



Stopping the Gorham “Divider”

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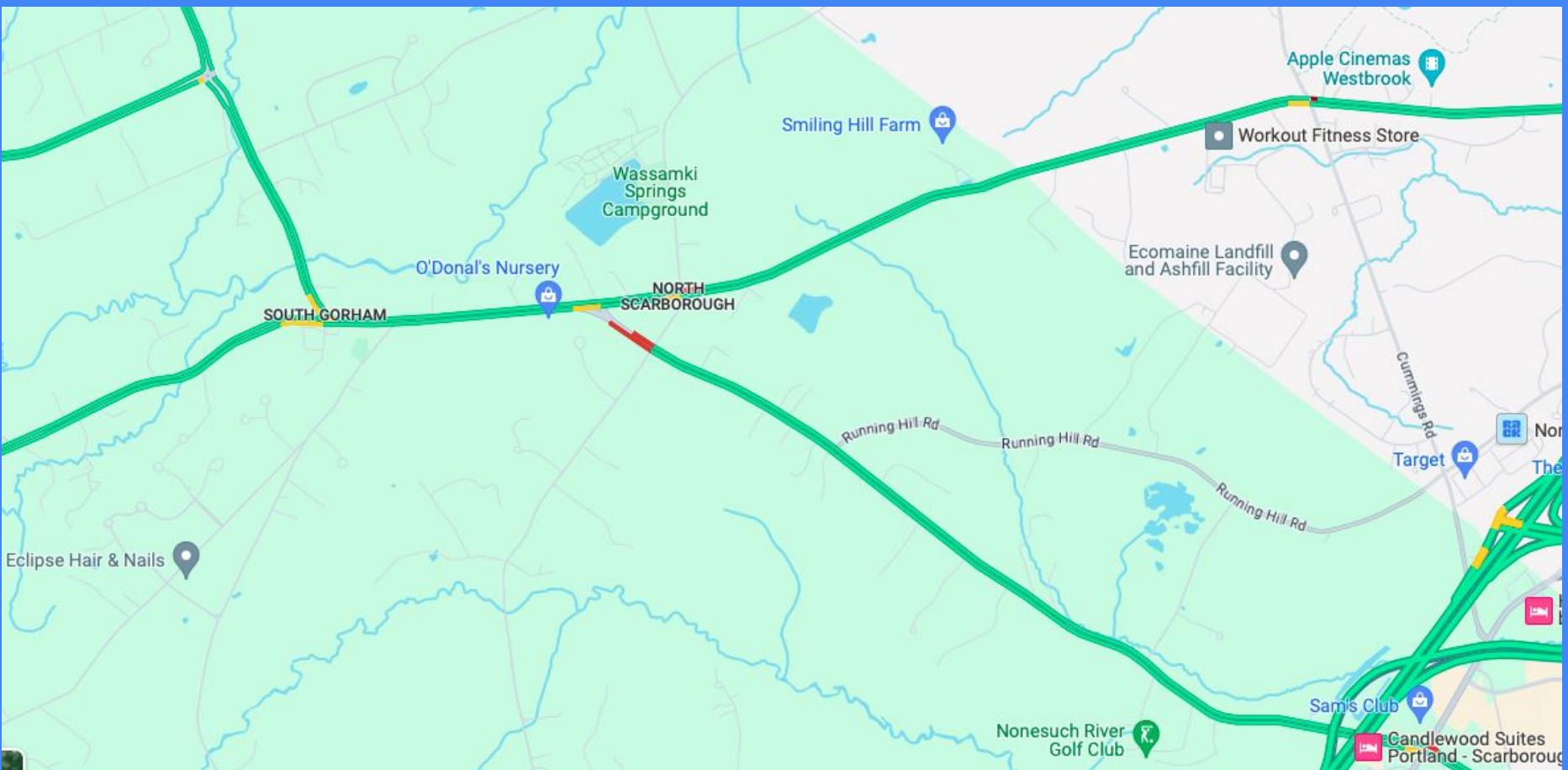


Important question:
Which turnpike exit do
you want your town to
resemble?





The “Problem”



