

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 14 May 2025
Location: Virtual (Zoom)
Project: Circuit Drive Traffic Safety and Drainage Improvements
Nitsch Project #: 16118

Attendees: +/- 65 public attendees
(7 hosts)

Amy Linné (Parks)	Lydia Gikas Cook (Reed Hilderbrand)
Lauren Bryant (Parks)	Sydney Picard (Nitsch Engineering)
My'kel McMillen (Parks)	Madeline Augustine (Nitsch Engineering)
	Jeff Bandini (Nitsch Engineering)

Below is a summary of the feedback received at this meeting:

Summary

Public Meeting #1 was a presentation of the existing conditions, including information from the Franklin Park Action Plan, pedestrian/bicyclist/bus rider experiences, traffic conditions, and drainage conditions along Circuit Drive.

Safety as a pedestrian or bicyclist

Several participants shared their experiences with close calls with drivers while on foot or traveling by bike. Participants expressed feeling unsafe trying to cross Circuit Drive and requested geometry changes that reinforce slow speeds in addition to visual cues such as signage or Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). Participants advocated for center islands, multiple crossings, narrowed roadways, and other traffic calming strategies. Key areas of concern include crossings at Valley Gates, inconsistent bike lanes, crossings between Schoolmaster Hill and the Wilderness, and unclear bus stops.

All these solutions will be explored based on their impacts to all modes of travel and to the overall park atmosphere. Speed cushions to slow passenger cars but permit heavy vehicles such as buses require a driver to slow down to navigate them. Bus stops that permit the bus to stop within the travel lane will be considered. Additional crossing infrastructure will be installed in locations where sight lines permit safe stopping.

Immediate-term solutions to existing safety concerns

Several participants requested immediate interventions such as speed cushions and noted that the sooner improvements are made, the better.

The project team will investigate immediate-term solutions. The goal of this project is to install short-term traffic calming and drainage solutions, starting construction in Spring 2026. Any changes to the street will need to be approved by Boston Landmarks Commission.

Parking

Participants requested clarity on how parking along Circuit Drive would be impacted, particularly for events and during the summer.

This project may have minor parking impacts along Circuit Drive, particularly near crosswalks and traffic calming devices, but parking will not be completely removed.

Traffic Speeds

Participants asked about how traffic data was collected and noted that they have seen higher speeds than the average 35mph mentioned as part of the presentation.

Traffic was collected over a continuous Thursday, Friday, and Saturday period (72 hours, March 27-29, 2025). Volumes for Friday were shared in the meeting as these traffic volumes were the highest over the three days. The speeds that were shared were averages over Friday to maintain consistency between the volume data that were shared.

Circuit Drive through traffic

The Franklin Park Action plan explored removing and re-routing through traffic from Circuit Drive, and was brought up as a potential solution to traffic safety. While outside the scope of this project, feedback from participants included both support for and opposition to closing the street to through traffic.

This project will not permanently close Circuit Drive to through motor vehicle traffic.

Drainage concerns

Participants discussed why the existing drainage system is undersized and asked why new pipes that could handle the flow would not be installed.

Green infrastructure can work in tandem with the existing storm sewer system to keep water infiltrated on site and to improve stormwater quality when it is discharged.

Public outreach expansion

Participants requested that public outreach be expanded to ensure all voices are heard. This meeting is the first step, and the project team will hold additional public engagement events, including in-person.

Traffic Violations

Participants asked about obtaining parking and speeding ticket data from Boston Police, as participants suggested that speed enforcement along Circuit Drive may contribute to safety concerns. The project team will explore if these data sources are available.

If any of the attendees feel these Minutes do not accurately reflect the discussions, please notify the writer within one (1) week of receipt. Nitsch Engineering will determine if edits will be made and, if so, the Minutes will be reissued.



Prepared by: Madeline Augustine

MCA/JTB

cc: All Attendees

18:06:20 From Boston Parks to Everyone:
Project Webpage: boston.gov/circuit-drive

18:10:44 Hi. Just turning in. Is this the meeting for the Circuit Drive HIGHWAY?

18:11:38 Reacted to "Hi. Just turning in...." with ❤️

18:11:47 Reacted to "Hi. Just turning in...." with 100

18:11:52 From Boston Parks to Everyone:
Project manager - Amy.linne@boston.gov

18:12:46 From Amy Linné to Everyone:
Franklin Park Ongoing Initiatives
<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/franklin-park-initiatives>

18:13:24 Reacted to "Hi. Just turning in...." with ❤️

18:24:57 yes, it's harrowing to cycle circuit drive sometimes

18:25:00 and def can't do with kids

18:25:14 Reacted to "and def can't do wit..." with 👍

18:25:31 Reacted to "and def can't do wit..." with 👍

18:25:33 Reacted to "and def can't do w..." with 👍

18:25:46 The crossing by valley gates is extremely dangerous, I was walking with my 3 month old in a stroller and a bus stopped for me to cross and then a car went around the bus at an extremely high speed and was only a few feet from my stroller. Unacceptable and extremely dangerous for kids. I no longer walk there because km so scared, I drive to the parking lot and start my walk at the golf course.

