

Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan!

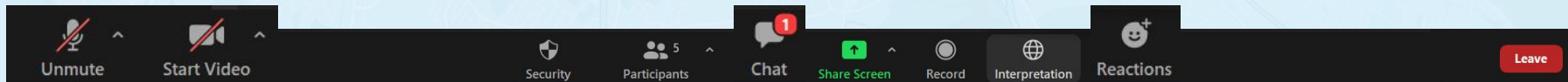
Community Meeting
March 28, 2023



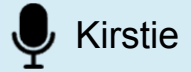
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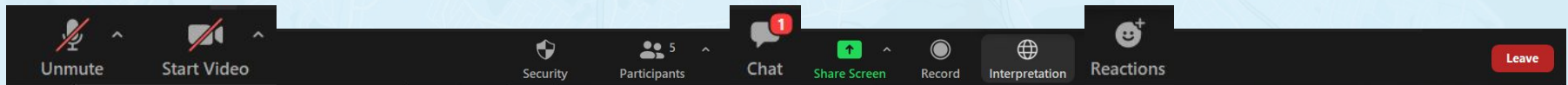
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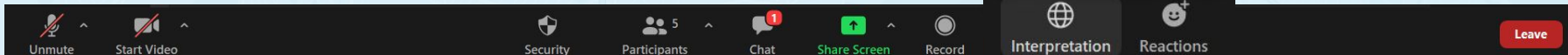
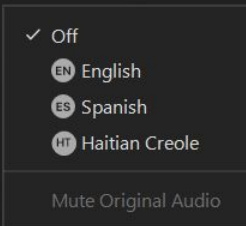
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Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Bonjou!



- Si hablas español y prefieres escuchar la reunión en esta lengua utiliza el botón de “Interpretation” (Interpretación) para acceder al canal de audio en español.
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Kirstie

Welcome!

Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan

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March 28, 2023





Kirstie

Recordings of our past monthly Zoom meetings and other project materials can be found here:

boston.gov/blue-hill-avenue



Kirstie

Project Goals

Goal 1: Improve pedestrian safety along Blue Hill Ave

Goal 2: Expand transportation options and reliability

Goal 3: Connect infrastructure investments to the work of other City departments and State agencies (*including housing and development, business and economic development, environmental resilience, and public realm improvements*)



Kirstie

Meeting Goals

- Goal 1:** Orient residents to where this project came from, who is involved, and why this process is different
- Goal 2:** Provide updates about planning studies & engagement activities along Blue Hill Ave (BHA)
- Goal 3:** Respond to common questions about the BHA Transportation Action Plan
- Goal 4:** Share project updates about related initiatives along BHA
- Goal 5:** Provide an overview of upcoming engagement and how to get involved



Chavella

Ground Rules

1. Maintain respect for others in this space (*consultants, community members, and municipal agencies*).
2. Use “I” statements. If you are representing a neighborhood association or group, please share when speaking
3. Step up and step back.
4. There will be a good amount of time for reaction and discussion at the end, please try to limit your questions until then.



Kirstie

Tonight's Agenda

1. Meet the Team, Project Overview & Public Commitments
2. Responding to Common Questions: Parking
3. Project Updates: Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
4. How to Get Involved



Kirstie

INTRO POLL

1. What is your main way of traveling along Blue Hill Ave?

(walk, bike, car, public transit, other)

2. Why is this your primary way to get around?

3. What is your home zip code?

(If you can't get the poll to work, feel free to use the Chat)



Kirstie

Blue Hill Avenue

Meet the Team,
Project Overview &
Public Commitments





Kirstie

Public Sector Team

BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPT



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Project Manager



Maya Mudgal
Transit Planner



Graham Moitoso
Transit Co-op



Charlotte Fleetwood
Mattapan Square

OTHER PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS

Office of Housing
Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion
Boston Planning & Development Agency
Office of Neighborhood Services
Office of New Urban Mechanics
Office of Arts and Culture
Disabilities Commission
Age Strong Commission
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

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MBTA Capital Delivery

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MBTA Transit Priority

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MBTA Transit Priority

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Stephen

Engagement Team

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Real Talk for Change



Ceasar McDowell

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition
 Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council
 Morning Star Baptist Church
 Mattapan Square Main Streets
 Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association

PUBLIC AGENCIES

Boston Transportation Department
 Boston Planning & Development Agency

SO FAR, STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS WITH:

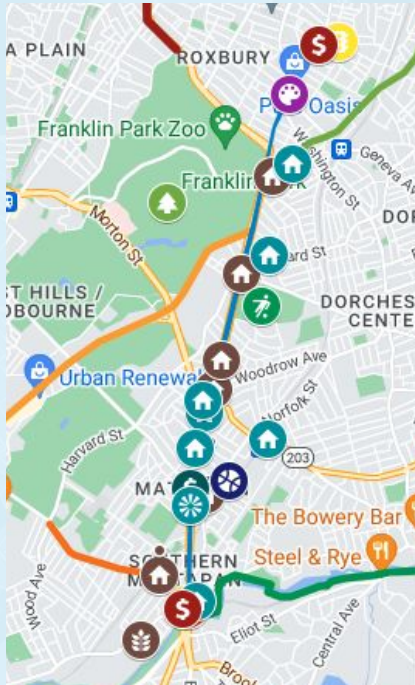
Greater Grove Hall Main Streets
 Project R.I.G.H.T. Inc.
 Franklin Park Coalition
 Mattapan Teen Center
 Prince Hall Grand Lodge
 Mattapan Community Health Center
 Franklin Park Zoo



Stephen

There's lots going on around Blue Hill Ave

Existing and Ongoing Projects Inventory



Warren Street Bus Priority Corridor

Columbia Road Greenway

Harambee Park Improvements

PLAN: Mattapan

Cummins Highway Redesign

American Legion Highway Safety Improvements

Franklin Park Master Plan

Columbus Ave Bus Priority Corridor

Mattapan Square Redesign

Blue Hill Ave Action Plan

Neighborhood Slow Streets: Grove Hall/Quincy Corridor

Fairmount Line Service Enhancement

DPW Resurfacing Projects

Bike Share Expansion

Grove Hall Plaza Mural

Greater Grove Hall Main Streets Green Median

Bus Network Redesign

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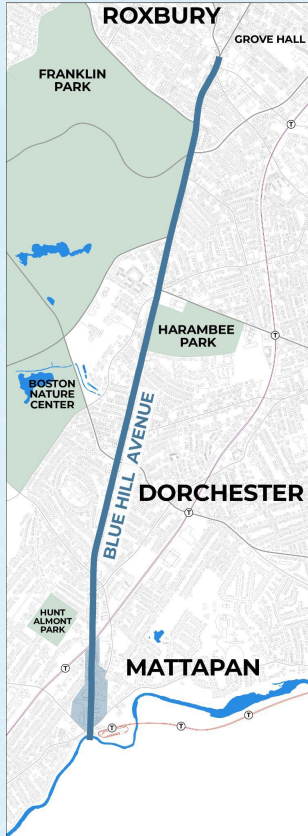
Mattapan Line Improvements

Bridge Replacement - Blue Hill Avenue over Railroad



Stephen

Where & How We Are Working



Since June 2019:

20	Public meetings about BHA or Mattapan Square	14	Workshop sessions
11	In-person pop-ups	1	Mailer sent to ~23,000 homes 0.5-mi from BHA
3	Community walks	500+	Survey responses

How we are working differently:

Holistic Approach to Blue Hill Ave

- Not just transportation...
- Also public realm, housing & development, business & employment





Public Commitments

- Commitment 1:** The City and engagement team are committed to making informed, data-driven decisions which respond to questions raised by the public.
- Commitment 2:** The City and engagement team are committed to improving pedestrian safety along Blue Hill Ave.
- Commitment 3:** The City and engagement team believe that the public funding for this project should be allocated based on public priorities.



Feedback on Parking

““

We live on Charlotte St and this will affect us tremendously. Parking is another issue, people will come to all the side streets.

*Public meeting,
October 25, 2022*

““

I believe widening the streets, removing or narrowing the middle island and then providing more trees would be a benefit. It would allow the bike lanes while not removing needed lanes for driving and business parking.

*Public meeting,
October 25, 2022*

““

I work on Washington Street, Codman Sq where parking is horrible. But pedestrian & bus traffic brings in a lot of business for me.

*Public meeting,
October 25, 2022*



Maya

Blue Hill Avenue

Responding to Common Questions





Maya

Q: How can the city enforce parking?

