Ward 5 ResiStat

Mayor Joe Curtatone

Alderman Mark Niedergang

Where Can I Learn More?

somervillema.gov

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Cedar Street

- Sign up for alerts at **somervillema.gov/cedarstreet**
- **Work coming up**
  - **Beginning final streetscape work on Cedar between Elm and Summer, expect closures later in the week**
  - **Sidewalk work on Cedar from Broadway to Highland for the next 2-3 weeks**

CITY PREPARATION FOR GLX CONSTRUCTION

Ball Square Bridge: July 2015

MBTA Green Line

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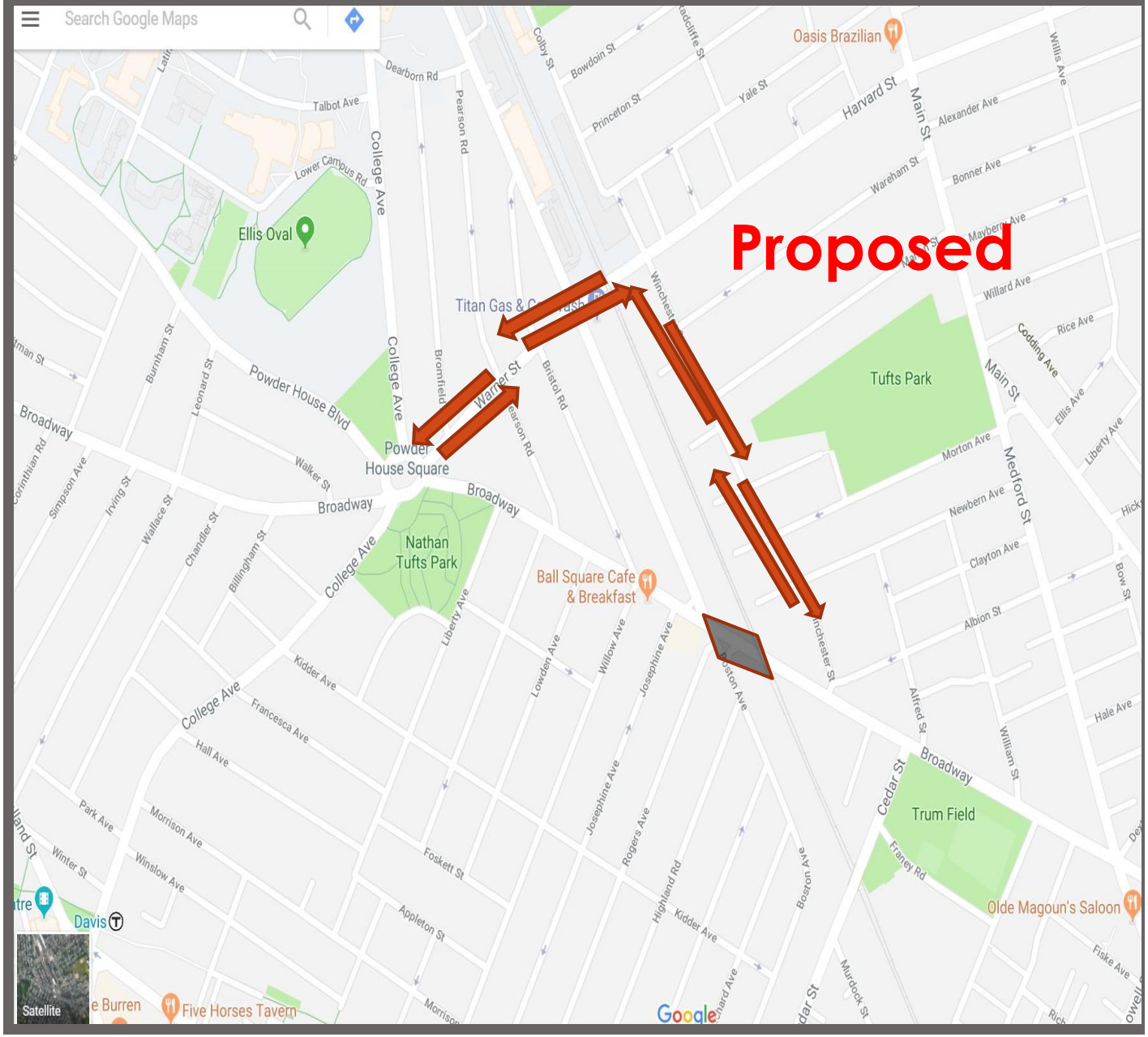
Primary Detour Route Proposed by GLX Constructors



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Advance Detour Signage Requested by City

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Improve Safety / Organize Movements at Winchester / Albion

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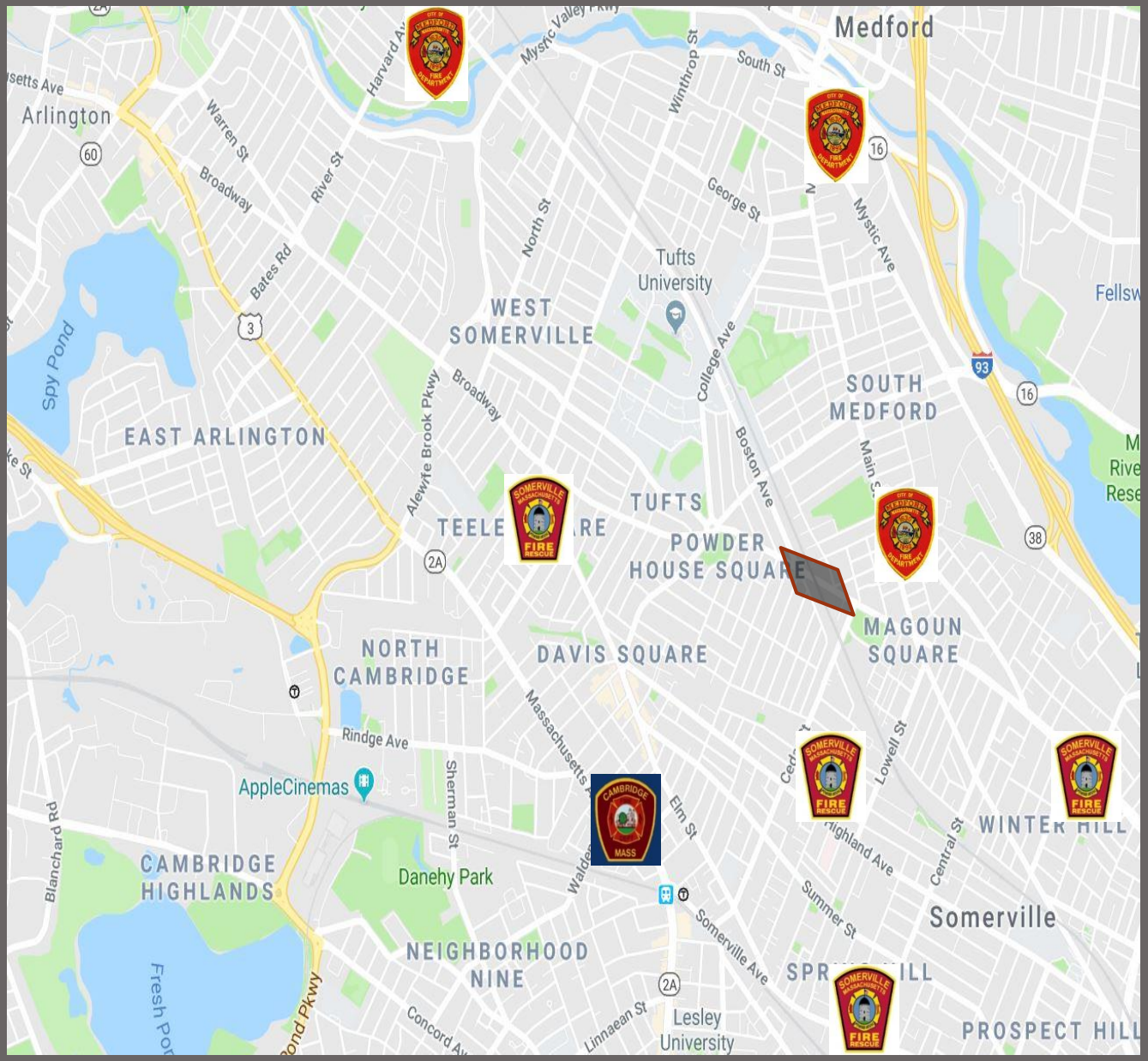
Inter-Municipal Emergency Service Planning is Ongoing



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Support Local Businesses During Construction

Communicate

Ensure businesses and their customers get timely, actionable information before and during construction and know who to contact with questions.

Strengthen

Help strengthen businesses so that they can survive the disruption. Use this opportunity to support the overall health of affected businesses.

Attract

Invest in strategies that encourage customers to continue patronizing businesses and that build the square's reputation as a destination.

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Add Temporary Public Space to Attract Customers

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Example of Somerville Avenue "Parklet"

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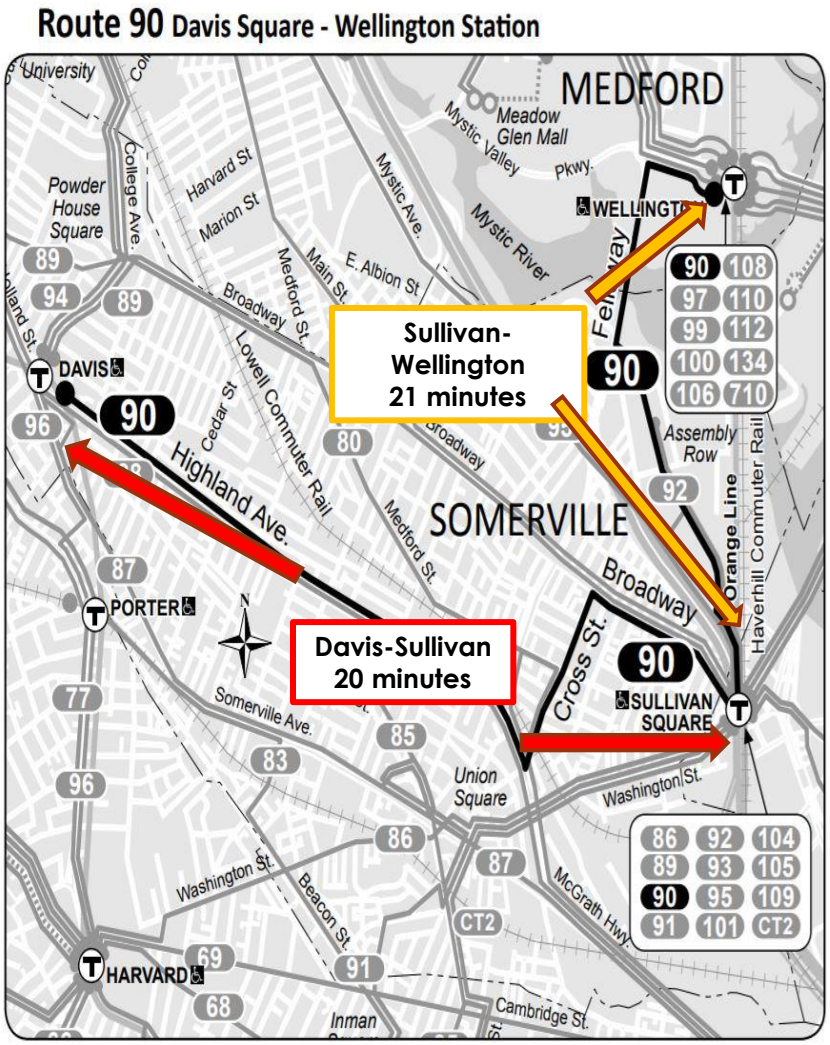
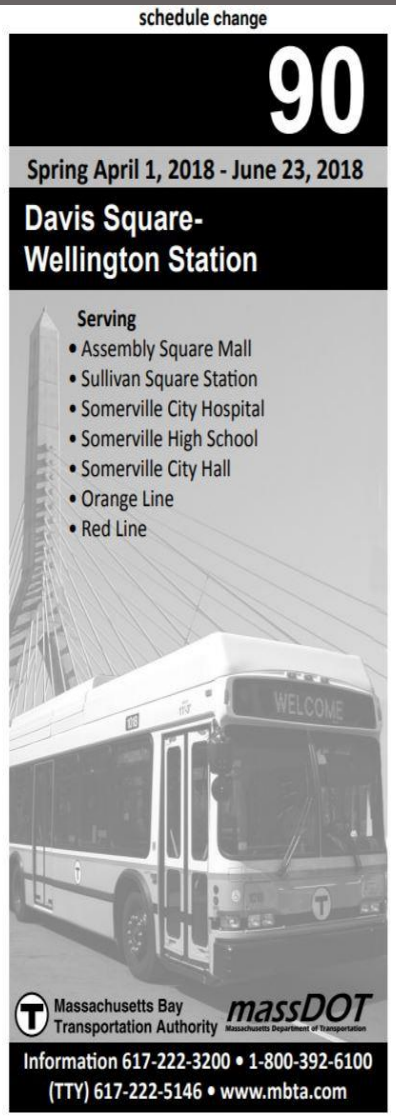
Double service frequency on MBTA Route 90 Bus to provide better cross-town transit