18:25:58 Reacted to "The crossing by vall..." with 100

18:26:02 Reacted to "The crossing by va..." with 100

18:26:42 Replying to "The crossing by vall..." I'm so sorry

18:26:51 This needs to be resolved immediately, we cannot wait. I'm surprised someone hasn't been killed with the way people drive and have no care for the cross walks.

18:27:09 Reacted to "This needs to be res..." with 100

18:27:11 Reacted to "This needs to be res..." with 🙌

18:27:11 Replying to "The crossing by va..."

I see this way too often as well, when the road is this wide cars will swerve around stopped vehicles without considering why they've stopped. I almost got hit this way last week

18:27:15 Reacted to "This needs to be r..." with 🙌

18:27:18 Reacted to "This needs to be res..." with 100

18:27:20 Reacted to "This needs to be res..." with 100

18:27:20 This park is not design for Bikers.

18:27:34 Friday is typically a lower-volume day. Why was Friday selected?

18:28:18 Reggie Stewart here with the District 7 Office. Councilor Anderson sends her warm regards. Feel free to send any feedback about this project to tania.anderson@boston.gov

18:28:21 My kids could theoretically bike or even walk to the Sarah Greenwood school from our house near White Stadium, but the route through the park is extremely high stress with the ridiculously poor crossings and lack of bike infra.

18:29:31 Replying to "The crossing by vall..."

So scary! I'm sorry to hear this is common

18:30:12 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:

Thank you all for sharing these stories. This is the exact reason we are doing this safety improvements.

18:30:24 Replying to "My kids could theo..."

I hope after this project it will be safe enough for them to do so. Getting around on your own as a kid is such an important part of building confidence and independence

18:30:46 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:

Replying to "Friday is typically ..."

Anne, I will add this to the list of questions for the discussion portion.

18:30:49 Replying to "Thank you all for sh..."

Look forward to hearing timing

- 18:31:44 Two places that need crossing access: 1) at Valley Gates - coming from the Clubhouse, the running block wall means you can't get across to get to back of the zoo. 2) at base of the Hagborn Hill steps going across to the walking loop path.
- 18:31:55 Reacted to "Look forward to he..." with 🙌
- 18:32:43 Finding avg speed of 35mph?! I laughed out loud. What's the avg speed between Shattuck and golf clubhouse? More like 40-45 imo. Unacceptable.
- 18:32:52 Reacted to "Finding avg speed of..." with 100
- 18:32:53 Reacted to "Finding avg speed of..." with 100
- 18:33:58 Compaction along circuit drive is also from vehicles parking in non-designated spots on busy Zoo days and other major events. The Park desperately needs better public transportation access and shuttles from offsite for major events.
- 18:34:31 Reacted to "Compaction along cir..." with 👉
- 18:34:48 We know what the problems are. How are you proposing to solve them?
- 18:34:56 Some drivers who use Circuit Drive frequently have diminished patience which endangers pedestrians of all ages and motorists who infrequently drive through headed for different destination.
- 18:35:20 Totally agree with Jacob. We have to have better public transportation to the Park!
- 18:36:02 Reacted to "We know what the pro..." with 👉
- 18:36:11 Reacted to "Compaction along cir..." with ❤️
- 18:36:13 Reacted to "Totally agree with J..." with 👉
- 18:36:17 Reacted to "Compaction along cir..." with 👉
- 18:36:23 Reacted to "Compaction along cir..." with 👉
- 18:37:14 Reacted to "Compaction along cir..." with 👉
- 18:37:32 Looking forward (hopefully) to a study seeing what stopping thru traffic on a Sunday would do to reduce traffic, increase safety, and connect the halves of the park for users
- 18:37:33 Is the drainage system reparable? Is it clogged with sediment or just too small to handle the flow?

18:37:42 Shut it down. Why should we be sacrificing park land/green space for drivers who could take an extra 5 minutes to go around?

18:37:46 Reacted to "Looking forward (hop..." with 🙌

18:37:51 Reacted to "Totally agree with J..." with 👍

18:37:53 Reacted to "Shut it down. Why sh..." with 100

18:37:53 Replying to "Compaction along cir..."

ESPECIALLY any non prof women's soccer events to be held at the new White Stadium.
Can't let BPS or the City off the hook n not turning our park into a parking lot.

18:37:55 Speed bumps, more cross walks.

