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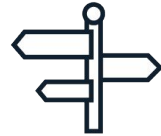
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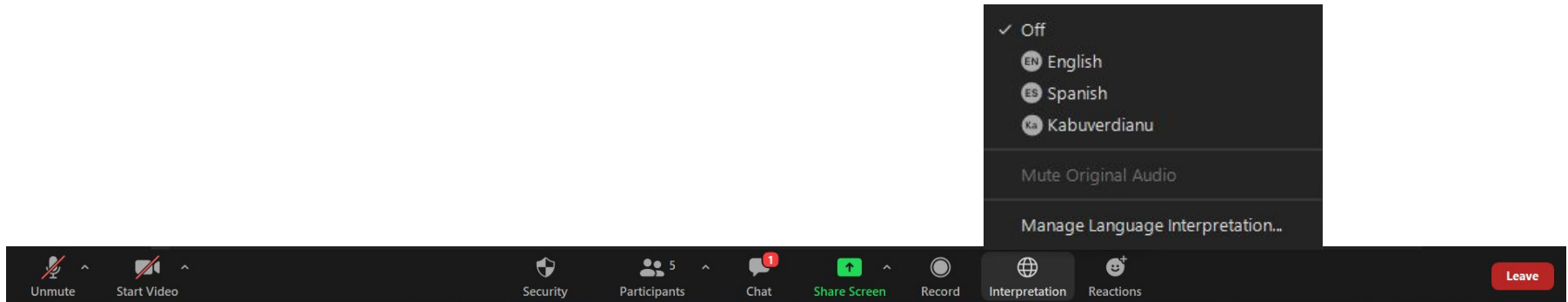


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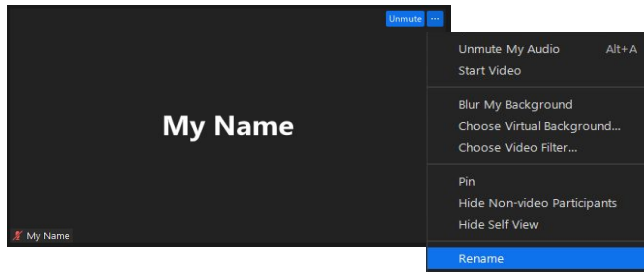
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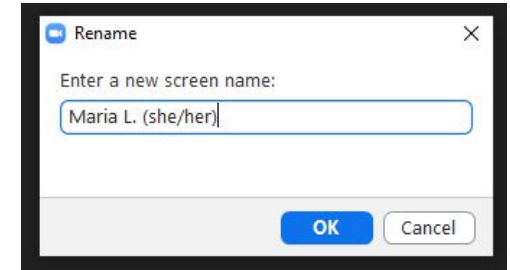
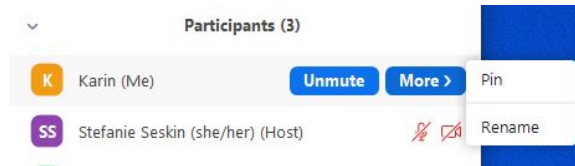
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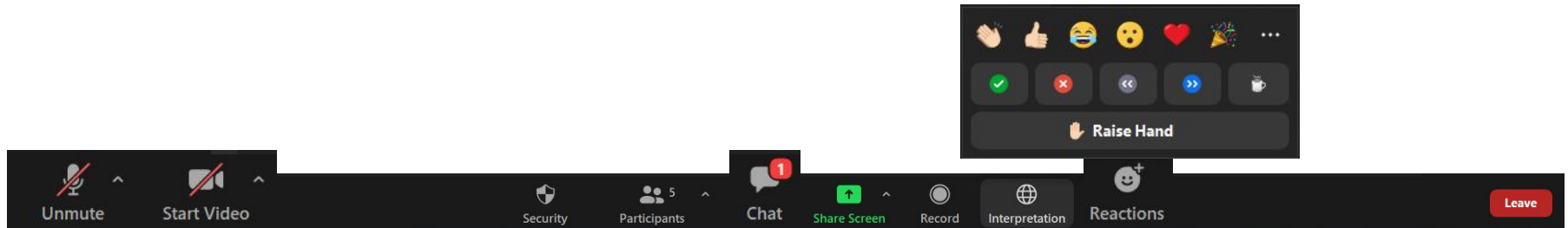
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- ▶ You can use non-verbal feedback options.
- ▶ Raise your hand if you have a question. If you called into the meeting, use *9 to raise your hand.





A Safer, Slower **PLEASANT STREET**

April 13, 2022

Agenda

6:30 ▶ Introductions

- 6:35 ▶ Presentation:
- Purpose of the project
 - What we've heard so far
 - Proposed changes

- 6:50 ▶ Opportunity for input:
- What you like about the proposed changes
 - Questions you have about the proposed changes

Hi!



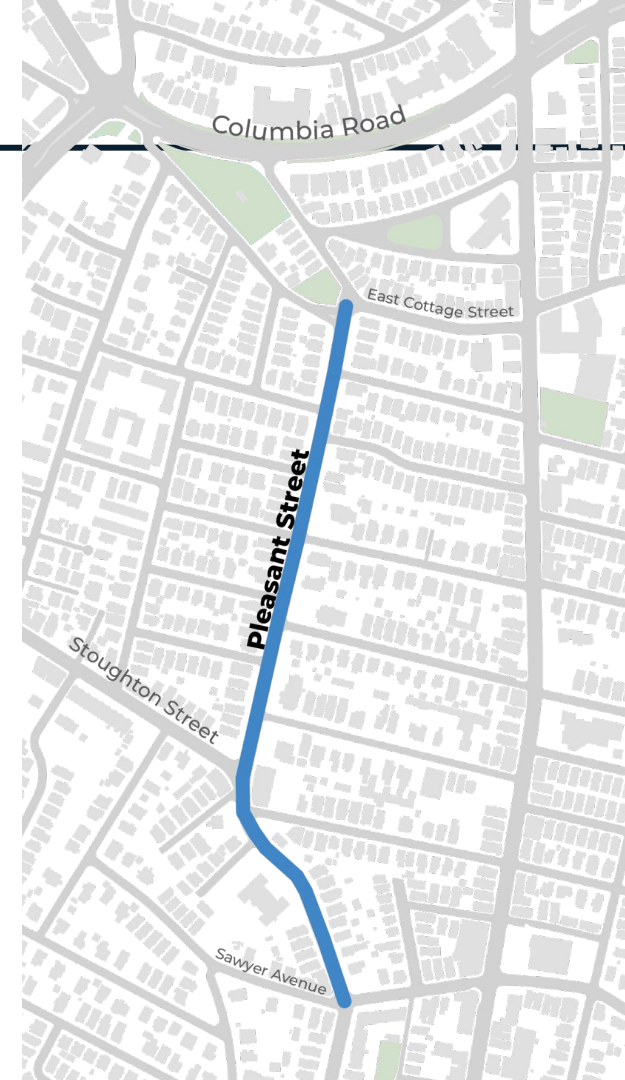
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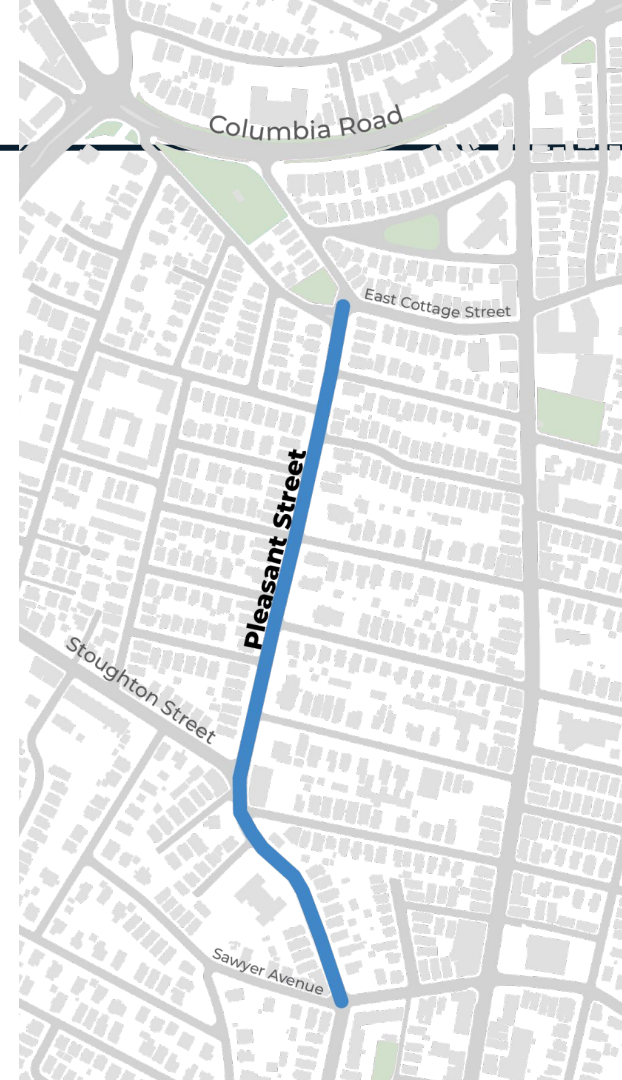
Project goals

- ▶ Calm traffic speeds
- ▶ Make crosswalks better for:
 - people biking and walking,
 - kids,
 - older adults,
 - people with disabilities



Project scope

- ▶ We can make changes on Pleasant Street and its non-signalized intersections.
- ▶ We will **not** make changes to the signalized intersection at Stoughton Street.



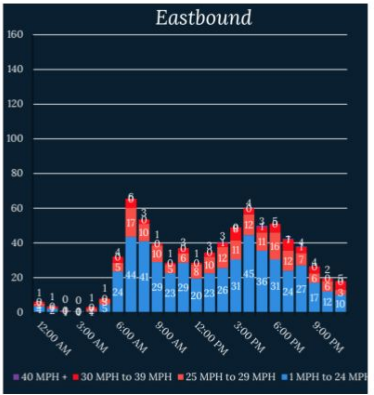
How we begin our design process

Observations



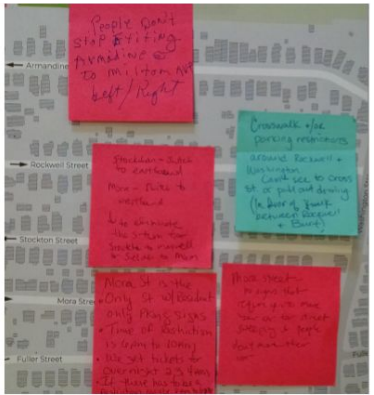
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Traffic data



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Your comments



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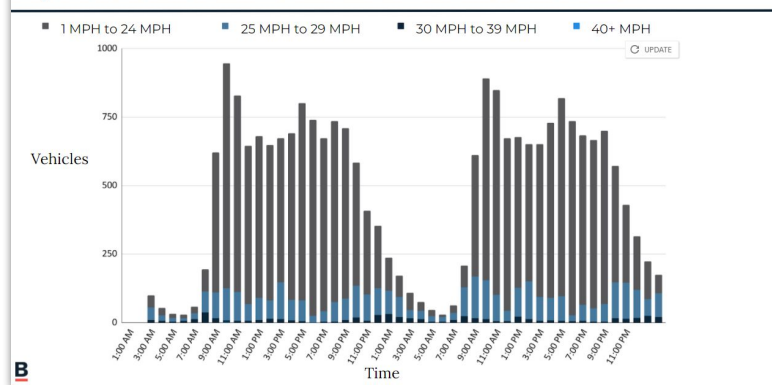
Design proposal



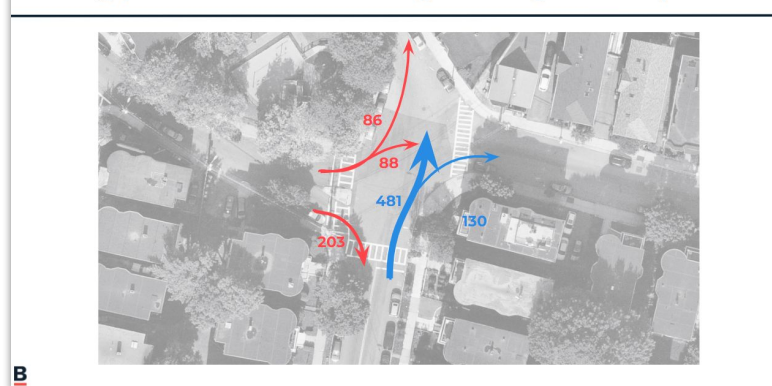
We collected data in October 2021

- ▶ We collected the number of vehicles and their speeds at three locations
- ▶ We counted how people walking, biking, and driving used the intersection at East Cottage Street

