



# ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR STUDY

PORTLAND - EAST HAMPTON

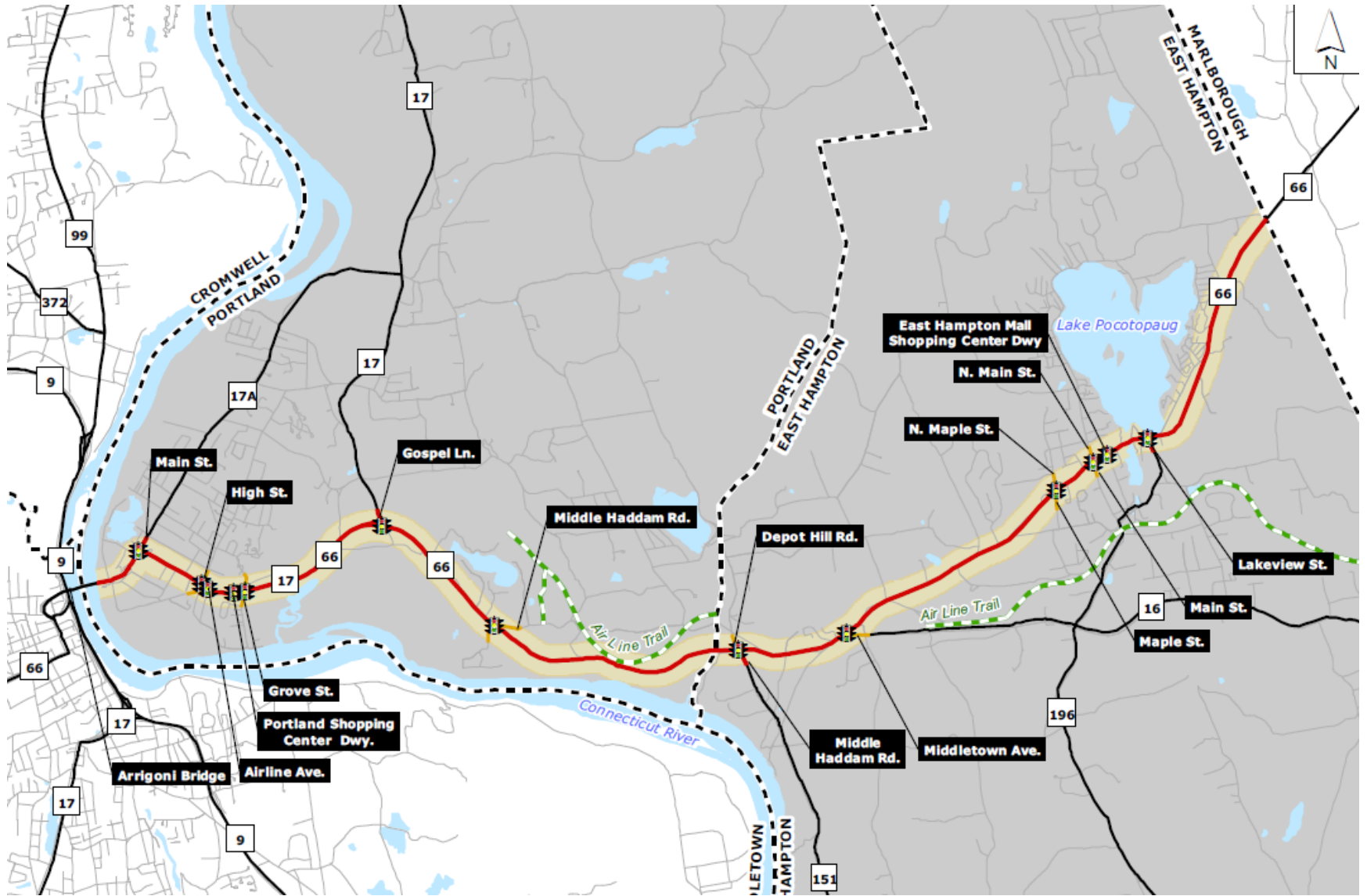
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# STUDY AREA



