









# York Village Revitalization

SCHEMATIC DESIGN / DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE

PROJECT UPDATE - OCTOBER 2015



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Roadway: draft horizontal alignment

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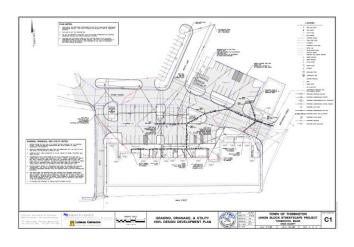
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### BACKGROUND - YORK VILLAGE REVITALIZATION

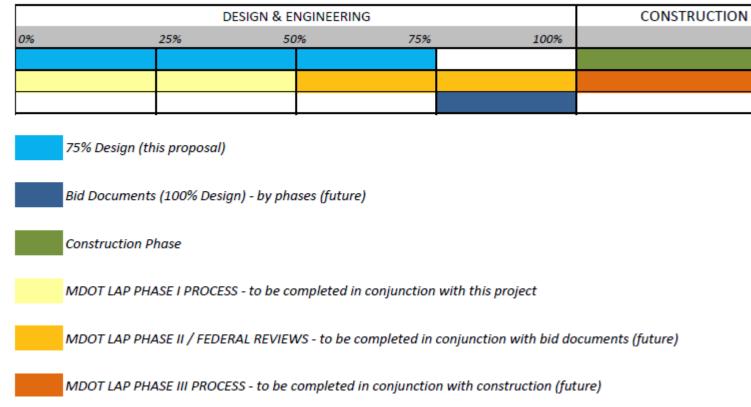
The York Village Revitalization project has been a committed, long-term effort. In 2011, the Town's Board of Selectmen (BoS) established the Village Study Committee (VSC) to initiate a process of visioning and community outreach with business and property owners, residents and Town officials. The VSC developed goals and objectives for village revitalization and began exploring intersection improvements through conceptual design. In 2014, the VSC issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) for revitalization planning, design and engineering. Consultants with the Downtown Revitalization Collaborative guided the master planning process, which included significant public outreach and close collaboration with the VSC. The BoS accepted Master Plan in May 2015. The plan serves as a road map for revitalization. It includes analysis and written recommendations as well as a concept-level design showing visual improvements and associated costs.

#### SD / DD PHASE 2015-2016

"Hard" Design (technical)
Refined cost estimates
Phasing and implementation
MaineDOT LAP Phase One



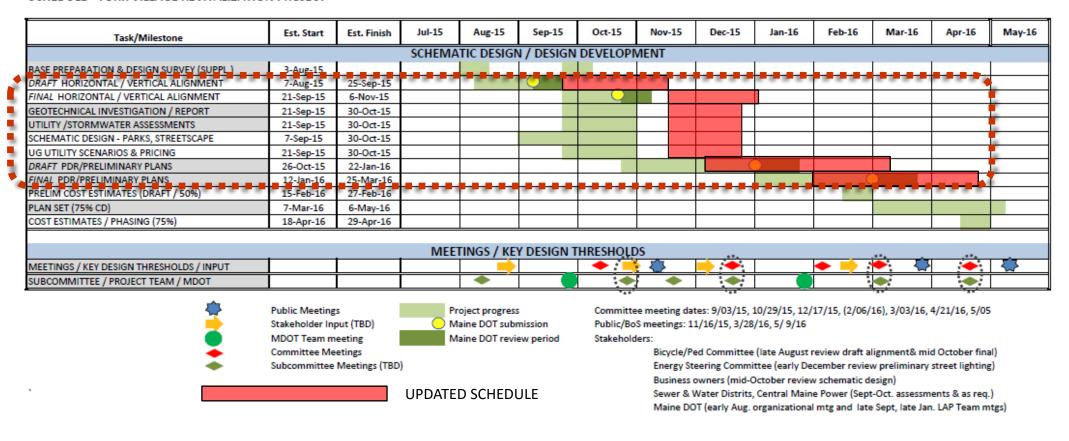
#### **ROAD TO BID DOCUMENTS & CONSTRUCTION**



### SCHEMATIC DESIGN / DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE

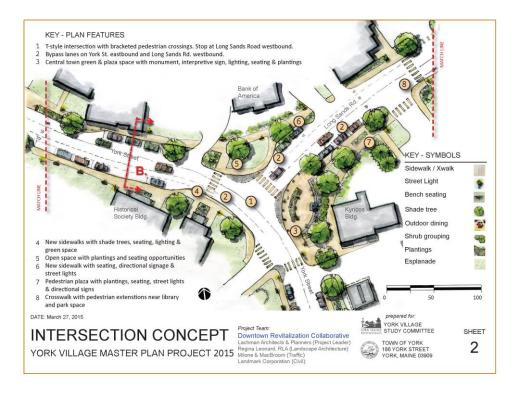
The Schematic Design (SD) and Design Development (DD) phase of the York Village Revitalization Project moves conceptual level planning from "soft" design to "hard" or technical design. This phase of work involves a close collaboration between allied disciplines: Traffic, civil, geotechnical, electrical engineering and landscape architecture, as well as coordination with public safety, utilities, state and federal agencies. This highly technical design and engineering process produces a detailed understanding of the project, which helps refine cost estimates and determine feasible approaches for phased implementation. The SD/DD Phase of the project will move the Master Plan concept to an advanced level of design in preparation for the Bidding & Construction Phases. In anticipation of future State and Federal funding, the MaineDOT Locally Administered Project Phase I process will be completed in the SD/DD Phase.

