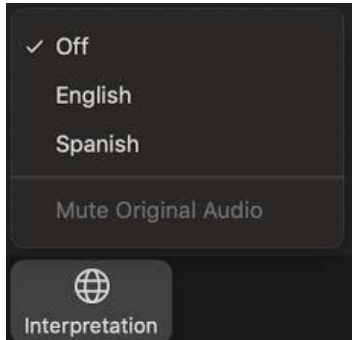


LOWER ROXBURY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

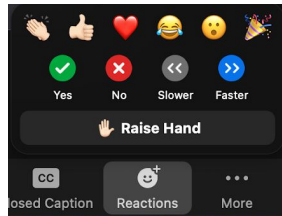
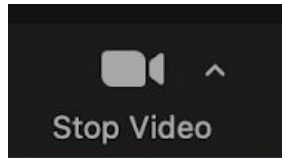
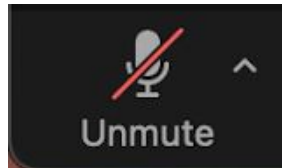
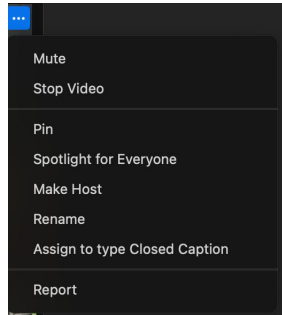
Virtual Meetings
June, 2021

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Interpretation



- ▶ Si hablas español y prefieres escuchar la reunión en esta lengua por favor mándame un mensaje por chat y activaremos un “breakout room” para la presentación en español.

Welcome!



- ▶ The presentation portion of this meeting **will be** recorded.
- ▶ Update your name in Zoom to include your preferred name and your pronouns.
- ▶ Your microphones are turned off to start. You will need to unmute to speak. Joining via phone? Press *6 to unmute.
- ▶ You can use non-verbal feedback options. Raise your hand or leave a message in the chat box if you have a question.

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION TEAM



ZOOM ZURVEYS!

- ▶ What's your home zip code?
 - 02118
 - 02119
 - 02120
 - 02115
 - 02199
 - 02116
 - Other

ZOOM ZURVEYS!

- ▶ How do you travel within Boston? (Choose as many as apply to you.)
 - MBTA bus
 - Taxi or ride-hail (Uber, Lyft, etc.)
 - Walk
 - Drive
 - Bicycle
 - MBTA subway or trolley (Orange, Green, Blue, or Red lines)
 - Other

ZOOM ZURVEYS!

- ▶ What is your relationship with Lower Roxbury? (Choose as many as apply to you.)
 - I live in Lower Roxbury
 - I work in Lower Roxbury
 - I go to school in Lower Roxbury
 - I commute through Lower Roxbury
 - I worship in Lower Roxbury
 - I visit businesses in Lower Roxbury
 - Other

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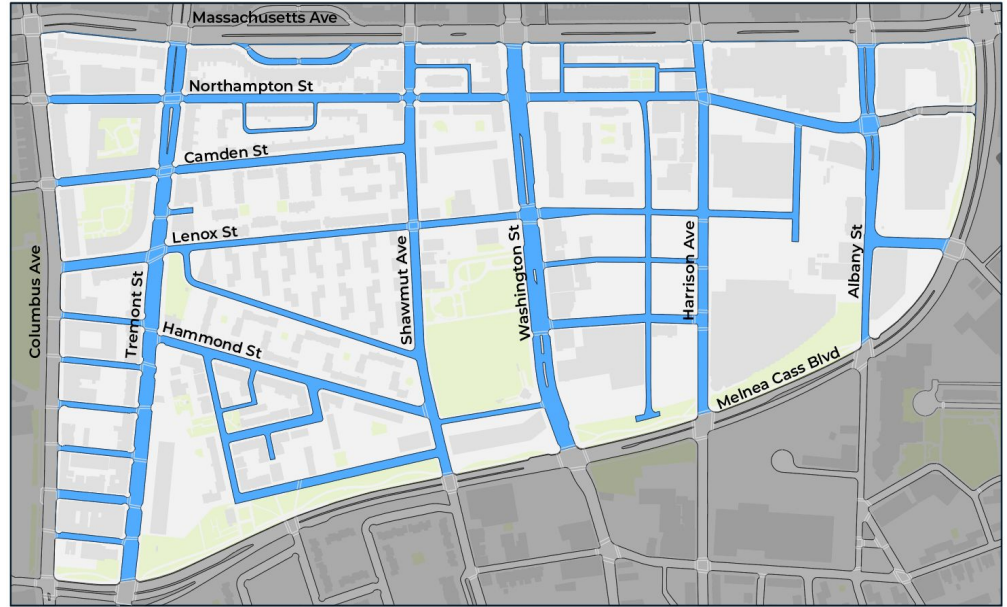
PROJECT GOAL

