



# TROPICAL STORM ELSA BRIEFING

Noon ET  
Thursday, July 8, 2021

What has changed: No significant changes  
Next Briefing: Thursday, July 8 at 6 PM EDT

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# Situation Overview

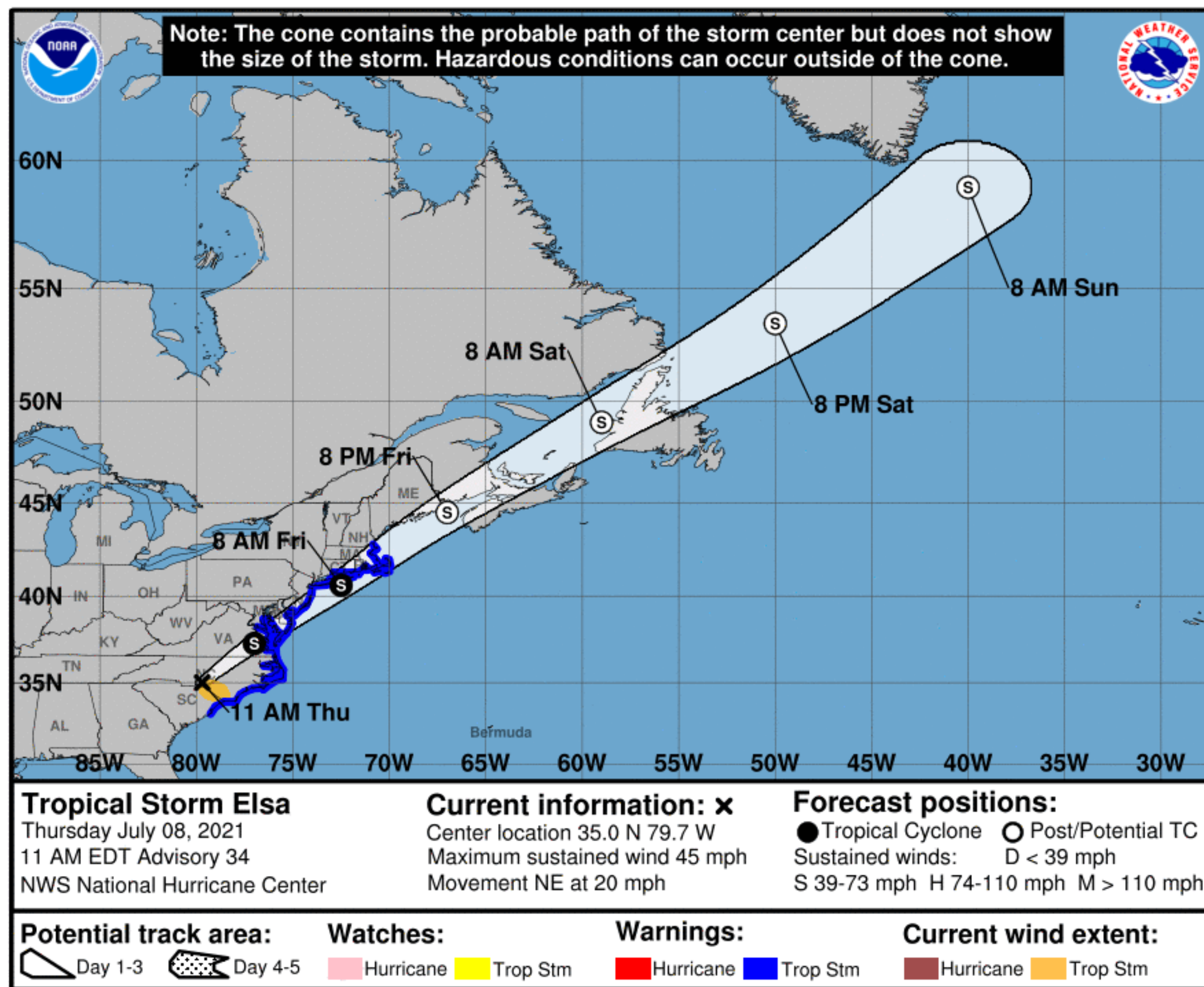
Tropical Storm Elsa

- Elsa expected to pass near or over southeast New England on Friday as a tropical storm
- Flash flooding is possible across much of southern New England due to heavy rainfall.
- Damaging winds (gusting 40 to 60 mph) and power outages are possible where Tropical Storm Warnings have been issued.
- Potential for dangerous marine conditions along with rough surf and rip currents along south coastal beaches
- No coastal/storm surge flooding expected



# Situation Overview

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- No major changes to the track
- A Tropical Storm Warning is now in effect as far north as the Merrimack and this includes to the Boston to Providence corridor.

