



Gorham Connector: Scarborough Town Council Workshop

February 21, 2024

Council Workshop Briefing Objectives

- Project Background
- Preferred Alternative: Alignment Discussion and Process
- Landowner Engagement
- Upcoming Public Process

Study Area



Project Background

- Proposed Gorham Connector: Gorham Bypass to Exit 45
- Addressing decades of Safety and Mobility challenges
- MTA requested by 4 Municipalities, MaineDOT and Legislature to advance
- Evaluated a range of alternatives: Do Nothing, Widen Roads, New Roads
- New Road is Preferred Alternative, thoughtfully placed to avoid impacts
- Public Process is beginning soon

Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study: Recommendations

- *“The Study recommends that MTA/MaineDOT further evaluate additional roadway capacity strategies with the intent of identifying a preferred alternative.”*
- *“The Study recommends that communities begin to take specific actions towards achieving improved land use opportunities.”*
- *“The Study recommends that transit providers further evaluate and implement top tier transit improvements.”*

Benefits maximized by all three happening together

Additional Details

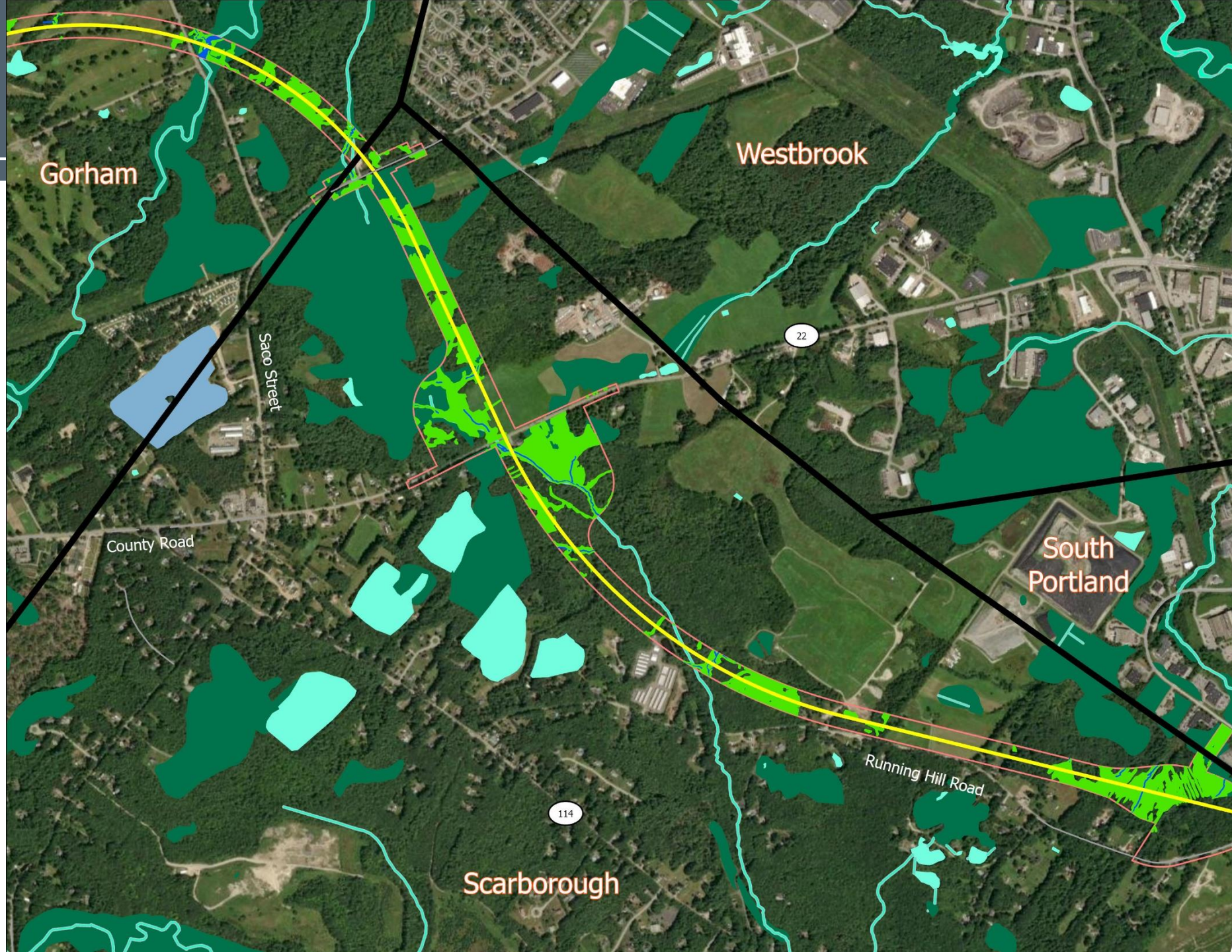
- Ability to advance new roadway, while at the same time create transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and land use opportunities
- Consistent with local plans
- Improved accessibility promotes economic growth and housing opportunities
- Reduces “cut through” traffic on local roads
- Compatible with ongoing transit studies, including Bus Rapid Transit
- Consistency with Maine’s Climate Action Plan – EV’s, Transit, Park and Rides
- Minimal Land Use Impacts

