

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

# Commercial Street Bridge Replacement

Public Meeting – September 9, 2020



## Meeting With You Today

- Mike Ryan MBTA Project Manager
- Gary Orlando Project Manager (Barletta)
- Bob Penfield Design Manager (VHB)
- Andrew Burkholder Senior Engineer (VHB)

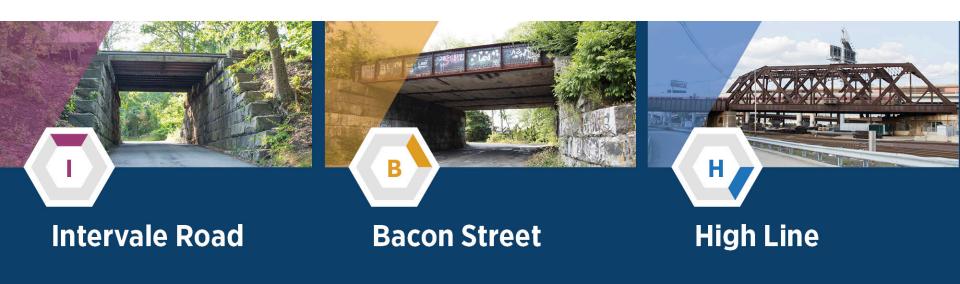


## **Meeting Outline**

Design-Build Program Overview

- Commercial Street Bridge
  - Site Location / Existing Conditions
  - Project Needs and Goals
  - Bridge Layout and Design
  - Construction Staging
  - Traffic Impacts during Construction
  - Project Schedule
- Additional Public Outreach
- Questions

