



FY 2027 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application

Application Instructions:

- I. All applications must be received by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by January 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. to be considered for funding for the FY 2027 grant round.
- II. Each municipality may only submit **ONE** application as a Word Document.
- III. Each project must have its own form within the appropriate category. Forms can be found below as Parts A-E. If there is more than one project in a category, please copy the form. All attachments should directly follow the relevant project form.
- IV. Be sure to fill in all the information requested on the application. Applications that are left incomplete will not be accepted.
- V. All applications must submit a detailed scope of work and timeline for implementation for all projects identified in the application.
- VI. All applications must contain appropriate backup materials that support the application.
- VII. The Municipal Grant Manager will be the person responsible for compiling the information for the quarterly reports. The application must be signed by the municipal administrator or an individual with signatory authority. Submit this completed form as well as any relevant attachments to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov or as a response to the **COMMBUYS Bid BD-26-1068-1068C-1068L-121911**.

For more detailed instructions as well as the full FY 2027 Application Guidelines visit <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>

Municipal Grant Manager Information (Person for filing all Quarterly Reports, etc.):
Applicant: City of Somerville
Vendor Code: VC6000192138
Name: Alan Inacio
Title: OSPCD Director of Finance and Community Development
Email Address: ainacio@somervillema.gov
Telephone: 617-625-6600 ext. 2539
Address: City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

Grant Budget Summary

Your community’s FY 2027 proposed allocation can be found at <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/>.

Use the space below to total all requests by category. Please clarify how many discreet projects your community plans to undertake per category.

Total FY 2027 Allocation:		
Application Totals by Category	# of Projects	Requested Amount
A. Community Planning	0	
B. Public Safety	0	
C. Transportation	1	\$284,700
D. Gambling Harm Reduction	0	
E. Specific Impact	0	
TOTAL	1	\$284,700

(Applicants should indicate administrative costs by project where necessary and under specific impact when the funds will be directed across multiple projects.)

Are you requesting a waiver for any program Requirement?

Yes _____

No X

If yes, you must fill out a CMF Municipal Waiver Form. The waiver form can be found as Appendix E to the RFR on COMMBUYS or online at <https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/>.

Applications without a completed waiver form will not be considered for a waiver.

Budget Category Summary

Use the space below to provide an overview of all projects to be covered by this funding. You may add as many items as is pertinent to your application (you can add rows by right clicking on the row and selecting “add row”). Please provide a category, name, brief description, and amount for each item.

Category	Project Name	Description	Amount
A. Community Planning			0
B. Public Safety			0
C. Transportation	Eastern Washington Street Transit Priority Project	Reconstruction of bus stops and installation of curb extensions, shorter crosswalks, and separated bike lanes at the Myrtle Street and Innerbelt Road intersections	\$284,700
D. Gambling Harm Reduction			0
E. Specific Impact			0

Applicant Certification

On behalf of the aforementioned applicant, I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this application.



Signature:

1/27/26

Date:

Jacob D. Wilson, Mayor

Name and Title of Signatory:



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR JAKE WILSON

January 26, 2026

Mary Thurlow
Senior Program Manager
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal St., 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Thurlow,

On behalf of the City of Somerville, I am very pleased to submit the accompanying application to the FY27 Community Mitigation Fund Municipal Block Grant Program requesting support for the Eastern Washington Street Transit Priority Project. This innovative initiative will result in major improvements to the Myrtle Street and Innerbelt Road intersections and facilitate safer travel to and from the Encore Boston Harbor Casino.

Our planned improvements include bus stop reconstruction, installation of curb extensions for better access to sidewalks, shorter crosswalks that will reduce the distances pedestrians must traverse when crossing Washington Street, separated bike lanes behind bus boarding platforms to increase bicyclist safety, and in-lane pick-up and drop-off of bus passengers to make bus travel faster and more efficient. These upgrades will significantly increase safety and ADA accessibility, reduce congestion, streamline traffic flow, and prioritize public transit in a high-traffic, high-density area that is only 1.7 miles from the casino.

I hope you will partner with us to ensure the success of this crucial project. Thank you for your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,

Jacob D. Wilson
Mayor



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Part B- Transportation The application should include sufficient backup information for the review team to fully understand the project(s). This information could include locus maps, requests for proposals, detailed scopes of work, etc.

