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ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY POLL SITE IMPACT REPORT

VOTED: To accept the National Guard Armory Poll Site Impact Report, in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020.

Vote

In City Council

August 3, 2020

Vote Passed

August 3, 2020

11 yeas, 0 nays.

Clerk

Presented to Mayor for approval

August 4, 2020

Approved on August 5, 2020

Mayor

Mayor's Signature

CITY OF GARDNER
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY POLL SITE IMPACT REPORT

As required by Section 11 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020

Purpose

Due to the recent sale of the Knights of Columbus Hall and its unavailability for continued use as a polling facility, a review of available publicly-accessible facilities within the boundaries of Ward 5 was undertaken.

Review

A comprehensive review of publicly-accessible facilities in Ward 5 identified the National Guard Armory, located at 323 West Broadway (Route 2A), as the only site that, with temporary modifications, meets the criteria for accessibility, public convenience, public health (i.e. COVID-19), spaciousness, affordability, and long-term use potential. The City utilized the Armory as the Ward 5 polling site from the early 1970's through the mid 1980's.

Survey

A survey conducted for accessibility for the National Guard Armory found that the installation of a portable 8' ramp with handrails at the main entrance, coupled with the proper siting of three temporary Accessible parking signs, would achieve compliance. The Main entrance doors, the interior doors leading to the Assembly Hall, and the paths of travel from the parking lot to the front entrance, are compliant.

Convenience and Safety

The Armory is a secure, State-owned and managed facility with a very large assembly hall for voting, providing for greater social distancing and ample room for voters to assemble before approaching the voting booths. Plentiful parking is available off-street in the large fenced-in parking lot and there is ample on-street parking, as well.

Impact

The location of the Armory would not have a disparate adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income or age. The Armory is conveniently located near the crossroads of Route 68 (Timpany Boulevard) and Route 2A (West Broadway), is approximately 6/10 of a mile from the former Knights of Columbus Hall, and along both MART Bus Routes (1 & 2).

