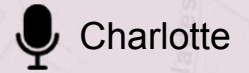


Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square Transportation Action Plan!

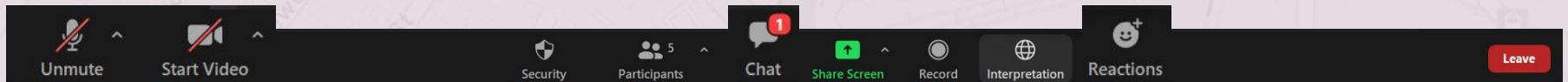
Community Meeting
July 18, 2023



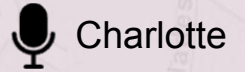
Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Bonjour!



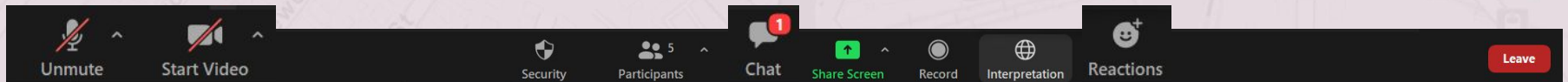
- This meeting **will be recorded**.
 - Esta reunión será grabada.
 - *Reyinyon sa a ap anrejistre.*
- Update your name in Zoom to include your preferred name and your pronouns.
 - Actualiza tu nombre en Zoom con tu nombre preferido y tus pronombres.
 - *Aktyalize non w sou Zoom pou w mete non prefere w ak pwonon w.*



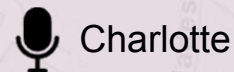
Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Bonjour!



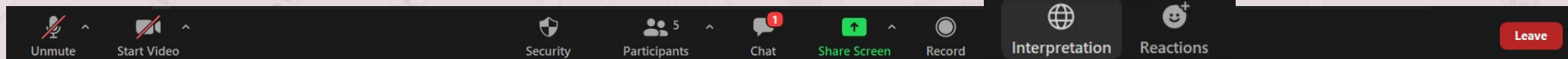
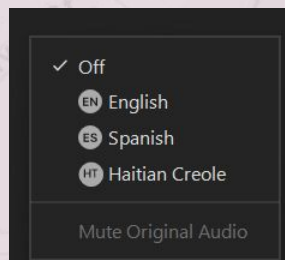
- Your microphones are turned off to start. You will need to unmute to speak. Joining via phone? Press ***6** to unmute.
 - Tu micrófono está apagado al empezar. Tendrás que reactivarlo para hablar. ¿Participando por teléfono? Presiona *6 para reactivar el micrófono.
 - *Mikwo w fèmen pou kòmanse. Ou pral bezwen ouvri mikwo a pou w pale. W ap konekte pa telefòn? Peze *6 pou ouvri mikwo a.*
- You can use non-verbal feedback options. Raise your hand or leave a message in the chat box if you have a question. If you called into the meeting, use ***9** to raise your hand.
 - Puedes utilizar las opciones de reacción no verbales. O dejar un mensaje en el chat si tienes alguna pregunta. Si estás llamando por teléfono usa *9 para levantar la mano.
 - *Ou gendwa sèvi ak opsyon fidbak non-vèbal. Leve men w oswa kite yon mesaj nan bwat tchat la si w genyen yon kesyon. Si w konekte nan reyinyon an, sèvi ak *9 pou leve men w.*



Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Bonjour!



- 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.
- *Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen e w prefere tande reyinyon an nan lang sa a tanpri sèvi ak bouton "Interpretation" (Entèpretation) pou w jwenn aksè ak chèn odyo pou Kreyòl Ayisyen an.*





Charlotte

Welcome!

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square Transportation Action Plan

Community Meeting July 18, 2023





Zani'ah

Group Norms

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.**



Vivian

Summer Fun!

- Did you participate in Mattapan on Wheels on Saturday?
- Have you been on the FREE 28 or 29 bus to/from Mattapan Square?
- Have you been on the Neponset River Greenway Trail?



(Chat your response, too)



Zani'ah

Travel POLL

1. **What is your main way of traveling through Mattapan Square? (walk, bike, drive, 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)



Zani'ah

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Meet the Team





Charlotte

Public Sector Team

BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPT



Charlotte Fleetwood
Project Manager,
Mattapan Square



Maya Mudgal
Transit Planner



Kirstie Hostetter
Project Manager,
BHA TAP

MassDOT/MBTA

Erik Scheier
MBTA Capital Delivery

Andrew McFarland
MBTA Transit Priority

AJ Tanner
Mattapan Line Transformation

Benjamin Muller
MassDOT District 6
(Blue Hill Ave/Boston)

OTHER CITY 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



Kenya Beaman
Community
Engagement Manager
BPDA

DCR

Stella Lensing
Planner, Project Manager



Zani'ah

Engagement Team

ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

Consult LeLa



Shavel'le
Olivier



Chavella
Lee-Pacheco



Ishmael D.
Hazelwood

Powerful Pathways



Allentza Michel



Zani'ah Brown

That Bike Lady



Vivian Ortiz

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council
Mattapan Square Main Streets