Project Name: Eastern Washington Street Transit Priority Project	
Please provide below the contact information for the individual managing this aspect of the grant. If there are multiple people involved in the grants management, please add more lines to accommodate their information.	
Project Contact:	Additional Project Contact (if applicable)
Name: Justin Schreiber	Name: Tom Galligani
Title: Senior Planner	Title: OSPCD Executive Director
Department: Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)	Department: Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)
Email Address: jschreiber@somervillema.gov	Email Address: tgalligani@somervillema.gov
Telephone: 617-625-6600 ext. 2508	Telephone: 617-625-6600 ext. 2531
Address: 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143	Address: 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143
<p>I. Please use the space below to identify the impact of the gaming establishment on your municipality. You may use the impacts identified in the FY 2027 Guidelines relevant to this category. If you are using an impact not identified in the guidelines, please use the space below to identify the impact. Please provide documentation or evidence that supports the determination that the operation of the gaming facility causes or is causing the impact (i.e., surveys, data, reports, etc.)</p> <p>The City of Somerville’s Eastern Washington Street Transit Priority Project will mitigate the safety and congestion risks associated with increased traffic to and from the Encore Boston Harbor casino. The high-traffic, high-density East Somerville neighborhood relies heavily on MBTA bus services that run on Washington Street between Sullivan Square and Union Square, including the new high-frequency Route 109 service that reaches downtown Everett via Broadway. The MBTA’s ability to deliver reliable service on Route 109 and shift gaming facility patron and workforce trips to transit depends on this bus navigating through high-congestion locations like Eastern Washington Street.