08:15 AM Wednesday May 1, 2024



Smiling Hill Farm

Wassamki
Springs
Campground

SOUTH GORHAM
NORTH SCARBOROUGH
VIP Tires & Service



Live traffic ▾

Fast Slow

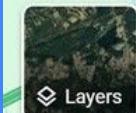
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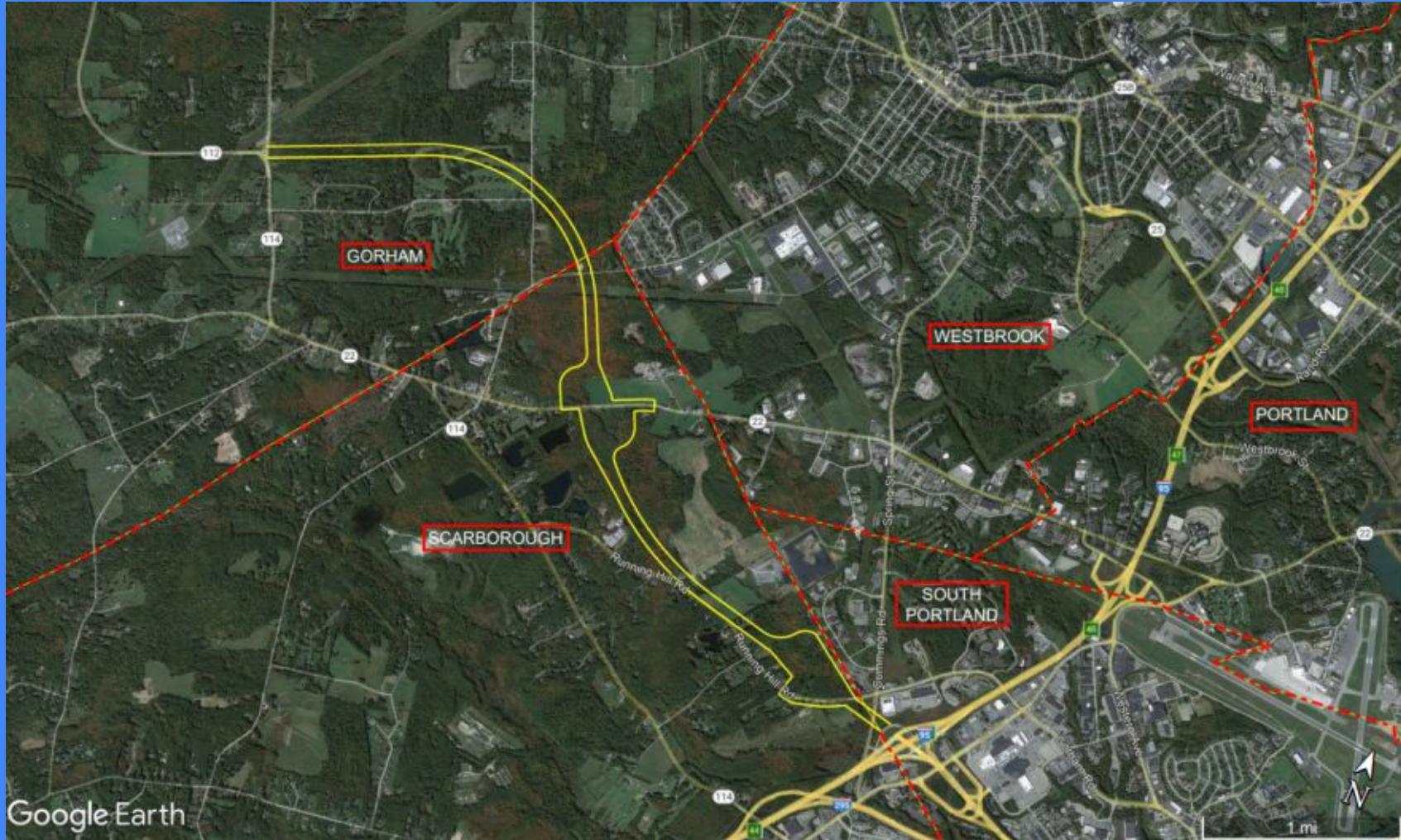


riendly Village

