

**Welcome to the South Nyack Village  
Board Meeting  
December 1, 2015.**

**There are index cards available this evening for you to submit questions.**

**We will try to answer as many questions as possible this evening.**

# Parking & Connection Concepts for the New NY Bridge Shared Use Path



Village of South Nyack – December 1, 2015

# Overview

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When the State announced the inclusion of a pedestrian/bike path with the new bridge, South Nyack realized the potential negative impact to our community.

The Mayor and Trustees formed a Task Force comprised of Village residents. The Task Force's in-depth involvement over the past few years and their interaction with the State brought out a realization that specific issues were necessary to address in order to make informed recommendations to the Village Board.

# The TZ Bridge Task Force - TZBTF

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Each draft plan the TZBTF reviewed and each request for modification they requested was based on the following considerations:

1. Retaining the charm and character of South Nyack.
2. The safety and welfare of South Nyack's residents and visitors.
3. Minimizing the impact on our community.
4. Protecting the character of the Esposito Trail.
5. Providing a solution that does not exclude the Village of South Nyack's initiative for economic development.

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As the meetings progressed and more plans were submitted by the State for our review, the TZBTF became further concerned with the following issues:

## Parking

- The original plans incorporated increased parking on South Broadway and the side streets near the Village Hall or suggested that visitors would park as far away as downtown Nyack and walk to the Path entrance by Village Hall.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety throughout our Village, especially in the area of the SUP Terminus.

Restroom Facility needs and their locations.

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As the meetings evolved and each plan submitted by the State was dissected, further issues came to light, such as:

## Increased Traffic

- Currently the average traffic count through South Nyack is approximately 12,500 vehicles daily. (South Nyack population 3,500)
- 56% of the peak hour traffic is coming up 9W from the south.
- 24% of the peak hour traffic is coming down 9W from the north.

Wear and Tear on our Village Road – and the cost to maintain and resurface our roads due to vehicles traversing through South Nyack.

## Interchange Entrance

All other interchanges along the NYS Thruway connect to State or County roads, which are constructed to carry heavy volumes of traffic. Our entrance is off a village road.

# Overview

## Increased Traffic - continued



### South Broadway Traffic

- 2012 Traffic: 2,027 daily average count
- 2015 Traffic: 5,700 daily average count

# The Plans

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The Task Force will be presenting four plans:  
Plans D, E, F, and H

All plans will be posted on the Village Website.

All plans were created by the Thruway engineers.

We reviewed each plan and identified the “Advantages” and “Disadvantages” for each plan, which will be addressed in this presentation.

# Milestones for South Nyack:

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**Terminus Location** - The Shared Use Path Terminus was re-designed to end within Interchange 10 on Thruway property.

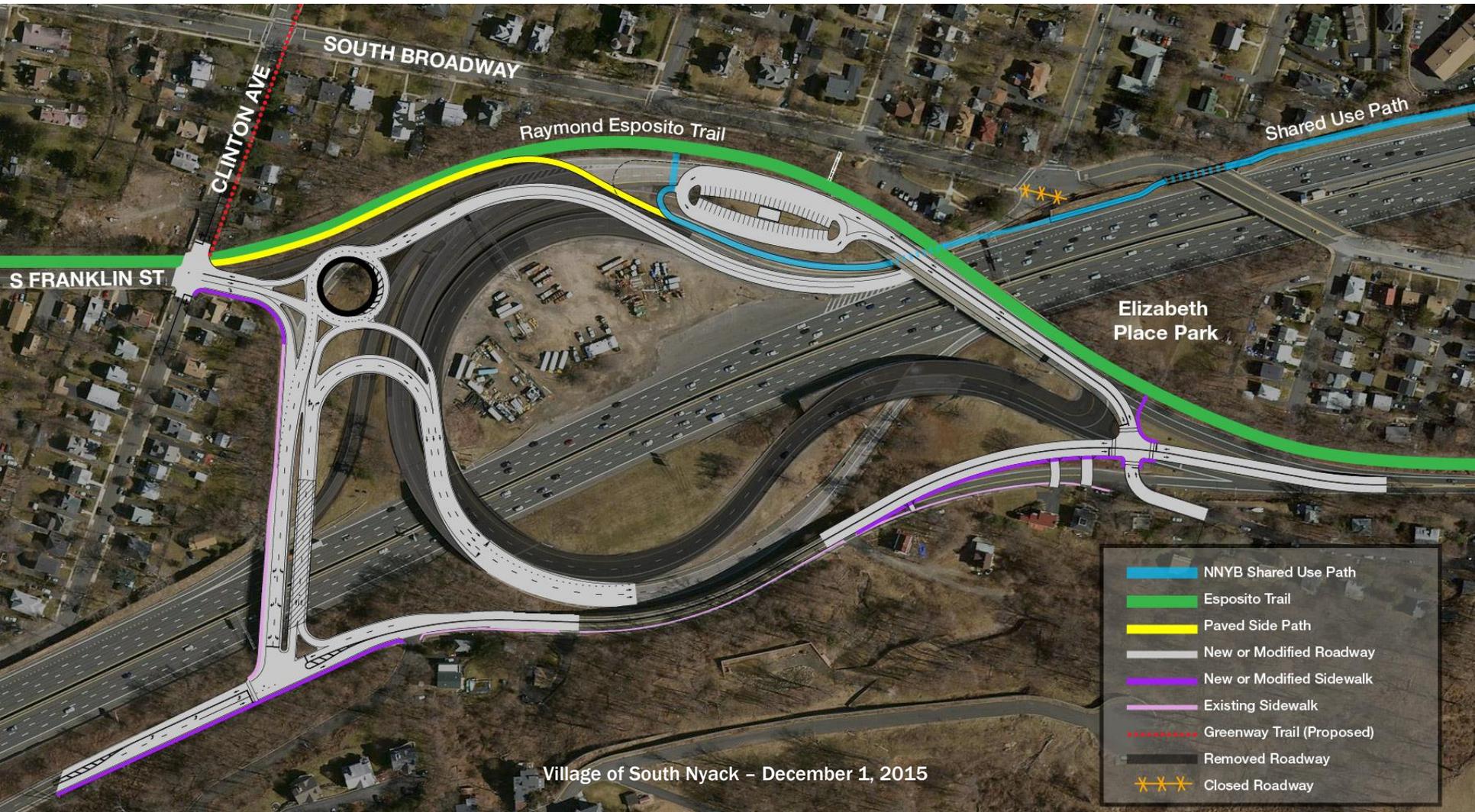
**Tunnel Install Under South Broadway Overpass** – This replaces the “High Line” construction behind the houses on Smith and Cornelison.

