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MEMORANDUM

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CC: Claire V. Ricker, AICP, Director, DPCD
Officer Corey Rateau, APD
Michael Rademacher, DPW Director

From: John Alessi, Senior Transportation Planner, DPCD

Date: August 9, 2023

RE: Updated Bluebikes Station Location

The purpose of this memorandum is to request the relocation of a Bluebikes station approved by the Select Board at their July 17, 2023 meeting. The original station was to be located on Mill Street at the Minuteman Bikeway crossing. This request is to relocate the station 200ft away in the Russell Place permit parking area directly adjacent to the Village at Cutter's Mill and the Minuteman Bikeway. Diagrams for both locations are attached to this memorandum.

DPCD and APD staff met on-site at the original Mill Street location and determined that there were trail-user safety concerns not identified at the time of the original request. APD recommended the relocation of this station to the Russell Place permit parking area due to its proximity to the original site and the lot's lack of parking use. APD staff cited that little to no residents use this permit parking area both during the day and at night, indicating that there should be no significant impact to parking availability.

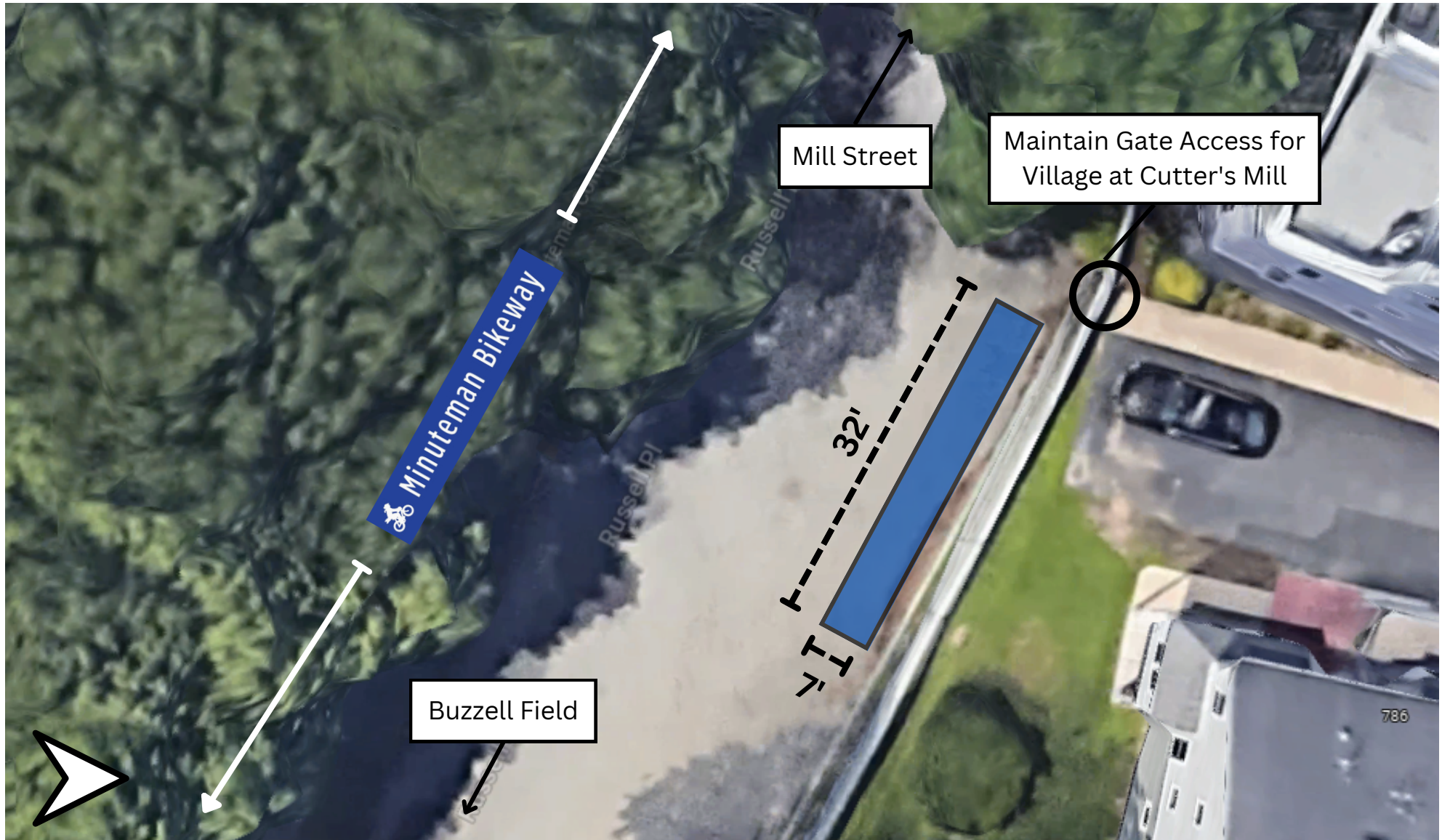
This new station's blueprint will use approximately four parking spaces. No potential safety concerns were identified with this location. Based on a recommendation from the Select Board at the July 17, 2023 meeting, DPCD staff will coordinate with the MBTA to try and relocate this station onto the Minuteman Bikeway adjacent to Mill Street in the future. The review process for this request can take up to a year according to the MBTA's Real Estate division, so staff will try and expedite the timeline to allow for relocation in Spring 2024.