Speeds near Edward Everett School



Driving patterns at East Cottage during the AM peak



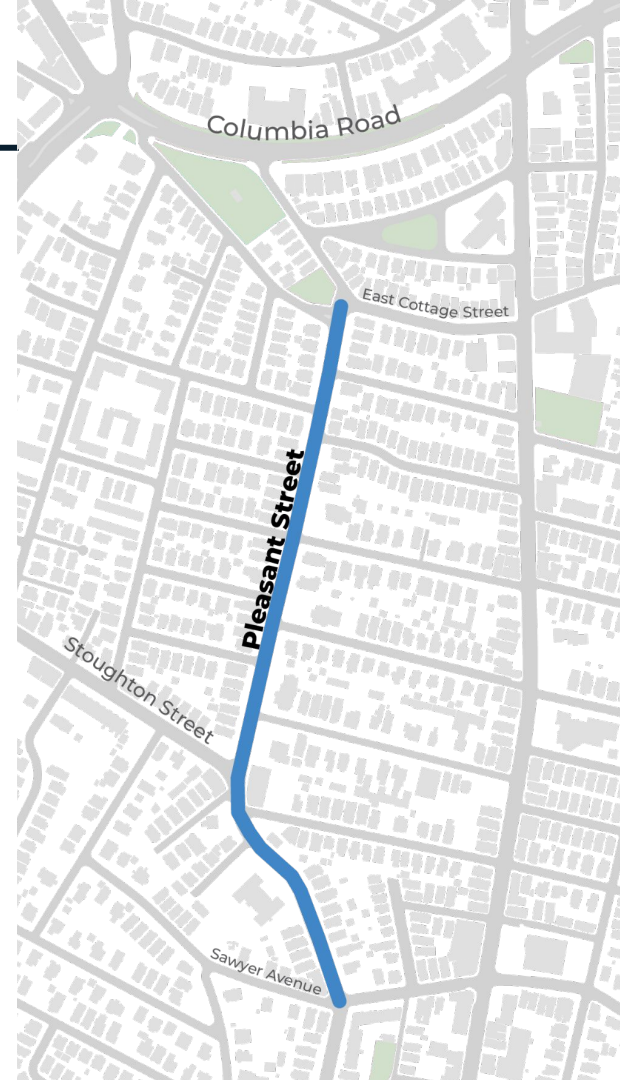
How we heard from you so far:

- ▶ Emails and phone calls received after postcard mailing
- ▶ Walking tour on October 23, 2021
- ▶ Virtual meeting on December 7, 2021
- ▶ *Ongoing*: Conversations with non-residential stakeholders (e.g., Edward Everett School)



We heard that:

- ▶ Crosswalks don't feel safe
- ▶ There's poor visibility
- ▶ Drivers speed and make fast turns
- ▶ People use the road as a cut-through, including drivers of large trucks, duck-boats, and buses



We conducted engineering field work

- ▶ Observed arrival and dismissal at the Edward Everett Elementary School
- ▶ Took field survey
- ▶ Noted utility locations
- ▶ Evaluated potential changes based on our project goals and your priorities

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NO STOPPING
ANY TIME
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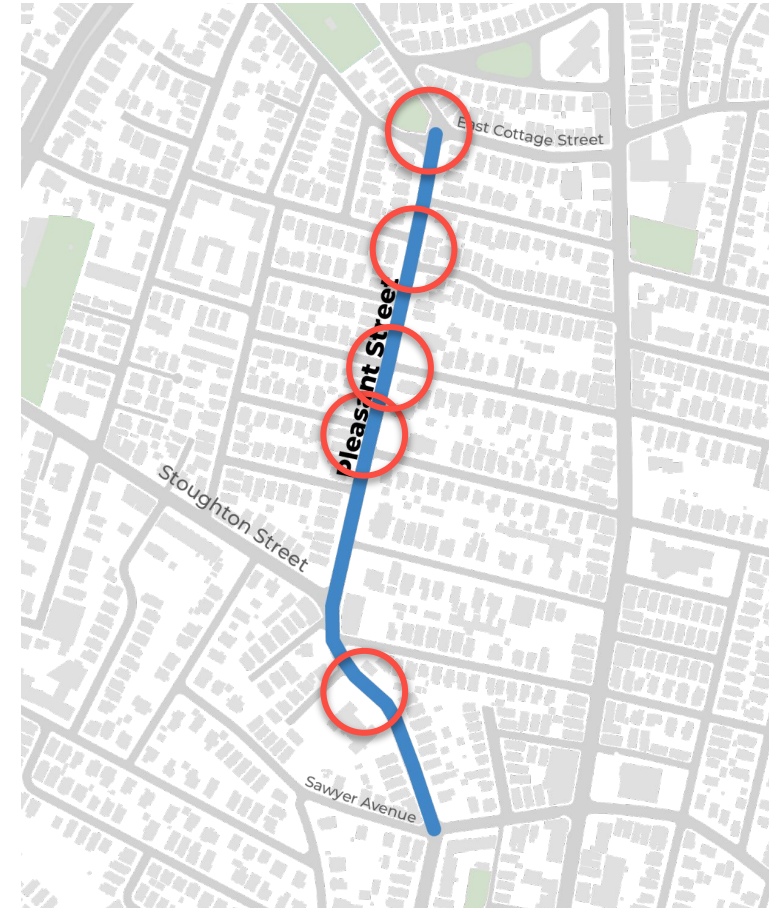


Proposed changes

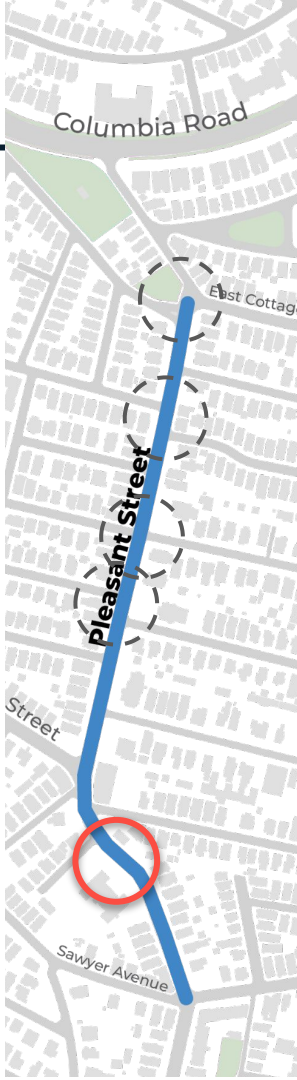
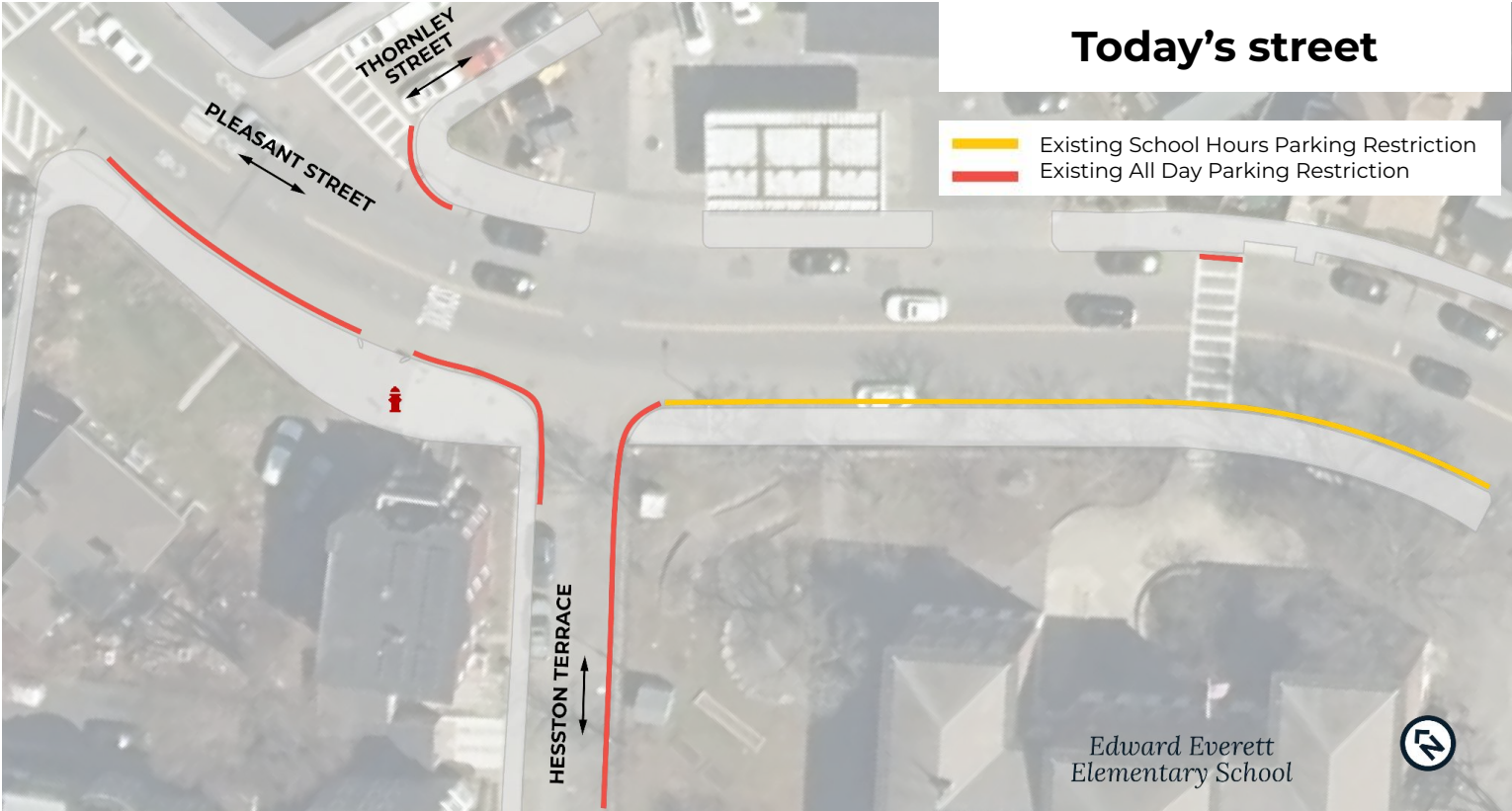