Zani'ah

Engagement Team: Consult LeLa



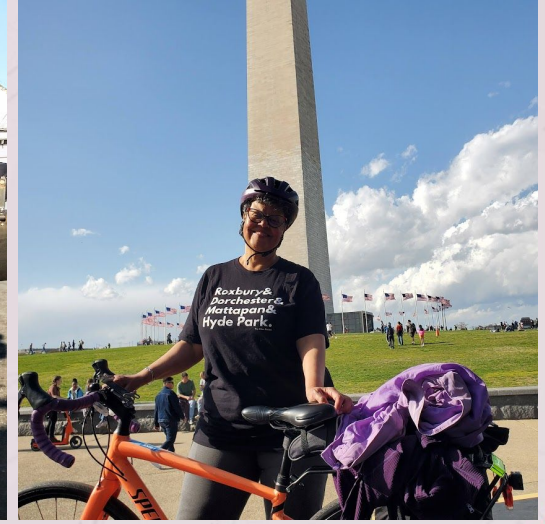
A community engagement firm dedicated to making planning the future of our neighborhood an enjoyable and accessible experience for all. When we design for everyone and from a place of joy, we can create a world that works for everyone!



Vivian

Engagement Team: Vivian Ortiz, That Bike Lady

Mattapan resident focused on reaching out to individuals who are often not invited to participate in the public process. They may not be familiar with planning efforts, including those that may benefit them.





Vivian

Meeting Goals

- Goal 1:** Ground ourselves in the purpose of the project and a shared understanding of the facts
- Goal 2:** Deeper dive into the design options for the Blue Hill Ave-River St-Cummins Highway intersection
- Goal 3:** Expand opportunities for participants to express what they would like to see, and promote dialogue between different users of the Square
- Goal 4:** Continue strengthening the relationship between the City and the Mattapan community



Vivian

Tonight's Agenda

1. **Mattapan Square Project Background**
2. **Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan Scope + Goals**
3. **Deep Dive into Mattapan Square Intersection Design Options**
4. **Q&A + How to Get Involved**



Charlotte

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

The Broader Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan





Charlotte

Blue Hill Ave 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





Charlotte

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Project Background





Charlotte

How Did It Get Started?

Age Friendly Walking: Older adults from ABCD in conversation with Age Strong, WalkBoston, Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (2017)



Themes:

- **Pedestrian safety:** slower speeds, better signal timing, well-marked crosswalks
- **Accessibility:** Aligned ramps, smooth sidewalks, good lighting
- **Wayfinding:** Signs to popular destinations to encourage walking and biking
- **Attractive, comfortable public realm:** Benches, places to gather, shade trees, public art, sense of place





Charlotte

50 People...



on a bus



on bikes



in cars

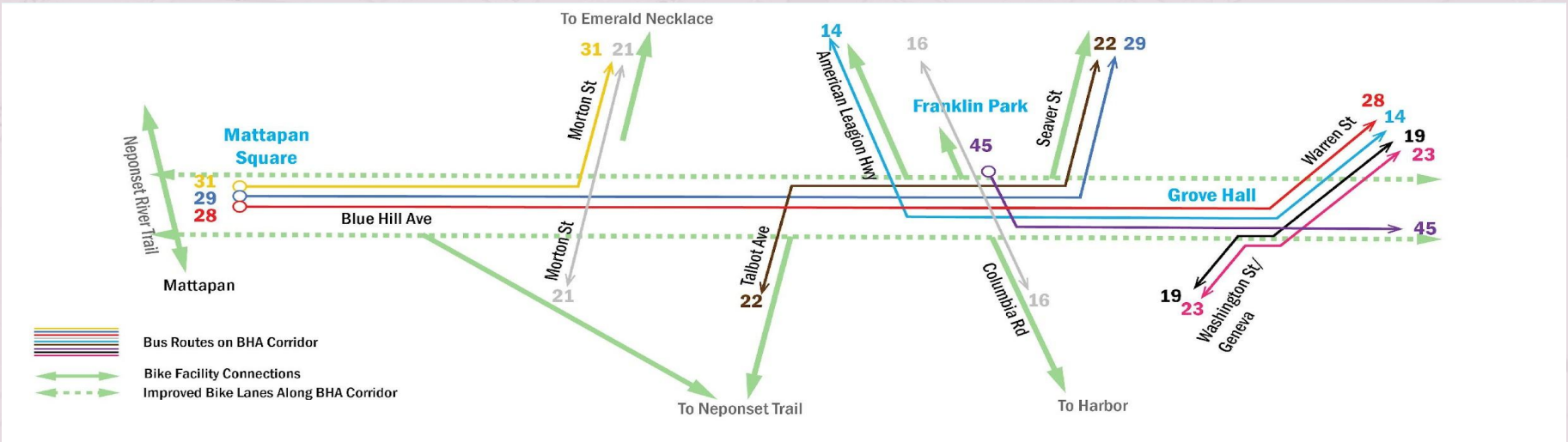


Charlotte

Bus Riders on Blue Hill Avenue

Blue Hill Avenue serves 10 different bus routes. Of these bus riders:

- **56%** are from low-income households
- **85%** consider themselves a racial or ethnic minority
- **52%** do not have access to a car
- **96%** walk or bike to reach the bus

