# ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR (NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, ATTLEBORO) TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District



# **Route 1 Corridor Study**

#### **Scope of Study:**

Route 1 between Route 120 and Irving Avenue

N Attleborough (2.5 Miles); Attleboro (1.5 Miles)

15 signalized intersections

3 major stop-controlled intersections

Route 123

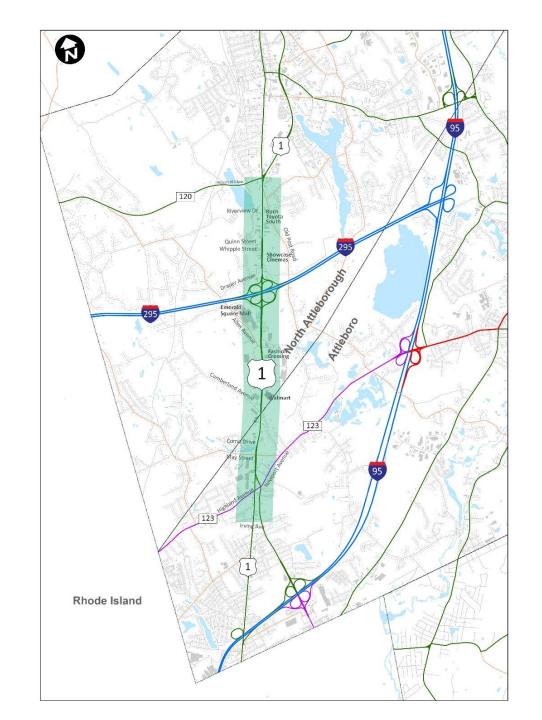
#### **Background:**

State owned and maintained

Minor arterial

Weekday 28,000-37,000 vehicles/day

Saturday 29,560-42,500 vehicles/day



## **Study Process**

#### **Public Outreach**

- N Attleborough open house (April 24<sup>th</sup> 2018)
- Attleboro open house (April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018)
- Online survey (148 Respondents)

#### Stakeholders Coordination

- N Attleborough
- Attleboro
- GATRA
- Mass DOT District 5

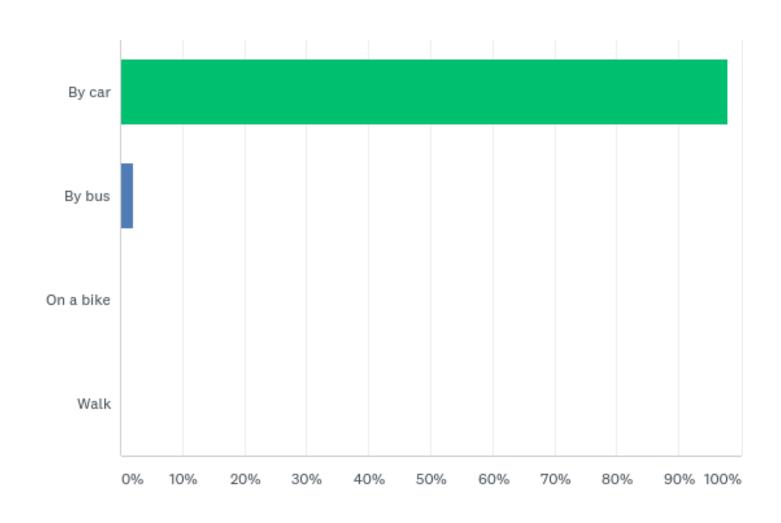
#### System Evaluations

- Travel demand forecast
- Capacity analysis
- Safety analysis
- Multi-modal accommodations
- Environmental overviews
- Alternatives