We're proposing changes at five locations

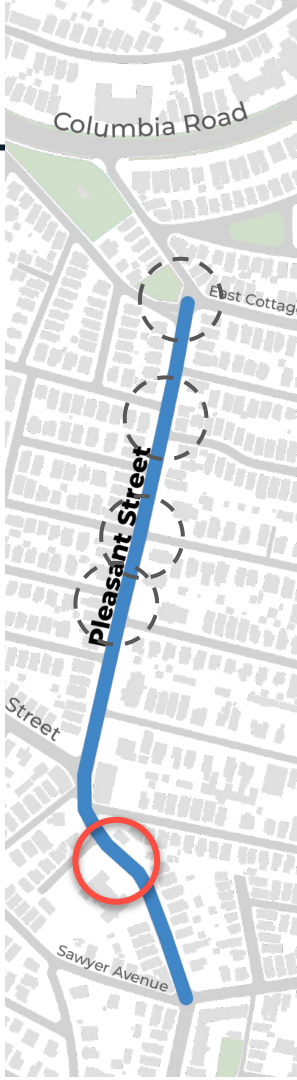
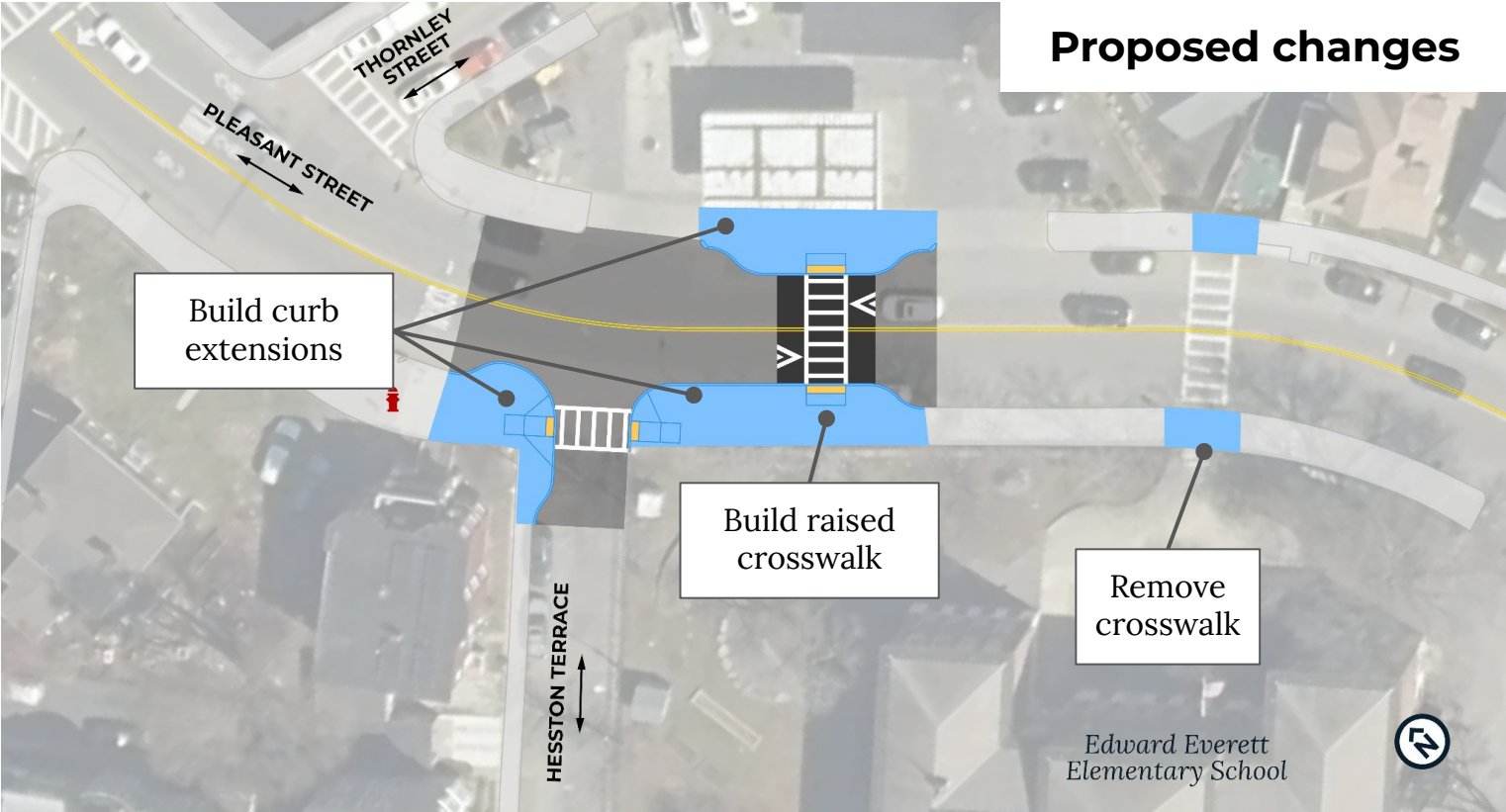
- ▶ Edward Everett School
- ▶ Morrill and Victoria Streets
- ▶ Mayfield Street
- ▶ Willis and Taft Streets
- ▶ East Cottage and Pond Street



Edward Everett School crosswalk



Edward Everett School crosswalk



RAISED CROSSWALKS

Raised crosswalks are at the same level as the sidewalk. They slow drivers and make it easier to see people crossing.

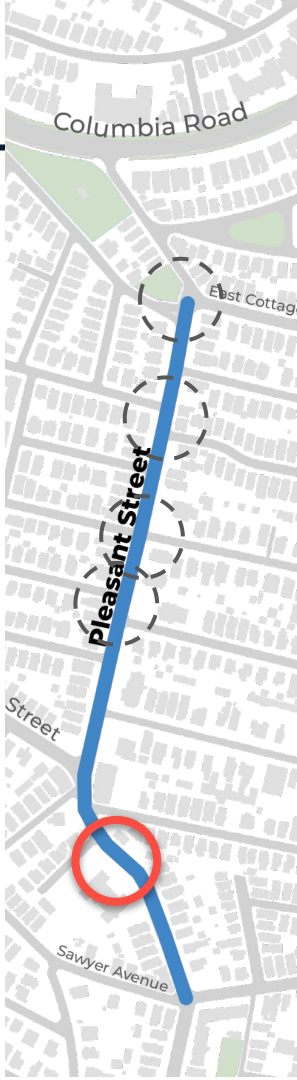
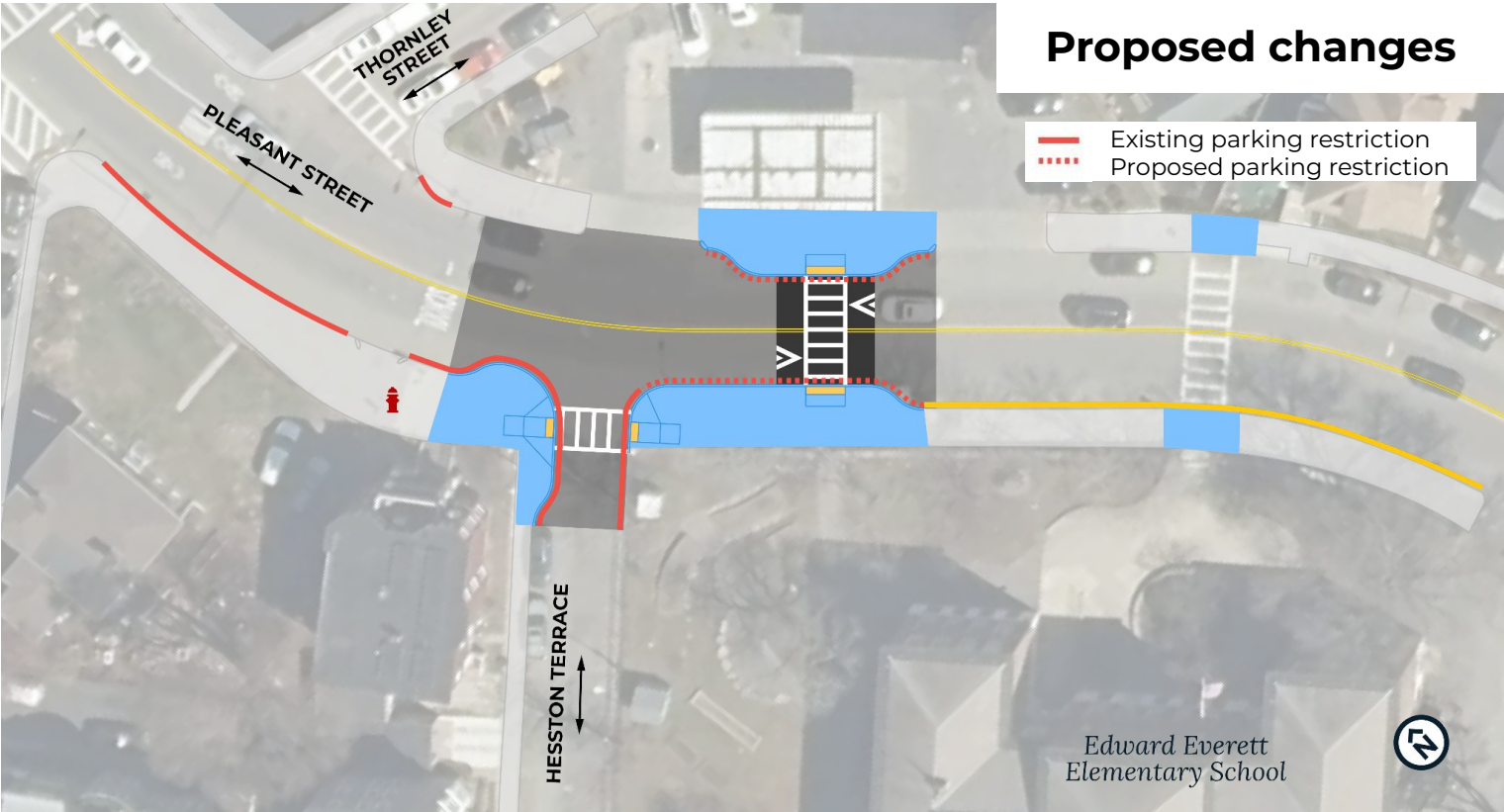


CURB EXTENSIONS

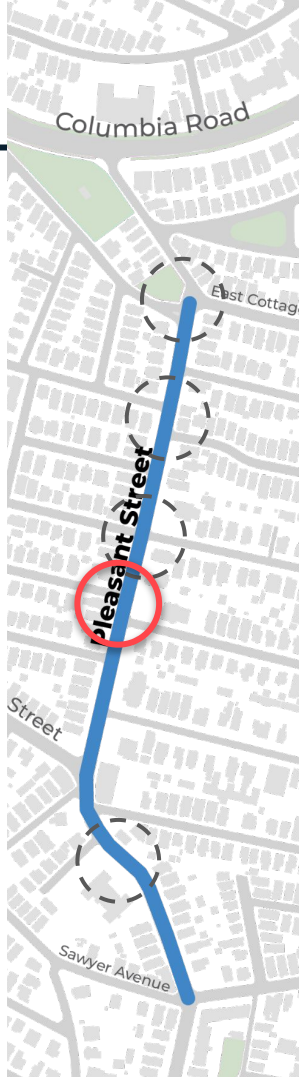
Curb extensions create a shorter crossing. The sidewalk is extended into the street approximately 6 feet.