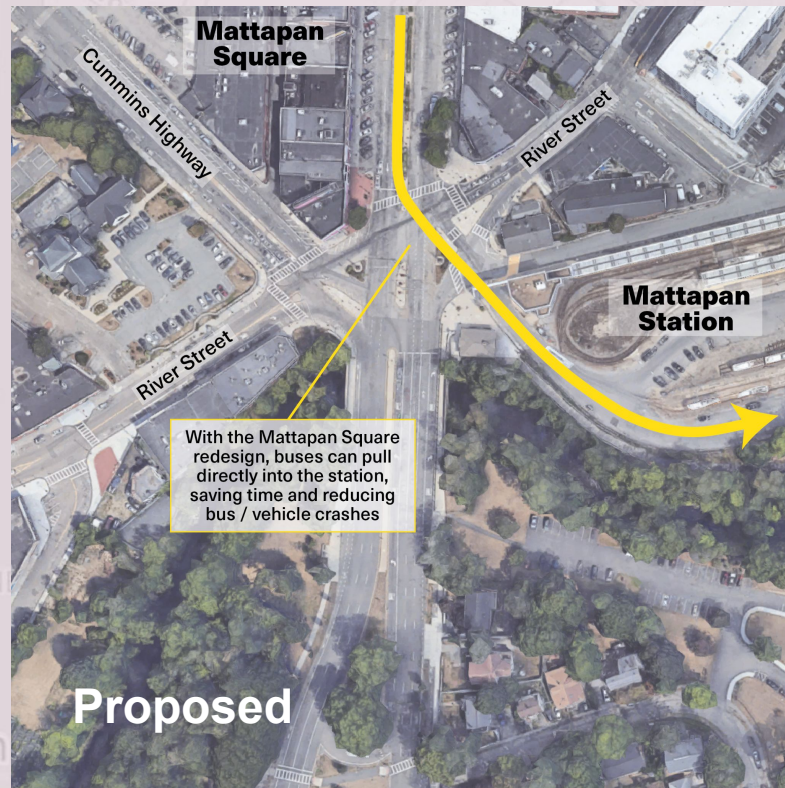
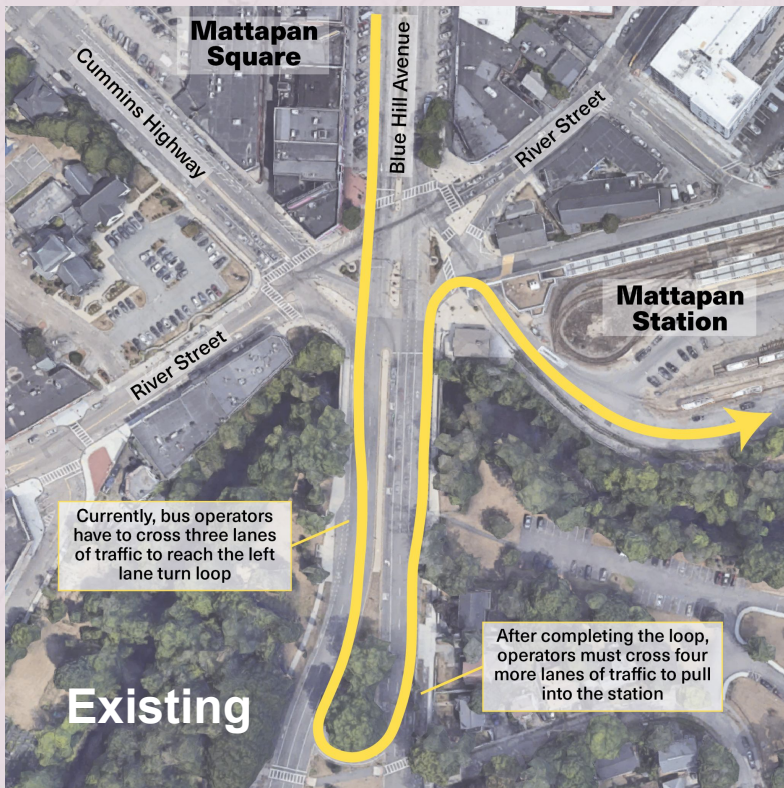




Charlotte

Goal: Give Time Back to Bus Riders

A direct, signalized left turn into the station would save each bus rider 4+ minutes