# STUDY GOALS

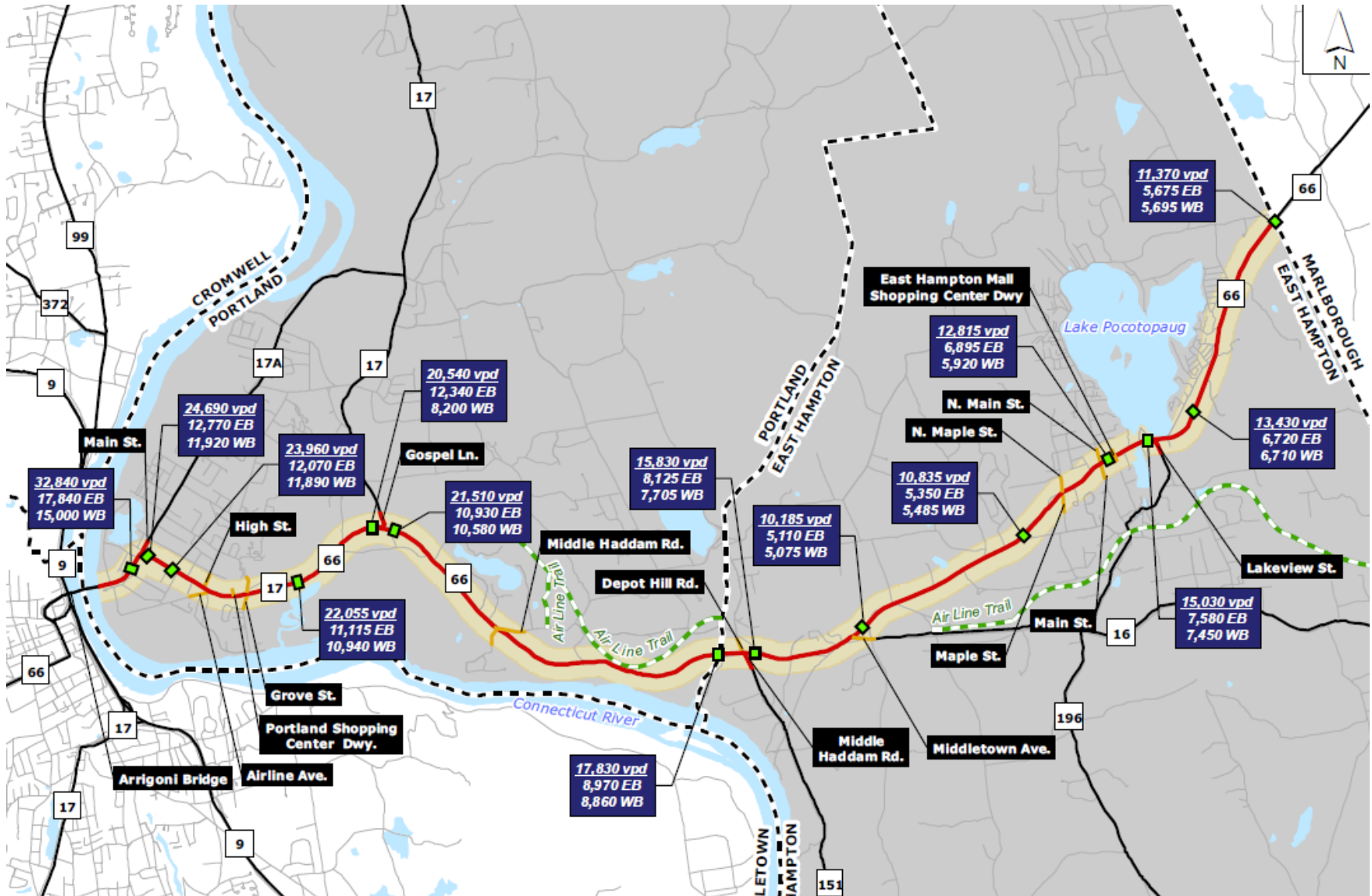
- **Develop cost effective transportation infrastructure alternatives to improve traffic operations**
- **Safely accommodate future development opportunities along the corridors**
- **Develop solutions that provide the infrastructure to improve mobility for alternative travel modes**
- **Develop a comprehensive transportation improvement plan providing a vision to prioritize improvements on the corridor to address current deficiencies and future corridor needs.**