#### H91CN01 - MBTA Rail Bridge Replacements **Design-Build**

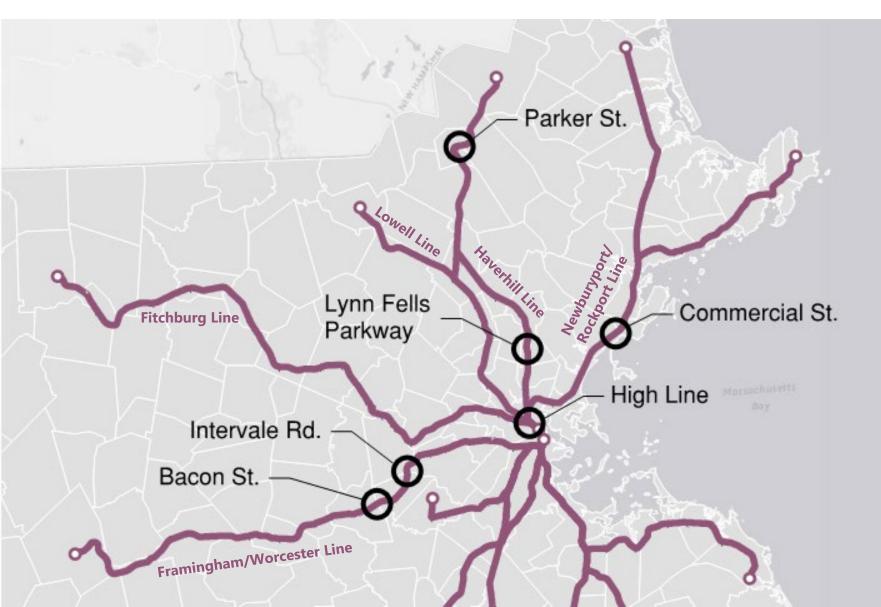




Parker Street

**Commercial Street** 

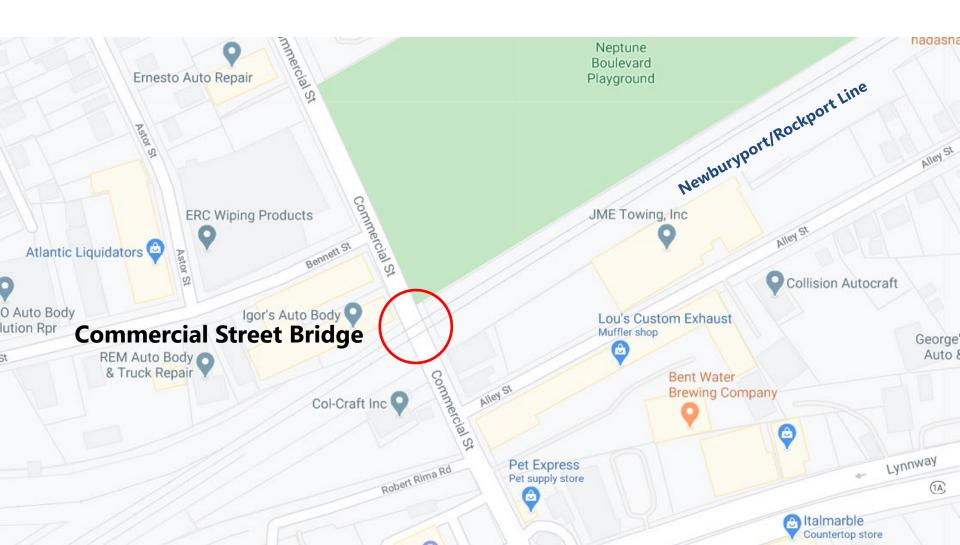
## H91CN01 - MBTA Rail Bridge Replacements 5 Design-Build



#### **Program Timeline**

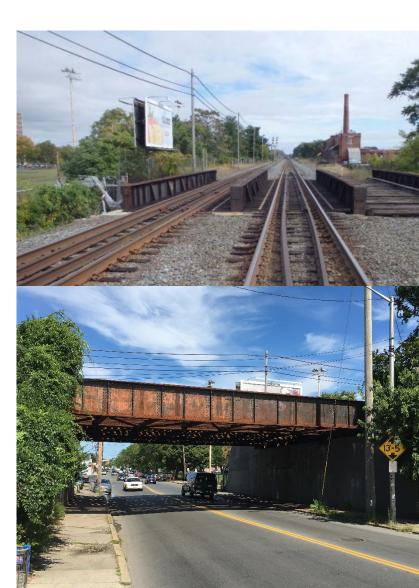
- 2016: Preliminary Design of the Bridges
- 2017: MBTA Capital Delivery Accelerate pace of projects
  - Six individual projects combined into 1 large "program"
  - Use Design-Build to accelerate and encourage more innovation
- 2018-2019: Design-Build procurement
  - 9 Teams proposed, 3 Shortlisted
  - Barletta/VHB Team was the selected "Best-Value"
  - Highest Tech Score AND Lowest Price
- 2019-2022 Final Design and Construction
  - Specific schedule varies by bridge
  - Full Program complete August 2022





## **c** Commercial Street – Existing Conditions

- Existing Bridge
  - Originally built in 1913
- Four track structure (2 active)
  - Steel girders with open deck
  - Concrete gravity abutments
- Roadway
  - 33'-6" face-to-face of curb
  - 8'-3" sidewalks (both sides)
- Utilities
  - Signal and fiber optic on bridge
  - PTC, power overhead
- Railroad Operations
  - 68 commuter trains on weekdays
  - 26 commuter trains on weekends
  - Local freight as well



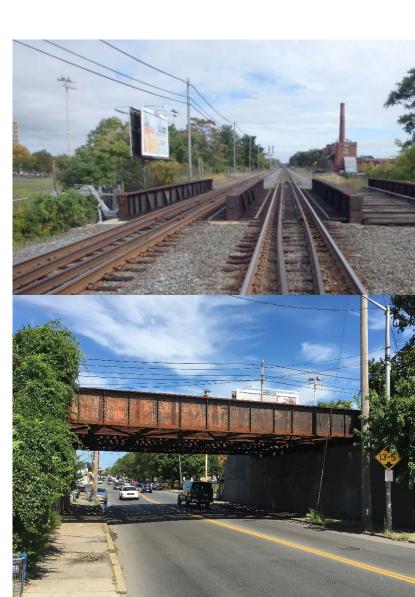
## c Commercial Street – Project Need

- Existing bridge is in poor condition
  - Steel superstructure rated as 4 (out of 10)
- MBTA's continuing need to
  - Provide safe and efficient transportation for T riders and the public
  - Maintain and improve the state of good repair of its infrastructure



## **c** Commercial Street – Project Goals

- Restore the State of Good Repair
- Replace the structurally deficient bridge with one that:
  - Is resilient, with a 75-yr expected service life
- Minimize impacts to:
  - Abutters
  - Commuter Rail riders
  - Users of Commercial Street