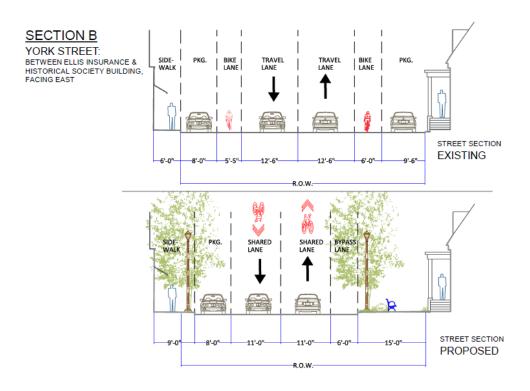
SCHEDULE - YORK VILLAGE REVITALIZATION PROJECT



The originally outlined schedule has been delayed as the Town awaits a proposal from MaineDOT for review and support from the agency as part of the State and Federal permitting and review requirements for projects receiving public funds. An updated schedule is highlighted in red. The design and engineering team has completed the draft horizontal alignment and is awaiting formal feedback from the State. The team has advanced some schematic design work in order to keep the project moving forward. However, this work is subject to change should MaineDOT require substantive changes in the road layout.

# Horizontal Alignment Process Master Plan Concept





The horizontal alignment of the roadway is based upon the Master Plan design concept, which proposed realignment of the roadway to meet the broader goals and objectives for revitalization: calm traffic, improve safety, and to balance vehicle and pedestrian space. Section elevations were developed at key locations to illustrate the proposed changes within the street corridor.

### Horizontal Alignment

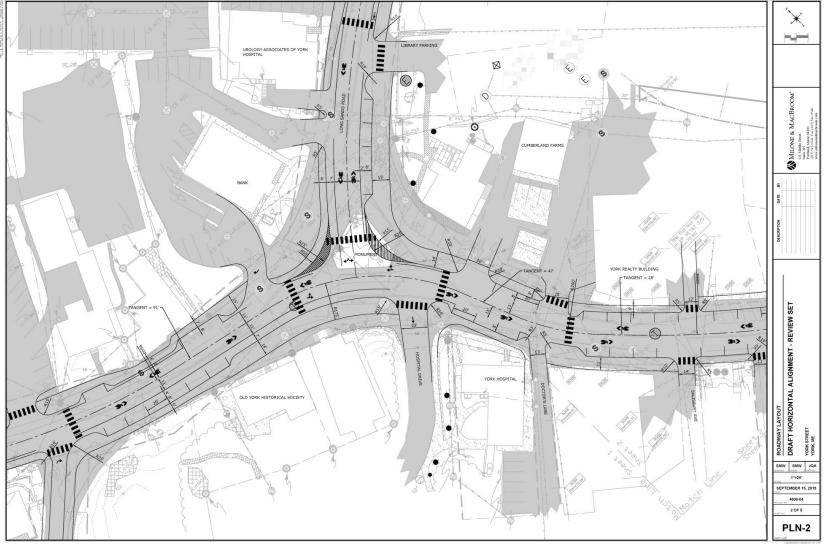
TASK: Integrate technical standards with Master Plan concept design:

Road type: Minor and Major Collector

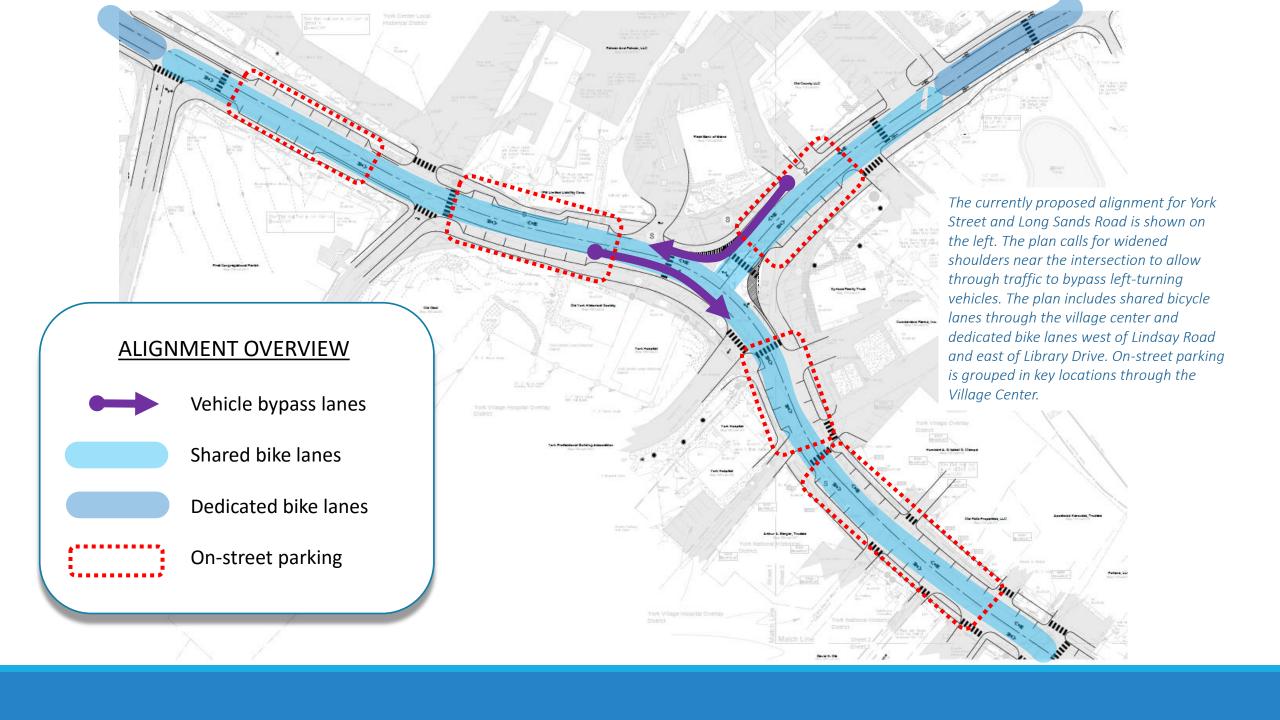
Design speed: 25 mph

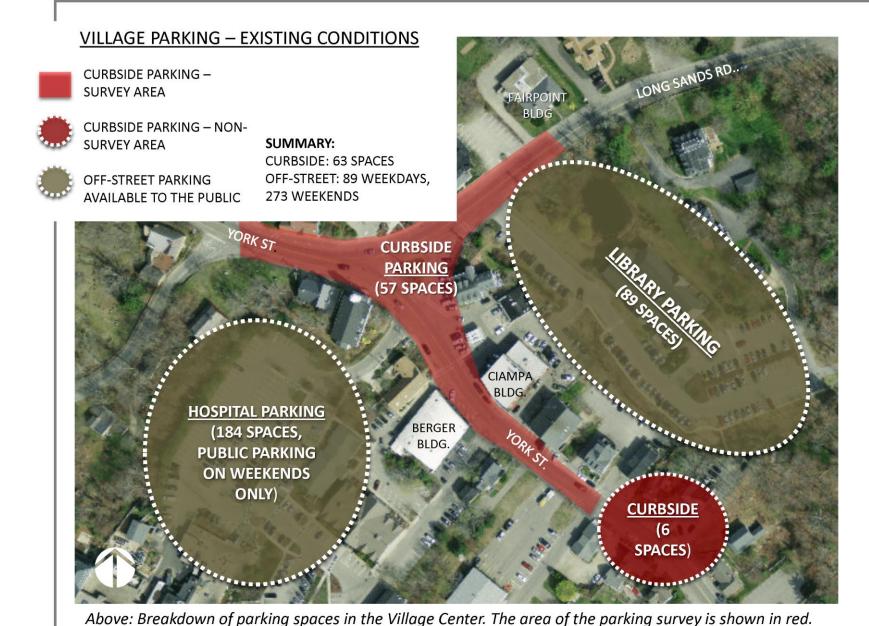
MDOT standards vs. proposed

FRAMEWORK for schematic and technical design



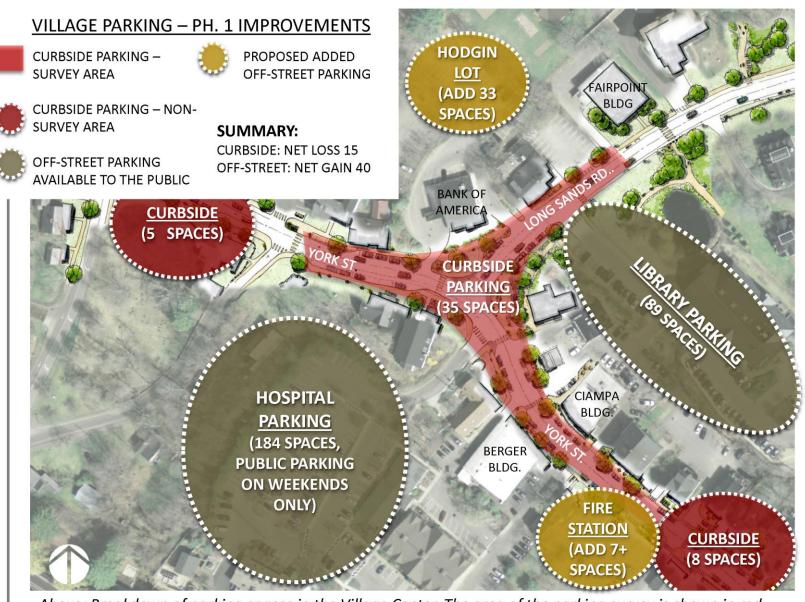
The horizontal alignment serves as the critical frame upon which all future work is organized. The roadway alignment integrates the technical standards, or design criteria, with the Master Plan concept design. The alignment responds to factors like road classification, design speed and alignment standards to determine lane widths, road curvature, turning radii and shoulder widths. In order to limit the paved footprint and slow traffic, the York Village plan will require some exceptions to these standards, which is why the State's review and feedback is crucial to advancing the design.





