

Widett Circle Layover Facility

Public Meeting

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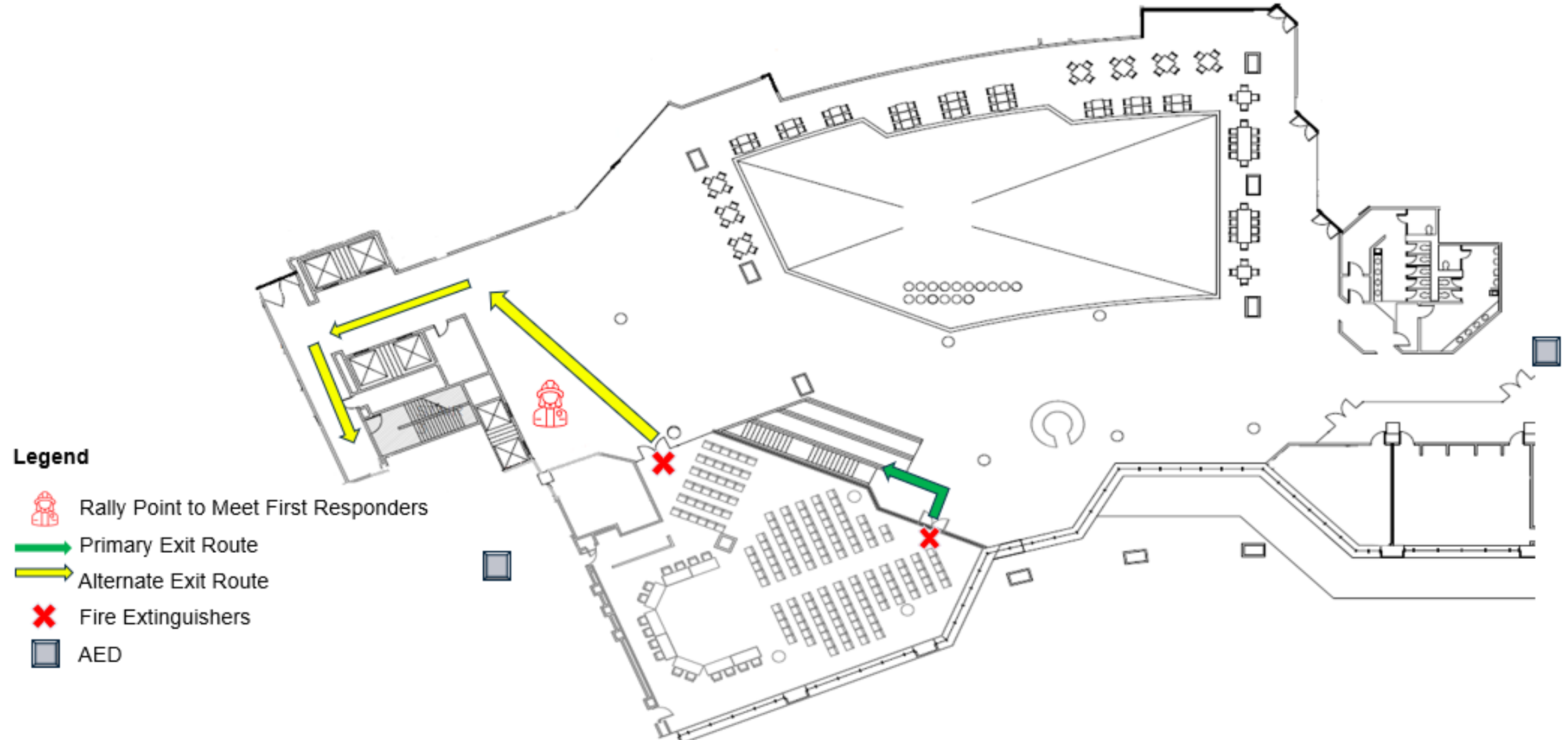
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Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Program Overview and Location
3. Program Goals and Outcomes
4. Program Scope
5. Program Phases and Timeline
6. Next Steps
7. Questions and Answers



Approach tracks into Widett campus from South Station.

Program Overview



View of Existing Widett Circle from Frontage Road.