18:38:25 Reacted to "Shut it down. Why sh..." with 100

18:38:26 Replying to "Compaction along cir..." 🖱

18:38:32 Reacted to "Finding avg speed of..." with 100

18:38:50 I've lived in the area over 40 years. I think most folks on this Zoom are long time users and Park lovers. These aren't new complaints.

18:38:59 Reacted to "I've lived in the ar..." with 🖱

18:39:19 Reacted to "I've lived in the ar..." with ❤️👍

18:39:31 Replying to "Shut it down. Why sh..."

Where do you suggest to reroute traffic?

18:39:54 Reacted to "Shut it down. Why sh..." with ❤️

18:39:55 Reacted to "I've lived in the ar..." with 🖱

18:40:11 Reacted to "I've lived in the ar..." with ❤️

18:40:21 I LOVE the idea of narrowing the circuit drive roadway, and turning some of the width over to well-demarcated, wide bike lanes and green drainage. Please do this!!!

18:40:24 Replying to "Shut it down. Why sh..."

American Legion. Morton St. Large streets that can easily handle the traffic

18:40:35 Replying to "Shut it down. Why sh..."

In the plan there's a nice proposal to shut down the section between the zoo and Shattuck. So both of those destinations would still be accessible by car. Thru traffic can go around the perimeter. Blue Hill Avenue, American Legion, etc.

18:40:41 Replying to "I LOVE the idea of n..."

42-year park user

18:40:49 Reacted to "Where do you suggest..." with 👍

18:40:56 Replying to "Speed bumps, more ..."

I'd rather see chicanes, lane narrowing, etc used to slow traffic if possible. When speed bumps were installed on my street, I noticed that people will slow down for a speed bump and then accelerate towards the next one, increasing noise and exhaust pollution.

18:41:25 Reacted to "I've lived in the ar..." with 👍

18:41:34 I would love to see a true bike loop (separate path) rather than just bike lanes. Even with bike lanes, I won't want to take my kids on there. The loop is very popular currently, but the pedestrian path is not suitable to share with bikes

18:41:39 Reacted to "I've lived in the ar..." with 🖱️

18:41:43 Reacted to "I would love to see ..." with 🖱️

18:41:56 Reacted to "I would love to see ..." with 🖱️

18:42:06 The "immediate action" needs were stated in 2022: nothing has been done by the City in 3yrs. How disappointing.

18:42:12 Replying to "Shut it down. Why sh..."

I like this idea, but has this been accounted for in the Bus System Redesign?

18:42:41 Replying to "Shut it down. Why sh..."

I'm not sure, but it's a good question.

18:42:52 Why is paved path up Scarboro Hill labeled as "trail" not shared-use path?

18:42:53 Reacted to "I would love to se..." with 🖱️

18:43:00 Reacted to "I would love to see ..." with ❤️

18:43:37 Reacted to "I'm not sure, but it..." with 👍

18:43:41 Reacted to "I've lived in the ar..." with 🖱️

18:43:45 Replying to "Shut it down. Why sh..."

Overwhelming for residents that live in the areas of Blue Hill Avenue, American Legion.

18:43:52 takes longer than 5 minutes to go around contingent on destination point and traffic volume

18:44:41 Reacted to "Speed bumps, more cr..." with 👍

18:44:51 Reacted to "Shut it down. Why sh..." with 🤔

18:44:57 Reacted to "The "immediate actio..." with 👍

18:45:04 Reacted to "I LOVE the idea of n..." with 👍

18:45:14 Replying to "Speed bumps, more cr..."

Raised crosswalks would be great for this, I think.

18:45:27 How many speeding tickets have been issued annually on Circuit Dr? Why not increase enforcement...along w immediately adding speed calming infrastructure.

18:45:31 Reacted to "takes longer than 5 ..." with 🤔

18:45:32 Reacted to "Raised crosswalks ..." with 100

18:45:43 Reacted to "How many speeding ti..." with ❤️

18:46:01 Reacted to "How many speeding ti..." with ❤️

18:46:19 Reacted to "takes longer than 5 ..." with 👍

18:46:22 Replying to "takes longer than 5 ..."

Initially yes, but eventually fewer people will drive single occupancy vehicles if we make it more unpleasant to do so and provide viable alternatives.

18:46:25 Replying to "Speed bumps, more cr..."

Would love to see lane narrowing and raised crosswalks

18:46:35 Thanks, Dot! Completely agree

18:46:36 Reacted to "Speed bumps, more cr..." with 👍

18:46:55 Reacted to "Shut it down. Why sh..." with 100

18:47:06 Reacted to "Raised crosswalks wo..." with 100

18:47:08 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:
Replying to "How many speeding ti..."
Hi Tom, I don't know that we have the number of tickets issued, but we can check with Boston Police and ask that question, then bring the info to the next meeting.