The graphic shown on the left illustrates the existing parking resources that were surveyed as part of the parking survey conducted during the master planning phase.

The creation of a pedestrianfriendly streetscape requires a rebalancing of the space currently dedicated to automobiles and increased use of under-utilized off-street parking resources.



Above: Breakdown of parking spaces in the Village Center. The area of the parking survey is shown in red.

#### **SUMMARY:**

CURBSIDE PARKING: MASTER PLAN: 48 CURRENT PLAN: 51

EXISTING: 63

OFF-STREET PARKING: FIRE STATION: +7 SPACES

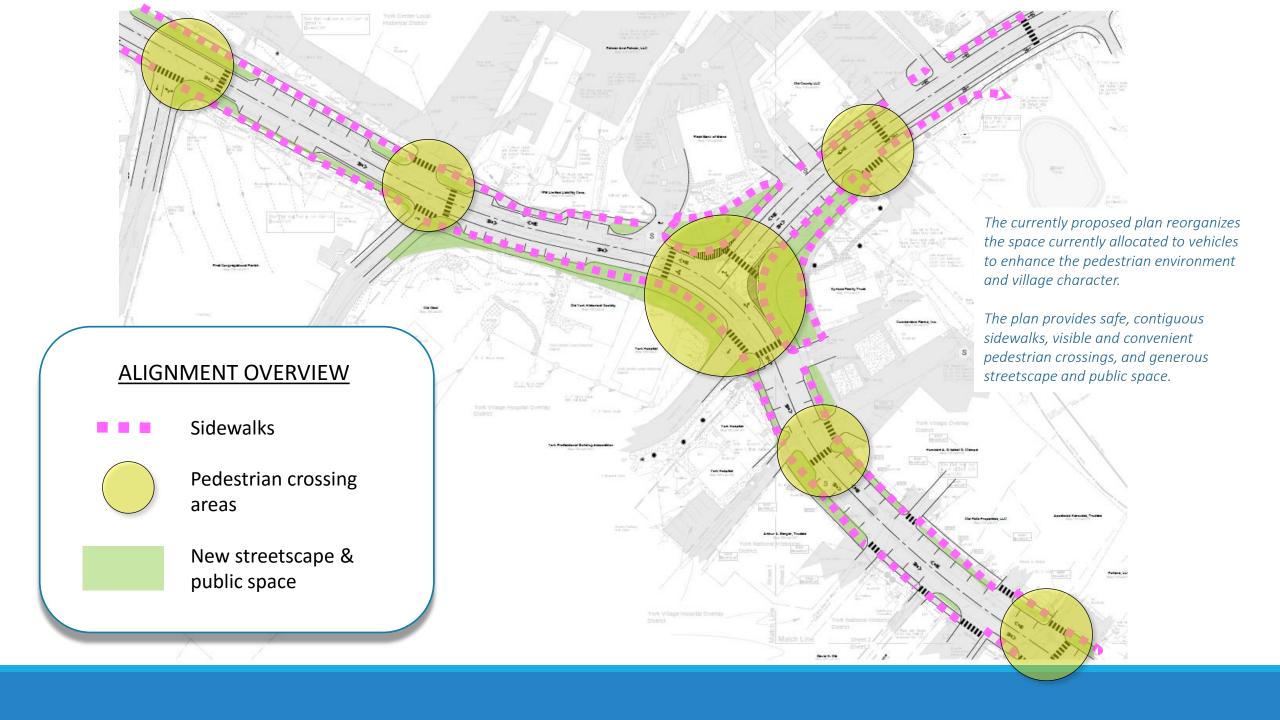
ANTICIPATED NET PARKING ADJUSTMENTS (PHASE ONE): NET LOSS 10 SPACES

WITH PURCHASE OF HODGIN LOT: +33: NET GAIN 23 SPACES

The graphic (right) reflects the anticipated parking organization proposed by the Master Plan.

The currently proposed design provides 51 curbside parking spaces and proposes up to 7 new public parking spaces on the fire house lot for a net loss of 10 spaces.

The Hodgin Lot, if acquired by the Town, would provide a net gain of 23 spaces.