Eclipse Hair & Nails



Their “Solution”



Google Earth

Samantha's

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MTA's Suspect Claims

Claim #1: A highway
is the only way!



[← Gorham Rd](#)

Scarborough, Maine

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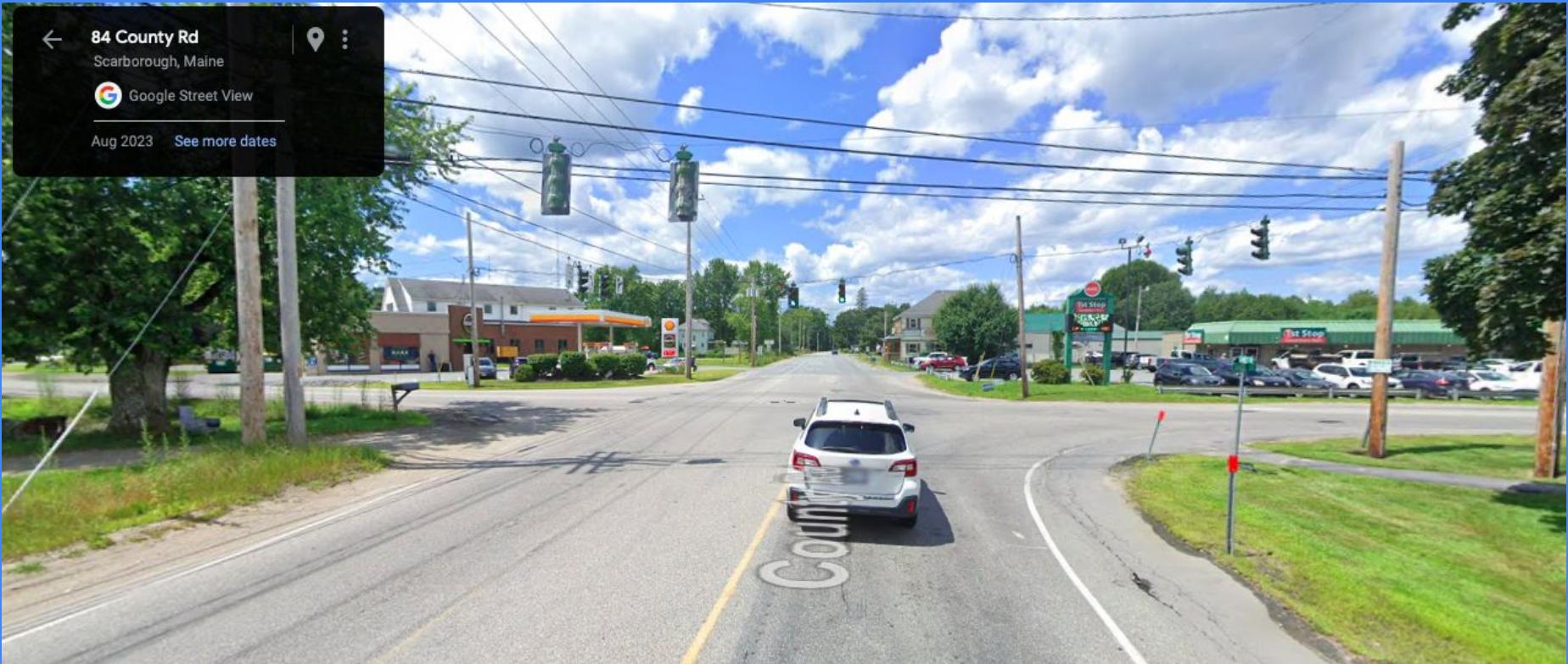