**Parking** – and restrooms will now be constructed within Interchange 10 on Thruway property.

**Financial Commitment Received from the State** –

- To pay for and construct the approved plan within Interchange 10 and be completed by the opening of the Shared Use Path.
- To obtain a \$250,000 grant for South Nyack to use for a Feasibility Study.

# 2015 Concept D



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## **Advantages:**

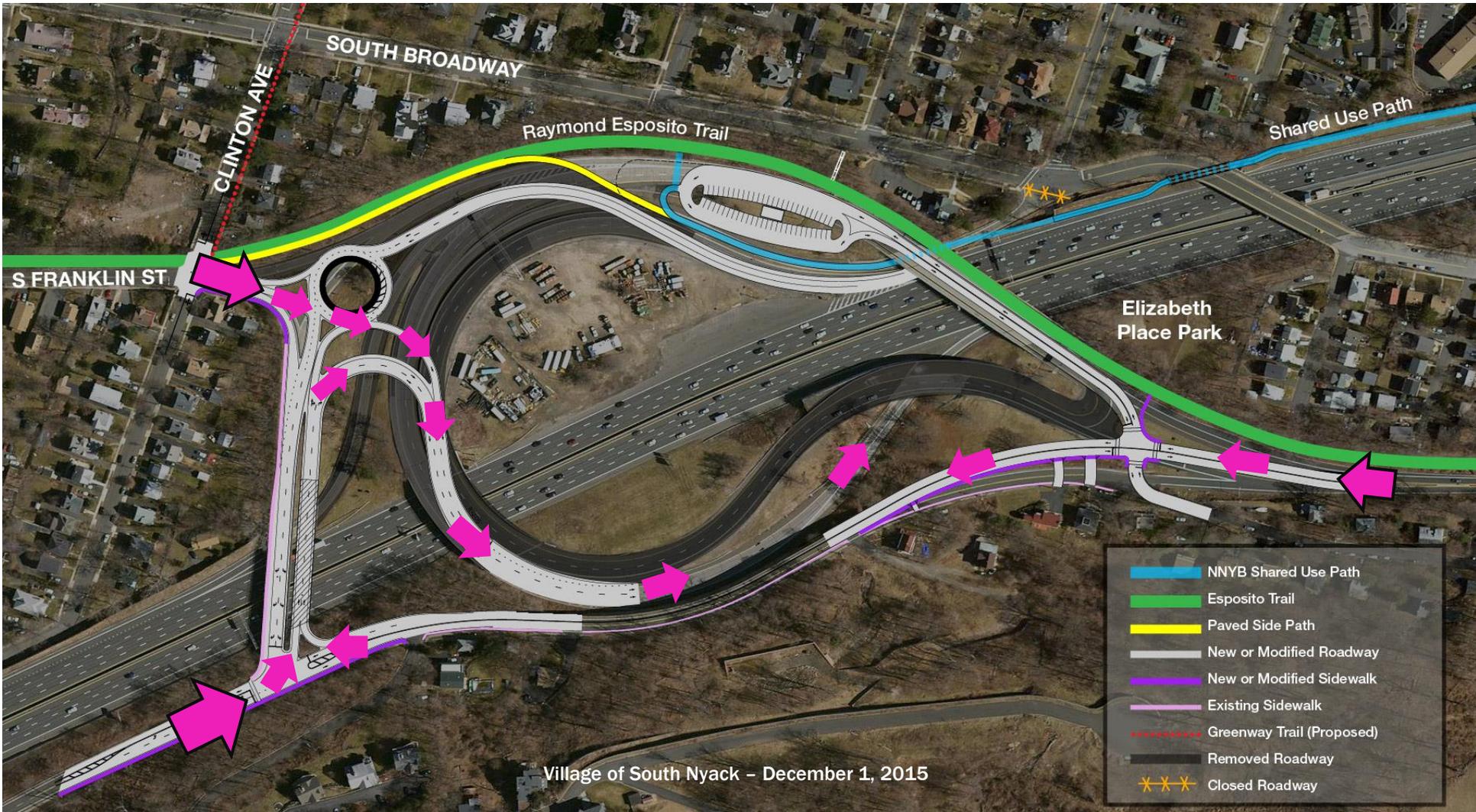
1. Removes the majority of morning commuter traffic from South Broadway, Clinton Ave., Cornelison and River Rd; has little traffic impact on Franklin.
2. Traffic circle expected to ease congestion
3. Eliminates portions of existing looping ramps.
4. Parking lot next to SUP and away from neighborhoods; room for lot expansion.
5. Adds blacktop bike/ped. path in Interchange 10, parallel to Esposito Trail
6. Adds pedestrian crossing by Shadyside.
7. Moving 9W gives Hillside homes larger front yard.
8. Increased use of 9W will save wear and tear on village roads.

## **Disadvantages:**

- A. Increases traffic on 9W between Shadyside and Franklin
- B. Closes Thruway northbound entrance.
- C. Very complex construction, requiring an excessive amount of new infrastructure.

