RiverFront Projects Public Meeting Revere MA

Point of Pines Yacht Club December 11, 2024



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PROJECT TEAM

City of Revere

- Tom Skwierawski, Chief of Planning & Community Development
- Julie DeMauro, Transportation Coordinator
- Elle Baker, Open Space & Resilience Manager
- Frank Stringi, City Planner

Howard Stein Hudson

• Peter Wroblewski, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer

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• Devin Herrick, CWS, Env. Permitting



AGENDA

- **1.** Review Gibson Park Progress
- **2.** Discuss 1A Roundabout Filing

3. Q and A



Gibson Park Updates

Gibson Park Resiliency Project Updates

Gibson Park existing + proposed



Gibson Park Resiliency Project Updates

- MEPA SDEIR Submitted 07/01/24
- City MEPA Comment Letter submitted 08/23/24
- SDEIR Certificate Issued 08/30/24 -MEPA did not respond to access point and seawall questions

-Raised concerns about maintenance access points, berm as designed

• MEPA Meeting Held 10/22/24

-Attendance by City, Rep. Turco, MEPA Representatives

-Invitation to attend neighborhood meeting declined, suggested written response

• Formal Response Submitted 10/24/24

-Requested formal written opinion on seawall, access points

-To date, no written response but December 10th conversation w/ CZM Director

Drainage Design Grant Received 10/2024
-Received \$280k grant to complete Riverside drainage plans
-Funds will be matched by \$100k in City dollars, to commence Jan '24

Gibson Park Resiliency Project Next Steps

1.Based on resident feedback, Project Team intends to design project Team intends to design project to <u>exclude</u> a berm and focus on park improvements <u>only</u>

2.Project Team will also move forward with Riverside drainage designs in January, when funds are awarded

3. Project Team will explore viability of using \$1.9m earmark for drainage construction or park improvements (uncertain)

Questions about the project: <u>ebaker@revere.org</u>

Concerns about approach: <u>councillorguarino-sawaya@revere.org</u> Please email feedback to Councillor Guarino-Sawaya by 12/31/24