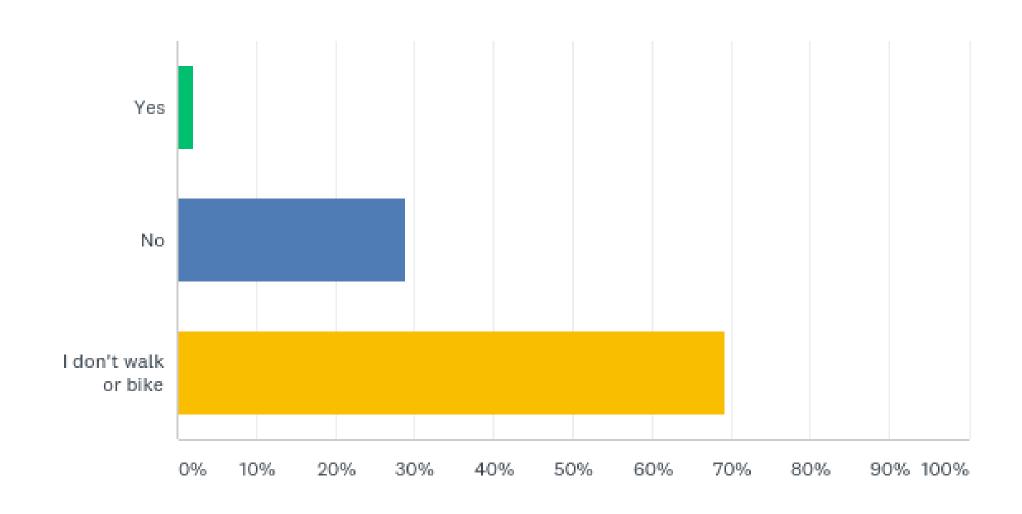


North Attleborough, April 24th 2018

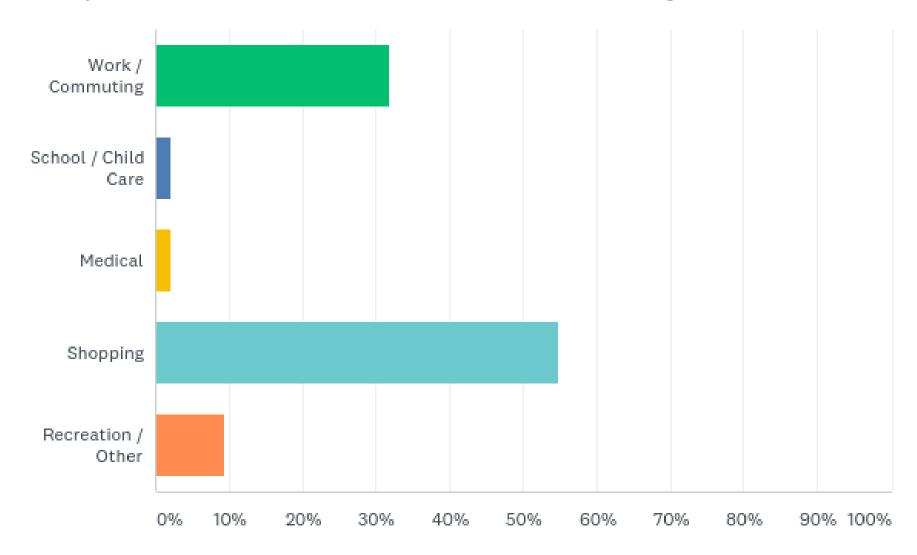
## 98% respondents answered travel on Route 1 by cars



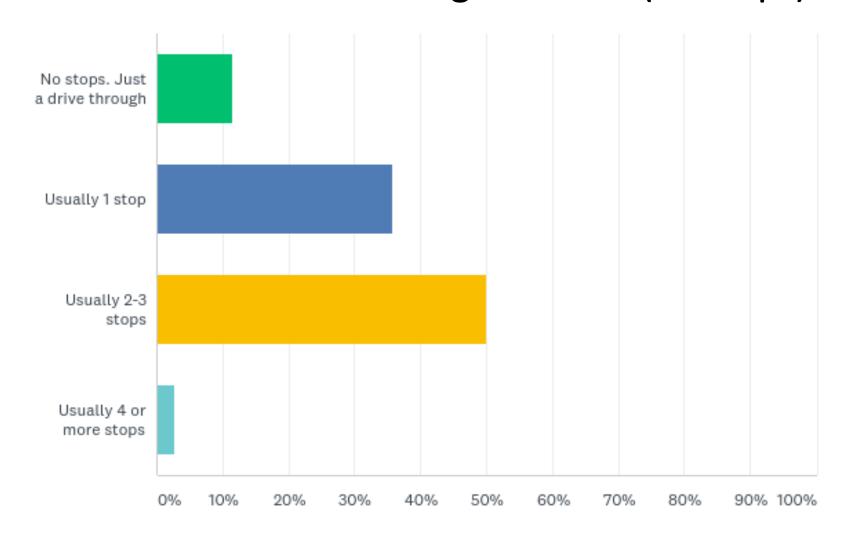
# 70% respondents answered don't bike or walk 29% respondents answered don't feel safe to walk or bike



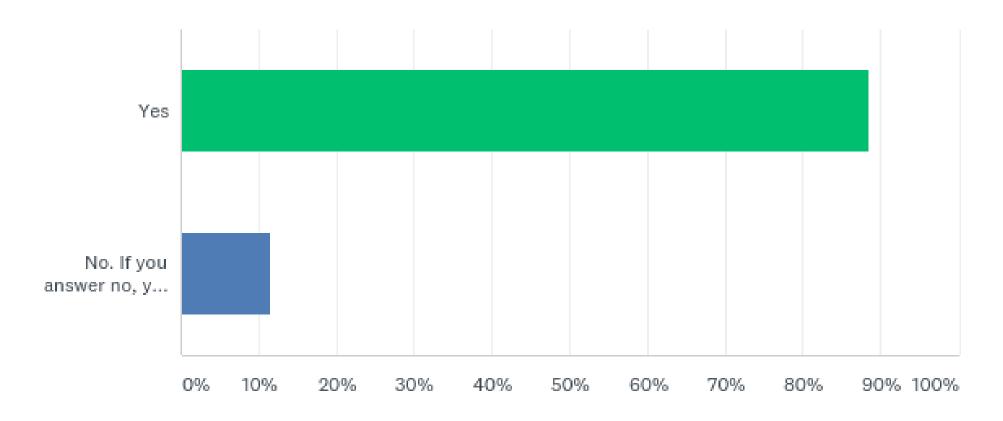
# 55% respondents answered shopping main reason for trip 32% respondents answered commuting main reason for trip



50% respondents answered make multiple stops 36% answered make 1 stop 12% answered drive through Route 1 (no stops)



### 89% respondents answered take a detour to avoid Route 1



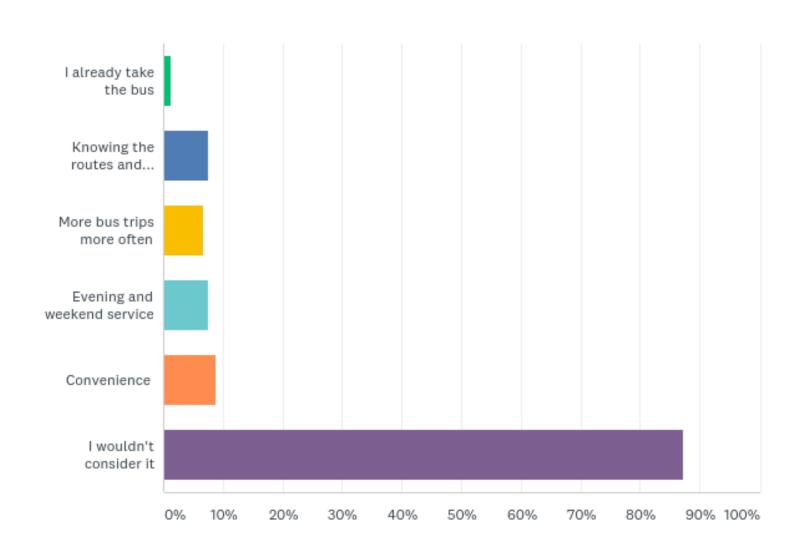
47% respondents answered take a detour during the weekend 33% during weekday commute 21% during the holiday