</p> <p>The project will reconstruct bus stops at high-delay signalized intersections at Myrtle Street and Innerbelt Road. Curb extensions will be installed to improve accessible paths of travel for pedestrians and transit riders, and will allow MBTA buses to save time by stopping in-lane rather than pulling out of traffic. By reducing traffic congestion and supporting safer, easier access to the high-frequency bus, the project will help optimize transportation to the casino resort.</p>	
<p>II. Please describe the project in detail and how the proposed project will address the impact indicated above. Please include a breakdown of the proposed scope of work, the scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.</p>	

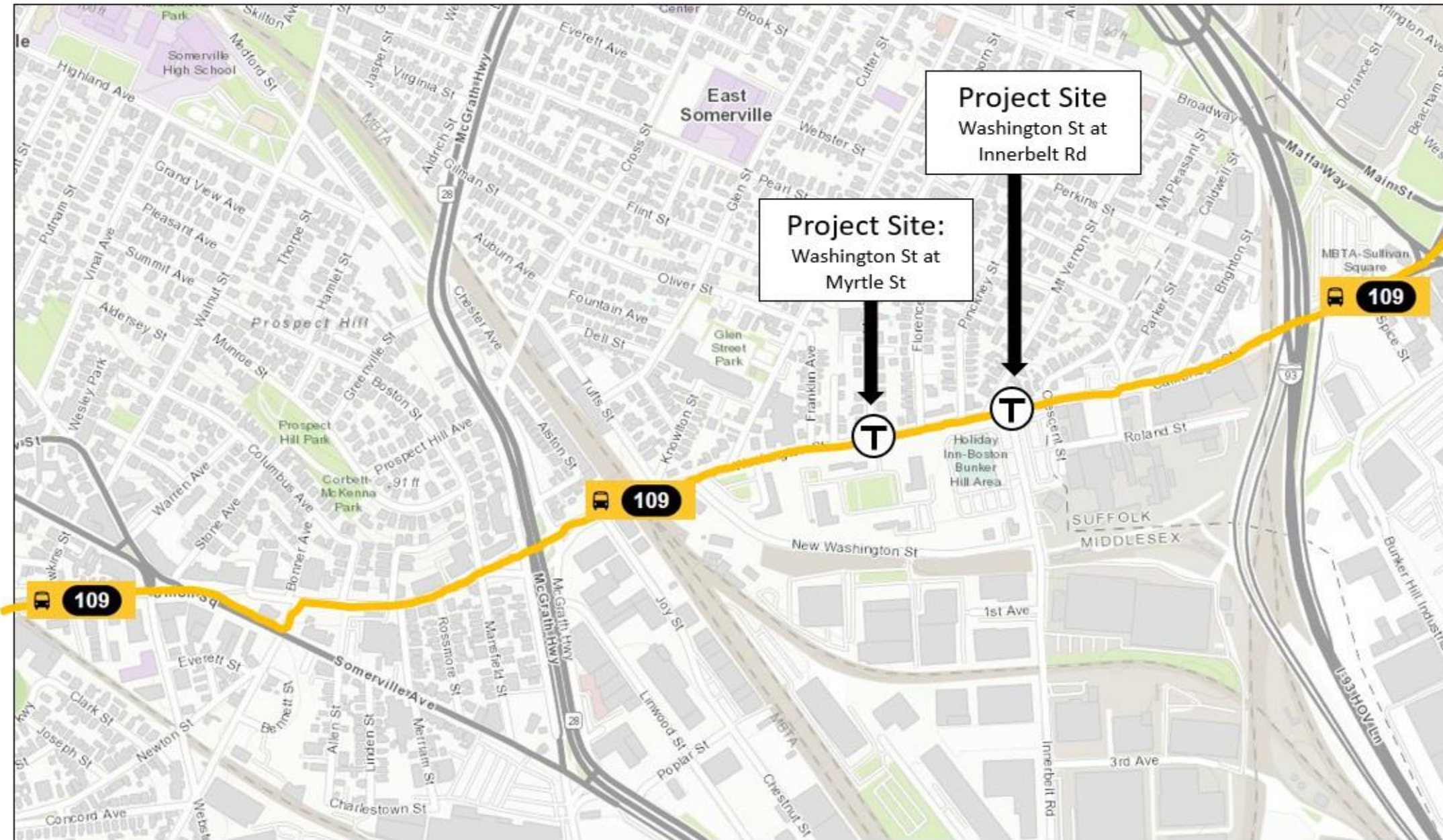
The project will reconstruct bus stops to improve accessibility and transit reliability on Somerville's eastern Washington Street. This section of Washington Street was identified in the Encore Boston Harbor traffic impact assessment. Attachment B on page 31 of the FY27 CMF Program Guidelines shows that Washington Street is used by approximately 4% of casino-related traffic. The MBTA's 2024 Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Final Report also identifies Washington Street as an important link in the regional transit network. By reconstructing bus stops at the signalized intersections of Washington Street / Myrtle Street and Washington Street / Innerbelt Road, the City of Somerville proposes to improve MBTA bus speed and reliability and improve rider experience on the high-frequency MBTA Route 109 service, which connects Washington Street to Broadway in Everett via Sullivan Square.