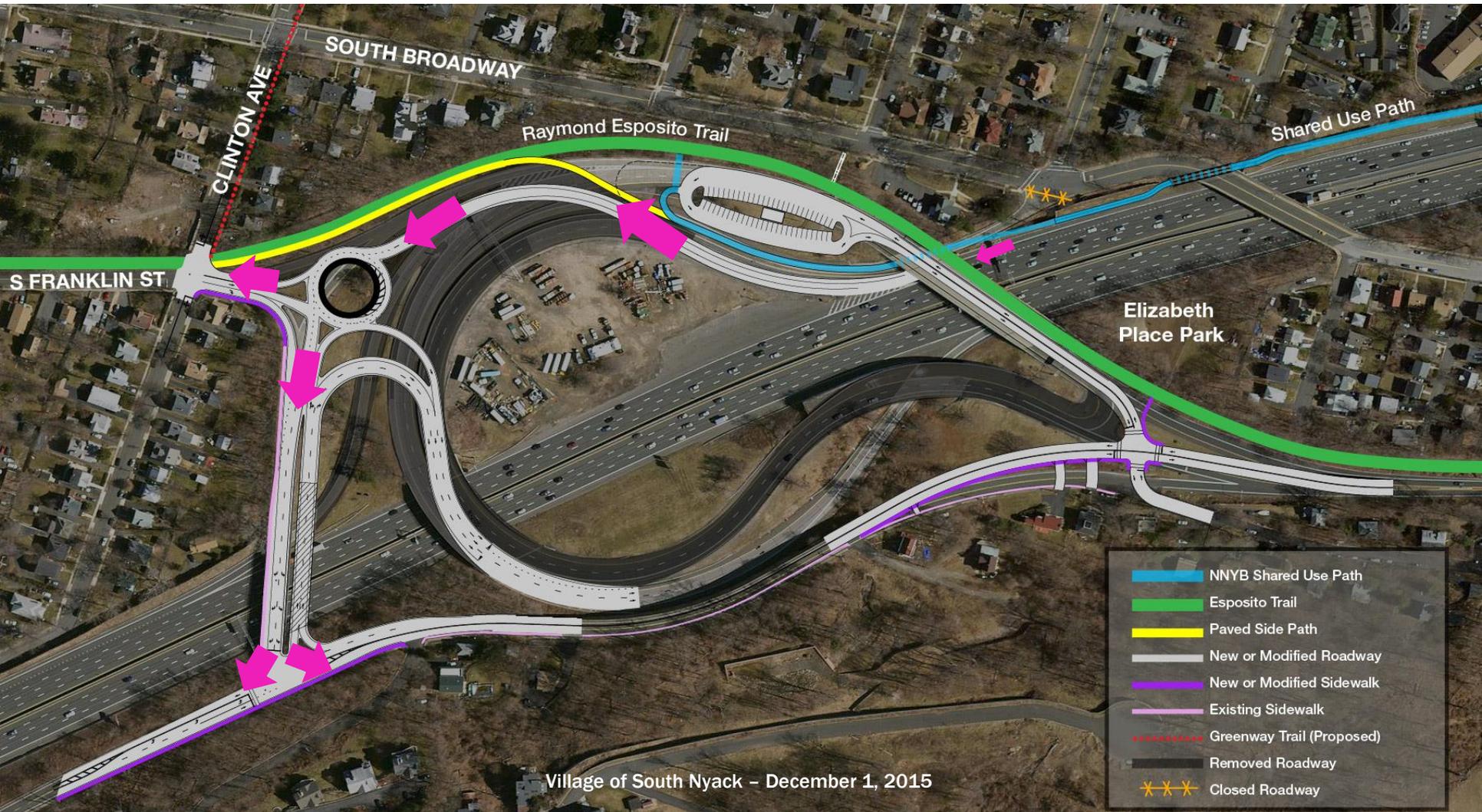
# 2015 Concept D

## Morning Commute to the TZ Bridge →

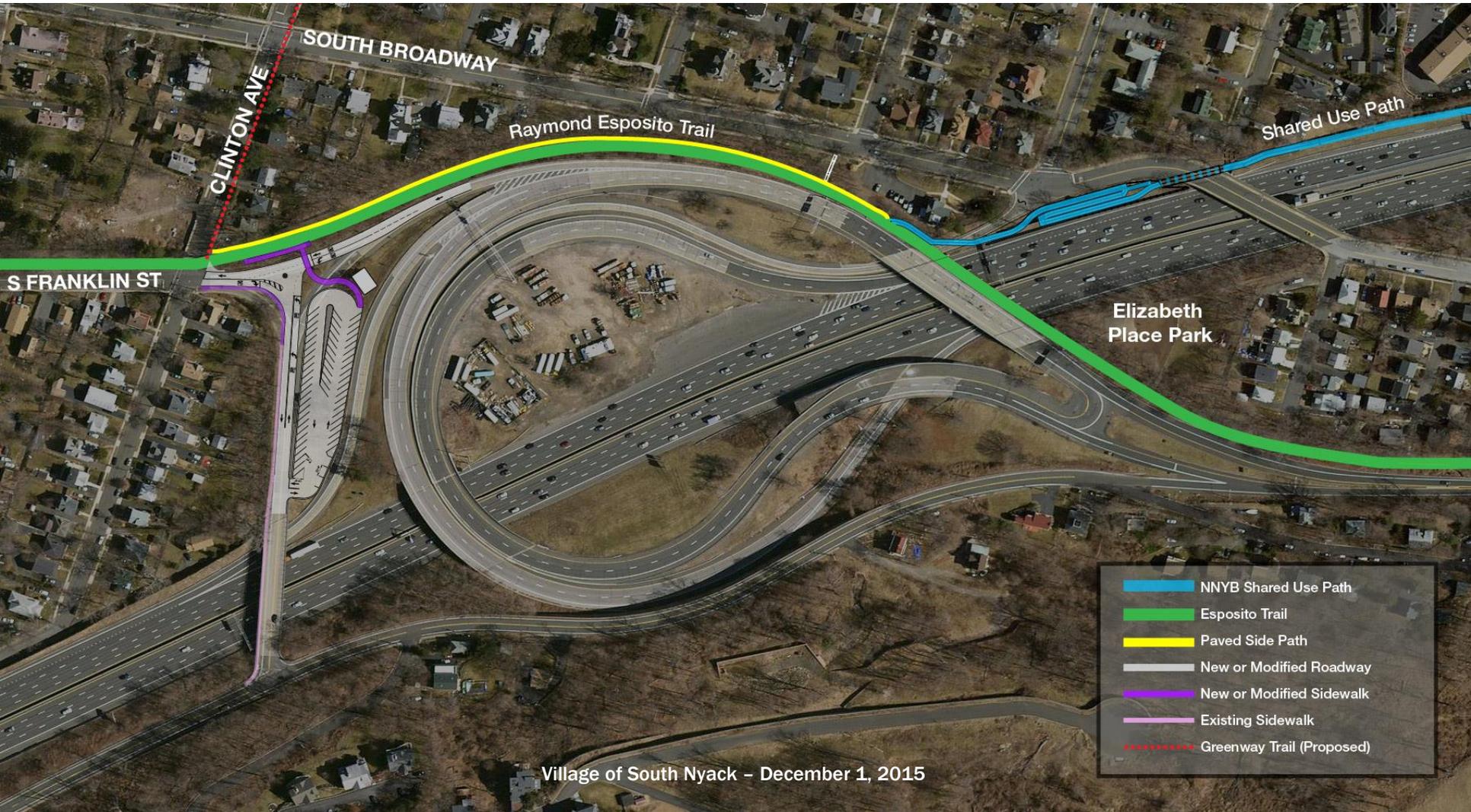


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# 2015 Concept E



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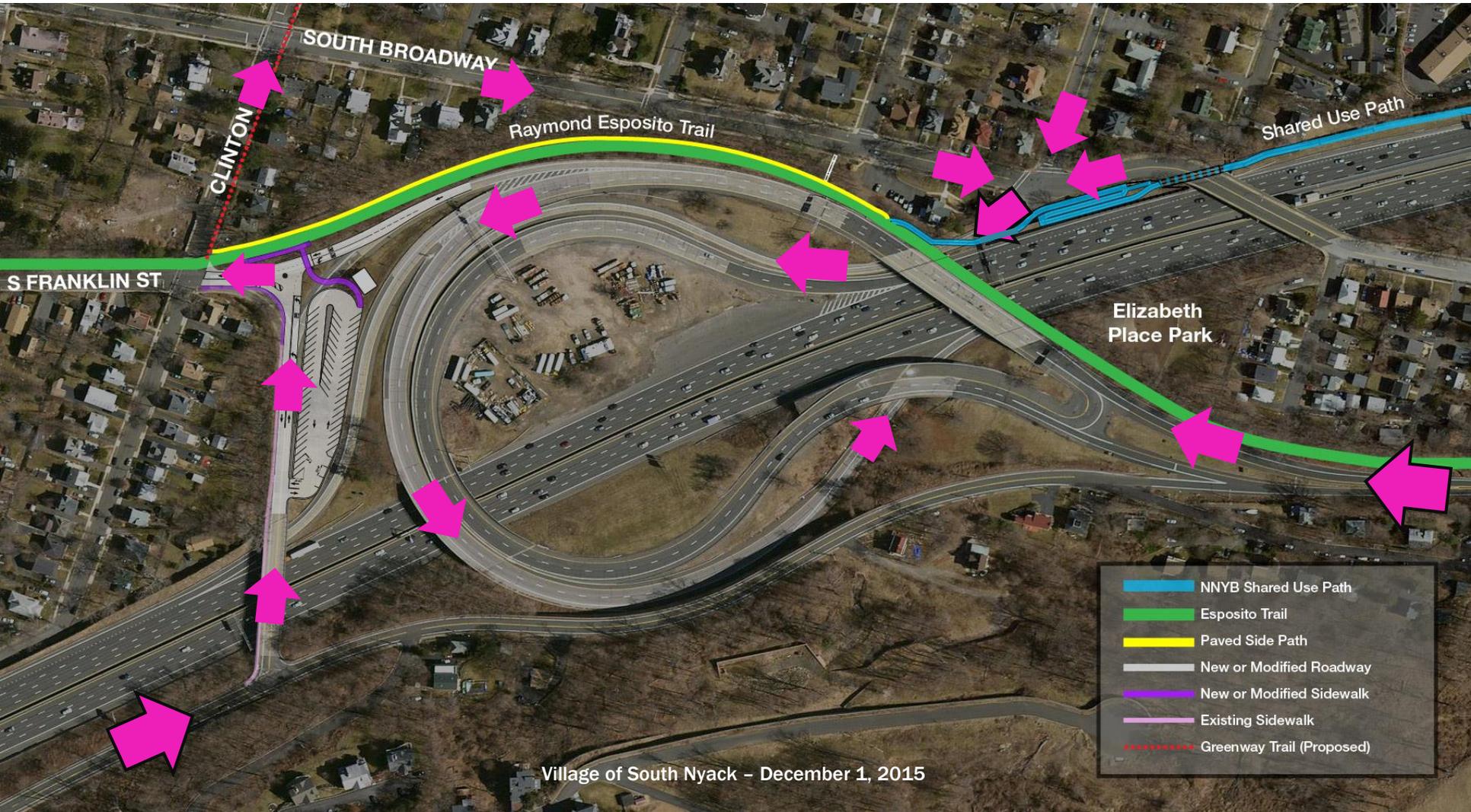
- A. Does not close Thruway northbound entrance.

## **Disadvantages:**

1. Parking, restrooms and lighting visible to homes on Clinton
2. Parking furthest from SUP, encouraging parking on streets nearest Village Hall.
3. No room for parking lot expansion.
4. Overhead switchback ramps
  - a. May be visually massive above South Broadway at Cornelison
  - b. May include street lights
  - c. Emergency Access Gate install needed on Smith
5. Paved bike/ped path built next to existing path on Esposito Trail – from Clinton to Village Hall
6. Morning commuter traffic will continue “as is” on South Broadway, Clinton, Cornelison and River Road.
7. Pedestrian Crossing to parking lot in high traffic area by Franklin and Clinton.
8. No pedestrian crossing near Shadyside.

