



# White Stadium Transportation Plan Update (For Public Comment)

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# INTRODUCTION

The City of Boston is transforming White Stadium into a state-of-the-art home for Boston Public Schools (BPS) Athletics, a vibrant community gathering space in Franklin Park, and the proud home of Boston Legacy Football Club (BLFC), the city's own professional women's soccer team. This major renovation will dramatically [expand public access](#) to the stadium—from limited weekday hours 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. to daily access from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M., more than 345 days a year—ensuring year-round use by students, residents, and visitors.

As we prepare to welcome daily users, student-athletes, and fans, a clear and sustainable transportation strategy is essential. Transportation access to White Stadium has long depended on the dedication of BPS staff and community organizers, often without coordinated support.

Today, that's changing. Under Mayor Wu, Franklin Park now has seven full-time maintenance staff and two full crews solely dedicated to its care—a level of staffing matched only by Boston Common. And, the first Franklin Park Executive Director will help coordinate events across the Park. Several launched Franklin Park improvement projects further demonstrate a long-term commitment to revitalizing this beloved green space.

Building on that foundation, the partnership with BLFC brings additional energy and resources—including transportation planning support, capital investment, and operational staff. Together, these efforts reflect a shared urgency to create reliable, multimodal access to White Stadium and ensure it serves as a true citywide hub for athletics and community.

## ABOUT THIS UPDATE

As you read this update, please keep in mind that this plan is still evolving. We encourage you to [share your feedback](#) to continue shaping a comprehensive plan for getting to—and around—White Stadium.

Since the City of Boston and Boston Legacy Football Club (BLFC) first released a draft transportation plan for White Stadium in September 2023 at the Franklin Park Clubhouse, we have held [several transportation related meetings](#), including neighborhood-specific workshops, to refine the plan. Key updates include:

- Relocated shuttle pickup points and routes to align with public transit and reduce impact on residential streets
- Phased rollout of electric shuttles to reduce emissions and noise
- Parking programs to protect resident and visitor access
- Improved pedestrian and bike infrastructure, including new signage and lighting
- Walnut Ave restricted to local traffic on game days, with shuttles capped at 40 trips before and after events
- Catalyzing long-term planning for managing BPS and other large athletic events at White Stadium

This report outlines updates to the transportation plan for

✓ **PART I: Boston Legacy FC (BLFC) game days**

✓ **PART II: BPS Athletics and small-medium-to-large athletic events**

This planning process marks a meaningful step toward a more connected, reliable, and sustainable transportation system for the White Stadium area.

# PART I: Transportation Plan for BLFC Game Days at White Stadium (up to 20 Days/Year)

## I. Overview & Goals

Boston Legacy Football Club (BLFC) is funding and implementing a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation plan to support up to 20 professional game days per year at White Stadium. Shaped by community feedback and public priorities, this plan is designed to:

1. **Encourage sustainable and multi-modal travel** to reduce car dependency
2. **Manage circulation and access** on game days efficiently
3. **Preserve local parking** for nearby residents and general park users
4. **Enhance safety, accessibility, and wayfinding** for walkers and cyclists
5. **Ensure clear enforcement and communication** to reduce traffic impacts and confusion

Transportation commitments are outlined in the [Cooperation Agreement](#) and will be codified in the [Transportation Access Plan Agreement](#) once public review is complete and feedback is addressed.

### A. Why There's No On-Site Parking

To meet the above goals and protect access to Franklin Park, **no on-site parking will be available** for spectators, staff, and players on BLFC game days, with limited exceptions for emergency vehicles, broadcast trucks, and a small number of essential personnel. This strategy is essential to:

- Reduce vehicle congestion and emissions
- Support a more efficient and predictable game day experience
- Prioritize limited parking for nearby attractions, such as the Franklin Park Zoo, and for everyday park users

This approach also aligns with White Stadium's role as **one of only three net-zero carbon stadiums** in the U.S., rebuilt to meet top standards in sustainability and resilience. BLFC will fully fund a free and accessible **multi-modal transportation network** that connects fans to the stadium while minimizing neighborhood impacts.

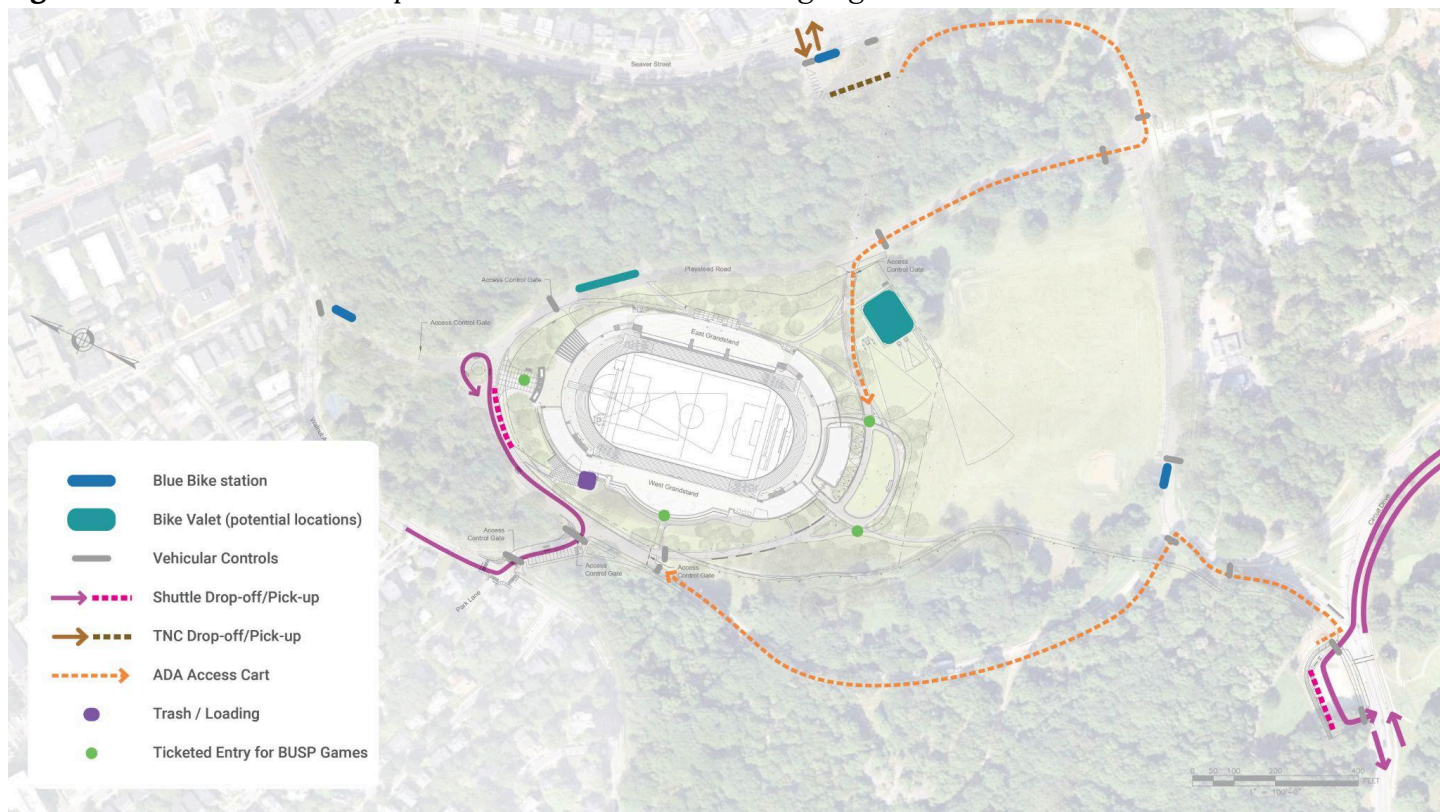
### B. Game Day Travel Options

Fans will be required to select their mode of transportation when purchasing a ticket. This information helps manage game day logistics and encourage more sustainable travel choices.

Mode of Transportation	Projected BLFC game Spectators	Projected Share
Shuttle from Satellite Parking Lot	4,400	40%
Shuttles from MBTA stations	2,200	20%
Walking from MBTA stop	2,200	20%
Biking/Walking	1,100	10%
Rideshare	1,100	10%

A more in-depth analysis will be conducted throughout each season using ticket sales and mode of transportation usage data. This will help the City and BLFC better understand how spectators are arriving and make data-informed adjustments to improve efficiency and user experience over time.

**Figure 1.** Site Plan with transportation-related elements highlighted.



## II. Attending a Game? Here's What to Know

Getting to White Stadium on a BLFC game day is designed to be easy, sustainable, and fully integrated into the ticketing process. All spectators will use free and/or low-emission transportation options, including shuttles, transit, biking, walking, or rideshare— **no on-site parking will be available** for spectators, staff, or players except for limited essential use. Here's how it works:



### A. How Ticketing & Transportation Work Together

When purchasing a BLFC game ticket, fans will follow a simple process to plan their trip:

#### 1. **Choose Your Transportation Method:**

During ticket checkout, fans are informed that no on-site parking is available and are required to select a travel option:

- Free shuttle from a satellite parking lot
- Free shuttle from a designated MBTA station
- Biking or walking
- Rideshare or drop-off

#### 2. **Receive Custom Instructions:**

After purchase, fans receive a confirmation email with detailed “How to Get There” guidance tailored on their selected option.

#### 3. **Use Designated Services on Game Day:**

On game day, clearly marked routes, on-site staff, and transportation ambassadors make navigating to the stadium simple and intuitive.

This pre-selection system helps reduce congestion, right-size shuttle service, and improve the overall fan experience.



## B. Free Shuttles Service

All game day shuttles:

- **Free** for all ticket holders and MBTA riders from designated locations
- **Fully ADA accessible**, low-floor vehicles.
- Operate two **(2) hours before kickoff to one (1) hour after the game.**
- Operated by **Privé Parking**, a Roxbury-based, Black-owned business led by Ricardo Louis.
- Eco-friendly fleet, with a goal of transitioning to **electric shuttles within 3 years.**

This shuttle-based transportation model is built on proven strategies **successfully used at other major, local events** such as the U.S. Open at the Brookline Country Club. Elements like the special permit parking program are adapted from the Boston College Football transportation plan.