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Mobilize City Pest Management Program to Complement GLX Efforts

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Somerville High School

Project Update
ResiStat Meeting: Ward 5

For more information, go to:

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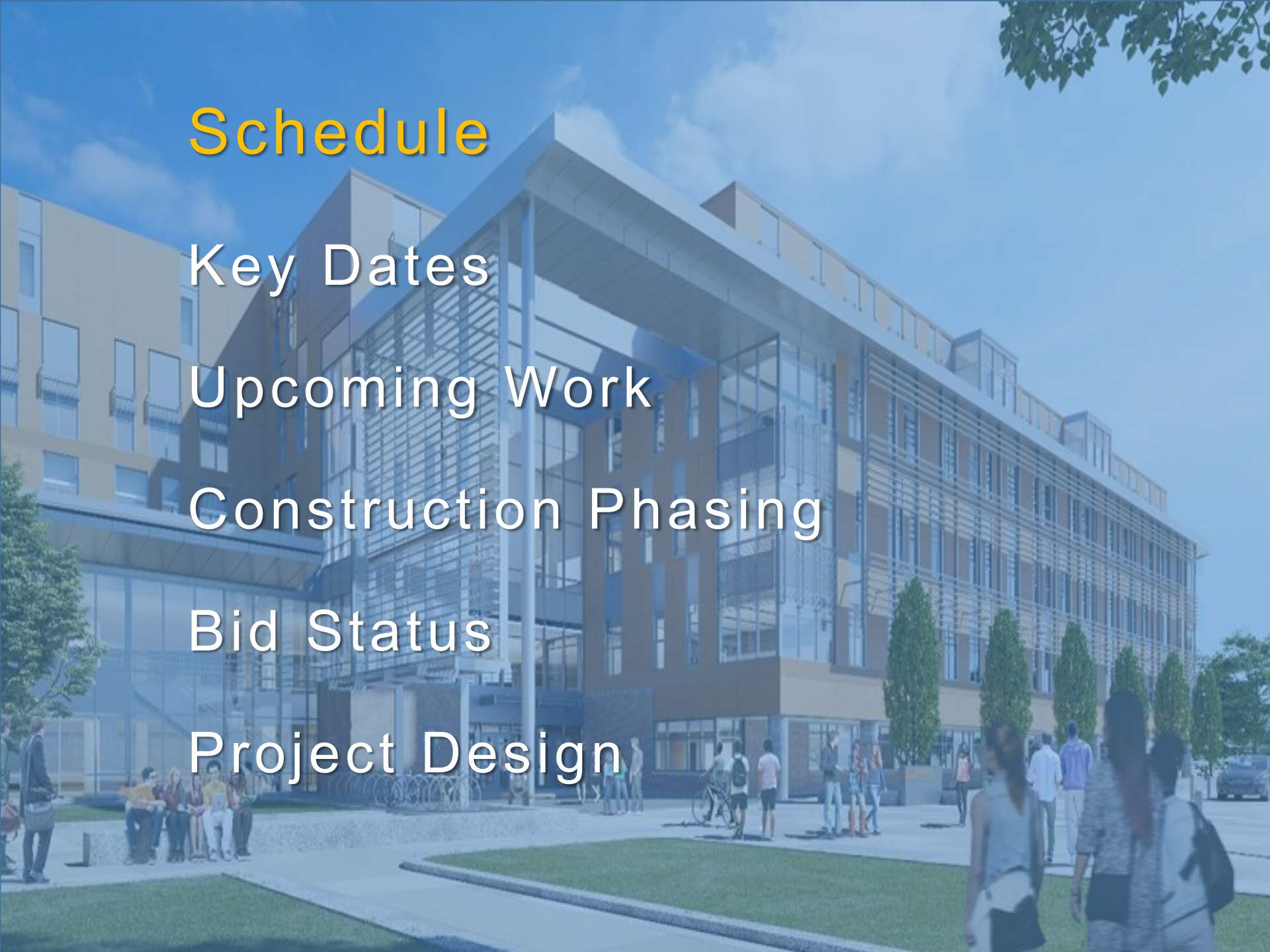


Schedule

Key Dates

Upcoming Work

Construction Phasing

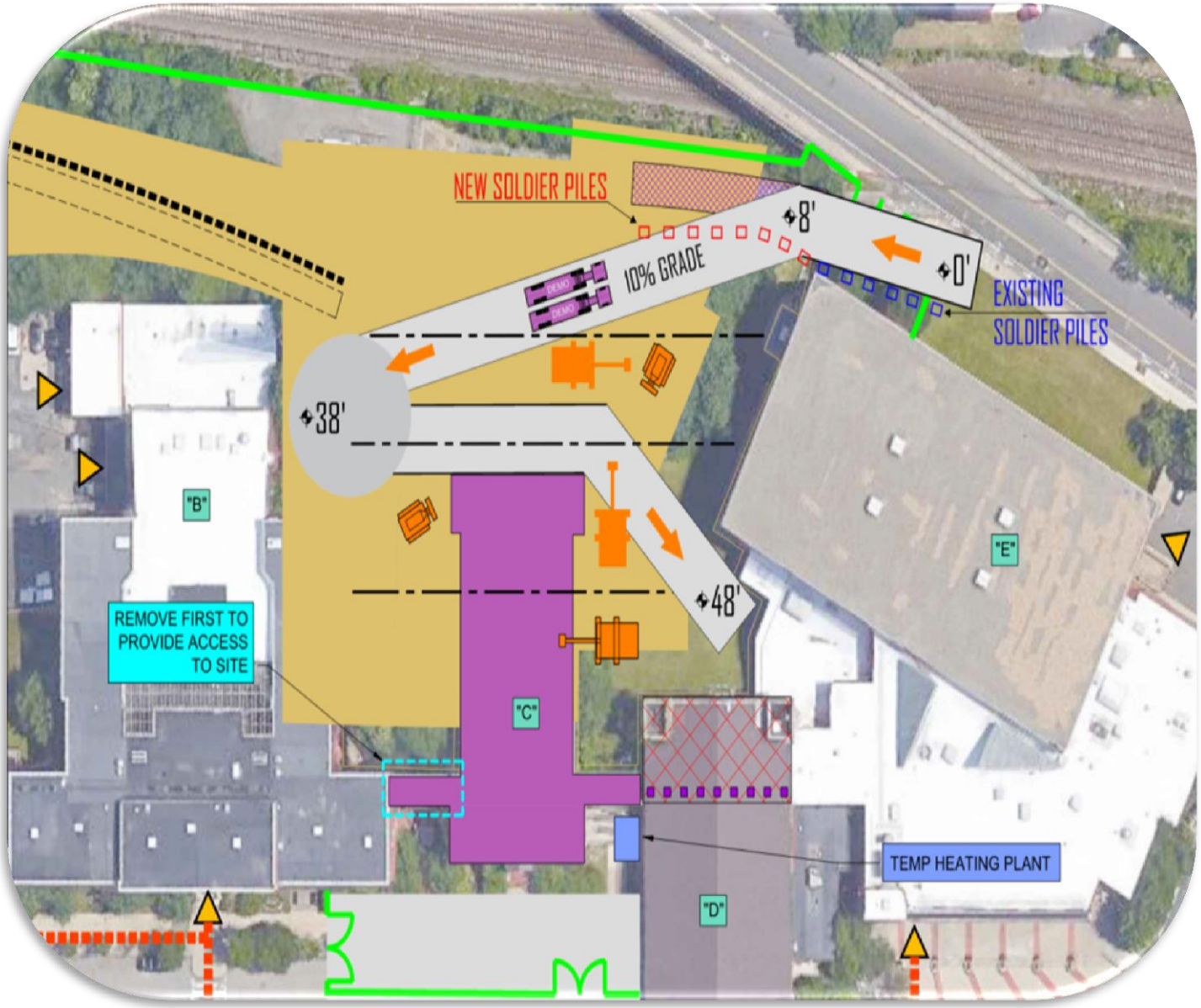
Bid Status

Project Design

Key Dates

30 Apr 2018	100% Construction Drawing Submission to MSBA
16 Apr 2018 - 20 Apr 2018	Relocated “C Wing” Classrooms into Modular Classrooms
23 Apr 2018 - 25 June 2018	Abatement and Early Demo “C” Wing
03 May 2018 - 30 May 2018	Trade Contractor Bidding
June 2018 - July 2019	GMP Negotiation
June 2018 - Aug 2019	Phase 1 Construction (West of Gym)
May 2019 - Oct 2019	Phase 1A Construction (Shops Below Gym)
Apr 2019 - Jan 2020	Phase 1B Construction (Gym Renovations)
June 2019 - Aug 2020	Phase 2 Construction (East of Gym)
June 2019 - Jan 2020	Phase 2A Construction (War Memorial)
Aug 2020 - May 2021	Phase 3 Construction (Field)