- The MBTA plans to construct a new and modernized train layover facility at Widett Circle in the South Boston neighborhood of Boston.
- The new facility will support current Commuter Rail operations, and future Regional Rail service goals, to enable more frequent, efficient, and reliable service.

Program Location

- Located approximately one-mile south of South Station.
- Surrounded by I-93, S. Boston Bypass Road, and City of Boston Tow Lot.
- Former site of New Boston Food Market until acquired by MBTA in 2022.
- Direct connection to South Station terminal tracks, communication, signal, and dispatch infrastructure, and overhead catenary system.



Aerial of Widett Circle site.

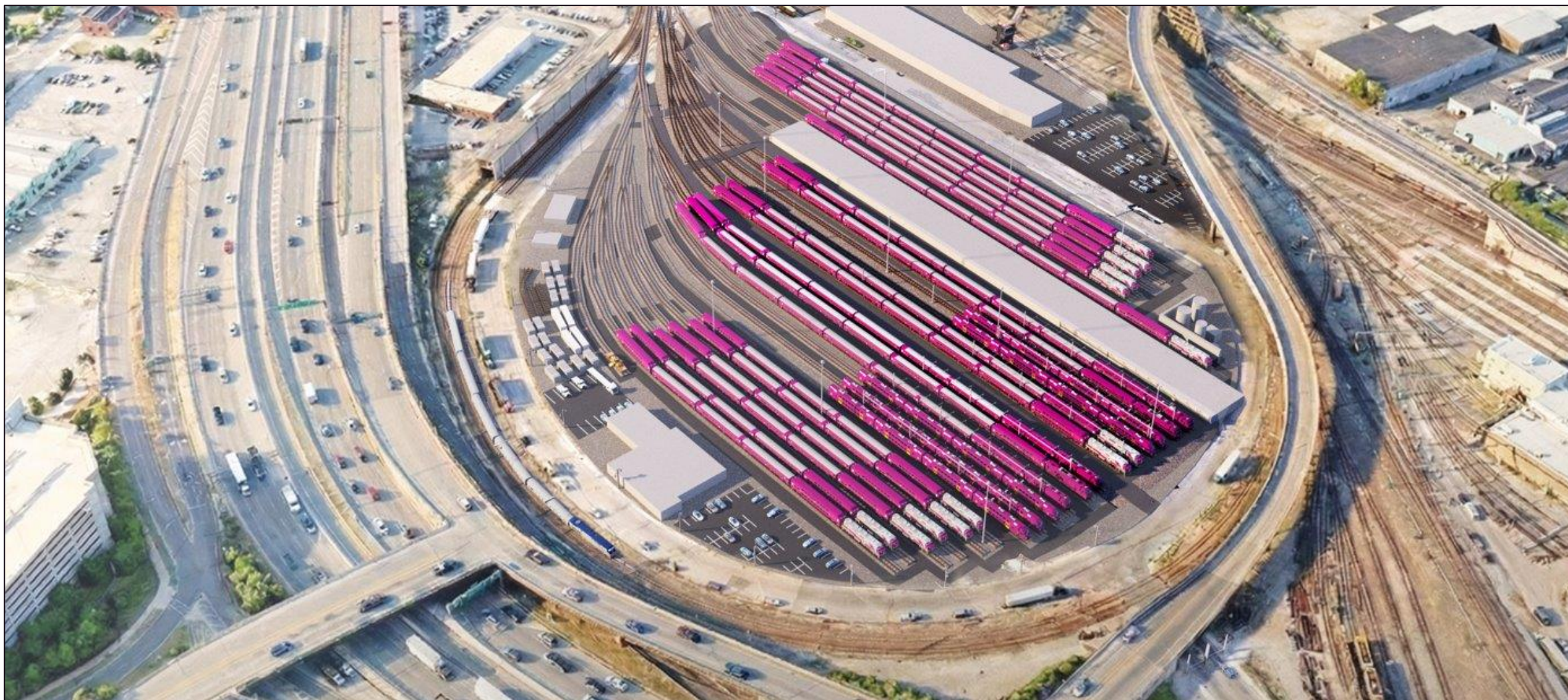
Program Goals and Outcomes

- Improved operational resiliency for existing south-side Commuter Rail operations.
- Consolidation of service, inspection, and layover functions for south-side Commuter Rail operations, including relocation from, and optimization of, Amtrak's Southampton Street Yard and Front Yard.
- Improved mechanical capabilities and functions within close proximity of South Station, resulting in shorter service and inspection times, improved equipment availability, and reduced delays.