**NOTE:** Do not focus on the exact track.

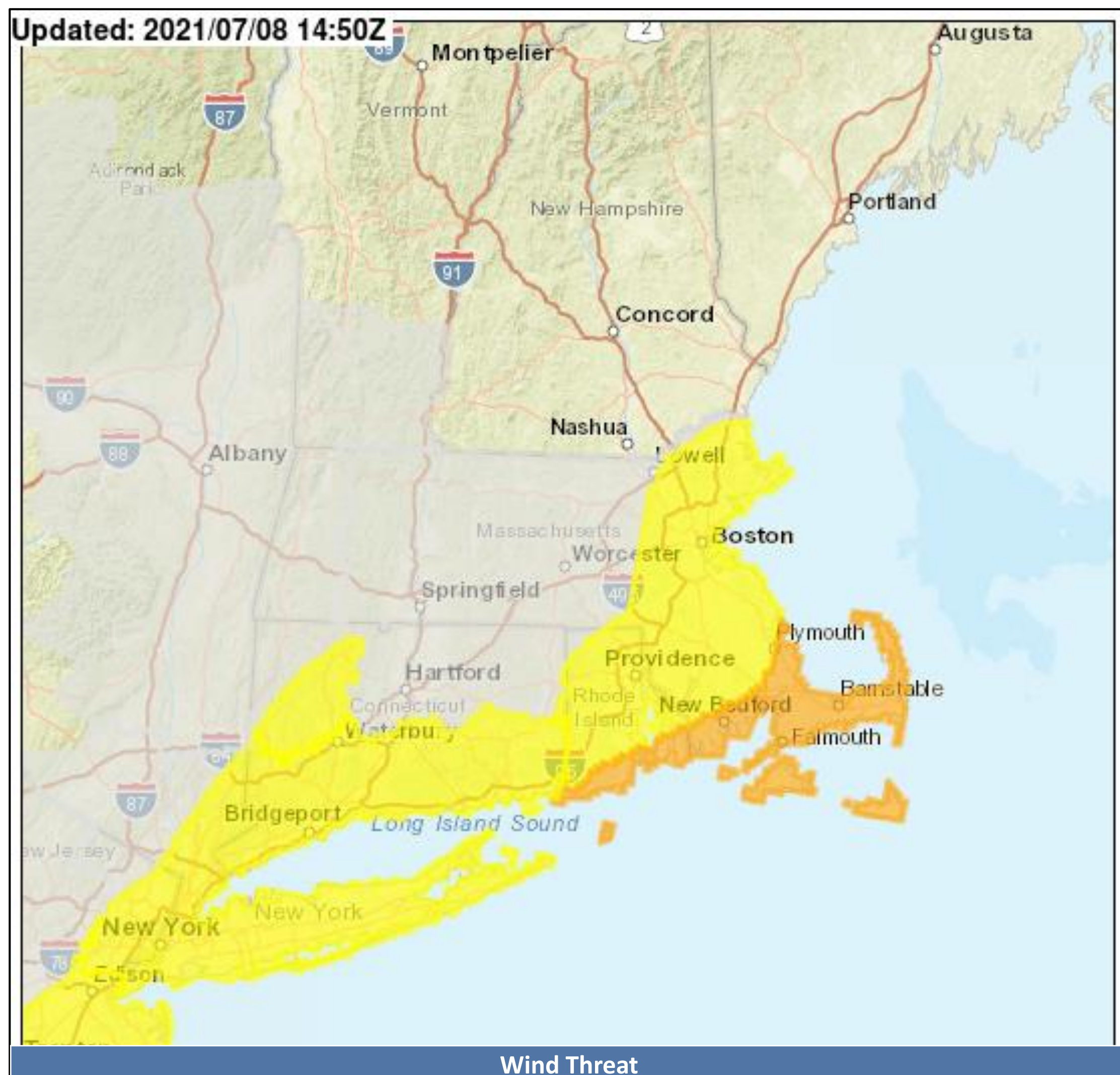
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# Wind Threat / Potential Impact