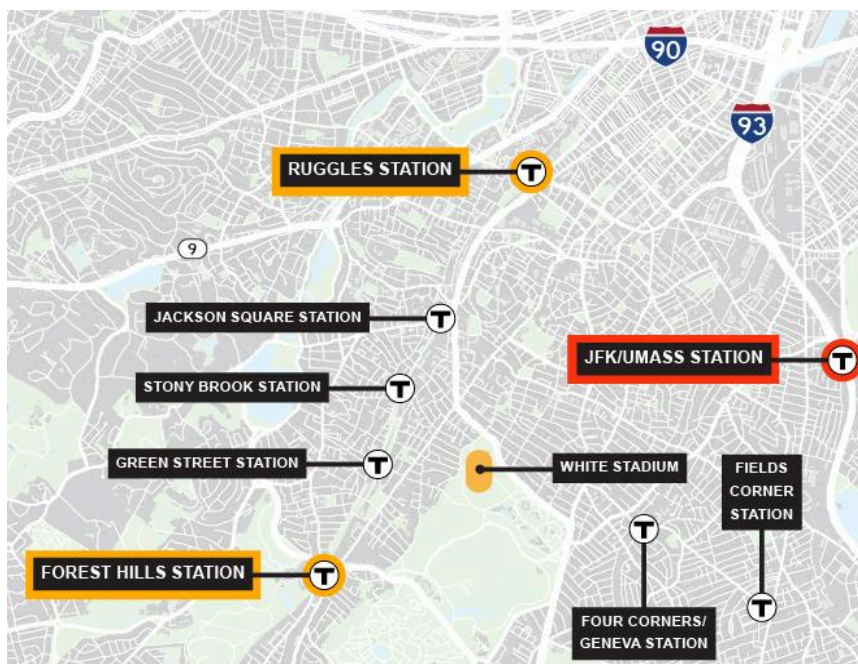
### Shuttles from satellite parking lots

Fans who choose to drive must park in off-site satellite lots, located outside the City, and reserve parking during ticket checkout. Free shuttle service will run from these lots to the stadium. ~40% of fans are expected to use this option.



### Shuttles from MBTA Stations

Another 20% of spectators are expected to take the shuttles from MBTA stations. These shuttles will run every ~10 minutes starting 2 hours before a game from:



- **Ruggles - 22 trips**
- **Forest Hills - 13 trips**
- **JFK/UMass - 9 trips**

These stations were identified as the most promising through close coordination with the MBTA leadership team, based on:

- **Spectator origin projections**
- **Community feedback**
- **Traffic flow and construction coordination**
- **Where shuttle service offers a stronger experience than driving or rideshare**

These routes and service levels will be **reassessed and updated** as ridership patterns emerge during the first seasons.

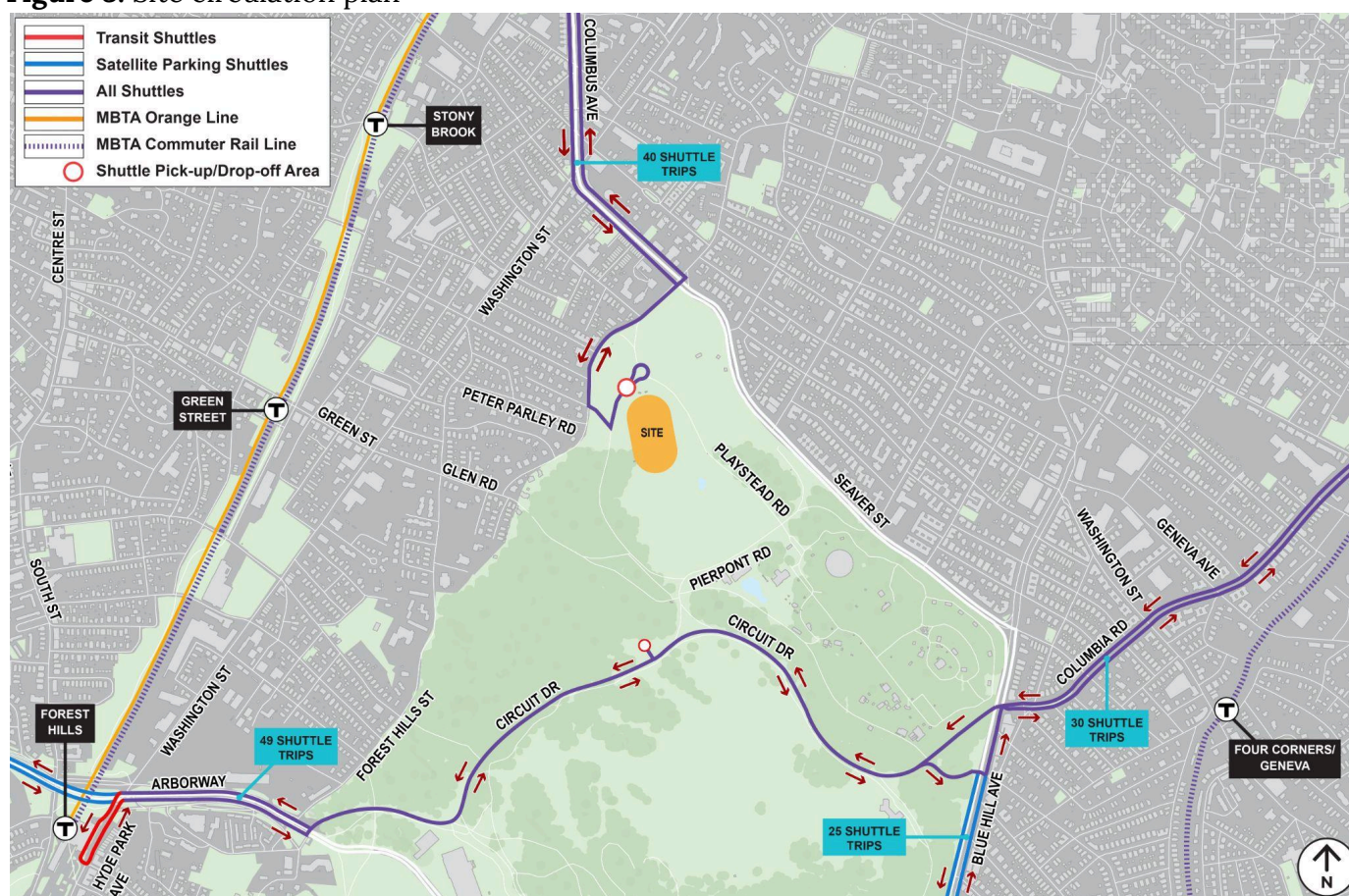
**Figure 2.** Shuttle Service stops at MBTA Stations

## Shuttle & Rideshare Stadium Drop-Off / Pick-Up Locations

1. **North Drop-off & Pick-Up** (max 40 shuttles): For shuttles from Ruggles MBTA station via Columbus Ave, bus lane, turning right onto Walnut Ave, and dropping off at the entrance of Walnut and Park Lane. [See Figure A.1](#)
2. **South Drop-off & Pick-Up** (up to 105 shuttles): For shuttles from satellite parking lots, Forest Hills & JFK/UMass MBTA stations to drop off at the Valley Gates parking lot on Circuit Drive. [See Figure A.2](#)
3. **Ride Hailing Drop-off & Pick-Up** (also known as TNC): Seaver St lot across Humboldt Ave. [See Figure A.3](#)

All drop-off zones will be supported by **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Carts**. Figures [A1](#), [A2](#), and [A3](#) illustrate the minimal but necessary improvements that will be made along the entrance, drop-off, and pick-up areas to accommodate shuttle turning movements and ensure safe circulation for pedestrians, cyclists, and all modes of personal mobility.

**Figure 3.** Site circulation plan



## C. Year-Round Improvements for Biking & Walking

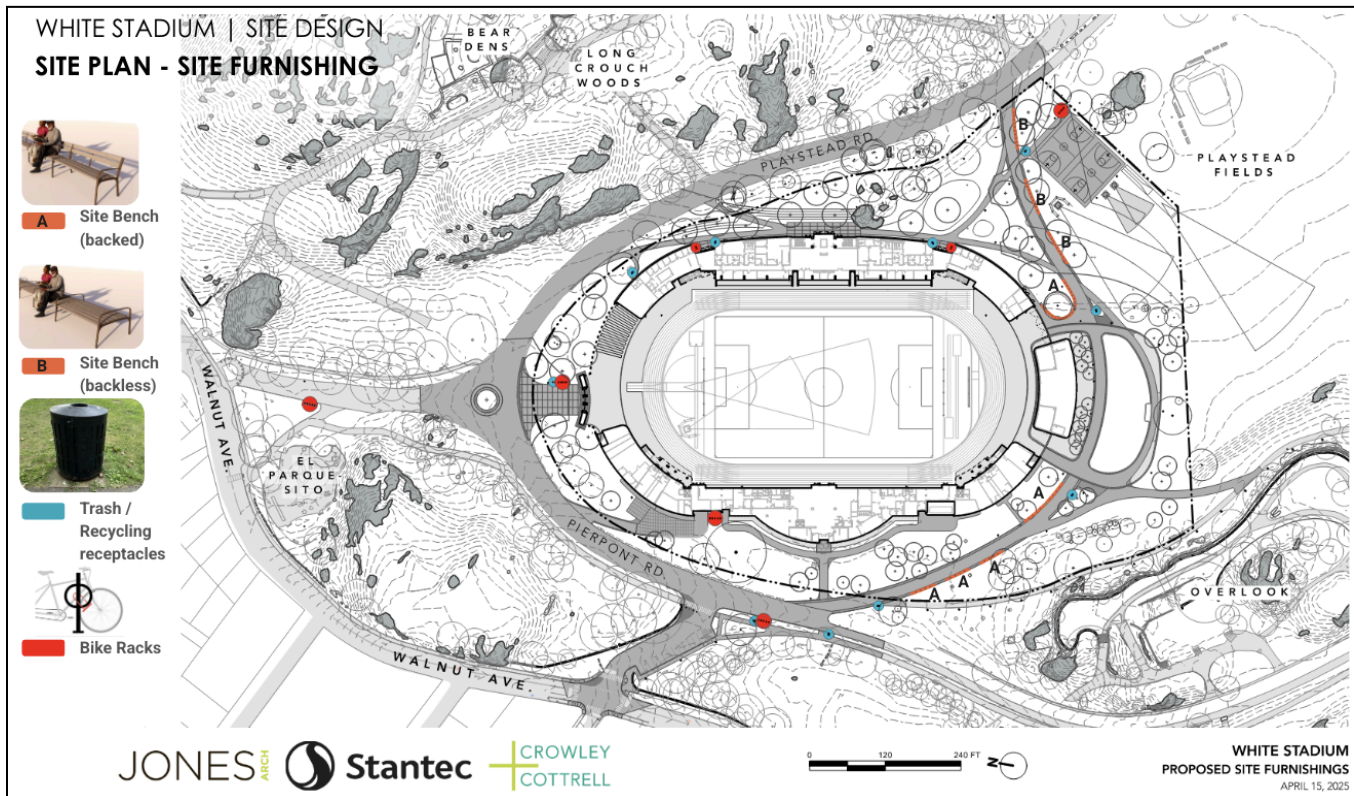
This project makes it easier, safer, and more enjoyable to bike, walk, or take public transit to Franklin Park and White Stadium—not just on game days, but year-round. Key improvements include:

- **New wayfinding signage** across park pathways to help visitors navigate to the stadium and other destinations
- **Improved lighting** along key walking paths for better visibility and safety

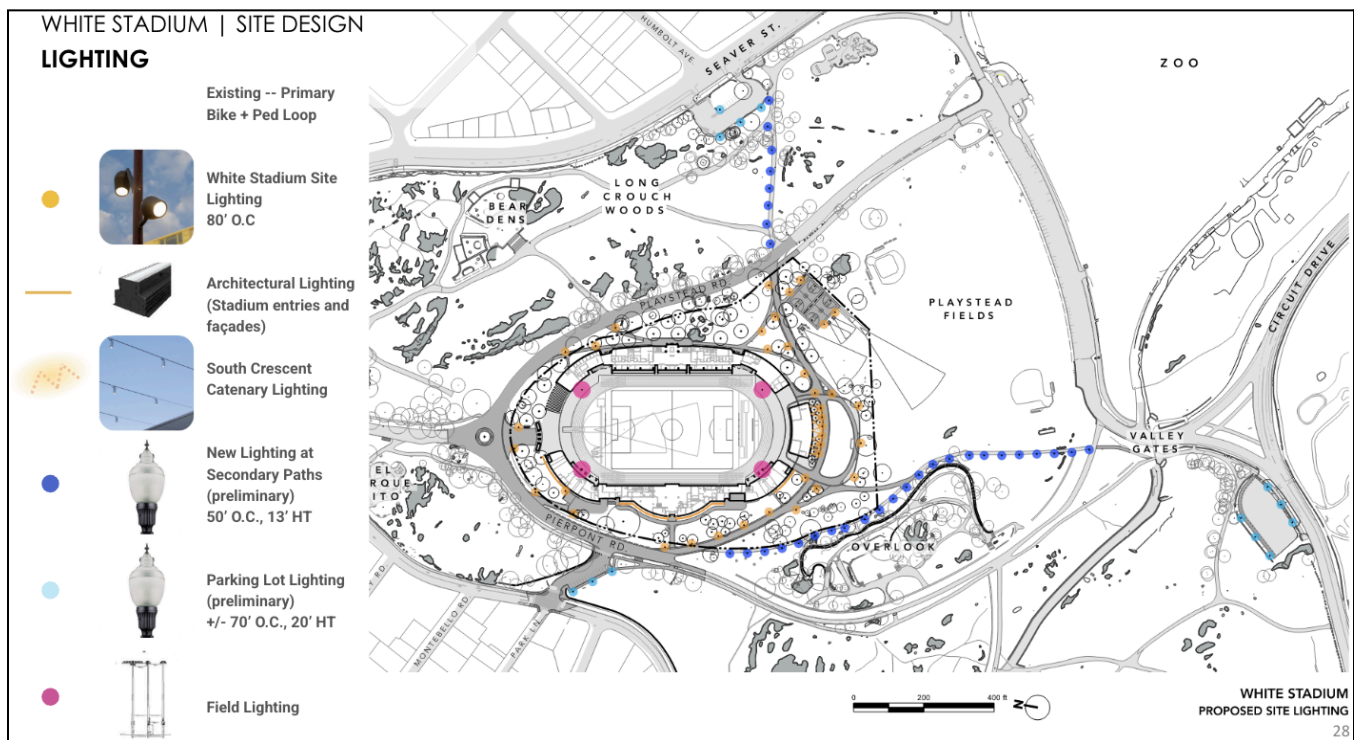
- 15 new permanent bike racks located throughout the park
- A new Bluebikes station, funded by BLFC, at the Tailgate Lot (between the Zoo and Playstead)

See [Figure 1](#) for bike stations and valet location. The following figures, to be presented at the next Parks Commission meeting, illustrate proposed improvements to site furnishings, lighting, and wayfinding around the stadium:

**Figure 4. Site Furnishings**



**Figure 5. Site Lighting**







With these upgrades, we expect **30% of game day spectators** will use one of these multi-modal options:

- **Free bike valet** for up to 1,000 bikes on game days
- **Easy access to the Orange Line** (Green St or Stony Brook) and MBTA bus routes 16, 22, 29, and 44 ([See Figure A.6](#))

## Making Sustainable/ Multimodal Travel Easy—and Worth It

To go beyond infrastructure, BLFC and the City of Boston are also exploring ways to make sustainable travel more **visible, supported, and rewarding** for fans. While these strategies are still in development, they reflect a broader commitment to environmental impact, fan experience, and equitable access. Potential initiatives include:

1.  **Perks for T Riders**  
Exploring ways to reward fans who take public transit, such as discounts inside the stadium for those who show they arrived using public transit.
2.  **“Ride With the Team” Campaign**  
A public campaign featuring BLFC players, staff, and fans choosing transit and active travel—similar to the Mayor’s morning commute video. A dedicated webpage on the BLFC ticketing site could highlight trip planning and sustainable transportation tips.
3.  **Transportation Ambassadors**  
During the first few home games, volunteers or staff could be stationed at shuttle stops and MBTA stations to welcome fans, provide directions, and answer questions.
4.  **Coordination with Neighborhood Transportation Plans**  
BLFC will aim to align its transportation strategies with surrounding neighborhood plans, especially with key corridors around White Stadium. The team is exploring partnerships with programs like a Transportation Management Association (TMA) to help support long-term review of operational efficiency and rider responsiveness.

## III. Not Attending the Game? Info for Neighbors and Park Visitors

**Franklin Park remains open and active on game days.** Whether you're visiting the Zoo, heading to a tee time, attending a permitted event, or just enjoying the park, you'll still have access. This transportation plan is designed to protect and prioritize local residents and everyday users of the park, even during BLFC home matches. Below are the steps residents and visitors can take to plan ahead and enjoy the park.



### A. Live Nearby? Apply for a White Stadium Special Event Parking Permit

Residents who live within walking distance of White Stadium—also known as the “walkshed”—will be given a free parking permit to park within the walkshed to ensure continued access to their neighborhood on Boston Legacy FC game days. The walkshed was initially defined using a 1.5-mile radius from the Stadium entrances and refined through feedback gathered during public meetings. [See Figure A.7](#) for a full list of eligible streets within this walkshed area. Reasonable extensions outside this area may be considered based on public input and review by the transportation team.

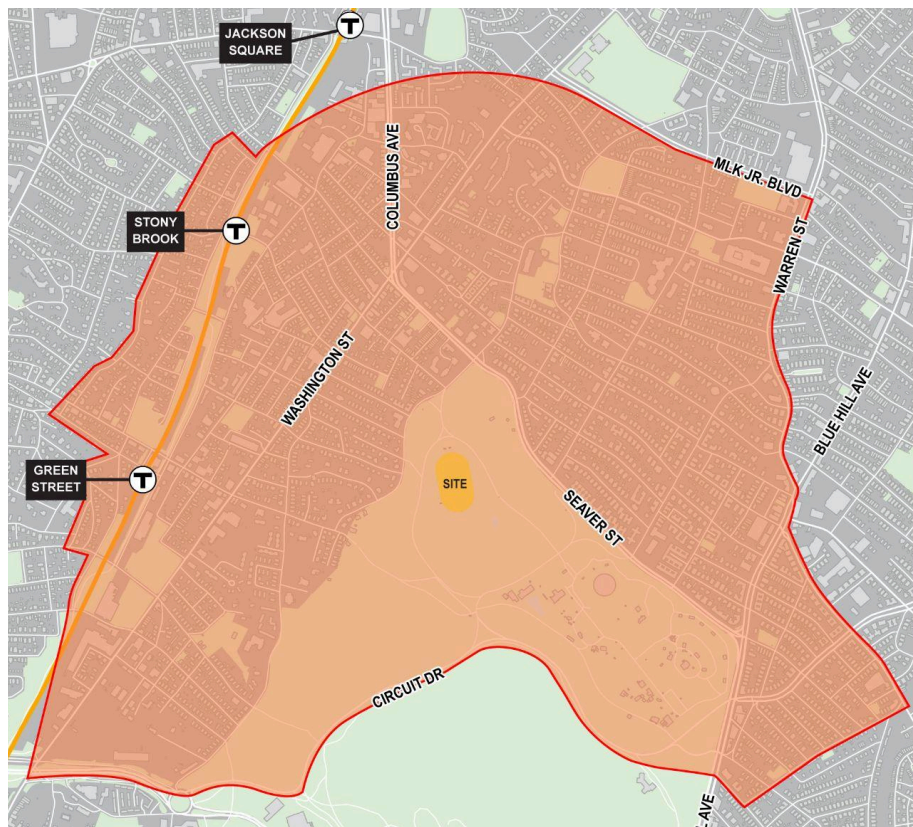
**Figure 6.** Walkshed Area

### 🕒 When It Applies:

Special parking rules will be in effect on all Boston Legacy FC home game days, but the timing varies by location to minimize disruption:

- **Residential streets within the walkshed:** Restrictions apply from **4 hours before kickoff** to **1 hour after** the game ends.
- **Roadways within Franklin Park itself** (e.g. Circuit Drive, Playstead Road): Restrictions begin **2 hours before kickoff** to **1 hour after** the game ends.