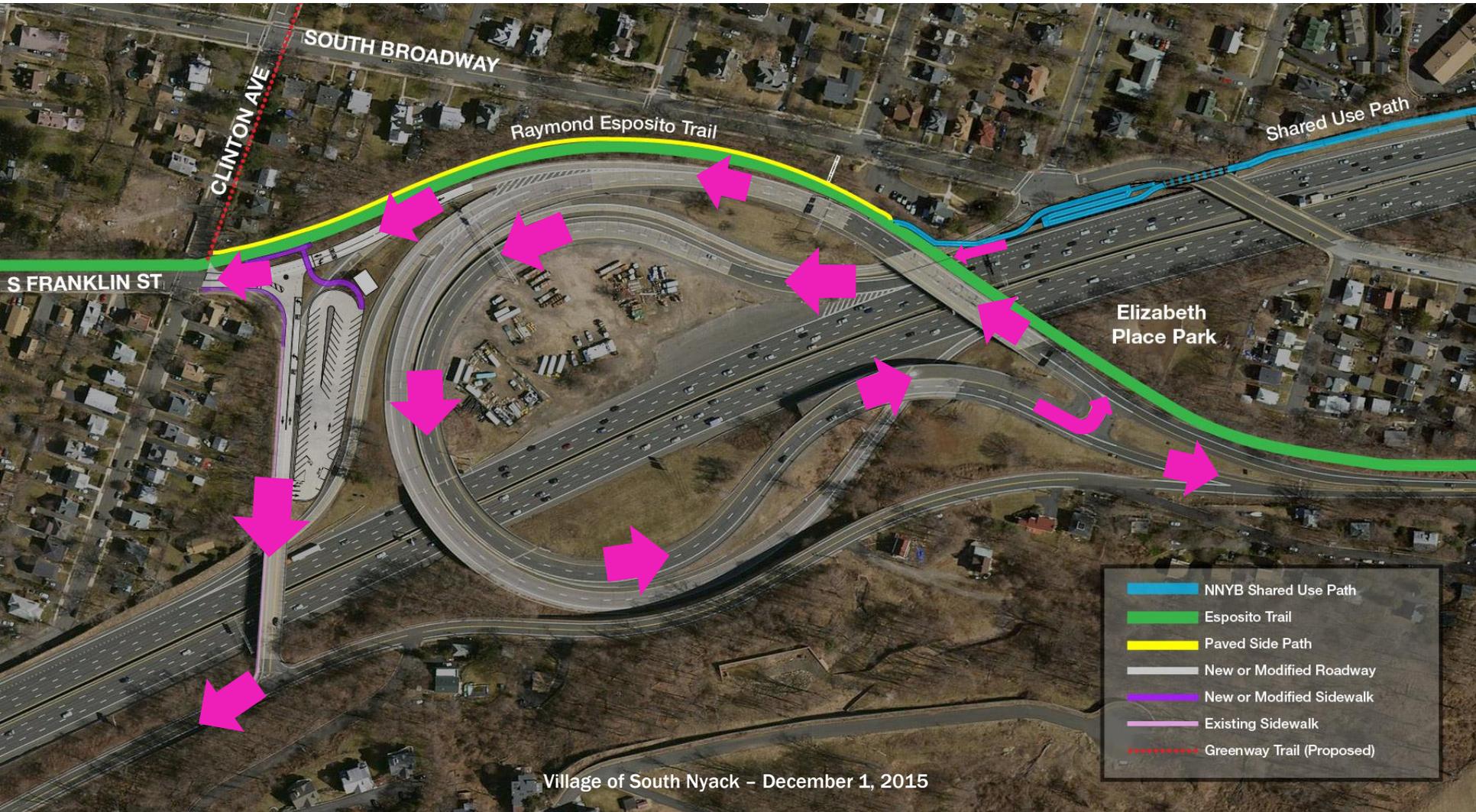
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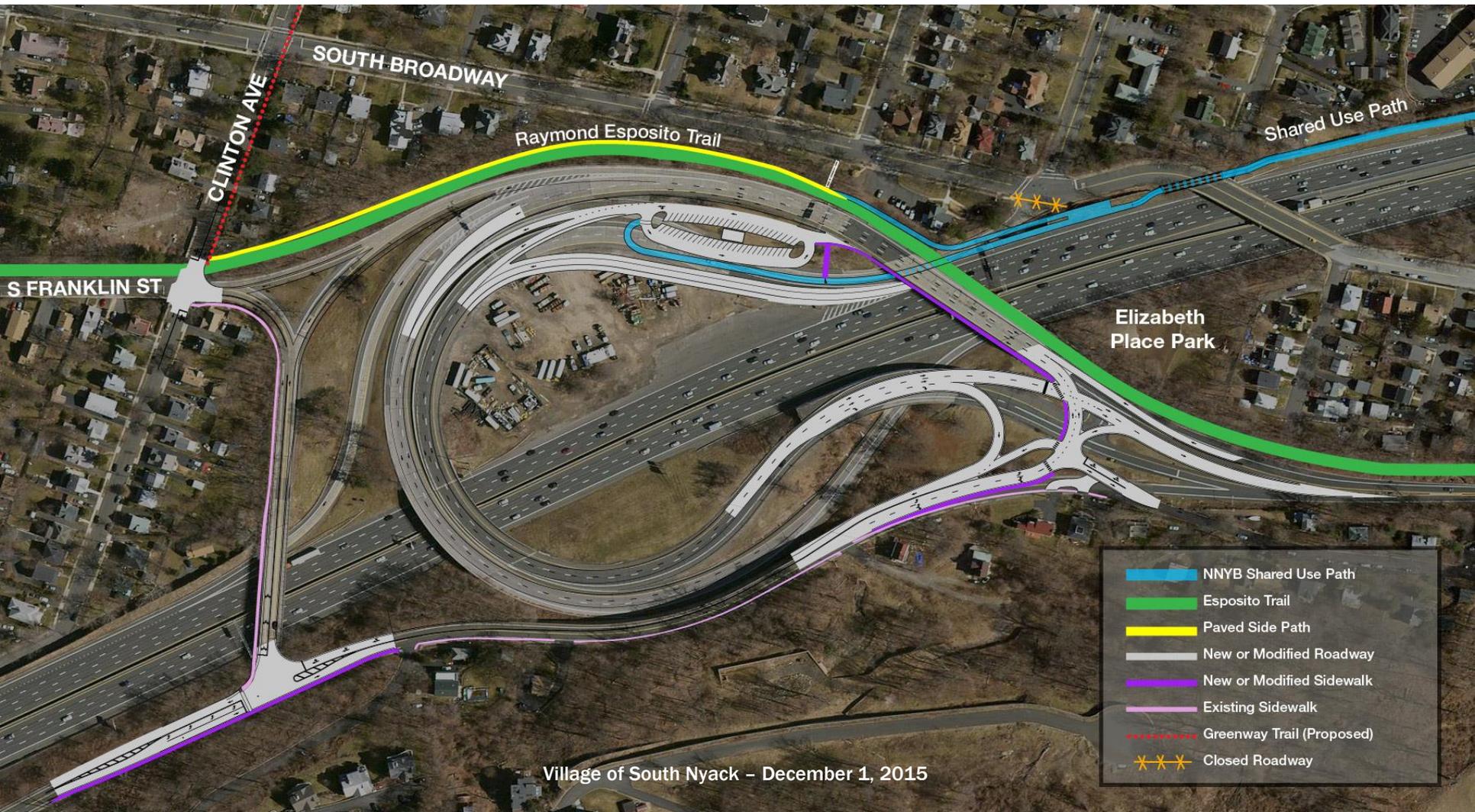