You asked us to:

- ▶ Take a **broad look** at Lower Roxbury
- ▶ Listen to what the **people who live here now** want for their community
- ▶ Help realize goals related to **transportation** and **safety**

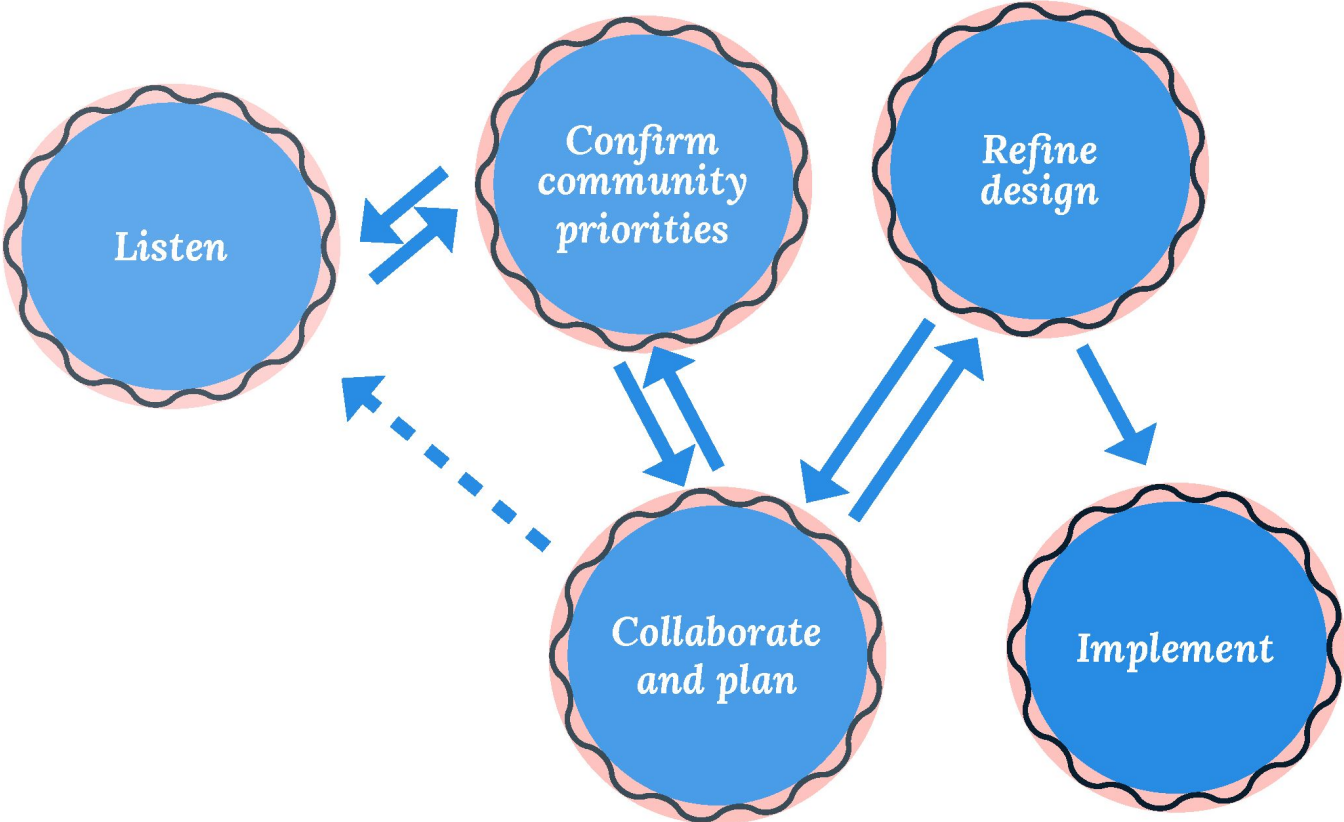
We aim to build a collaborative process with community members to:

