

# Children's Wharf Park

Boston Parks and Recreation Department

Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates

Community Meeting 1

10 February 2016

# Project Schedule





# Project Goals

- Inclusive play
- Passive & active recreation
- Improve Sleeper Street experience
- Improve pedestrian circulation and safety
- Enhance Harborwalk experience
- Collaborative design process





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# Places to Explore



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Pier C Park - Hoboken, NJ  
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Union Square - New York  
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# Robust Naturalism

A group of children are in a lush, green forest. In the foreground, a boy in a red t-shirt and black pants is leaning over a large log, using a purple tool. Behind him, a girl in a grey shirt and black shorts is looking towards the camera. Further back, another child in a red shirt is visible, holding a blue tool. The forest is dense with various green plants and trees.

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# Scale, Material, and Texture

A photograph of a woman and four children in winter clothing playing in a snowy area with large, textured stone blocks. A seagull is perched on a rock in the upper left. The scene is set in a snowy, outdoor environment with large, layered stone blocks. A woman in a red jacket and green pants is interacting with a small child in a colorful patterned snow suit. Other children in blue, teal, and red winter gear are walking or playing nearby. A seagull is perched on a rock in the upper left.

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# Range of Experience

An aerial photograph of a modern playground at Brooklyn Bridge Park in New York. The playground is circular and features a variety of play equipment. In the center, there is a large, complex climbing structure made of blue and yellow metal tubes. To the right, there are two long, curved slides made of polished metal. In the lower center, there is a wooden structure with a slide and a climbing frame. The playground is surrounded by lush green trees and a paved walkway. Several people, including children and adults, are seen playing and walking around the area. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny, with shadows cast by the trees and equipment.