# Respondents picked most congested and dangerous intersections:

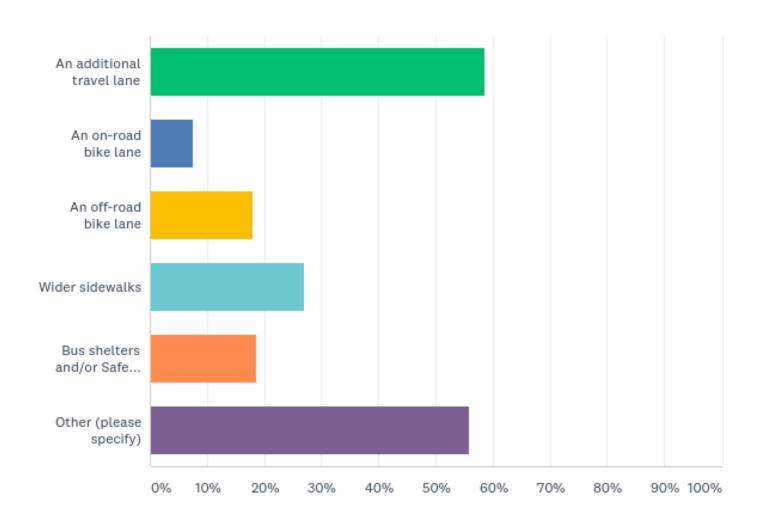
41% May St at Route 1
37% Hoppin Hill Rd at Route 1
37% Allen Ave at Route 1
27% Highland Ave at Route 1
25% Route 1A at Route 1
18% Newport Ave at Route 1A
17% Emerald Square Mall entrance(N)
14% Walmart Entrance at Route 1
13% Cumberland Ave at Route 1
9% Emerald Square Mall entrance(S)



# 88% respondents answered they would not consider taking bus on Route 1

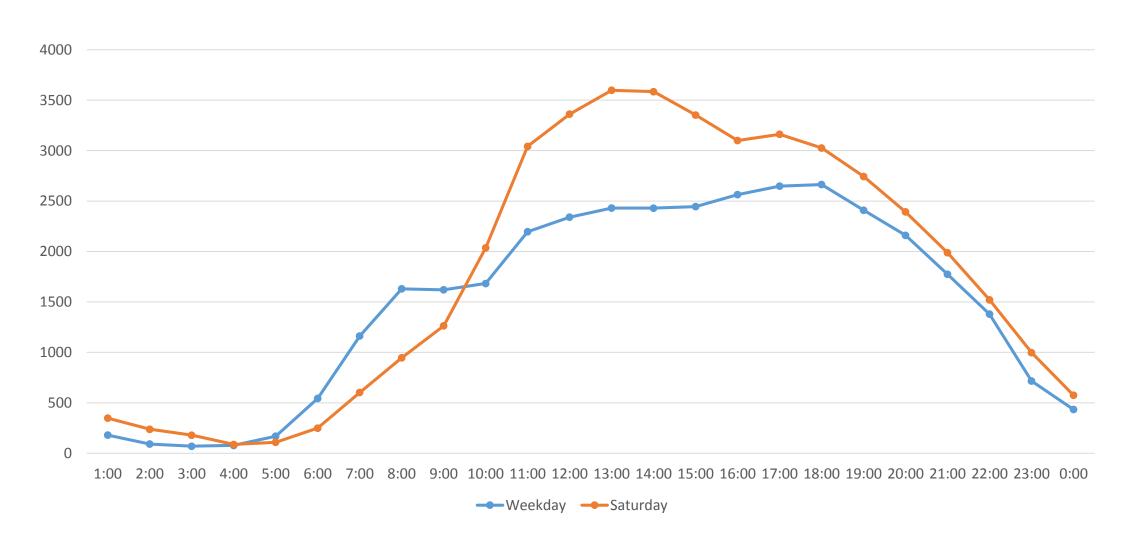


59% respondents suggested additional lane could improve Route 1 27% suggested wider sidewalks 19% suggested bus shelter



### 24 Hour Volume

Route 1 in N. Attleborough



# **Capacity Analysis**

- 1. Travel Demand Model
- 2. Synchro and SimTraffic(LOS)
- 3. Calibration and Validation

Level of Service		Average Control Delay (seconds/vehicle)
	Α	≤10
	В	>10 – 20
	С	>20 – 35
	D	>35 – 55
	E	>55 – 80
8	F	>80