- ▶ Highlight **neighborhood assets**
- ▶ Create **positive changes** to your streets in Lower Roxbury

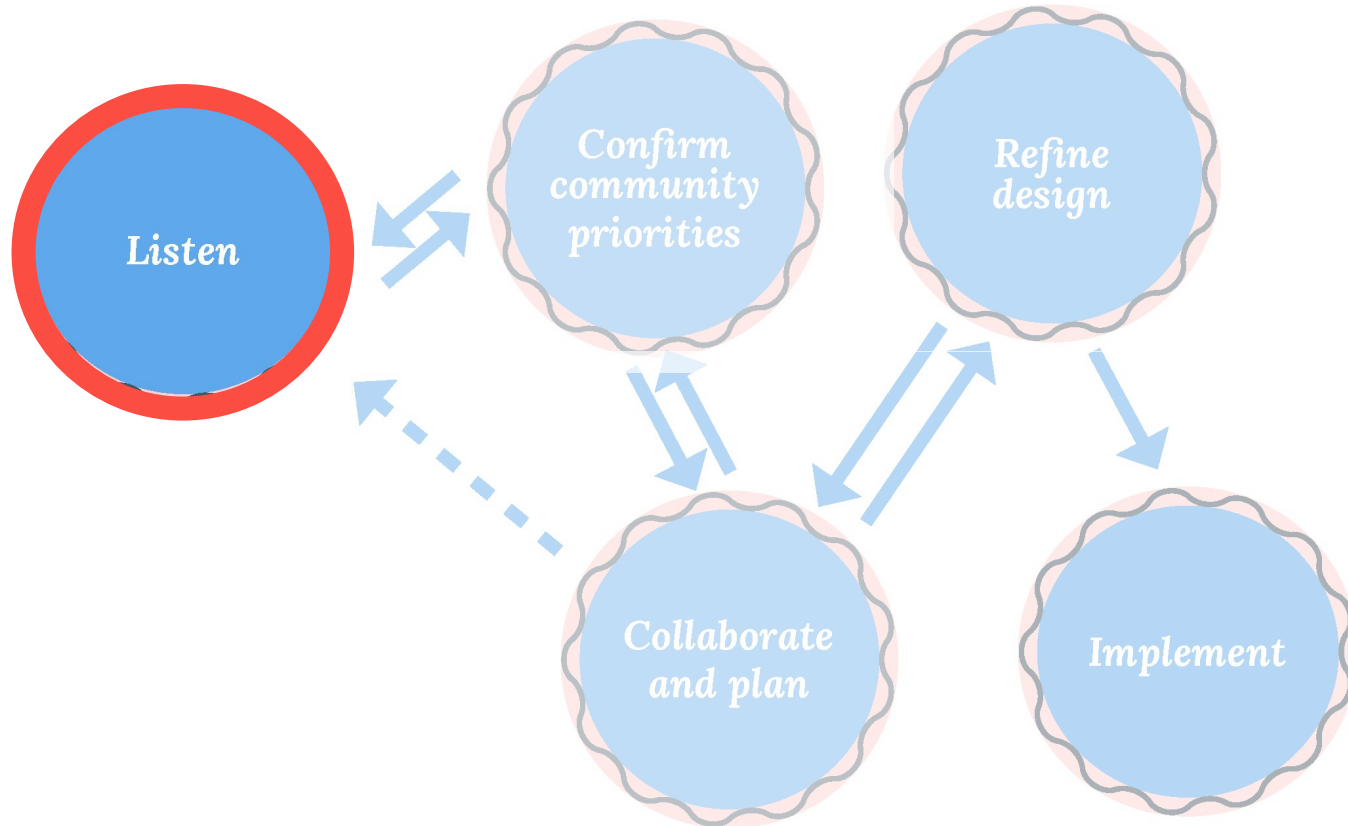


The project area is bounded by, **but does not include** Columbus, Mass Ave., and Melnea Cass.

