



## 2023 OVERRIDE

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for Newton on  
Three Questions

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# ONE OPERATING OVERRIDE

Horace Mann Elementary	\$775,000
Streets and Sidewalks	\$1,400,000
Parks, Fields, Courts and Playgrounds	\$1,000,000
Plant and Nurture Trees	\$500,000
Sustainability and Climate Resiliency	\$500,000
Senior Services and Programs	\$500,000
Supporting Student Needs	\$4,500,000
	\$9,175,000

- *Permanent tax increase*
- *Starts on July 1, 2023*

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## TWO DEBT EXCLUSION OVERRIDES

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Countryside Elementary

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Annual amount to  
service 30-year bonds

\$2,300,000

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Franklin Elementary

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\$3,500,000

- *Temporary tax increase for the life of the bonds*
- *Kicks in when we start bonding*

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# FIXING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS AND MAKING THEM SAFER – \$1.4M

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# TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

## Program Goals

To strategically enhance the City of Newton's roadway and sidewalk network and provide an improved level of service. The City strives to provide a great user experience for all modes of transportation including pedestrian, bike and vehicles.

The goal of the City is to accommodate all users equally which can be utilized by everyone regardless of age, ability, income, or preferred mode of transportation.

The City's Infrastructure Asset Management Program assists in guiding data-driven decision to perform timely maintenance and rehabilitation which best benefits Newton.



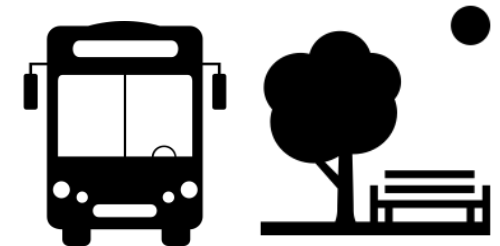
City-owned Roadways

Bicycle Infrastructure



Sidewalks and Curb Ramps

Public Transit

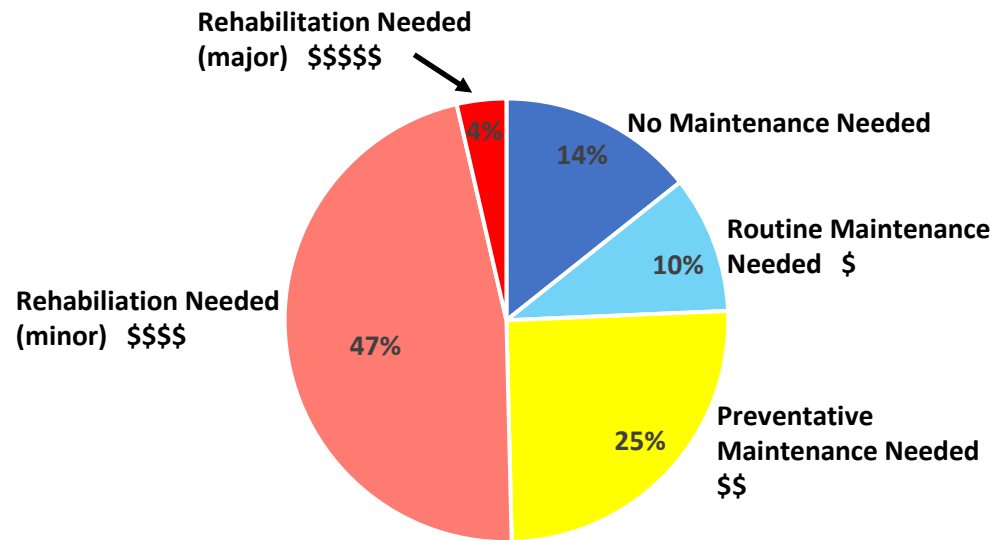


# Roadway Conditions

- Current Average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) 72
- Anticipated Average PCI of 80 in the next 5 years

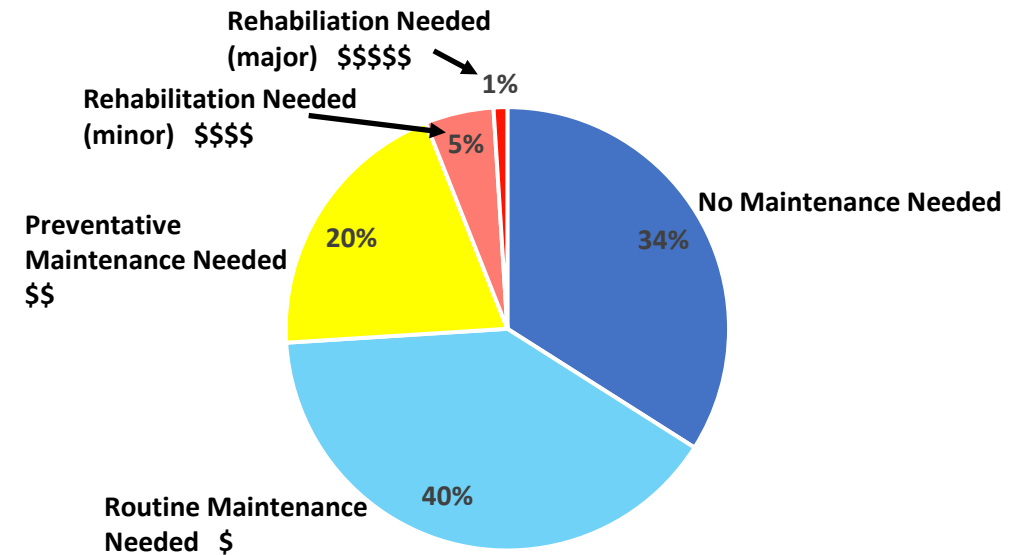
51% of the roads in need of rehabilitation

