LOWER ROXBURY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Virtual Meetings
June, 2021
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
What's your home zip code?

- 02118
- 02119
- 02120
- 02115
- 02199
- 02116
- Other
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
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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PROBLEM 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.
WHAT WE’VE DONE SO FAR

- Listen
- Confirm community priorities
- Refine design
- Collaborate and plan
- Implement
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.
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 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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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.
SEPARATED BIKE LANE
Provides dedicated space for people biking, separated from people walking and protected from people in cars.
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.
“T” 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

MAY, 2021
Confirm priorities

JULY, 2021
Plan design

FALL, 2021
Refine design

SPRING/ SUMMER, 2022
Final Design

Receive feedback

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We are here
WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING NEARBY?

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
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

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