OUR APPROACH

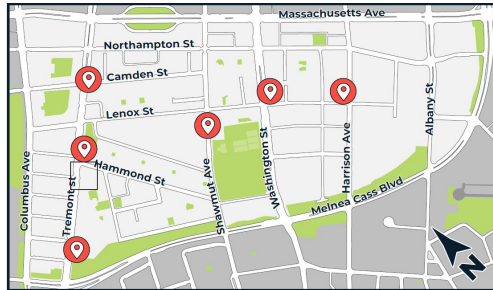


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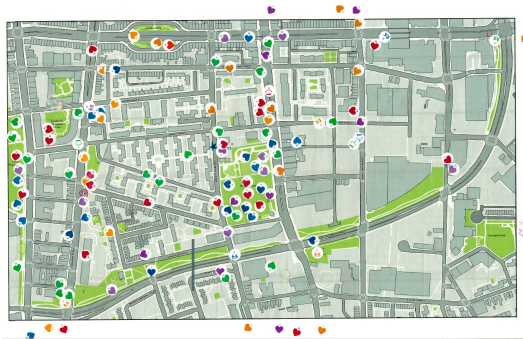


IDEAS ON THE STREET

- ▶ We asked people what they *love* about the neighborhood and where they find *joy*.
- ▶ We also asked people to *envision* the future of their streets in Lower Roxbury
- ▶ We gathered **285** comments from residents and visitors of all ages



 IDEAS ON THE STREET
pop-up location



What do you *love* about Lower Roxbury?

Take a moment to share your joy.

Where do you find joy?

Place one dot on the map. Place the matching one here →



Write the name of the place here. _____

Tell us more about it.

Shops, peaceful, friends

OPEN HOUSES

- ▶ We hosted open houses in *four* locations
- ▶ We shared *key themes*, including places that received a lot of *love* and people's ideas for *improving safety*

WHAT YOU *love* ABOUT LOWER ROXBURY



SW CORRIDOR BIKE PATH



CARTER PLAYGROUND

"Carter Playground because it is a place for everyone."

"Ramsey Park. I take my grandmother there and like the water park and walking around."



RAMSEY PARK



BESSA BARNES COMMUNITY GARDEN



SLADES

"Black Americans have few places in Boston they can call home."



MANDELA HOMES



THE SILVER LINE

"Transportation around the neighborhood is easy. You can catch many buses."



PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

"Peoples Baptist Church has been part of the community for many generations. It is a community spot and a great place for worship."



TREMONT ST

"Where I grew up."

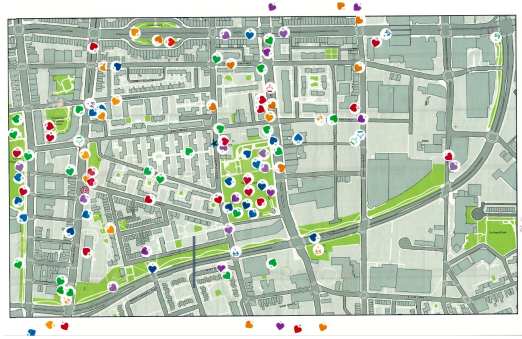


ROSIE'S PLACE

"Good food. Good People."

"History, Silver Line, older buildings, entertainment"

WHAT WE DID WITH YOUR IDEAS



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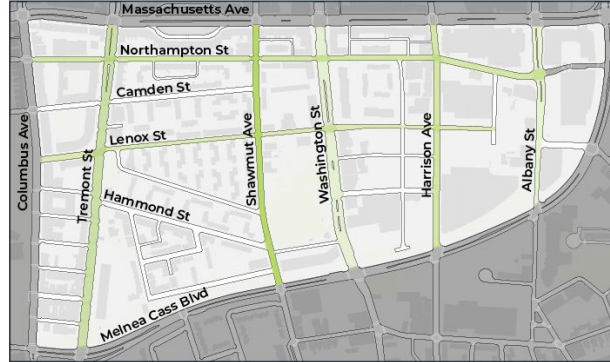
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 BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
Greg Rooney, Acting Commissioner