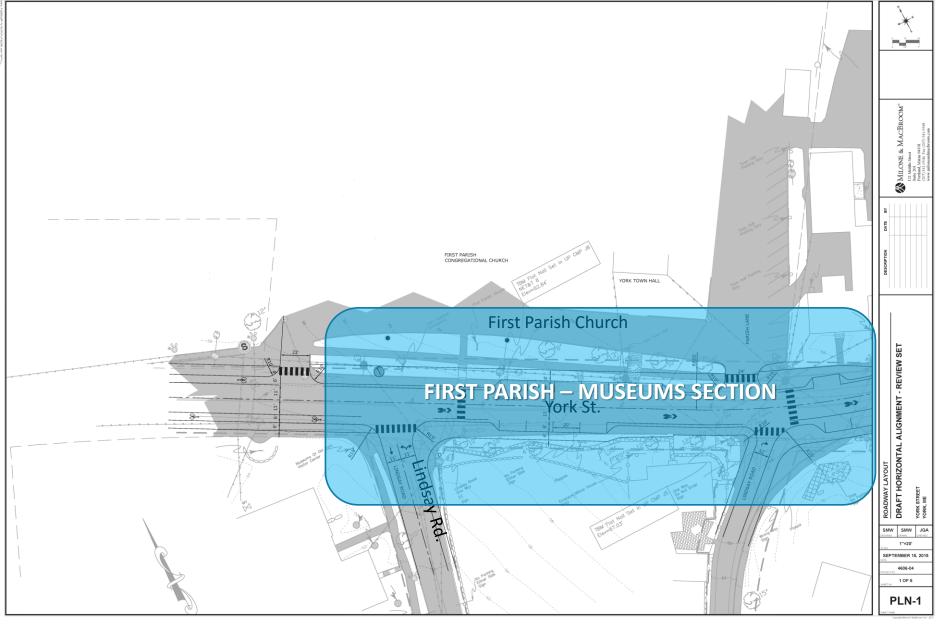




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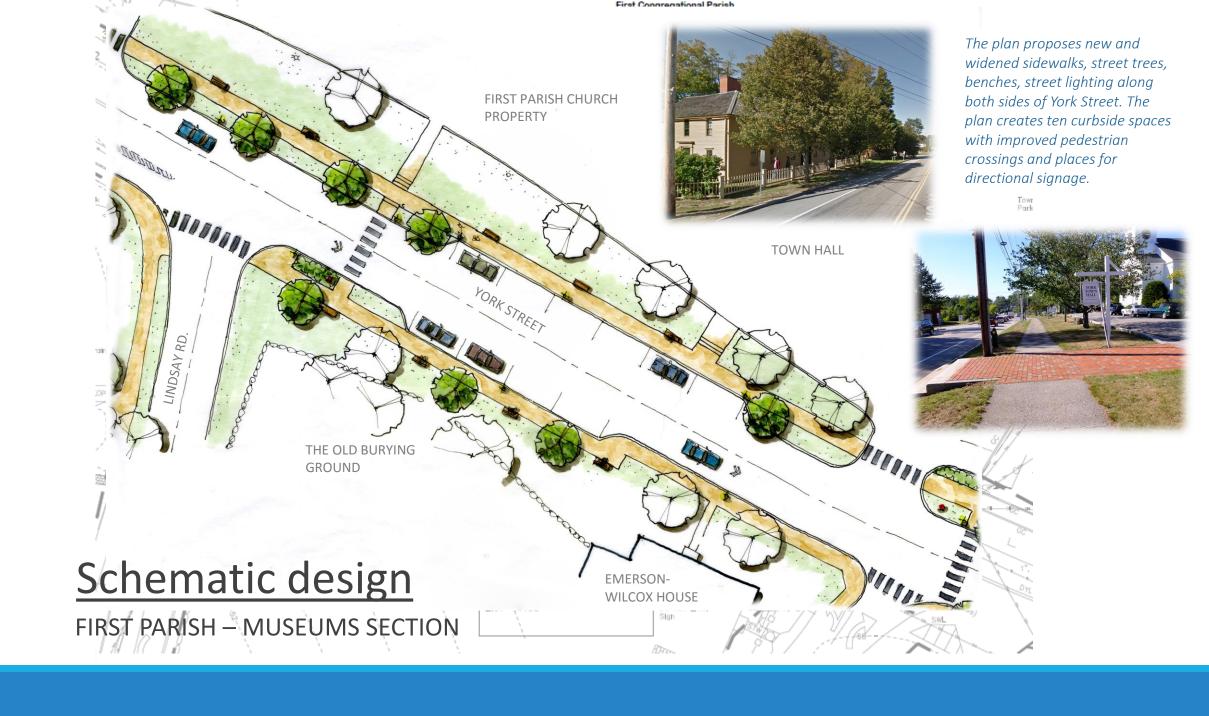
# Schematic design