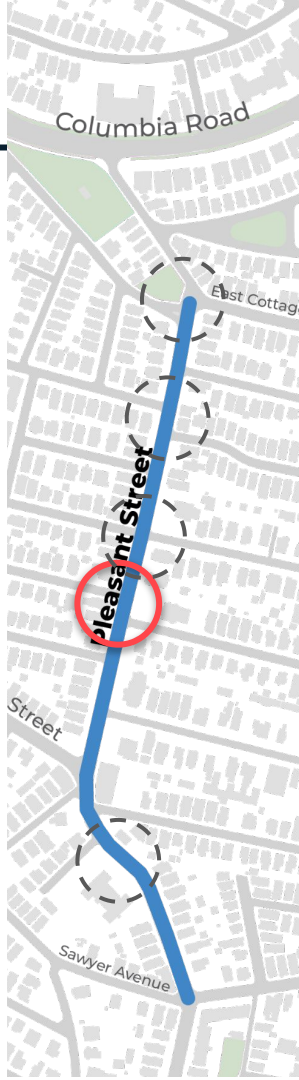
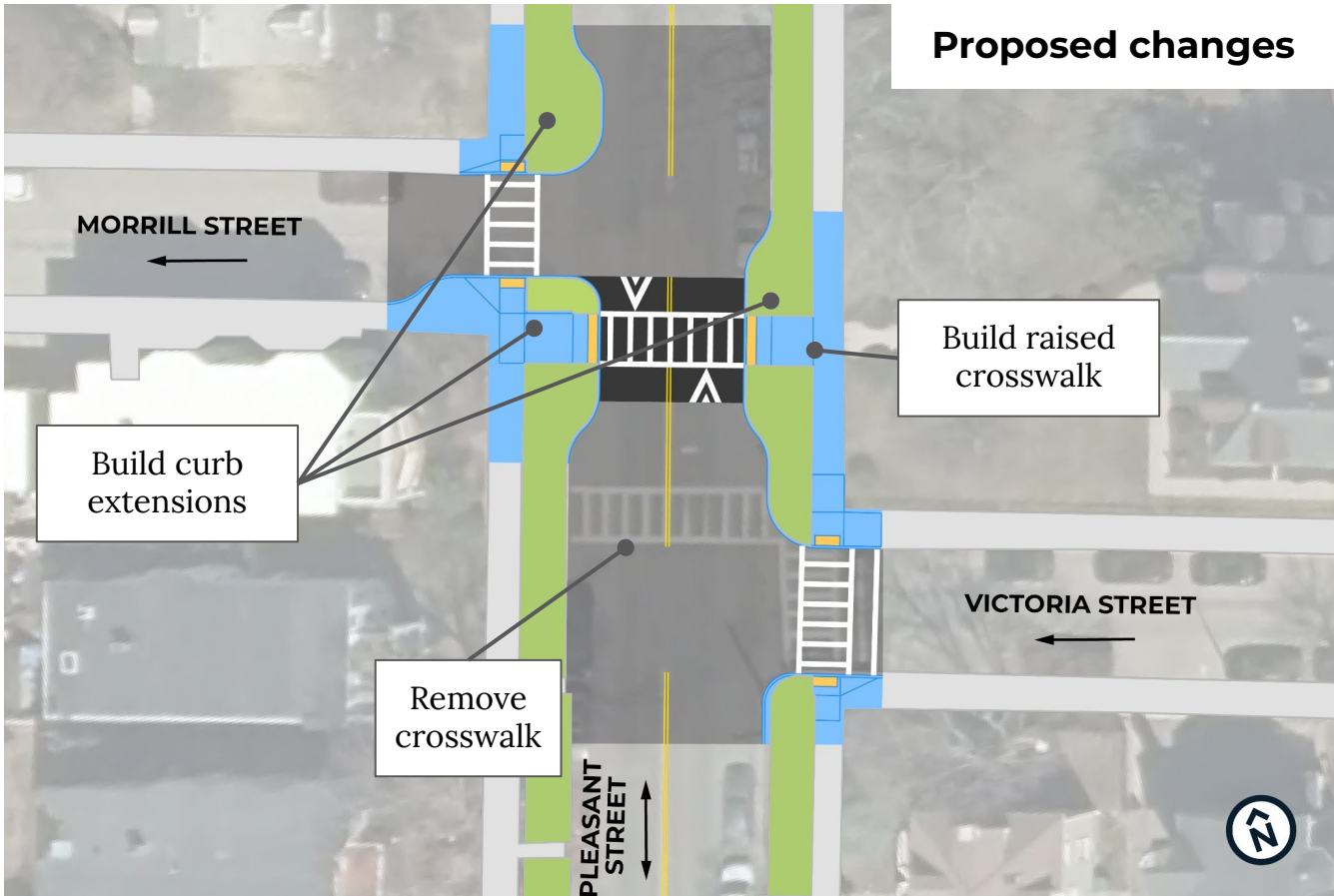
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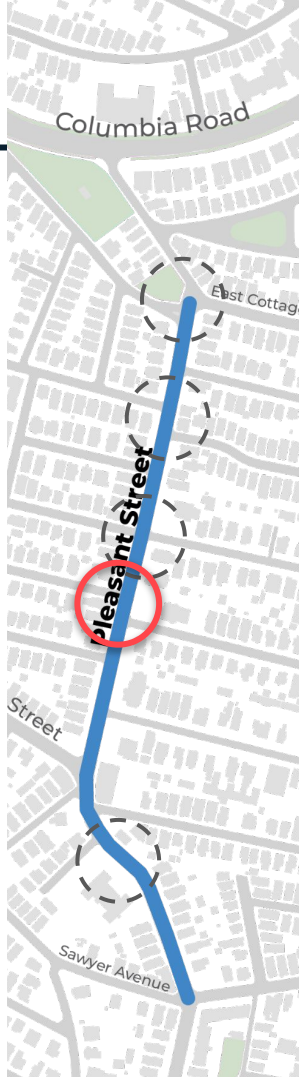
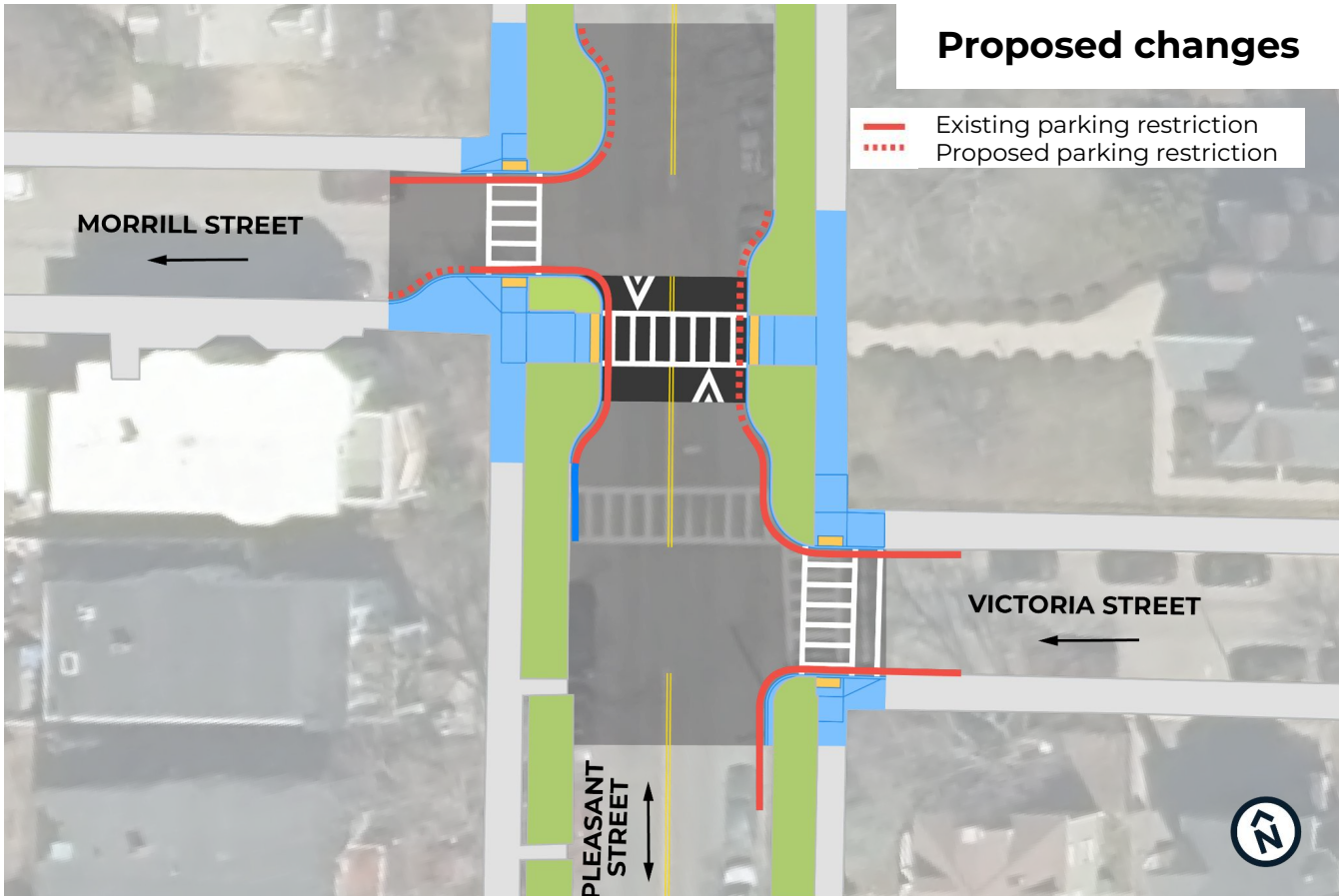
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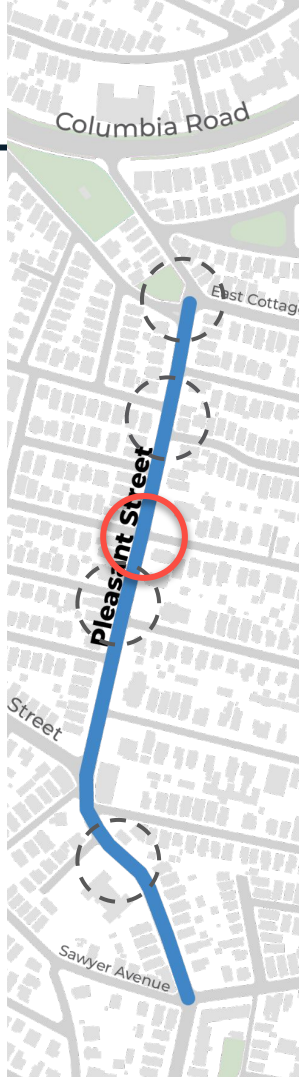
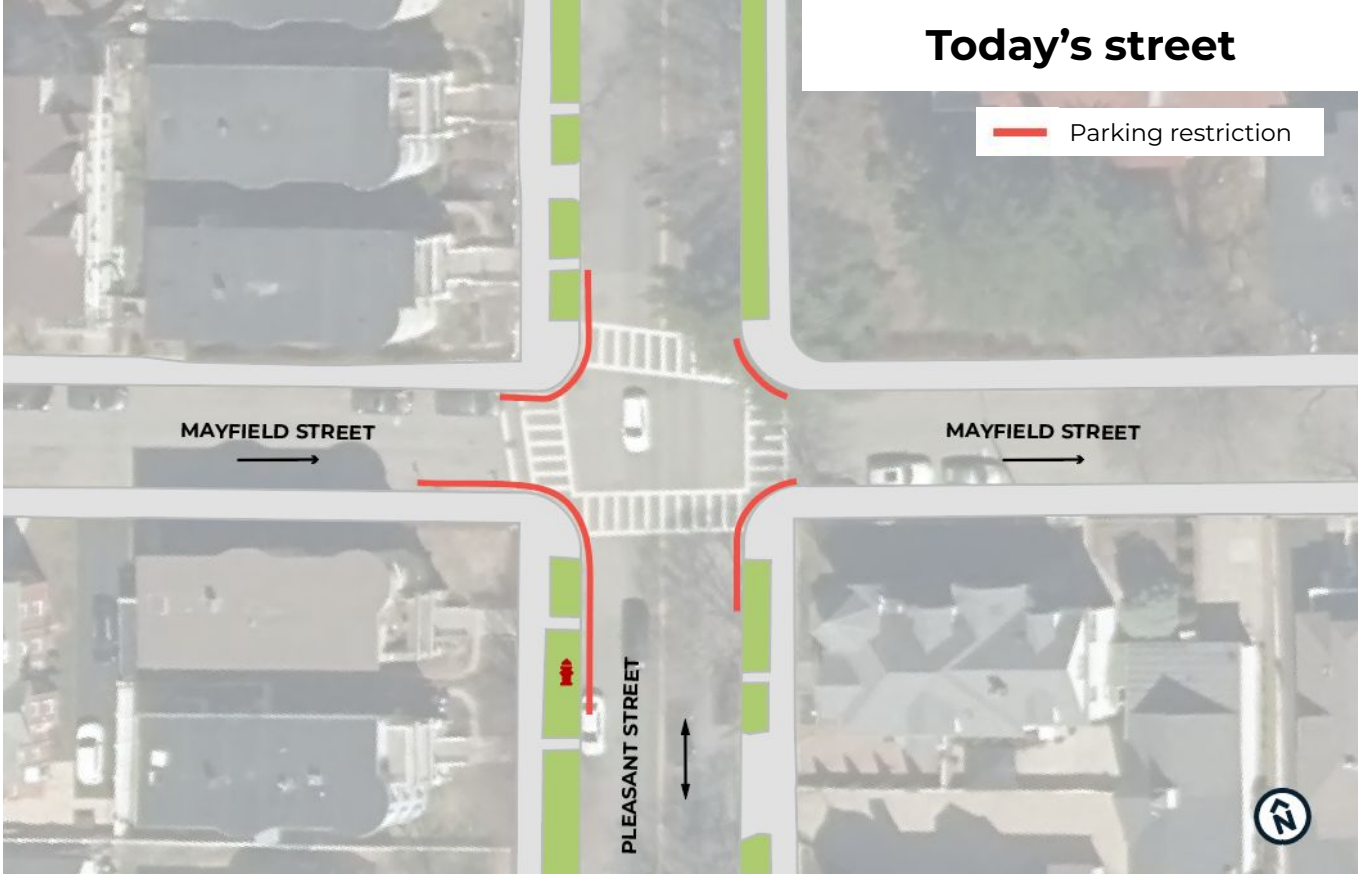
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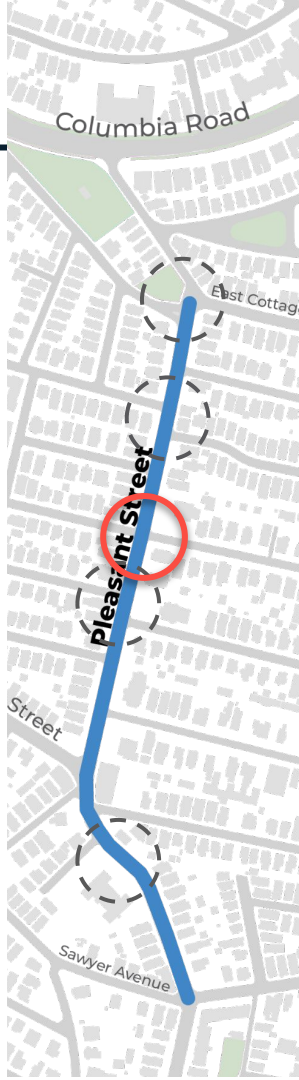
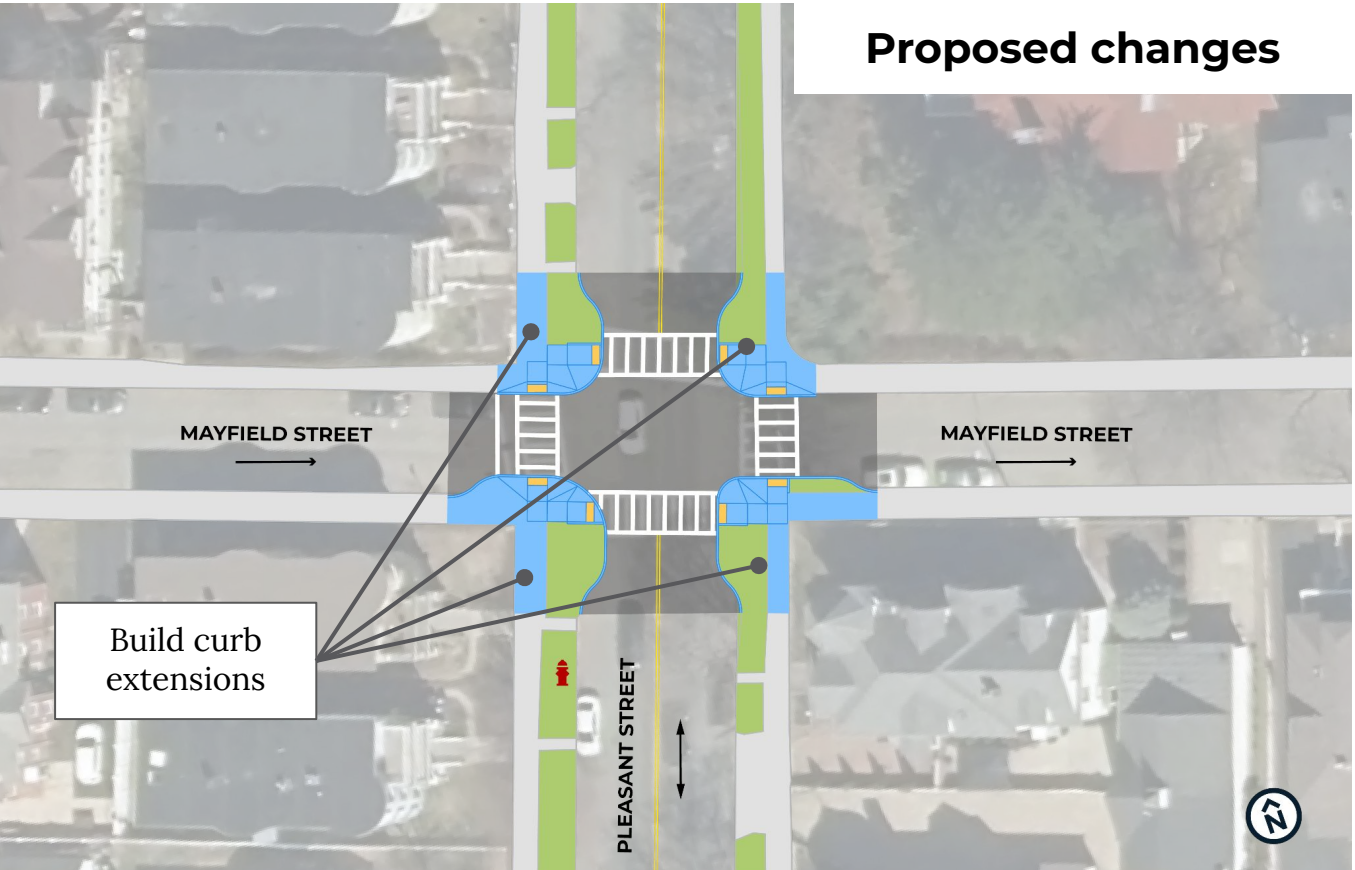