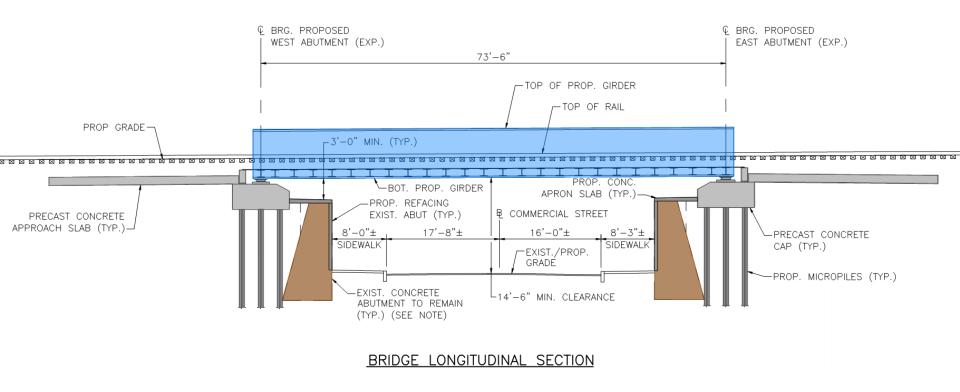


## **c** Commercial Street – Bridge Design

- Complete bridge replacement
  - Track profile to be raised to accommodate ballasted structure and maintain vertical clearance
  - Use accelerated construction techniques to reduce impacts
- New structure
  - Single-span, with new abutments built behind existing abutments
  - Designed to accommodate future third track
- All construction within existing Right of Way
  - No anticipated easements required

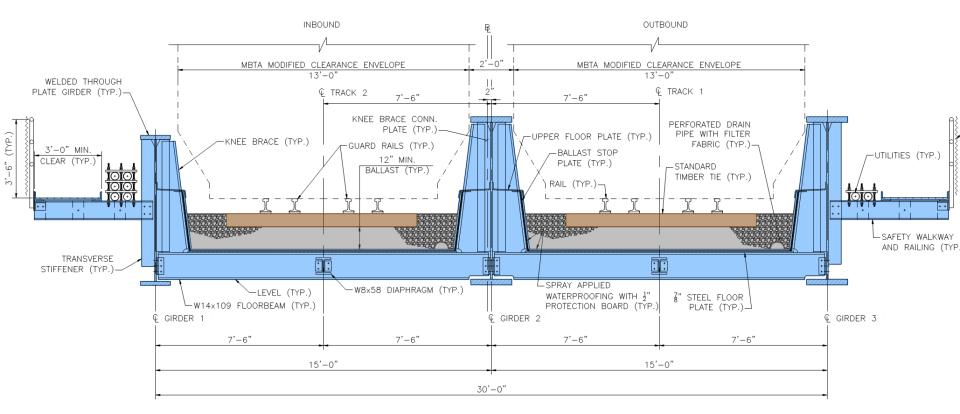
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- New concrete abutments built behind existing abutments
- Vertical clearance = 14'-6" (min.)
- Drilled micropiles



# **c** Commercial Street – Bridge Design

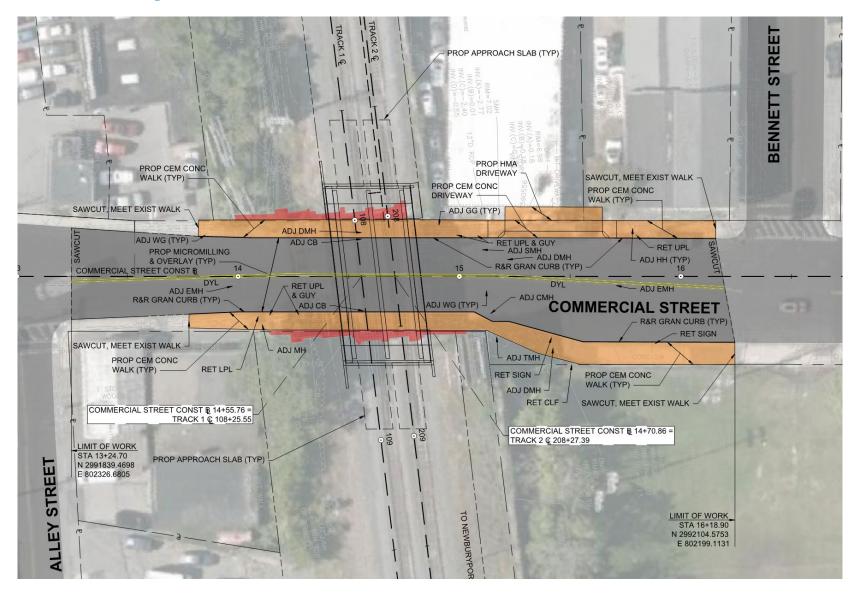
- Ballasted through-girder
- Supports 2 tracks
- Designed to accommodate future third track