# STUDY PROGRAM

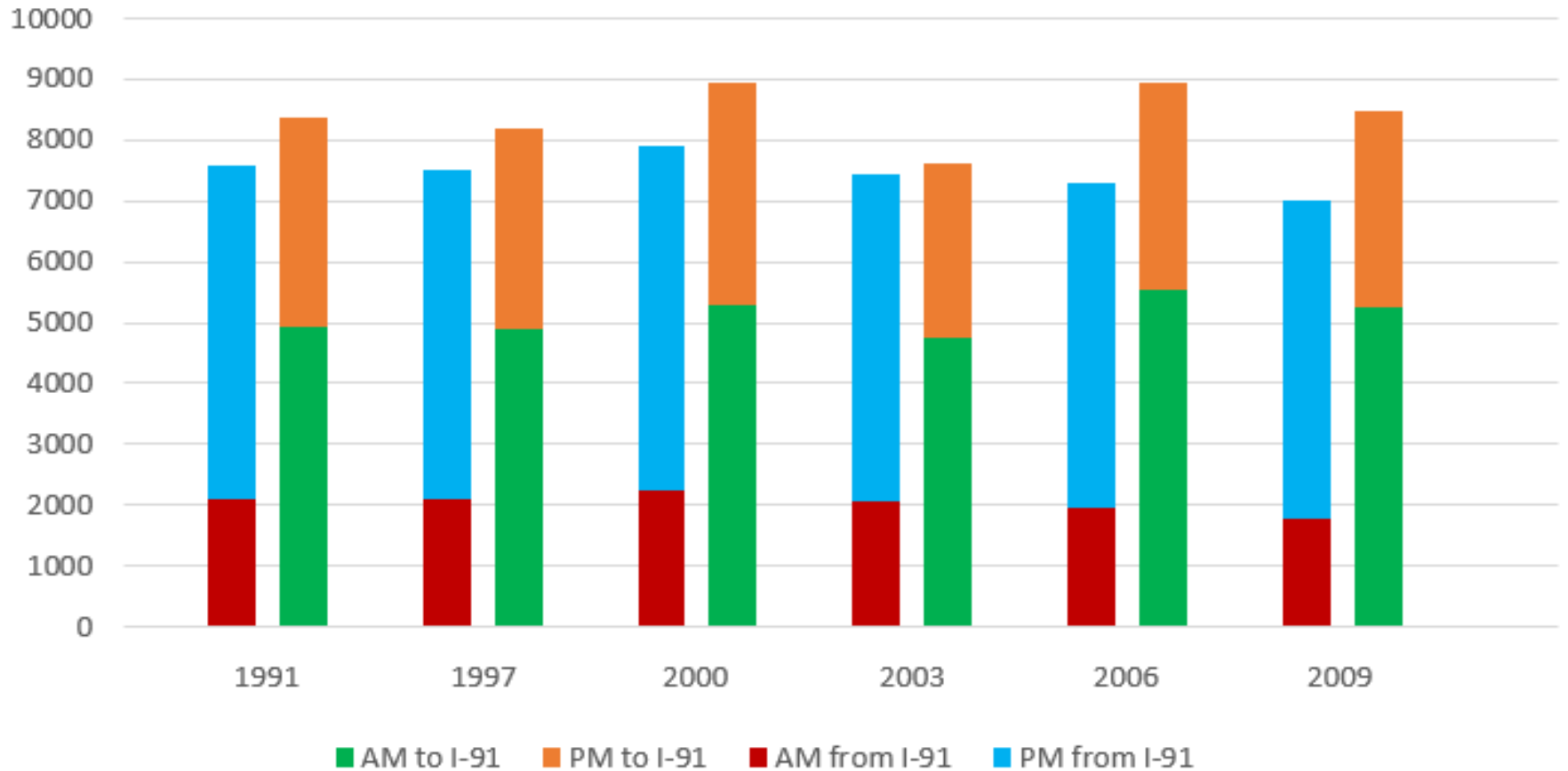
- **Task 1: Public Outreach**
- **Task 2: Assessment of Existing Conditions**
- **Task 3: Assessment of Future Conditions (2040)**
- **Task 4: Analysis of Alternatives**
- **Task 5: Study Report and Implementation Plan**



# AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC

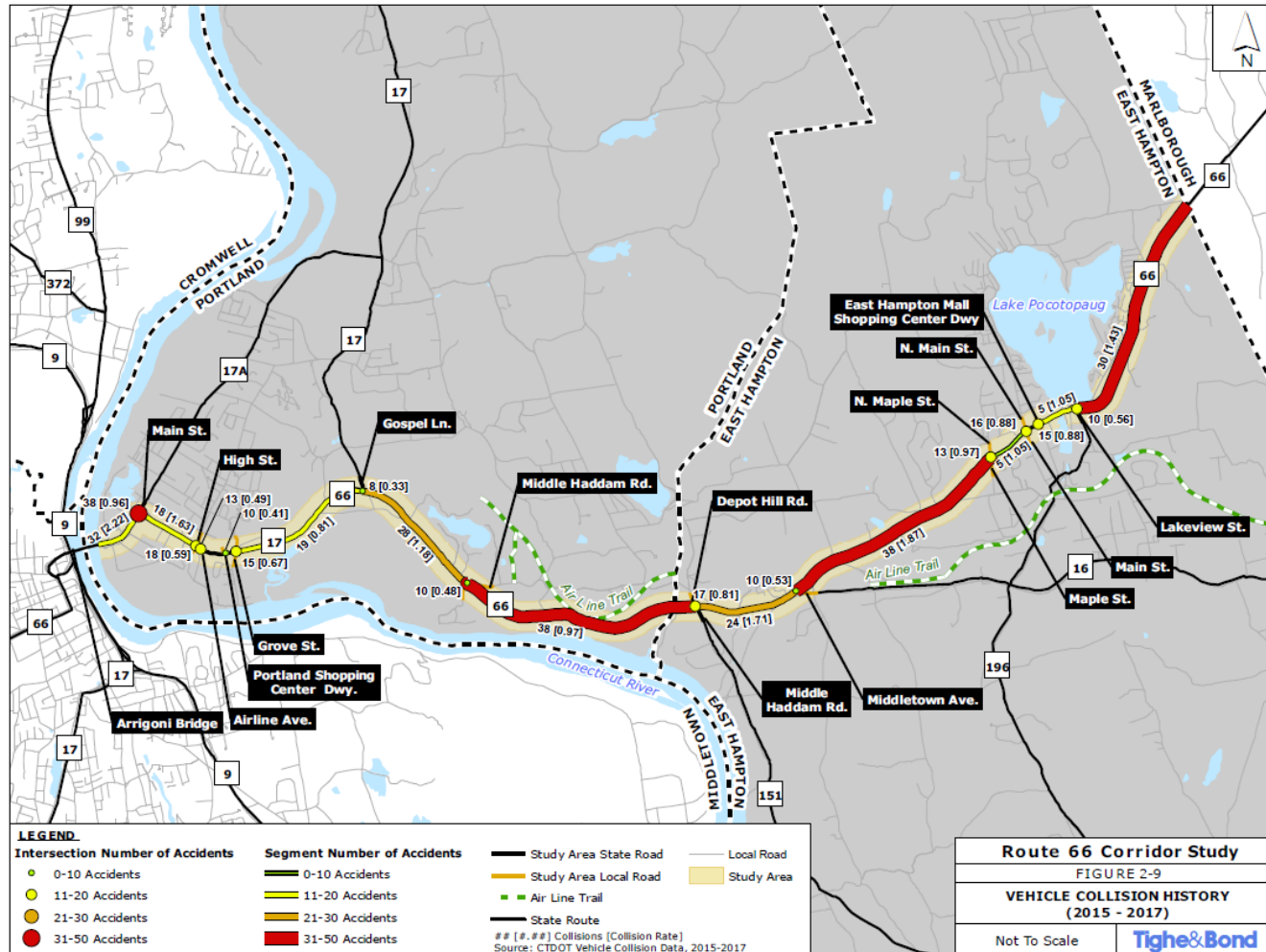


# HISTORIC PEAK-HOUR DIRECTIONAL TRAFFIC

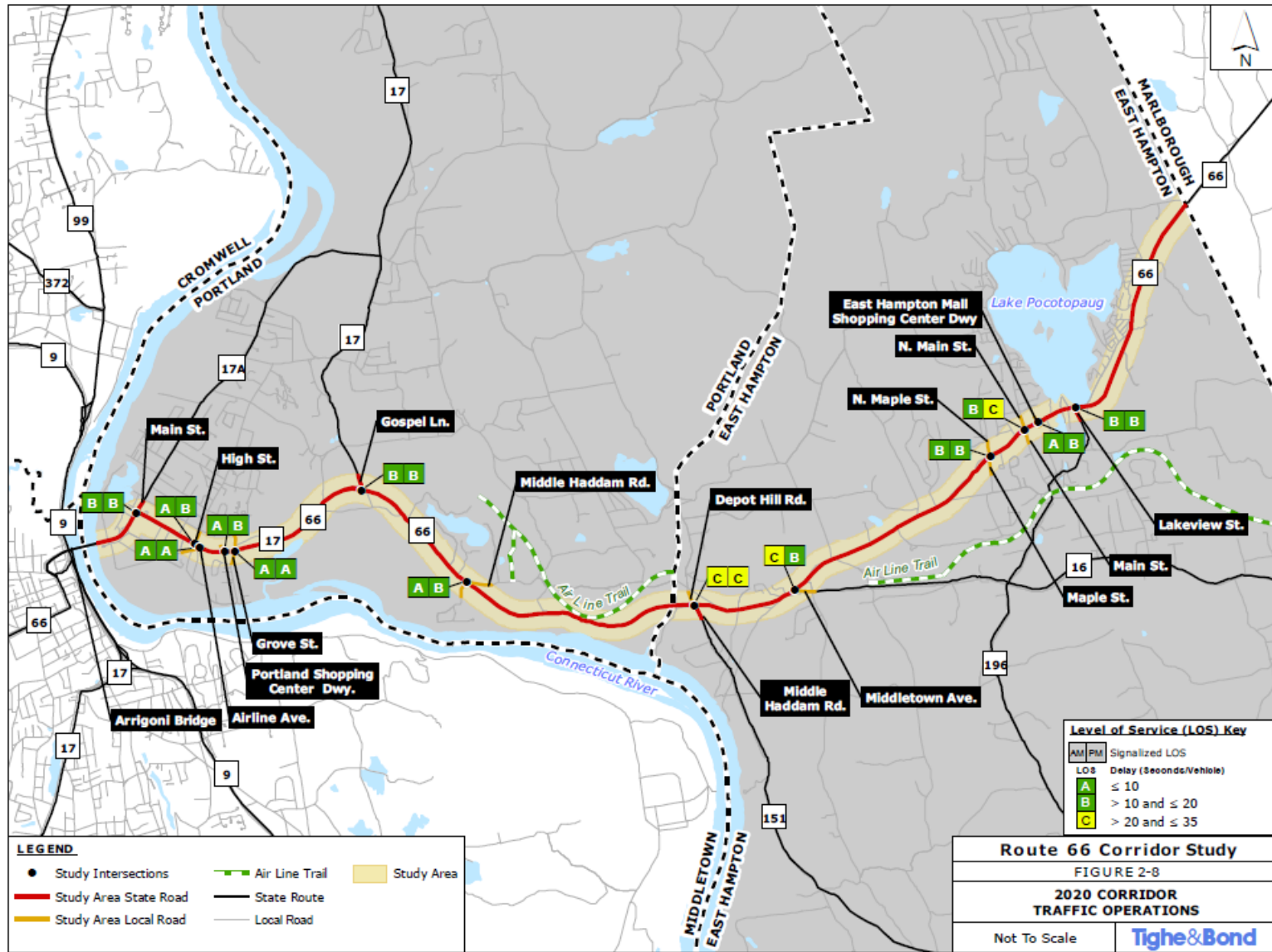


# TRAFFIC SAFETY REVIEW (2015-2017)

- 455 Crashes: 52% rear-end; 17% angle; 13% fixed-objects
- 97% property damage only; 2% injuries, 1% fatality