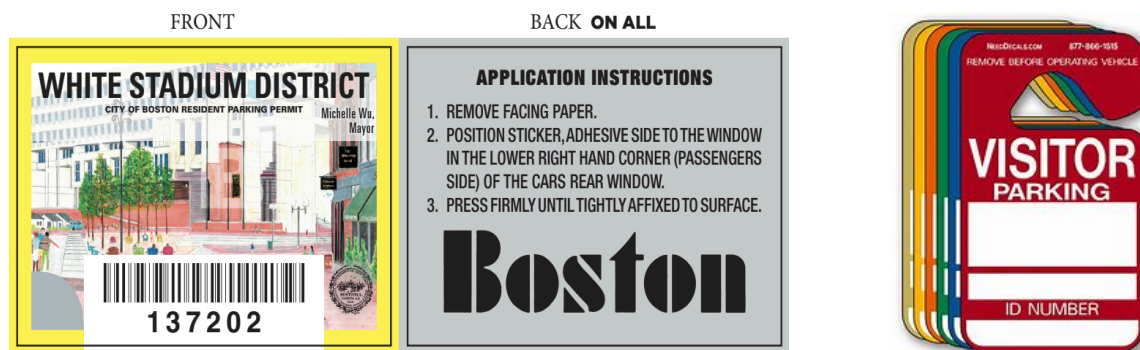
These staggered times are designed to protect neighborhood access while ensuring the park remains welcoming and accessible for all.



### ✅ What You'll Receive:

- **One permit sticker for each vehicle** registered to your address
- **One visitor placard per household** for guests on game days

**Figure 7.** Sample Local Resident Parking Sticker (left) and Visitor Placard (right).



### 📝 How to Apply:

- **Online** via the City of Boston Permit Portal
- **In-person** at the Office of the Parking Clerk at Boston City Hall
- **Community Centers** and **Boston Public Library branches** in your neighborhood
- **City Hall To-Go Truck** stops ([check upcoming dates near you!](#))

### 📋 What You'll Need:

- Proof of residency at a walkshed address
- A vehicle registered to that address
- No outstanding parking tickets or violations

## ● When to Use Your Permit and Placard

You'll be notified **in advance of each home game** when to display your placard or permit. Expect:

- **Mailers** with the season schedule before the first game
- **Text alerts** before each match (sign-up link will be available online)
- **Temporary day-of signs** posted 48 hours ahead of game days all around your neighborhood

These tools are designed to help residents plan ahead and reduce confusion—especially during the first few seasons as the program rolls out. The City will continue to provide support during this period to ensure all residents have what they need and feel confident navigating the system. If your vehicle was properly permitted but you still receive a ticket, you can appeal it through the City of Boston's standard ticket appeal process. The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) maintains records to verify whether a citation was issued in error based on permit status and ticket location.

With time, we expect the system to become second nature for neighbors—and we're committed to making the transition as smooth, fair, and accessible as possible.



## B. Parking Access for Everyday Park Users

**Franklin Park remains open on game days**—and designated parking will still be available for zoo visitors, golfers, permitted park groups, and individuals engaged in passive recreation during game times. To balance access with event operations, the City is launching a **Game Day Transient Parking Reservation System through the free ParkBoston app**.

### When it applies:

- From **2 hours before kickoff until 1 hour after the game** ends, in-park parking will be restricted to visitors with a specific scheduled use (e.g., zoo admission, golf tee time, or permitted event).
- Parking remains available to all park users, including those engaged in passive recreation, outside the restricted hours.

### How it works:

- Designated zones will be set aside for zoo, golf course, or permitted park events.
- When you reserve a park event, purchase zoo admission, or book a tee time, you'll receive a Unique Access Code.
- Enter the code into the ParkBoston app to reserve your parking spot at no cost.
- BTD enforcement teams will verify your registration on-site. Unregistered vehicles will be subject to fees and enforcement protocols.

### Benefits of the System:

- Advance reservations guarantee access and reduce game day stress
- Prioritizes everyday park users and permitted events
- Improves traffic flow and eliminates the need for physical meters intruding on the Park
- Helps inform future planning through data collected through the app



## C. Hosting Guests? Plan Ahead with a Special Permit

Expecting friends or family on game day? Each household within the walkshed will already receive a **visitor parking placard**, but if you're planning a **larger gathering** on the same day, you can request a [Block Party Permit](#) through the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) website.

While special events and BLFC game days should rarely overlap, this option is available to help accommodate unique circumstances and ensure residents can still host backyard barbecues, birthday parties, or family gatherings without disruption. Applications are thoroughly reviewed to reflect legitimate neighborhood or family events. Please note: permits will **not** be approved for game-related tailgates or pre-game parties.

## IV. Making Game Days Work Smoothly: Enforcement, Communication & Community Oversight

To ensure that Boston Legacy FC game days are seamless for fans, neighbors, and park users alike, the City and Boston Legacy are implementing a coordinated approach grounded in clear communication, proactive traffic management, responsive enforcement, and expanded staffing.



### A. Dedicated Parking Enforcement in the Walkshed Zone

Boston Legacy is fully funding additional dedicated **Boston Transportation Department (BTD)** enforcement teams on every game day. These teams will:

- **Monitor** the White Stadium Walkshed Zone ([See Figure A.7](#))
- **Enforce** residential permit requirements and visitor placards
- **Issue \$100 fines** (consistent with Fenway Event Parking rules)
- **Tow vehicles** in violation of game day parking regulations



**Figure 8.** Sample enforcement sign on BLFC game days

To support enforcement, “**No Parking**” signs will be installed across affected streets within the walkshed. These signs will clearly indicate that only vehicles with a **White Stadium Resident Permit Sticker** or **guest placard** may park during game times. In addition, **temporary signs** will be posted around Franklin Park **48 hours before each game**.



### B. Smarter Traffic Management at Key Intersections

Boston Legacy is also funding key upgrades to allow real-time traffic adjustments on game days and beyond. These improvements will reduce backups around Franklin Park not only on game days but also during regular park use. This includes:

- New **overhead fiber** and **upgraded signal controller units** with a **video monitoring system** installed at key intersection of Forest Hills Street, Glen Road, and Williams Street)
- Integration into the **BTD Traffic Management Center (TMC)** to monitor conditions and proactively reduce congestion



### C. On-the-Ground Staffing Support and Community Accountability

Both the City and Boston Legacy are investing in the people needed to make game days run smoothly:

- Boston Legacy FC will assign a **senior-level Operations Director** on each game day—and maintain dedicated **Community Engagement and Operations staff** throughout the season—to coordinate logistics, respond to concerns, and make real-time adjustments in partnership with the City.
- On the City side, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) is expanding its **Franklin Park maintenance crews**—now the largest in Boston outside of Boston Common—and hiring a **Franklin Park Executive Director**. BPRD is also convening **regular coordination meetings with other Franklin Park operators** to improve communication and transportation planning across agencies.

To maintain regular community engagement and accountability, the City will establish the **White Stadium Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC)**, co-chaired by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD), BPS Athletics, and Boston Legacy FC. It includes local residents, park advocates, community programming leaders, and individuals focused on expanding local economic opportunities.

WSNAC will play a critical role in ensuring that transportation planning, stadium operations, and community commitments continue to reflect the needs and priorities of surrounding neighborhoods by:

- **Monitoring game day operations**, like transportation, public access, and neighborhood impacts
- **Reviewing the annual stadium operations report**, including community use hours, enforcement data, and neighborhood feedback
- **Recommending adjustments** to improve transportation and operations plans for future seasons, strengthen community benefits, and address emerging challenges
- **Serving as a liaison** between the City, Boston Legacy, and the broader community on major updates and opportunities from the stadium.

By creating a consistent feedback loop, WSNAC helps shape decisions, elevate community perspectives, and ensure ongoing improvements—making sure the stadium continues to serve both fans and the neighborhood year-round.

## V. Conclusion

The Boston Legacy FC game day transportation plan prioritizes **access, multi-modal transportation options, and community impact**. Through free shuttles, biking, walking, and public transit options—plus robust protections for residents and park visitors—the plan is designed to reduce traffic and keep Franklin Park open and enjoyable for everyone. With strong communication, real-time game day support, and year-round feedback through WSNAC, the City and Boston Legacy are committed to **listening, learning, and improving** each season.

## PART II: Transportation Plan for BPS Athletics and Community Athletic Events at White Stadium

The City of Boston is developing a transportation strategy to support Boston Public Schools (BPS) athletics and other permitted events at White Stadium—building on usage data from BPS Athletics and the Parks Department permitting system to inform plans for **small, medium, and large-scale activities at White Stadium**.

Most transportation planning progress has focused on small and medium events, which account for the majority of stadium use, particularly daily BPS programming and citywide competitions. Planning for larger events is still underway and involves additional coordination, funding, and community input.

**Figure 9. Projected Event Size Frequencies at White Stadium**



**Figure 10. Projected Types of Events at White Stadium** (Attendees numbers include event participants spectators)

Small: 50-100 attendees	Medium: 100-500 attendees	Large: 500-1000 attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily BPS practices</li> <li>Regular season home games (soccer, football, track, etc.)</li> <li>Equipment drop-off and team meetings</li> <li>School-day athletic programming</li> <li>Special Olympics activities</li> <li>Small cross-country meets (high school)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End-of-season marquee BPS football games</li> <li>Notable rivalry games (e.g., BLA vs. BLS)</li> <li>MIAA Tournament games</li> <li>Special BPS Athletic Events (e.g., preseason showcases, youth sports days, Special Olympics)</li> <li>Medium cross-country meets (high school &amp; college)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One week of BPS graduations (June)</li> <li>Select state championship events</li> <li>Large-scale athletic events hosted by external partners or colleges/universities</li> <li>Large cross-country meets (high school &amp; college)</li> </ul>