### Existing Roadway Conditions - 2021

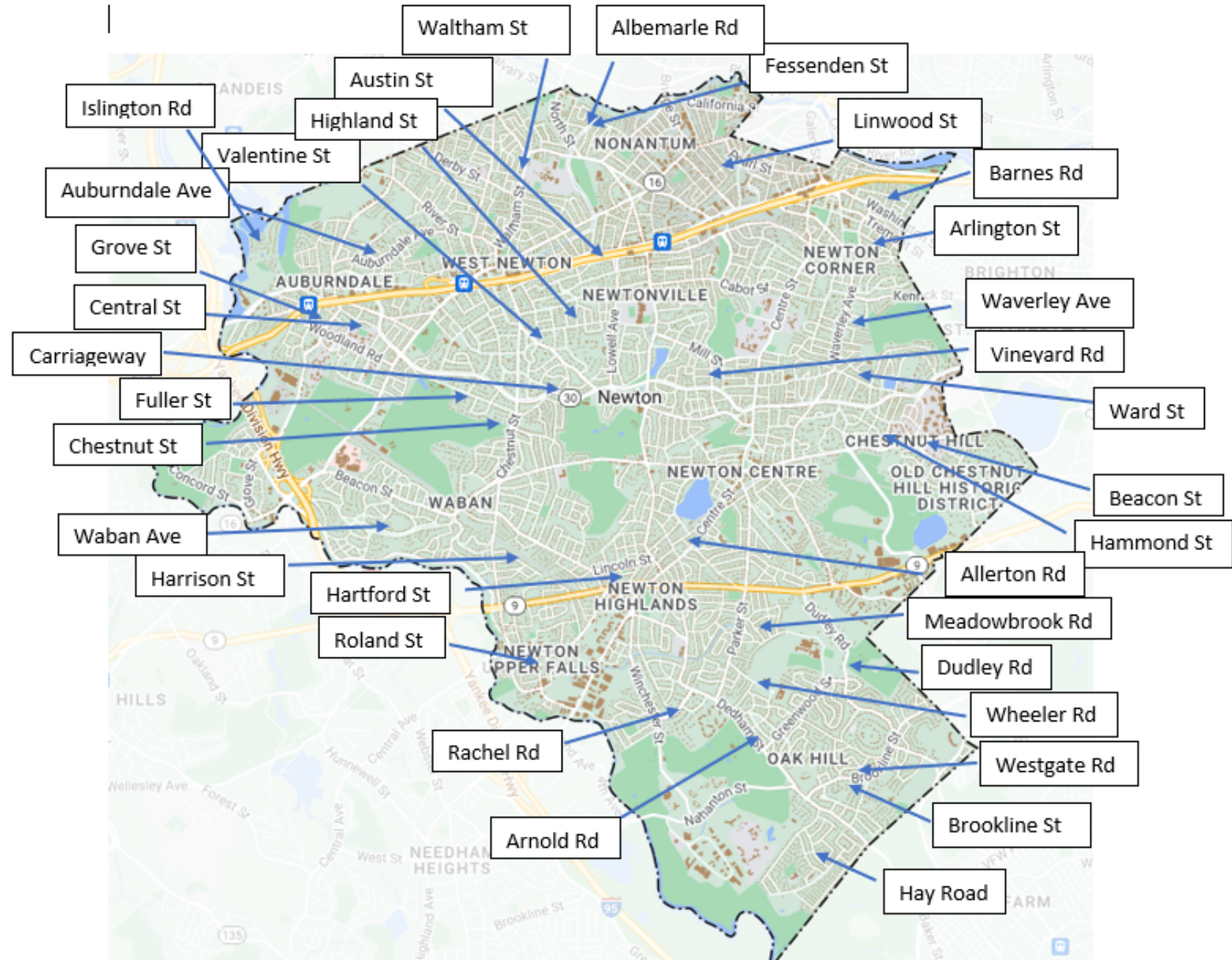


6% of the roads in need of rehabilitation

### Projected Roadway Conditions - 2030



# Examples of major streets to be paved before 2030



# 2023/2024 Upcoming Major Rehabilitation Roadway Projects



Chestnut Street



Wheeler Road



Meadowbrook Road



Vineyard Road

Barnes Road

2023/2024 Upcoming  
Minor Rehabilitation  
Roadway Projects

Maynard Street

Duffield Road

Alderwood Road



Wenham Road



Harrison Street

Google

# 2023/2024 Upcoming Minor Rehabilitation Roadway Projects

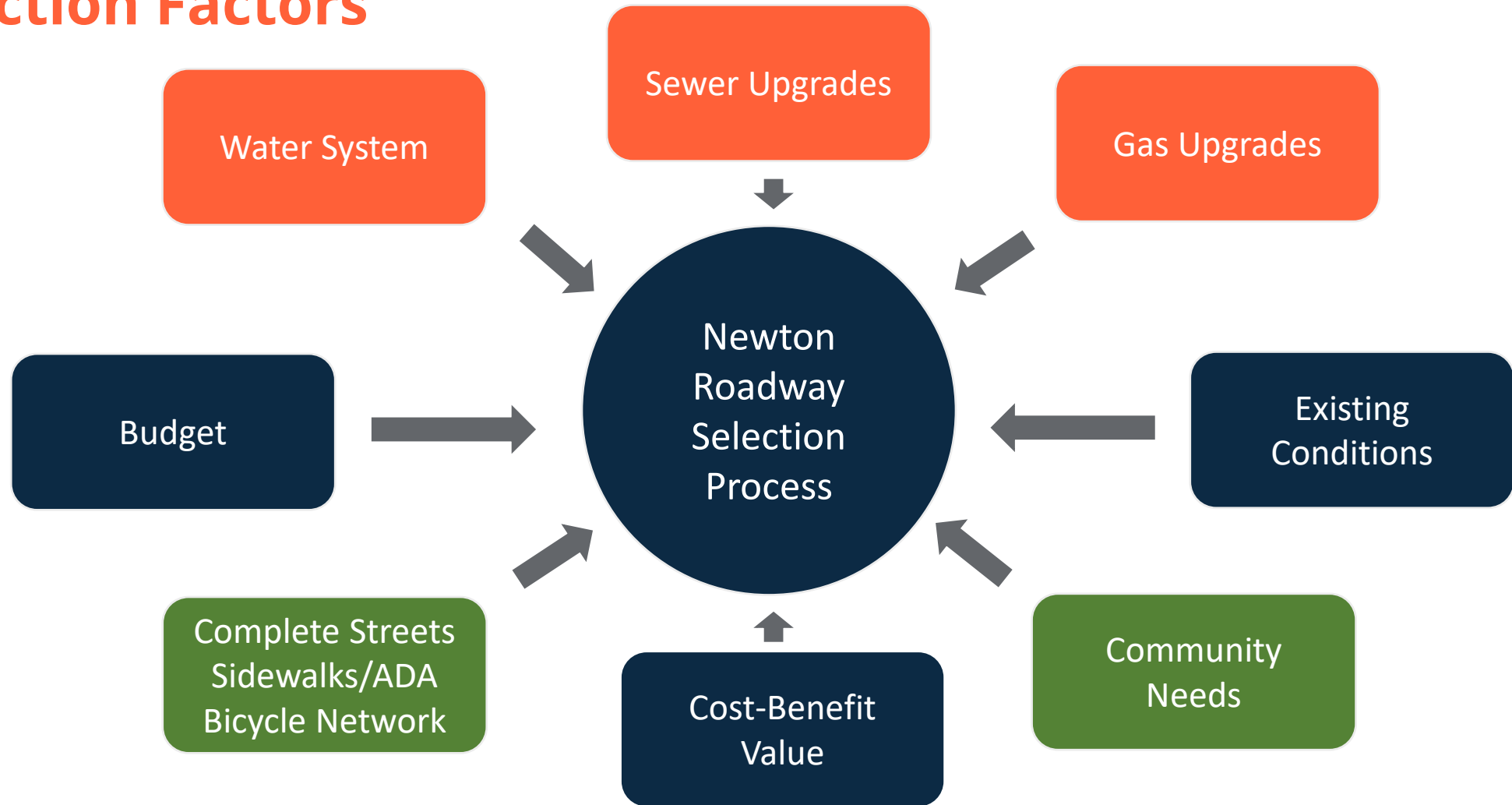



Arnold Street

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# ROADWAY SELECTION PROCESS

## Selection Factors



An aerial photograph of a residential street in a suburban neighborhood. The street is lined with mature trees, some showing autumn foliage in shades of orange and yellow. Several houses with gabled roofs are visible. The street features traffic calming measures, including a white truck, a white car, and a person in a yellow safety vest. The road has a curved section and a crosswalk. A solid orange bar is at the bottom of the image.

## Traffic Calming Projects

Lowell Avenue @ Austin Street

Lowell Avenue @ Hull Street

Waltham Street @ Derby Street

Elliot Street between Linden Street and Circuit Avenue

California Street between Bridge Street and Dalby Street

Grant Avenue between Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street

Florence Street between Boylston Street and Louise Road

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## ARPA Investments Streets & Sidewalks