Upcoming Work: Preparation for Phase 1



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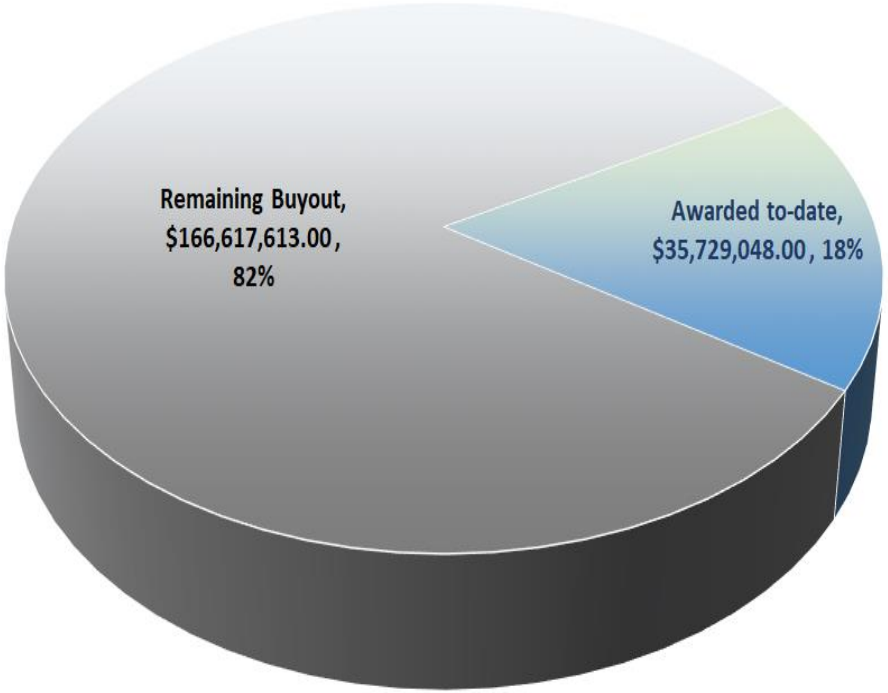
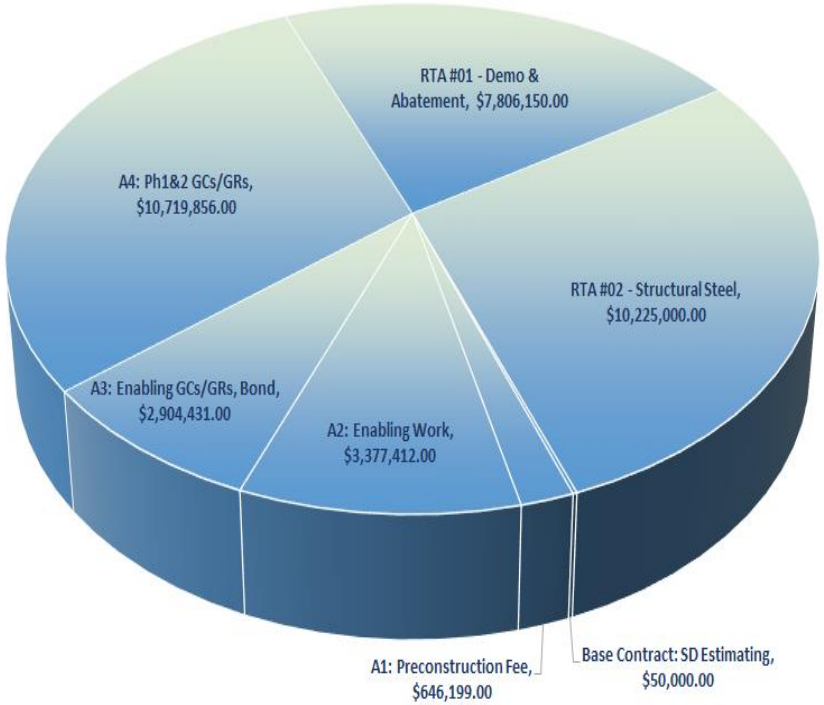
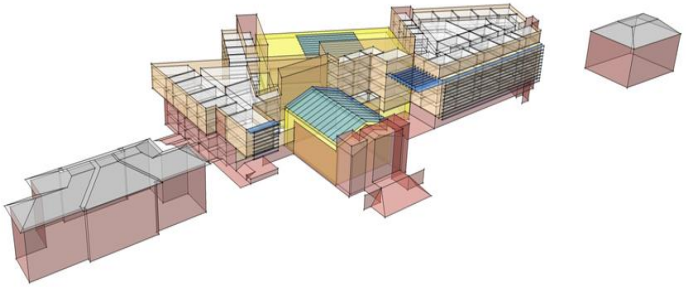




[Construction Budget: $202,346,661]

New Somerville High School

Highland Avenue Perspectives

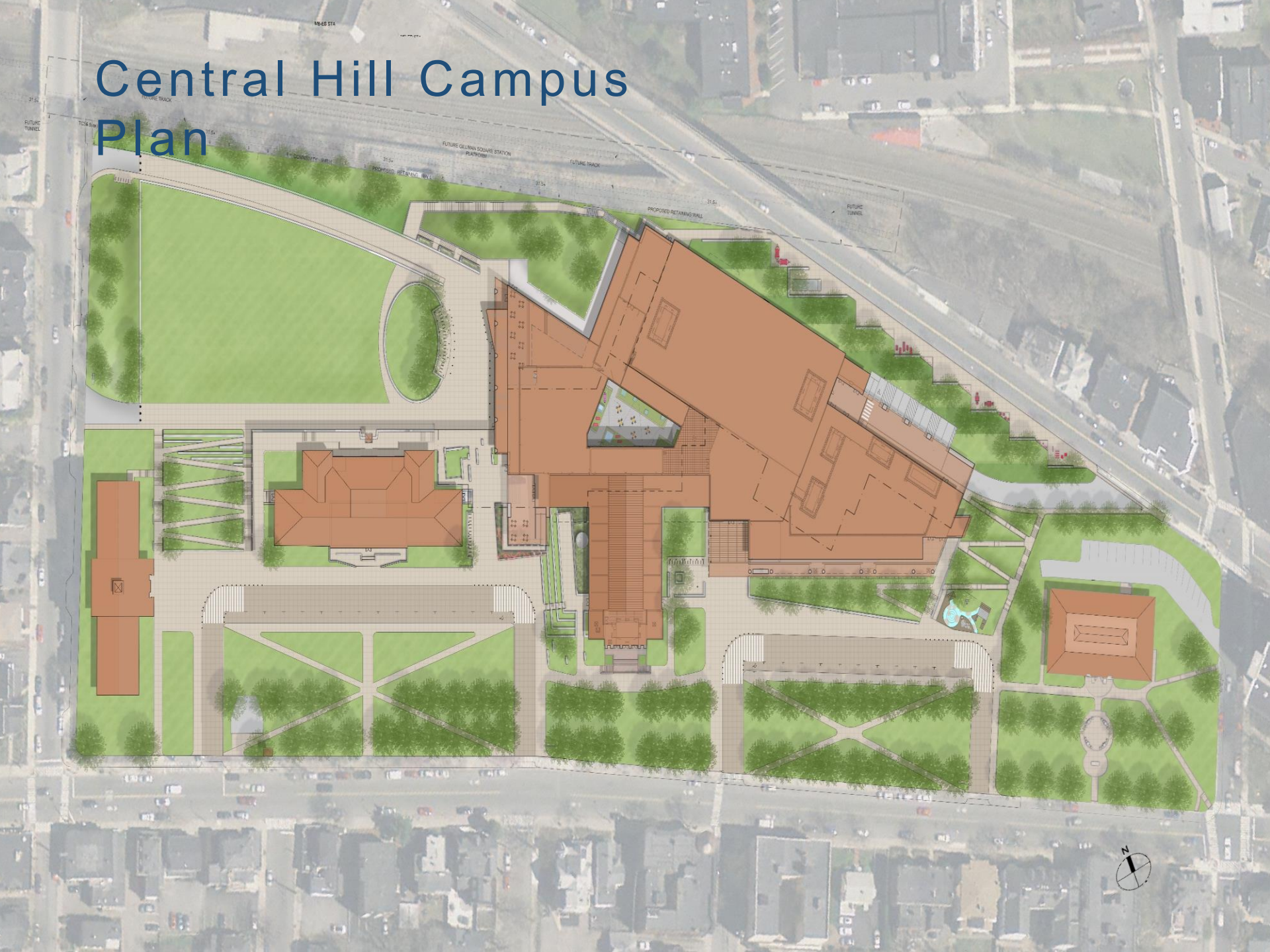


School Street Perspective

Existing

Proposed

Central Hill Campus Plan



Central Hill Campus Plan

First Public Meeting 5/31/2018
6 p.m. - High School Cafeteria

Central Library Site

City Hall Site

1895 Building Site

Transportation & Access

Playgrounds

Memorials

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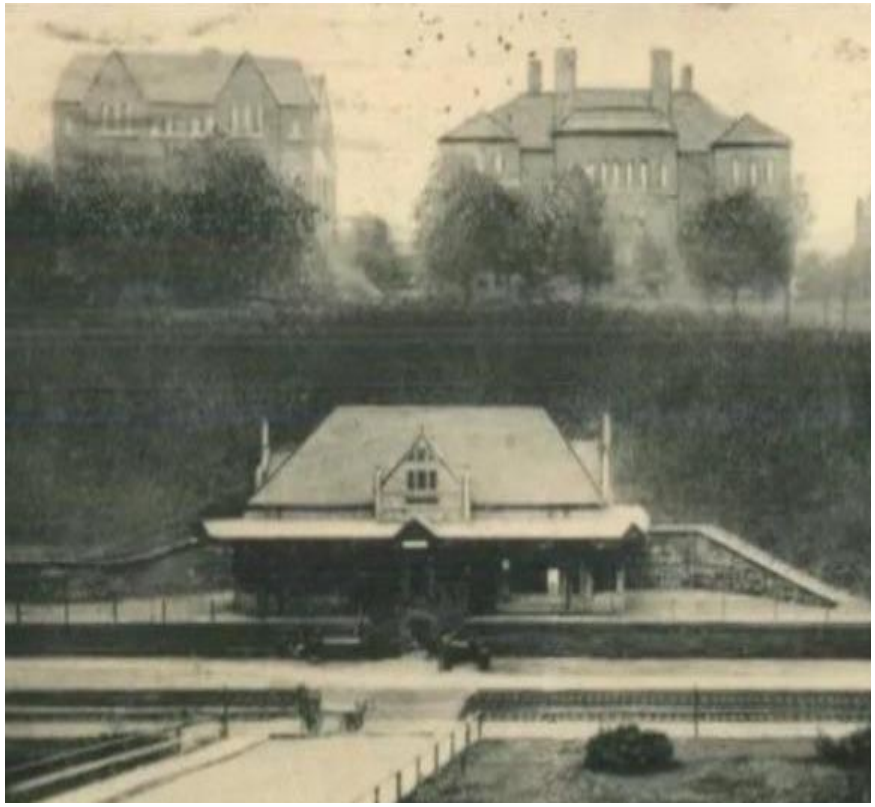

Uniquely Central Hill

- GLX access
- Creation of New Open Space
- Balance of Neighborhood & Civic uses

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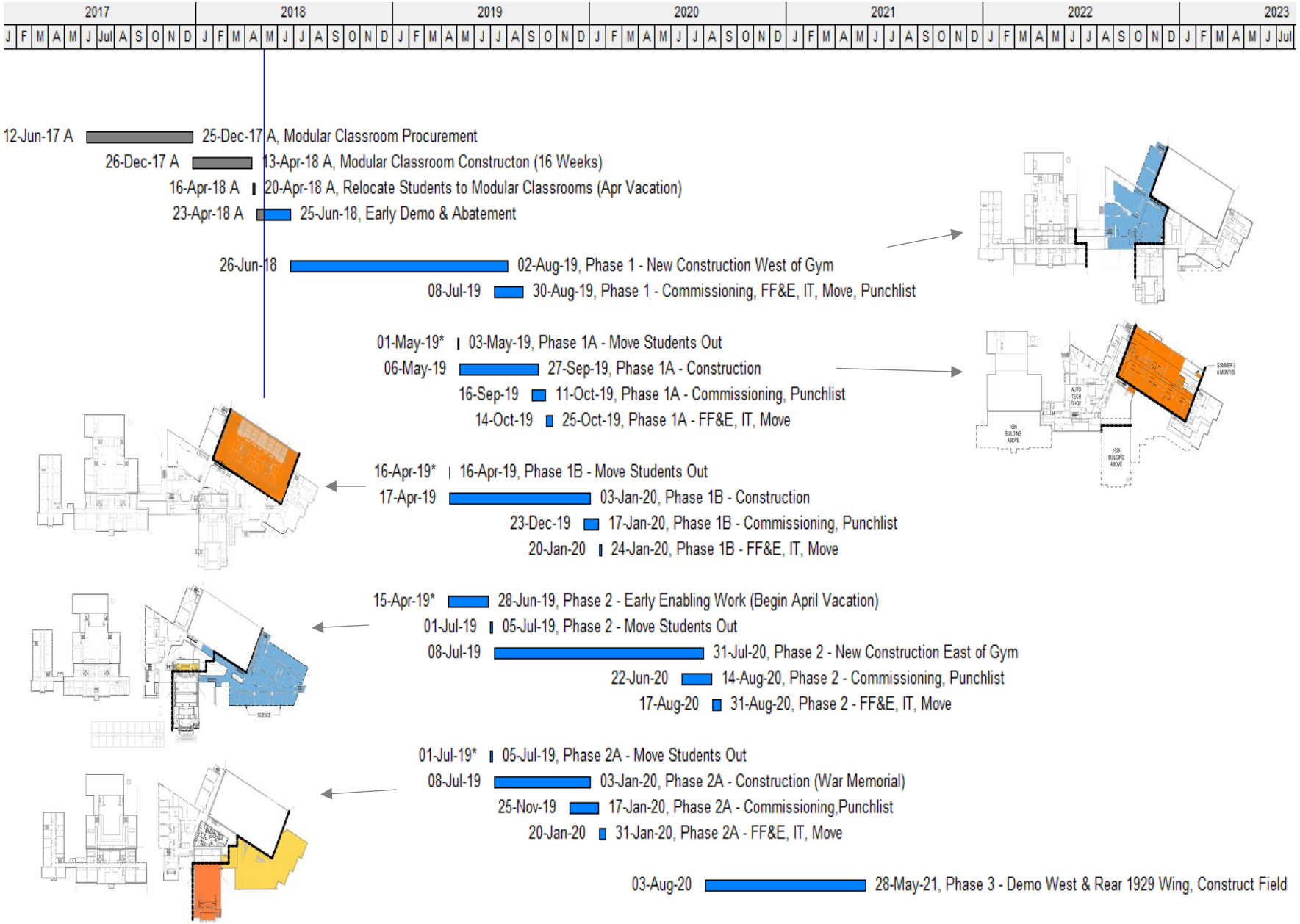