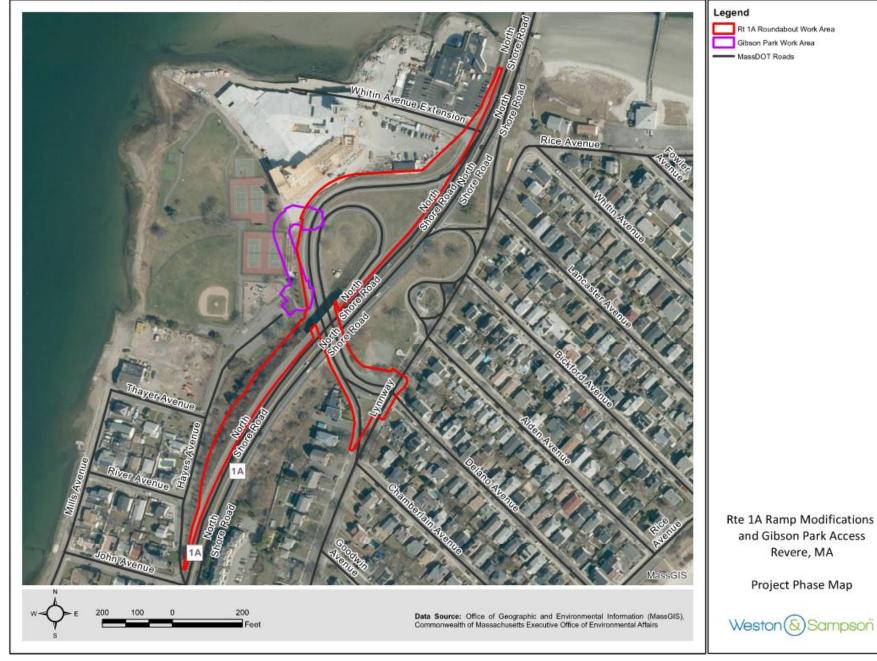


1A Roundabout Updates

Proposed vs. Existing Conditions



PROJECT PHASING



PHASE ONE



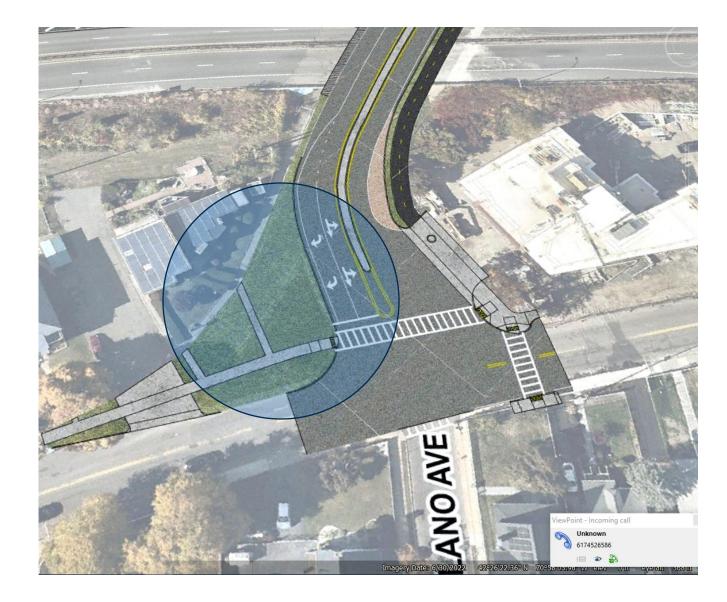
PHASE TWO



Change from Last Meeting



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PROJECT PHASING - PHASE 1

- 100% of this project footprint is within State ROW and will require an access permit from MassDOT to construct.
- Resubmission of 75% / 100% plans was on 12/3
- Phase 1 includes the Roundabout and adjacent connecting infrastructure within the public ROW.
- This phase will provide access for emergency vehicles to service the private development at 22 Whitin.



PROJECT PHASING - PHASE 2

- This project is approaching a preliminary design submission, at approximately 75% design.
- Additional traffic studies & analysis have been completed and will be included in submission
- The alignment of the Gibson Park Access drive shown in concept plans is the preferred alternative.
- The environmental requirements for this phase are significant and will take extended time for permitting.
- Construction schedule is TBD, but duration will be much shorter than the roundabout construction.



TRAFFIC CONSIDERATIONS

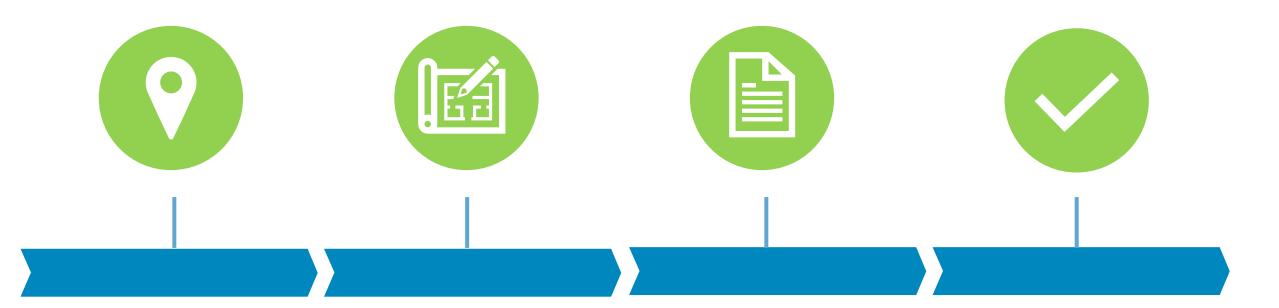
- The proposed roundabout design will not increase traffic volumes and provides sufficient capacity to accommodate anticipated future traffic volumes.
- A background growth rate compounded annually to the build year was utilized to account for any developments in the area which would impact the project roadways.
- During construction, nine total eight-hour working shifts are anticipated where traffic will be diverted through a detour.
- These shifts will be non-sequential and overnight to minimize public impact.