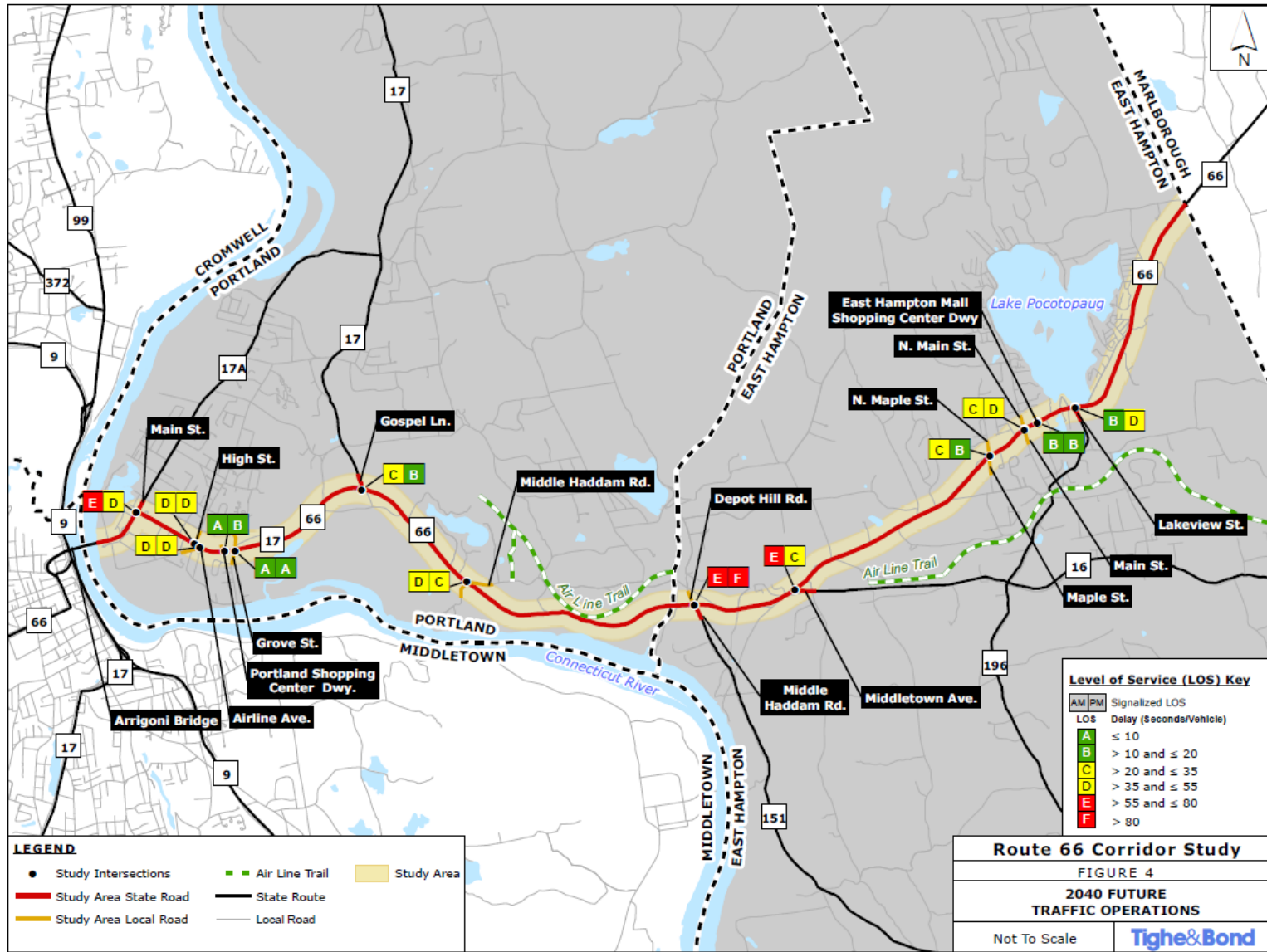


# 2020 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS





# 2040 FUTURE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS



# KEY ISSUES

- **Roadway Congestion in CBD Areas**
- **High Travel Speeds**
- **Roadway Geometry/ Sight Line Issues**
- **Lack of Bicycle, Transit and Pedestrian Facilities**
- **Access Management**
- **Meaningful Future Development**

# POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT

## • Population

- Combined population of 22,000
- Increased 2.4% since 2000.
- Population is aging, 60% increase in 65+ age group since 2000.
- 20% decrease in residents ages 24-44.

## • Households

- Number of households expected to increase 8% over the next five years.
- Household income has increased substantially in both towns. 41% increase since 2000.



## • Employment

- 800 more jobs in 2017 than in 2013.
- Unemployment near 5%.

# CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## • Challenges

- Through year 2040, East Hampton may see population decline and both towns will see large uptick in senior population.
- Increase in senior population means fewer families. Also brings up question of what happens in the market when single family housing comes up for sale.
- Public water service is limited.

## • Opportunities

- Seniors and younger residents looking for smaller unit sizes, accessible, near amenities.
- Build on existing downtown fabric, bring in additional amenities.
- Recent development proposals have been mixed-use and multi-family rental bringing new product to market.