- Reduced “deadheading” (repositioning of empty trains, equipment, or crew) from ancillary or unplanned layover locations, improving efficiency and reducing operating costs.
- Increased train layover capacity for current Commuter Rail operations and future frequent bi-directional, all-day, Regional Rail service levels.

Program Scope

- The Widett Layover Facility program includes design and construction of the following:
 - Twenty-six tracks for layover, service, and inspection functions of current and future equipment.
 - Sufficient track spacing and access roads for maintenance, safety, security and other access/uses.
 - Fuel, oil, and sand conveyance system.
 - Welfare and administration building for transportation, engineering, and mechanical functions.
 - Communication, signal, power, and positive train control (PTC) infrastructure.
 - Overhead catenary system, and provisions for new electric traction substation for electrified equipment.
 - Safety and security infrastructure, including new security gate, lighting, fencing, and CCTV cameras.
 - New and reconfigured site utilities for electric, gas, water, and sewage infrastructure.

Program Scope



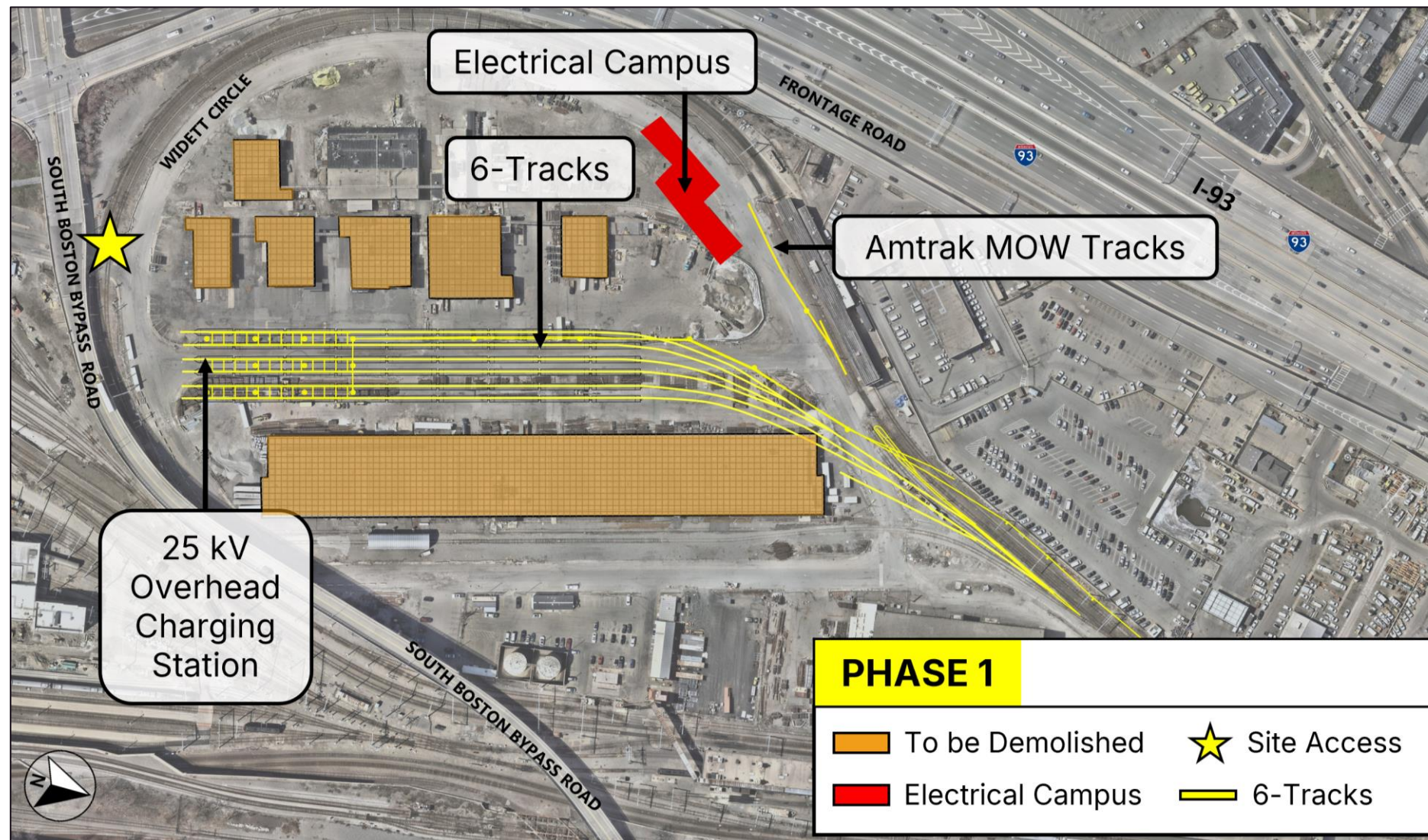
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Program Phases