18:47:16 With calming to Circuit Drive, will the city still be shutting down streets like Talbot, American Legion, Morton, and others at night in the summer? I've had questions about ambulance travel in the night/evening when our roads are closed down.

18:47:17 Replying to "Speed bumps, more cr..."
There are a few places that don't have official intersections right now that people often use as unofficial crosswalks; make them raised and people will slow down - less of a need for separate speed humps

18:47:29 Replying to "How many speeding ti..."
Occasionally I see an officer parked across from the golf course but they never seem to pull anyone over.

18:47:30 Replying to "How many speeding ti..."
I agree.

18:47:41 need enough space/area to pull over to issue speeding ticket- somewhat blind-ish curves are hazards for everyone

18:47:42 Reacted to "Would love to see ..." with 100

18:47:55 Reacted to "There are a few pl..." with 100

18:48:13 Can you add IMPROVED bus stops? We saw a picture of a little bus sign on a lamp post. Nothing that gives people any sense that the park is accessible by public transit.

18:49:18 Removed a ❤️ reaction from "How many speeding ti..."

18:49:20 Reacted to "How many speeding ti..." with ❤️

18:49:23 The elevated section of sidewalk near Schoolmaster Hill needs a railing for safety

18:49:28 Reacted to "The elevated section..." with ❤️

18:49:38 Reacted to "The elevated section..." with ❤️

18:49:39 Do not close the road!

18:49:46 Replying to "The elevated section..."
And bikes need their own safe way to bypass the pedestrian sidewalk

18:49:55 Replying to "The elevated section..."
That part is SO ICY in the winter too, even though the maintenance crew does their best every morning.

18:50:02 Reacted to "Do not close the roa..." with 👍

18:50:04 Reacted to "Do not close the roa..." with 👍

18:50:11 How soon will we see speed calming measures?

18:50:39 Replying to "How many speeding ti..."
Even if they could flash their lights could be a deterrent

18:50:59 Reacted to "Do not close the roa..." with ❤️

18:51:16 Closing circuit drive has great impact on access for families that don't live immediately near the park or have extended families and or individuals with disabilities/elderly

18:51:29 Reacted to "The elevated section..." with ❤️

18:52:00 I live just north of the park. I use Circuit Drive in three ways. As a pedestrian, I use it to cross over into the lower part of the park. As a cyclist, I ride on it for recreation and transportation. As a driver, I use it to get across the park. I would be very glad to give up that third use to make the first two safer, but I recognize that has been abandoned as an aspiration despite the obvious climate and safety benefits. For now, I am strongly in favor of using whatever are the best evidence-based approaches for slowing traffic, protecting pedestrians, and protecting cyclists.

18:52:42 Reacted to "And bikes need their..." with 👍

18:52:50 I don't think closing Circuit Drive would solve the problem. To reroute traffic would cause a huge traffic jam for those who live in the Blue Hill Ave. area.

18:53:03 "Cyclist and pedestrians" are not the only constituency in mind here. Some of us require the road as a means to reasonably access major thoroughfares throughout the city.

18:53:17 Reacted to ""Cyclist and pedestr..." with 👍

18:53:19 Reacted to "And bikes need their..." with 👍

18:53:19 Reacted to ""Cyclist and pedestr..." with 👍

18:53:24 Reacted to "I don't think closin..." with 👍

18:53:26 Reacted to "Cyclist and pedestr... with "👍"

18:53:32 Reacted to ""Cyclist and pedestr..." with 👍

18:53:35 Removed a 👍 reaction from ""Cyclist and pedestr..."

18:53:37 Reacted to "I live just north of..." with 👍

18:53:39 Reacted to ""Cyclist and pedestr..." with 👍

18:53:41 It would be great to have a 2-way (with a line down the middle) protected bike path alongside the road from one end to the other (and headed up to the Playstead parking lot and into the clubhouse and on the Shattuck picnic area road). That kind of protected bike path would be safe for kids and elders on bikes.

18:53:43 Removed a 👍 reaction from ""Cyclist and pedestr..."

18:53:45 Reacted to "Cyclist and pedestr... with "👍"

18:53:50 Could we have a traffic light at valley gates for the crosswalk?

18:53:55 Reacted to "It would be great to..." with ❤️

18:54:09 Reacted to "Could we have a traf..." with ❤️

18:54:23 I ride through the park everyday, sometimes multiple times per day, to drop off my child at daycare. I also frequently run on circuit drive, or ride around the bear dens. There are roads on all four sides of the park that connect with each other. We simply should not be prioritizing single occupancy vehicles in our green space.

18:54:23 How about a stop light?