#### **Existing Condition:**

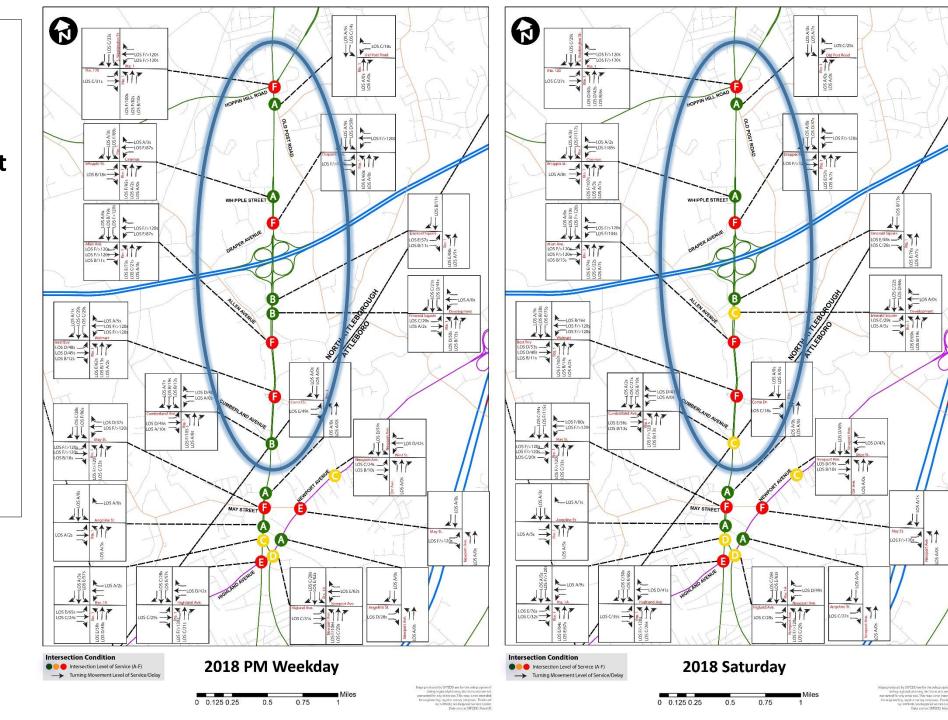
7 out 18 intersections operate LOS E/F

# Intersections with LOS E/F at North Attleborough(4/9):

Hoppin Hill Rd at Route 1
Draper Ave at Route 1
Allen Ave at Route 1
Walmart Entrance at Route 1

# Intersection with LOS E/F at Attleboro(3):

May St at Route 1 Highland Ave at Route 1 Newport Ave at Route 123



#### **Future Conditions (2025)**

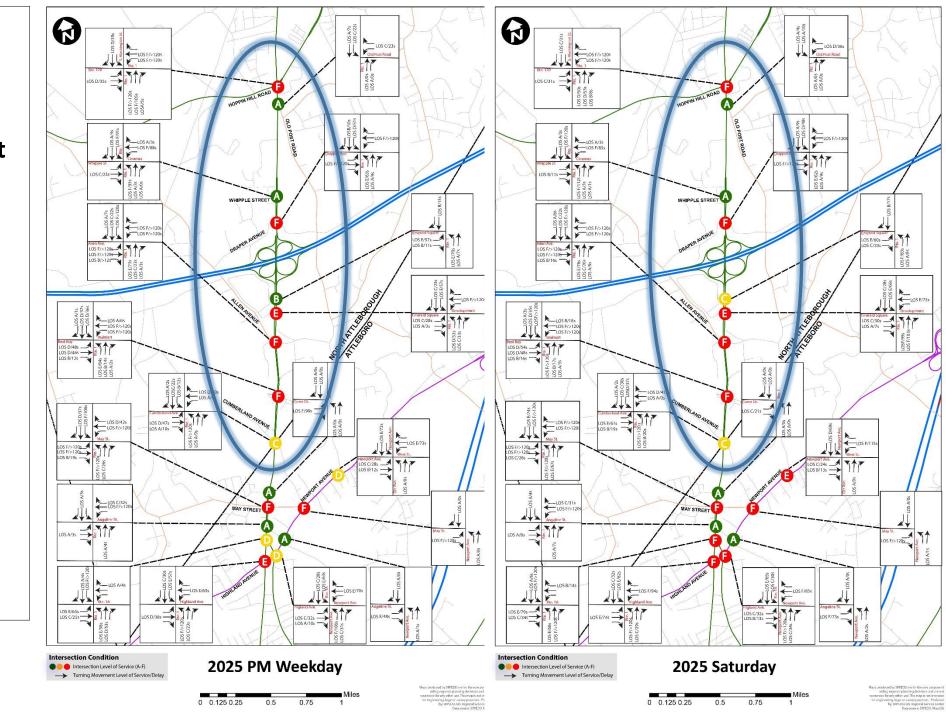
11 out 18 intersections are projected operate LOS E/F

# Intersections with LOS E/F at North Attleborough(5/9):

Hoppin Hill Rd at Route 1
Draper Ave at Route 1
Emerald Square Mall (S)
Allen Ave at Route 1
Walmart Entrance at Route 1

# Intersection with LOS E/F at Attleboro(6):

May St at Route 1 R1 at Route 1A Highland Ave at Route 1 R1A at Route 123 Newport Ave at Route 123 May St at Route 123



