#### Route 1A Riverfront Improvement Project

**Public Information Meeting** 

**September 26, 2023** 

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# **Project Team and Presenters**

- City of Revere
  - Tom Skwierawski, Chief of Planning and Community Development
  - Julie DeMauro, *Transportation Coordinator*
- Howard Stein Hudson
  - Pete Wroblewski, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, Consultant
- Spanish Interpretation
  - Milena Cuadra Seas (Revere TV)
  - Susana Carella (in-person)





#### Spanish Interpretation - Interpretación al español

- The project team has arranged for Spanish language interpretation to be available during this meeting.
   Please see the interpreter at the back of the room for a headset.
- El equipo del proyecto ha organizado interpretación al español para esta reunión. Por favor, solicite audífonos al intérprete situado al fondo de la sala.





# Agenda

- Project Overview
- Riverfront Master Plan
- Project Goals
- Technical Design
- Timelines
- FAQ
- Contact Information
- Questions





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#### **Project Overview**





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# **Project Overview (cont.)**

#### • What the meeting is not

- A meeting to review Gibson Park plans (more to come in October)
- A review of nearby mixed-use development
- A review General Edwards Bridge re-alignment





#### **Riverfront Master Plan**





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## **RiverFront Master Plan**

- Improve connectivity, environmental resiliency, and public access to RiverFront
- Renovate recreation areas
- Provide opportunities for new development and uses
- Create an iconic gateway into Revere



An <u>online version</u> of the plan is available in the QR code below







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# **Roundabout Project Goals**

- Key component of Riverfront Master Plan
  - Connects all other projects
  - Minimizes traffic impact on Riverside and Point of Pines
     neighborhoods

- Improve accessibility
  - Bicycle and pedestrian access to Gibson Park
  - Vehicular access to Gibson Park will immediately follow this project





# **Project Goals (cont)**

#### Improve interchange

- Add roundabout intersection
- Improved 1A NB and SB access to Gibson Park

#### Improve safety

- Provide emergency vehicle access
- Provide safe pedestrian & bicycle access to and from Point of Pines





## **Technical Design**





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# **Technical Design**

#### • Project constraints

- On-ramp length
- Off-ramp length
- Elevation

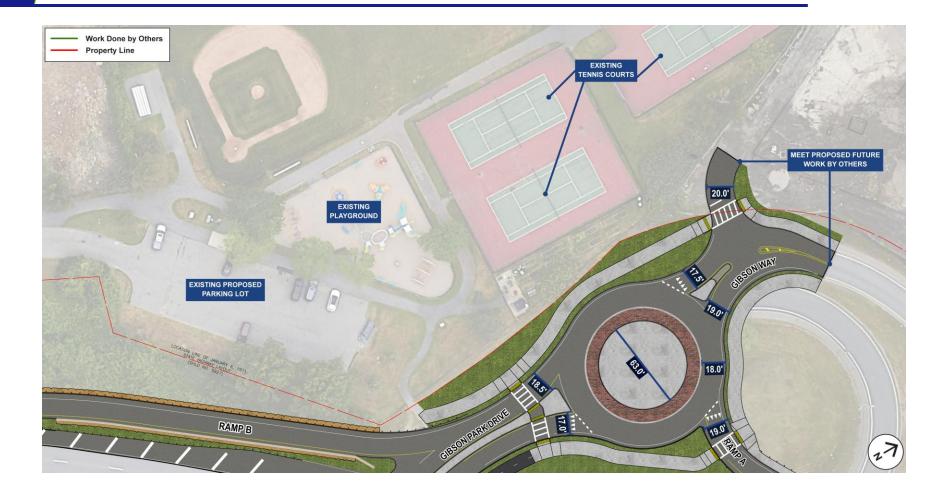
#### Intersection analysis

- Roundabout identified as best option with MassDOT
- Project proponents
  - Revere
  - MassDOT
- Traffic Impacts
  - No added congestion anticipated