Please note that Bluebikes stations are mobile and require no hard wiring for set up. DPCD staff will coordinate with DPW to have this station removed in the winter if there are foreseen impacts to plowing operations.

Thank you for considering this request and please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Russell Place @ Minuteman Bluebikes Station

Proposed location for a new station highlighted in [blue](#).



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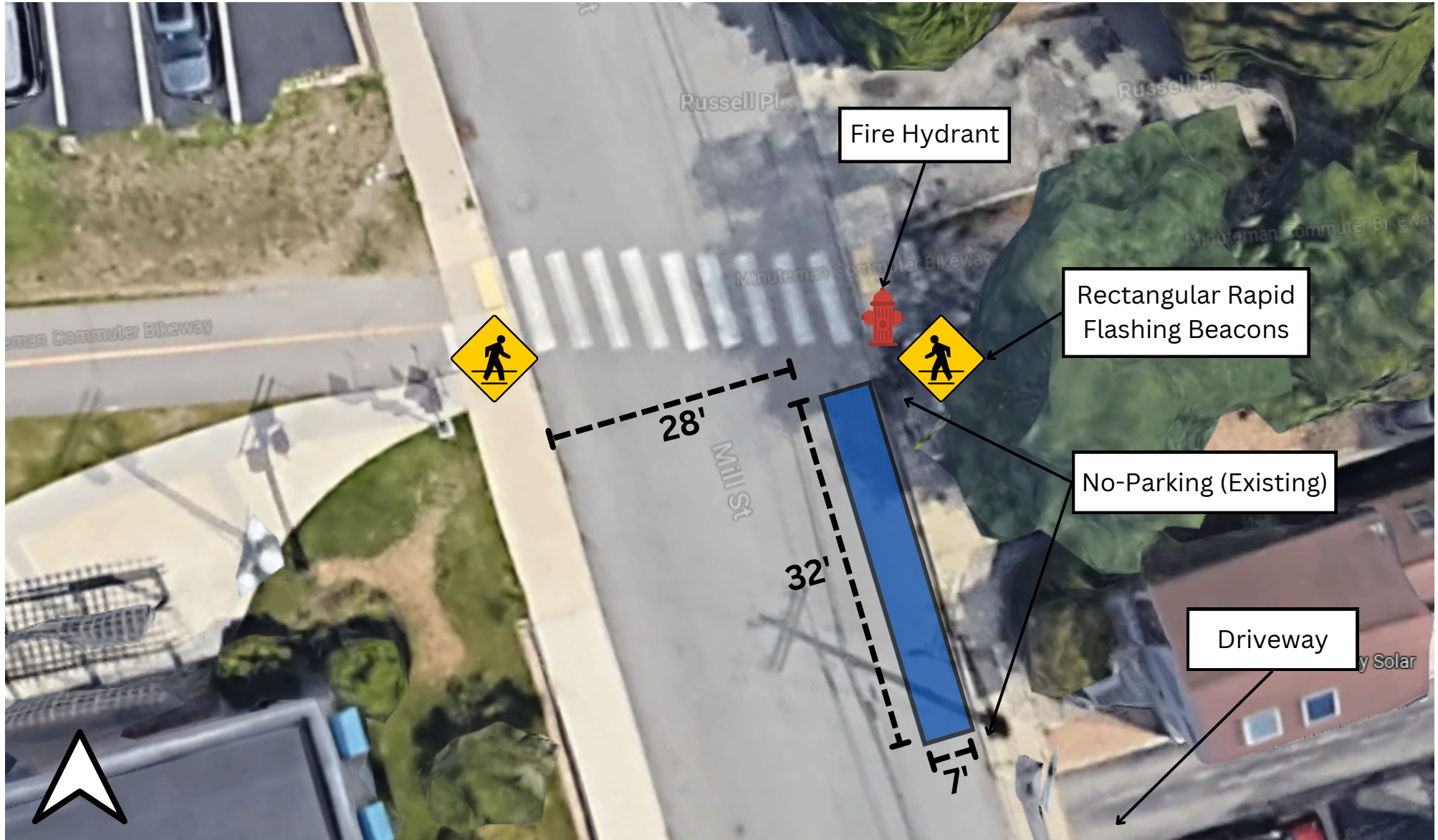
Bluebikes station highlighted in [blue](#) (not to scale).

Station to be located in area with little to no permit parking use.

Near Mill Street, #1 suggest location for station expansion by residents

Mill St @ Minuteman Bluebikes Station

ORIGINAL STATION PROPOSAL REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION - FOR REFERENCE ONLY



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Station leaves 28' wide roadway space for vehicles
#1 suggested location for station expansion by residents.