

Crosstown

Silver Line Termini at Downtown Crossing and South Station

Improve the convenience and quality at key Silver Line transfer points

Project Score

- Access 1
- Safety 1
- Reliability
- Sustainability/Resiliency 1
- Governance
- Access 2
- Safety 2
- Affordability
- Sustainability/Resiliency 2

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Project Description

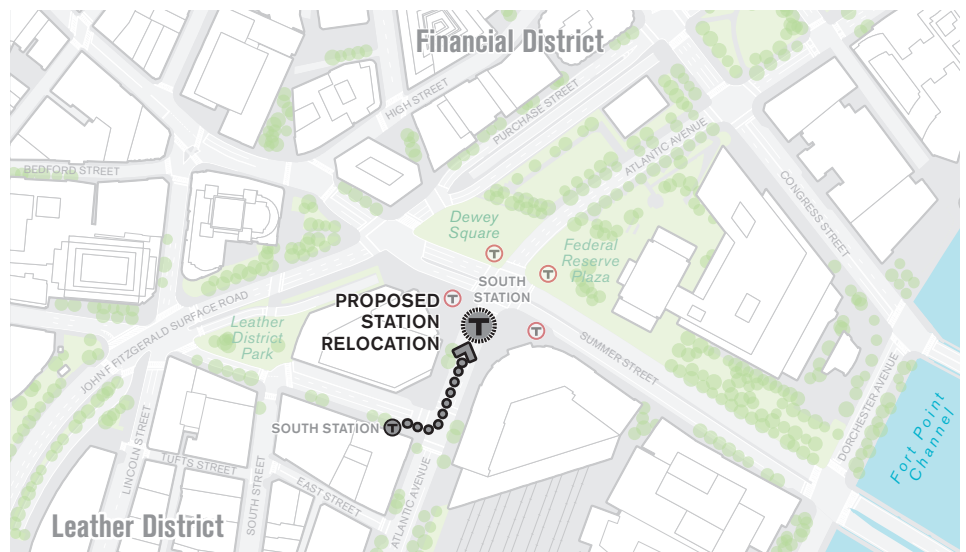
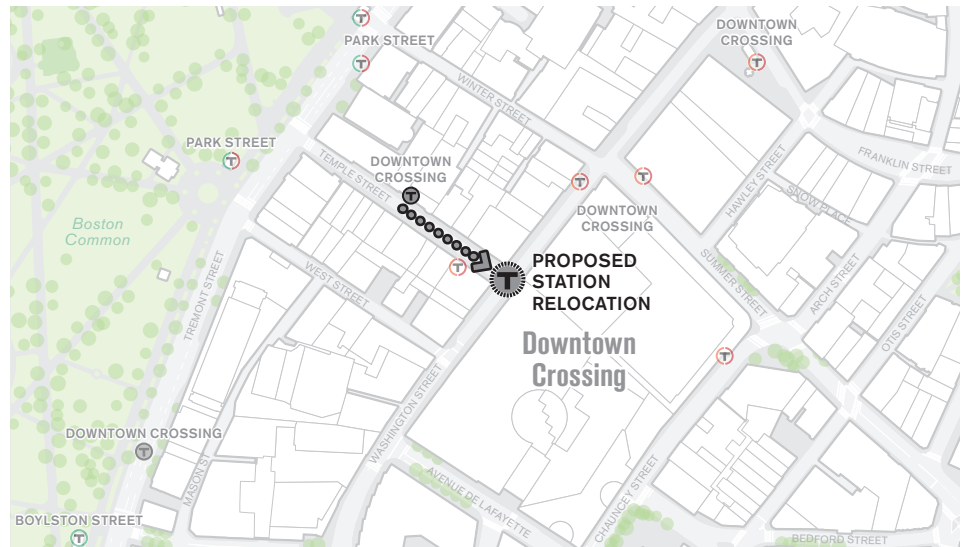
These enhancements create terminus stations for the Washington Street Silver Line that facilitate transfers to the Orange, Red, and waterfront Silver Lines. In Downtown Crossing, the stop would be relocated to Washington Street and served by an enhanced shelter a few steps from the subway entrance while being complimented by new markings, lights, and signs to facilitate transfers by those unfamiliar with the system. At South Station, the stop would be relocated to the left side of Atlantic Avenue with an exclusive lane and new shelter on a boarding median, immediately adjacent to the Red and Silver Line headhouse at One Financial Center to facilitate quick transfers with complimentary signage. These enhanced connections are interim transfer improvements until a full underground connection between the Washington Street and waterfront Silver Lines can be constructed.

Benefits and Issues Addressed

While the Washington Street Silver Line routes connect Dudley Square and residents of Roxbury and beyond to both the Orange and Red Lines at Downtown Crossing, as well as to the Red and waterfront Silver Lines at South Station, transfers require an outdoor walk and crossing streets with no wayfinding guidance. This lack of efficient connections affects access to jobs, especially in the growing South Boston Waterfront. With these improvements, the Washington Street Silver Line is more directly connected to the subway system for workers, residents, and visitors alike.

Implementation

Approximate Cost: \$2.5 million for design and construction
Potential Funding Sources: MassDOT/MBTA and developers
Who's Responsible: MassDOT/MBTA and BTB
Time Frame: Within five years



Best Practices

Today's MBTA riders going from downtown or East Boston to the Airport Station on the Blue Line transfer from a subway to a bus. Although the service is provided by two different entities, the transfer is well integrated, clearly marked, and does not require an additional fare.

Public Input

- "Connect the two Silver Lines." -02210
- "Silver line expansion/link."
- "Make Silver Line more friendly for people coming from airport with suitcases, etc."