18:54:29 I will not be supportive of closing Circuit Drive

18:54:48 Reacted to "Could we have a traf..." with ❤️

18:54:51 Reacted to "I will not be suppor..." with 👍

18:55:04 Reacted to "I will not be suppor..." with 👍

18:55:06 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:

Thank you all for these comments, we really appreciate all the input. Keep it coming!

18:55:36 Agreed

18:55:38 For next meeting: can you propose what it would look like to narrow the vehicle component of circuit drive and add bike lanes and eco-drainage? (Currently 53 ft, you only need 24 ft for a 2-lane road... plenty of space!)

18:55:46 Replying to "It would be great to..."

With this grade separated and protected by the spots where there is parking, this could be an effective tool to narrow the road and control speeds

18:55:52 The purpose of a park is recreation, relaxation, enjoyment. Parks are not intended to facilitate transportation.

18:55:53 Totally 100% Agree!

18:56:02 Reacted to "The purpose of a par..." with 100

18:56:04 Reacted to "It would be great to..." with ❤️

18:56:04 Reacted to "I will not be suppor..." with 👍

18:56:11 Reacted to "The purpose of a par..." with 100

18:56:13 Reacted to "For next meeting: ca..." with ❤️

18:56:17 Take this conversation to the community and not online only. How about at the Mattapan Library.

18:56:22 Reacted to "For next meeting: ca..." with ❤️

18:56:23 if there are flashing lights at the crosswalk, they should be flashing when triggered by pedestrians who are crossing at that time.....not flashing at all times.

18:56:31 Reacted to "The purpose of a par..." with 100

18:56:37 Replying to "How many speeding ti..."

I would guess that number is effectively zero, I've bugged the city on this every way I can think of and gotten essentially zero traction.

18:56:43 Reacted to "if there are flashin..." with 👍

18:56:57 Reacted to "if there are flashin..." with 👍

18:57:04 Replying to "if there are flashin..."

Like at the arboretum on the Jamaica way — the light changes almost as soon as you push the button

18:57:21 Reacted to "I live just north ..." with 100

18:57:34 Reacted to "Like at the arbore..." with 👍

18:57:47 Reacted to "if there are flashin..." with 👍

18:57:50 Replying to "if there are flashin..."
not flashing lights, please, a RED light

18:57:54 More community outreach for folks who live in the Roxbury, Mattapan areas.

18:57:59 Reacted to "The purpose of a par..." with 100

18:58:01 Replying to "if there are flashin..."
But an actual red light, activated by a pedestrian button, would be much better than flashing lights

18:58:05 Reacted to "But an actual red li..." with 👍

18:58:10 Reacted to "not flashing lights,..." with 👍

18:58:10 Reacted to "not flashing lights,..." with ❤️

18:58:12 Reacted to "But an actual red li..." with 👍

18:58:17 Come to the Kite and Bike fest this Saturday noon to 4 BTW!

18:58:41 Reacted to "Come to the Kite and..." with ❤️

18:58:55 Reacted to "Kite & Bike Festival (1) (1) (1) (1) (2).png" with ❤️

18:59:07 Reacted to "Kite & Bike Festival (1) (1) (1) (1) (2).png" with ❤️

18:59:42 Replying to "How many speeding ti..."
We all know there is essentially zero speeding or crosswalk enforcement. How soon can we see traffic calming measures actually instituted??

18:59:54 the trick is to wave your hands above your head to get the vehicles to stop

19:00:10 Reacted to "the trick is to wave ..." with 😊

19:00:15 Reacted to "Take this conversati..." with 👍

19:00:17 Reacted to "the trick is to wave ..." with 😊

19:00:24 Reacted to "the trick is to wave ..." with 😊

19:00:39 They see you. They just ignore you.

19:00:40 Replying to "if there are flashin..."
flashing lights are like sharrows - not effective at all

19:01:07 Reacted to "Screenshot2025_05_14_190042.jpg" with 😊

19:01:08 Reacted to "Screenshot2025_05_14_190042.jpg" with 😊

19:01:08 Reacted to "Screenshot2025_05_14_190042.jpg" with 😊

19:01:09 Reacted to "if there are flashin..." with 👉

19:01:10 Reacted to "if there are flashin..." with 👉

19:01:21 I am not in favor of closing Circuit Drive. It's a beautiful road that winds through the park. The solution is to create sidewalks for pedestrians and bike lanes, improved crosswalks and signage, and increased traffic enforcement. There are other possible solutions than closing Circuit Drive to traffic. Maybe you might consider closing the drive on Sundays for community access/family day.

