# Nashua Strong Towns **Kickoff meeting**



## Welcome to Nashua Strong Towns

Our goal is to help make Nashua more walkable, bikeable, pedestrian friendly, and sustainable.

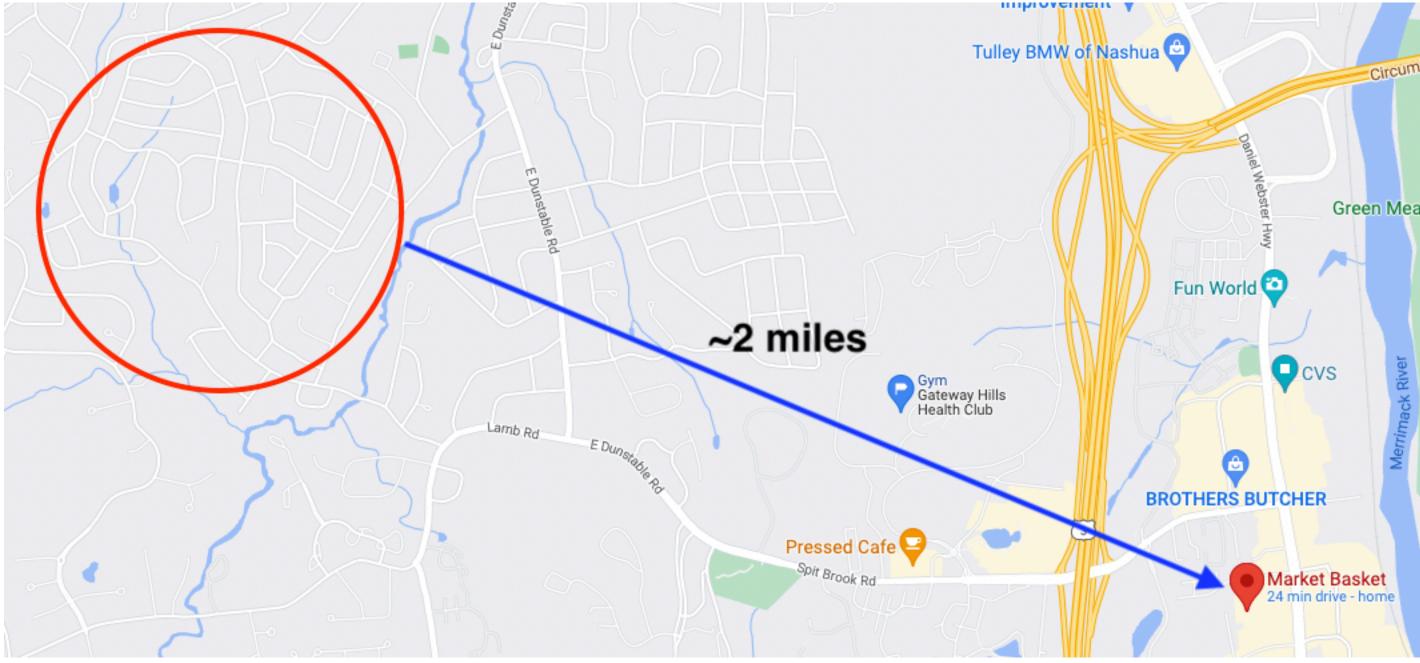


# A quick example of what we're pushing for

### Can I bike to the store?

Assuming best conditions - is it safe/efficient?

- I live 2 miles from the supermarket
- The area is safe
- The weather is temperate