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# 2015 Concept F



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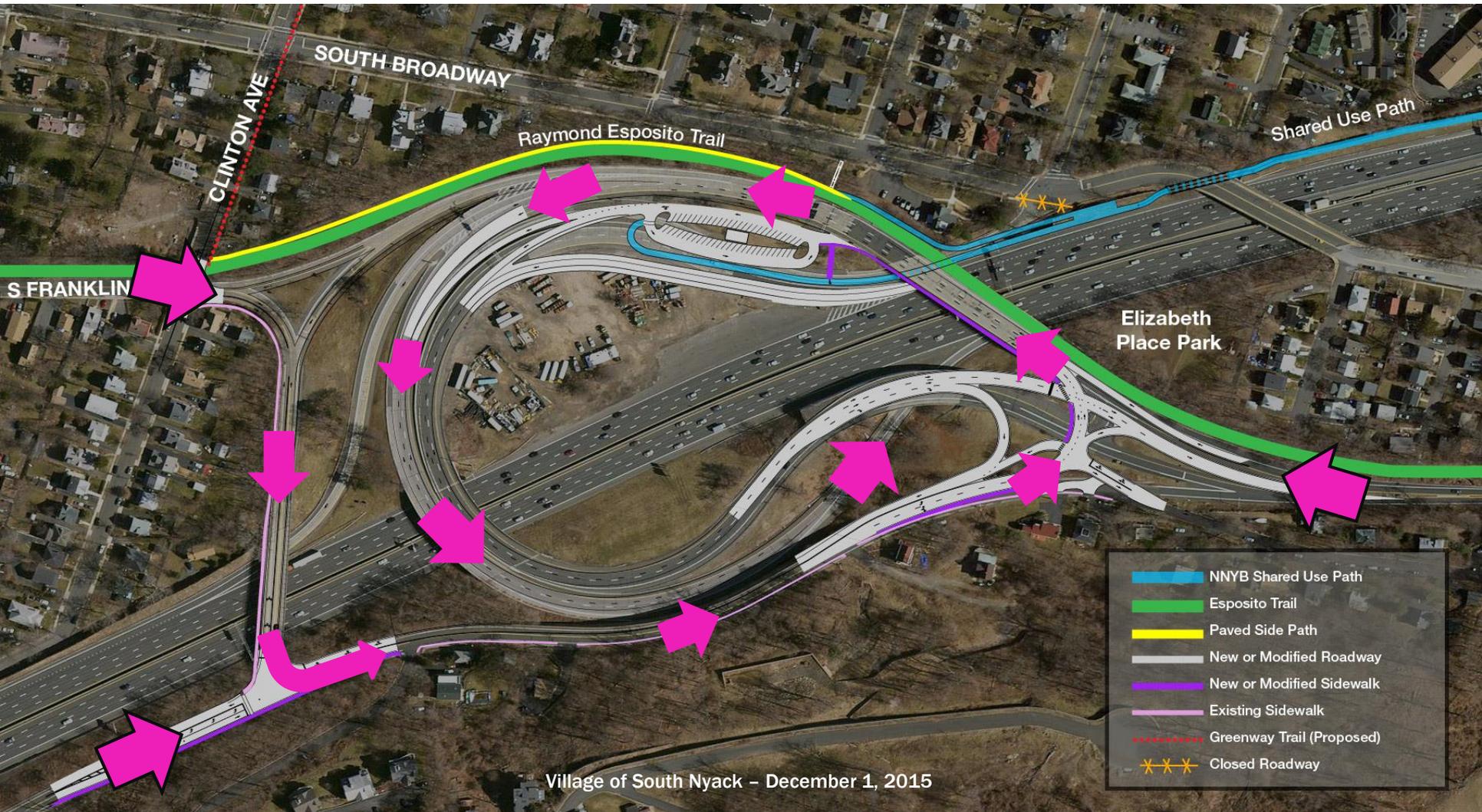
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## **Disadvantage:**

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- B. New path and Parking lot connection problematic. No direct connection of the lot to the Esposito Trail. Requires a separate SUP “spur”