- Two Offset Three-way Intersections
 - Most seriously considered alternative
 - Similar to roundabout aside from intersection
 - Analysis proved: no negative traffic impacts to Route 1A
 - Not enough physical space for sufficient On-Ramp
 - NOT VIABLE



DESIGN PROCESS



25% plans accepted by Revere and MassDOT Structural Design (Geotechnical borings and wall design) Environmental Permitting (state and federal) Stamped plans and State Access Permit Issued

* We are here



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment are welcome and encouraged!

Email: jdemauro@revere.org

MEPA Public Comment period will run until 1/10/2025. Public comment portal on MEPA EEA website.

HTTPS://EEAONLINE.EEA.STATE.MA.US/EEA/PUBLICC OMMENT/LANDING/

SEARCH: PROJECT NAME – ROUTE 1A



Thank you! Questions?







Project Benefits



Benefits of This Infrastructure Improvement – Phase 1 Roundabout

- Creates access to Route 1A northbound and southbound to residents east of Route 1A
- Minimize traffic impacts to adjacent neighborhoods
- Addition of shared use path
 - Improve access to Gibson Park
 - Improve safety for access to Point of Pines neighborhood
- Reduce response times for emergency response vehicles



Benefits of This Infrastructure Improvement – Phase 2 Gibson Park Access

- Will provide vehicle access to Gibson park by way of the roundabout
- Only access to Gibson Park after accessibility through Riverside neighborhood is eliminated
- Increased parking for public access to park amenities

Less Viable Alternatives



- Concept A
 - Introduces a stop-controlled intersection at the end of the south bound (SB) ramp.
 - Introduces new north bound (NB) on-ramp and offramp at the Lynn intersection.
 - Includes direct access to private development at the existing driveway apron abutting 1A southbound.
 - NOT VIABLE







- Concept B1/B2
 - Introduces a new stop-controlled intersection on Route 1A.
 - These alternatives include the least amount of new impervious materials compared to other alternatives.
 - Concept B2 includes an additional exit ramp to retain access to the Lynnway.
 - NOT VIABLE







- Concept B1/B2
 - Introduces a new stop-controlled intersection on Route 1A.
 - These alternatives include the least amount of new impervious materials compared to other alternatives.
 - Concept B2 includes an additional exit ramp to retain access to the Lynnway.
 - NOT VIABLE







- Concept C
 - Concept C is similar to Concept A but does not provide direct access for the private development to the Route 1A SB Off-Ramp. Instead, it provides access to the development with a new access road at a lower elevation.
 - Compared to Concept A, this concept has an extended length of Route 1A SB off-ramp, which is desirable.
 - NOT VIABLE