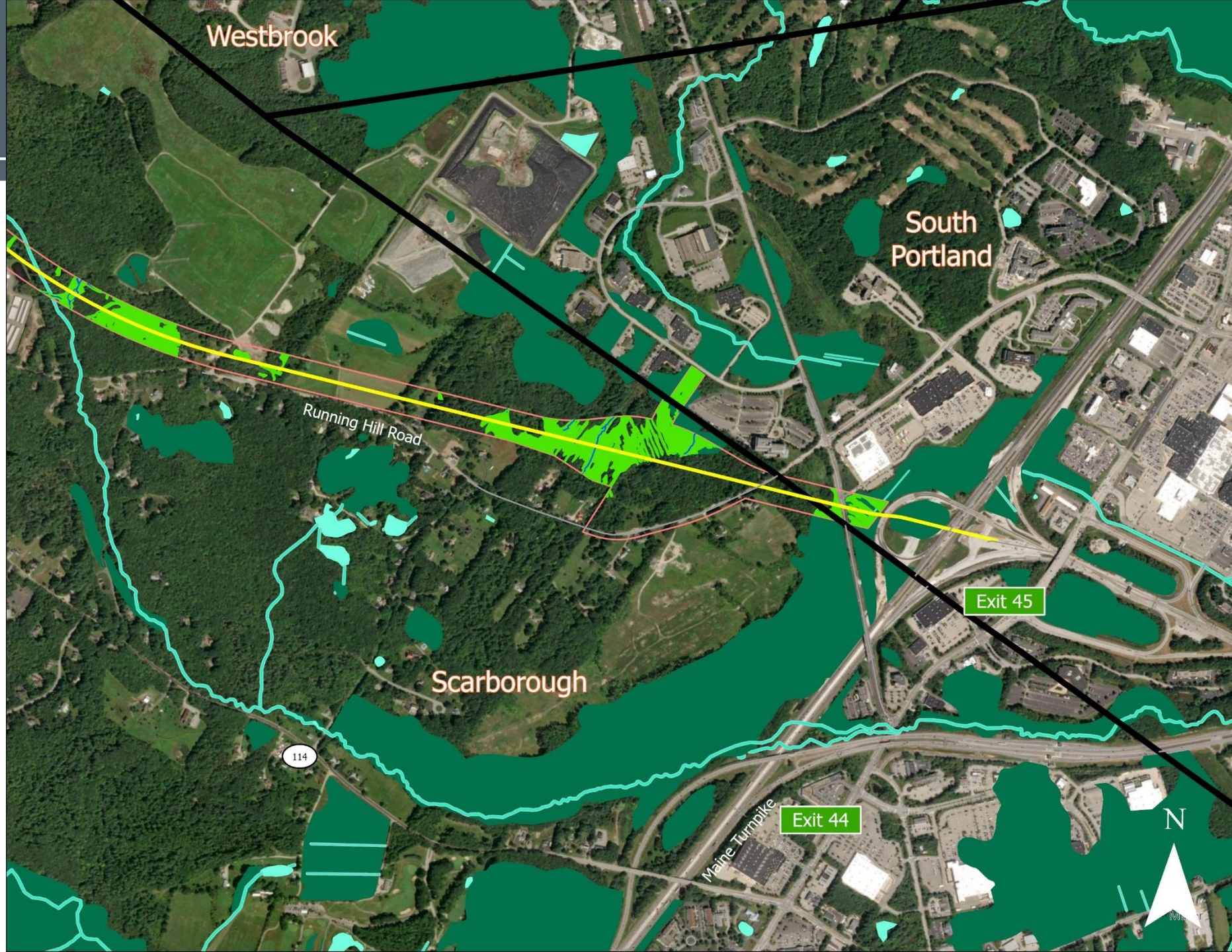
Applicant's Preferred Alternative



Applicant's Preferred Alternative with Resources







Landowner Engagement

- MTA has engaged with all directly impacted landowners
- Process started in 2019
- MTA owns or has rights for approximately 45% of alignment
- Engagement includes multiple discussions with Smiling Hill Farm since 2022

Upcoming Public Process

- Public Meeting #1: March 25, 2024 (*Gorham*)
- Public Meeting #2: May 2024 (*Scarborough*)
- Public Meeting #3: June 2024 (*Location TBD*)

Thank you!