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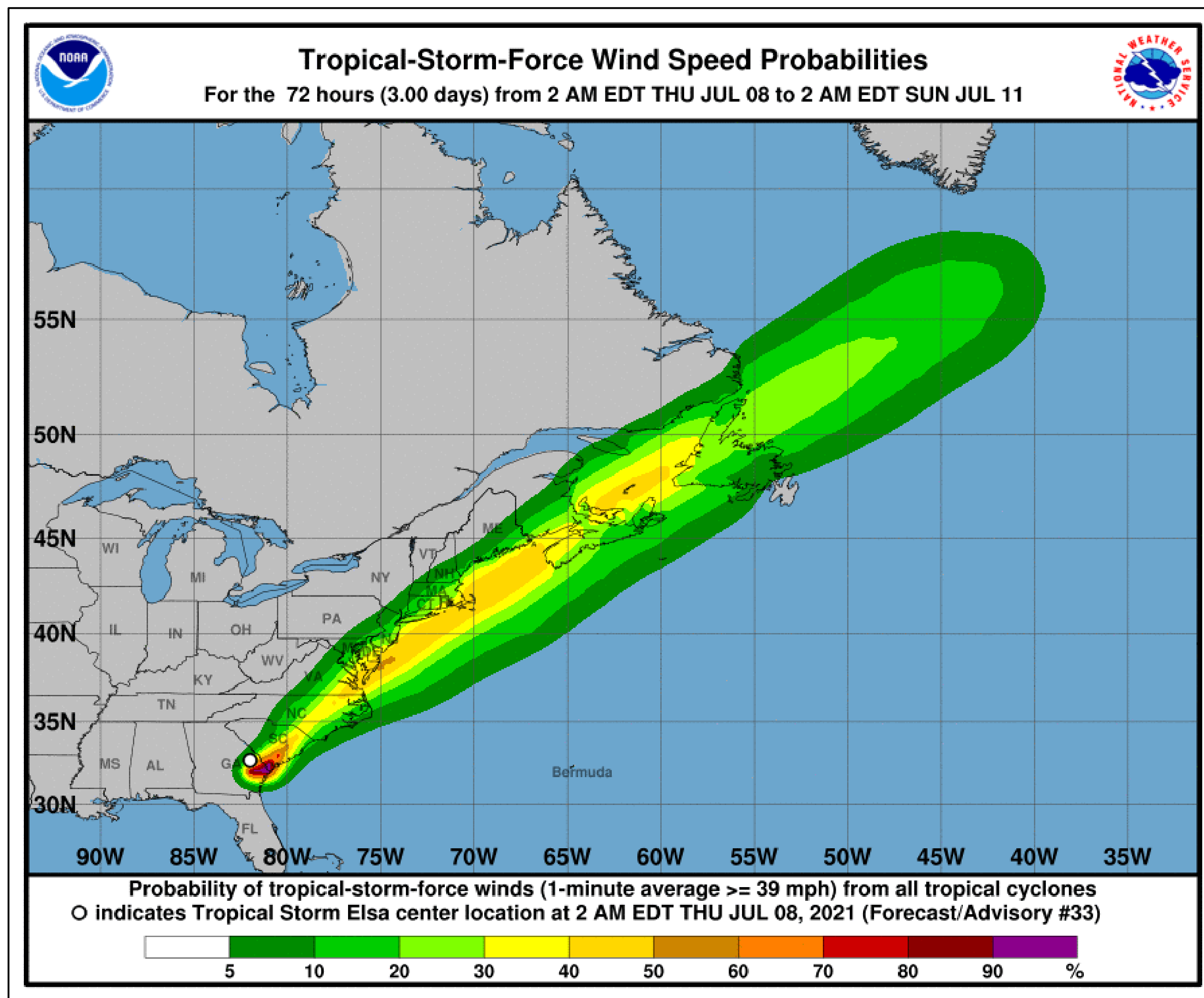


- Potential for 40 to 60 mph gusts on Cape Cod and the Islands
- The risk for power outages is highest along the south coast, including Cape Cod and the Islands due to damaging winds
- There is a lower risk of wind damage and power outages from the Providence to Boston corridor