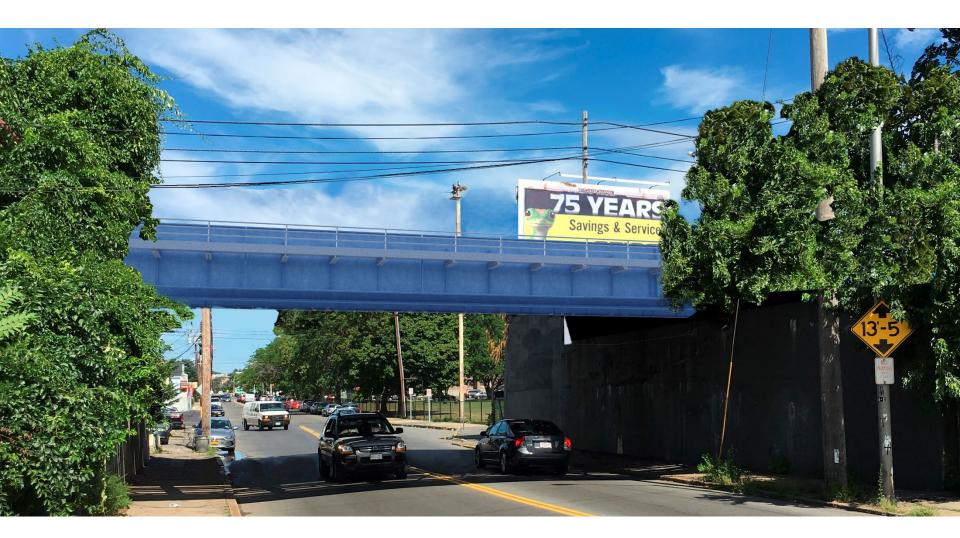
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## Commercial Street – Roadway Improvements

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## **c** Commercial Street – Final Condition











