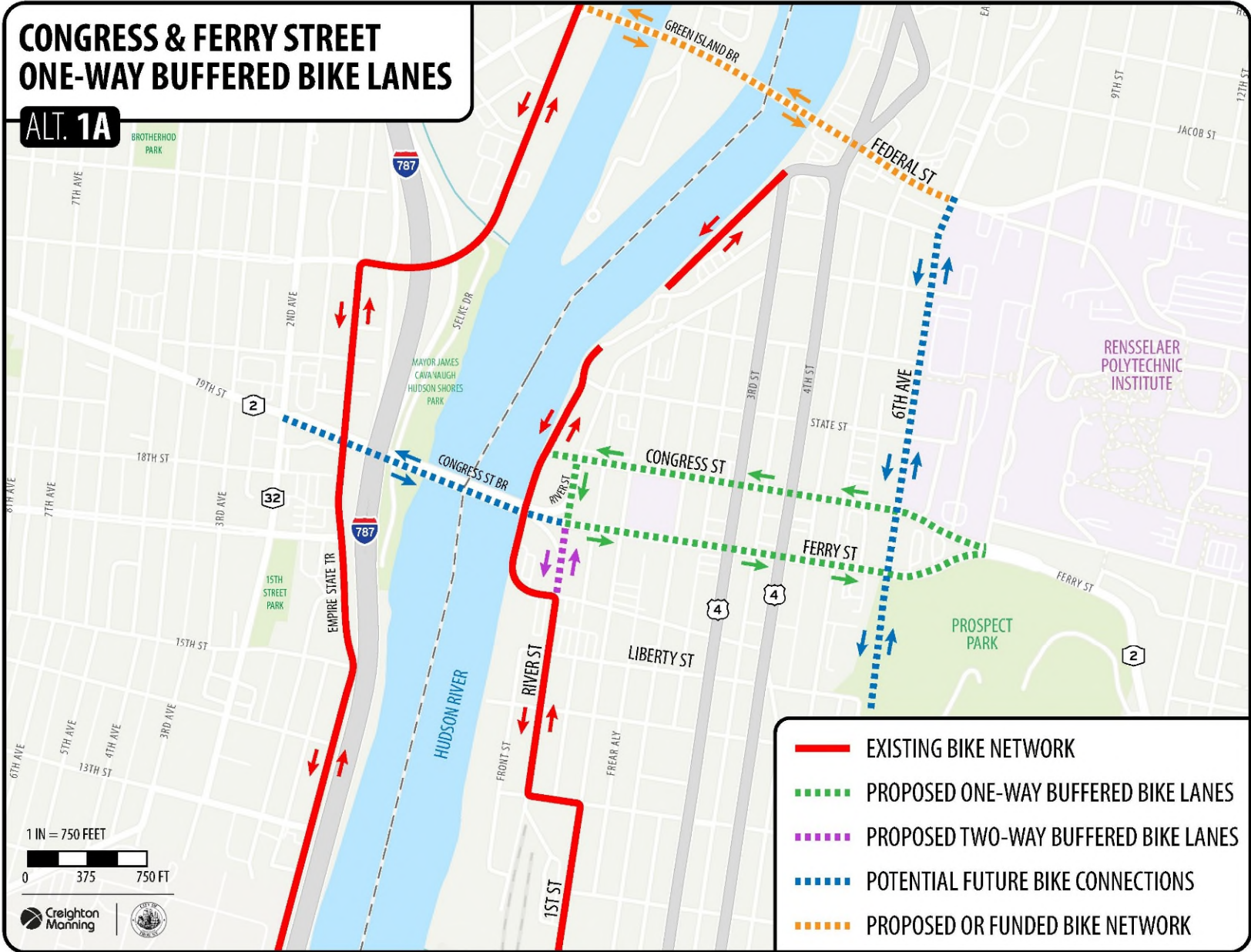


Proposed Work

1A – Congress & Ferry Streets One-Way Buffered Bike Lanes



Proposed Work – How it fits into bike network



Proposed Work

1A – Congress & Ferry Streets One-Way Buffered Bike Lanes

- 1A Overview

- 1 travel lane = slower speeds
- Parking – 56 spaces
- Protection with plastic delineators, colored pavement or mountable curbing
- Transit stops maintained, modifications necessary
- Sidewalk, curb ramps & curb extensions
- Lower maintenance
- Cost ~ \$10 M