- **Phase 1** (Design and Construction Fully Funded)
 - Demolition of seven existing buildings to facilitate future construction activities.
 - Construction of six “early action” tracks and associated infrastructure for existing storage needs and future Fairmount Line service. Temporary welfare and administration buildings.
 - Site elevation and stormwater infrastructure improvements for flood resilience.
- **Phase 2** (Conceptual Design Funded)
 - Demolition of remaining existing buildings to facilitate construction of additional tracks.
 - Construction of twelve additional tracks (total of 18).
 - Construction of crew and administration building.
- **Phase 3** (Conceptual Design Funded)
 - Construction of remaining eight storage tracks and site infrastructure.

* Program currently divided into Phase 2 and 3 to better manage overall costs, however program could be combined or divided further.

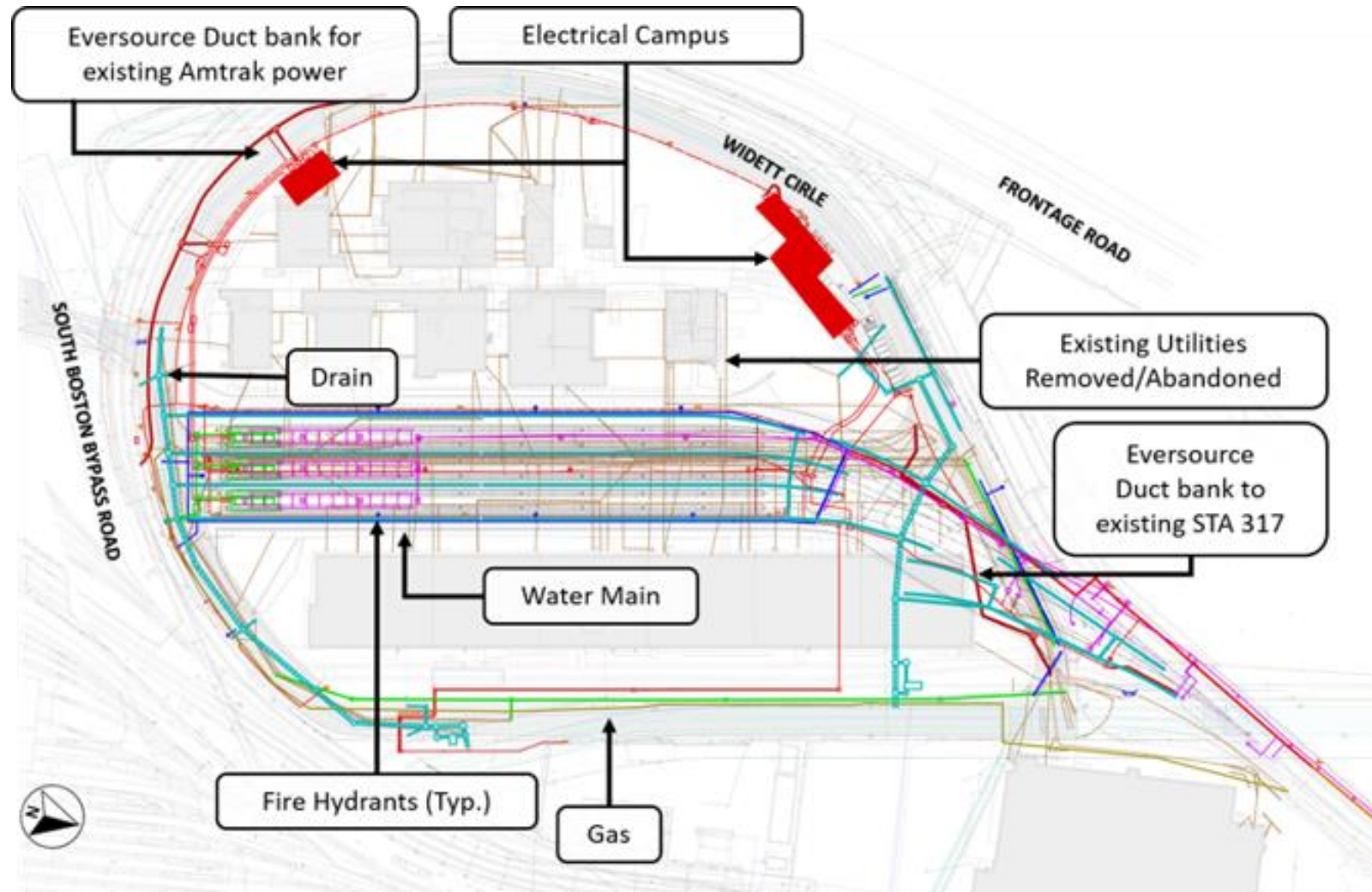
Phase 1 – Early Action Infrastructure



Widett Layover Facility – Proposed Phase 1 site plan.

- Demolition of seven existing buildings and site utilities.
- Construction of six tracks and related infrastructure along Foodmart Road to minimize initial demolition activities and reduce costs.

Phase 1 – Utility Construction



- Construction of Eversource and MBTA electrical duct banks.
- Boston Water and Sewer supply and drainage infrastructure.
- National Grid gas lines.

PHASE 1			
	Storm Drain		Water Main
	Electrical		Gas
	Sewer		

Phase 1 – Climate Resiliency

- Coastal flood resiliency measures include:
 - Elevating the site to 11 feet North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88) to protect from the 2050 1% annual coastal storm.
 - Elevating critical equipment to 13 feet NAVD88 to protect from the 2070 1% annual coastal storm.