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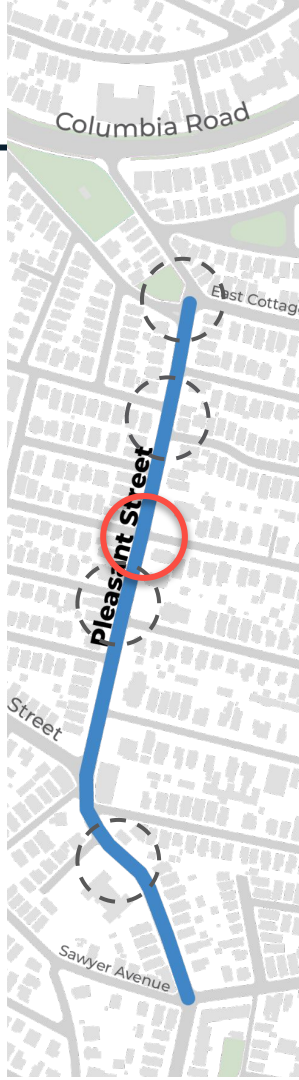
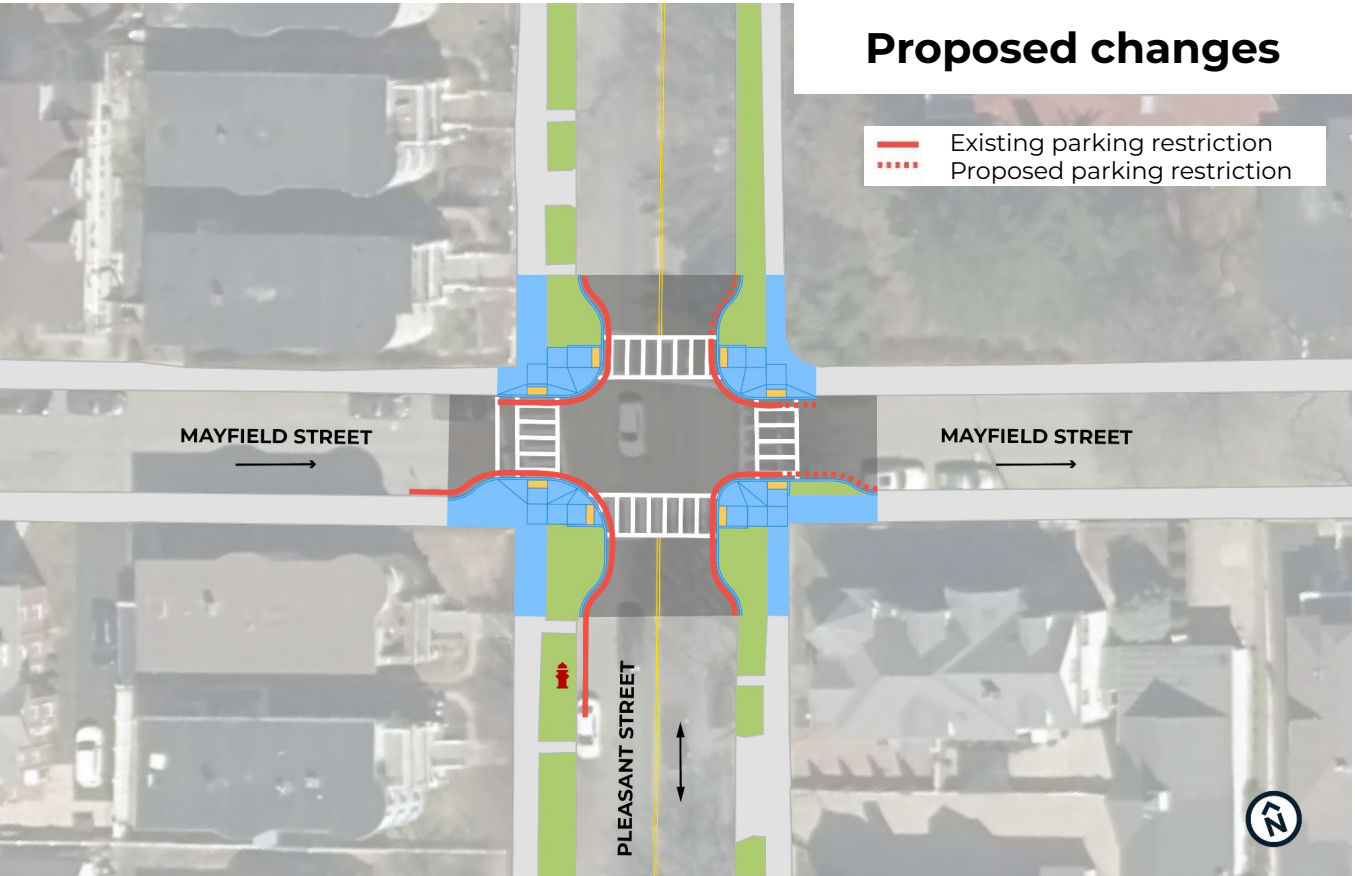
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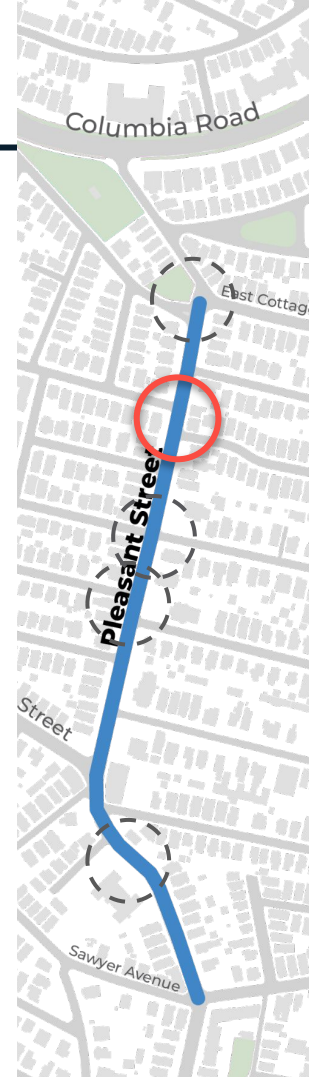
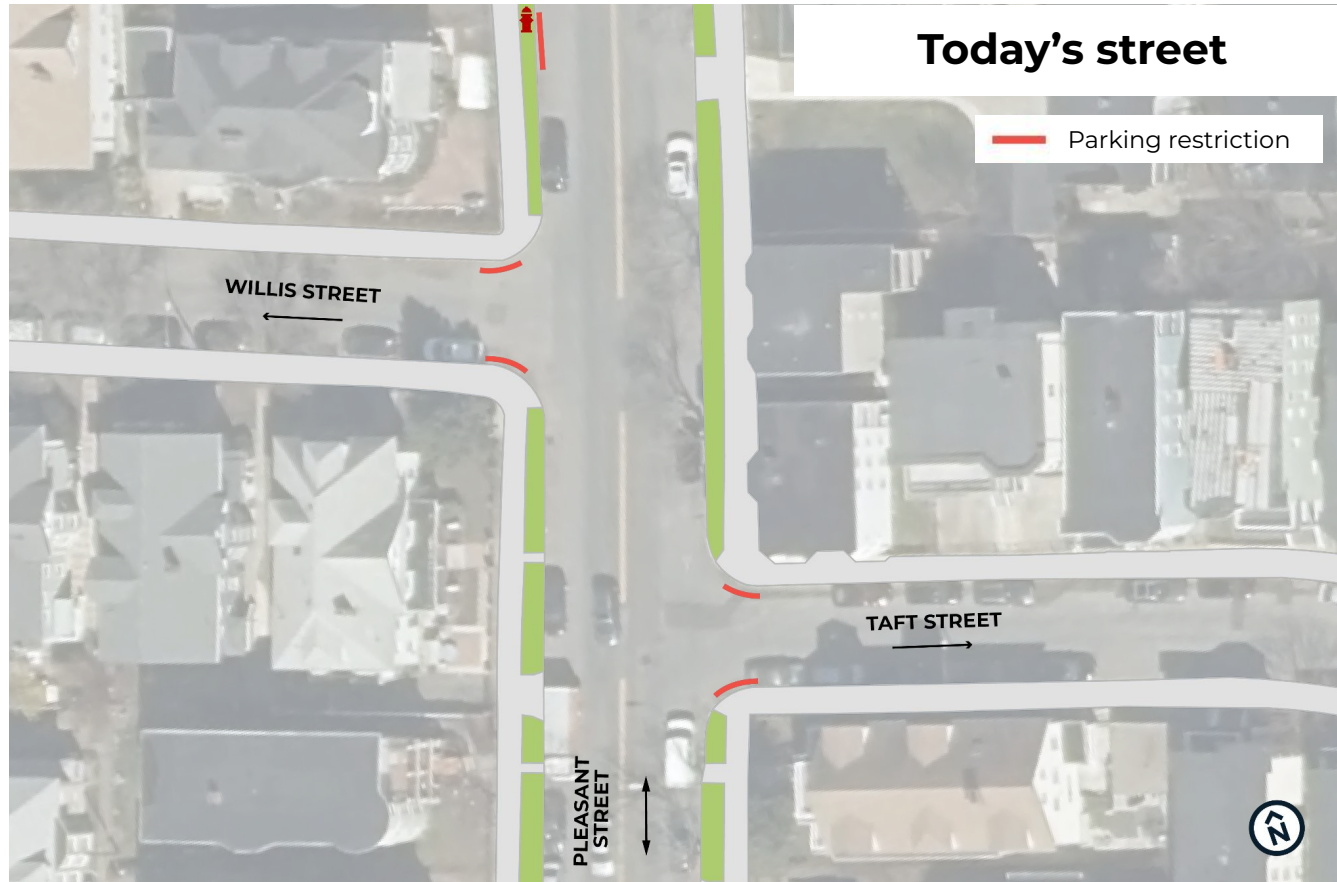
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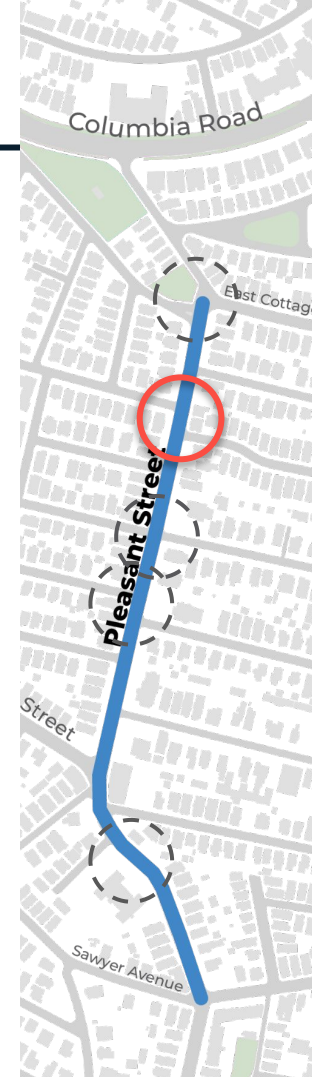
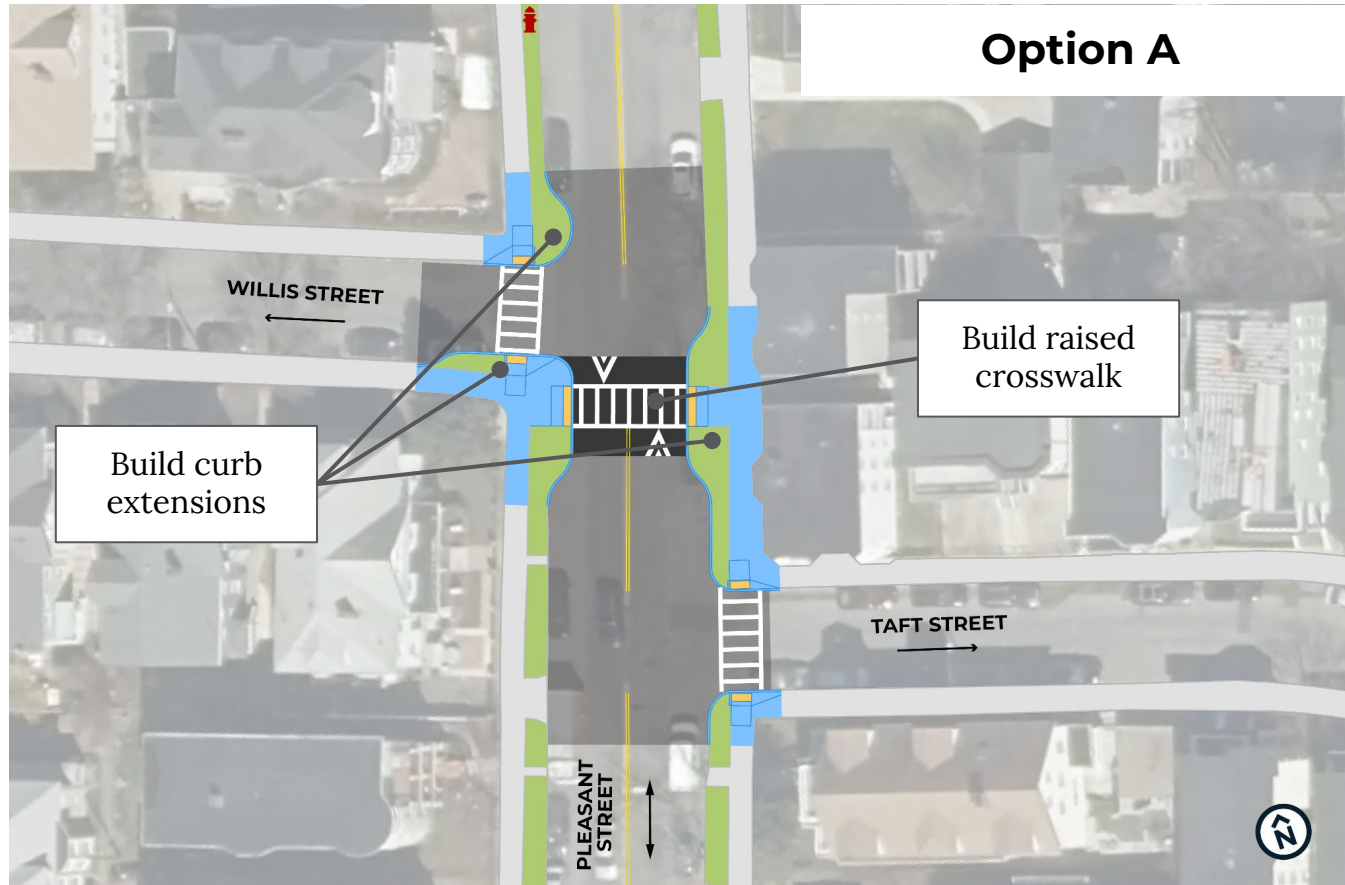
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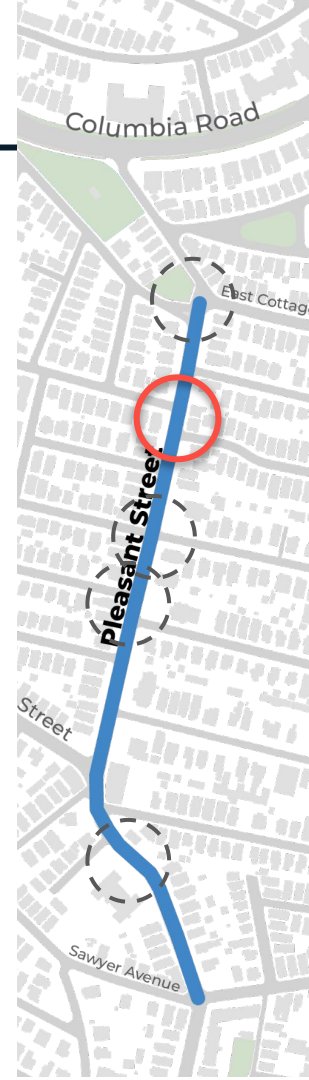