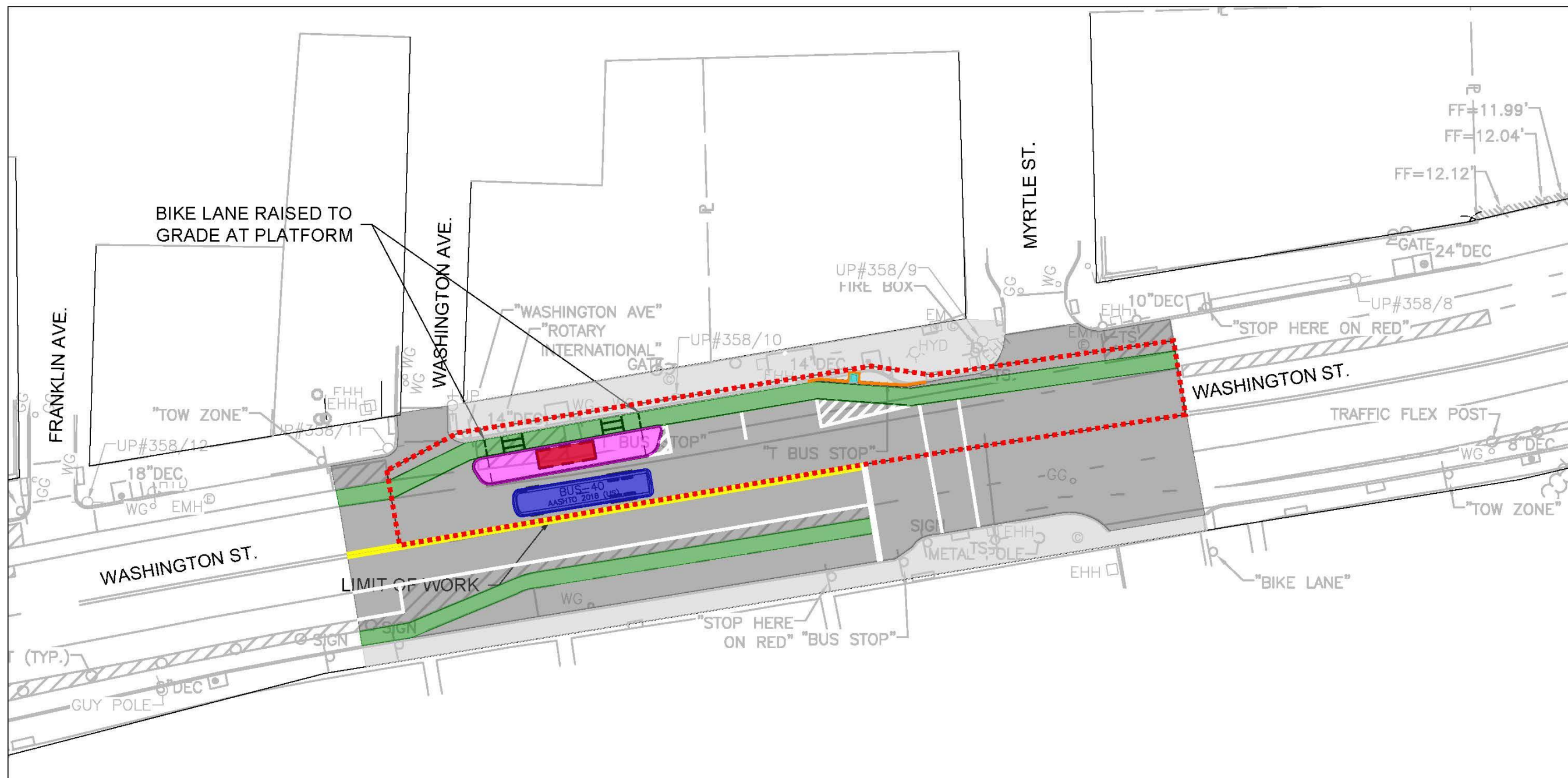
The City is currently preparing design for bus stop reconstruction at these two signalized intersections using MGC grant funds awarded in a 2019 joint transportation application between the City of Somerville and the City of Everett. The scope of the bus stop upgrades is anticipated to include curb extensions to improve ADA access along sidewalks, increase pedestrian safety by shortening crosswalk distances across Washington Street, enhance bicyclist safety by establishing separated bike lanes behind bus boarding platforms, and boost bus transit performance by allowing buses to stop in-lane for boarding and alighting. The widened bus boarding platforms are anticipated to allow installation of MBTA standard bus shelters, which are currently anticipated to be provided by others following completion of this construction project.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$580,000 (see budget line items below). The City of Somerville is requesting a FY27 CMF grant of \$284,700 for construction.