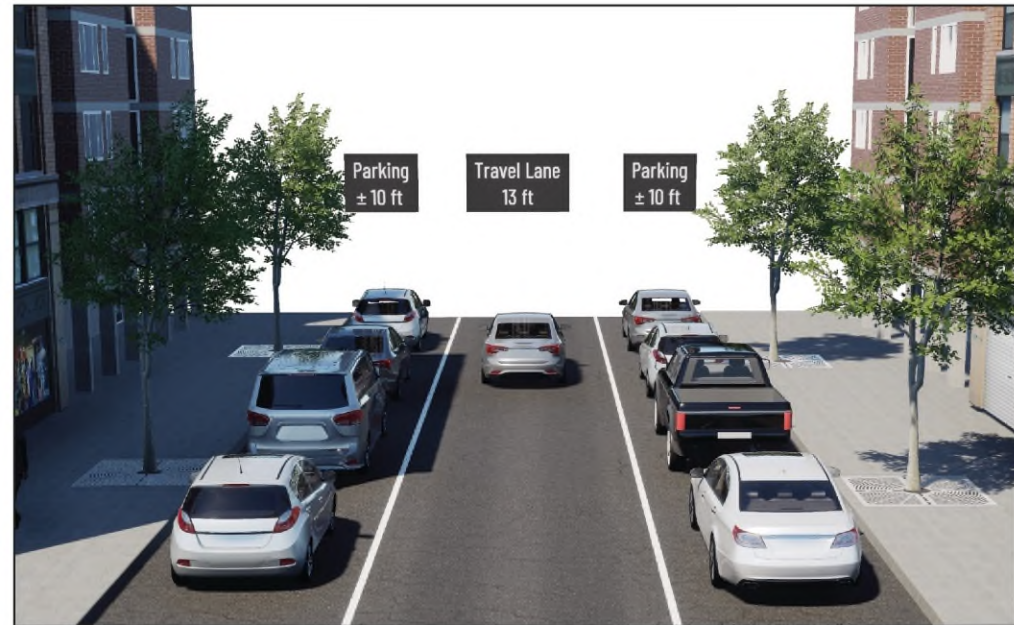
Proposed Work

1B – Congress Street Two-Way Buffered Bike Lanes



Congress Street Looking West

- 12-foot travel lane
- 8-foot parking lane
- 3-foot buffer space
- 10-foot two-way bike lanes