ResiStat Ward 5: Police
May 14, 2018

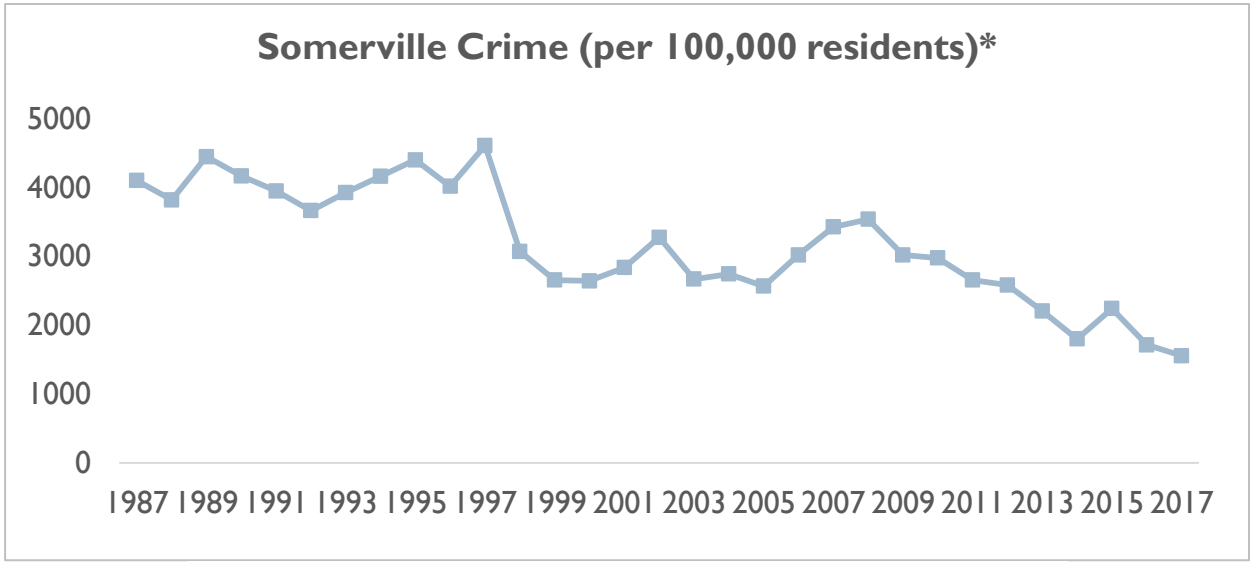
Chief David Fallon

Select Crime (5/1/17 – 4/30/18)

Trends

- Citywide, crime is **down 11%** vs. 2016
  - 2017 was a 30-year citywide low, a **62% decrease** vs. 1987

- Ward 5: Over the past 12 months, crimes that frequently impact residents **decreased 11%**



*Part I Crime, FBI Reporting, 1985-2017 (2015-2017 = Estimate)

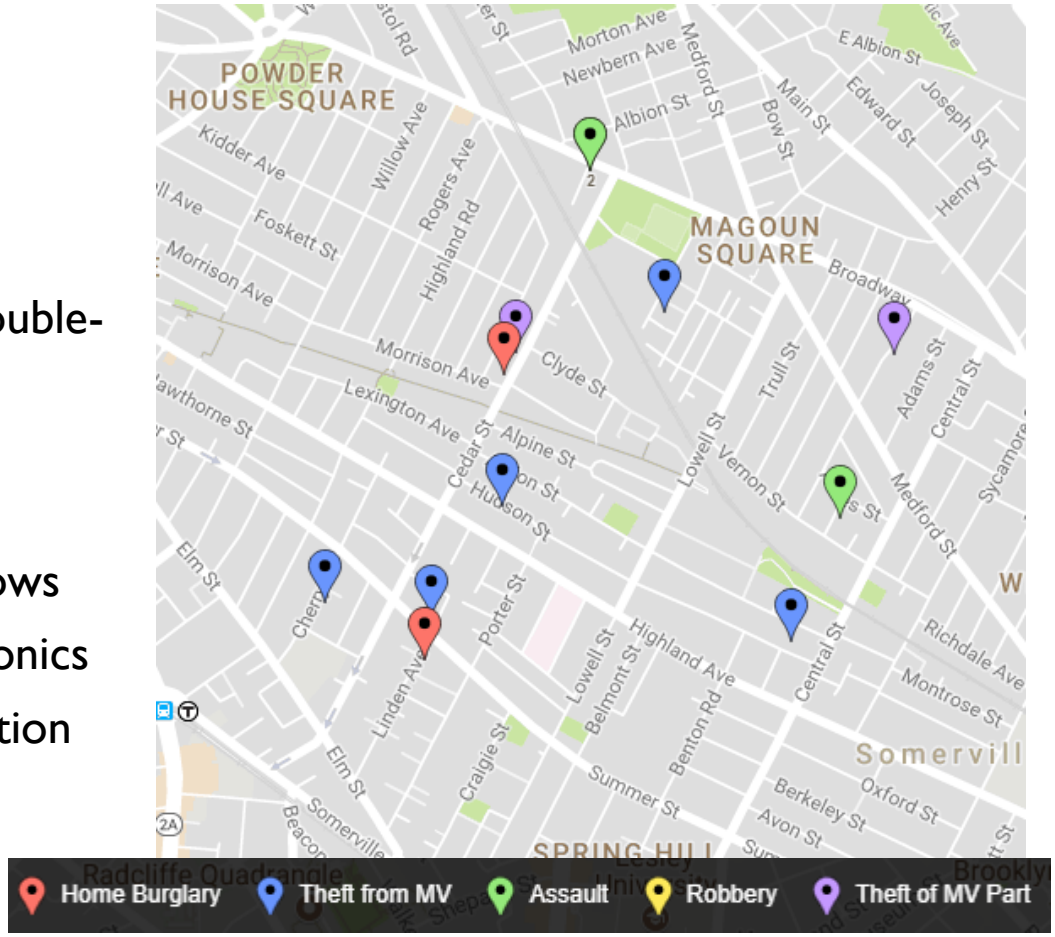
Ward 5: Select Crime (Year-to-Date)

Car Breaks

- Always lock your vehicle

Residential Burglary

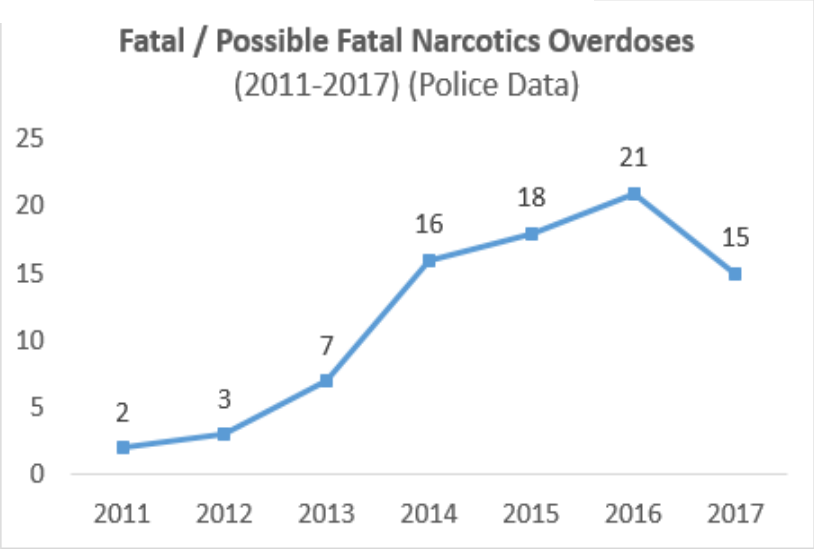
- Lock deadbolts (not just door knob); Double-secure windows (lock + safety tabs, wooden dowel or wood screws)
- Ensure motion lights work
- Keep climbable objects away from windows
- Register, add tracking software to electronics
- Home security systems an affordable option



Substance Misuse & Mental Health

- Office of Community Outreach, Help & Recovery (**COHR**)
  - Assist those with addiction or mental health issues by connecting to services & developing self-care strategies

- Fatal ODs down 29% from 2016
  - In the vast majority of fatal ODs, it is too late for Narcan use by first responders



- In 2017, the Somerville first responders were dispatched to 782 calls involving alcohol, down from 902 calls in 2016

- Continue to see an increase in mental health calls
  - SPD received 98% more mental health calls in 2017 compared to 2012.
  - In 2017, SPD responded to more mental health crises than robberies and assaults combined.

Community Outreach, Help & Recovery

Community Training

Three in-house Trainers conduct:

- Recovery Coach Academy
- Mental Health First Aid
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Forums to address trend data

Take Back Day

- Initiative in partnership with HHS
- This yr recovered 288 lbs of medication

Hours of Operation:

M-F, 08:00-17:00

Community Outreach & Follow Up

Jail Diversion Program (DMH Grant Funded)

- Contact 40 individuals per month on avg

- *Licensed Drug & Alcohol Counselor*
- *Program Coordinator* (80% Grant funded)

Internship Programs

- Graduate and Fellow level
- *Recovery Coach Intern* (PAARI funded)
- *Teen Empowerment MSW Intern*

- Officers identify opportunities for service use, COHR provides outreach via phone as well as community/home visits. If appropriate, Diversion Program offered in collaboration with Officers.