# Tropical Storm Wind Speed Probabilities

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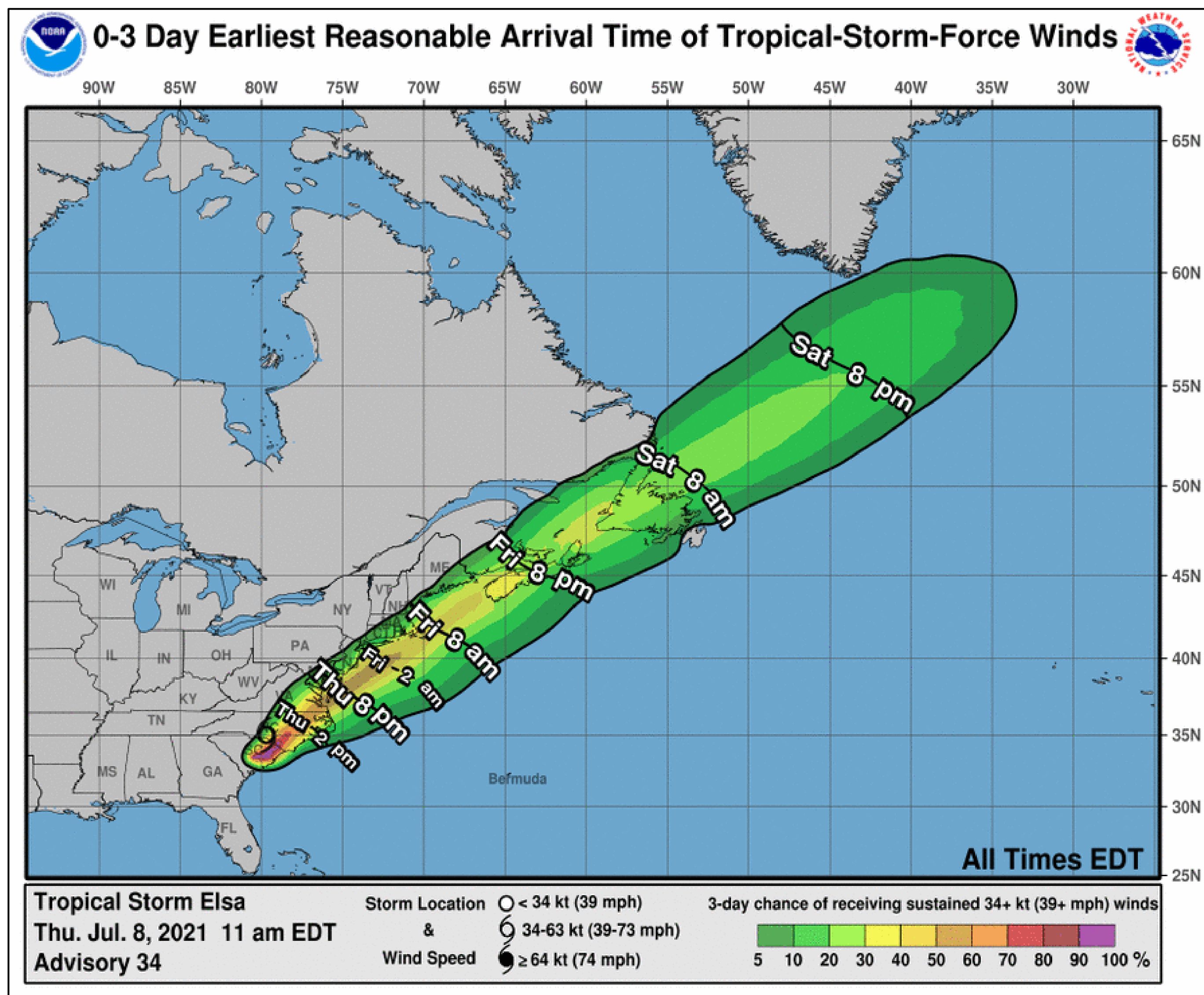
- Roughly 4 in 10 chance of winds reaching tropical storm force (sustained 40 mph) on Nantucket.
- Only 2 in 10 chance of tropical storm force winds across Rhode Island and southeast Massachusetts