- Safer walking or crossing along corridors
- Safer crossing at intersections
- ⊙ More visibility
- New crosswalk



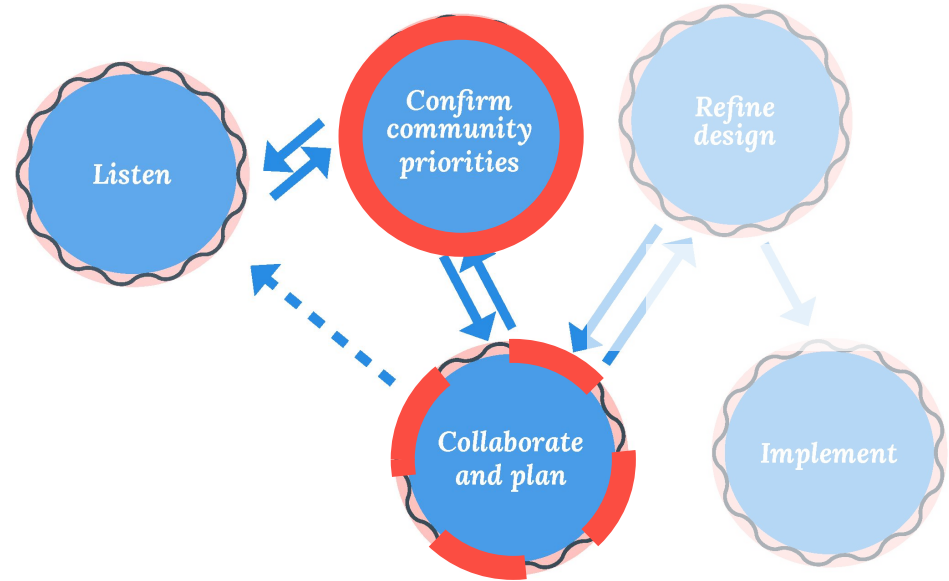
- Safer biking along corridors
- The darker the green, the more comments we've received about the street*



- Slower and safer driving along corridors

WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW

- ▶ *Confirming what residents of Lower Roxbury would like to see changed.*
- ▶ *Checking that we haven't missed any opportunities for change.*
- ▶ *Sharing with community members information about the tools we could use to help.*



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OUR TOOLKIT FOR DESIGN

We have tools that help encourage:

- ▶ *Safer crossings*
- ▶ *Safer turns*
- ▶ *Safer speeds*

Not every tool works on every street.

boston.gov/street-safety-toolkit

NEW CROSSWALK

Creates a marked location where people can cross the street. Includes curb ramps and crosswalk striping



RAISED CROSSWALKS

Raised crosswalks are at the same level as the sidewalk. They slow drivers and make it easier to see people crossing.



CURB EXTENSIONS

Curb extensions create a shorter crossing. The sidewalk is extended into the street approximately 6 feet.



CROSSING ISLANDS

Crossing islands provide a place for people to pause when crossing multiple lanes.




RAPID FLASHING BEACONS


A small rectangular, bright flashing light that can be activated by a person who wants to cross the street.




WALK SIGNAL CHANGES

Provides pedestrians a head start, adds more “Walk” time to signals, or both.

¡Sí! Hemos hecho cambios en este semáforo para que cruzar la calle sea más fácil y seguro. Cruza solo cuando veas la señal de WALK. 

這裡有一些新的變化。 

是的！我們對這個信號燈做了一些改變，從而使行人更方便和更安全地過馬路。您只有看到步行信號燈亮時，才可以過馬路。 



BOSTON.GOV/CONNECT-DOWNTOWN

City of Boston
Transportation



SEPARATED BIKE LANE

Provides dedicated space for people biking, separated from people walking and protected from people in cars.



Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
Except Resident Sticker
BTD PB- C

PROTECTED BIKE LANE

LOAD

DRIVE PARK BIKE WALK

boston.gov/better-bike-lanes City of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh

NO STOPPING
BOSTON POLICE
SPECIAL EVENT
AUG 31 THRU SEPT 2
7am - 5pm
BTD



CONTRAFLOW BIKE LANE

Allows people biking to go both ways on a street that is one-way for motor vehicles.