MB CIT TTAC

Regional Training Center

DMH Grant Funding

*Increased from $89,506 in 2016 to $256,370 in 2017

Regional CIT Training

- Approximately 22 Police agencies from Boston to Lowell to Weston & expanding

New: Coordinator of Law Enforcement Partnerships

- Focuses on Implementation of CIT with partners

New: Co-Director, Clinician

- Supervises Project Assistant and facilitates CIT – also assists with SPD outreach

Project Assistant

- Organizes training and registration
- MB CIT website

Substance Misuse & Mental Health Supports

➢Substance Misuse

Contact	Service	Contact Info.
MA Substance Use Hotline	Treatment program info	800-327-5050
Cambridge Health Alliance	Walk-ins Tue. 11:30; MA Health accepted	617-591-6051
Caspar First Step Outreach	Assist in accessing detox.	617-661-0600
Riverside Community Care	Outpatient; MA Health accepted	617-623-3278
North Charles	Maintenance therapy; MA Health only	617-661-5700
Column Health	Counseling, medication assisted treatment	339-368-7696
Learn 2 Cope	Family support; Mon. 7 PM	1575 Cambridge St, CAM
Family Anonymous	Family support; Tue. 7 PM	121 Washington St, MEF

➢Mental Health

Contact	Service	Contact Info.
Cambridge Health Alliance	Inpatient & outpatient services	Adults: 617-591-6033 Juveniles: 617-665-3458
BEST Team	Psychiatric emergency services; MA Health	800-981-4357
Riverside – Child Guidance Center	Juvenile/family services	617-354-2275
Neighborhood Counseling & Community Services	Counseling, skill & strength-based strategies	781-600-6074

Police/Community Relations

- General Community Engagement increased 1150% from 2012 to 2017
  - 7 Walking Dialogues: Summer dates coming soon
  - 49 Community Meetings YTD
  - 1268 Citizen Contacts YTD
- STEPS Update
  - Over 700 visits to 6th-8th grades School-YTD
  - Average visit = 45 minutes
  - Next year, the first STEPS class will begin high school. Another class of 6th graders will join the program along with 5 new volunteer Officers
- Junior Police Academy
  - Organized by Police, Recreation
  - Physical fitness, first aid, teamwork.
  - Summer 2018 expansion:
    - Addition of a second one-week program
    - More students per program
    - Addition of a fire safety day

Procedural Justice

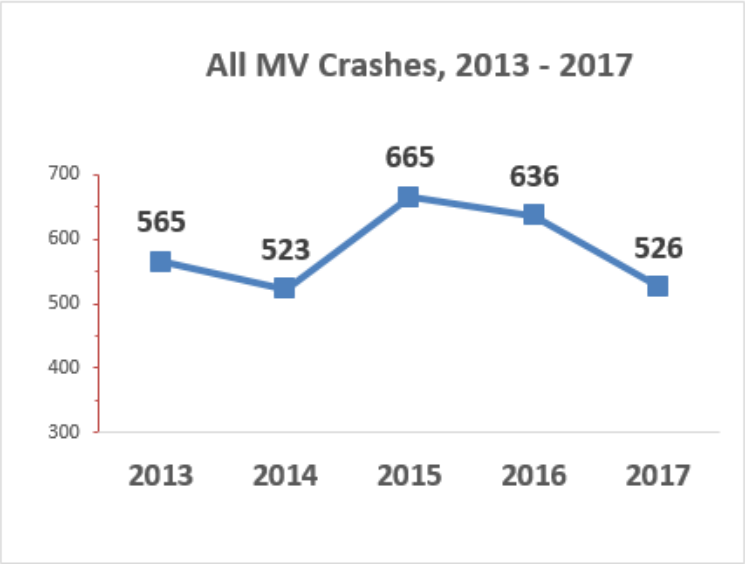
- Continual emphasis on…
  - **Fairness** in the process
  - **Transparency** in actions
  - Opportunities for **voice**
  - **Impartiality** in decision making
- Department-wide training
  - Completed Impartial Policing (2016-17)
  - Completed Procedural Justice & Legitimacy (2017-18)
- Technology
  - All policies & procedures online & searchable on department website
- Related focus on officer wellness
  - Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team
  - Peer support
  - Emphasis on training

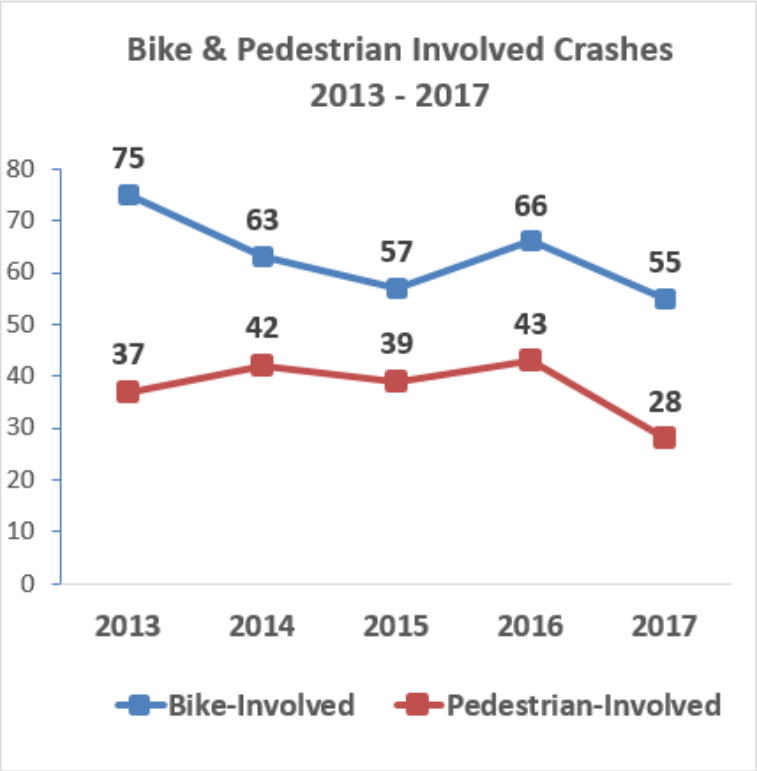
City-Wide MV Crashes

All users of roadways, including bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists, possess the same rights, deserve the same respect, and equally share the responsibility of keeping our roads safe. SPD enforces the rules of the road equally as covered in MGL c.90 § 14.

2017 vs 2016:

- **Total MV-only crashes decreased 16%**
- **Bike-involved crashes decreased 17%**
- **Pedestrian-involved crashes decreased 35%**
- **0 fatalities**





Pedestrian-Involved Crashes

Ward 5 only had one pedestrian-involved crash in 2017

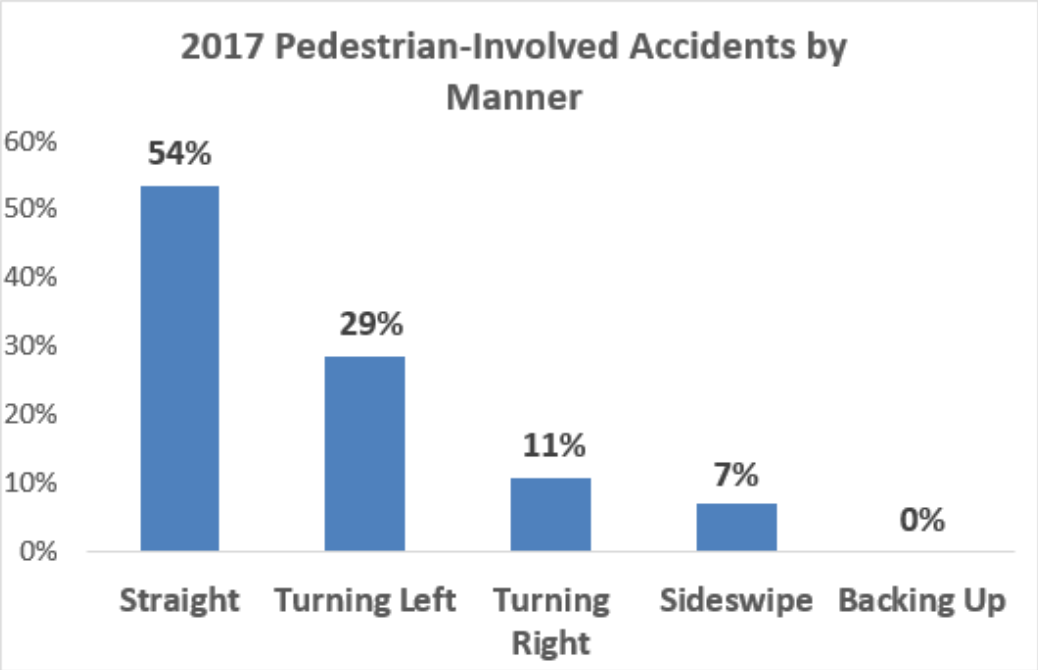
- Broadway and Winchester St. (MV turning left)

City-wide: Crash Locations

- In 46% of crashes, pedestrian was in a crosswalk
- In 36%, pedestrian was in the roadway (non-intersection & no crosswalk)

City-wide: Manner of Crash

- In 54% of all pedestrian-involved crashes in 2017 the MV drove straight into a crossing pedestrian
- The next most frequent: MV Turning left



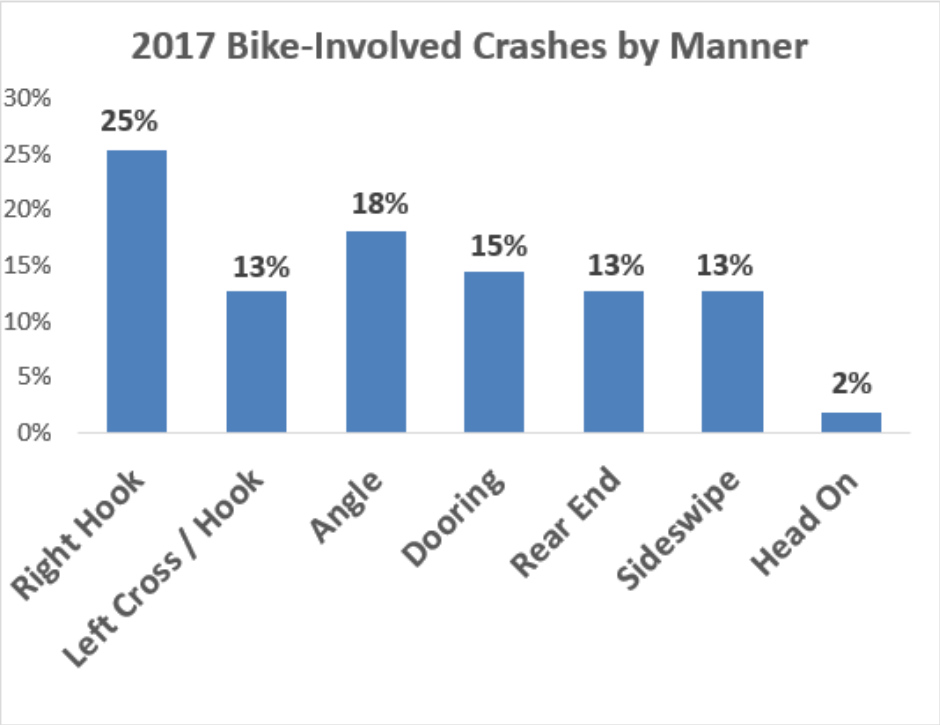
Bike-Involved Crashes

In 2017, Ward 5 had two bike-involved crashes:

- Broadway and Partridge St (Dooring)
- Elm St near Porter St (Angle)

City-Wide: Manner of Crash

- "Right Hooks" doubled
- "Left Hooks" cut by half
- Increase in "Dooring" incidents



Even though number of pedestrian and bike-involved accidents has significantly declined, SPD is partnering with Traffic & Infrastructure to identify possible improvements in problem intersections and corridors.