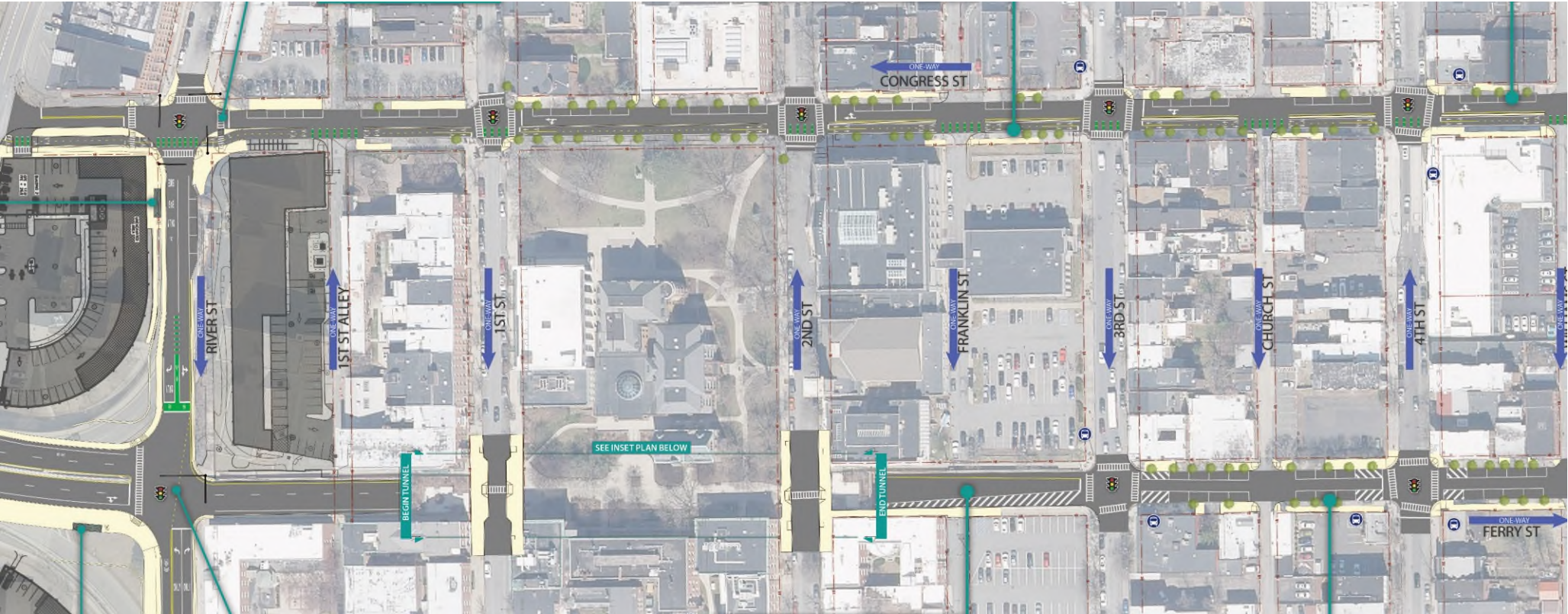
Ferry Street Looking East

- 13-foot travel lane
- 10-foot parking lanes



Proposed Work

1B – Congress Street Two-Way Buffered Bike Lanes



Proposed Work

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Proposed Work – How it fits into bike network



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Proposed Work

1B – Congress Street Two-Way Buffered Bike Lanes

- 1B Overview

- 1 travel lane = slower speeds
- Parking – 69 spaces
- Signal modifications x6
- Transit stops maintained, modifications necessary
- Sidewalk, curb ramps & curb extensions
- Higher maintenance
- Cost ~ \$10.1 M



Public Meeting #1 Feedback

"I don't like two-way bike lanes, you get awkwardly close to opposing bike traffic"

"I am a strong proponent of option 1A for the improved rehabilitation and reconfiguration of the Sage Tunnel"

"With River St being two lane between Congress and Ferry Street, there is no provision for bicycles to access the Congress Street Bridge."

"Evaluate one lane between 6th Ave. and 8th St., and going up hill on Congress St."

"Make River St. one-way southbound between Congress & Ferry"

"Can the unprotected bike infrastructure shown in the concepts be protected?"

"Can more curb extensions be included?"

"1st St. and 2nd St. pavement/sidewalk work differs above tunnel, can they match?"

"I am passionately in favor of a plan that includes protected bike lanes."

"Black locust trees line Congress & Ferry – Would be tragic to lose"

"Bike lane through the tunnel will likely not be used due to perceived safety and noise. "

"Restore on-street parking where possible to provide buffer between building frontages and vehicular traffic"

"Who takes care of tunnel (graffiti, litter, etc.) and landscaping in ramp areas?"

"Can on-street parking be provided on west side of 3rd St. between Congress & Ferry?"

"On-street secure bike parking"

"Pavement markings need maintenance, and motorists don't understand green conflict zone markings"

"CDTA stop just off bridge excellent development. There should be a stop on River St. for buses turning right onto bridge"

"I prefer the bike path with concrete median"

"Designated areas for delivery trucks"



Proposed Work

1A Mod. – Parking Protected One-Way Buffered Bike Lanes



Congress Street Looking West
Ferry Street Looking East



What to Expect During Construction

- Traffic Impacts
 - Access to businesses and residential to remain open
 - Businesses, residents and schools notified prior to construction beginning
 - NY2 - Temporary shoulder/lane closures
 - Intersection - Staged construction
 - Tunnel - 1st and 2nd St. closures w/ detour
- Construction Schedule Restrictions
 - No Work on Major Holidays
 - No Lane Closures During Peak Commuter Hours
- Full access for Emergency Vehicles



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Next Steps/Schedule

- Design & Agency Coordination → Ongoing
- Public Meetings & Comments → Summer/Fall 2024
- Design Approval → Winter 2025
- Project Out to Bid → Spring 2025
- Construction Begins → Summer 2025
- Construction Complete → Fall 2026



Comments

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