Charlotte

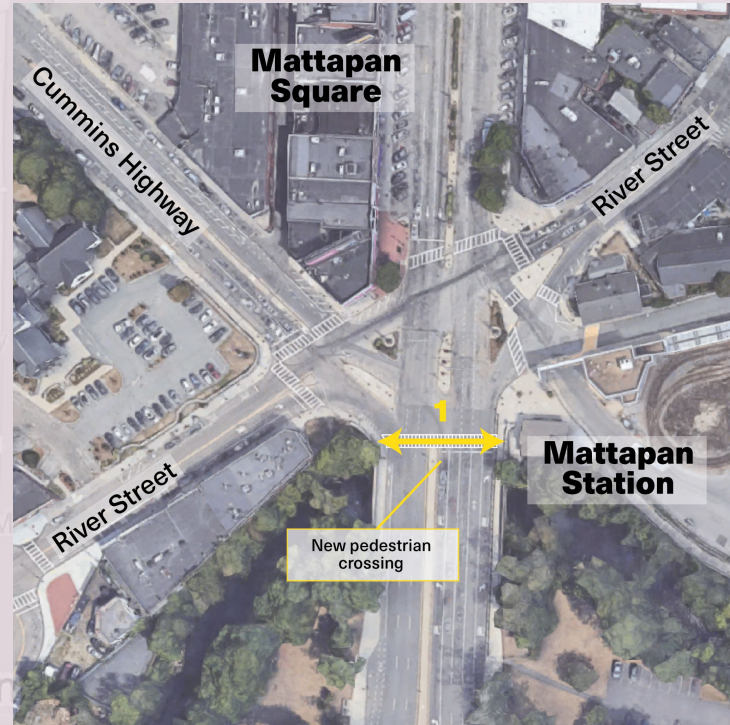
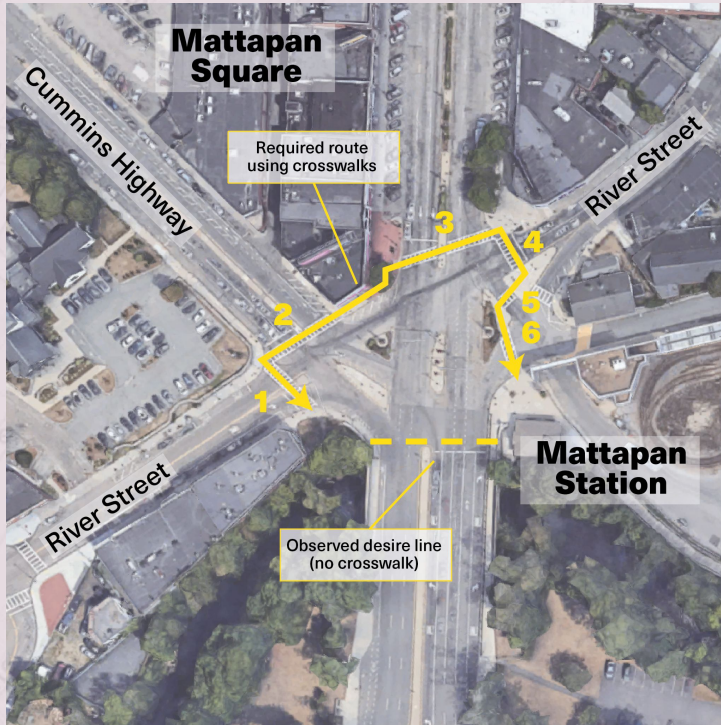
Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Deep Dive into Mattapan Square Intersection Design Options



Goals: Improve Pedestrian Safety & Give Time Back to People Walking

A direct crossing to the station and the Neponset Greenway would reduce exposure to traffic and save each pedestrian 3+ minutes





Charlotte

**Imagine what it is like for
someone who is blind or
someone with mobility issues**



City of Boston Artist In Residence Ellice Patterson

About the Author

Ellice Patterson is the founder/ executive and artistic director of Abilities Dance, a Boston-based dance company that welcomes artists with and without disabilities. She is currently an artist in residence with the City of Boston's transportation department, using dance as a way to promote more accessibility on the streets and sidewalks of the city. She has also served as the executive director of BalletRox 2020 - 2022, a Boston-based dance education program to provide access to high quality dance education to youth within Boston Public Schools/external partners and in our after-school program in Jamaica Plain. Outside of self-produced Abilities Dance shows, her choreography has appeared in the MFA, Links Hall in Chicago, Gibney Dance in NYC, The Series: Vol IV at the Ailey Citigroup Theatre in NYC, and more. She has given lectures and workshops at schools, universities, and organizations across the country, including Harvard Graduate School of Education, Fidelity Investments, Boston University, and more. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences from Wellesley College and her Masters of Science in Management Studies from Boston University Questrom School of Business. As a student, Patterson sailed from Massachusetts to Ireland and conducted research in the Atlantic and Caribbean oceans on coastal runoff, sponge species, and spider habitats! She is a passionate researcher and science communicator, dedicated to uplifting Black women in STEM.

In conclusion, I do a lot of shit.



Image ID: Young black woman with straightened hair wearing a red tank top and skirt while standing on crutches on pointe shoes



Public Crawl

“My residency will end with thinking about the bodies as movement through movement crawls, which originated with the ADA protest crawls in hopes of a more accessible country. With these crawls, we’ll be thinking about asserting our presence in the city, thinking about ways that we can make the city more accessible in a variety of formats, including different community engagement forms, and just advocating for more accessible and inclusive streets and sidewalks.”

- Ellice Patterson, Artist in Residence
Boston AIR website

MATTAPAN SQUARE PUBLIC CRAWL

Move against inaccessibility across our city and advocate for better streets and sidewalks through rolling, crawling, and walking across the intersection in Mattapan Square.



With Boston Artist-in-Residence Ellice Patterson

JUNE 3, 2023

9:30 A.M.

**500 RIVER ST,
BOSTON, MA**

The crawl will last no longer than one hour.

This event will be recorded.