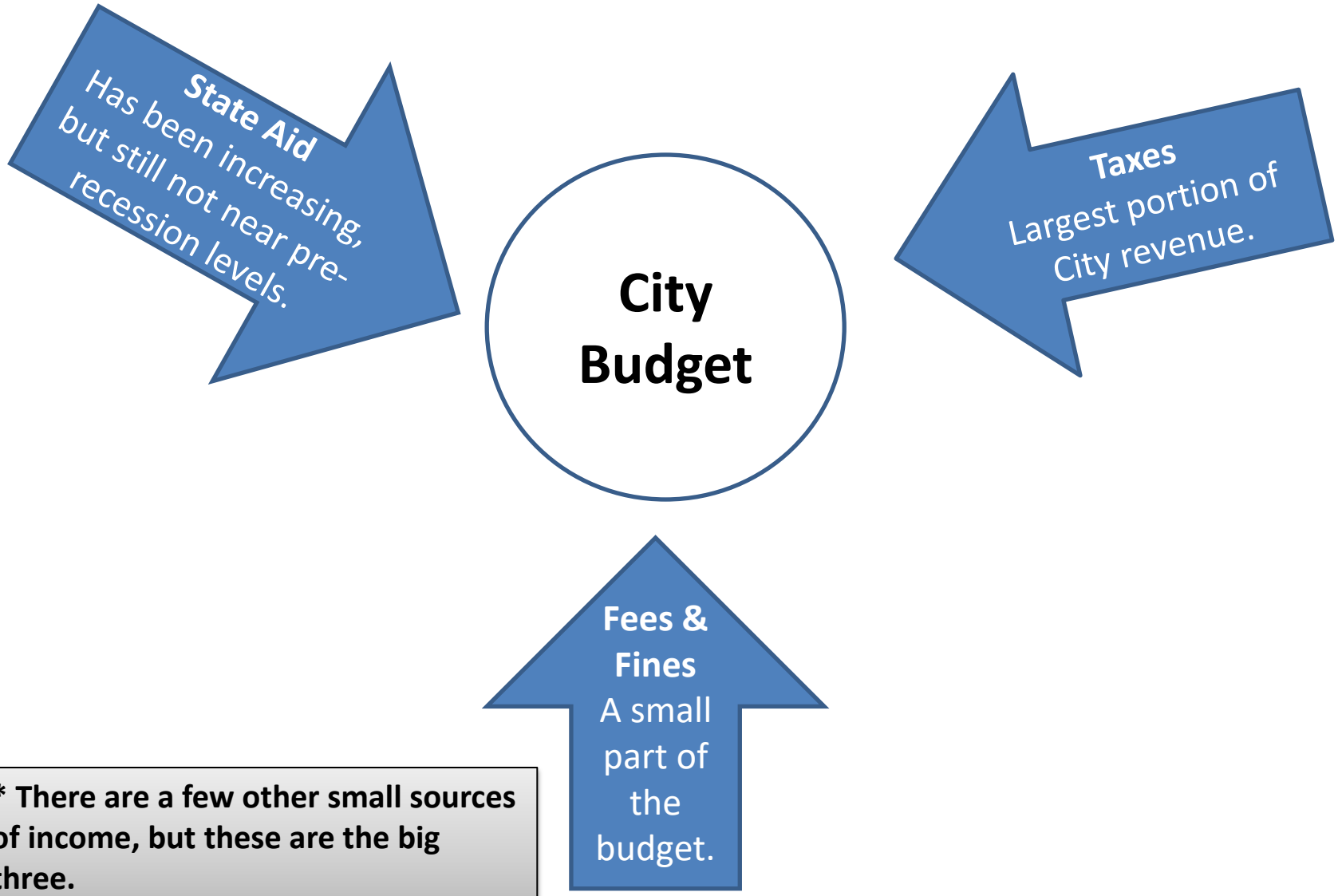
Thank you

For questions related, to crime statistics, please email crimeanalysis@police.Somerville.ma.us.

How Do We Achieve Our Goals & Stay Within The Budget?

And all our other priorities.

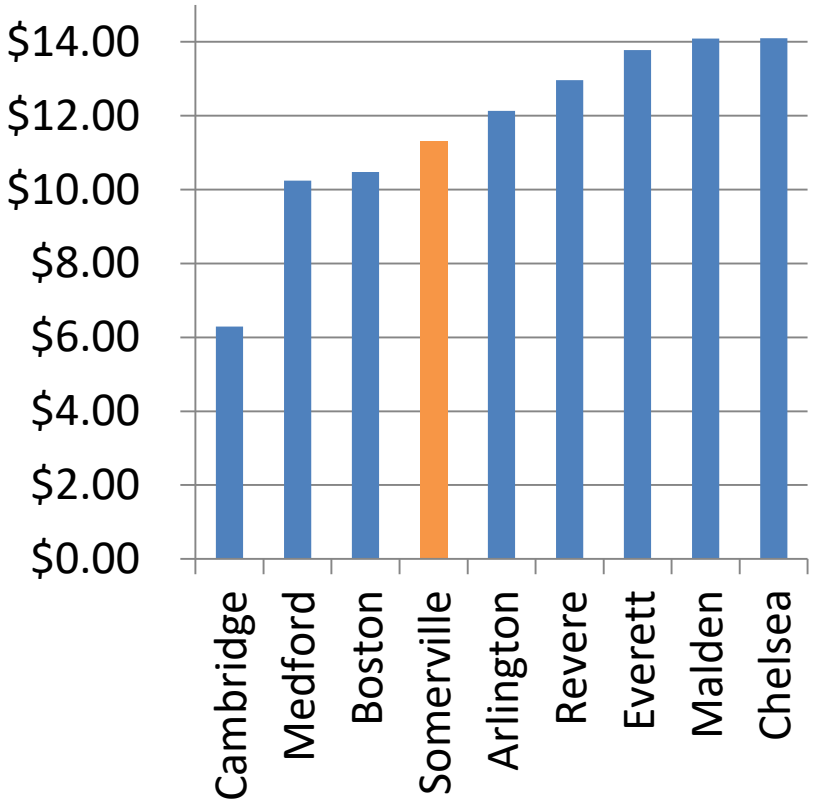
A 90-Second Budget Primer



*** There are a few other small sources of income, but these are the big three.**

How Somerville Compares to Our Neighbors

2018 residential tax rate



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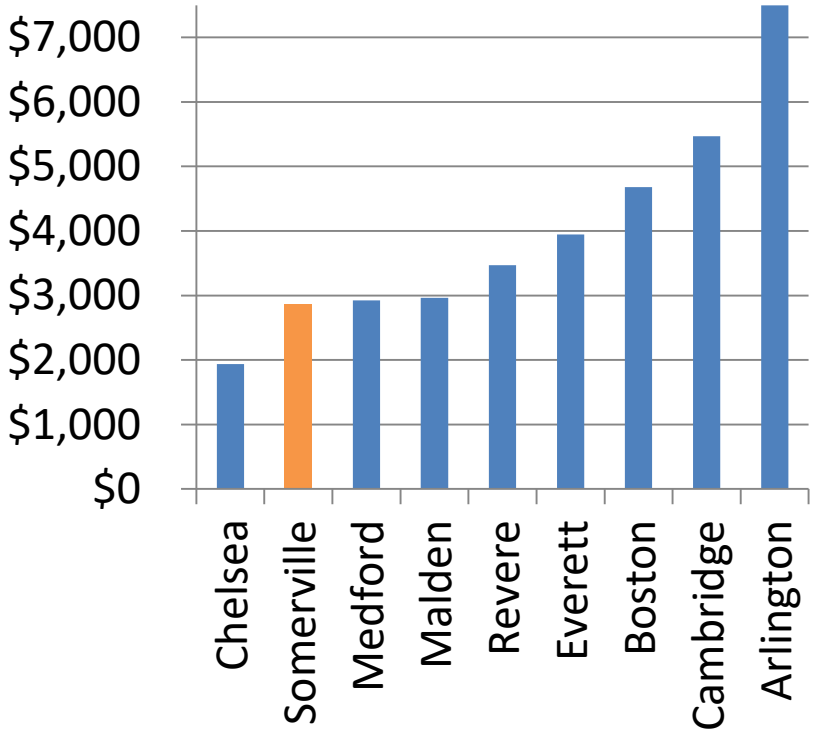
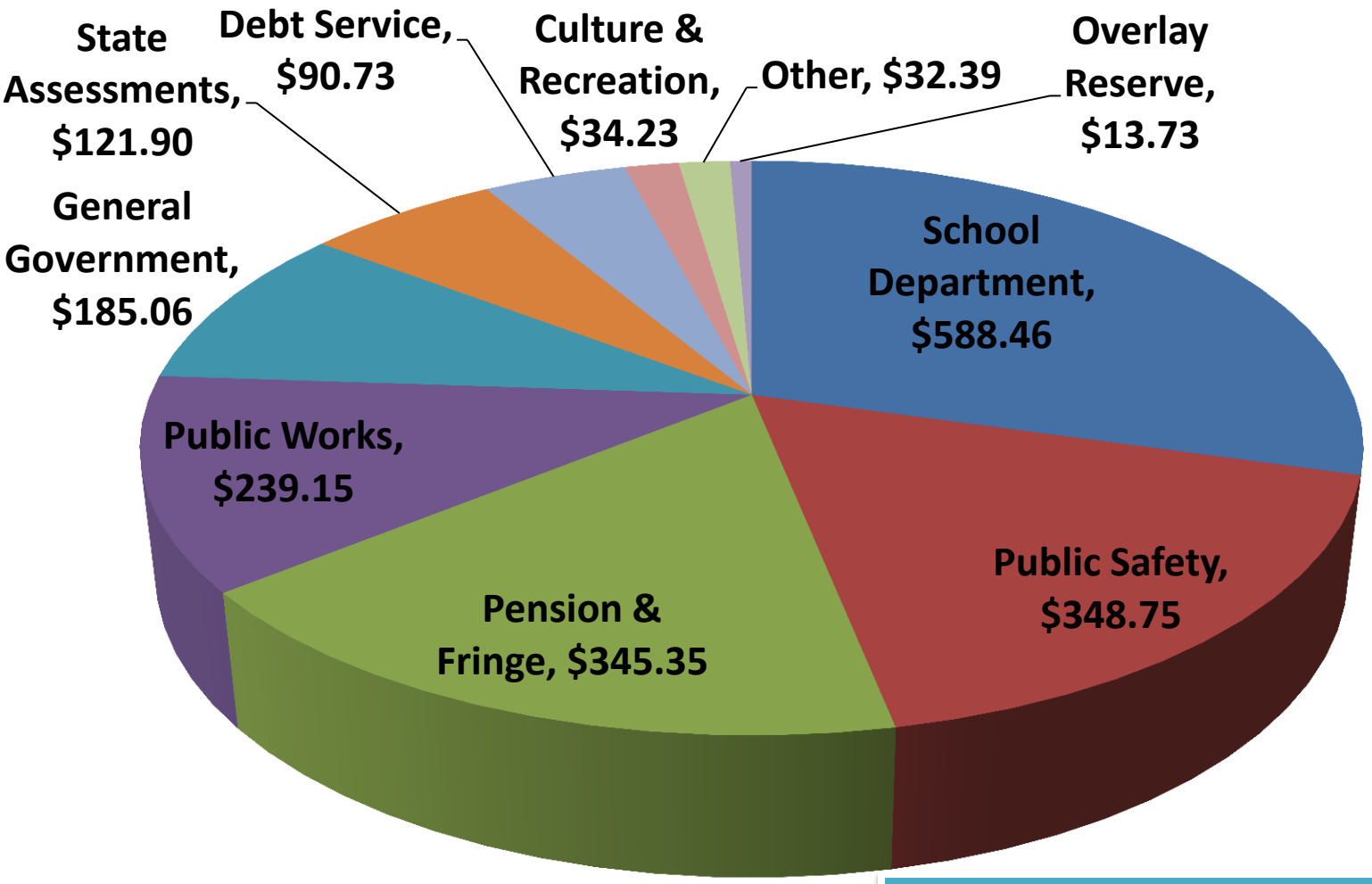