[←](#) 84 County Rd

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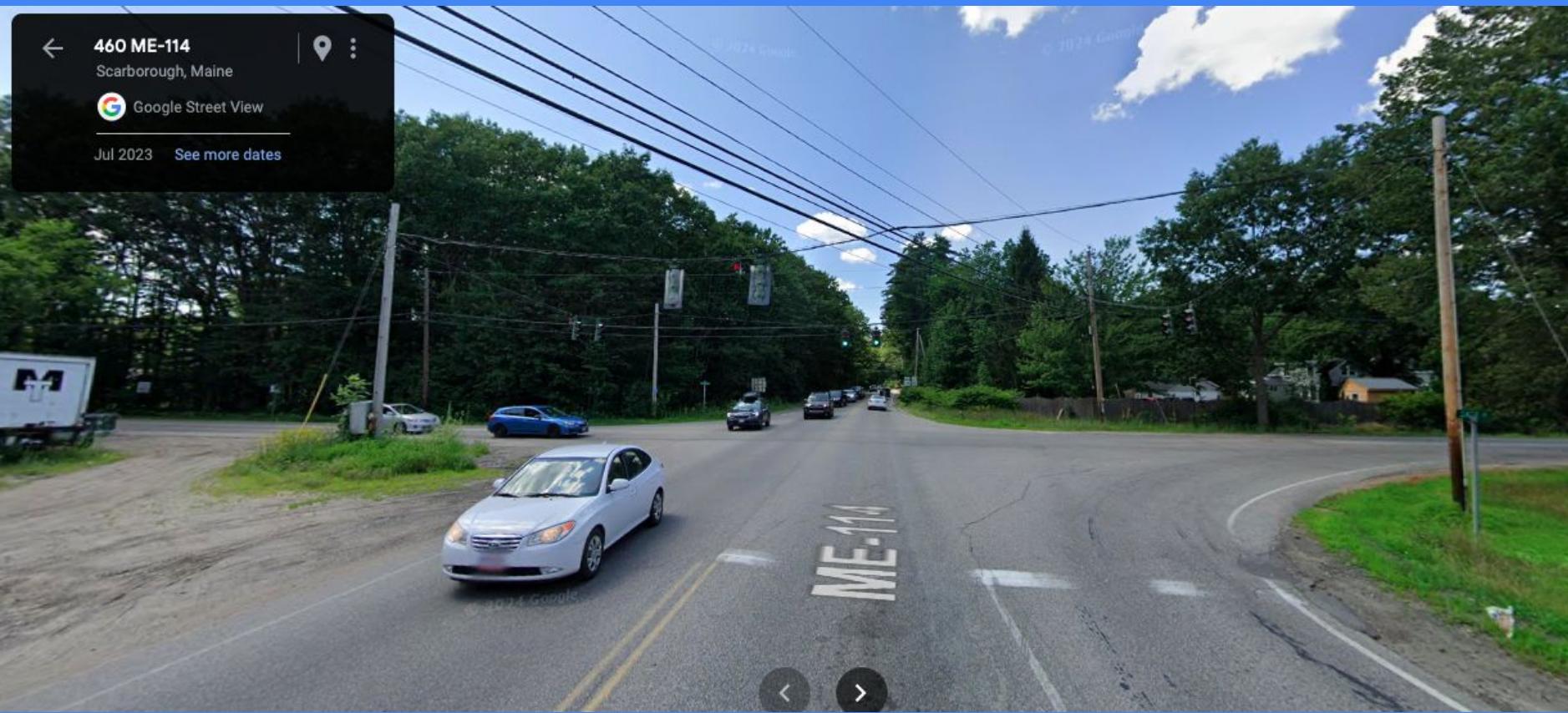