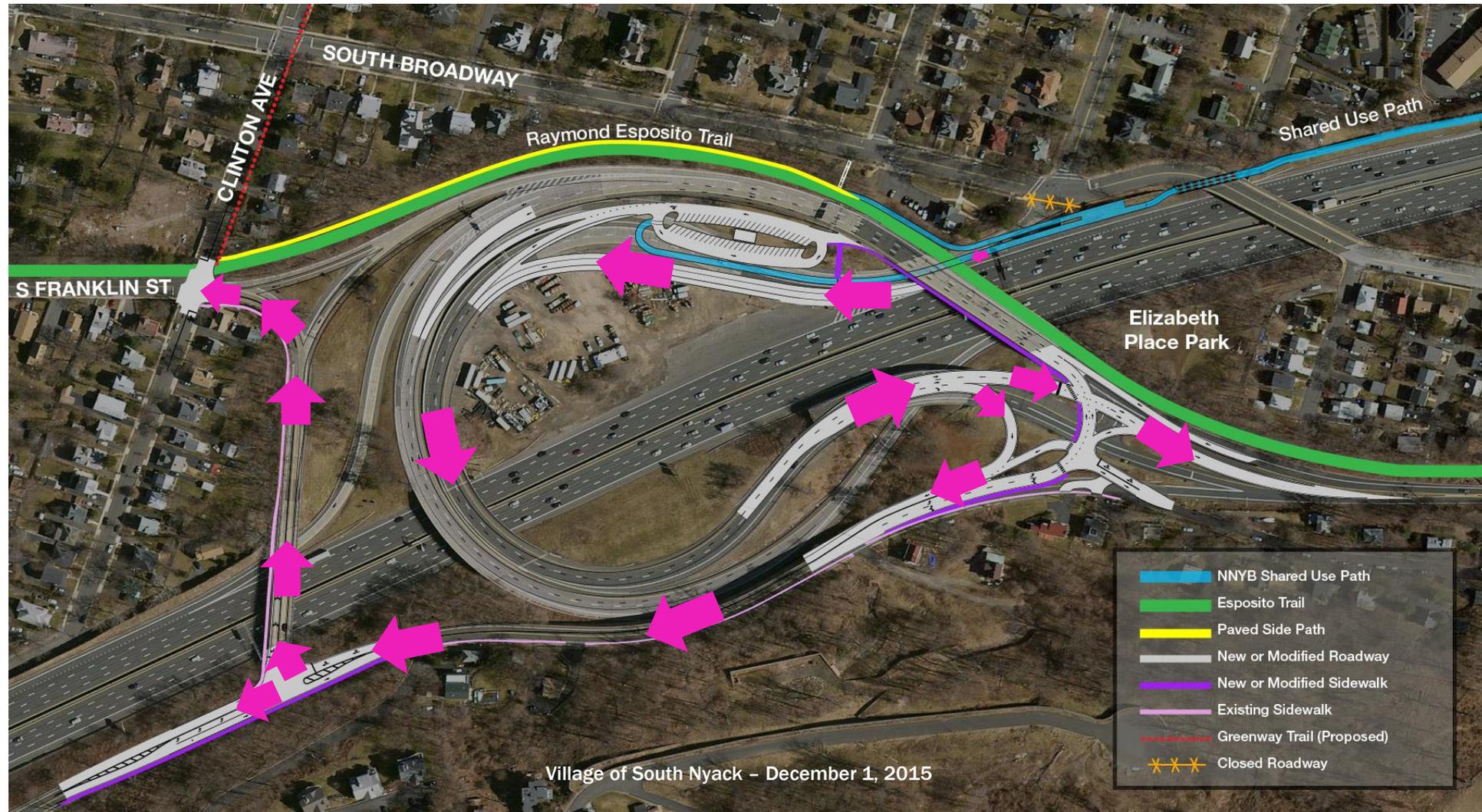
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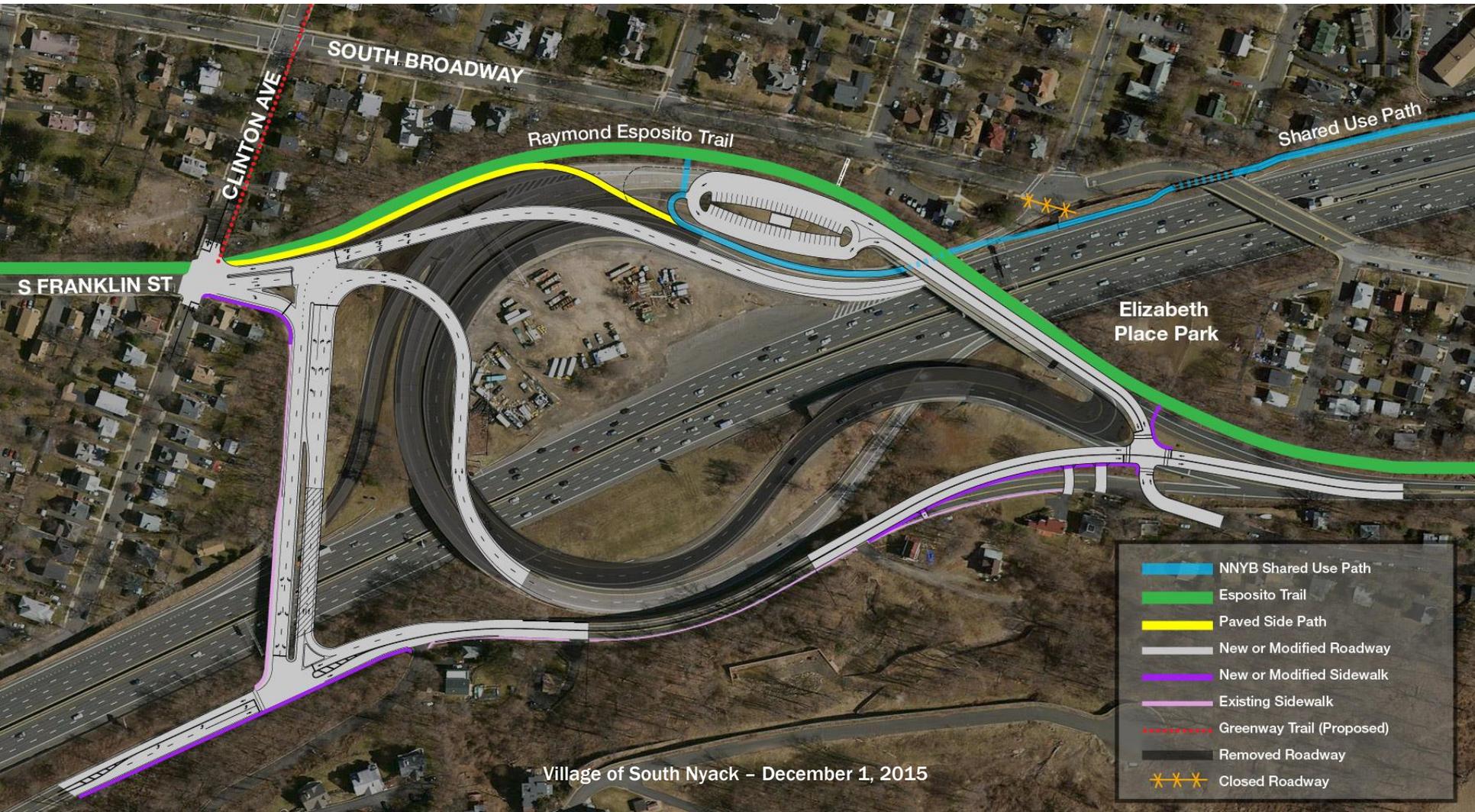