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# Existing Site Challenges





1-Acre Site





**Boston Children's Museum:  
500,000 Annual Visitors**

# Existing Site: Children's Museum Access

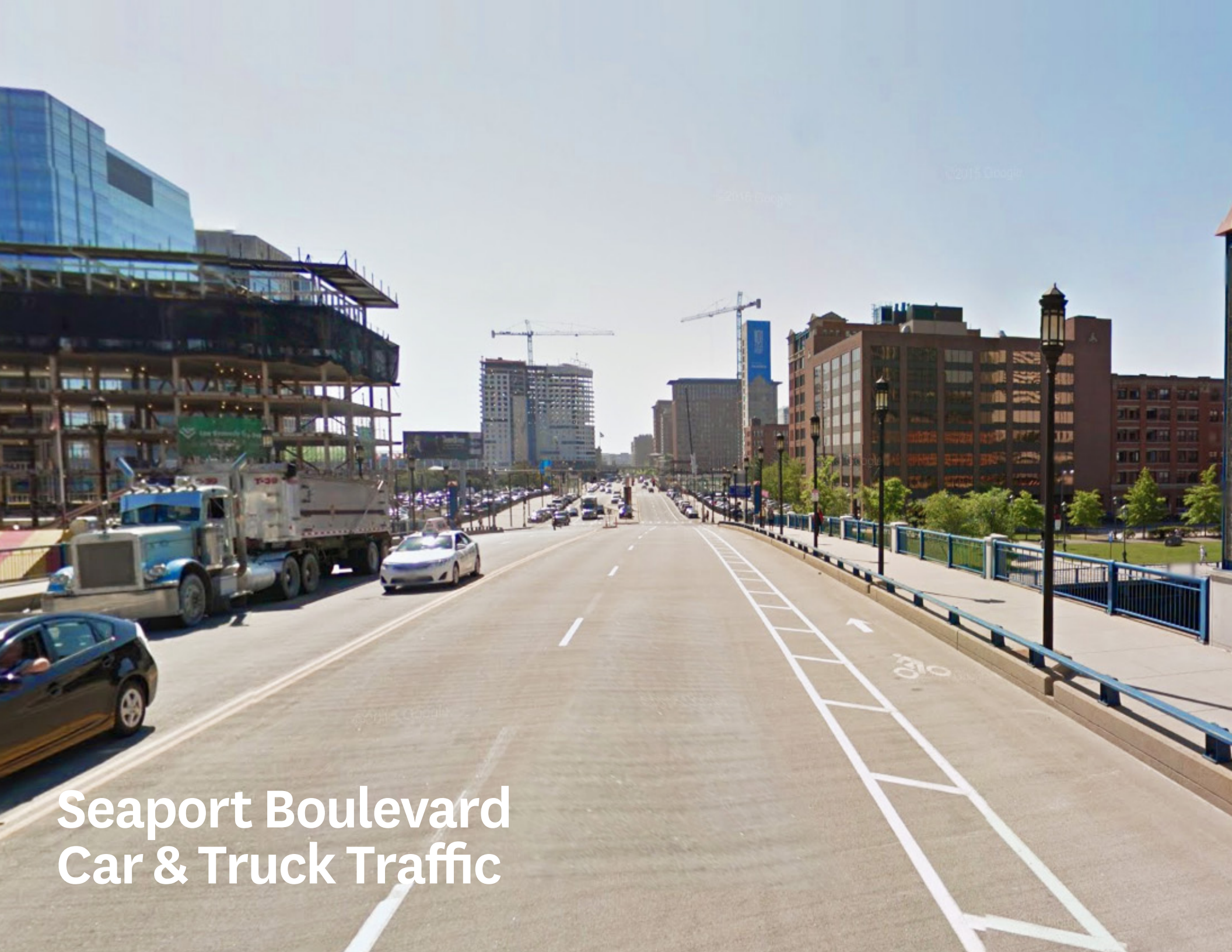






# Boston Children's Museum Service Area & Sleeper Street Experience





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# Seaport Boulevard Car & Truck Traffic