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN June 2020



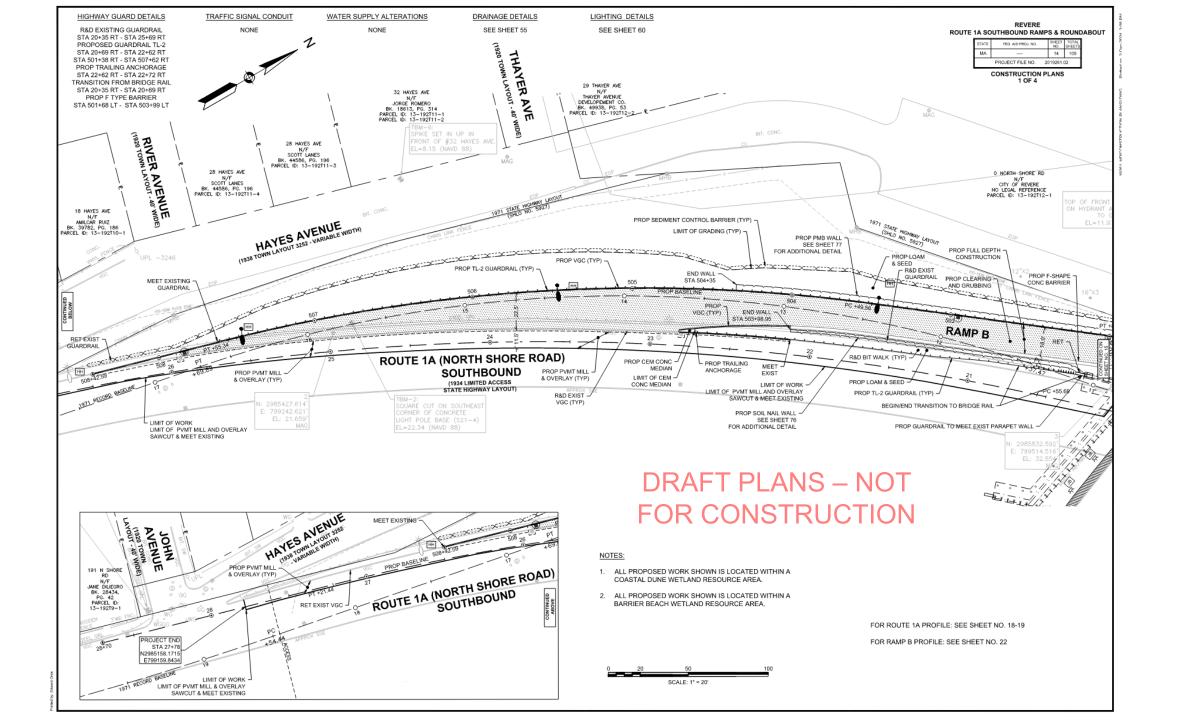


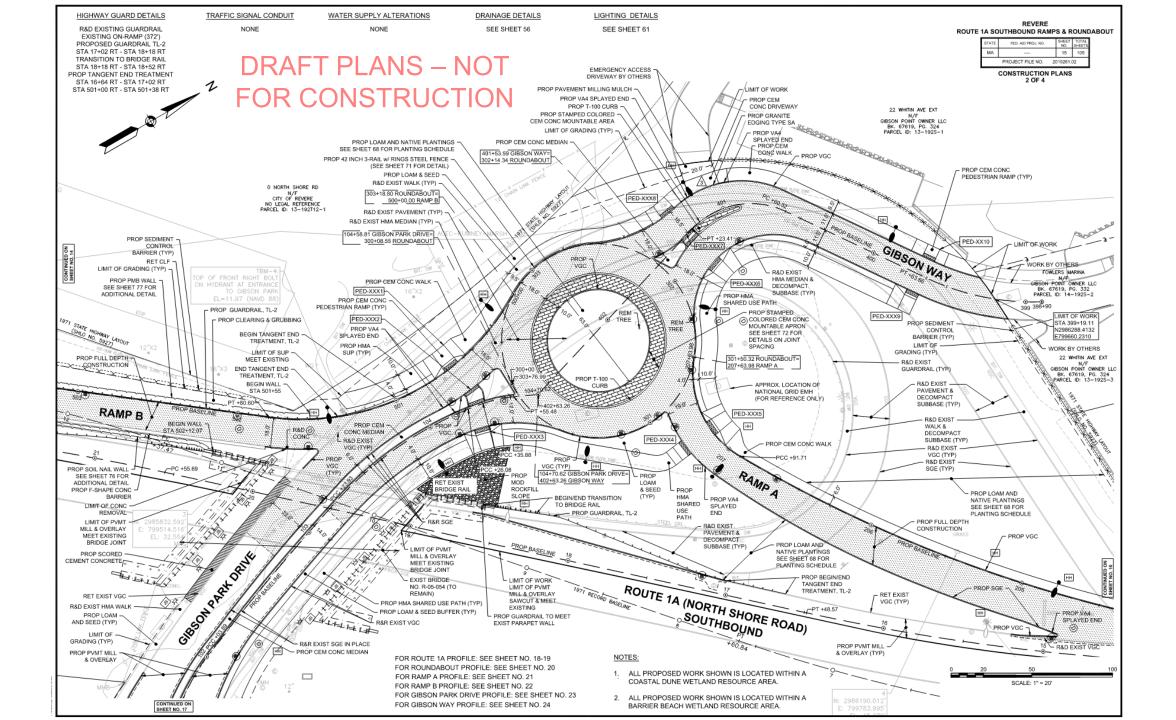
- Concept D
 - Retains the general shape of the existing on-ramp and off-ramp.
 - Includes a stop condition intersection.
 - NOT VIABLE

