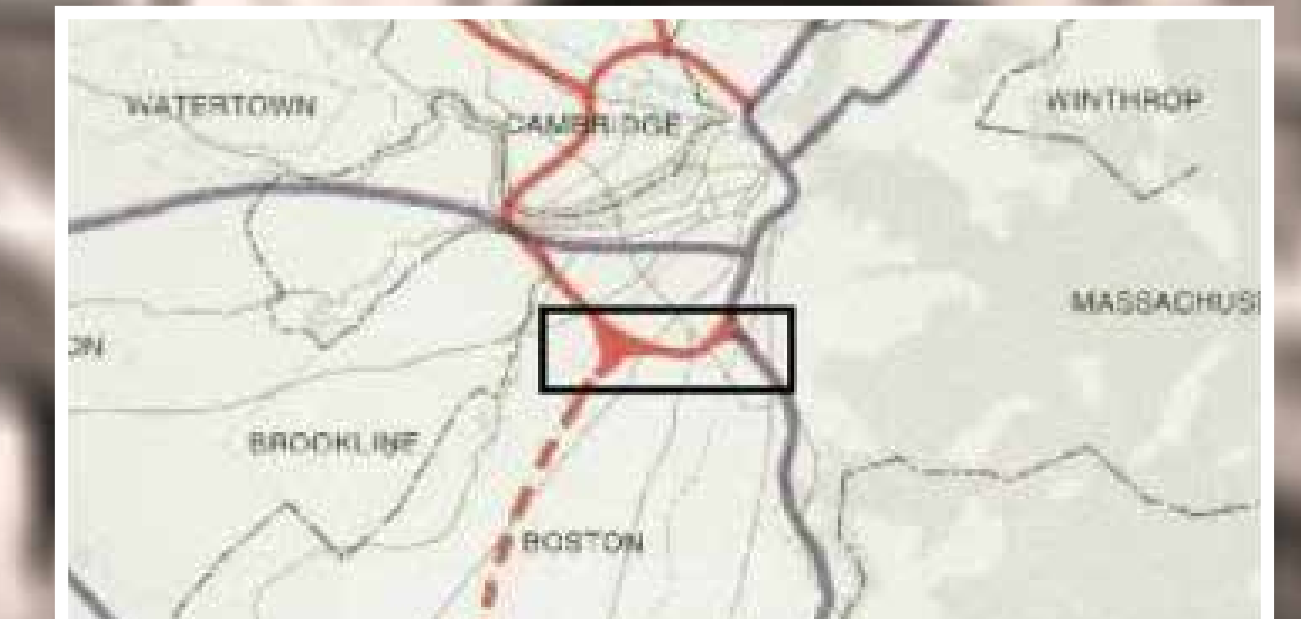
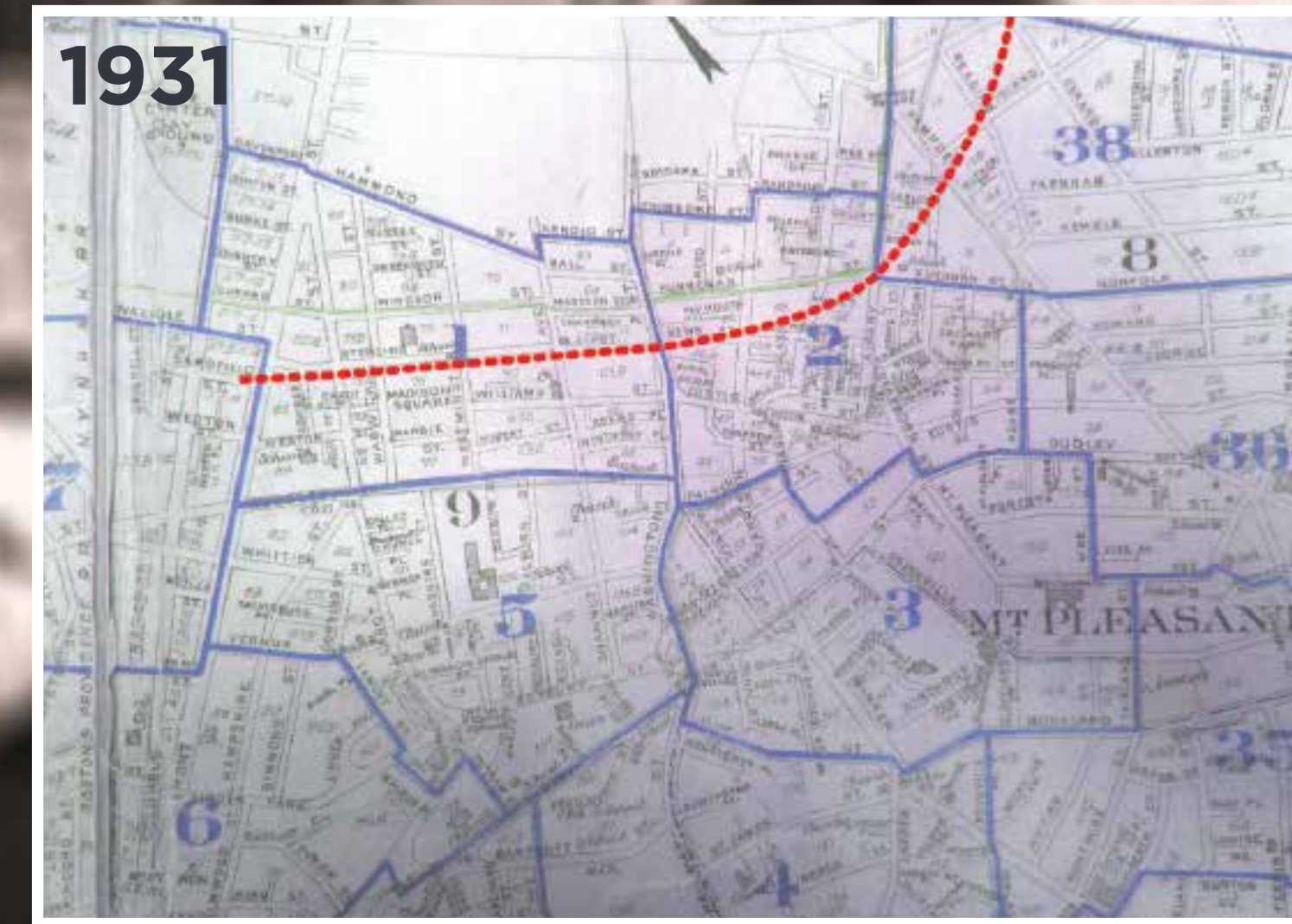
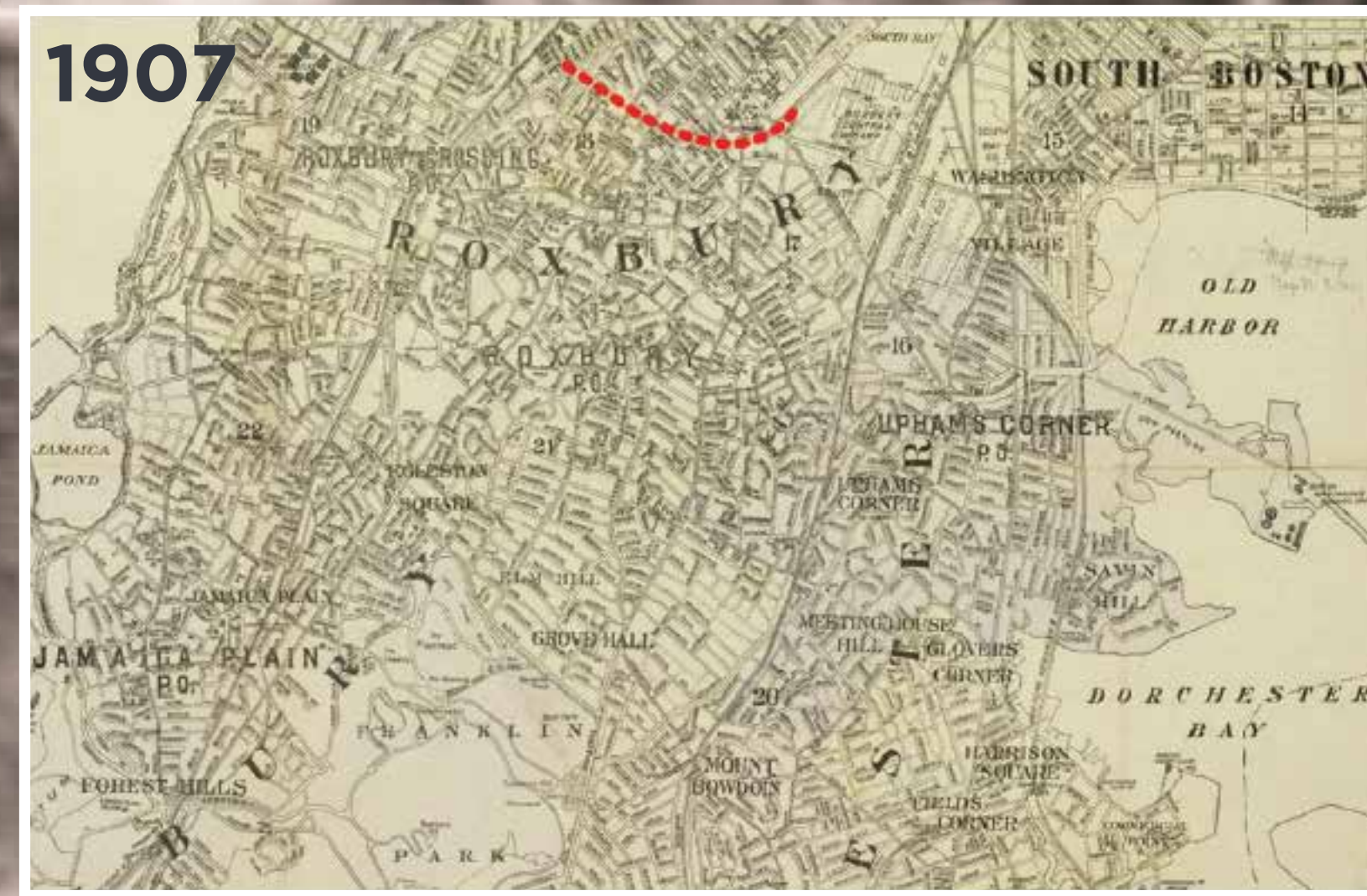




Melnea Cass: 1896 - 1978  
"First Lady of Roxbury"



- Boston Inner Belt I-695
- Circumvented route proposed 1948
- 6-lanes, limited access
- Connecting the southeast and southwest expressways via Melnea Cass BLVD

- I-695 canceled in 1971 due to protests
- "People before Highways"

- S/W corridor development plan - 1979
- Initiates planning for new Orange Line
- "Crosstown Street" later named for Melnea Cass
- Street was slated for homes, shops, and offices

- 1981: Melnea Cass BLVD construction completed
- 1980's: Southwest Corridor construction
- 2001-4: Roxbury Strategic Master Plan
- 2011-Today: Planning for Melnea Cass BLVD