#### **Future Condition (2040):**

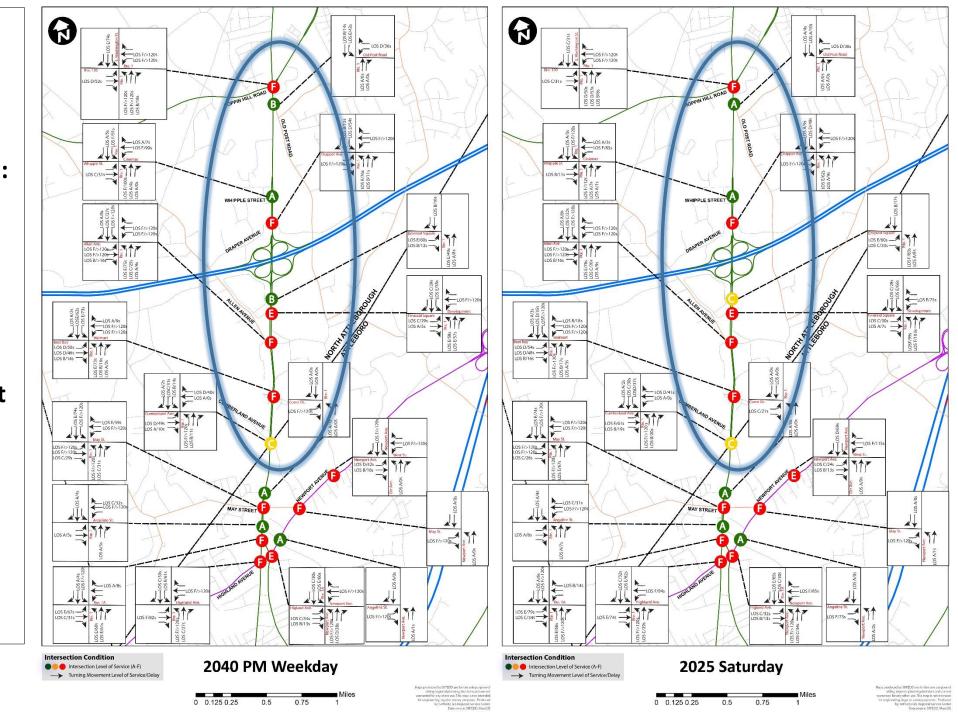
12 out 18 intersections are projected to operate LOS E/F

# Intersections with LOS E/F at North Attleborough(6/9):

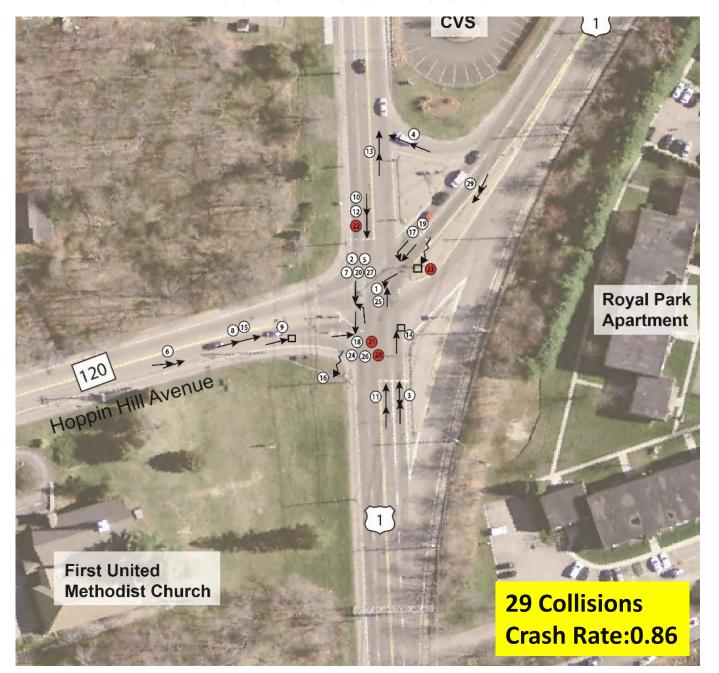
Hoppin Hill Rd at R1
Draper Ave at R1
Emerald Square Mall (S) at R1
Allen Ave at Route 1
Walmart Entrance at Route 1
Cumberland Ave at Route 1

# Intersection with LOS E/F at Attleboro(6):

May St at Route 1
R1 at Route 1A
Highland Ave at Route 1
R1A at Route 123
May St at Route 123
Newport Ave at Route 123



#### Route 120 at Route 1



#### **Existing conditions**

Signalized intersection, LOS F, delay over 120 seconds, very high crash rate

#### **Projected conditions**

2025: LOS F2040: LOS F

#### **Proposed Improvements:**

Construct two additional southbound left turn lanes; Construct new eastbound right turn lane