19:01:24 Reacted to "Screenshot2025_05_14_190042.jpg" with 😊

19:01:26 Reacted to "Screenshot2025_05_14_190042.jpg" with 😊

19:01:37 Reacted to Kite & Bike Festival (1) (1) (1) (1) (2).png with "❤️"

19:01:50 Reacted to More community outre... with "👉"

19:01:51 Reacted to "Take this conversati..." with 👉

19:01:52 People going to the Arboretum can stop cars to cross the street. We need that here too.
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19:01:57 Reacted to "The purpose of a par..." with 100

19:02:02 Reacted to "People going to the ..." with ❤️

19:02:07 The people suggesting closing the road sound similar

19:02:13 Reacted to "People going to the ..." with ❤️

19:02:22 Reacted to "Screenshot2025_05_14_190042.jpg" with 😊

19:02:23 Removed a 😊 reaction from "Screenshot2025_05_14_190042.jpg"

19:02:30 Circuit Drive should not be Closed!!

19:02:31 Reacted to "I am not in favor of..." with 👍

19:02:40 Reacted to "Circuit Drive should..." with ❤️

19:02:46 Reacted to "People going to the ..." with ❤️

19:02:51 Is this a contest between neighborhoods?

19:03:06 Reacted to Circuit Drive should... with "❤️"

19:03:06 Do not close circuit drive.

19:03:08 Replying to "I am not in favor of..."

Revitalization without displacement, improvement is needed to help all enjoy the roadway.

19:03:21 The authoritative tones belie the spirit of the project as proposed.

19:03:21 Reacted to "I am not in favor of..." with 👍

19:03:33 The idea of closing Circuit Drive is unacceptable.

19:03:36 Morton St, American Legion, Blue Hill, Seaver St. are all major roads designed to carry large volumes of traffic around the park.

Echoing that this has been done in many cities and people who are skeptical end up being glad it happened.

That said, totally recognize that car parking needs to be maintained for the gatherings that Franklin Park has a great legacy of!

19:03:38 Does Boston have any speed cushions we could look at?

19:03:40 Replying to "The people suggestin..."

Residents who don't want to die?

19:03:40 If raised crosswalks are a non-starter, we definitely should consider the middle lane islands. It's much easier and safer for everyone to get across, and it will inadvertently cause people to move slower

19:04:10 Reacted to "The idea of closing... with "👍"

- 19:04:12 Replying to "How many speeding ti..."
- Speed humps/cushions/tables have been SO successful: why not space them closely the entire length of Circuit Drive?
- 19:04:17 One of the solutions to drivers speeding is to put objects in their path, e.g. regular concrete bollards in the center of the road and on the sides to protect cyclists/pedestrians. They may not care about someone waiting with a stroller but they do care about scratching their vehicle.
- 19:04:28 Enforcement isn't coming, let's be honest. Physical slow down measures are the only thing they'll respond to.
- 19:04:41 Yes this a contest between neighborhoods? Say it out loud and own it everyone
- 19:04:52 There's plenty of space for a good bike path. Closing circuit drive isn't required to have a safe fully separate bike path
- 19:05:09 Reacted to "There's plenty of sp..." with 👍
- 19:05:21 Reacted to "Morton St, American ..." with ❤️
- 19:05:33 I am oppose to shutting down circuit drive. It is needed for accessing the park and a cut through to the hospitals. I have lived in the neighborhood for more than 50 yrs
- 19:05:34 Reacted to "I am oppose to shutt..." with 👍
- 19:05:45 It is abundantly clear that there is lots of disagreement about closing circuit drive, and that it is wise of the City to leave this issue for another day. Let's hold this conversation for another meeting / community process.
- 19:06:15 Reacted to "Morton St, American ..." with ❤️
- 19:06:19 Reacted to "It is abundantly cle..." with 👍
- 19:06:39 Reacted to "I am oppose to shutt..." with 👍
- 19:06:51 Reacted to "It is abundantly cle..." with 👍
- 19:06:55 Reacted to "There's plenty of sp..." with 👍
- 19:06:55 Reacted to "Morton St, American ..." with ❤️
- 19:06:58 Reacted to "Shut it down. Why sh..." with 🙄
- 19:07:19 I love the idea of narrowing the traffic lanes as much as possible and using the remaining space for swales and for bike lanes

19:07:26 I'm with Alvin, the idea of closing Circuit Drive is unacceptable.

19:07:31 Reacted to "I love the idea of n..." with ❤️

19:07:46 Reacted to "I'm with Alvin" with 👍

19:07:48 Reacted to "One of the solutio..." with 100

19:07:53 Reacted to "If raised crosswal..." with 100

19:08:07 not sure if I prefer a 2 way lane set on just one side of the park or lanes on each side.... thinking of my kids getting to school. Maybe if there were more stop lights that would permit them to cross to the bike infra on the other side.

19:08:50 Reacted to "The idea of closing..." with 👍

19:08:54 Replying to "Morton St, America..."