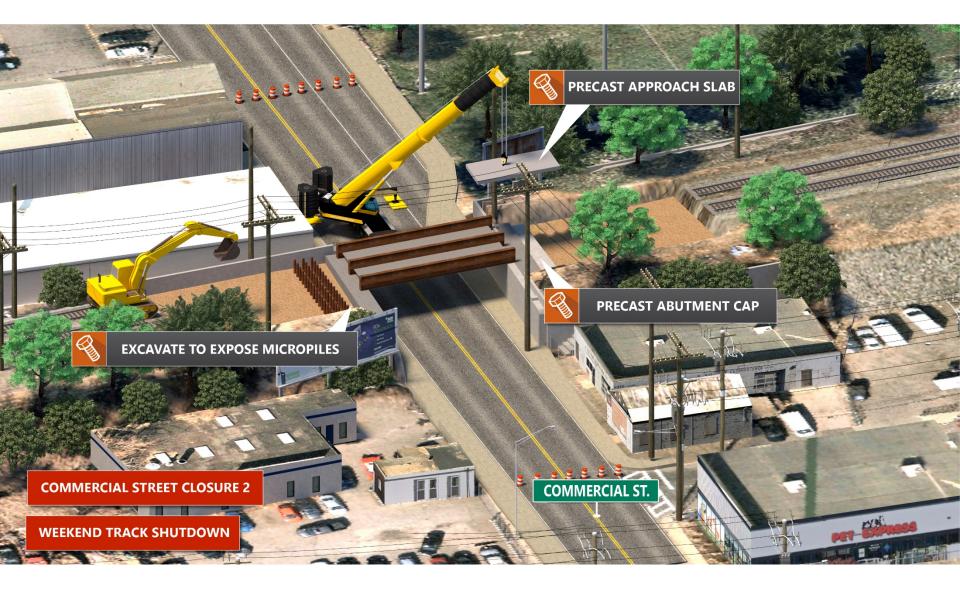












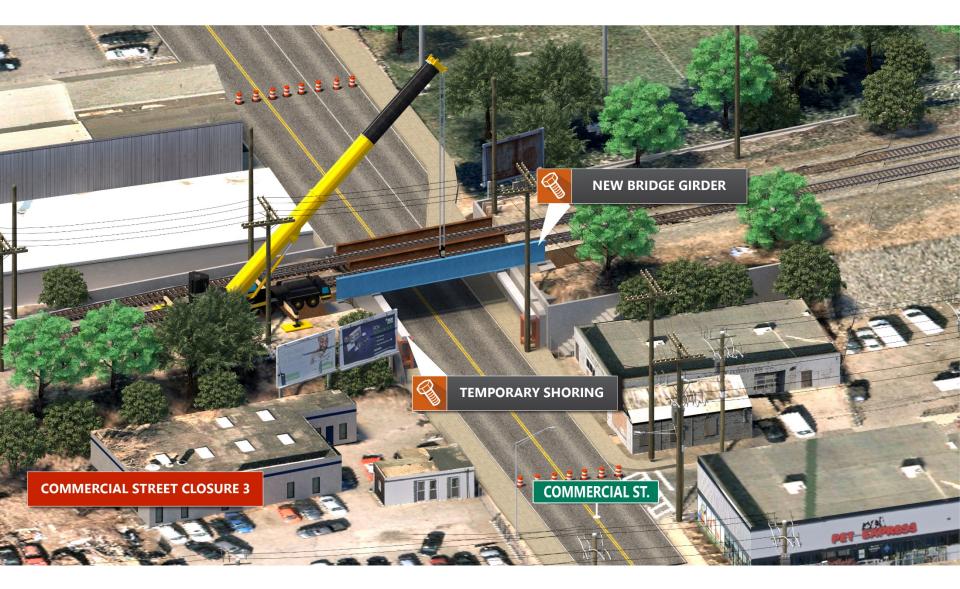




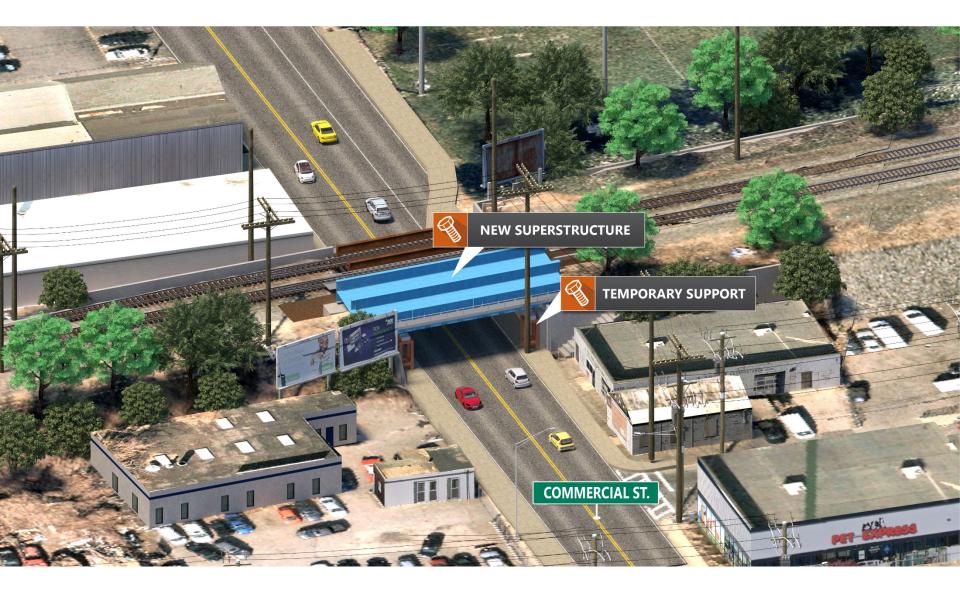




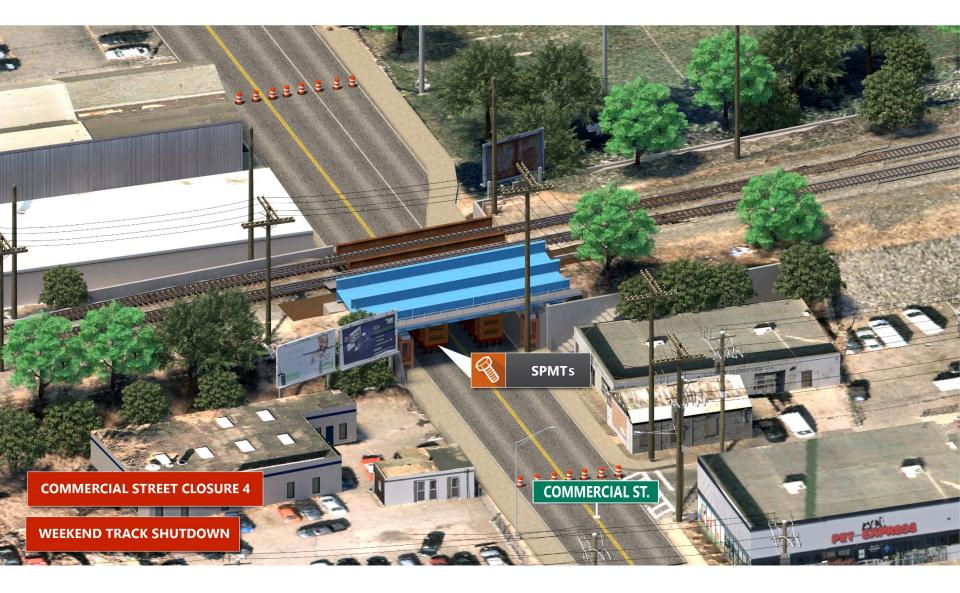




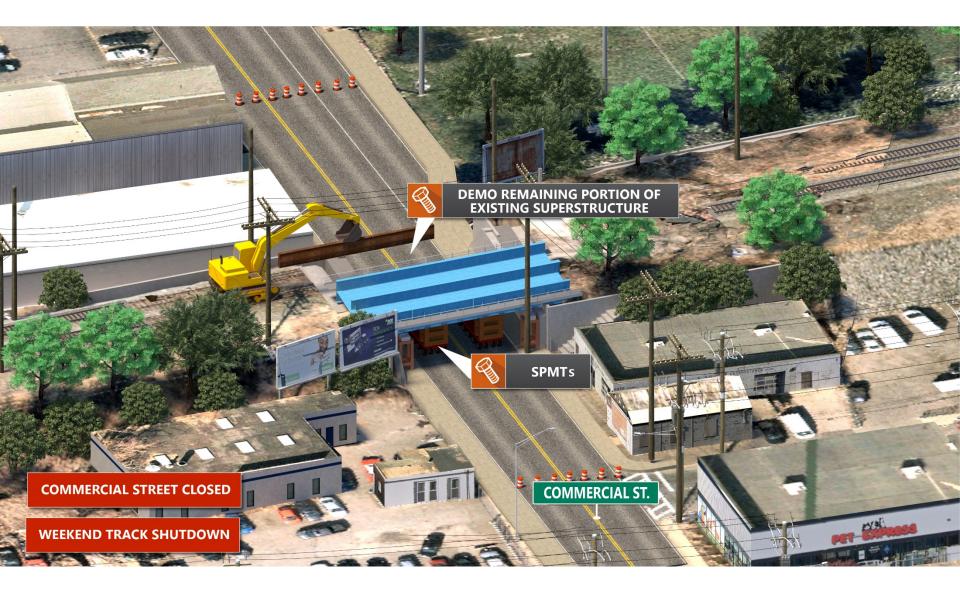






























#### **Traffic Detours**



## **Project Status and Schedule**

- Construction
  - Site Clearing Fall 2020
  - Site Prep Fall 2020
  - Foundation Work Spring 2021
  - Partial Demo of Existing Bridge Spring 2021
  - Construct New Bridge Summer 2021
  - Move New Bridge Into Place Fall 2021
  - Site Cleanup Spring 2022





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#### **Questions?**