SPEED FEEDBACK SIGN

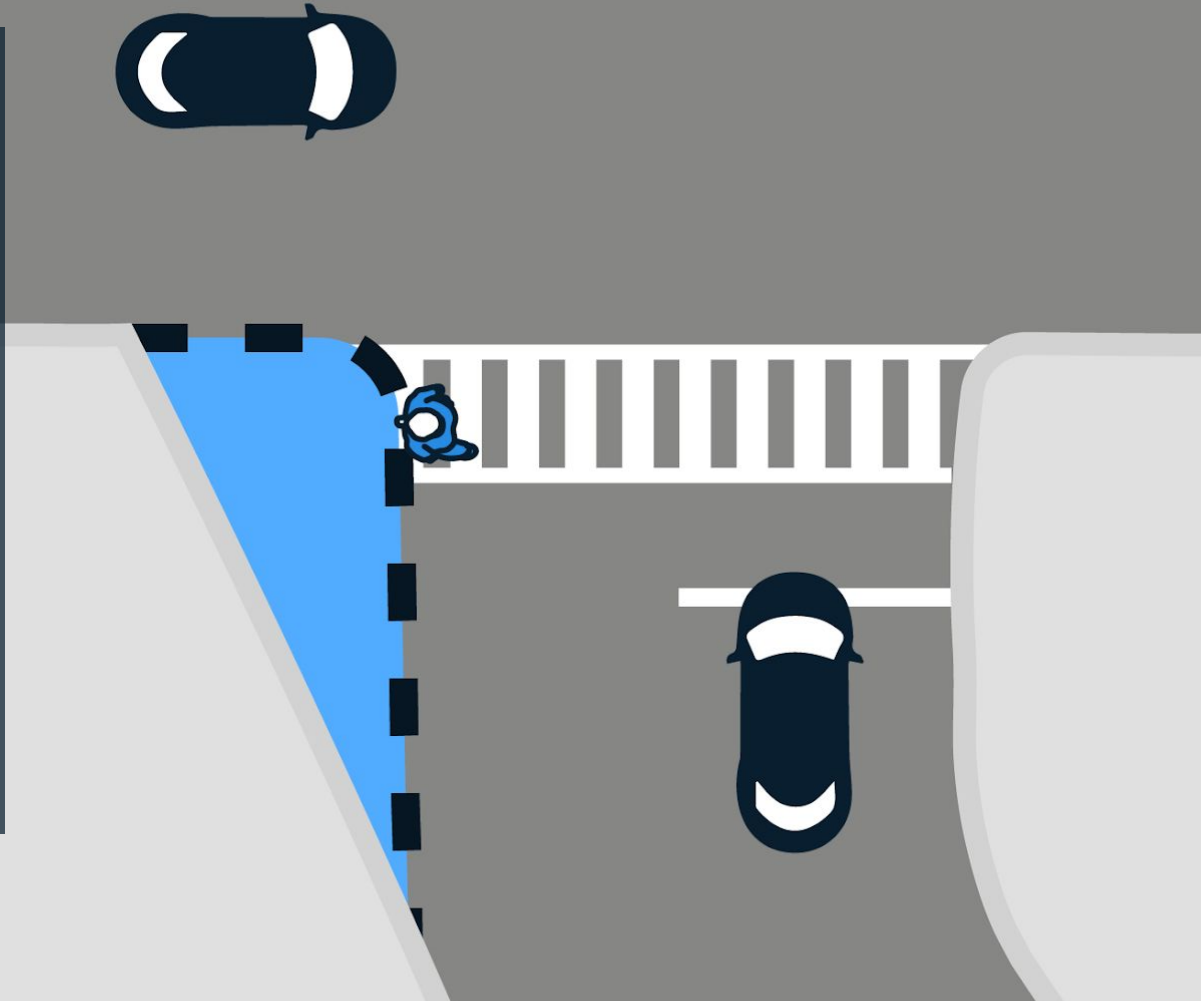
A speed limit sign combined with a digital sign that displays a driver's speed. If drivers are speeding the digital sign flashes.