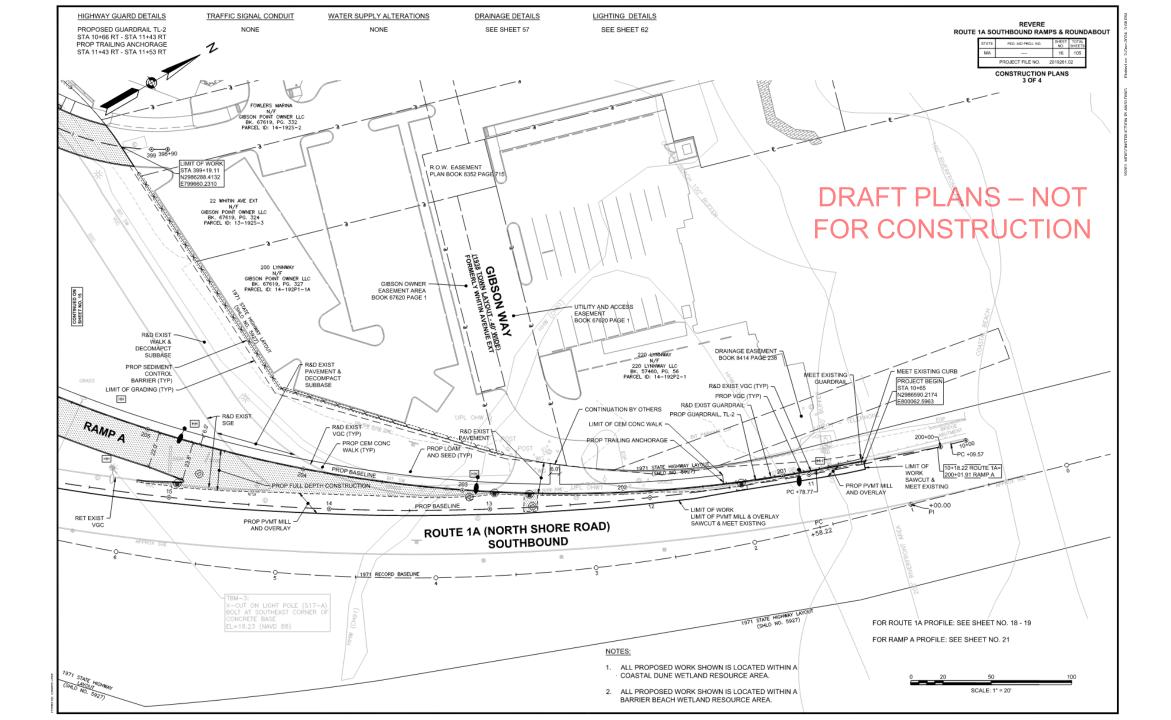
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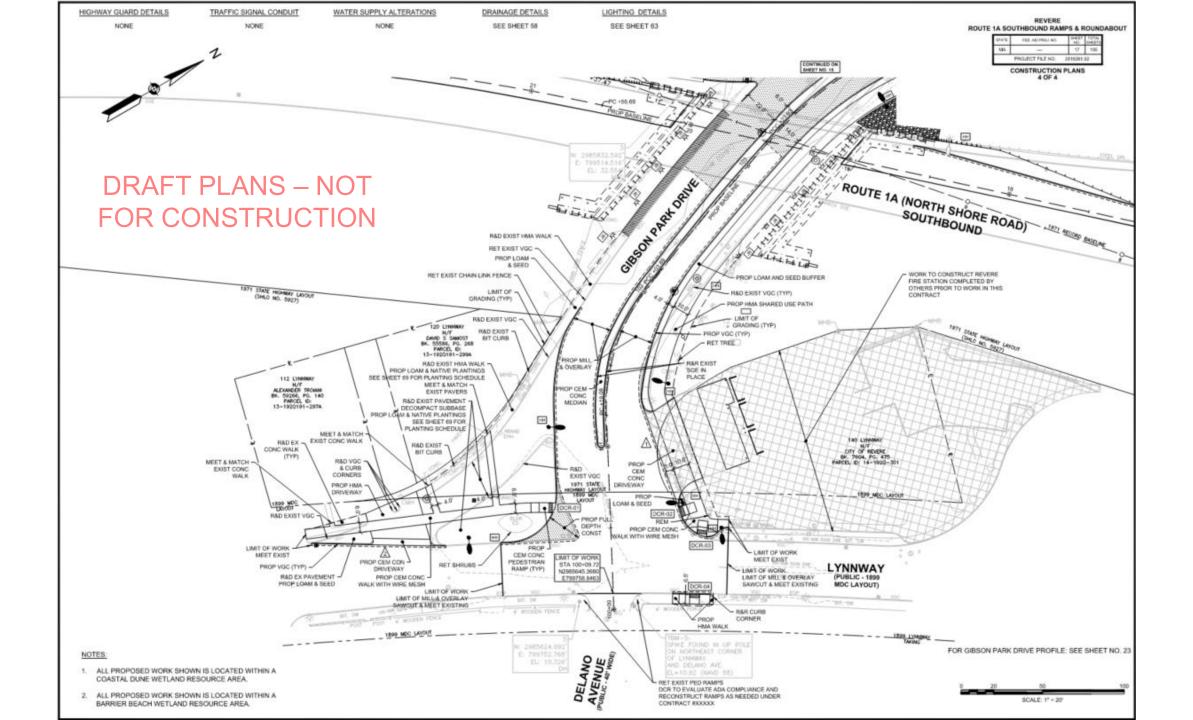