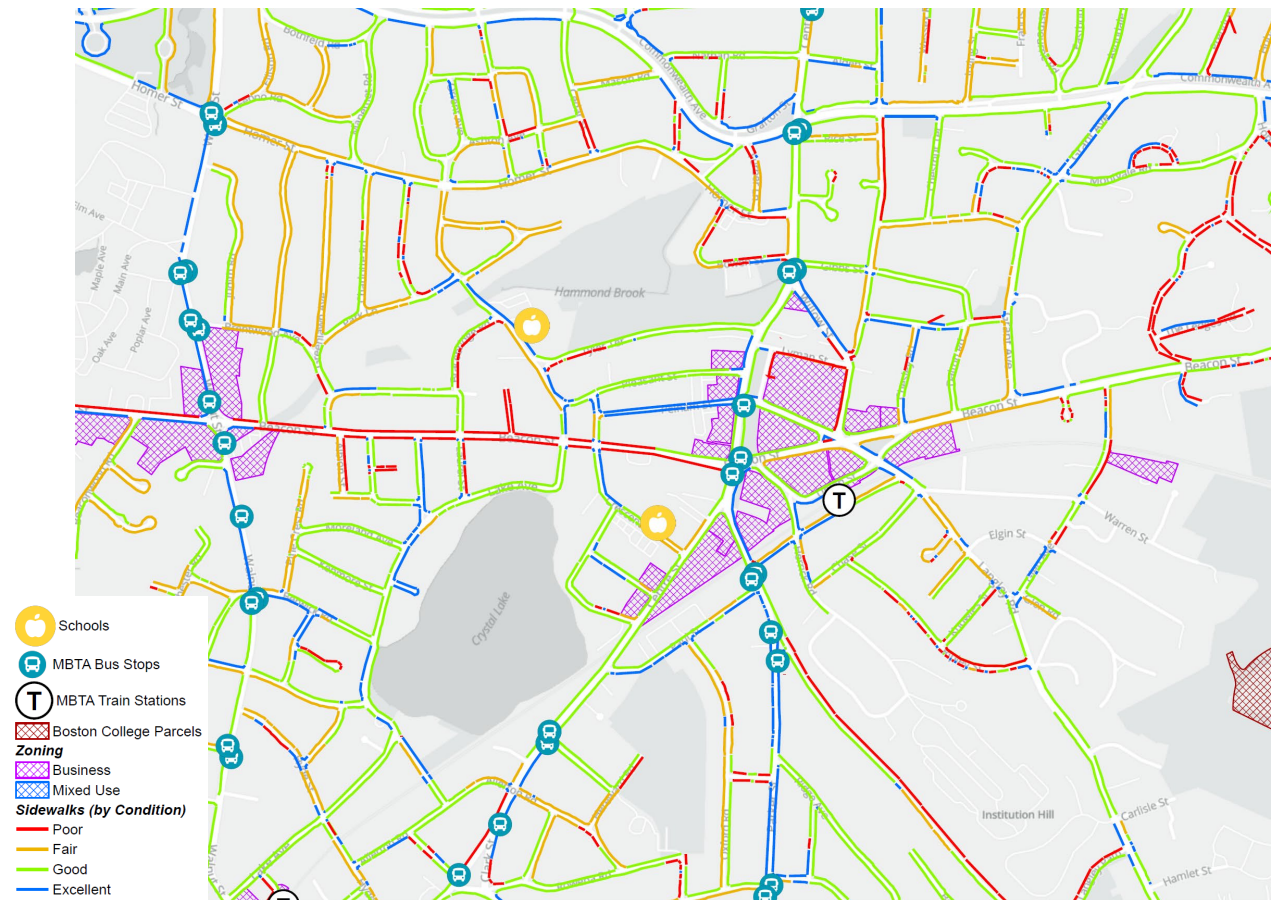
- Paving/Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements  
\$6.5 Million
- Traffic Calming Projects  
\$2 million
- Accessibility Improvements  
\$350,000



# PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PRIORITIZATION PLAN

## Priority Analysis

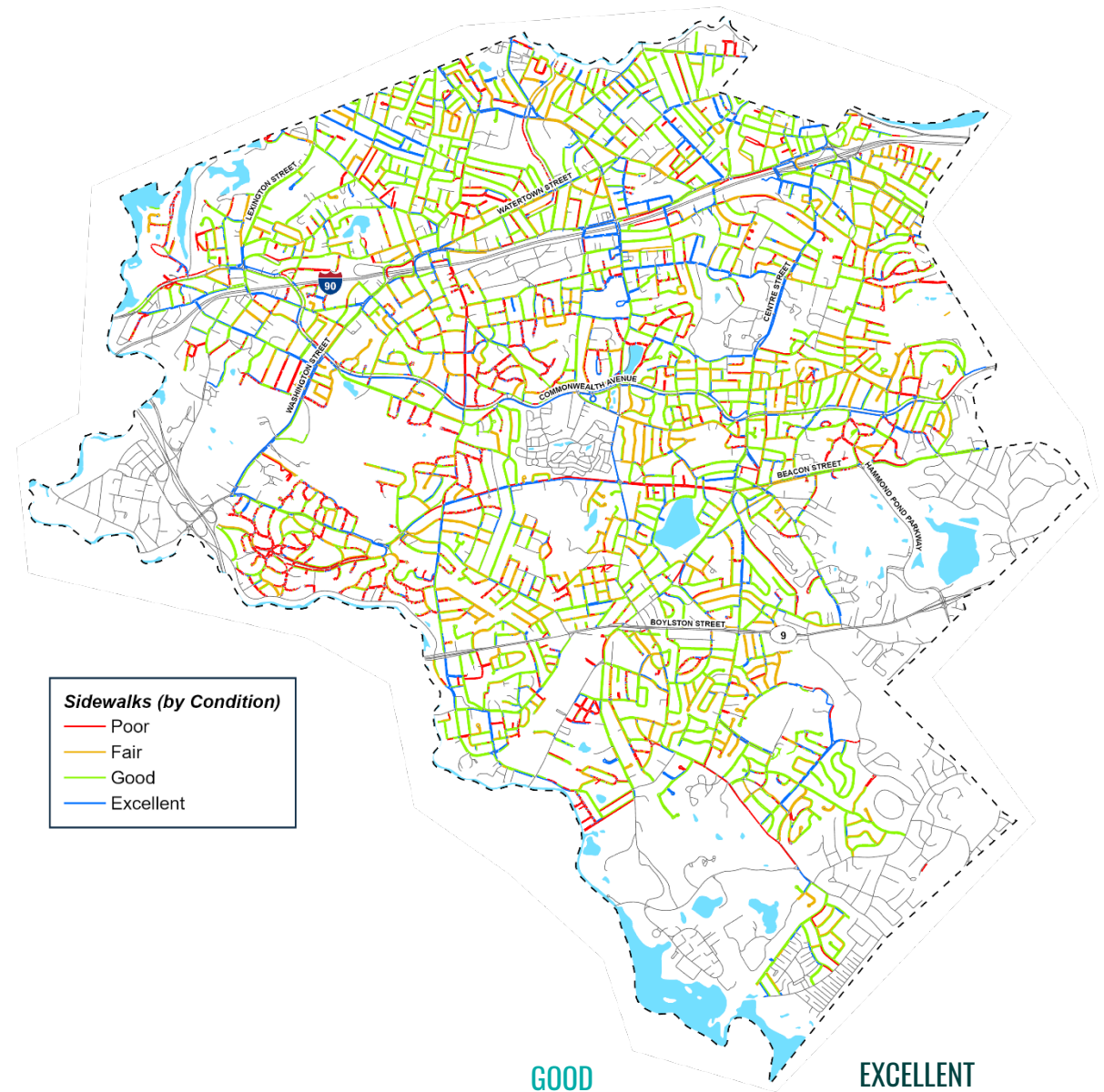
- Inventory output
  - Deficiencies in the network
- ADA & AAB Compliance
- Priority pedestrian routes
  - Schools
  - Businesses and Mixed-Use Developments
  - Transit
  - Local points of interest
- Roadway classification
  - Connections the roadway provides within the network
- Gaps in the network
- Safe Routes to School



# PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

## Sidewalk Inventory Results

- 414 miles of sidewalk infrastructure were evaluated and mapped (to-date)
  - Excellent/Good = 38%
  - Fair = 42%
  - Poor/Replace = 20%
- The City of Newton maintains approximately 5,100\* curb ramps



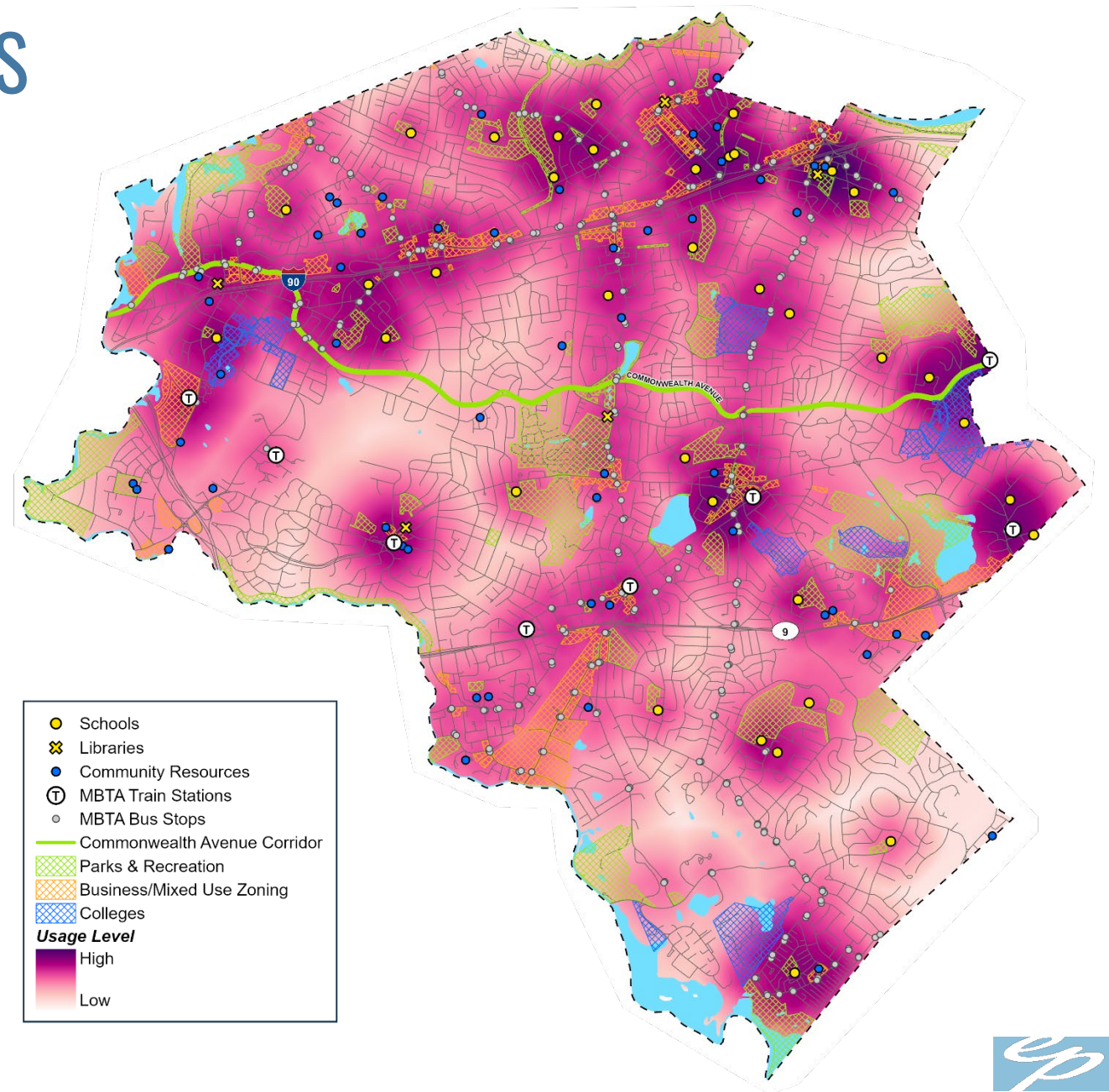
\* Evaluation is ongoing. DPW is working to finalize existing conditions and report on findings in summer/fall 2022