#### **Potential impact:**

2025: LOS F 2040: LOS F

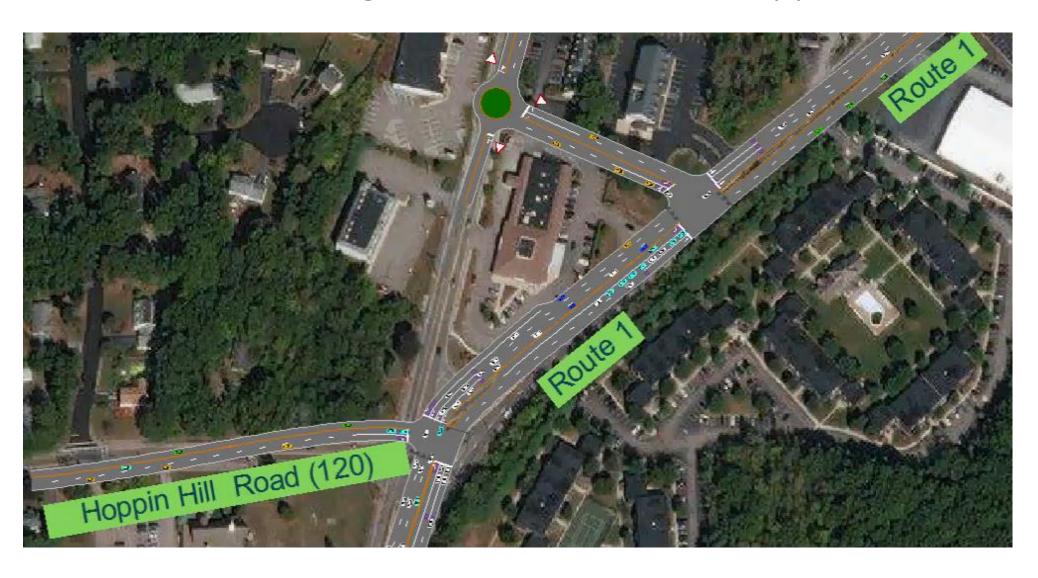


#### **Improvement Concept**

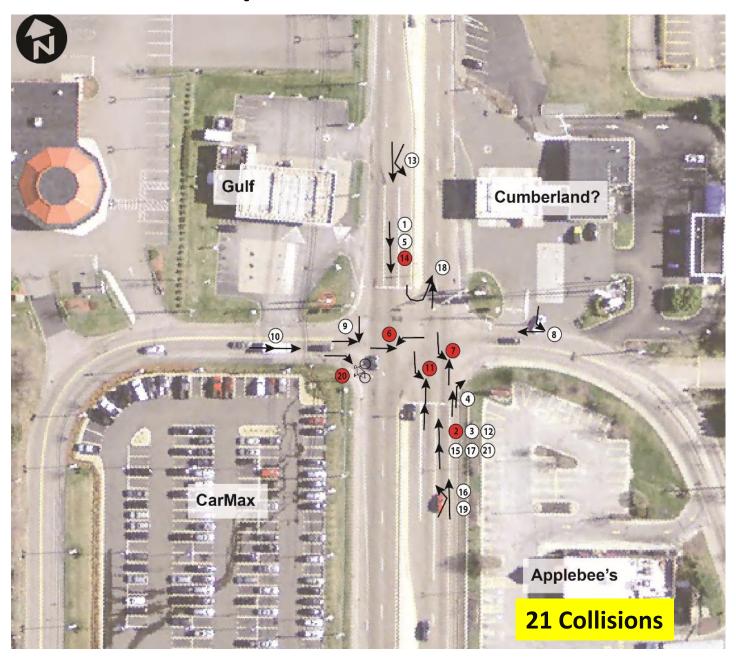
Realignment of Route 1; construct two T shape signalized intersection at Hoppin Hill Road and Route 1 could potentially improve:

- 1. Intersection LOS B, delay and efficiency
- 2. Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety
- 3. Create open space

### Simulation of Re-alignment of Route 1 at Hoppin Hill Road



#### **Draper Ave at Route 1**



#### **Existing conditions**

Signalized intersection, LOS F, delay over 120 seconds, moderate high crash rate

#### **Projected conditions**

■ 2025: LOS F

2040: LOS F

#### **Proposed Improvements:**

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Optimize signal timing plan
- Install adaptive signal system between Whipple
   St and Draper Ave
- Add WB left turn lane
- Add NB right turn lane

#### **Estimated Conditions with Improvements:**

2025: LOS C

2040: LOS C

#### **Emerald Square Mall South Entrance**



#### **Existing conditions**

- Signalized intersection
- LOS C, delay 30 seconds
- medium high crash rate

#### **Projected Conditions**

2025: LOS E2040: LOS F

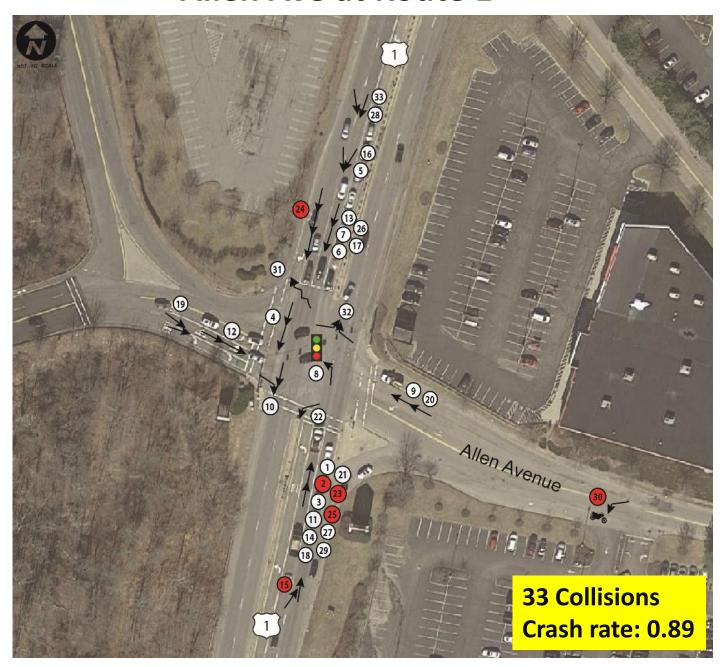
#### **Proposed Improvements:**

- Install adaptive signal system from Emerald
   Square Mall North to Allen Ave intersections
- Add additional northbound and southbound through lane

#### **Estimated Conditions with Improvements:**

2025: LOS C2040: LOS D

#### Allen Ave at Route 1



#### **Existing conditions**

- Signalized intersection,
- LOS F, average delay over 120 seconds
- very high crash rate