# Earliest Reasonable Time of Arrival

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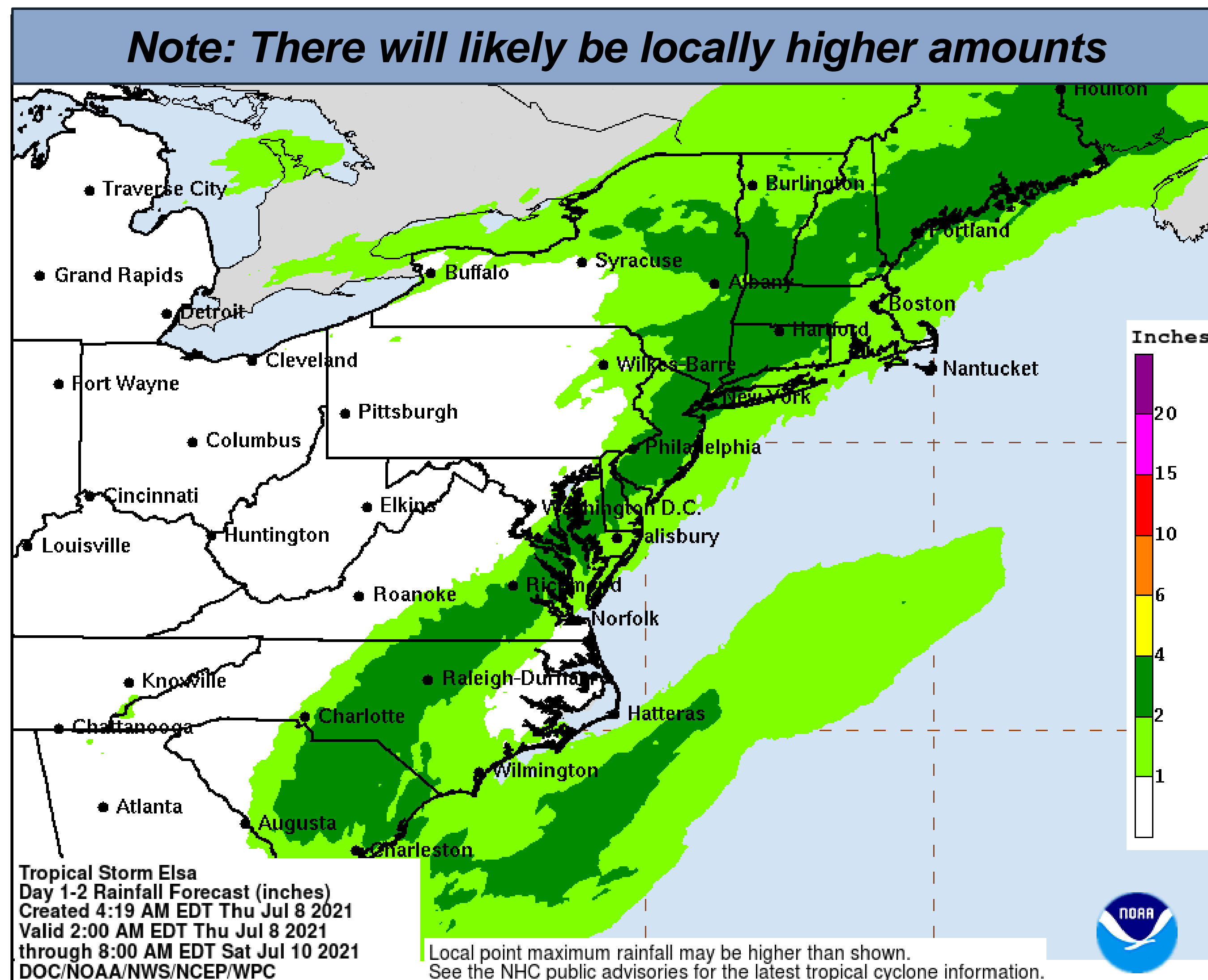


- The earliest reasonable time of arrival of tropical storm force winds, if they were to occur, would be Friday morning
- Period of strongest winds will only be about 8 hours