# PEDESTRIAN USAGE ANALYSIS

## Pedestrian Activity Map

- Results show where pedestrian activity will most likely occur
- Assists with prioritizing repairs and provide the most value to the community
- We will also utilize crash/accident data for prioritization of projects

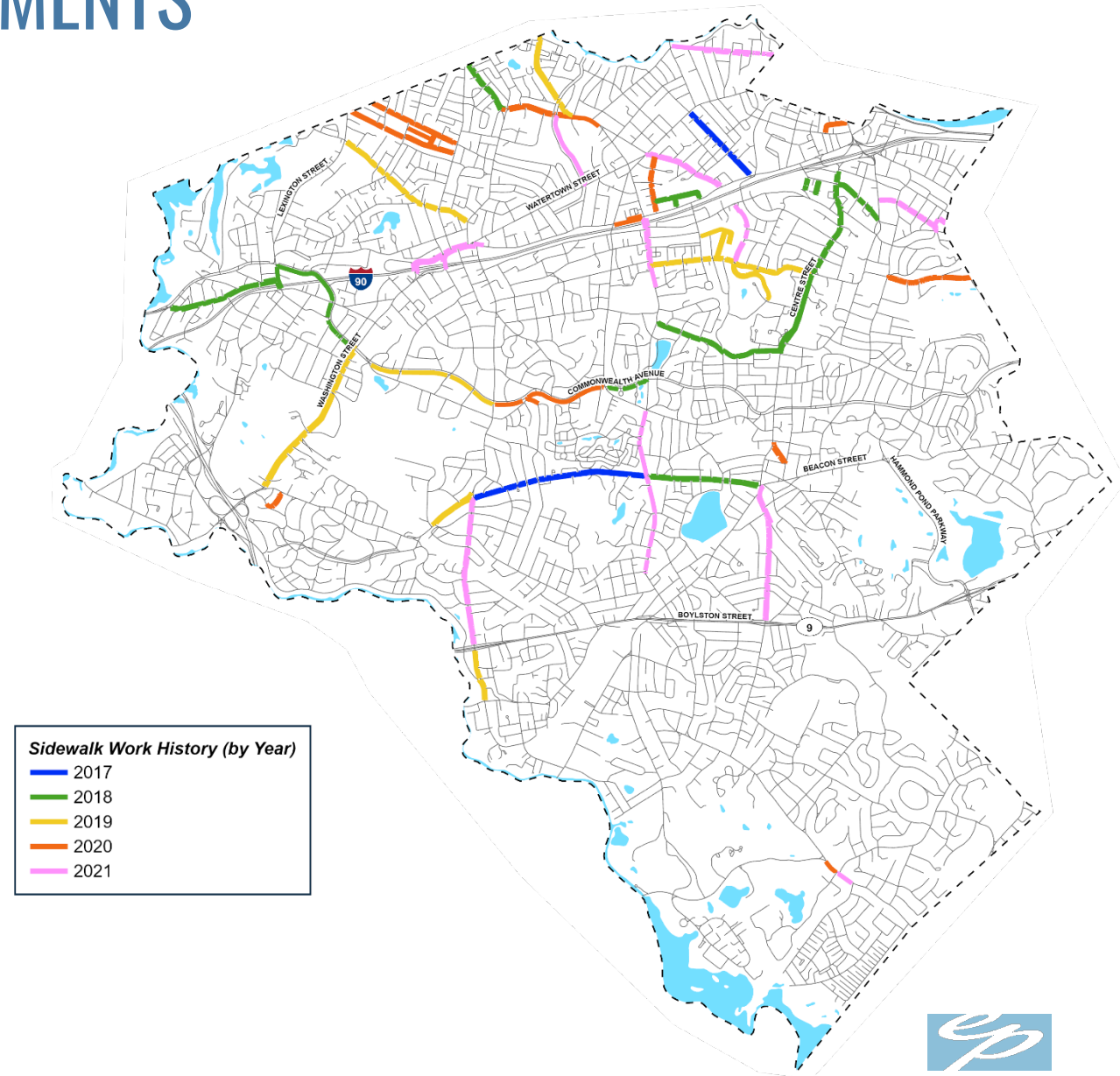




# PEDESTRIAN NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

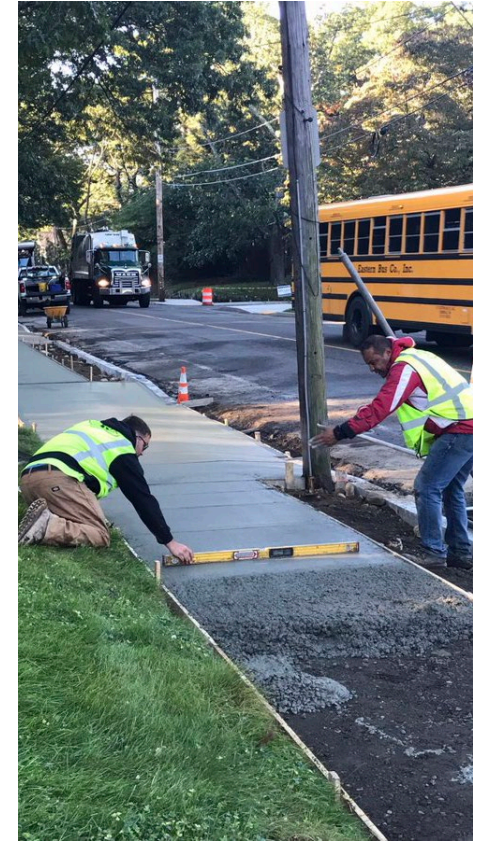
## Major Sidewalk Construction

- Mileage by Year
  - 2017 = 2.60 miles
  - 2018 = 8.34 miles
  - 2019 = 8.39 miles
  - 2020 = 6.29 miles
  - 2021 = 8.33 miles
- Number of Curb Ramps by Year
  - 2017 = 55
  - 2018 = 164
  - 2019 = 56
  - 2020 = 89
  - 2021 = 179



\* Work history numbers are approximate





# Recent Sidewalk Improvements

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# Inflation

## Examples of Significant Price Increases

### DPW

- Mack dump truck w/ spreader      Last Year - \$300,000      This Year - \$365,000 – **22% increase**
- Ford F550 dump truck w/ spreader      Quoted - \$93,000      Now - \$142,000 – **45% increase**
- Trackless sidewalk tractor      Quoted - \$120,000      Now - \$150,000 – **30% increase**
- Asphalt Costs      Last Year - \$92/ton      This Year - \$100/ton – **9% increase**
- Straight Granite Curb Installed      Last Year - \$50/LF      This Year - \$86/LF – **72% increase**
- Radius Granite Curb Installed      Last Year - \$60/LF      This Year - \$95/LF – **58% increase**
- Concrete Sidewalks      Last Year - \$85/SY      This Year - \$135/SY – **59% increase**
- Concrete Aprons      Last Year - \$90/SY      This Year - \$143/SY – **59% increase**
- Pearl St Parking Lot      Estimate - \$488,637      Bid - \$731,328 – **50% increase**