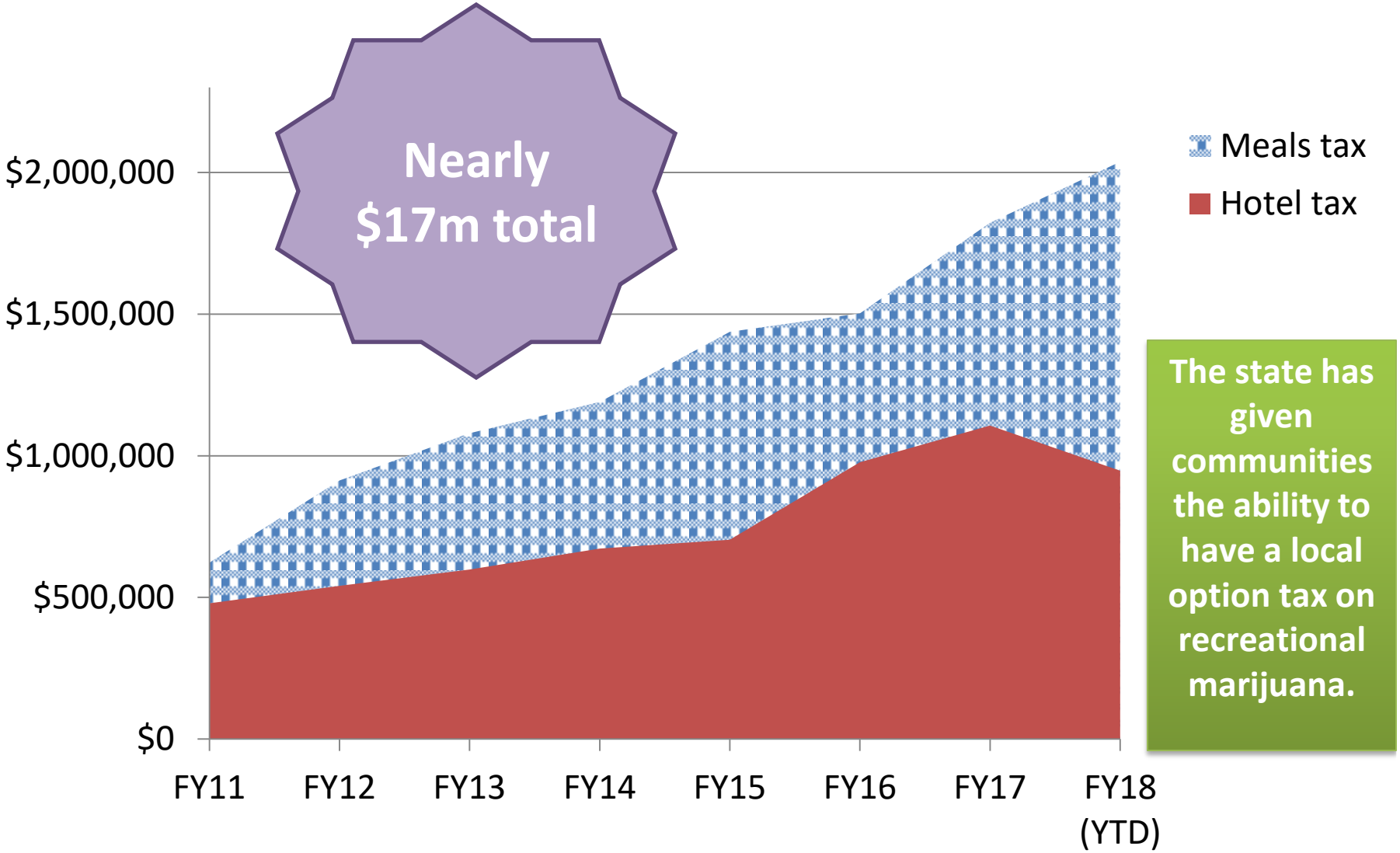
How a $2,000 Tax Bill Gets Spent



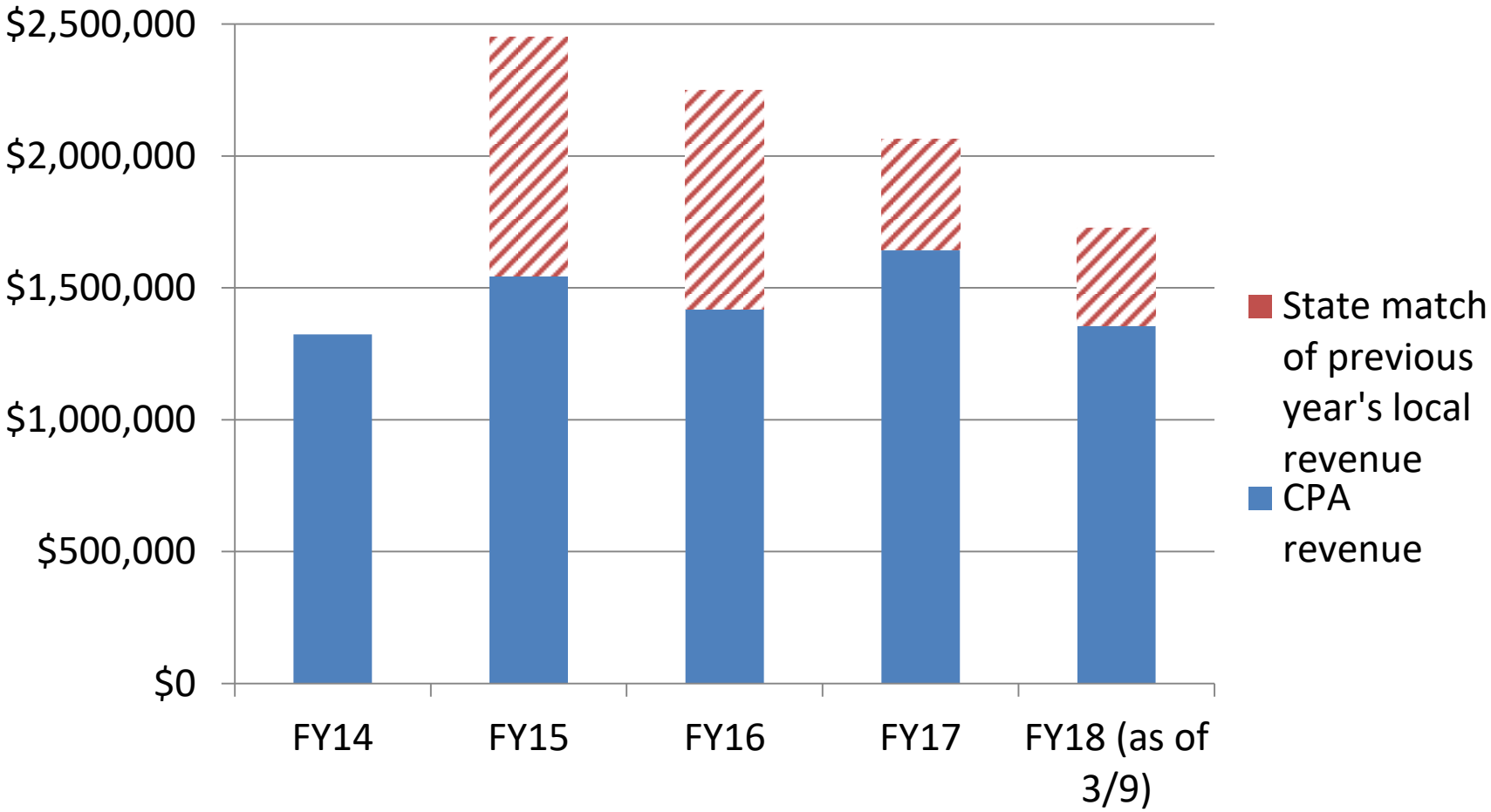
Go to **budget.somervillema.gov** to see a breakdown of your taxes.

Be creative

Adopted Local Option Taxes



Overwhelming Support for the Community Preservation Act



Getting More From Development - Linkage

- A fee paid per a certain amount of square feet by a developer
- In 2017 the Board of Aldermen voted to increase the housing linkage fee and adopt a jobs linkage fee

Housing Linkage

- $10/square foot over 30,000
- So far the City has received just under $4 million in housing linkage payments

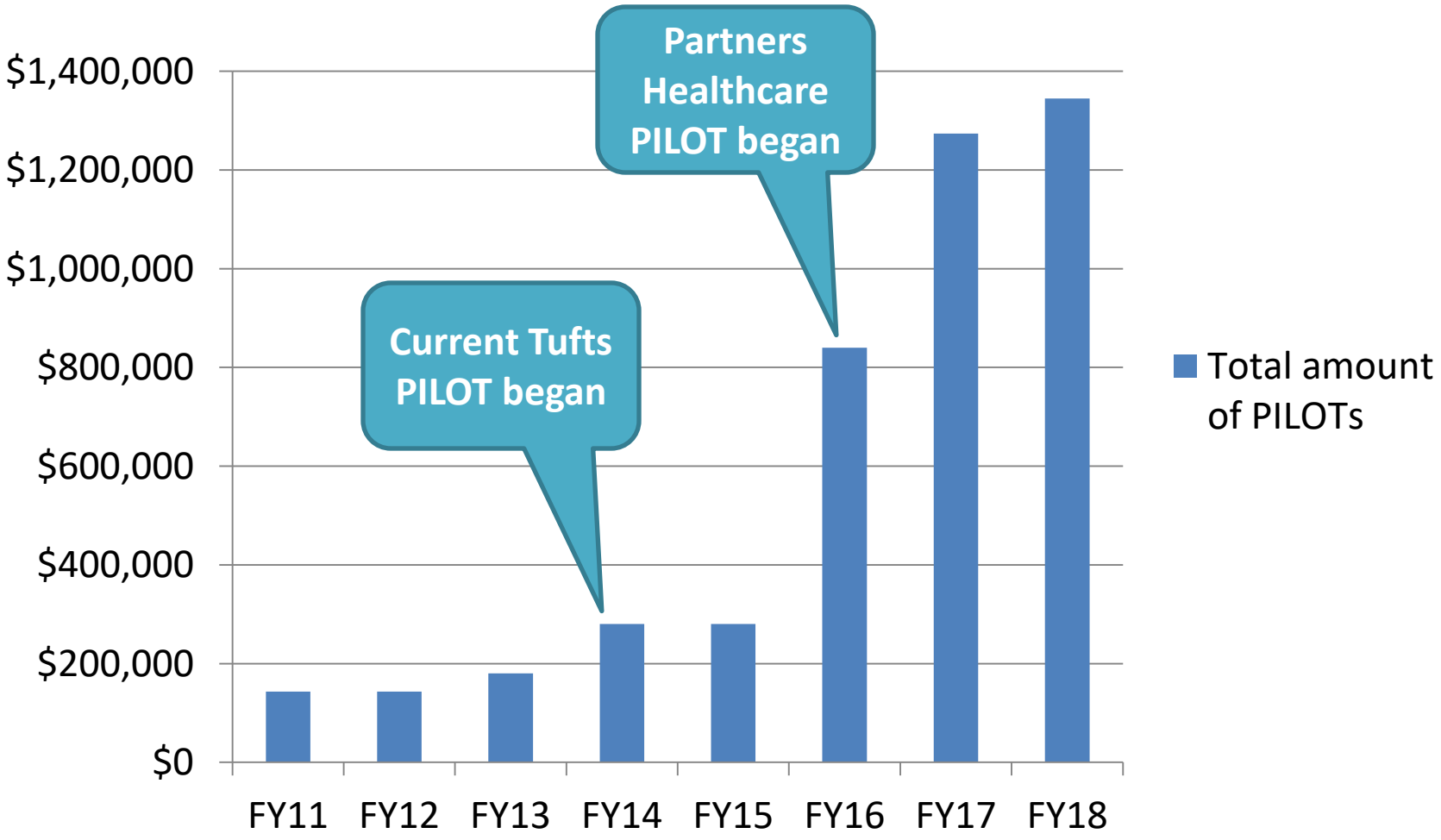
Jobs Linkage

- $2.46/square foot over 15,000
- Jobs linkage payments start coming in next fiscal year with just over $1 million estimated to come in

Getting More From Development – Union Square Example

- US2 will make around $112m in payments and contributions, including:
  - Green Line Extension funding
  - Infrastructure improvements
  - Jobs programs
  - Community benefits
- This in on top of adding nearly one-half billion dollars to the tax base over the next 30 years