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Scarborough, Maine

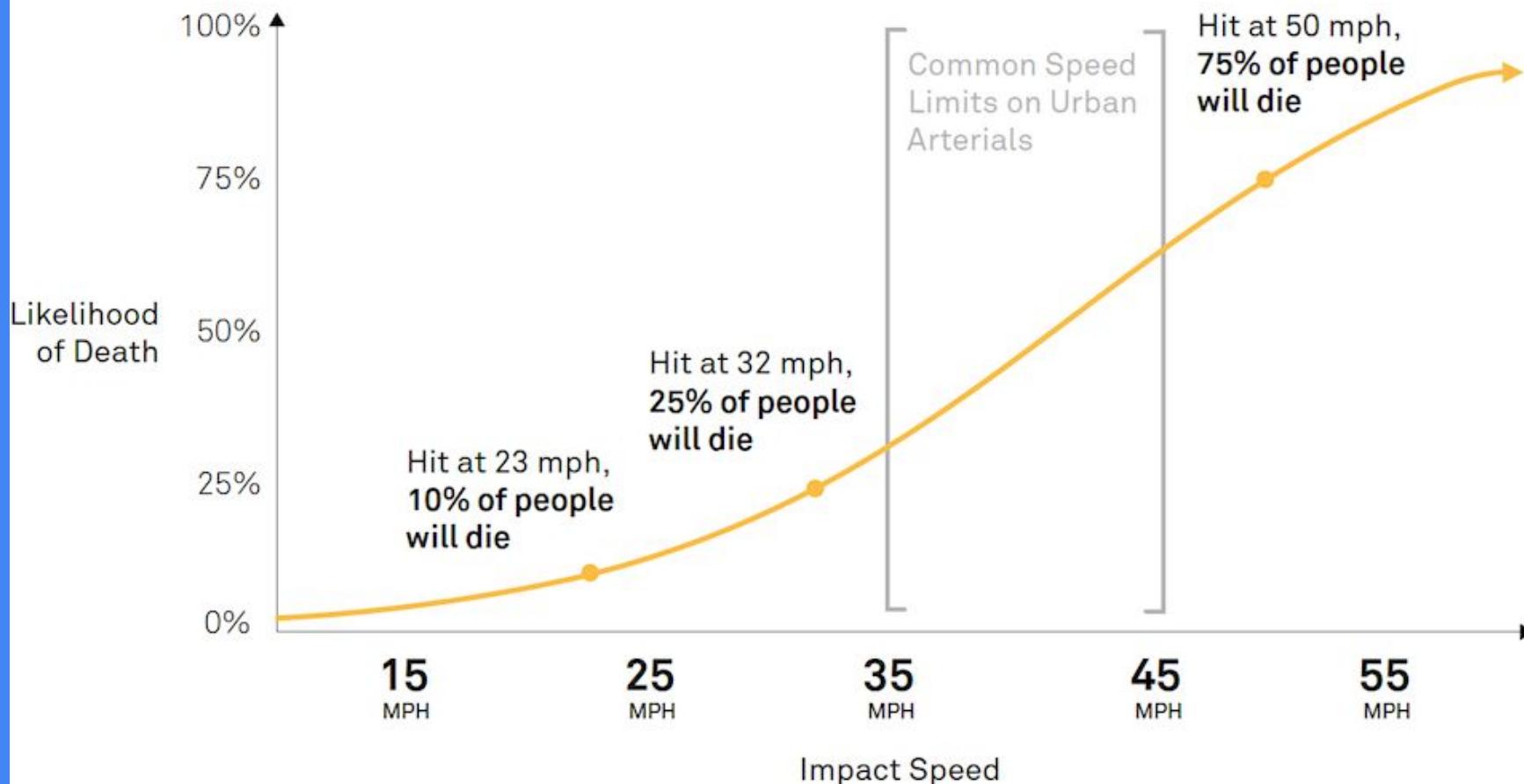
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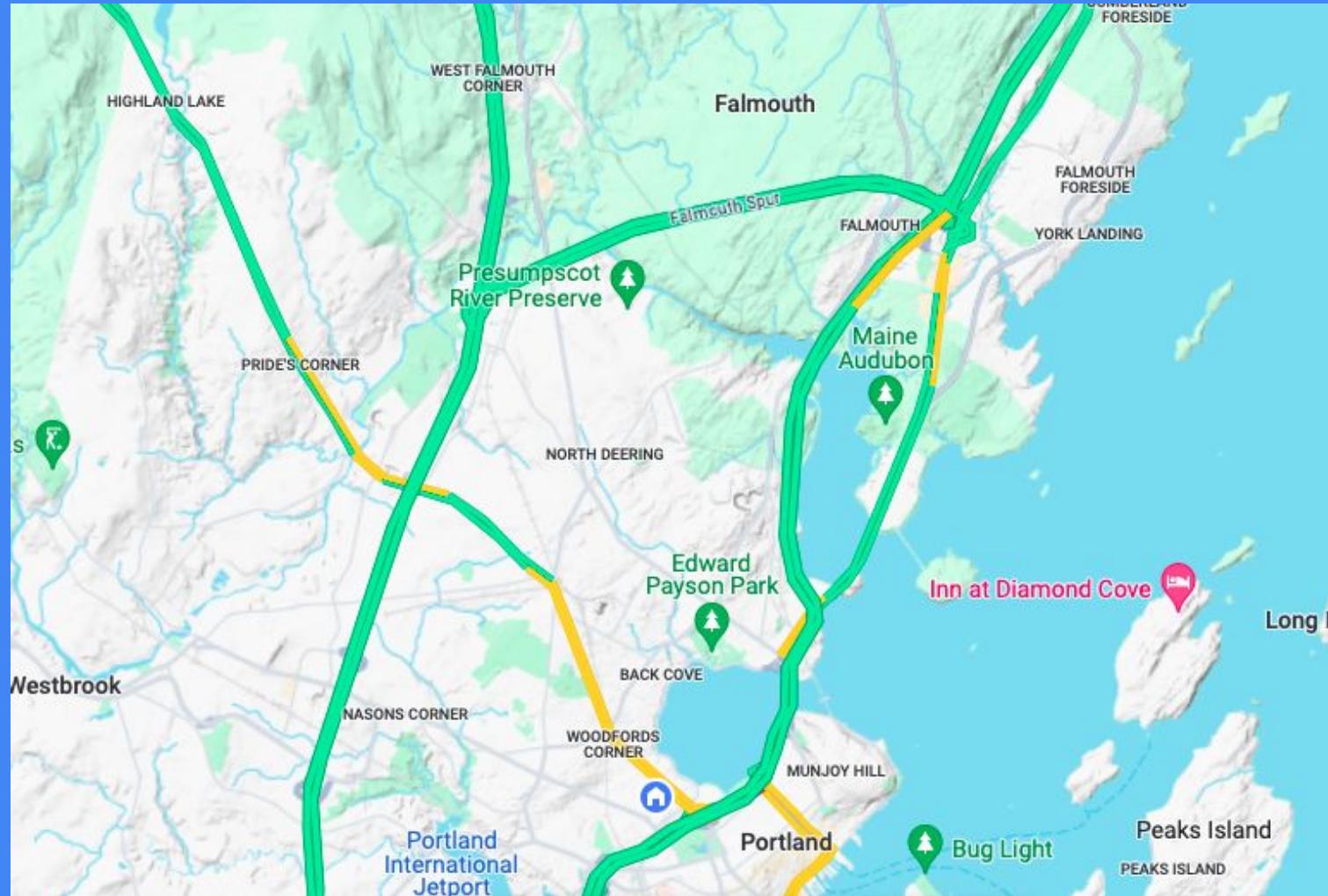