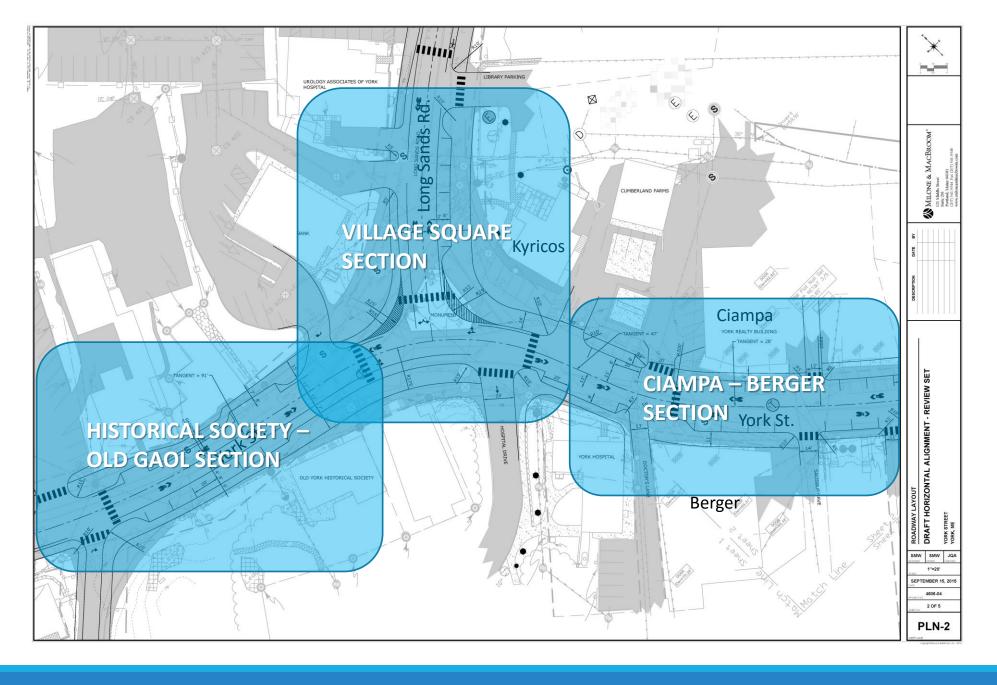
The Master Plan provided guidance for reestablishing the scale, character and vibrancy of the village. The schematic design process refines the conceptual ideas of the Master Plan to respond to the existing physical conditions and technical considerations of all aspects of the project.



The schematic designs that follow are organized by area and respond to the unique aspects of each.

The First Parish-Museums section includes the sloped green along the First Parish Church frontage and the cluster of historic Museums of Old York properties to the south.

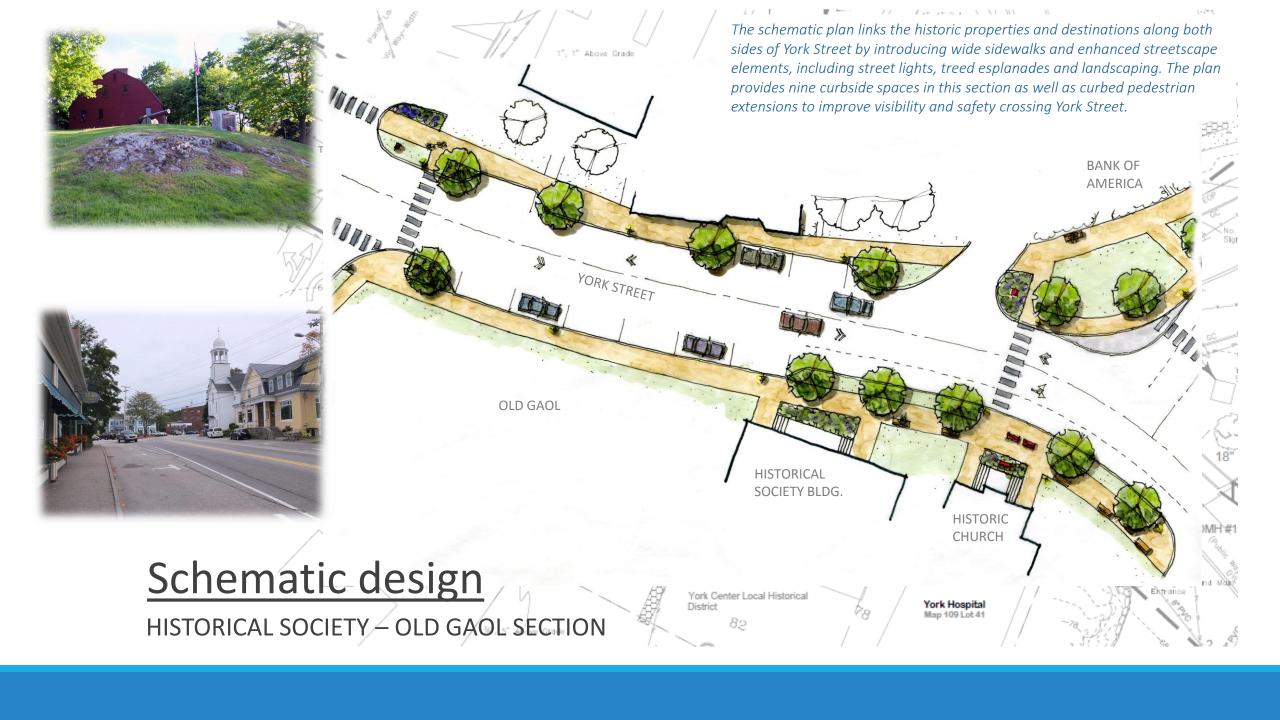




The Historical Society-Old Gaol section includes the historic old jail property and several architecturally significant buildings. Together with the Museums of Old York properties, this section sets the tone for the Village Center as a historical destination.