### City Wide

- Diesel Fuel      Last Year - \$2.27/gal      This Year - \$3.50/gal – **54% increase**
- 87 Octane Gasoline      Last Year - \$2.03/gal      This Year - \$3.01/gal – **48% increase**

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## WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

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### OVERRIDE CALCULATOR

City of Newton, Massachusetts

Estimated Property Tax Increase From March 2023 Property Tax  
Override

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Please enter an address below:

House Number

Street Name

Unit (if applicable)

Search for this Property

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[NEWTONMA.GOV/OVERRIDE](https://newtonma.gov/override)

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## WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

### MEDIAN SINGLE FAMILY HOME VALUE \$1.2 million IMPACT

Q1: OPERATING  
OVERRIDE  
First Year (FY24)  
\$290

Q2 & 3: DEBT EXCLUSION  
OVERRIDES  
Seventh Year (FY30)  
+\$183

### ~25<sup>th</sup> PERCENTILE SINGLE FAMILY HOME VALUE \$750,000 IMPACT

Q1: OPERATING  
OVERRIDE  
First Year (FY24)  
\$173

Q2 & 3: DEBT EXCLUSION  
OVERRIDES  
Seventh Year (FY30)  
+\$110

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# TAX ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER, DISABLED OR VETERANS

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**DOUBLING 7 PROGRAMS**

**EXPANDING 2 PROGRAMS**

- Tax Relief
- Tax Deferral
- Tax Exemption
- Tax Work-Off (with Proxies)
- Water/Sewer Discount

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## OVERRIDE CONTEXT

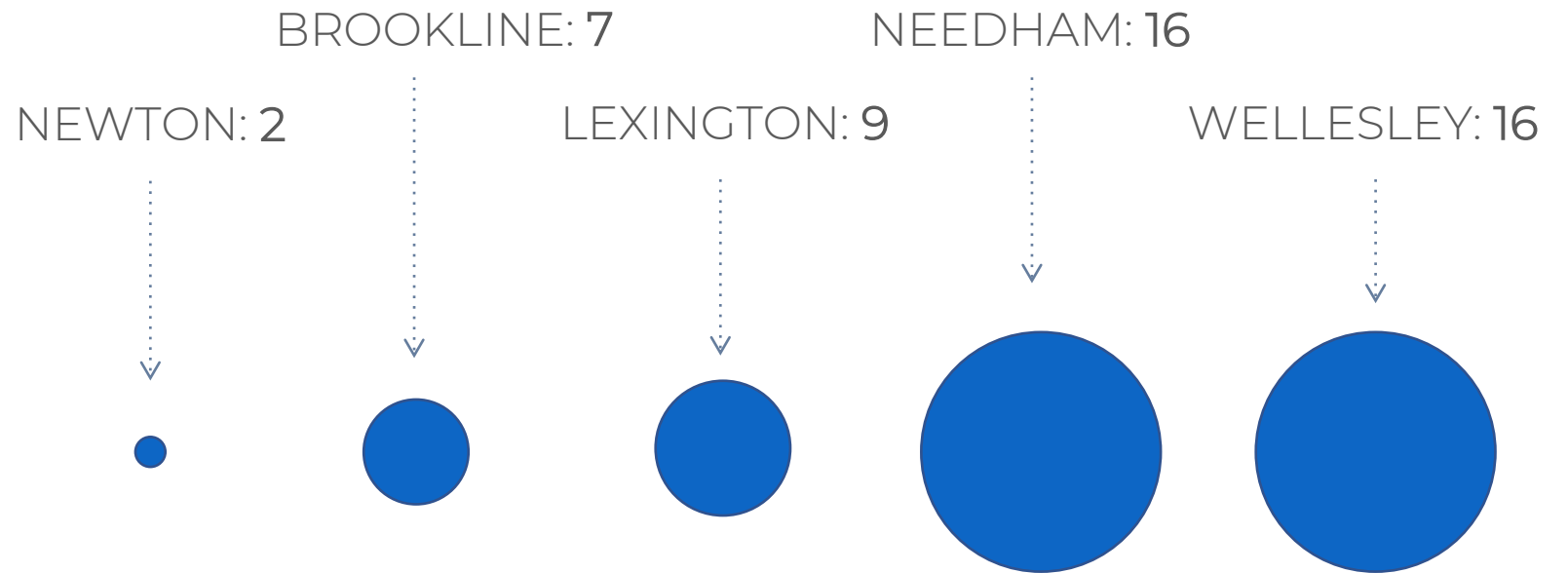
**NEWTON  
OVERRIDES  
EVERY  
10 YEARS**