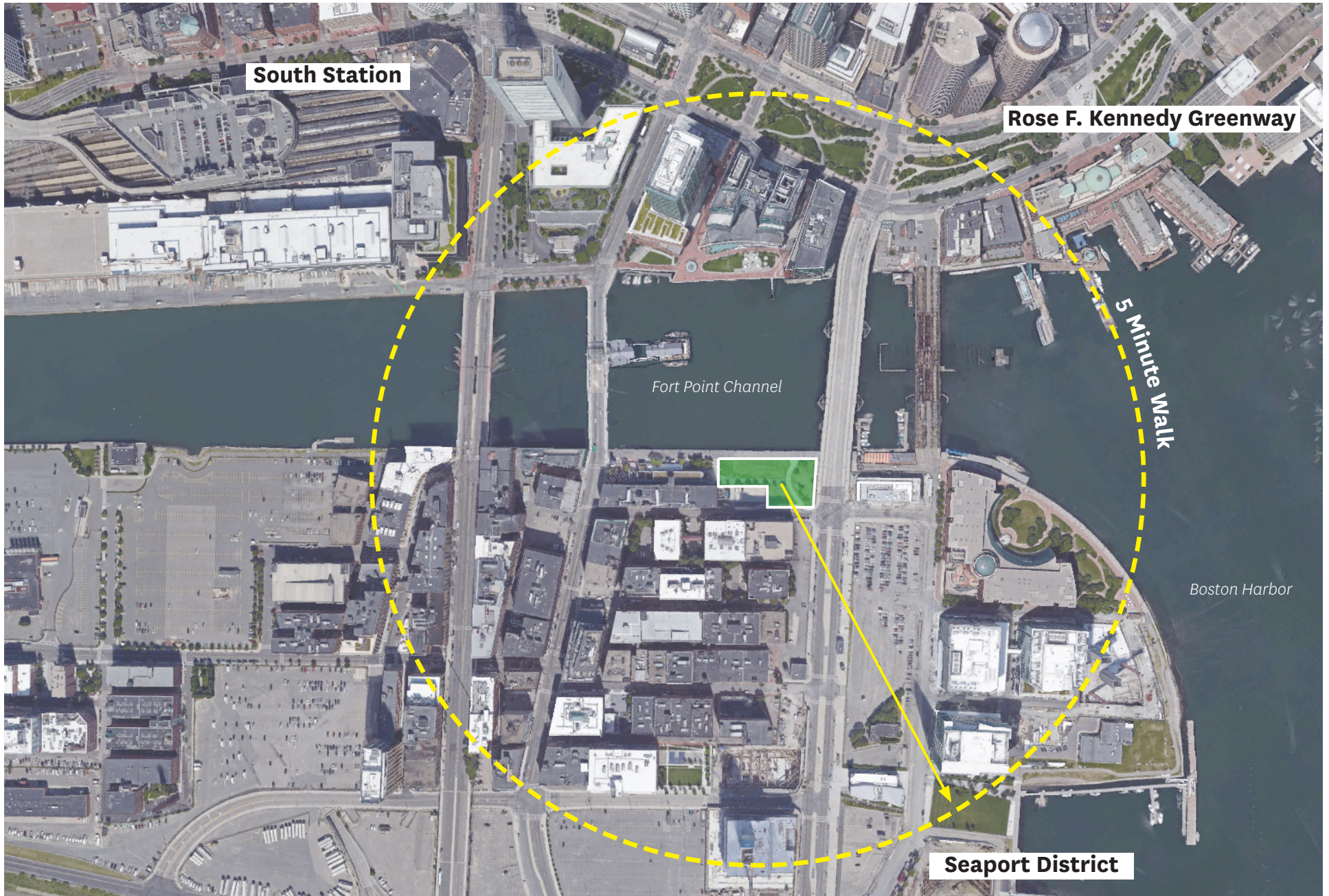
# Existing Site: Adjacent Traffic



# Existing Site Assets



# Existing Site: Fort Point Channel







# City Views





Fort Point Channel



# Existing Site: Cultural Assets







# Boston Children's Museum





# Harborwalk



# Existing Site: Public Park Access

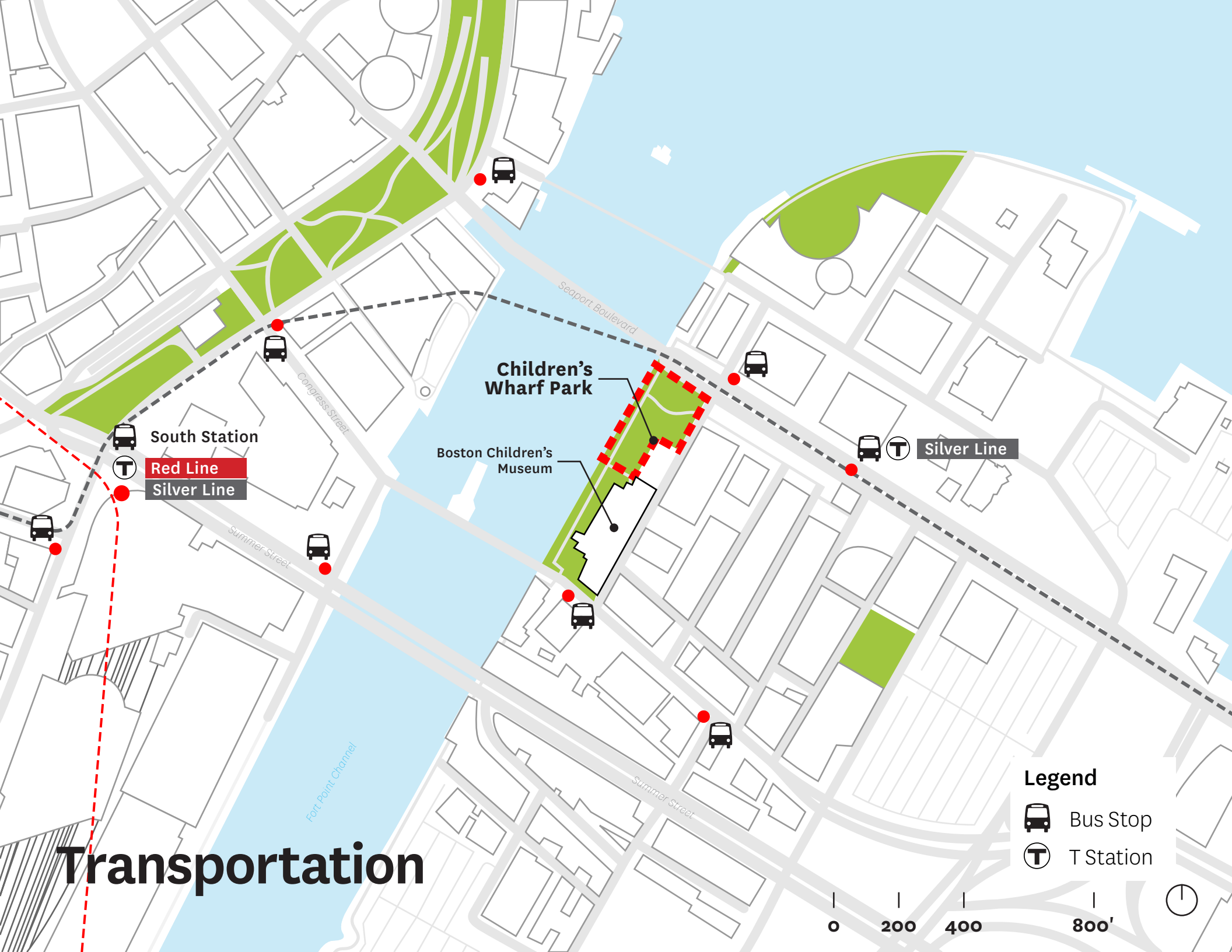




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# Growing Seaport District & Fort Point Neighborhoods





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South Station  
Red Line  
Silver Line

Silver Line

# Transportation

- Legend**
-  Bus Stop