The Village Square section is the heart of the Village, as well as an important arrival and destination zone with a lively pedestrian environment.

The Ciampa-Berger section includes the frontage along the Cumberland Farms property as well as the right-of-way bordering the Ciampa and Berger buildings. This is an active commercial area with retail shops and restaurants.







# Schematic design

**VILLAGE SQUARE SECTION** 





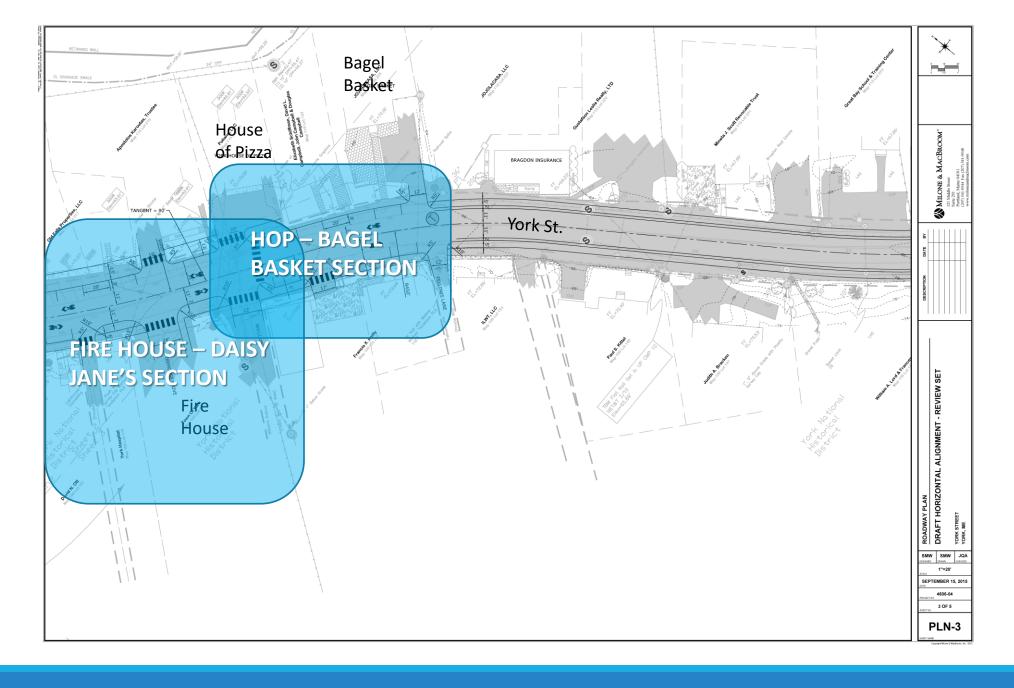




Schematic design

BERGER - CIAMPA BUILDINGS SECTION





The Fire House – Daisy Jane's section includes design of the York Street right-of-way as well as proposed improvements to the Fire House lot to increase parking capacity.

The House of Pizza (HOP) – Bagel Basket section includes both sides of York Street, with an emphasis on the frontage along the northern side pedestrian destinations.



The schematic design examines potential improvements to the Fire House property to accomplish two specific goals: to reduce the width of the existing curb cut on York Street and to provide additional parking spaces that could be shared with the public for short-term use. The design is being reviewed by the Fire Department.