#### **Projected Conditions**

2025: LOS F

■ 2040: LOS F

#### **Proposed Improvements:**

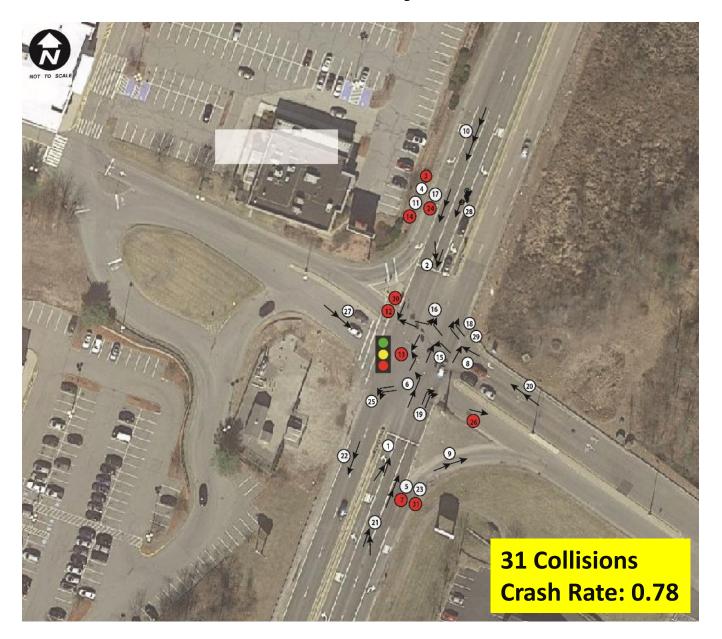
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Install adaptive signal system from Emerald
   Square Mall North to Allen Ave intersections
- Add additional westbound right turn lane
- Add additional southbound left turn lane

#### **Projected Conditions with Improvements:**

2025: LOS D

■ 2040: LOS D

#### **Walmart/Best Buy Entrance**



#### **Existing conditions**

- Signalized intersection
- LOS F, delay over 120 seconds
- Very high crash rate

#### **Projected Conditions**

■ 2025: LOS F

■ 2040: LOS F

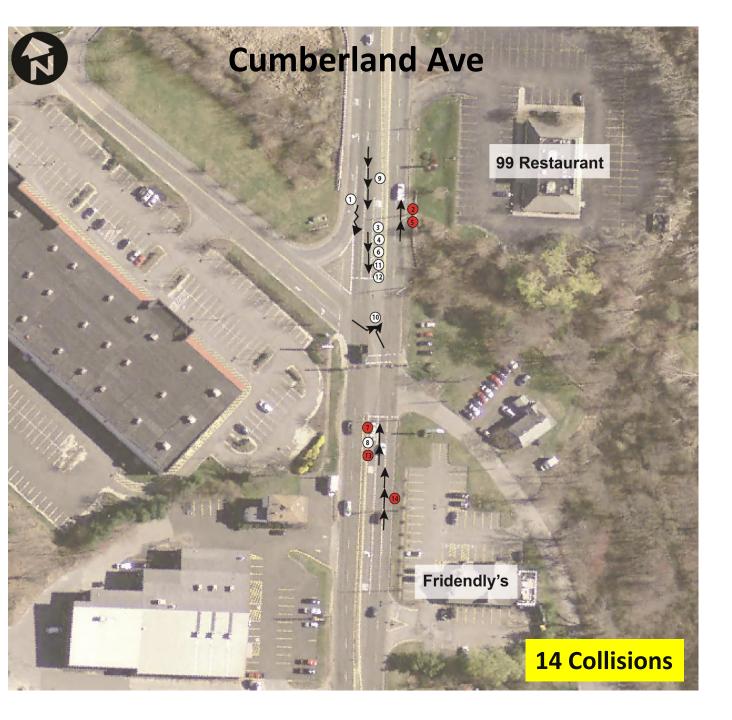
#### **Proposed Improvements:**

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Add additional southbound left turn lane
- Add additional northbound and southbound through lane

#### **Projected Conditions with Improvements:**

■ 2025: LOS D

2040: LOS D



#### **Existing conditions**

- Signalized intersection
- LOS C, delay of 25 seconds
- Medium high crash rate

#### **Projected Conditions**

■ 2025: LOS C

■ 2040: LOS E

#### **Proposed Improvements:**

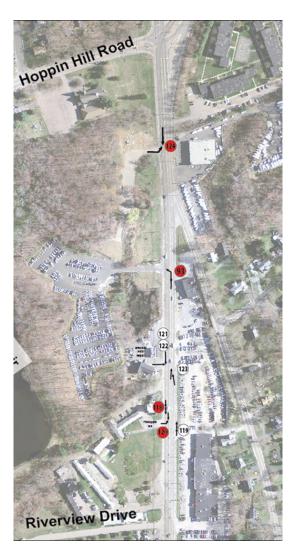
- Signal timing improvement
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure

#### **Projected Conditions with Improvements:**

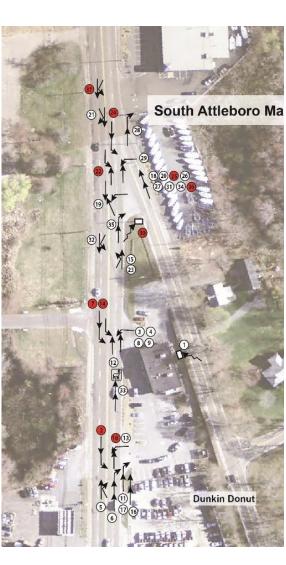
■ 2025: LOS C

2040: LOS D

# Traffic Collisions on Route 1 between Old Post Road to Quinn Street



**Total 8 Crashes, 1 fatal** 



**Total 37 Crashes** 



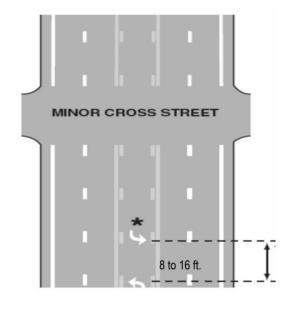
**Total 41 Crashes** 



#### **Improvement Concept**

Route 1 between Old Post Road Complete Fitness (North of Quinn St) – Approximately ½ mile