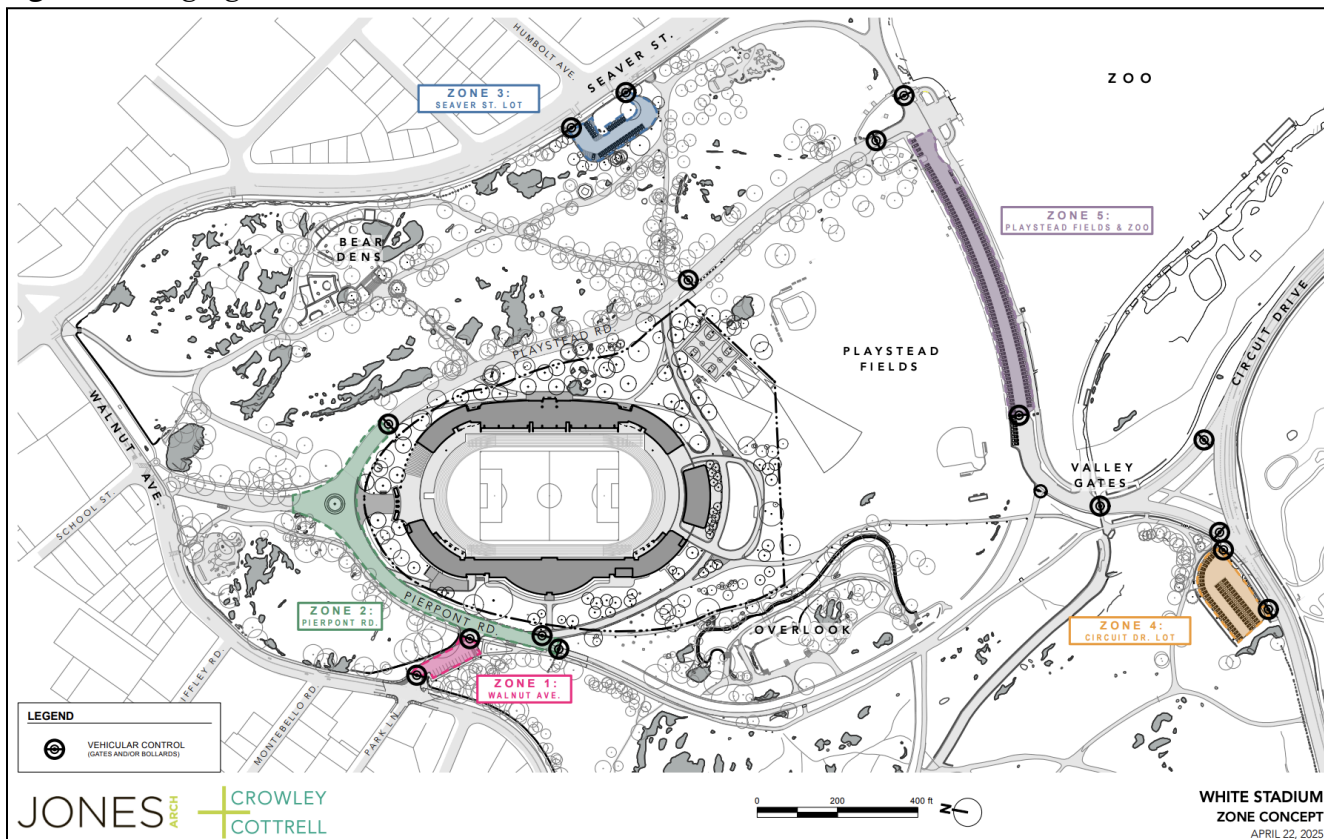
**Event Access and Staging Zones:** Transportation consultants conducted a comprehensive analysis of existing infrastructure to identify suitable areas for loading, pick-up/drop-off, and parking to support White Stadium events of various sizes. The goal was to balance operational needs with the preservation of parkland and public access. Based on this analysis, five primary access and staging zones were identified and are illustrated in the map below.

- **Zone 1 – Walnut Avenue:** Located at the Walnut Avenue entrance, this zone includes approximately 15 spaces reserved for student pick-up/drop-off and parking for everyday park users during non-event times.
- **Zone 2 – Pierpont Road (School Bus Staging):** A dedicated stretch of Pierpont Road reserved for BPS school bus access, allowing safe and efficient drop-off/pick-up of students at the stadium.

- **Zone 3 – Seaver Street Lot:** This lot will offer roughly 25 parking spaces for spectators during medium-sized events. It provides convenient access while minimizing intrusion into the park core.
- **Zone 4 – Circuit Drive Lot (Valley Gates):** This area provides additional parking for medium-sized events, particularly useful for attendees arriving from Circuit Drive or the Franklin Park Zoo area.
- **Zone 5 – Playstead Fields & Zoo Lot (Tailgate Lot):** This zone, located just a few minutes from the BPS Athletic Hub entrance, serves as the primary spectator parking area for all BPS events. It also supports Zoo and Playstead field visitors.

These zones were selected for their strategic locations, existing infrastructure, and ability to scale across different events. Together, they form the backbone of the City’s flexible event-day transportation system.

**Figure 11.** Staging Zones for White Stadium Events



### Vehicle Access Controls in the Park

Internal park roads will generally remain open to vehicles. However, vehicular control points—like gates and bollards—will allow the City to manage access as needed more efficiently. These controls provide flexibility to:

- I. Close roads during special events or overnight, when needed for safety
- II. Keep circulation predictable and limited during daily use
- III. Reduces vehicular circulation in the park aligning with goals in the Franklin Park Action Plan
- IV. Preserve a pedestrian-friendly environment in the rest of Franklin Park

## I. Better District-Wide BPS Transportation Planning

Historically, only a handful of BPS teams—primarily two football teams, two soccer teams, and city track meets—have regularly used White Stadium due to the poor condition of the facility and field. As

renovations unlock greater daily and seasonal athletic use, reliable transportation will be key to ensuring that students across the district can fully access the stadium.

Across the district, BPS Athletics transportation has faced challenges, including occasional coverage gaps for practices and competitions. Over the past several years, approximately 5% of scheduled athletic trips were not covered due to driver shortages or scheduling conflicts. While this represents a relatively low percentage, it still impacts students' ability to participate consistently—and BPS is committed to further improving reliability and expanding access.

To strengthen service ahead of expanded White Stadium use, BPS has made several **operational improvements during the 2024–25 school year**, outlined in the latest [BPS Transportation Report](#).

- **Athletic trips were fully transitioned to the Zūm transportation platform** as of January 2025, improving scheduling, communication, and real-time tracking
- **Athletic trip routing was optimized** to align with available bus capacity and avoid conflicts with daily school routes
- **Backup vendor contracts** are being pursued to increase trip coverage flexibility
- A new **“work-as-directed” labor provision** is expected to be implemented in July 2025, improving the ability to assign drivers to last-minute or unscheduled athletic trips

These efforts have already shown results: **Since February 1, 2025, BPS has achieved 100% coverage of scheduled athletic trips and field trips across the district.**

As the White Stadium renovation progresses, these foundational improvements will support increased and more equitable student access to high-quality athletic opportunities. In parallel, BPS Athletics will develop a strategic staffing and resource plan to support districtwide teams and new programming at the forthcoming BPS Athletics Hub—ensuring strong student support for a full use of the upgraded facility.

## II. Plan for Small/Everyday Events at White Stadium

The majority of activity at White Stadium will come from **daily BPS use**: practices, team meetings, and regular-season games. These small-scale events form the foundation of the stadium's role in student life, and the transportation plan is designed to ensure **safe, smooth, and predictable** access for students, families, and coaches.

### Upgraded Daily Access:

- Designated pick-up and drop-off via Walnut Avenue, with a resurfaced and reorganized lot
- New signage and re-stripped parking spaces to improve circulation
- Secure equipment loading zone near the stadium's storage area for coaches
- Bike racks and improved pedestrian access for students walking or biking to the stadium

### Circulation during Small Events:

Families and coaches will enter through Walnut Avenue, accessing the upgraded parking lot shown in the diagram. The lot has been slightly relocated and fully resurfaced, with clearer signage and fresh striping to support pick-up, drop-off, and loading activities. Spectators who are attending a BPS game can park in the tailgate lot of the Playstead with a few minutes walk to the stadium entrance.

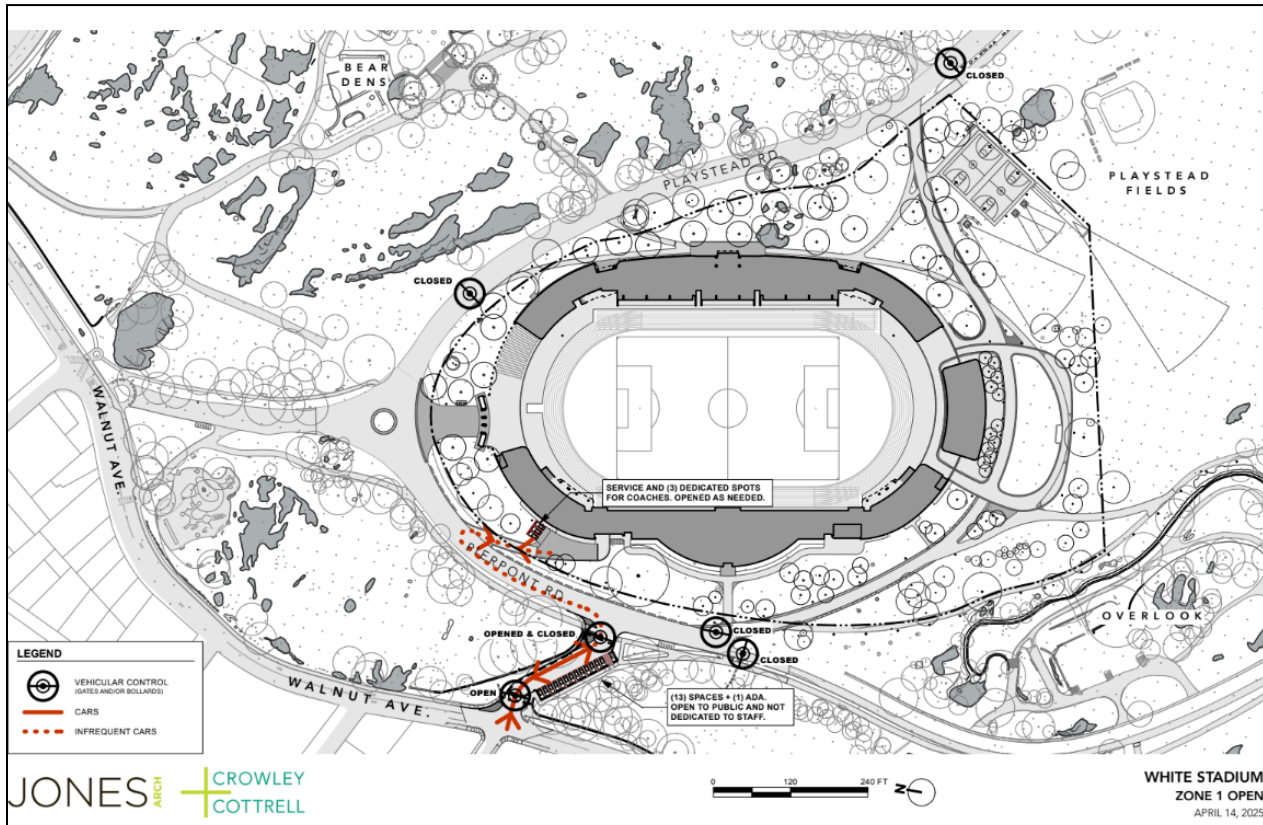
### Upon entering the lot:

- Drivers turn left into a simple one-way loop

- Designated drop-off zones will allow for smooth student and coach drop-off
- From there, students/coaches walk through paved and freshly lit path to the BPS athletic hub
- Exits return vehicles back onto Walnut Avenue, minimizing disruption to nearby park circulation

**Coaches will also have direct access to the stadium's loading dock**, allowing for more efficient equipment drop-off and pick-up—while keeping vehicles out of pedestrian-heavy areas of the park.