 - Current site elevation is approximately 8 feet NAVD88.
- Planned site elevation enables improvements to existing stormwater infrastructure.

Phase 1 Schedule

2025

2026

2027

2028

2029

Design Phase

February 2026-October 2026

Procurement

November 2026-March 2027

Construction

March 2027-March 2029

Testing and Commissioning

April 2029-August 2029

Phase 1 – Construction Considerations

- No anticipated impact on service or customers.
- MBTA Capital Delivery to manage:
 - Contractor and subcontractors
 - Site demolition, including vehicle activity, traffic control, noise and dust near work area.
 - Construction of utilities, including water, drainage, sewer, gas, electrical infrastructure.
 - Construction of all train layover facility scope, including track, catenary power, buildings, etc.
- Close coordination with MBTA departments, City of Boston, Amtrak, and other stakeholders.

Immediate Next Steps to Support Phase 1



Final Design of Phase 1

Finalize design of Phase 1 improvements in Fall 2026.



Collaborate on Property Acquisition

Continue to work with City of Boston on remaining property required and transfer of public roadways throughout Widett site.



Phase 2 and 3 Design Advancement

Continue to refine and develop designs for future phases of this project.



Prepare for Construction Solicitation

Prepare for construction solicitation of Phase 1 improvements beginning in Winter 2026.



Stakeholder Engagement

Continue coordination with stakeholders as the program develops.

Questions and Answers



- Raise your hand, if possible. Our assistant will pass you a microphone to speak.
- Ask our assistant for a paper comment form. Write down your questions or comments and return it to us.
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