**Claim #2: A highway
will increase safety**

THE LIKELIHOOD OF FATALITY INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY WITH VEHICLE SPEED³²



**Claim #3: The
highway will pay for
itself via tolls**



**Claim #4: The
highway won't
encourage sprawl**



**Claim #5: The
highway is good for
the climate (!!)**

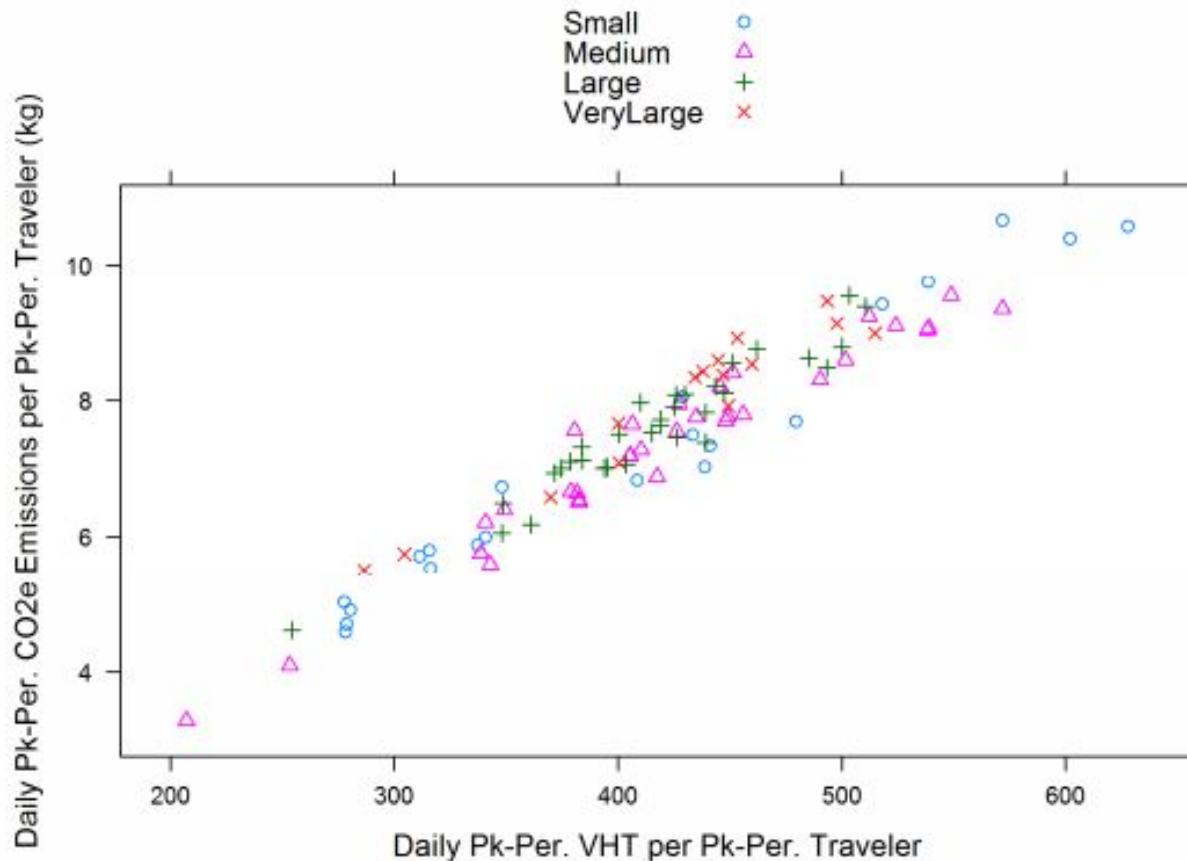


Figure 5. Daily Peak-Period CO₂e Emissions per Peak-Period Traveler versus Peak-Period VHT per Peak-Period Traveler, Segmented by Urban Area Population Size

ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE (ZEV) MARKET SIZE, 2022 TO 2032 (USD BILLION)



SPRAWL!

Clearcut forests

Decades of repaving

Paved farmland

Destroyed wetlands

Massive construction

Tire particulates

WESTBROOK

PORTLAND

SCARBOROUGH

**SOUTH
PORTLAND**

Google Earth



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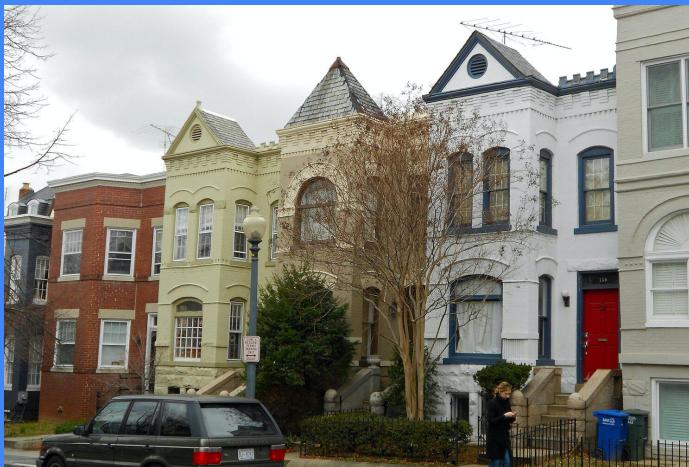
**What do host
communities lose?**