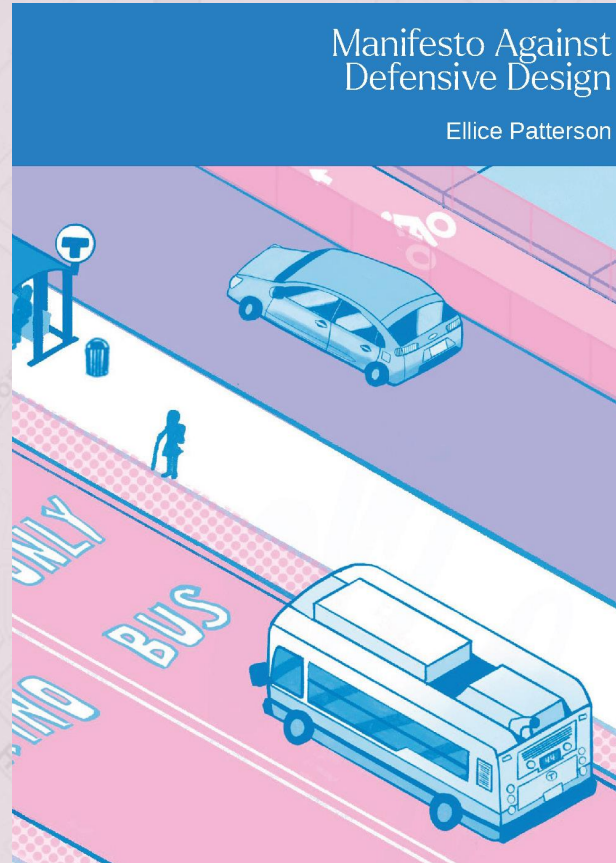
Additional information can be found at:

[BOSTON.GOV/BOSTON-AIR](https://www.boston.gov/BOSTON-AIR)



Resources:

- **Manifesto Against Defensive Design**, by Ellice Patterson
- **Boston AIR website:**
boston.gov/departments/arts-and-culture/boston-artists-residence-air
- **Abilities Dance Boston**, where Ellice is Founder, Executive Director, and Artistic Director
www.abilitiesdanceboston.org/





Charlotte

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Options to Improve Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility



Existing



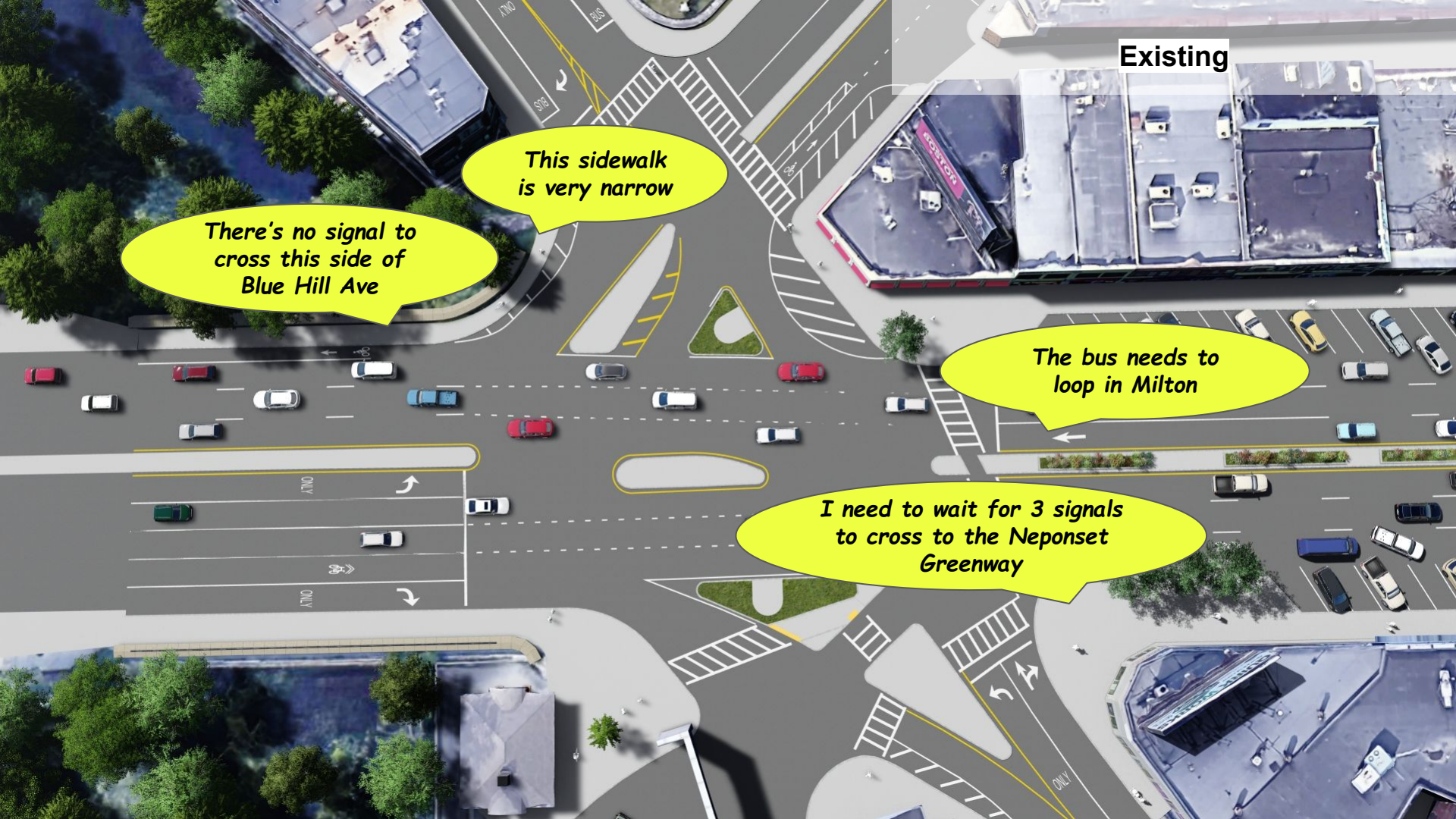
Existing

*This sidewalk
is very narrow*

*There's no signal to
cross this side of
Blue Hill Ave*

*The bus needs to
loop in Milton*

*I need to wait for 3 signals
to cross to the Neponset
Greenway*

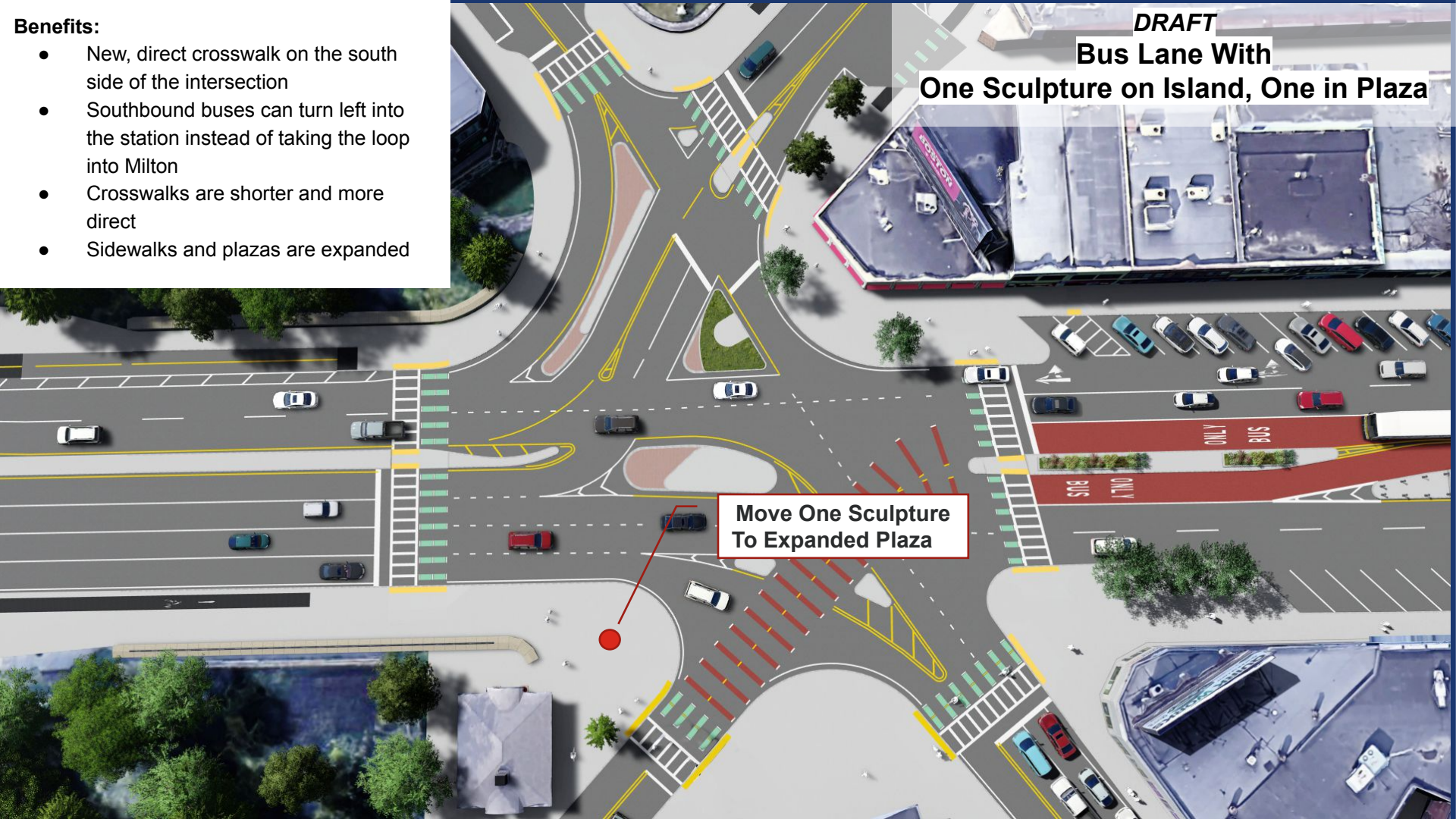


DRAFT

**Bus Lane With
One Sculpture on Island, One in Plaza**

Benefits:

- New, direct crosswalk on the south side of the intersection
- Southbound buses can turn left into the station instead of taking the loop into Milton
- Crosswalks are shorter and more direct
- Sidewalks and plazas are expanded