Proposed MGC Grant Budget			
Please use the following table to outline the project budget. Please include as an attachment any requests for proposals, quotes, or estimates that would quantify the costs associated with the mitigation.			
Description of Purchase/Work	Timeline	QTY	Budget
Soft costs, design, permitting/planning	Winter 2026 – Fall 2026	\$180,000	\$0
Construction bidding/procurement	Fall 2026 – Winter 2027	\$0	\$0
Construction	Summer 2027 – Summer 2028	\$400,000	\$284,700
	TOTAL:	\$580,000	\$284,700

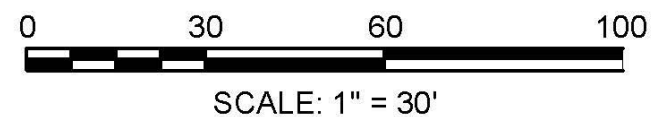
Figure 1: Project Location





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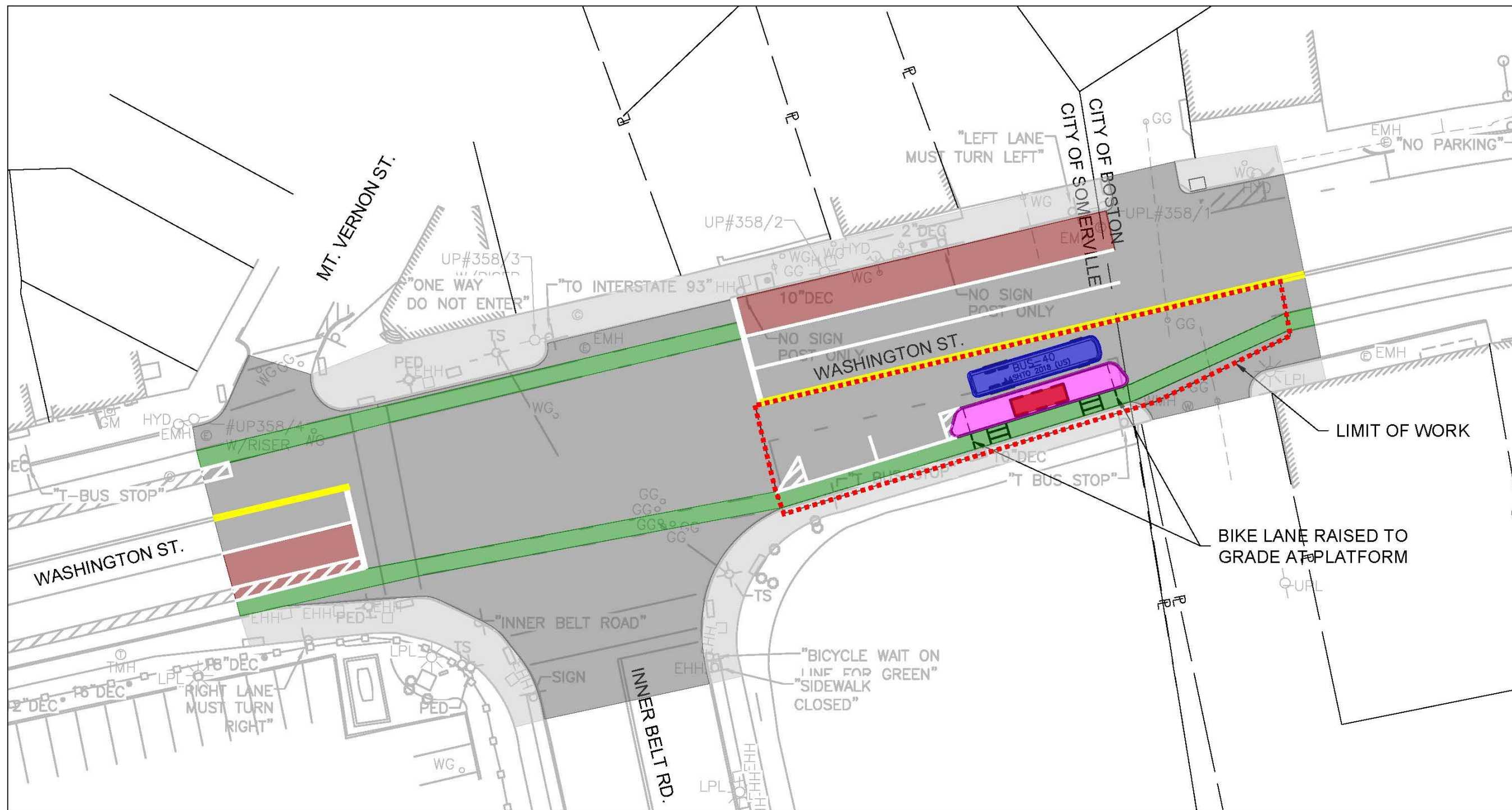
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2. LIMIT OF WORK INCLUDES: IN LANE BUS STOP, FLOATING BUS STOP CONSTRUCTION, PARKING SPACE RE-STRIPING, BIKE LANE GRADE RAISE AND RE-ALIGNMENT, PEDESTRIAN CROSSING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, NEW CURB, DRAINAGE GRATE RESET.
3. GEOMETRICALLY COMPLIANT TO MASSDOT, MBTA, AND CITY OF BOSTON STANDARDS.
4. DESIGN VEHICLE: 40 FOOT CITY BUS
5. LIMIT OF WORK: 5930 SF



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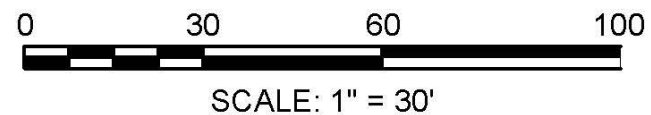
Figure 2: Concept Design Washington at Myrtle





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3. THERE ARE NO EXPECTED UTILITY IMPACTS.
4. GEOMETRICALLY COMPLIANT TO MASSDOT, MBTA, AND CITY OF BOSTON STANDARDS.
5. DESIGN VEHICLE: 40 FOOT CITY BUS
6. LIMIT OF WORK: 4425 SF



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Figure 3: Concept Design Washington at Innerbelt