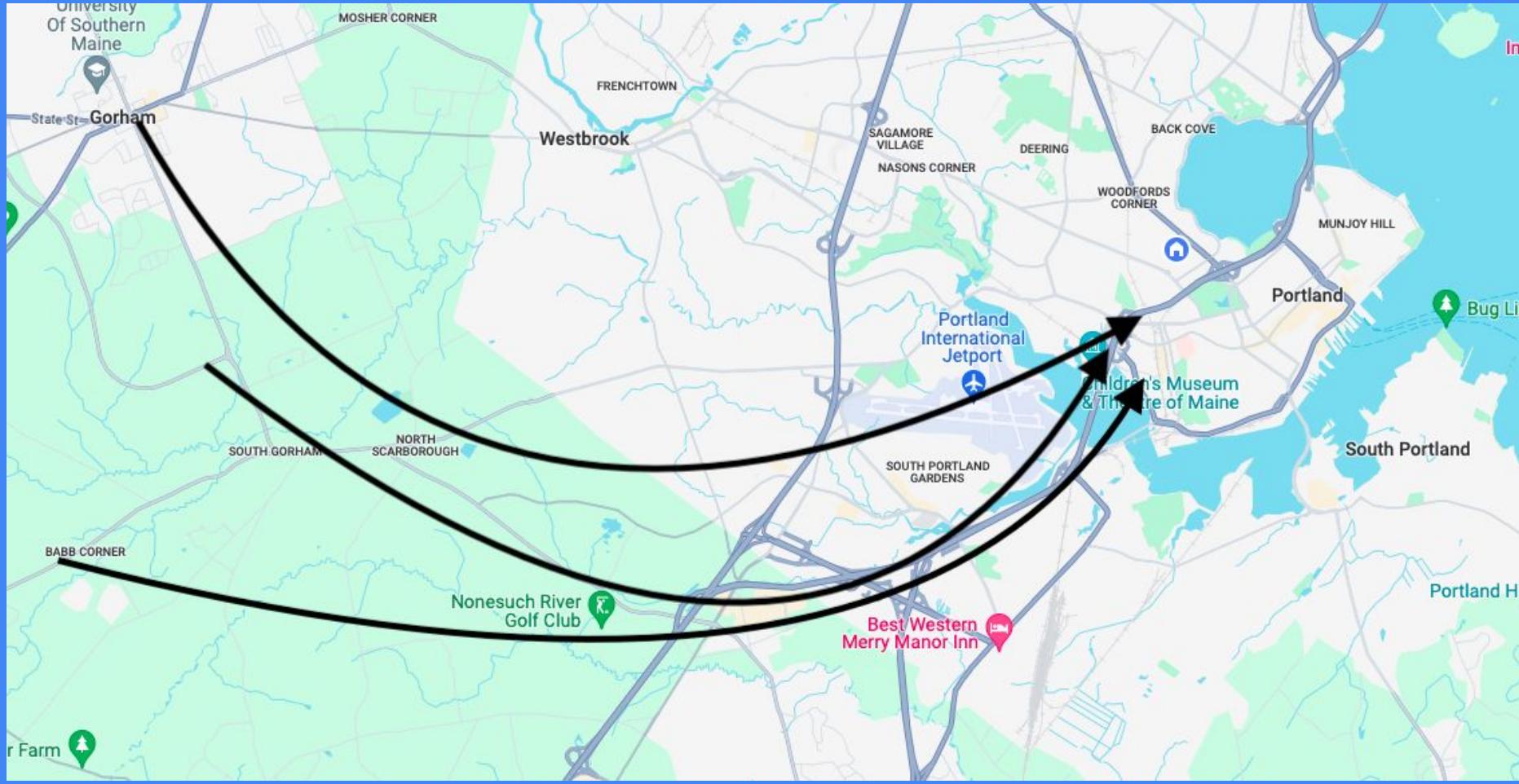


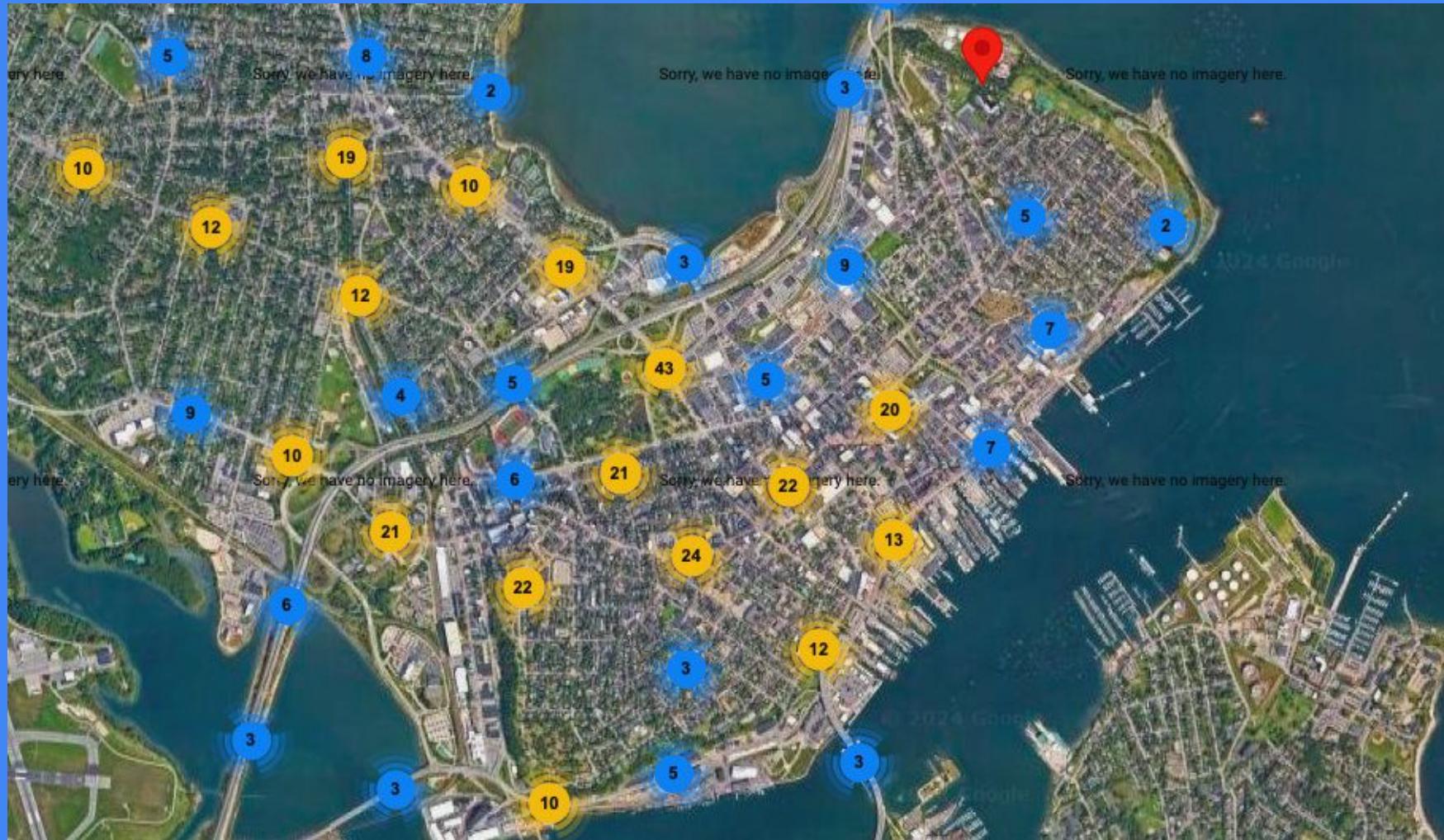




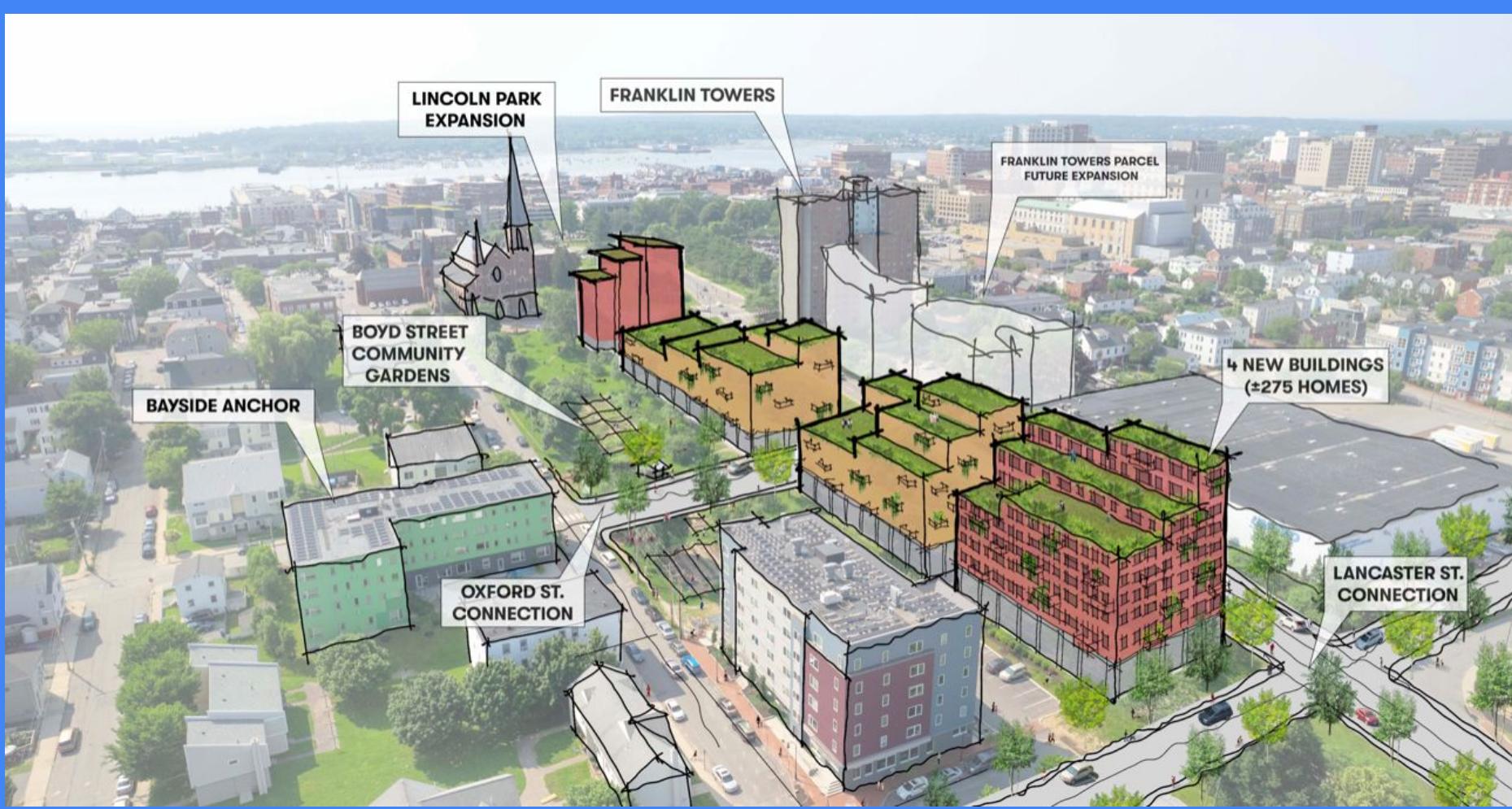


What does Portland
lose?









What are we doing?

Public comment
Op-eds
Coalition building
FOIA requests
Research
Council outreach
Social media
Press releases
Direct advocacy
Tabling at events
Community



Our Asks:

Press pause

Release your data

Put PACTS & MEDOT in charge

Try some alternatives

Comp plan for the area

Reassess



Alternatives to the Gorham “Divider”

A report by Mainers for
Smarter Transportation
(M4ST)

You can get involved!

- Volunteer
- Canvass residents and voters
- Write an op-ed
- Post for us on social media
- Speak at public input sessions
- Talk to your city councilors
- Write a letter to your state legislators
- Talk to a reporter
- Help with graphic design
- Get more organizations to sign up
- Talk to neighbors and friends
- Donate!

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Questions?