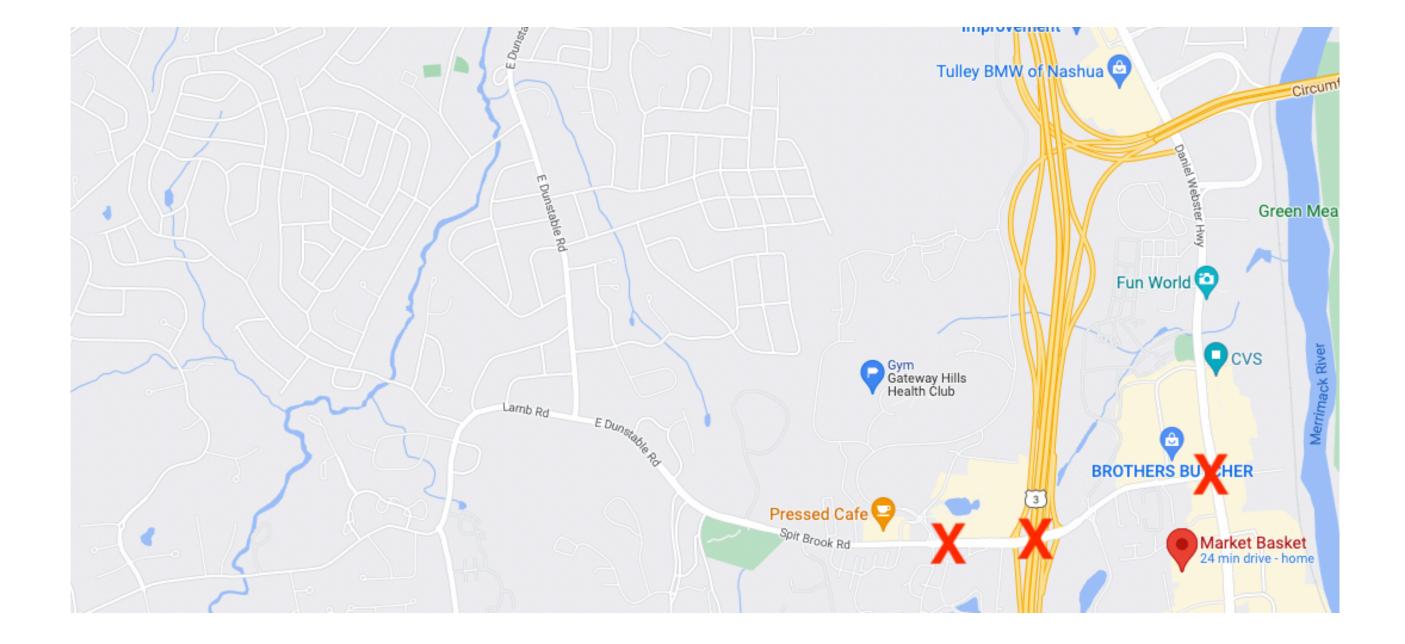




# Pedestrian dangers

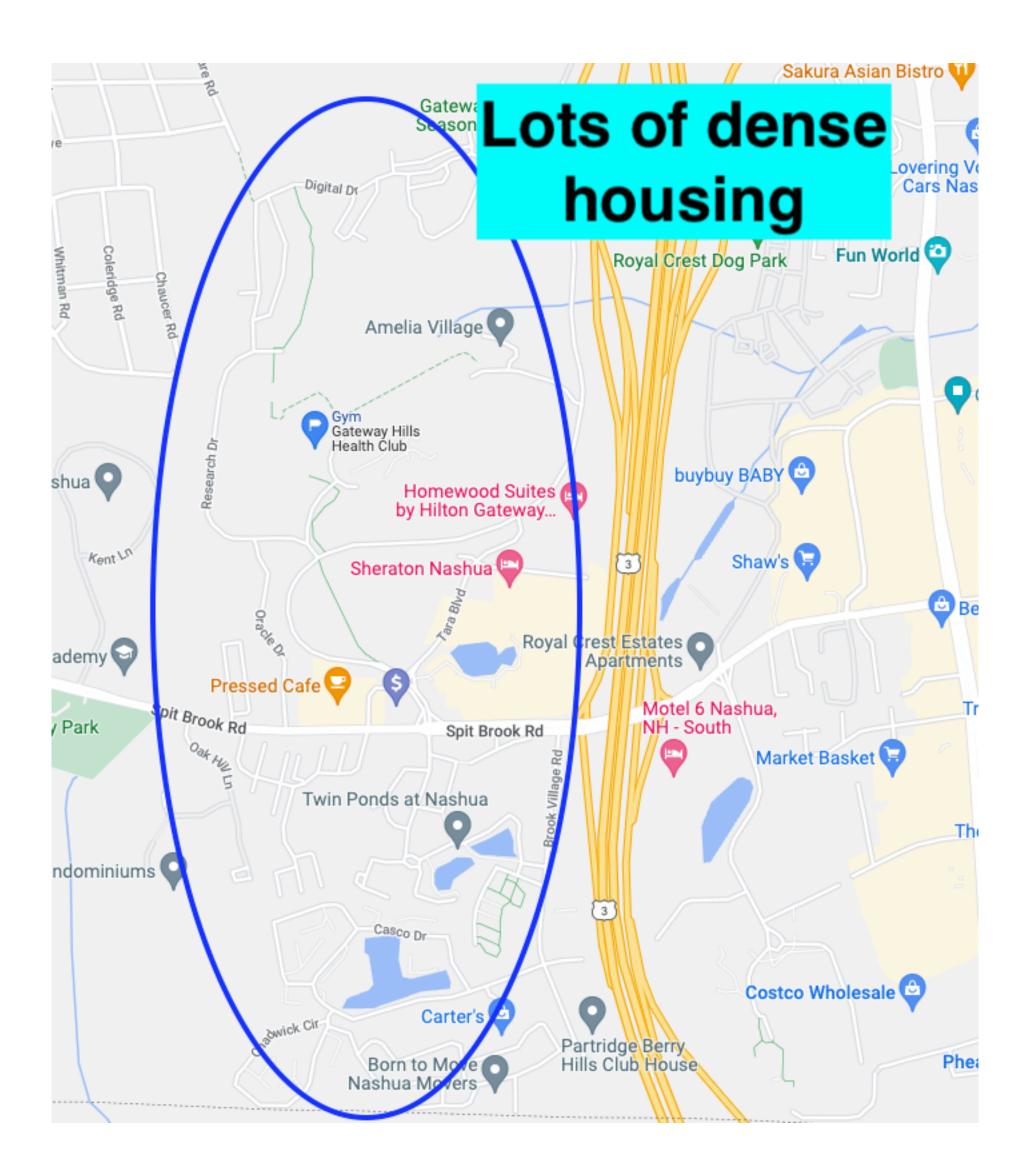
There are a number of dangerous spots

- Few sidewalks on Spit Brook road
- Crossing route 3 on/off ramp
- Cycling on DW Highway is extremely dangerous
  - Small sidewalks/lots of lanes



### **Dense housing** Plenty of dense housing nearby

- Extra apparent when considering nearby apartment complexes
- Commercial district extremely close
- Small tech sector in the vicinity
- Every single person living here needs a car to get food



### This all brings a fresh line of questioning **Once we support some level of walkability**

- Why are the parking lots so large?
  - Often larger than the business itself
- Why are the sidewalks so small compared to the road?