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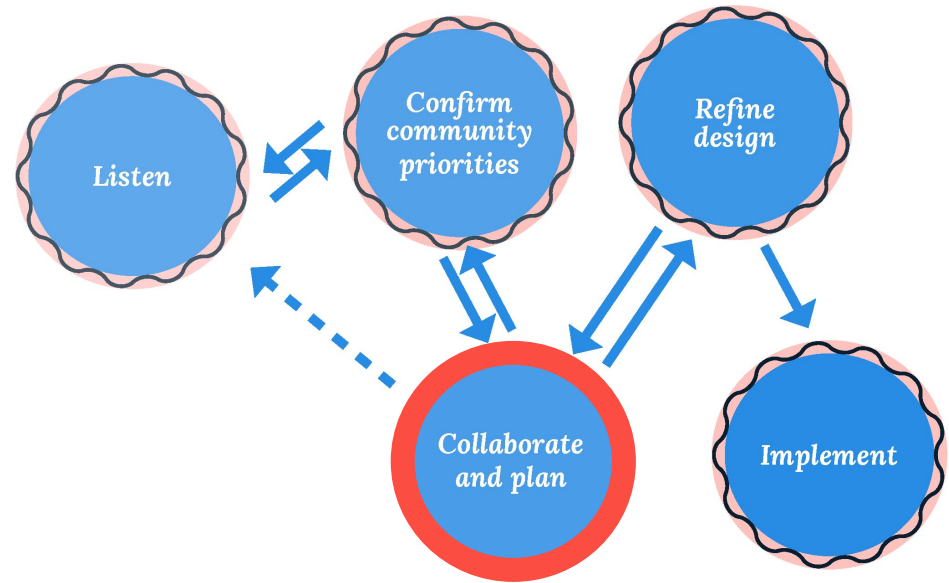
INTERSECTIONS

We redesign irregularly-shaped intersections by extending the curb to create intersections with right-angles. This improves visibility at intersections and reduces conflicts.



NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Keep survey open until next Friday (6/18)
- ▶ Incorporate your feedback into a draft design that highlights neighborhood assets
- ▶ Check in with the Outreach Advisory Group (6/24)
- ▶ Check in again with you in the fall (sign up for our mailing list!)



WHAT'S NEXT

We are here



MAY,
2021

JULY,
2021

FALL,
2021

SPRING/
SUMMER,
2022

*Confirm
priorities*

Plan design

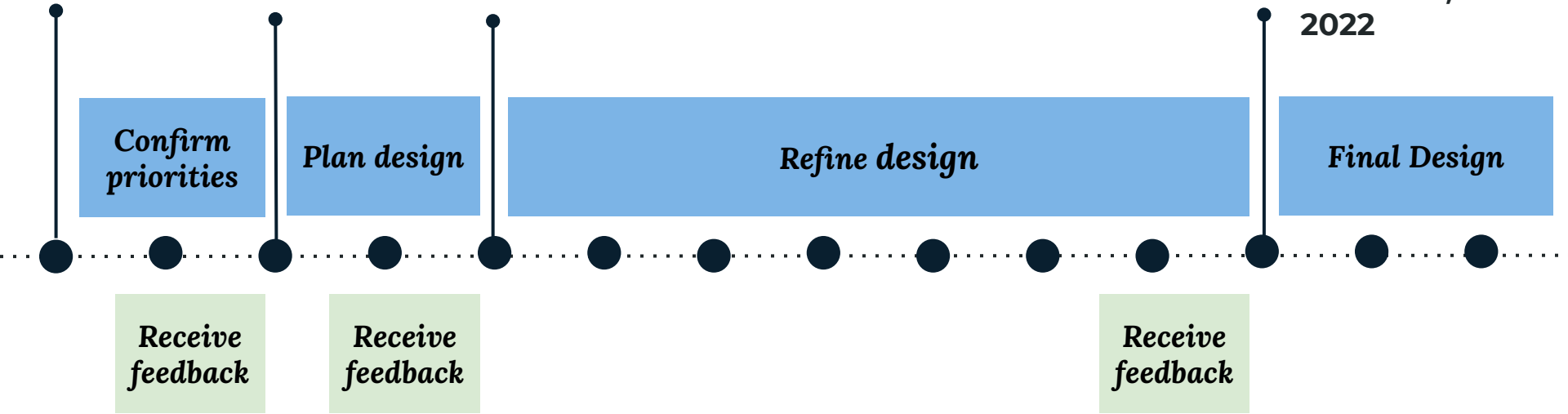
Refine design

Final Design

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Women's Learn to Ride Clinics