**2002**

**2013**

**2023?**

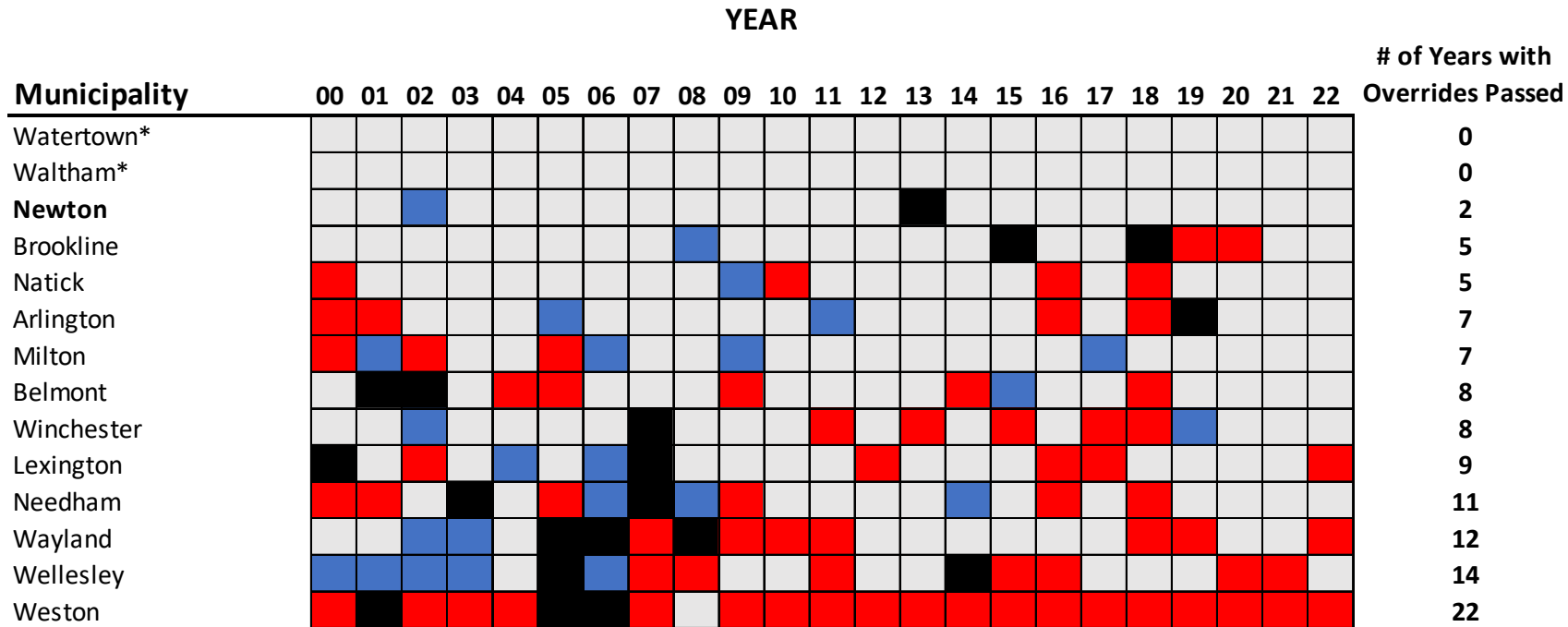
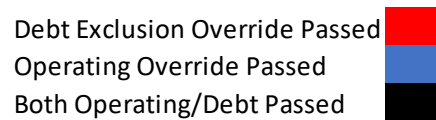
## NUMBER OF OVERRIDES SINCE 2000



*UPDATE 1/3/2023: Further research has indicated that the numbers of overrides since 2000 for the above communities reflect mixing the number of years that overrides passed with the number of total ballot questions. For more specific data on these and additional communities, please see the chart on the following slide.*

# OVERRIDE NEIGHBORING AND PEER COMMUNITY COMPARISON

Municipal Overrides with Comparable Communities



\* Watertown and Waltham both have higher levels of new growth, which has helped obviate the need for an override. Between FY2019-FY2023, Watertown's new growth averaged 4.85% and Waltham's averaged 2.58%, compared to Newton's 1.65%.