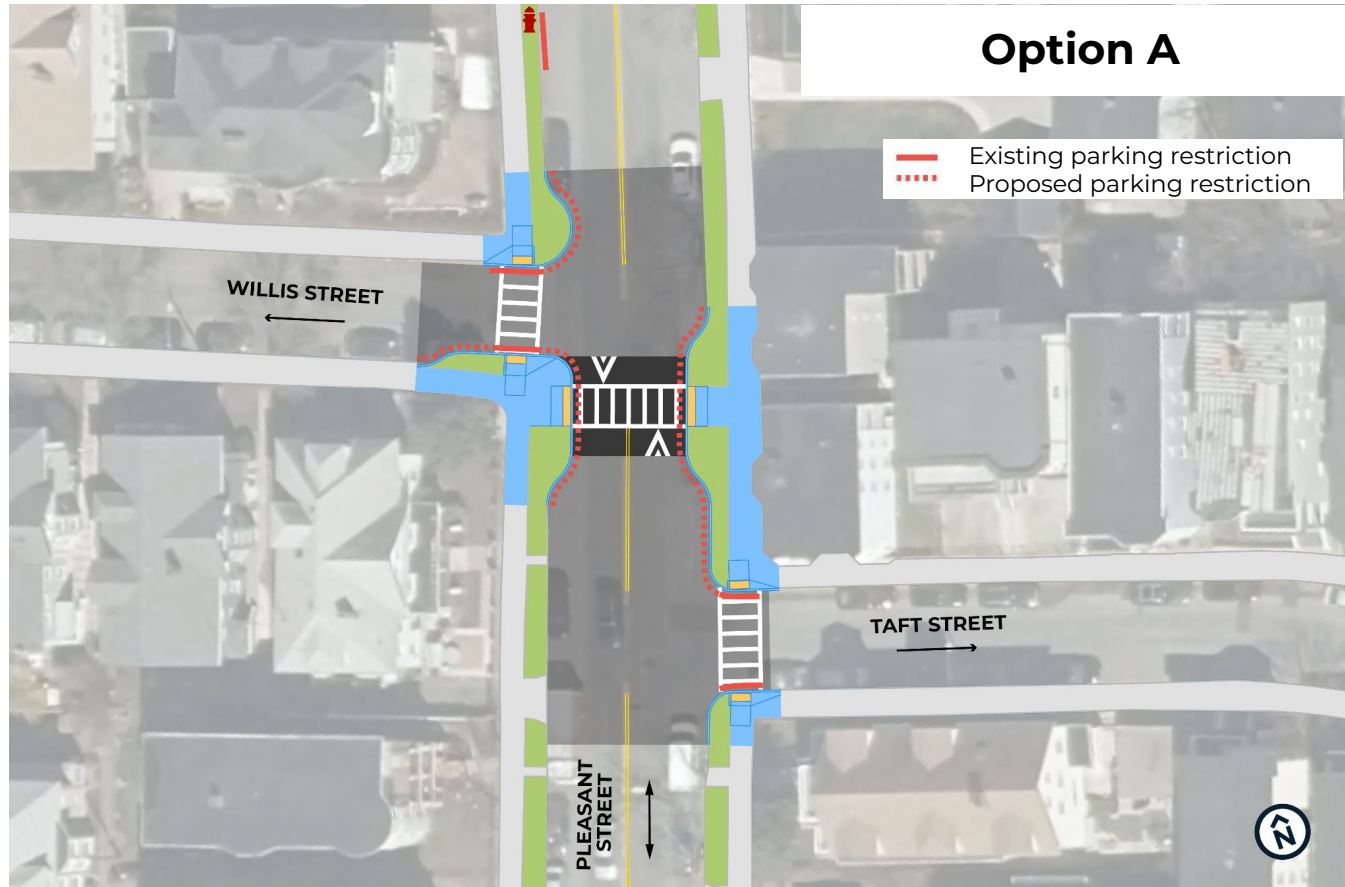
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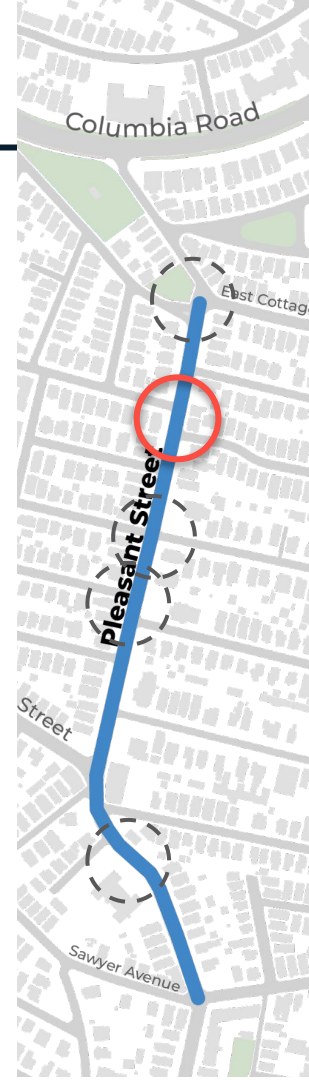
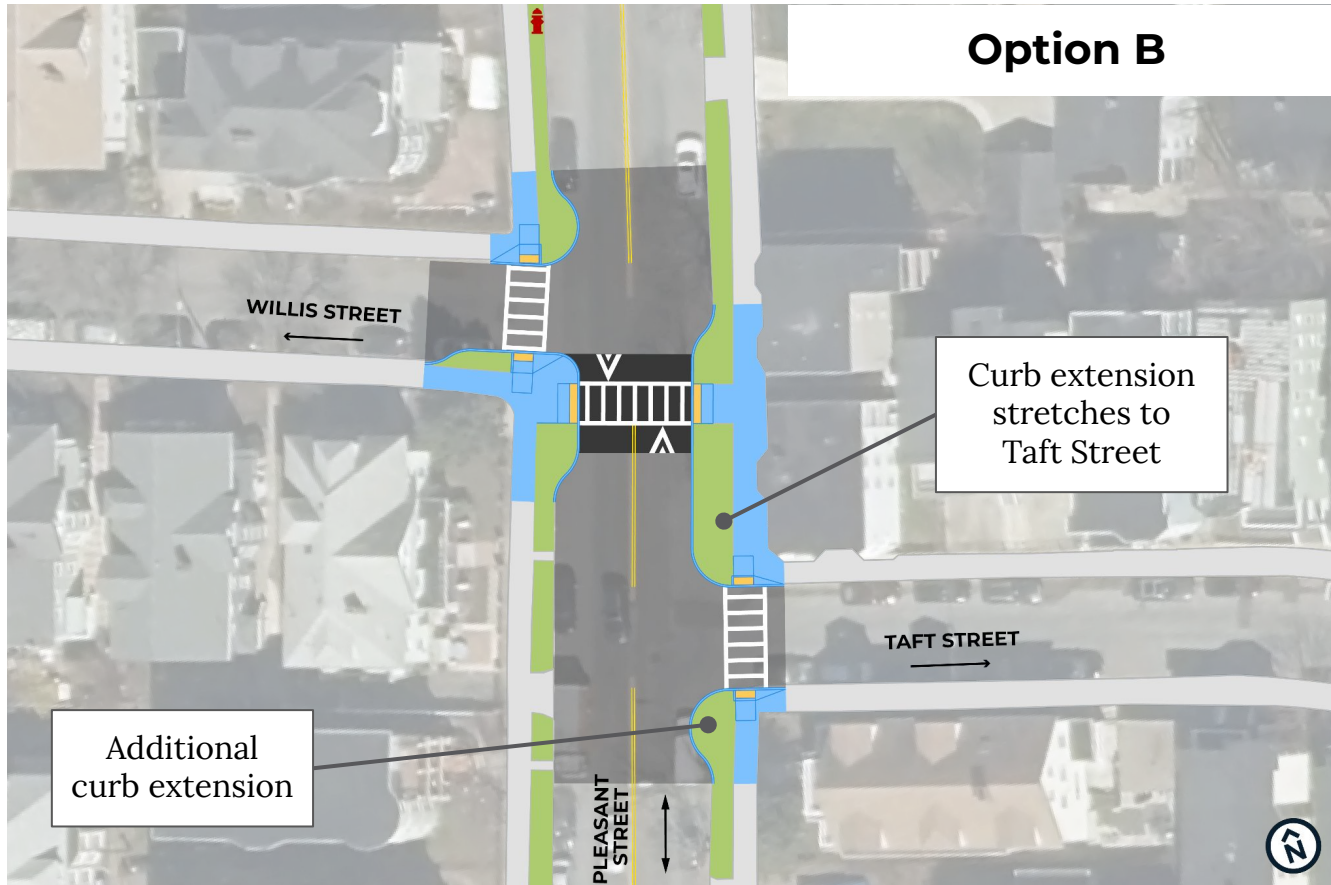
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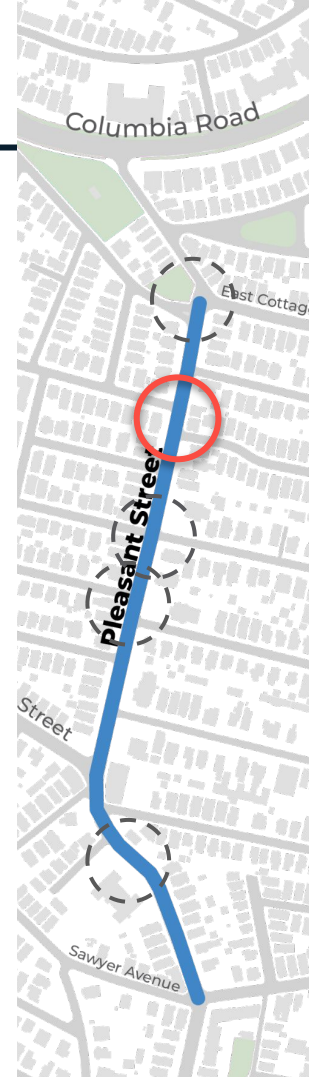
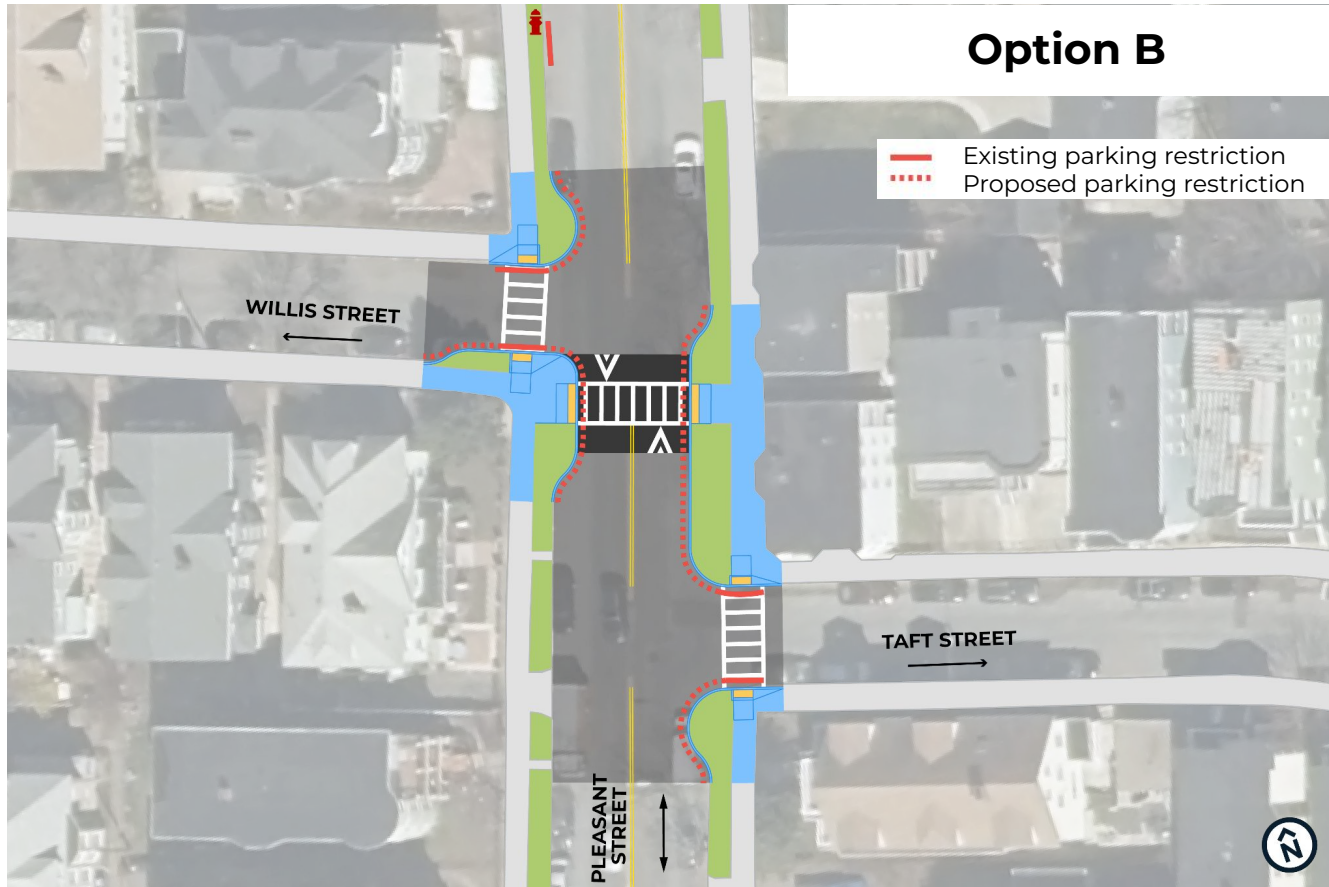
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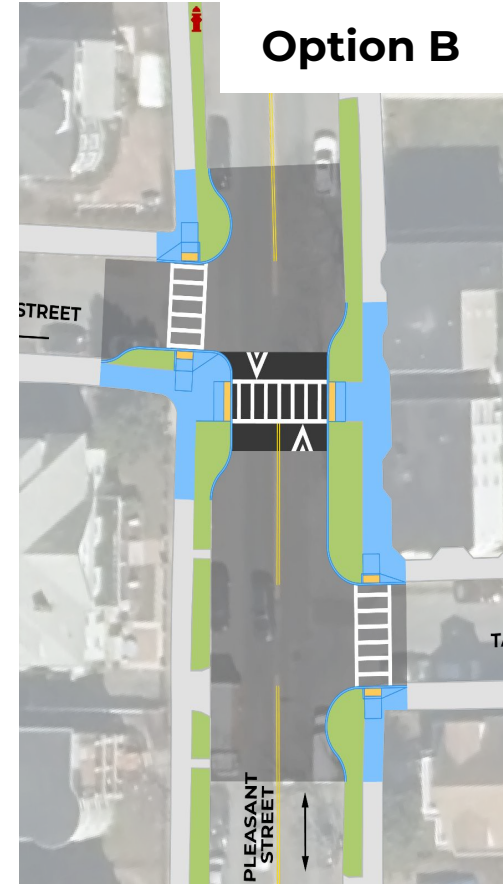
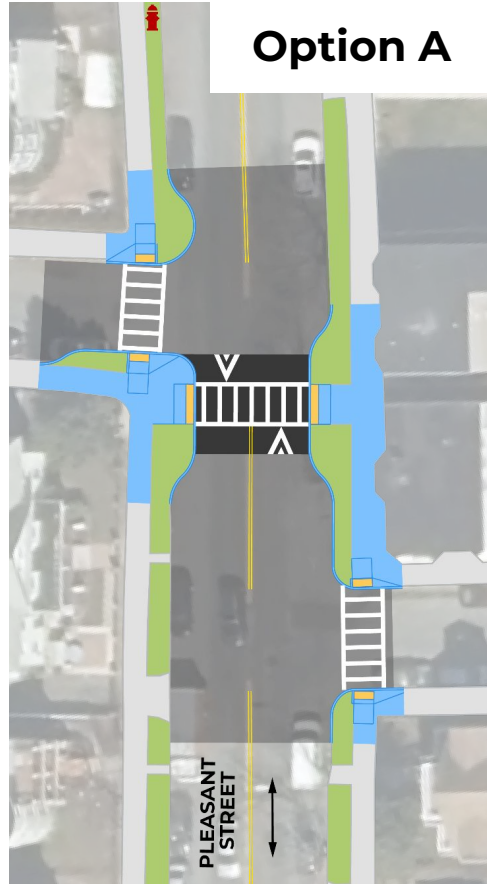