Last month, the top two parking concerns were double parking and lack of enforcement. Here are ways to enforce parking:

Enforcement measure	Who can implement this?
Curbside regulations (shorter term parking, pick-up/drop-off zones)	BTD Planning
Paid parking (installation of meters)	BTD Planning + Operations
Ticketing parking violations (parking in a bus stop, unpaid meters, non-resident in resident permit parking)	BTD Parking Enforcement, Boston Police Department, MBTA Transit Police
Ticketing moving violations (speeding, double parking, running red lights)	Boston Police Department through Chapter 90, MBTA Transit Police



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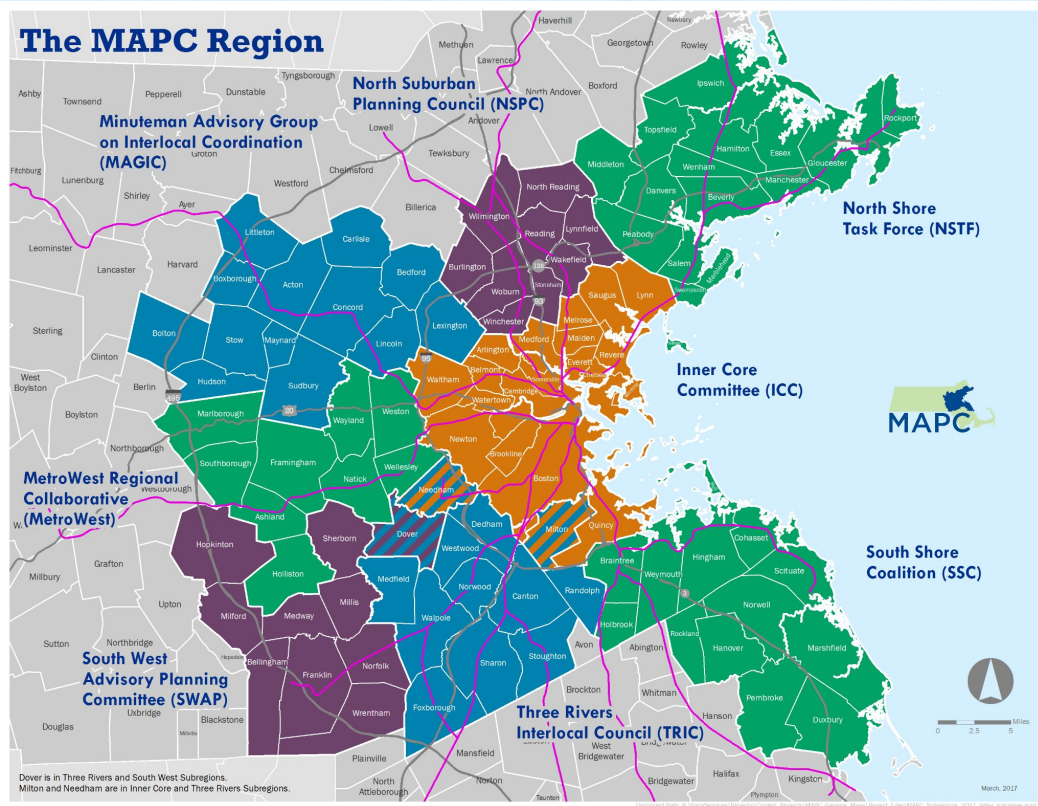
Blue Hill Avenue

**Project Updates:
Metropolitan Area
Planning Council (MAPC)**





Introduction to MAPC



- Regional planning agency for 101 cities and towns in Greater Boston
- Focus on smart growth and regional collaboration



Adi

Studying Parking on Blue Hill Ave

Goals

- Understand existing parking behavior (parking space occupancy, availability, duration, turnover)
- Understand how parking might shift to accommodate parking demand and potential streetscape changes (e.g. parking on main streets vs. side streets)



Adi

Studying Parking on Blue Hill Ave

Some questions we hope to answer

- What is the supply of parking on and around BHA?
- How much parking is available at different times of the day?
- How much parking is available within a short walk (2-5 minutes) from small businesses and commercial activity?
- Are there issues with parking duration/turnover where people park for long time periods (e.g. employees/commuters/residents parking all day) and take spaces from business clients?
- How much double/triple parking is happening and how can it be better managed?