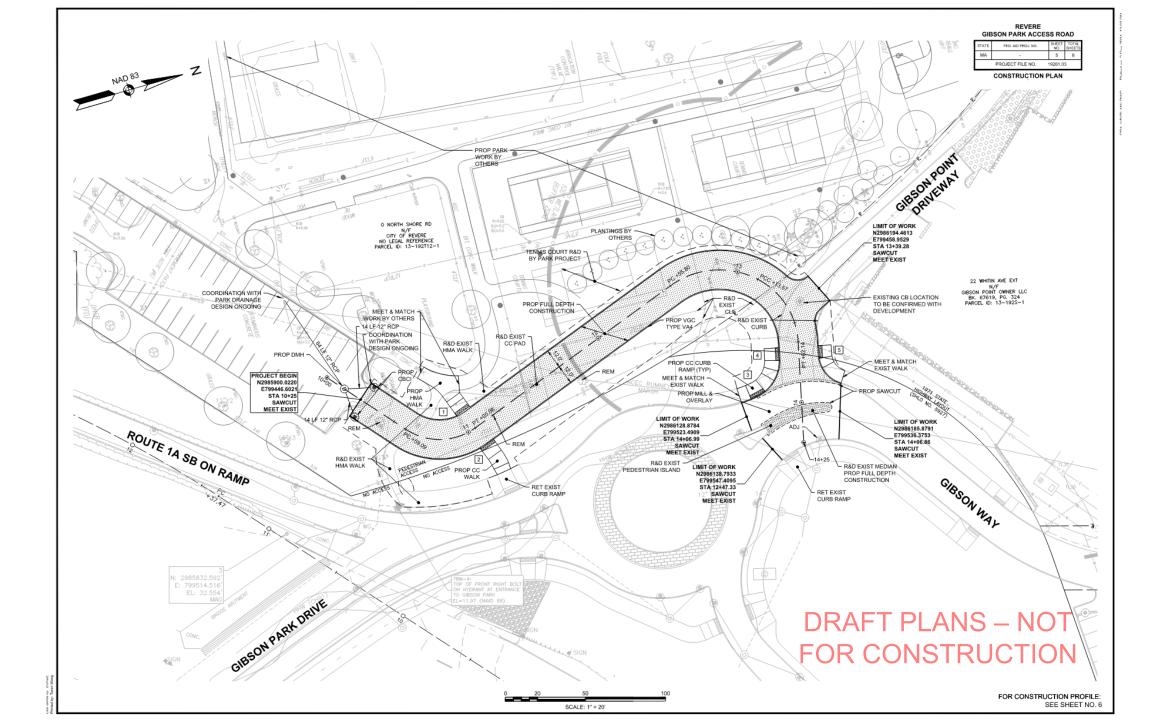
Construction Drawings





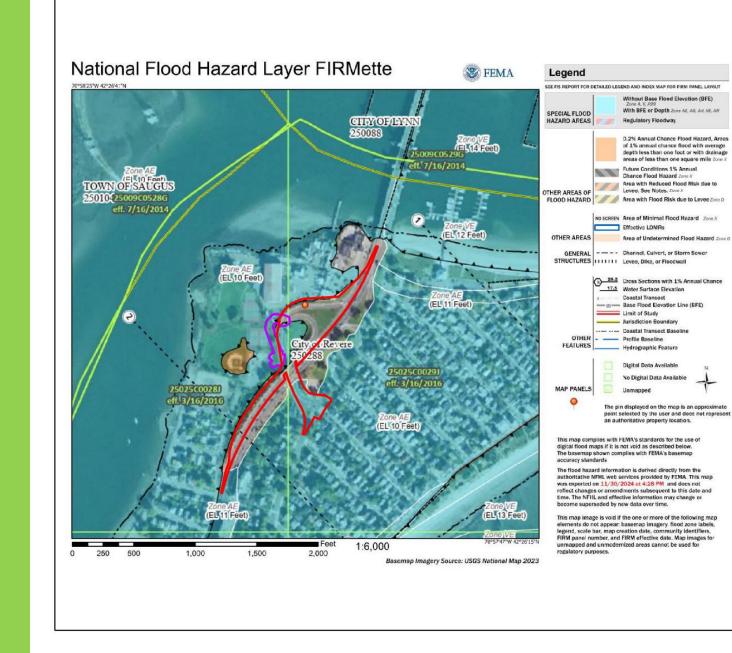






Environmental Impact

FEMA MAP



Legend

Phase 1 - Rt 1A Roundabout Work Area