

Lower Roxbury Outreach Advisory Group Meeting September 23, 2021

In Attendance: Emmanuell De Barros, Jeysaun Grant, Donald Ward, Ronald Whitaker, Frank Williams, Ashley Pierre-Louis, Daniela Sanchez-Zamora, Jen Rowe

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Summary

Reviewed purpose of outreach advisory group. Debriefed the requested extension of engagement activities to confirm neighbors' priorities and make sure we hadn't missed anything. Discussed next steps for the outreach advisory group and for the project and set a date for the next meeting.

Reactions to Proposed Next Steps

- These seem like good next steps. It will be interesting to see what options are possible.
- When will this project be designed? *We will work on the design this fall through winter and seek feedback on it in late winter. We'll propose different treatments in each location selected as a priority. We will notify the whole neighborhood, paying specific attention to abutters of each priority location.*
- Are you contracting a firm to do the designs? *Yes, we are in the process of contracting a design firm.*
- Will you do a road diet? *At this point, while we have a sense of people's safety priorities, we haven't identified what treatments we'll pursue. We will be working on those designs in the coming months and exploring what is feasible.*
- Will there be any changes to the curb or repaving? *We do not have a budget for repaving roadways, though the Department of Public Works might be doing work in the area in the coming years. Certain interventions, like new crosswalks, will require spot changes to the curb.*
- Next meeting will be Thursday Dec 16 at 11 AM. We hope to have a proposed set of outreach activities related to the proposed design to share.

Other comments

About bus lanes

- I don't want to see a design like the bus lanes going in near Jackson Square. It is creating bottlenecks and isn't good for cyclists. *The Columbus Avenue bus lanes are not fully constructed, so traffic patterns are still adjusting. We do not have the budget to pursue a design like center-running bus lanes in the context of this project.*

- Who funded the Columbus Avenue bus lanes? *It was a mix of city and state funding.*

Other projects

- Is Mattapan getting slow streets projects? Has it come up? *People have mentioned safety needs in Mattapan in the context of other projects.*
- PLAN Nubian is continuing and the City released an RFP for other Roxbury corridors.

Meeting Evaluation

- No comments.