- Development is concentrating at the ends of the corridor closer to transportation routes, utilities, services, and amenities.

# IMPROVEMENT ALTERNATIVES

- **Seek to Address Safety and Operational Concerns**
- **Illustrate Physical Conceptual Improvements**
- **Goal to Provide Towns and Region Prioritized Solutions to Existing and Future Needs**
- **These are Conceptual Plans Not Final Plans**
- **Changes may be Made Based on Feedback**



# PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

- **Goals**

- Interact with Key Technical Staff in Towns
- Gain Input and Guidance from Town Governing Bodies
- Coordinate Study Process with CTDOT
- Gather Grassroots Information from Community Stakeholders
- Gather Public Input on Study Objectives and Study Area Needs and Deficiencies

- **Advisory Committee Meetings**

- May 31, 2018 – Study Advisory Committee
- March 17, 2019 – Study Advisory Committee
- May 6, 2019 – Community Advisory Committee
- October 17, 2019 – Study Advisory Committee
- February 18, 2020 – CTDOT Coordination Meeting

# PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

- **Public Information Meetings**

- June 12, 2018, East Hampton MS
- June 14, 2018, Portland Library
- May 14, 2019, Waverly Center, Portland
- November 21, 2019, Library, East Hampton

- **Town Governing Body Meetings**

- East Hampton Town Council, May 12, 2020
- Portland Board of Selectmen, May 20, 2020

- **Online Survey**

- 23 Questions
- Link Distributed via Business Cards, Social Media, Etc.
- Questions Related to:
  - *Commuting Trends*
  - *Recreational Uses*
  - *Travel Modes*
  - *Airline Trail*
  - *Transit*
  - *Land Use*



# QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