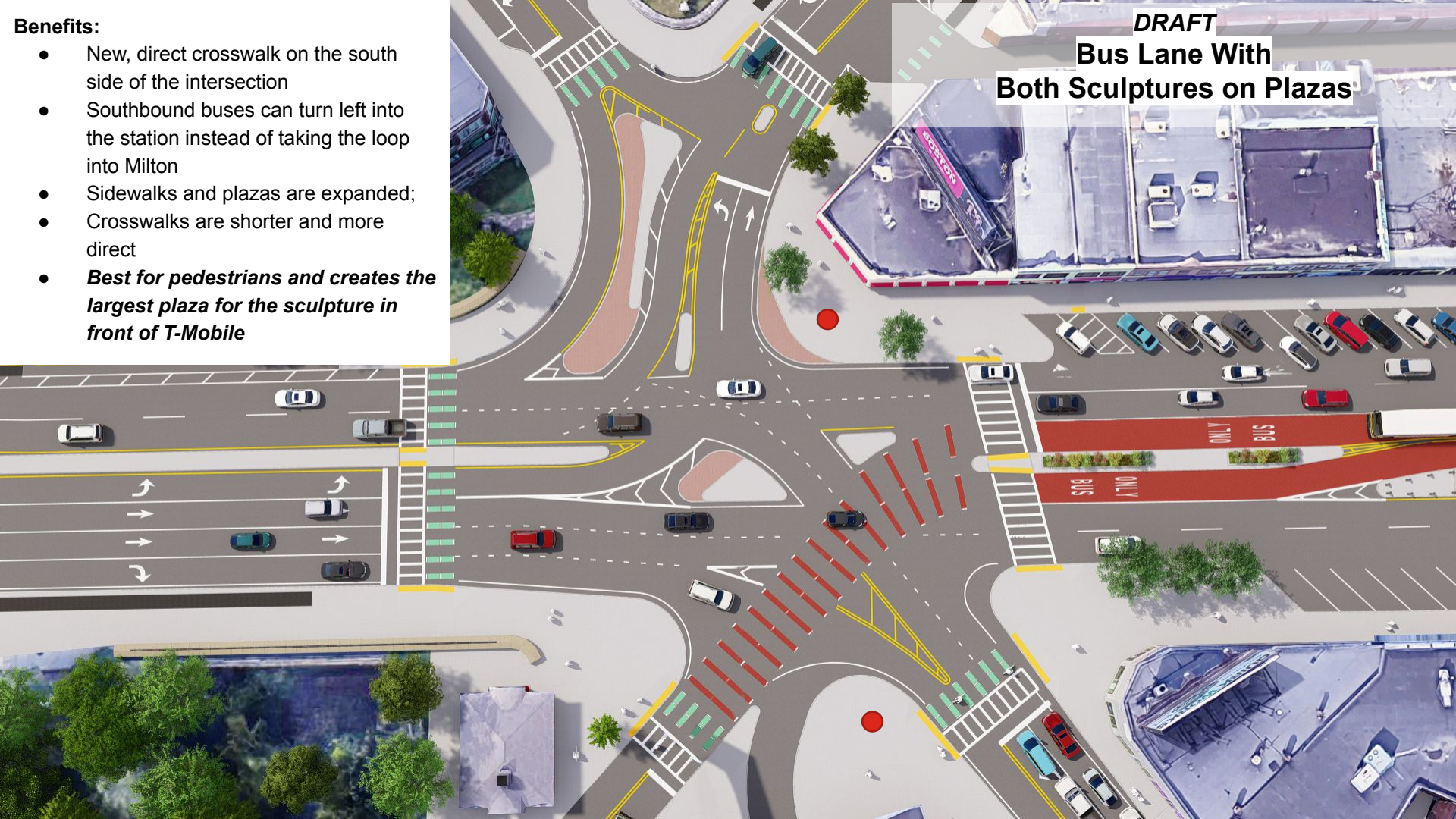
**Move One Sculpture
To Expanded Plaza**

DRAFT

Bus Lane With Both Sculptures on Plazas

Benefits:

- New, direct crosswalk on the south side of the intersection
- Southbound buses can turn left into the station instead of taking the loop into Milton
- Sidewalks and plazas are expanded;
- Crosswalks are shorter and more direct
- ***Best for pedestrians and creates the largest plaza for the sculpture in front of T-Mobile***





Charlotte

RISE Sculpture Update and Options



Short Term Updates

What happened to Rise?

- At 3 am on May 18th, a car crashed into *Rise*
- Boston Police responded and are continuing to investigate the crash

What did the City do about it?

- When we learned about the crash on Thursday, we contacted the artists and a conservator, Daedalus, to inspect the artwork
- Daedalus was on site on May 19th and recommended removal so they could assess the work
- The artwork was removed on May 24

What's next?

- Repairs and re-installation in the original location will take place this fall in coordination with BTM

Contact us at Arts@boston.gov or BAC@boston.gov

CITY of BOSTON

Daedalus



"Rise" Sculpture Temporarily Removed for Conservation Work

The Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture was recently made aware of the unfortunate news that part of the public artwork "Rise" by Fern Cunningham and Karen Eutemy in Mattapan was damaged in a motor vehicle crash. The artwork was safely removed from the site on May 24, 2023 and will be assessed for damages. We are working closely with a professional conservator on a plan for the repair and relocation of the artwork. For questions about the artwork, email bac@boston.gov.