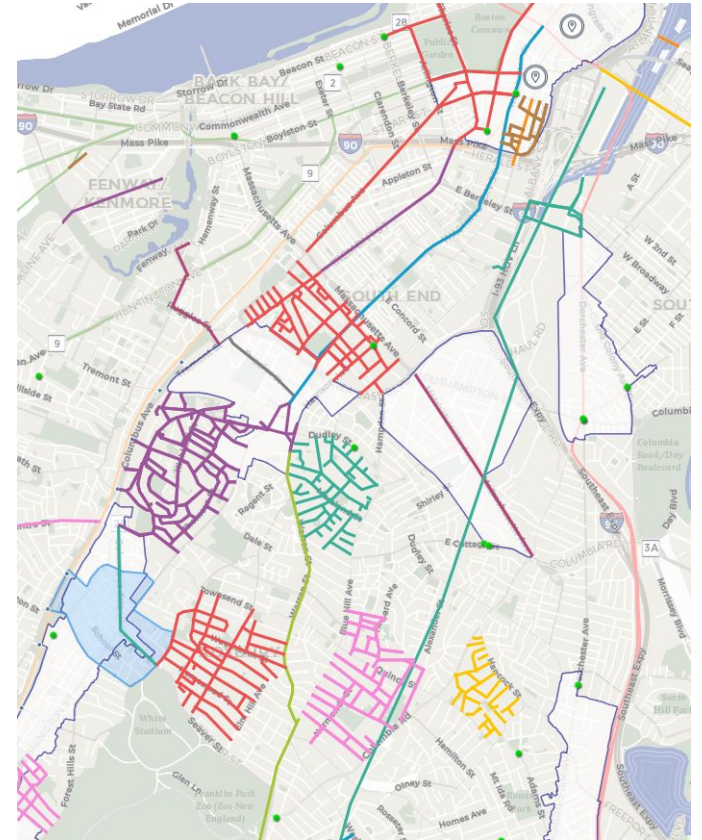
- ▶ **July 14, 28:** Mattapan (Mattahunt Elementary School)
- ▶ **August 11, 25:** Roxbury, (Franklin Park)
- ▶ **September 11, 25:** Lower Roxbury (Boston Water & Sewer parking lots)



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING NEARBY?

Transportation projects across Boston:

- ▶ *Project map:*
[boston.gov/transportation-projects](https://www.boston.gov/transportation-projects)



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING NEARBY?

Boston Planning & Development Agency:

- ▶ [PLAN Nubian Square](#) and [Parcel P3 Development](#)
 - ▷ 6/28 - P3 Workshop 4
- ▶ [Roxbury Strategic Master Plan](#)
 - ▷ 7/12 - Updates about transportation, several parcels
- ▶ [Parcel X-26B development](#) (site of Frederick Douglass Peace Garden)
 - ▷ RFP for open space/community garden at this site
- ▶ [PLAN Newmarket](#)
 - ▷ 6/16 - Defining 21st Century Industry Workshop

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING NEARBY?

Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture

- ▶ [Transformative Public Art 2021](#) - *funding for murals and other forms of artistic expression*

Community Preservation

- ▶ Frederick Douglass Plaza, greenspace, statue

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING NEARBY?

Environment Department

- ▶ Heat Resilience Study Idea Sessions
 - ▷ 6/16 at 6 pm - [Roxbury neighborhood focus](#)

Love your Block

- ▶ [Block Party Grant](#) - offering \$500 to residents, and groups that wish to celebrate their neighborhood with a block party.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Sign up for project newsletter and view updates:

- ▶ boston.gov/lower-roxbury

Have a question? Email or call us:

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