- Why aren't we supporting more small stores closer to everyone?
  - As opposed to huge centrally located big box stores

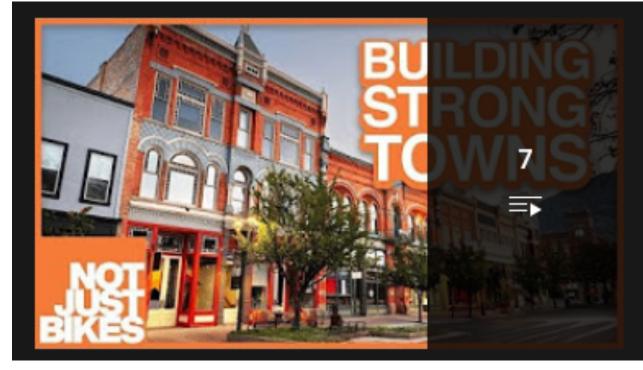
Lots of Nashua is in this position

### So close to being walkable/bikeable And yet so far

- Nashua government understands the benefits of walkability
- Currently has a new (2022) master charter plan: <u>https://imagine.nashuanh.gov/</u>
  - For more walkable/bikeable, sustainable areas
- There's a lot of work to do, let's make it happen!

### There is a lot more!

### **"Not Just Bikes: Strong** Towns" on YouTube



### Strong Towns

Not Just Bikes 🥪

The Truth about American Cities - Part 1 - Strong Towns [ST01] • 5:32

VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



### Let's show Nashua we want a walkable, vibrant, livable town!