**Figure 12.** Circulation for Small Events at White Stadium



### III. Plan for Medium Athletic Events:

Medium-scale events—such as city championship games, MIAA tournament rounds, and special BPS-wide athletic events—draw larger crowds and require additional coordination for drop-off, routing, and safety. These events may include hundreds of student-athletes, families, and staff, but do not require full game-day operations like large events.

To support this tier of activity, the City has designed a dedicated circulation plan for both buses and cars, ensuring smoother traffic flow and minimizing disruption within the Park.

#### Bus Pick-up & Drop-off

During medium-sized events, buses will follow a shared route that enters from Walnut Avenue and loops around the west side of the stadium to a dedicated drop-off area on Pierpont/Playstead Road, near the North gate of the stadium. Key features include:

- New Turnaround island added to support bus circulation
- Key gates and bollards manage access and reduce through-traffic
- No parking at drop-off zone—loading/unloading only

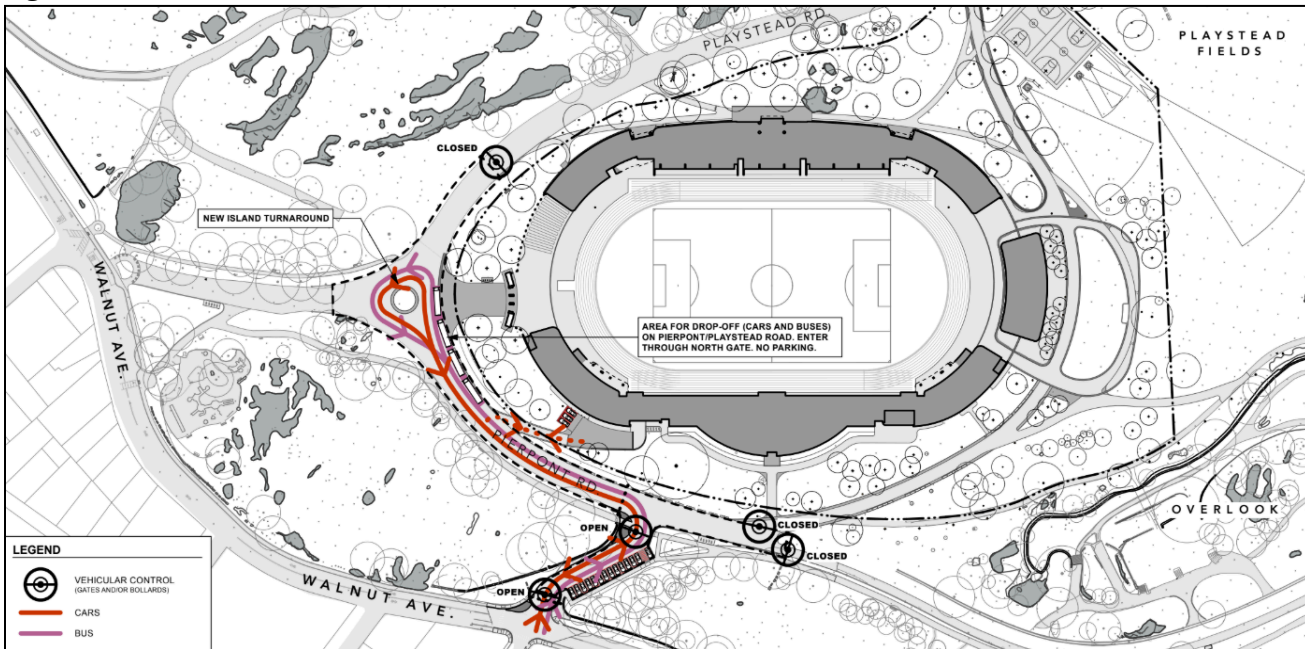
- Exit loop reconnects buses to Walnut Avenue

### Parents/Spectator Standby and Parking

Spectator parking for medium-sized events will be accommodated across multiple designated zones, all within a short walking distance of White Stadium:

- Zones 1, 3, 4, and 5 will be open to spectators during medium events
- A dedicated short-standing area will be available in Zone 1 (Walnut Avenue) for quick pick-up
- Wayfinding signage and pedestrian access paths will help direct families and visitors safely from parking zones to the stadium

**Figure 13.** Circulation for Medium-Sized Events at White Stadium



## IV. Plan for Large Athletic Events:

Large athletic events—like BPS graduation week, state tournament games, or select cross country invitationals—present the most complex transportation challenges and are the least developed portion of the plan to date. These events are less frequent but bring unique needs around access, capacity, and traffic management.

This portion of the plan is being shaped through **ongoing outreach** to experienced event organizers, Franklin Park operators, and BPS Athletics. The goal is to build on best practices while creating a safe, accessible, and coordinated system for all park users.

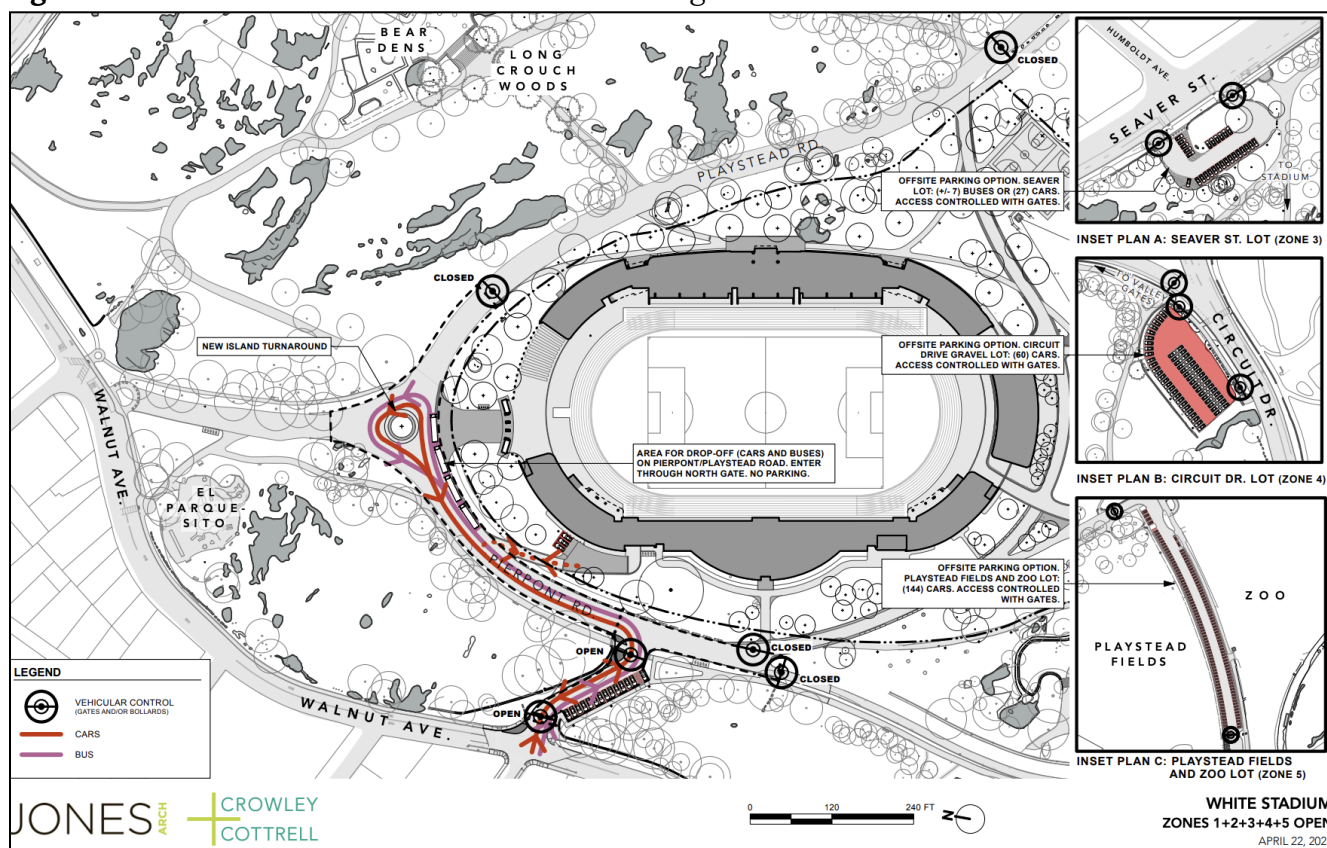
**Current Challenges** - Today there are a number of logistical and resource-related challenges the City is looking to address as part of the final plan including:

- **Limited on-site parking** for large crowds
- **Numerous logistical challenges** for community-based organizers, who may not have capacity for shuttle coordination or event staffing
- **Need for additional resources** to ensure accessible, well-managed event days

**What We've Heard** - Preliminary feedback from experienced organizers and park staff has highlighted several priorities:

- **Avoid Conflicts with Other Major Park Uses:** Wherever possible, events should be planned with awareness of other permitted activities at magnet destinations in the park. Early coordination with Park Rangers and event operators is essential.
- **Early and Frequent Communication to Attendees:** Organizers stressed the need for clear, early messaging to spectators about transportation, access points, and no-parking rules—ideally sent out multiple times in advance.
- **Designated & Enforced Drop-Off Zones:** Drop-off areas for shuttles, cars, and accessible parking must be clearly mapped and actively managed, with support from Park Rangers or event staff.
- **Multimodal Access is Welcome— With Support:** Organizers noted that many athletic communities, especially cross-country participants, already expect “no parking” rules. They’re open to walking, biking, or other options—as long as they are well-communicated and supported.
- **Overflow Parking Zones May Be Needed:** An overflow lot (e.g., nearby public or permitted lots) may be needed, with maps and shuttles to assist.
- **Guided Walking Routes Are Helpful:** Drop-off zones should be paired with clear signage and maps showing walkable routes (ideally under half a mile) from drop-off points to key spectator areas.