  -  T Station







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Parking

- Legend**
-  Parking
  -  Street Parking





# Project Potential

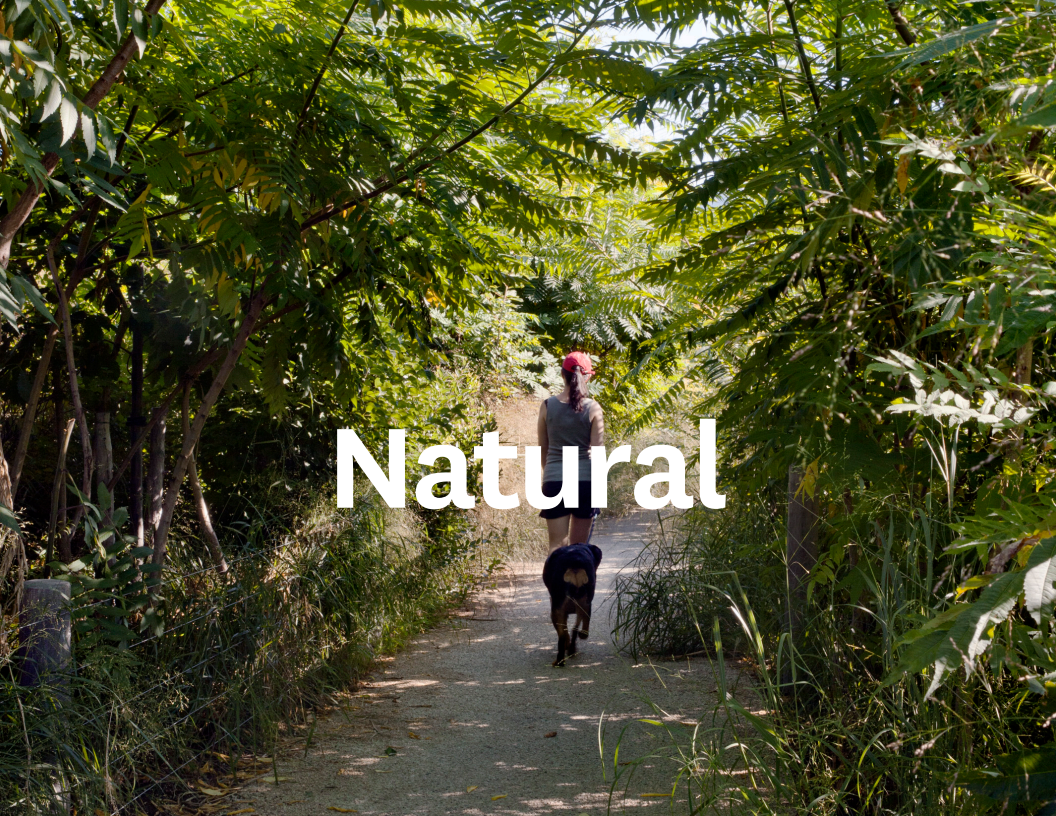




Inclusive



Civic



Natural



Urban



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# Next Steps

- Gather community input and feedback
- Schematic Design Studies
- Community Meeting #2: *March 2016*
- Final Design Studies
- Begin Construction: *Fall 2016*

*To provide further input or to ask questions, please contact the Boston Parks Department:*

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