# Expected Storm Total Rainfall

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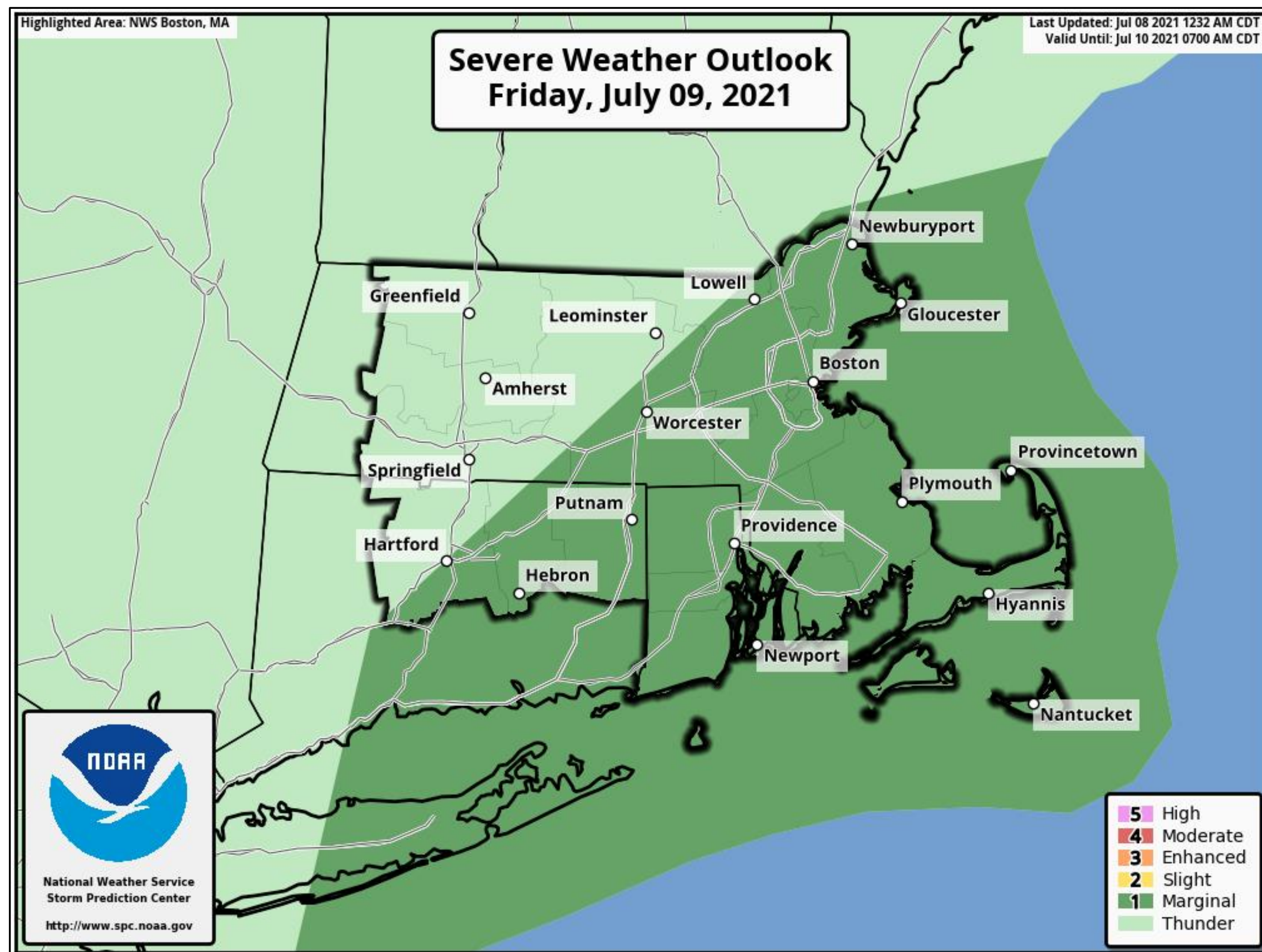
- Rain totals of 2-4 inches with isolated amounts up to 6 inches are possible.
- A Flash Flood Watch has been issued for much of southern New England.
- The graphic on the left shows the storm total rainfall valid from Thursday morning through Saturday morning
- Locally, most rain will occur between 2 AM and 2 PM Friday





# Tornado Potential

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- Main threat of tornadoes would be Friday morning into the afternoon





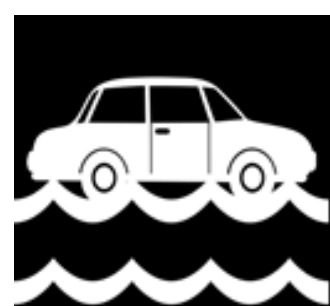
# Key Take-Aways

## Tropical Storm Elsa

Confidence is HIGH that the event will occur  
Confidence is MODERATE regarding impacts



Potential for south /southeast wind gusts 40 to 60 mph, mainly south/east of Elsa's track. Greatest chances are in Rhode Island and southeast Massachusetts.



No coastal flooding anticipated




Heavy rain expected north/west of Elsa's track. This may lead to flash flooding.





Dangerous marine conditions expected across the coastal waters, especially around and south of the Cape and Islands. Potential for rough surf and rip currents, especially along the south coasts of RI and MA, which could linger into Saturday.




# Next Briefing: Thursday around 6 PM Method: Email

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