**Figure 14.** Circulation and Zone Activations for Large-Sized Events at White Stadium



**What's in Progress** - The City will continue actively shaping the transportation plan for large-scale events in close partnership with event organizers. These efforts aim to build a flexible, scalable framework that meets operational needs while preserving public access to Franklin Park.

**Key initiatives underway include:**

- Collaboration with the Franklin Park Operators Group to identify shared resources and align transportation strategies across park uses.
- Ongoing outreach to past large-scale event organizers to gather lessons learned and operational best practices.
- Development of a more responsive support system to help organizers create tailored Transportation Management Plans. These plans will prioritize community access and reduce disruption, and may include shuttle coordination, temporary use of the ParkBoston reservation system, clear attendee guidance and signage, entrance and circulation restrictions where needed, scalable solutions that account for the diverse sizes, budgets, and needs of events using the stadium and surrounding park areas

## V. Conclusion

The transportation strategies outlined in this section reflect not only current planning and infrastructure improvements, but also the insights, priorities, and lived experience of those who use White Stadium and Franklin Park every day. From small daily practices to district wide athletic celebrations, this plan is designed to grow with the needs of students, families, and the broader community. Don't forget to [submit your feedback](#)! All comments will be reviewed by Boston Legacy FC, BTB, and BPRD to help improve and finalize this plan.

We are grateful to the many community partners and contributors who have helped shape this work through ongoing dialogue, shared expertise, and deep commitment to expanding public access to White Stadium.

**We extend our sincere thank you to:** Neighborhood associations and community leaders, Environmental and sustainable mobility advocates, including LivableStreets Alliance and Bikes Not Bombs, Transportation and parking partners, including Privé Parking and the MBTA, Franklin Park stewards and operators, including the Franklin Park Zoo and Franklin Park Coalition, Track and cross-country meet organizers, and BPS Athletics coaches and staff.