Non-Profits Pitching In

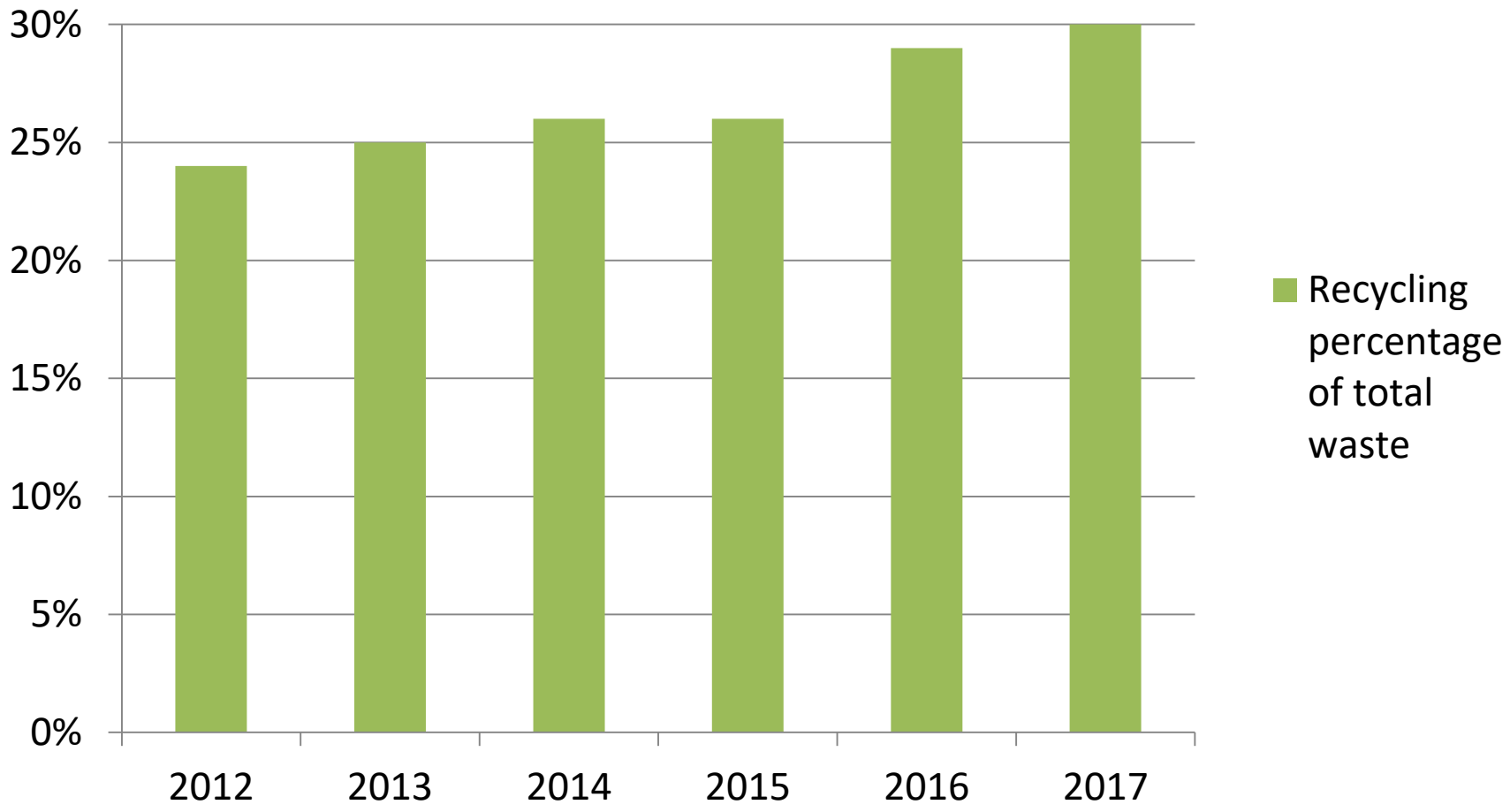


What's Next?

- Tufts PILOT Community Forum
  - Tuesday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., West Somerville Neighborhood School
  - bit.ly/TuftsPartnershipAgreement
- Real Estate Transfer Fee on Speculation
  - somervillema.gov/transferfee

REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

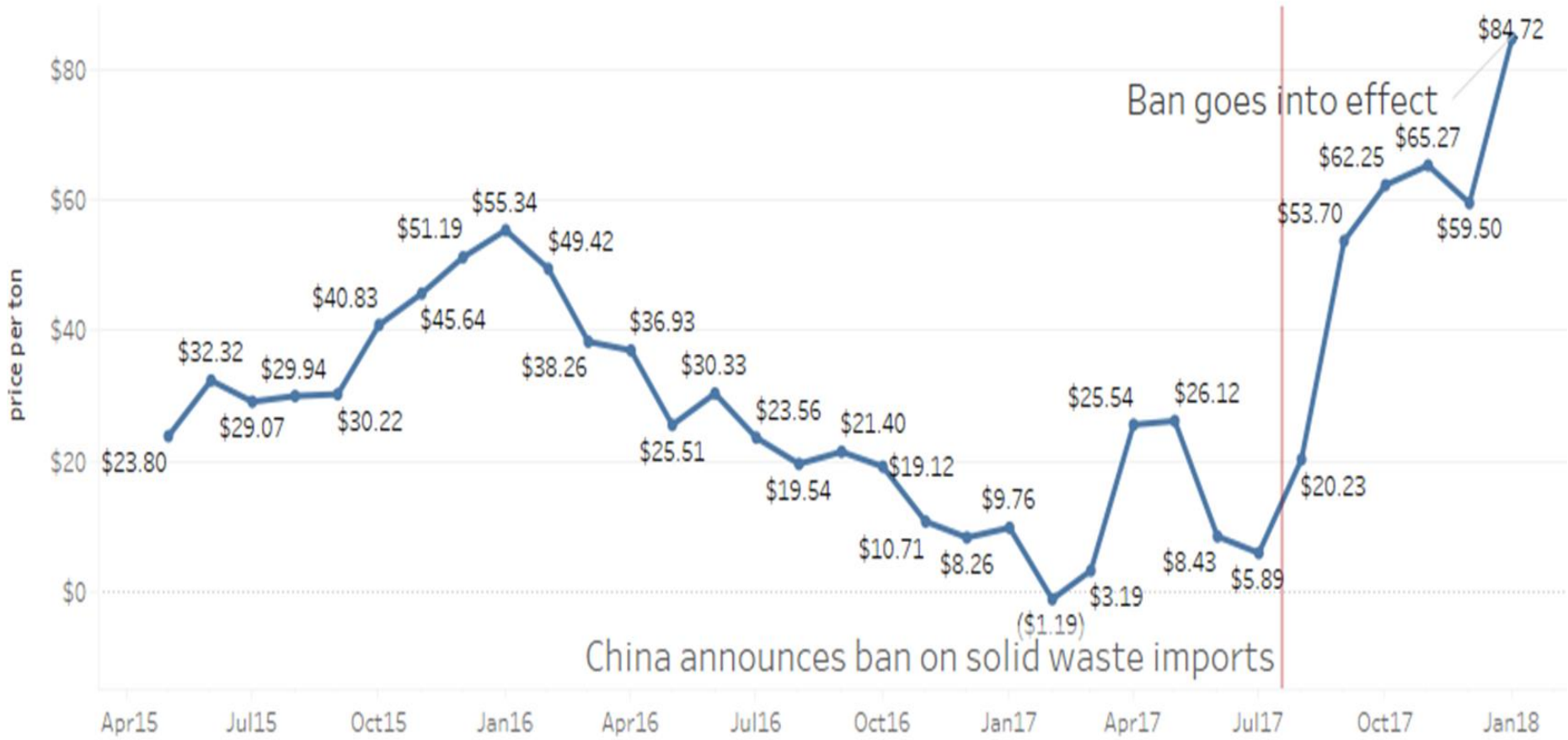
Somerville's Done a Great Job on the Recycle Part



Why are Reduce and Reuse Even More Important?

- Recyclables are a commodity in the global economy
  - The US exports about 75% of its recycling to China
  - China recently changed policies on the materials it will accept, resulting in higher costs

The Rising Cost of Recycling



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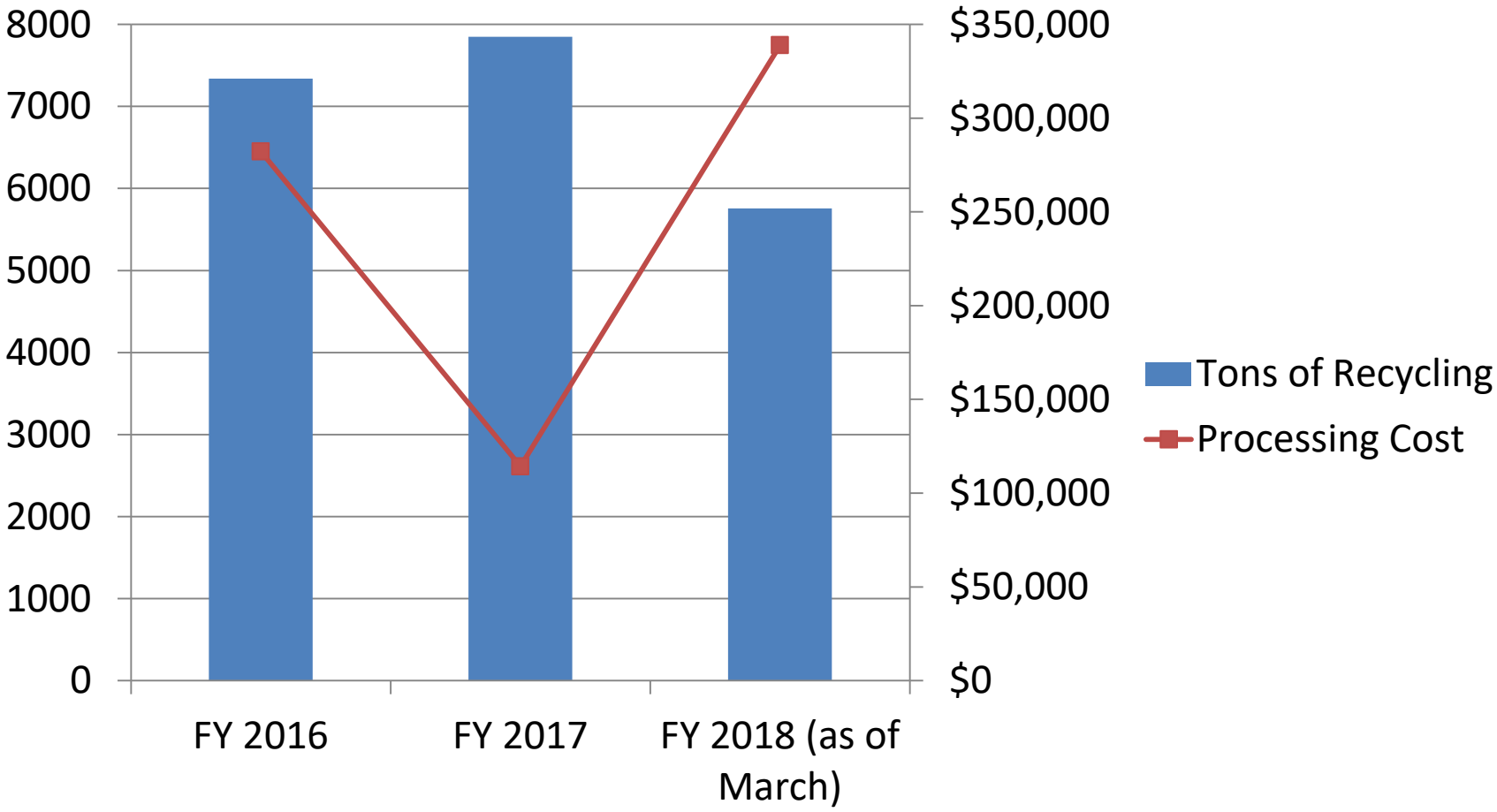

Suggestions for Reducing and Reusing

- Use reusable containers, bags, and water bottles
- Repair broken items
- Donate or sell items you no longer want
- Borrow or rent items you need to use occasionally
- Buy items with less packaging