- Two-Way Continuous Left-Turn (TWLT)
- It would require individual driveway counts to validate



Center two-way left turn lane striping

# Proposed Recommendations and Alternatives

#### **Intersections**

Signals system improvements

Optimization, coordination, and adaptive traffic signal control technology

Geometric capacity

Construct additional left, right or through lanes where warranted

Improve crosswalks, pedestrian push button and signal phasing in compliance with ADA design standards

#### **Corridor Layout**

- 11 feet driving lane
- 10 feet multi-used path
- Access management plan

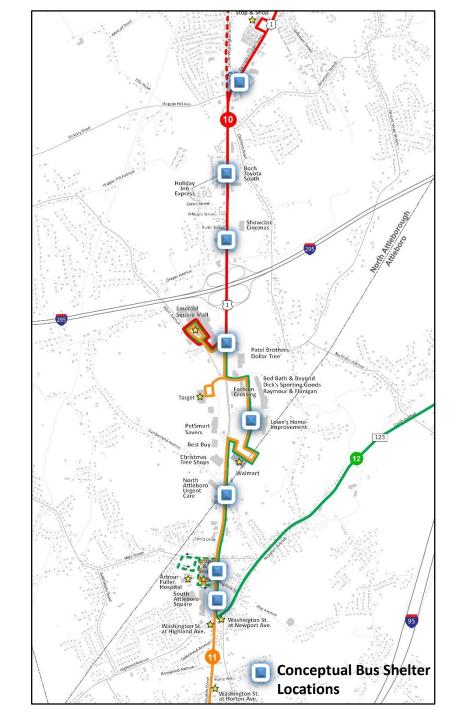
#### **GATRA Bus Route**

#### **Existing:**

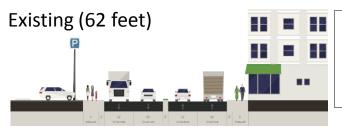
- Route 10, 11 and 12 operate along Route 1
- August ridership range of 3800-4800 people
- Flag stop system; bus service not apparent

#### **Recommendations:**

- Building upon the existing bus network and continue promoting public transit
- Considering bus transit, bicycle, pedestrian (all modes of transportation as priority for infrastructure planning, design and construction
- Consideration of bus shelter and/or bus turnout, connecting businesses, sidewalks and destinations (typical spacing of bus stop of 600 feet)



### **Cross-section Design Alternatives**



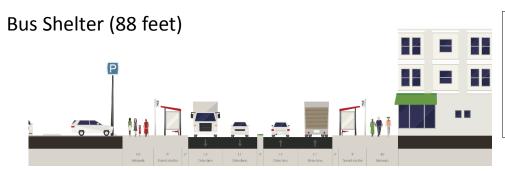
**Pros:** Low cost; least changes to the roadway geometry and capacity.

Cons: No accommodation for bicycle and bus transit modes.



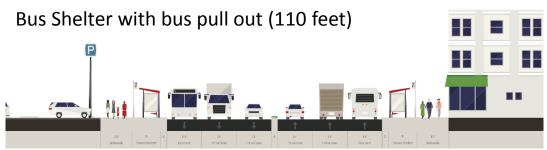
**Pros:**; Increase sidewalk capacity and safety; no changes to the road side geometry.

**Cons:** Medium cost, modifications on the curbside; no visibility on the bus services.



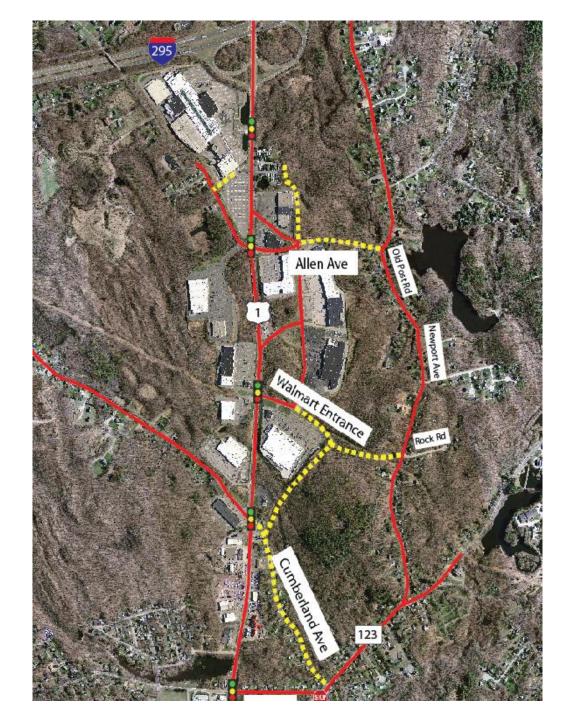
**Pros:** Great visibility of bus service, impact of road capacity, increase bicycle/pedestrian capacity.

**Cons:** Costly; ROW issues on curb side and road side; adverse impacts on the existing queue and delay.



**Pros:** Great visibility of bus service, less impact of road capacity increase bicycle/pedestrian capacity.

**Cons:** Very costly; Require significant changes on road side and curb side.



# Access Management Considerations

- 1. Connect Allen Ave from Route 1 to Old Post Road
- 2. Connect Cumberland Ave from Route 1 to Newport Ave
- 3. Extend Walmart Entrance Driveway from Route 1 to Newport Ave
- 4. Construct new road between Walmart Entrance Driveway and Cumberland Ave

### What's Next...

- Draft Report
- Presentations
- Final Report



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