Phase 2 - Gibson Park Work Area

FIGURE 2

Route 1A Southbound Ramps

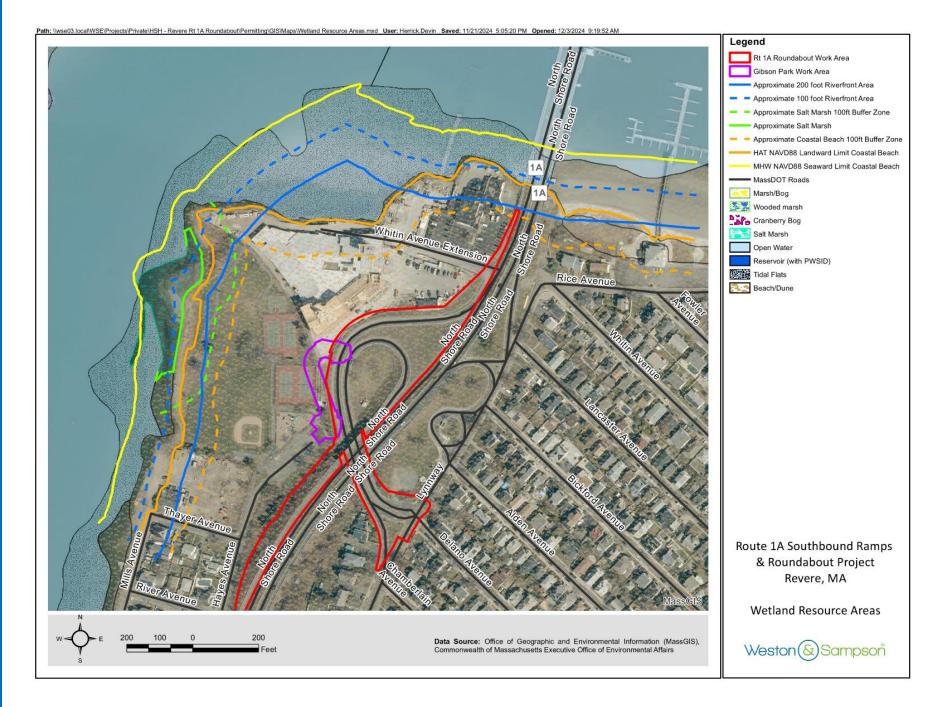
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WETLAND RESOURCES MAP





ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Table 1 – Summary of Wetland Resource Area Impacts under the WPA (Total Phase 1 and 2)

Resource Area	Temporary	Permanent	Total
Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	64,598 SF	21,792 SF	86,390 SF
Barrier Beach	134,975 SF	72,139 SF	207,114 SF
Coastal Dune	134,975 SF	72,139 SF	207,114 SF

Table 2 - Summary of Wetland Resource Area Impacts under the WPA (Phase 1)

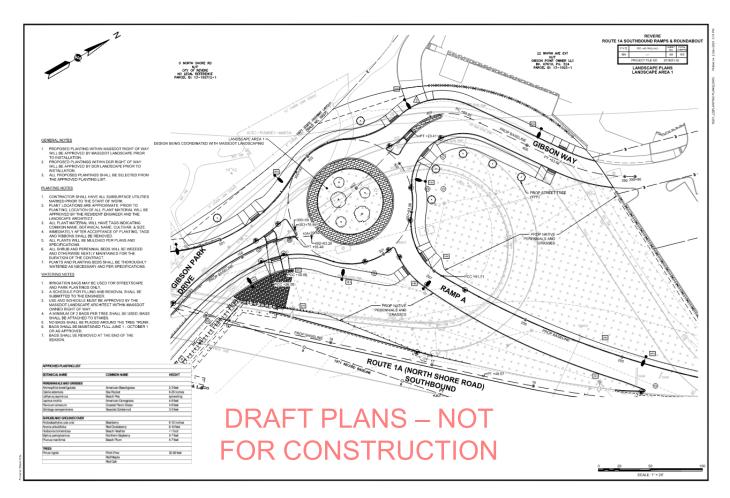
Resource Area	Temporary	Permanent	Total
Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	50,949 SF	14,662 SF	65,611 SF
Barrier Beach	121,326 SF	65,009 SF	186,335 SF
Coastal Dune	121,326 SF	65,009 SF	186,335 SF

Table 3 - Summary of Wetland Resource Area Impacts under the WPA (Phase 2)

Resource Area	Temporary	Permanent	Total
Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	13,649 SF	7,130 SF	20,779 SF
Barrier Beach	13,649 SF	7,130 SF	20,779 SF
Coastal Dune	13,649 SF	7,130 SF	20,779 SF



DUNE PLANTINGS





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APPROVED PLANTING LIST		A / V
BOTANICALNAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT
PERENNNIALS AND GRASSES		
Ammophila breviligulata	American Beachgrass	2-3 feet
Cakile edentula	Sea Rocket	6-20 inches
Lathyrus japonicus	Beach Pea	sprawling
Leymus mollis	American Dunegrass	4-6 feet
Panicum amarum	Coastal Panic Grass	3-6 feet
Solidago sempervirens	Seaside Goldenrod	3-5 feet
SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVER		
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Bearberry 6-12 inche	
Aronia arbutifolia	Red Chokeberry	6-10 feet
Hudsonia tomentosa	Beach Heather	<1 foot
Myrica pensylvanica	Northern Bayberry	5-7 feet
Prunus maritima	Beach Plum	4-7 feet
TREES		
Pinus rigida	Pitch Pine	20-80 feet
	Red Maple	
	Red Oak	