Adi

Studying Parking on Blue Hill Ave

Approach

- Identify areas of interest along BHA corridor
 - Pilot at Blue Hill Ave/Old Road
 - Call for additional areas at end of presentation
- Gather parking data
- Analyze data
- Produce maps and report to share



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Pilot study area - Blue Hill Ave/Old Road

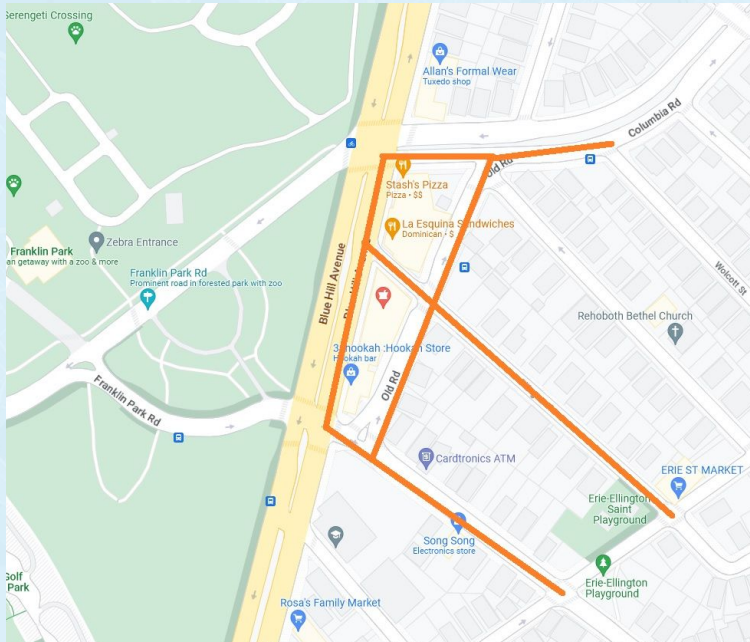
- Access to health care facility at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center
- Mix of residential and commercial areas
- Mix of main arterial and side streets
- Focused area to trial parking study methodology



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Studying Parking on Blue Hill Ave

Pilot study area - Blue Hill Ave/Old Road



- BHA from Old Road/Glenway Street to Columbia Road
- Old Road
- Columbia Rd from BHA to Wolcott St
- Ellington St from BHA to Erie St
- Glenway St from BHA to Erie St



Kirstie

How will the BHA team use these findings?

- Inform the process
 - Starting with a focused area of the corridor and side streets will allow us to test and learn from our parking study methodology
 - Work with public to figure out best way to share results
- Inform the project
 - This will be one of several parking studies
 - Parking data will inform decisions to made about roadway changes



Kirstie

POLL

What other areas should we look at for a parking study?

Please type your answer in the chat!



Stephen

Blue Hill Avenue

How to Get Involved





Stephen

Upcoming Engagement

1

A team of trusted community leaders host small group conversations across the city, where people can share questions, hopes, and personal experiences of Blue Hill Ave.



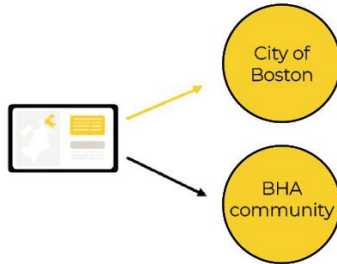
2

These conversations are recorded, transcribed and analyzed by our team, using online tools to help identify themes, insights and highlights.



3

A summary of the findings and audio clips are published to a public online dashboard. The City and engagement team will apply Real Talk findings to positively inform the design and plan of Blue Hill Ave.



Here's how Real Talk works...

- Real Talk for Change amplifies the voices of residents currently underrepresented in existing engagement conversations
- These are facilitated conversations between 4-8 community members

If you would like to participate, please email bluehillave@boston.gov



Upcoming In-Person Engagement



Pop-up exhibition: April 2023

- April 1-15 Mattapan Library -
 - Open House Tuesday, April 11th 6-8pm
- April 17-29 Grove Hall Library -
 - Open House Thursday, April 27th 6-8pm

Consult LeLa - Not Your Average Public Meeting

- Thursday, April 27, 6-8 PM (Kay's Oasis)



Kirstie

POLL

Please use the Zoom poll to indicate your interest level in getting involved with other engagement activities.

If you select “Yes” or “Maybe,” the team may reach out to you with more info about upcoming engagement.

(If you can't get the poll to work, feel free to use the Chat).

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- “Real Talk” sessions - **in-depth, intimate conversations about Blue Hill Ave**
- **Pop-up exhibit open house**
 - Mattapan library - Apr 11, 6-8pm
 - Grove Hall library - Apr 27, 6-8pm
- **Not Your Average Public Meeting** at Kay’s Lounge on Apr 27, 6-8pm
- **Grove Hall drop-in hours** at Grove Hall Public Library every Wednesday from 10am-12pm through May 31
- **Monthly public meetings** through July
- **Bus rider surveys** on routes along BHA
- **Business surveys** along BHA
- **Youth-focused** learning & engagement workshops



Kirstie

How to Stay Connected

Contact Information

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What other questions do you have? [Let us know using this form!](#)