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# 2015 Concept H



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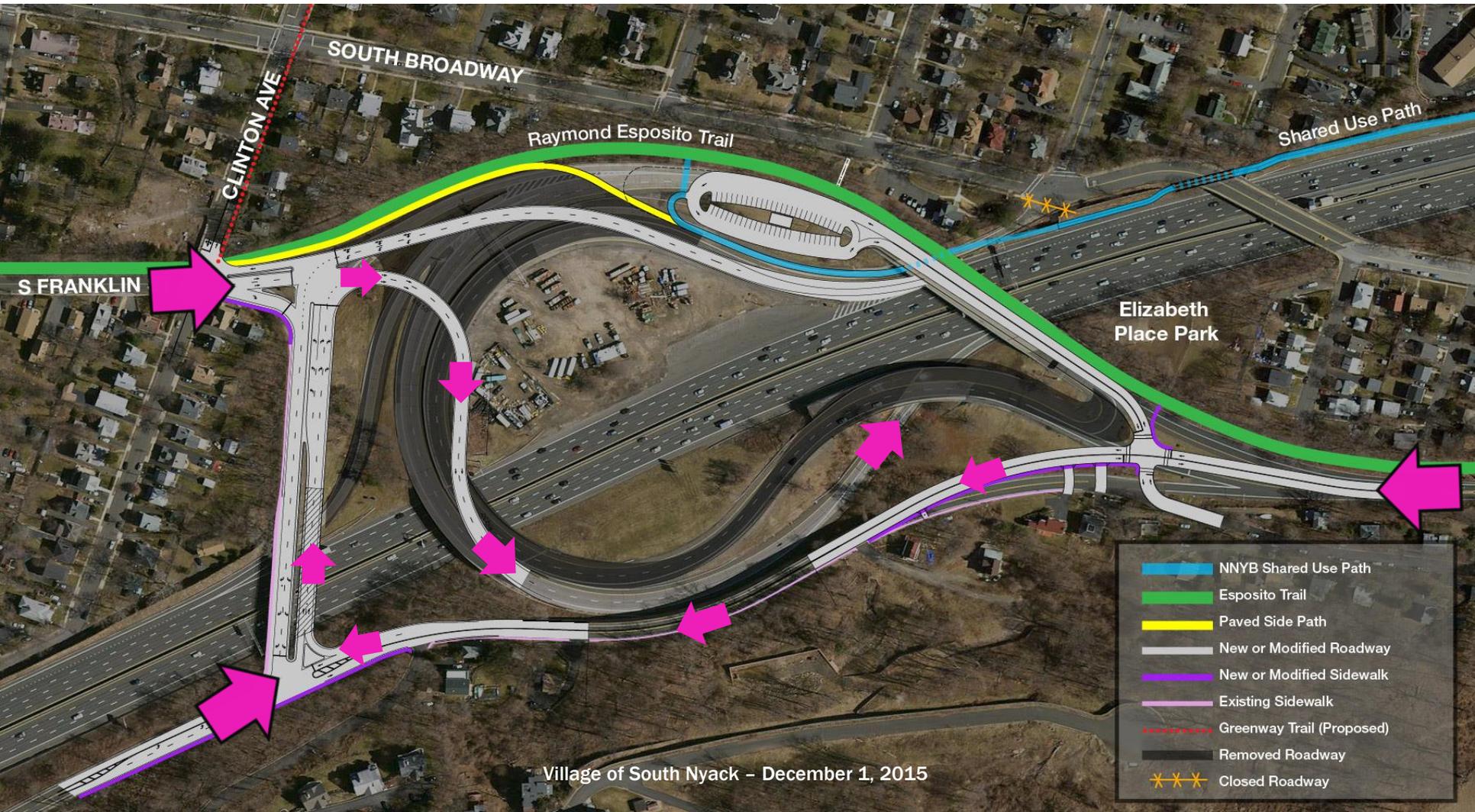
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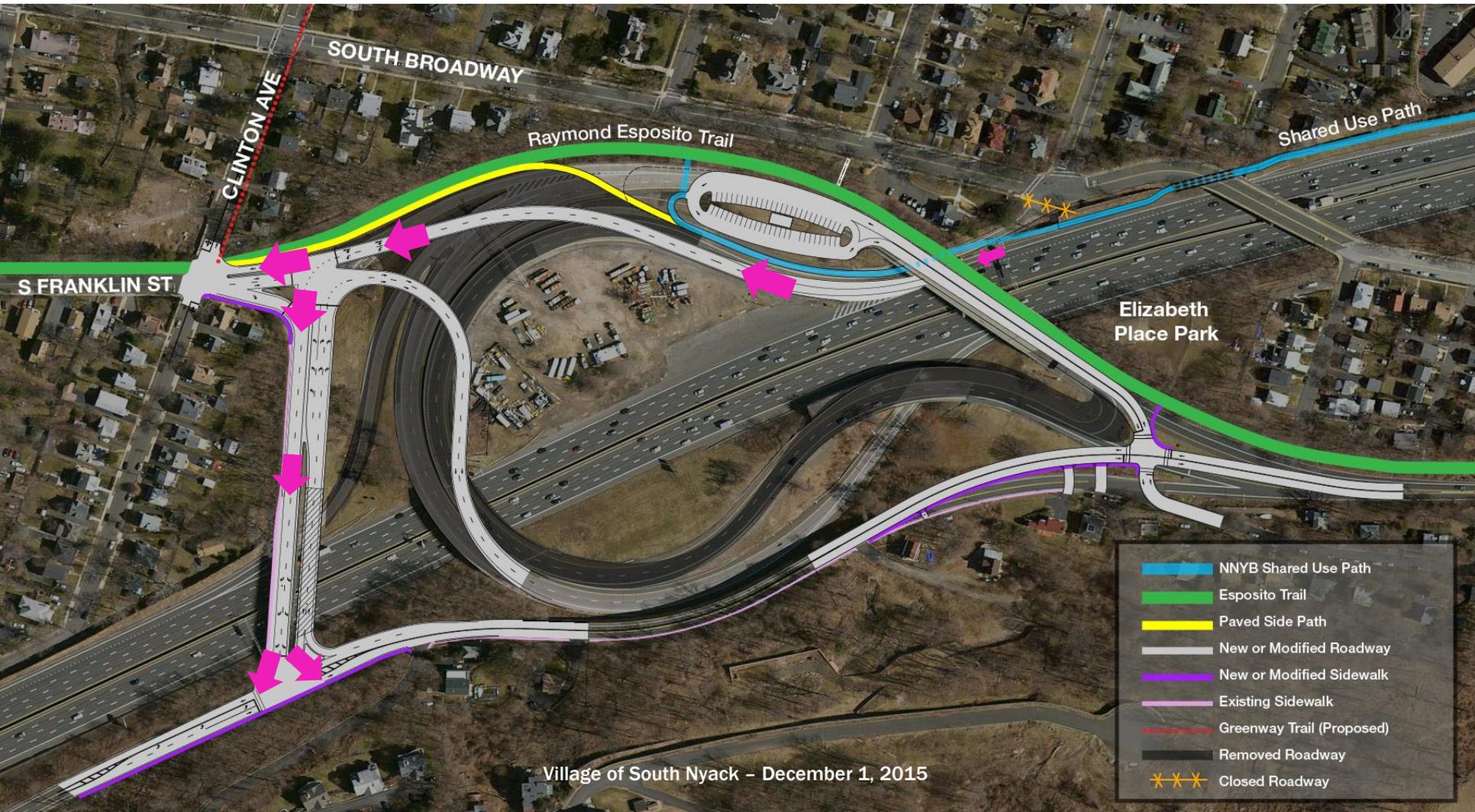
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## Morning Commute to TZ Bridge



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# TZ Bridge Task Force Recommendation

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## Recommendation

The Task Force is recommending: The Board of Trustees consider **Concept 'F'** to be the Village's preferred concept. It reasonably addresses the concerns expressed by the residents and the Village officials while requiring a moderate amount of construction.

- Concepts 'D' and 'H' do address the issues, but they are very complex, requiring an excessive amount of new infrastructure. The Task Force feels that this investment isn't reasonably warranted, given the alternative of Concept 'F'.

## TZ Bridge Task Force Recommendation - continued

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We do not recommend **Concept 'E'**

- It is the least able to meet the Village's objectives.
- Parking and restrooms are too far from the SUP's first point of access.
- It presents safety concerns at the crossing of the exit ramp by Franklin Street
- It furthers the heavy volumes of traffic on to our Village streets.

# Stay Informed

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We urge all South Nyack residents to stay informed by signing up for the Mayor's regular updates. The Mayor will keep you posted through the email updates and mailings.

Your participation will be imperative in the coming months as the State starts to reach out to the public for comments on the Plans.

It will be up to each South Nyack resident to let the State know how committed we are about the future of our Village.

***Remember, it was your involvement back in January that got the Terminus Location moved to Exit 10.***

**After this evening, please forward your  
questions and/or comments:**

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