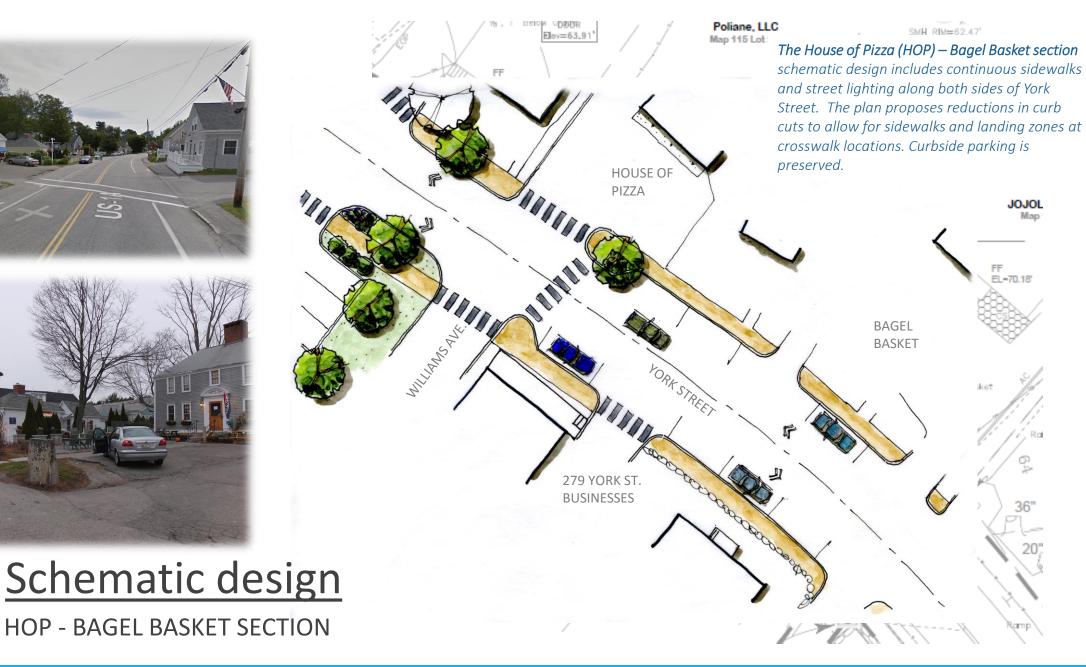
# Schematic design

FIRE STATION SECTION











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# Materials selection

Putting the "village" back in York Village includes the appropriate selection of materials that are in keeping with the visual character of the historic center. The streetscape treatment involves the coordination of different site elements, such as paving, street lighting and furnishings, to form a cohesive and distinctive setting.

# STREETSCAPE TREATMENT

#### PROPOSED MATERIALS



STREET LIGHTING PAVING MATERIALS





SITE FURNISHINGS







**LANDSCAPE** 

### STREETSCAPE TREATMENT

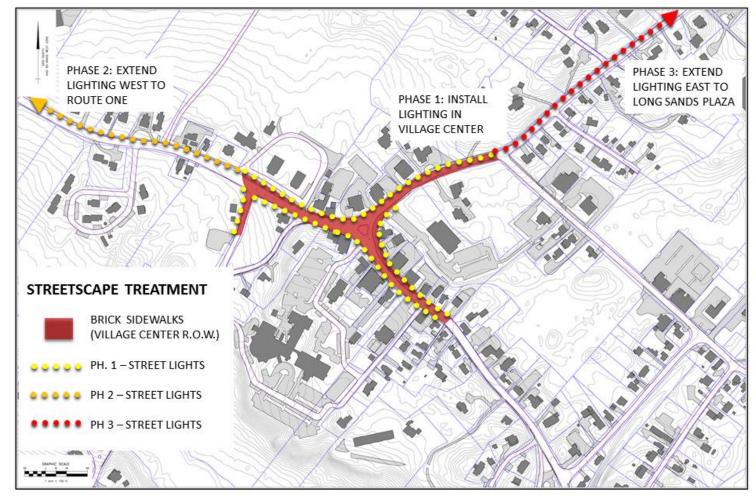
#### HIGHLIGHTS:

Estimated Phase One: Village Core

Sidewalk treatment – for discussion

Street lighting extent – for discussion

Street lighting treatment – for discussion



Above: Proposed sidewalk and street lighting treatment and phasing in York Village.

This phase of work will continue to examine and refine the implementation of the improvements as the plans are further developed. The above graphic represents one possible approach for phasing in street lighting, for example.

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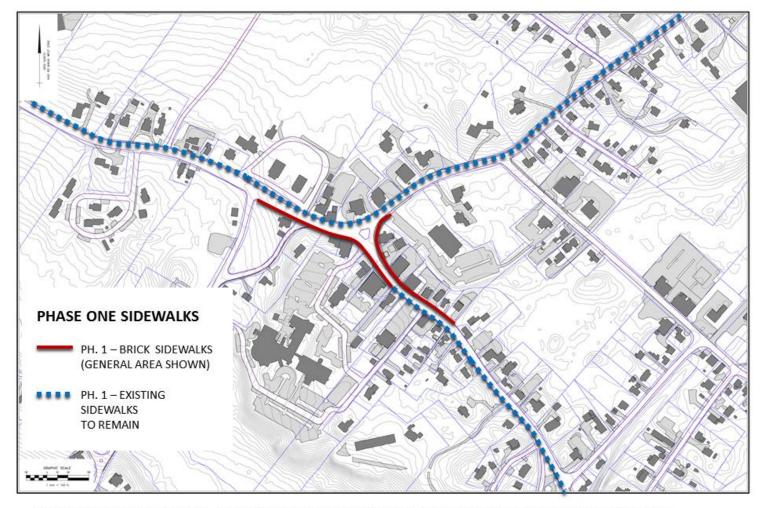
#### SIDEWALKS:

Estimated Phase One: Village Core

Extent TBD at 50% design

Plaza improvements – future phase

Expanded sidewalk improvements – future phases



Above: Summary of potential phasing for sidewalk improvements in York Village based upon the Master Plan recommendations.

The above graphic represents one possible approach for phasing in sidewalk improvements. **The implementation of the improvements will be refined as the plans are further developed.** 



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### **NEXT STEPS**

In the coming months, the design and engineering team will be working closely with Maine Department of Transportation to finalize the horizontal alignment and to determine the next steps related to both State and Federal reviews. In the meantime, the team will continue to move the project forward and to reach out to stakeholders. A public outreach event will likely be announced next month.