@ARTSINBOSTON • WWW.BOSTON.GOV/ARTS • ARTS@BOSTON.GOV

**Existing:
RISE Sculptures on Islands**

*In the short term,
the sculpture will be
reinstalled in its
original location*



**Draft Future Alternative, North Side:
RISE Sculptures Near
T-Mobile and Kuizinn Lakay**



**Draft Future Alternative:
RISE Sculpture Near T-Mobile**



Draft Future Alternative RISE Sculpture Near Kuizinn Lakay



**Draft Future Alternative, South Side:
RISE Sculptures Near
Blue Hills Parkway and DCR Building**



**Draft Future Alternative
RISE Sculpture Near Blue Hills Parkway**



**Draft Future Alternative
RISE Sculpture Near DCR Building**



**Draft Future Alternative, Angled:
RISE Sculptures Near
T-Mobile and DCR Building**





Charlotte

Short term signals improvements in Mattapan Square

We are working on a plan with DCR to:

- Repair the pedestrian lights and bring them up to code
- Fix the pedestrian push buttons; add audible signals (APS)
- Make Cummins Highway a one-stage crossing if possible; if not, create a pedestrian refuge area





Zani'ah

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Q + A Discussion





Zani'ah

It's Survey Time!

**Please take the parking survey shared in the chat.
It will take you 5 - 7 minutes!**

The survey will be closed August 18 @midnight.



Zani'ah

Blue Hill Avenue

How to Stay Involved





Charlotte

Ongoing Engagement Opportunities

- Monthly Blue Hill Ave: Mattapan to Grove Hall meetings
sign up at bit.ly/bha-tap
Next Meeting: July 25, 6:30 pm
- Monthly Blue Hill Ave: Mattapan Square meetings
sign up at bit.ly/bluehillmattapan
Next Meeting: August 15, 6:30 pm
Final Meeting: September 15, 6:30 pm

If you have questions, please email bluehillave@boston.gov



Charlotte

Ongoing In-Person Engagement

Real Talk for Change

- These are 1-hour facilitated conversations between 4-8 community members
- Community members are paid for their time
- If you would like to participate, please email bluehillave@boston.gov with “Real Talk” in the subject line!

Guide the City's investments along Blue Hill Ave

Blue Hill Ave



Transportation Action Plan!

The Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan seeks to enhance and support the experiences of everyone along the Avenue, no matter their mode of transportation. **We want to hear from the people who live, work, play and pray along Blue Hill Avenue about how the Plan can best meet your needs and vision for the future.**

Real Talk Conversations

Real Talk is a small group conversation format focused on sharing personal stories and identifying connections which relate to how folks travel and live along Blue Hill Ave. **You will be compensated \$40 for your time.**



Since the City has not yet decided on a design strategy, conversations like these will directly inform the decision-making process.



Interested in participating in and leading a Real Talk conversation? Scan the QR code to the right or type bit.ly/bha-real-talk into your browser.



Have questions or comments?
Email bluehillave@boston.gov or call 617-635-3944

CITY of BOSTON



Charlotte


More Ongoing In-Person Engagement



Thursday at Mattahunt!

City of Boston's
FREE Learn-to-Ride Classes
for Women & Gender-Diverse People
Bikes & helmets provided!

www.boston.gov/women-bike



#MOREBUTTSONBIKES

casual, gently-paced rides along the
Neponset River Greenway Trail

**MONDAY NIGHT
BIKE RIDES**

Sign up: mondaynightrides/eventbrite.com

Meet at the bench near 1472 Blue Hill Ave at
MATTAPAN STATION
GATHER AT 5:30, ROLL AT 5:45 PM

Need a bike for the ride?

Contact Vivian **NO LATER THAN** 4:30 pm on Monday
for a **FREE pass** for a Bluebike*
thatbikelady@gmail.com or (617) 514-2617

Follow [@That Bike Lady](#) on Instagram & Facebook

Monday Night Bike Rides!

Evening Bike Ride
along the Neponset Trail
Bluebikes available upon request

thatbikelady@gmail.com



Zani'ah

Upcoming In-Person Engagement

Thursday, July 27
6-8 PM

Not Your Average Public Meeting

William J. Devine Golf Course at
Franklin Park Function Room

Take the 28!

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/PublicMeetingV2>

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023 | TIME: 6PM-8PM

NOT YOUR AVERAGE MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING:
DORCHESTER

Mattapan Square + Blue Hill Ave are being redesigned.

Eats made by
Maggie's Grill

GIFT CARD
100
Gift Cards from
local businesses

William J. Devine Golf Course
at Franklin Park Function Room
1 Circuit Drive Dorchester, MA 02124
HTTPS://BIT.LY/NYAPMDOR



Charlotte

Upcoming In-Person Engagement

Monday, August 7
6-8 PM

Open House

Carter Post
1531 Blue Hill Avenue
Mattapan



Mattapan



Charlotte

How to Stay Connected

City of Boston

(617) 635-3944

bluehillave@boston.gov

Recordings of past meetings &
project materials:

boston.gov/blue-hill-avenue

What other questions do you have?

[Let us know using this form!](#)



Consult LeLa

Website: consultlela.com

Email: consultlela@gmail.com

That Bike Lady aka Vivian Ortiz

Text/Call: [\(617\) 541-2617](tel:6175412617)

Email: thatbikelady@gmail.com