## **Concept Plan (This Project)**







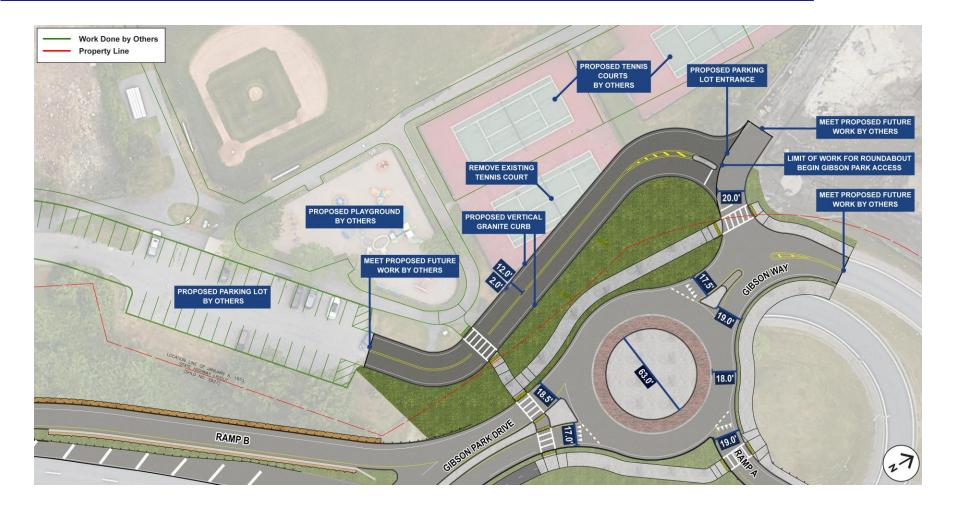
## **Pedestrian Access (Under Review)**







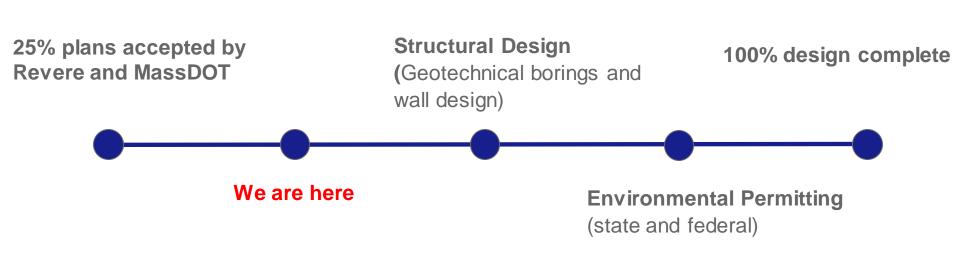
## **Gibson Park Access (Related Project)**







#### **Design Process**







#### **Estimated Project Timeline**







# FAQ

- How can you access the park from Point of Pines?
  - Bicyclists and pedestrians will have access via a shared use path.
  - Design for the SUP is currently under MassDOT review
  - Vehicle access will be included in subsequent project
- Why a roundabout?
  - Reviewed a dozen intersection alternatives with MassDOT and Revere
  - A Roundabout was chosen as the best and only viable option.





# FAQ

• How will vehicles access Gibson Park?

- Access will occur through a new driveway entrance to be included in a subsequent project
- Will there be a meeting to discuss Gibson Park?
  - Tentatively, a meeting is planned for October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 (Venue TBD)
  - Reach out to DPCD for more details





# **Outreach and Comment Period**

- All presentation materials will be available <u>online</u> under "Projects and Planning Initiatives"
- Public Comment period will run from Wednesday, September 27 to Wednesday October 11. All comments should be sent through email to Julie DeMauro at jdemauro@revere.org or through mail at:

Julie DeMauro Revere City Hall Department of Planning and Community Development 281 Broadway Revere, MA 02151





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  - Julie DeMauro
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# Questions?





# Thank You









#### **Current EMS Access Route to 22 Whitin Avenue**







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#### Proposed EMS Access Route to 22 Whitin Avenue







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#### Proposed EMS Access Route to 22 Whitin Avenue from Freeman Street Fire Station





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## **Gibson Point Housing Project**







#### **Gibson Park**







#### **Gibson Park Boathouse**







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