# APPENDIX

Figure A.1 - North Loop Walnut Ave

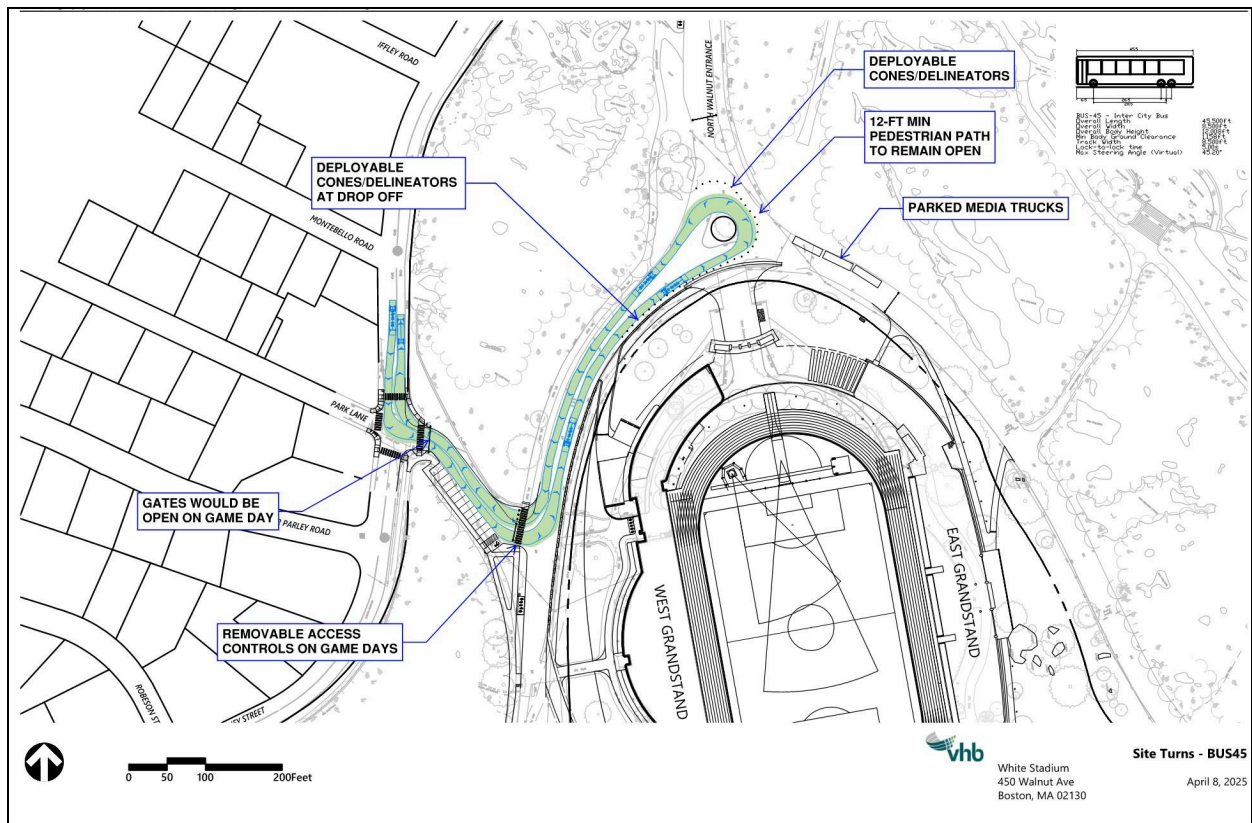


Figure A.2 - South Loop Valley Gates

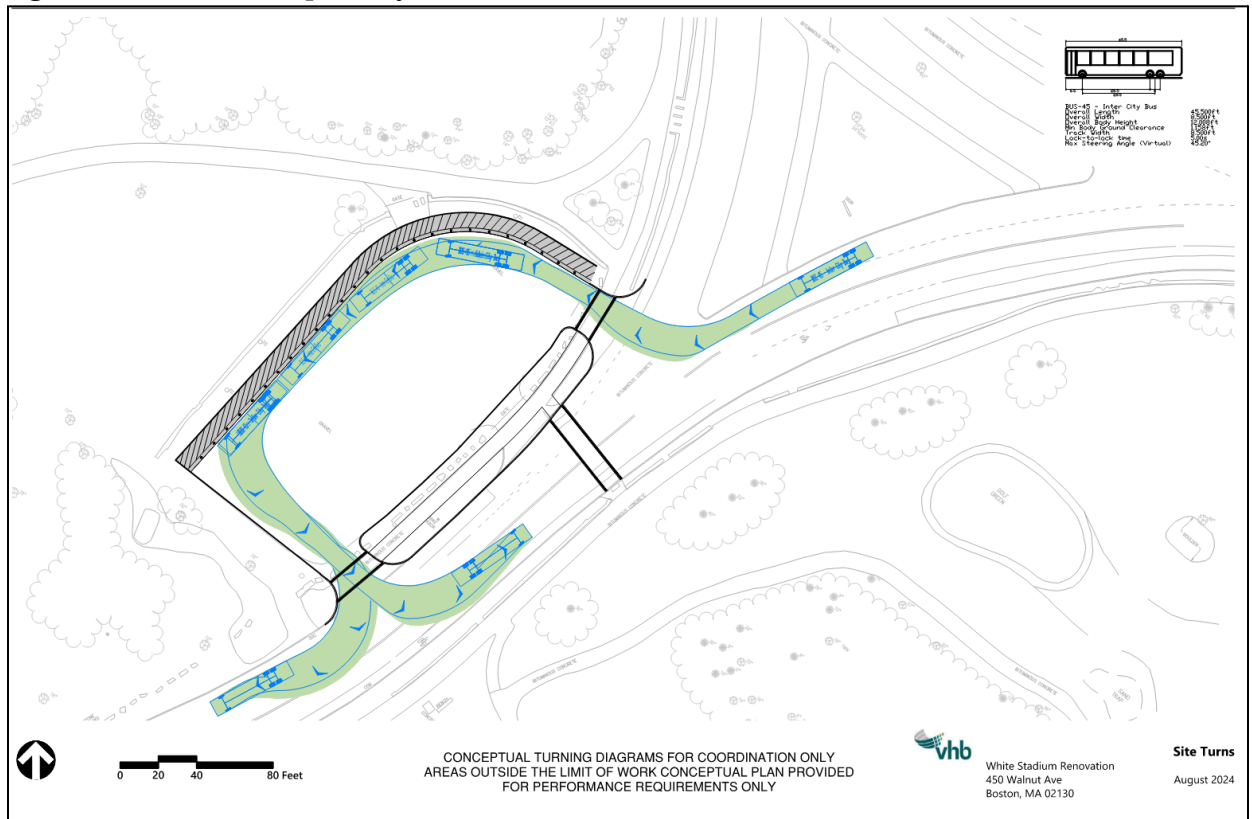
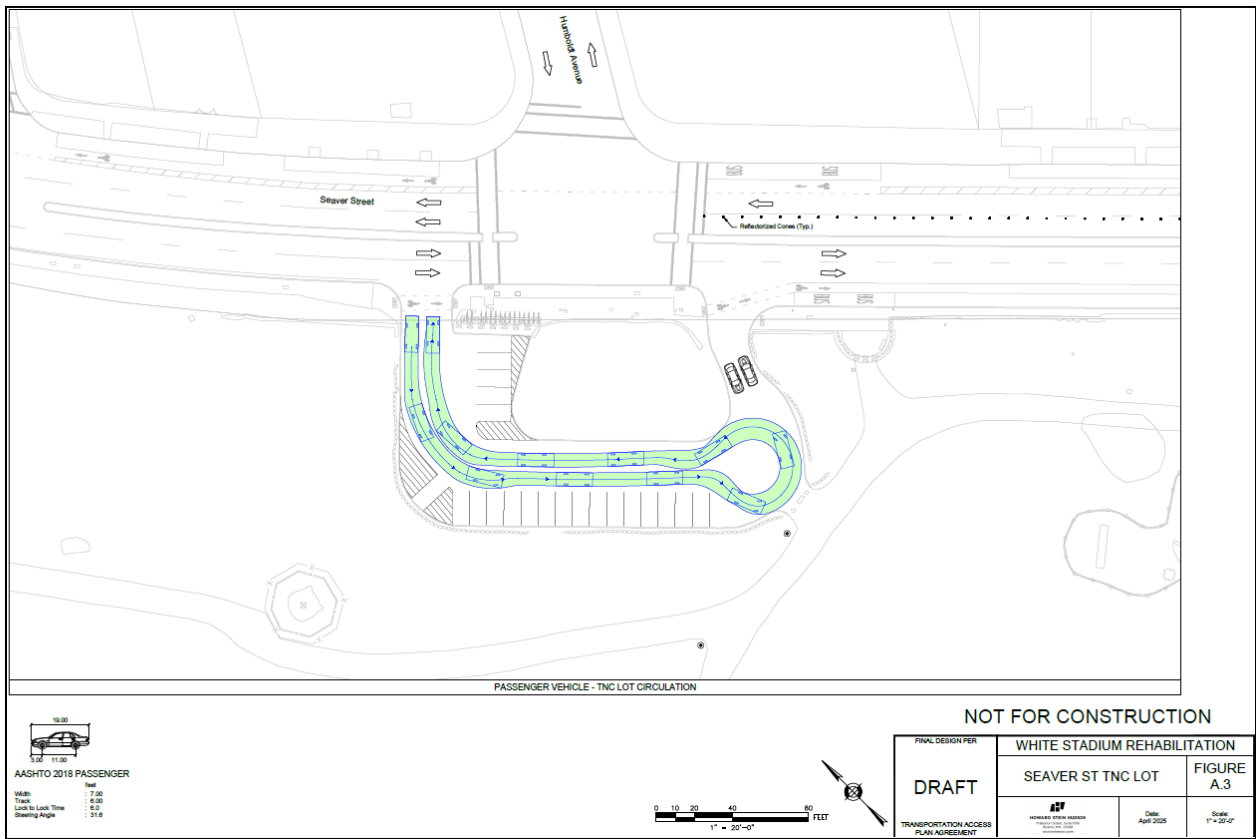
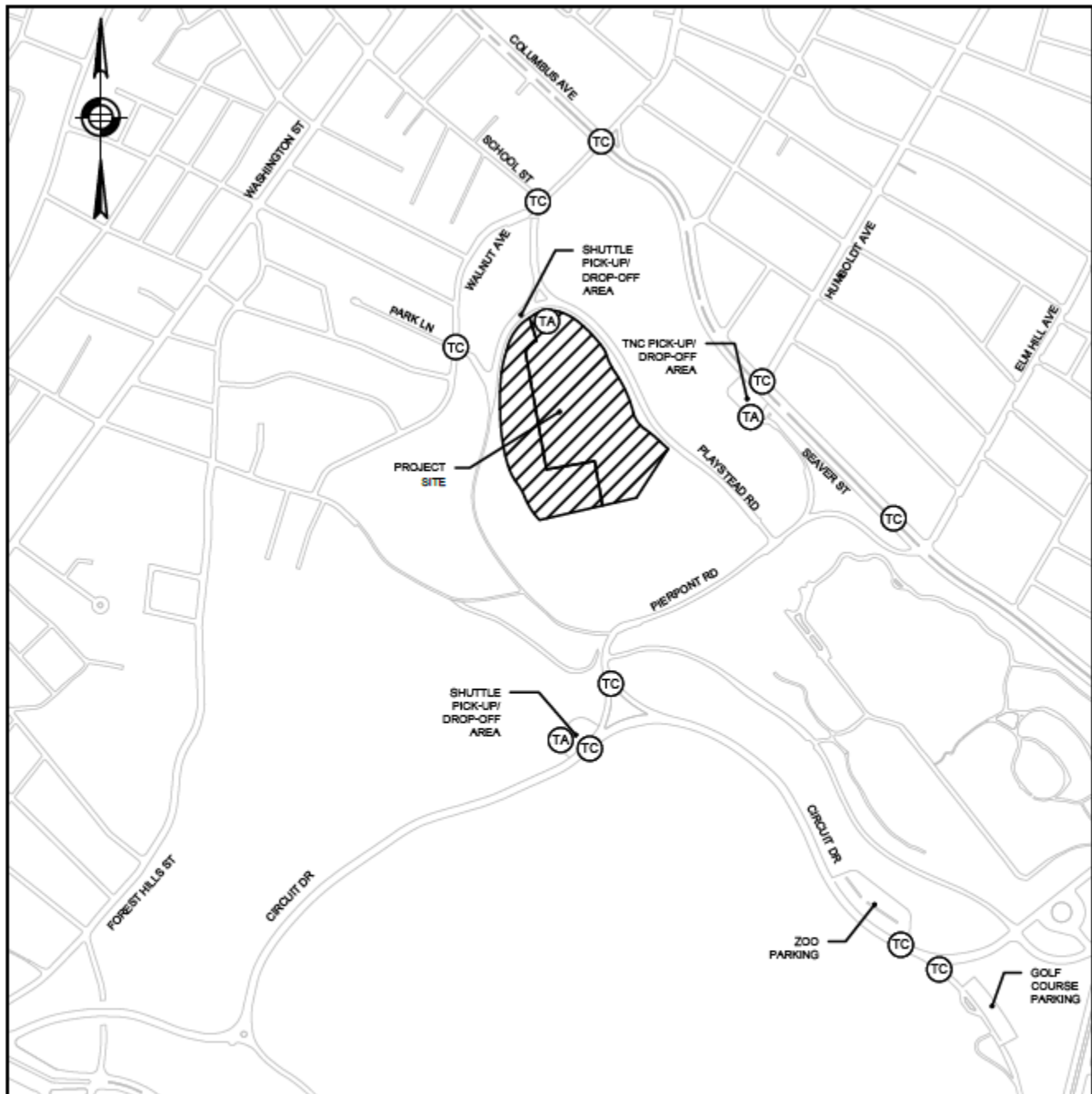




Figure A.3 - Seaver Street TNC Lot



**Figure A.4 - Traffic Detail locations**



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 Traffic Control Detail  
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### TRAFFIC CONTROL DETAIL LOCATIONS

FIGURE  
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**TRAFFIC CONTROL AND VMS LOCATIONS**  
**FIGURE A.5a**

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Travel Lane  
VMS Variable Message Sign

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**Figure A.6 – MBTA Bus Routes**



**Figure A.7 – Streets within Walkshed area**

Abbotsford Street	Drummond Street	Jess Street	Playstead Road
Academy Court	Dunford Street	Jewish War Veterans Drive	Pleasanton Street
Academy Road	Dungarven Road	Kensington Street	Porter Street
Academy Terrace	Egleston Street	Kenton Road	Powellton Road
Ackley Place	Elbert Street	Lamartine Place	Robeson Street
Amory Avenue	Ellington Street	Lamartine Street	Rockvale Circle
Amory Street	Elm Hill Avenue	Lamartine Terrace	Rocky Nook Terrace
Amory Terrace	Elm Hill Entrance	Lawndale Terrace	Rossmore Road
Arborway	Elm Street	Lotus Street	Rowen Court
Arcadia Street	Elmore Street	Lourdes Avenue	Ruthven Park
Ashworth Park	Ennis Road	Maple Court	Ruthven Street
Atherton Place	Erie Place	Maple Street	School Street
Atherton Street	Erie Street	Marbury Terrace	School Street Place
Bancroft Street	Ernst Street	Marcella Street	Schuyler Street
Beethoven Street	Everett Street	Marksdale Street	Seaver Street
Bismarck Street	Fenelon Street	Marlou Terrace	Shurland Street
Blue Hill Avenue	Forest Hills Street	Marmion Street	Sigourney Street

Boylston Place	Franklin Park Road	Martin Luther King Jr Blvd	Silva Place
Boylston Street	Gartland Street	Mayfair Street	Sonoma Street
Bragdon Street	Georgia Street	Mcbride Street	Stedman Street
Bray Street	Germania Street	McLellan Street	Stonley Road
Brinton Street	Glade Avenue	Meehan Place	Supple Road
Brookledge Street	Glen Lane	Meehan Street	Sylvia Street
Brookley Road	Glen Road	Mendell Way	Thornton Street
Brookside Avenue	Glenarm Street	Merriam Street	Thornton Terrace
Brunswick Street	Glenside Avenue	Merrill Street	Townsend Street
Burnett Street	Glenway Street	Michigan Avenue	Union Avenue
Call Street	Glines Avenue	Miles Street	Vale Street
Cardington Street	Gordon Street	Minton Street	Wabeno Street
Castlegate Road	Granada Park	Montana Street	Wabon Street
Cemetery Road	Green Street	Montebello Road	Waldren Road
Cerina Road	Greenley Place	Munroe Street	Walnut Avenue
Cheney Street	Haley Street	Nazing Court	Walnut Entrance
Chilcott Place	Harold Park	Nazing Street	Walnut Park
Cleaves Street	Harold Street	New Minton Street	Wardman Road
Cobden Park	Harrishof Street	Normandy Street	Warren Street
Cobden Street	Hartwell Street	North James Shea Circle	Washington Street
Codman Park	Haverford Street	Notre Dame Street	Waumbeck Street
Columbia Road	Hazelwood Court	Oakdale Street	Wayne Street
Columbus Avenue	Hazelwood Street	Oakdale Terrace	Weaver Court
Copley Street	Hewins Street	Old Road	Weaver Way
Cornwall Street	Hilton Terrace	Old Trail Road	Weld Avenue
Crawford Street	Hollander Street	Olmstead Street	Wenonah Street
Crestwood Park	Holworthy Street	Ophir Street	West Robert S Peabody Circle
Dalrymple Street	Homestead Street	Park Lane	West Walnut Park
Deckard Street	Howland Street	Park View Street	Westminster Avenue
Dennison Street	Humboldt Avenue	Pasadena Road	Westminster Court
Dimock Street	Humboldt Court	Peter Parley Road	Westminster Terrace
Dixwell Street	Hutchings Street	Pierpont Road	Williams Street
Dolans Court	Iffley Road	Plainfield Street	Wolcott Street
Woodside Avenue	Woolsey Square	Wyoming Street	