

BOSTON OPEN DATA

The City of Boston is **collaborating** with the Boston Public Library to build a more robust open data portal, where the City will be proactively publishing and **freely** disseminating datasets **for all to use**. This project seeks to foster:

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INNOVATION

Open data has the ability to generate **economic opportunities** for Boston **entrepreneurs** and businesses. New insights and data-driven decision-making will help **improve efficiency** and spur innovation. Products and services built around city data will promote **job creation** for the region.

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GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

A lack of transparency has a corrosive effect on the **trust** between citizens and government. Open data in Boston will cultivate a **healthier**, more fruitful **relationship** between constituents and those who serve them by proactively, rather than reactively, releasing government **information**.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Open government allows the public to independently audit and evaluate government processes and expenditures. Moreover, the disclosure of **public records** isn't just a great idea, it has been the law **since 1851**. A new open data portal will enable city workers to fulfill information requests more **efficiently**.



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PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

A **responsive** open data portal will create an interactive **virtual space** where citizens can truly have a **voice** beyond the voting booth. An **empowered** people are an engaged, creative, and responsive **people**.

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COLLABORATION

There is great **potential** for Boston to provide an open data model for **other cities** to follow. By opening up our data, we will stimulate more collaborations between city departments, constituents, and **the world**.