SISTEMA DE ALARMA
THIS FACILITY IS PROTECTED BY AN
ALARM SYSTEM
NO SMOKING
WITHIN 50 FEET

Style of Temporary Ramp to be installed at Armory

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
BATTALION COMMANDER
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
COMPANY COMMANDER
FIRST SERGEANT
• NO MISBEHAVING
• NO DRINKS OR FOOD BROUGHT IN
• NO PROPERTY DAMAGE
Any Violations of the Above Will Result in Your Being Asked to Leave FOR THE NIGHT or even PERMANENTLY...
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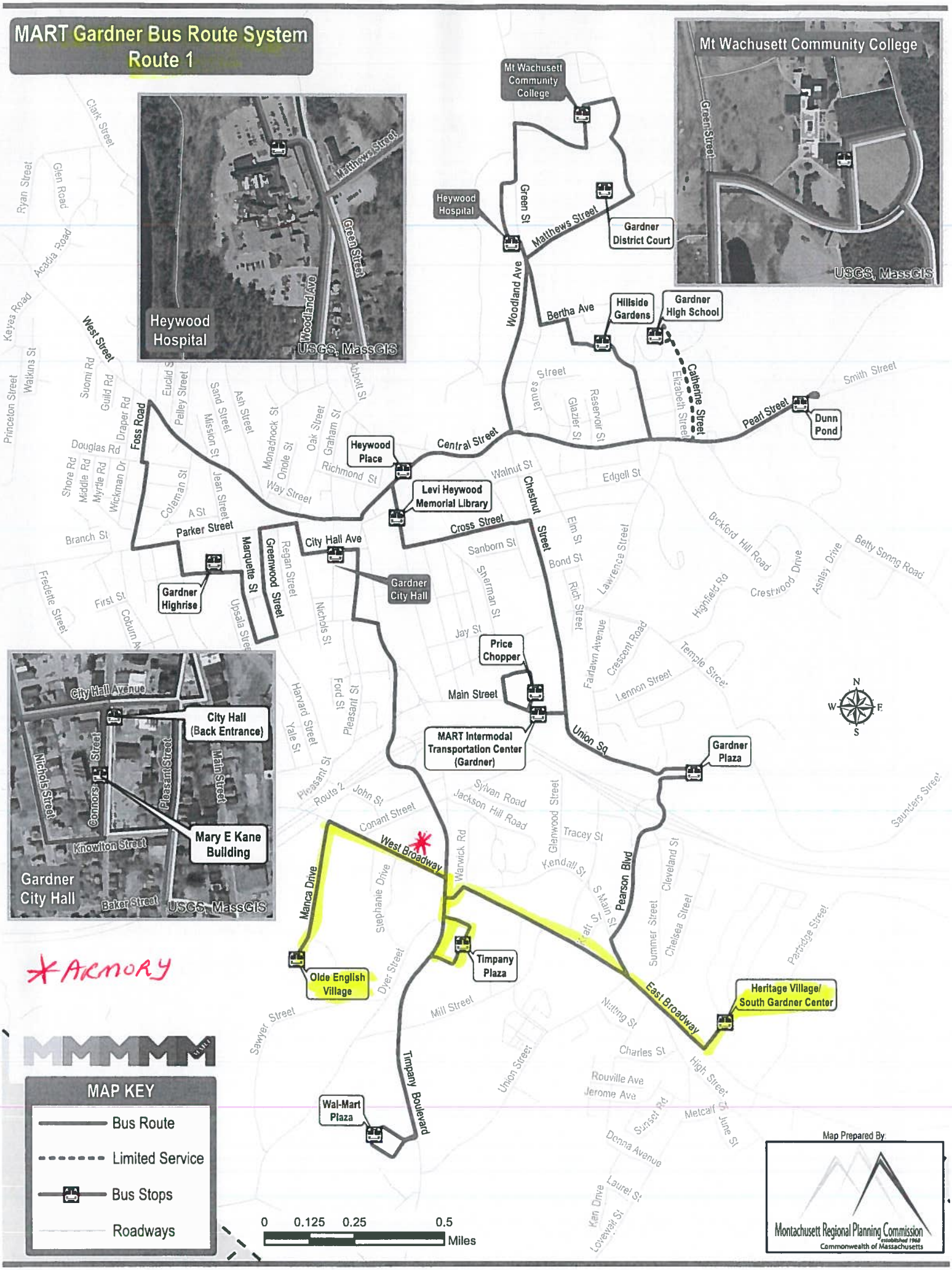
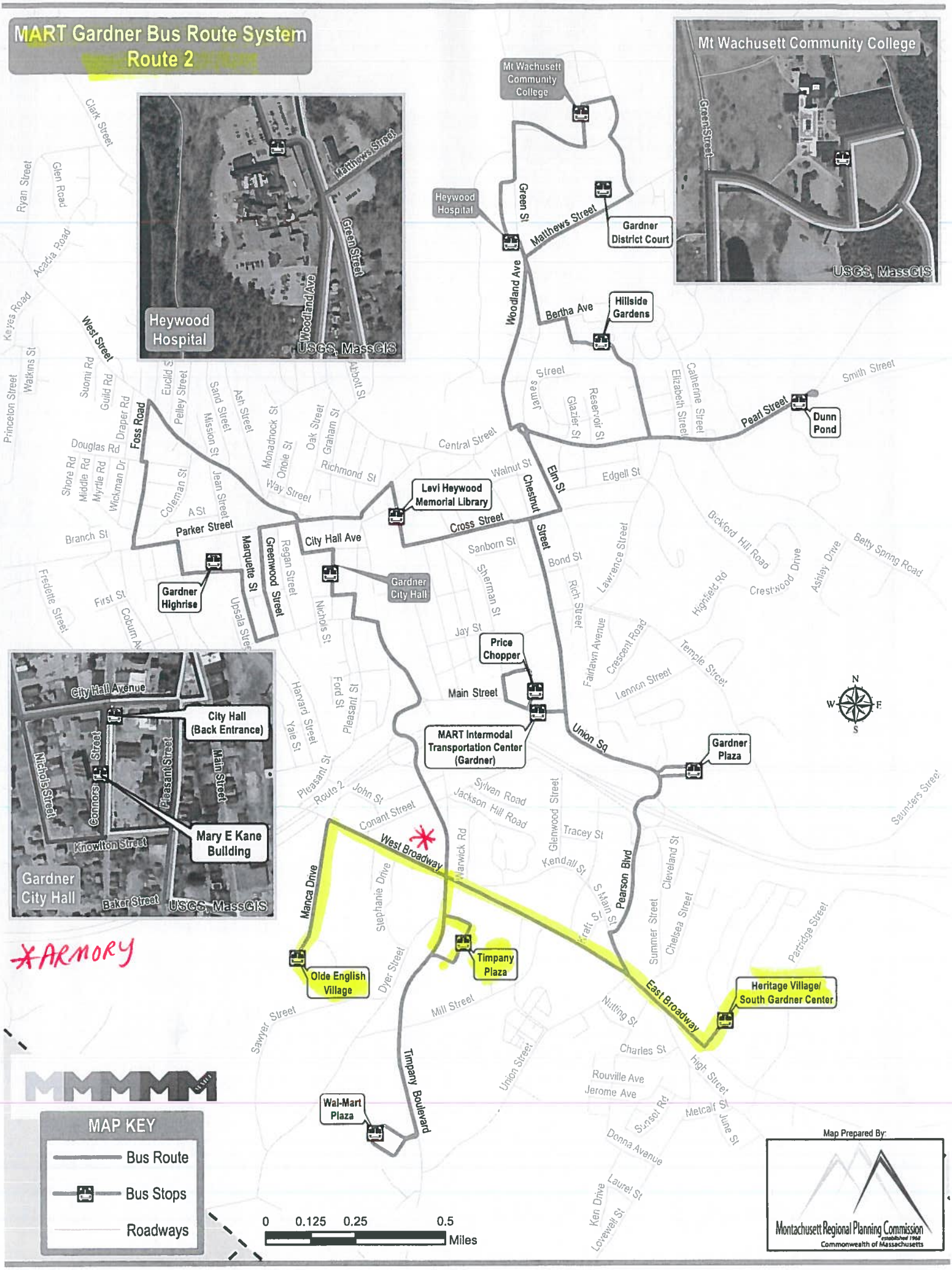
Route 1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