I'd like to see only off-street parking in the park, when street parking is unoccupied the additional width of the road leads to speeding and reckless passing.

19:09:12 I would love to see the road closed on weekends, especially during the summer for community recreation

19:09:40 Can you clarify what the parking rules actually ARE on circuit drive? Where CAN they park? On Mothers Day there were 100s of cars parked on the grass illegally. One option would be to put a wide, two-way bike lane on one side, and allow parking on the other side

19:09:41 If there is a refugee island in the midpoint of a cross walk would that island in itself be more of a slow down signal to traffic than bump outs?

19:09:42 That's not legal parking, and parking there is extremely dangerous for other people using the park.

19:09:58 Reacted to "Morton St, American ..." with ❤️

19:10:16 I think the city leadership should take bold action toward their stated goals (pedestrian safety, climate resilience, etc.) The park could be so much nicer if it didn't try to cater to loud, dangerous vehicles.

19:10:16 Replying to "not sure if I prefer..."

Yes, I didn't think of that. So a protected one lane bike path on either side of the road.

19:10:33 Reacted to "I think the city lea..." with ❤️

19:10:36 Reacted to "I think the city lea..." with ❤️

19:10:39 All of Circuit Drive is used during big events

19:10:41 Reacted to "I think the city lea..." with ❤️

19:10:47 Can parking be moved off the curb? When those spaces are unoccupied the road is effectively twice as wide and this leads to speeding. Cyclists also have to worry about being hit by cars entering the parking lane

19:10:58 Have you ever been to an event? It's used both sides

19:11:16 Would be useful to see data on how many event attendees arrive by a car parked on Circuit Drive vs other modes of travel

19:11:19 Replying to "Have you ever been t..."
Even zoo lights gets wild with parking sometimes.

19:11:28 Reacted to "Would be useful to s..." with 👍

19:11:31 For big events both sides of the road are fully parked up.

19:11:31 Replying to "Have you ever been t..."
I have attended and I agree both sides are used

19:11:37 You can get a speeding ticket in Boston?
I've never seen it.

19:11:42 Reacted to "You can get a speedi..." with 100

19:11:50 Reacted to "It is abundantly cle..." with 👍

19:11:55 Reacted to "Can parking be moved..." with 👍

19:11:59 Replying to "For big events both ..."
This must change if there's a bike lane

19:12:05 Replying to "For big events both ..."
(Which there should be)

19:12:27 Reacted to "I think the city l..." with ❤️

19:12:44 To reduce cars in the park, Franklin Park needs *off-site parking for big events & *improved public transportation with dedicated bus stops (not just the 16 bus, but all the buses coming down Seaver St / Blue Hill Ave)

19:12:47 Replying to "You can get a speedi..."

Once a traffic cop gave tickets at the corner of Forest Hills and Morton St. during a morning rush hour. 100 tickets were issued - 98 were non-Boston residents.

19:12:49 Replying to "For big events both ..."

could be parking protected bike lanes, those are actually great, esp if separated by an actual curb or concrete barriers.

19:12:53 Reacted to "To reduce cars in ..." with 100

19:13:11 Reacted to "To reduce cars in th..." with 100

19:13:42 Reacted to "To reduce cars in th..." with 100

19:14:02 Reacted to "To reduce cars in th..." with 100

19:14:02 Replying to "You can get a spee..."

That's absolutely believable, both the amount of tickets and that it was only done once 😊

19:14:05 Social media, neighborhood association and groups, connect with office of neighborhood services. There are liaisons for Roxbury, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain and several liaisons for Dorchester.

19:14:14 Perhaps put up flyers at the big churches like Morning Star

19:14:16 Consider reaching out, and go to the events, reach out to the park rangers

19:14:49 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:

Replying to "Social media, neighb..."

Thanks Kenya! Those are all our standard outreach and were done for this project.

19:14:51 The proposal for closing circuit drive still maintains vehicle access to all of the existing parking lots.

19:15:00 including the golf course parking lot.

19:15:06 Replying to "not sure if I prefer..."

My feeling is that the golf course side is much better for a two way path, with really good crossings. There are quite a few crossings (sausage lot, valley gates lot, zoo lot) on the other side that will compromise the path. Also i think making one path will take less width overall. My 2 cents

19:15:16 It's a park? I thought it was a professional sports complex. Hmm.

19:15:17 Please put physical bulletin boards in the park — at Walnut Ave, Valley Gates, Golf Clubhouse, Shattuck — to publicize this stuff (and other events)

19:15:17 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:

Reacted to "Perhaps put up flyer..." with 👍

19:15:32 Replying to "not sure if I prefer..."

agreed

19:15:54 Leave flyers at the Gulf Clubhouse, Harvard Health Clinic, businesses along Blue Hill Ave,

19:15:57 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:

Replying to "Consider reaching ou..."