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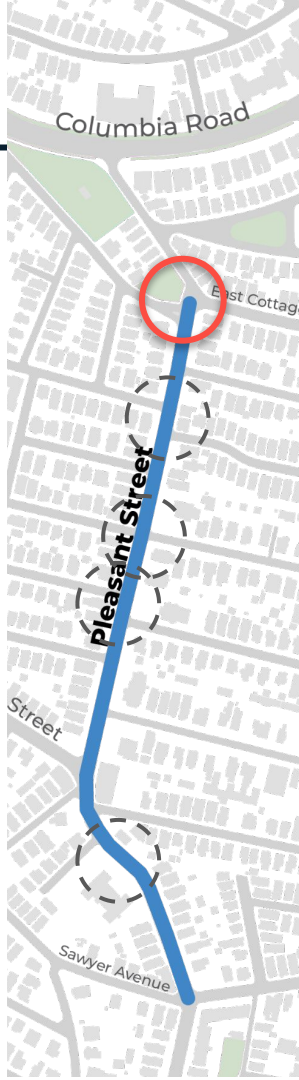
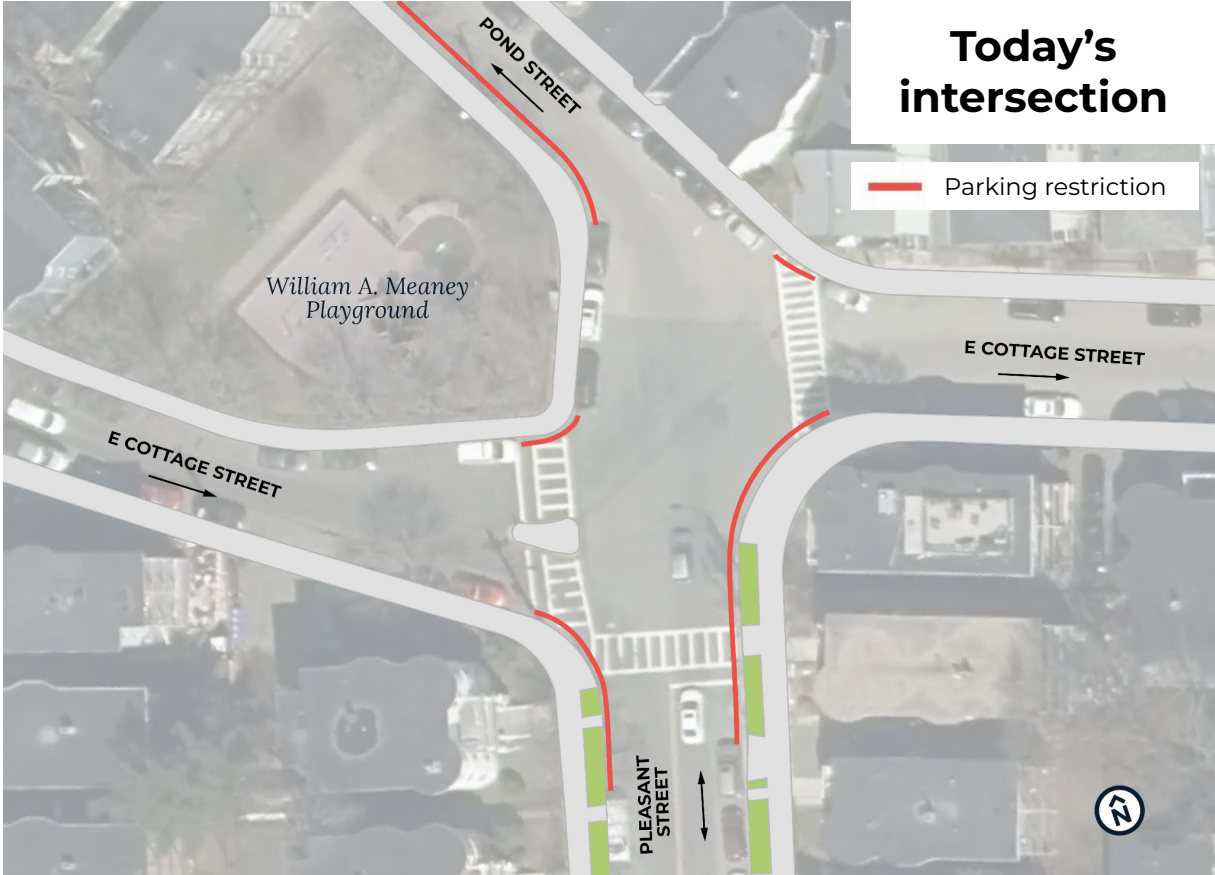