Thanks! We try to attend as many Franklin Park Coalition events as possible. If there are other community events outside of the park, it would be great to know about those too!

19:16:22 Reacted to "It's a park? I thoug..." with 😊

19:16:46 Reacted to "Please put physical ..." with 👍

19:17:13 Connect with me and I can give emails for Mattapan neighborhood associations. You should also send it to city elected officials, most have bi-weekly newsletters they send out

19:17:15 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:

Replying to "Leave flyers at the ..."

Thanks Kenya, the health clinic and businesses on Blue Hill are great ideas. We typically do leave flyers at the clubhouse for any Franklin Park meeting, but I'll check to make sure we did for this one.

19:17:31 Reacted to Thanks Kenya, the he... with "👍"

19:17:50 My email Kenya.p.beaman@boston.gov

19:17:56 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:
Replying to "Connect with me and ..."
Thanks Kenya, it would be great to compare your neighborhood association contact list with ours to make sure we aren't missing any!

19:18:14 Reacted to "To reduce cars in th..." with 100

19:18:34 I see no way to raise hand: When might we see traffic calming measures? They appeared very quickly on streets around FP; why not Circuit Dr?

19:19:25 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:
Replying to "I see no way to rais..."
Hi Tom, raising hand is under the "react" button with the heart over it. If you click on that you can raise your hand. If you don't see it, we can help you unmute to chat.

19:19:54 Flyer vehicles on days when folks are golfing and going to the zoo. Depending on your timeline, you can put postcard size flyers on vehicles during BAMS fest, Elma Louis concert evenings, Lite Festival.
Just some ideas.

19:19:57 Reacted to "My feeling is that t..." with 👍

19:20:10 From Lauren Bryant to Everyone:
Reacted to "Flyer vehicles on da..." with ❤️

19:20:11 Reacted to "Flyer vehicles on da..." with 👍

19:20:24 From Amy Linne to Everyone:
Replying to "Flyer vehicles on da..."
Thanks for these great ideas Kenya

19:20:25 From Erika Silva to Everyone:
Reacted to "The proposal for clo..." with 👍

19:21:03 Replying to "Connect with me and ..."
Sure, let me know.

19:21:38 Reacted to "Please put physical ..." with 👍

19:21:42 Be cautious and mindful of curb extensions-- ponding of storm water and sediment-winter snow and ice is worse

19:23:35 Keep in mind that the Landmarks Commission will have to sign off on any changes to the park.

19:23:53 you MUST narrow circuit drive. I prefer to take the space saved and use it for bike or multi-use paths and drainage swales. I don't love crossing islands.

19:25:32 Replying to "you MUST narrow circ..."

I think it can be both

19:25:54 Replying to "Keep in mind that th..."

Absolutely, all of our projects in Franklin Park go to Landmarks. That will be later in the project process.

19:26:53 There was a lot of off-site parking created a few decades ago nearby on American Legion Highway/Parkway. My recollection is that this was for the zoo. It has largely been repurposed. Is it possible to reclaim this for Franklin Park parking?

19:28:03 Reacted to "There was a lot of o..." with 👍

19:28:27 Odd that the speed bumps in the neighborhood came in so quickly.

19:28:55 An immediate traffic calming measure could be in place tomorrow if BPD were here to address their efforts in this.

19:29:42 Replying to "you MUST narrow circ..."

I think narrowing of the streets would be great, but I think that even if you narrow it, it would still be pretty wide, wide enough for crossing islands I think

19:29:57 Reacted to "I think narrowing of..." with 👍

19:30:08 I fail to understand why we cannot go to Landmarks w the speed calming measures ASAP; then go to them again w the more-complex elements.

19:30:36 I think some maps have a Jewish War Veterans Highway if this is so the designation "Highway" is kind of scary in itself.

19:30:58 I have heard zero comments against speed calming. Perhaps I am in error.

19:31:15 Replying to "I fail to understand..."

Agree-even if the speed calming is temporary

19:31:22 Reacted to "I have heard zero co..." with 100

19:31:52 Russell, I live in your district sir.

19:32:29 I agree Russell...who is this project benefiting in the long run.

19:32:48 Thank you Rep Holmes!

19:32:53 Reacted to "Thank you Rep Holmes..." with ❤️

19:32:59 Reacted to "I agree Russell...who ..." with ❤️

19:33:08 Reacted to "Russell, I live in y..." with ❤️

19:33:21 Reacted to "Russell, I live in y..." with ❤️

19:33:28 Reacted to "Russell, I live in y..." with ❤️

19:33:37 Thanks for the meeting. I support some level of improvement

19:33:44 Reacted to "Thanks for the meeti..." with 👍