Comparing the options

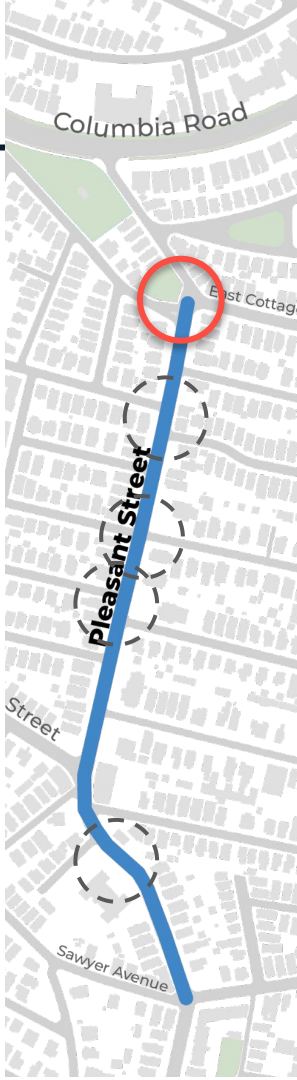
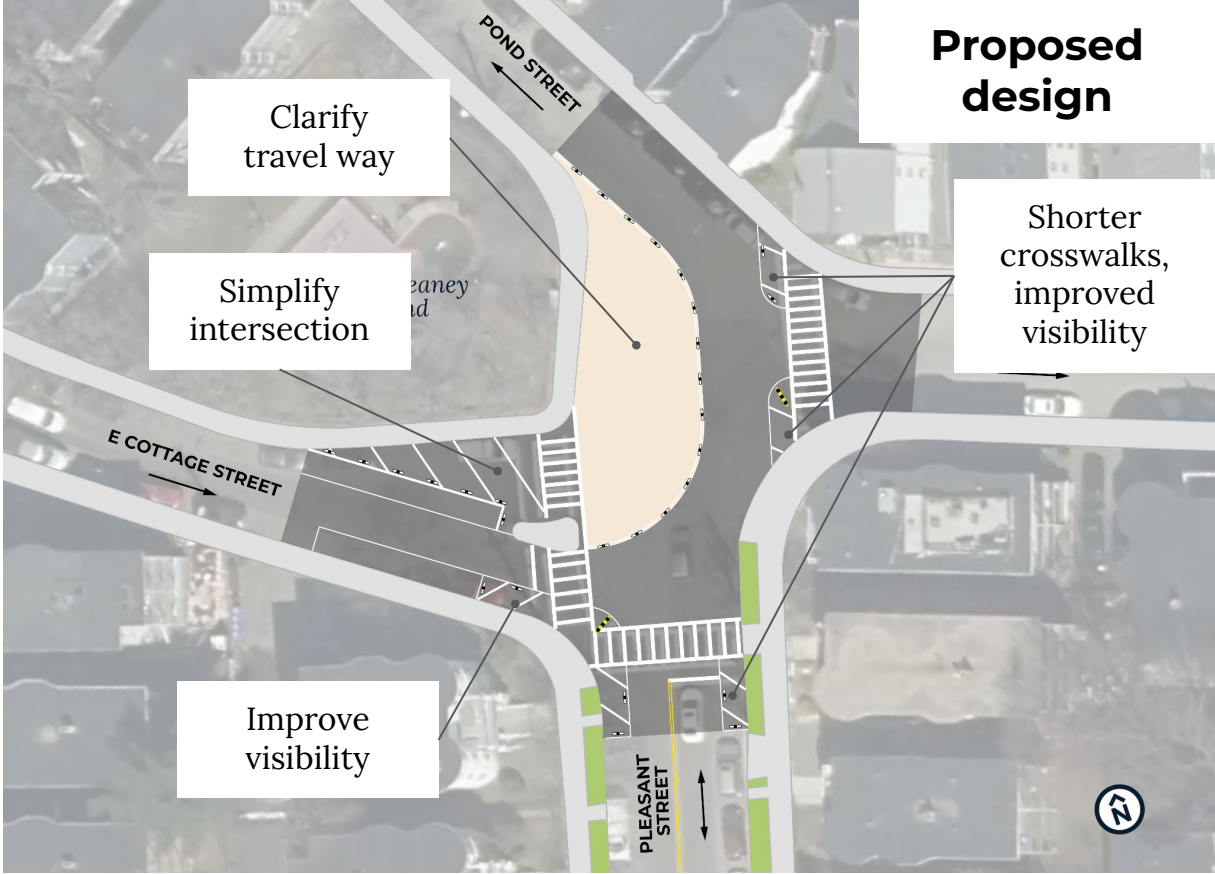
- ▶ Little difference in parking restrictions
- ▶ Option B provides a curb extension south of Taft Street
- ▶ Option B has more planted area
- ▶ Option B makes it more difficult to park illegally



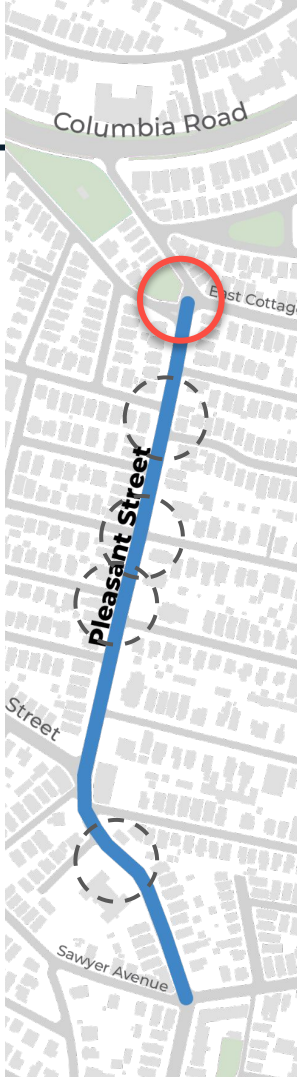
East Cottage at Pond Street



East Cottage and Pond Street

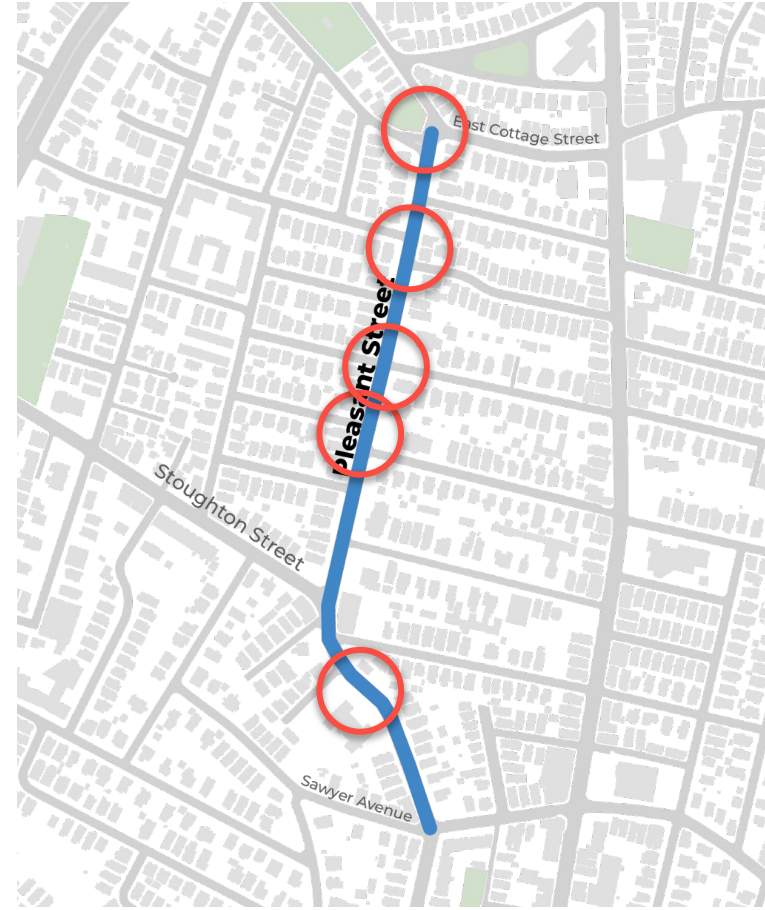


East Cottage and Pond Street



We'd love to hear:

- ▶ What you like
- ▶ What you'd suggest we consider/re-consider
- ▶ Questions you have



Next steps for Pleasant Street

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Our next steps

- ▶ Spring 2022
 - Make adjustments based on your feedback
- ▶ Summer through Fall 2022
 - Collaborate with other departments and agencies on design
 - Share updates with you

We want to hear from you!

Share your thoughts through May 13, 2022.

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