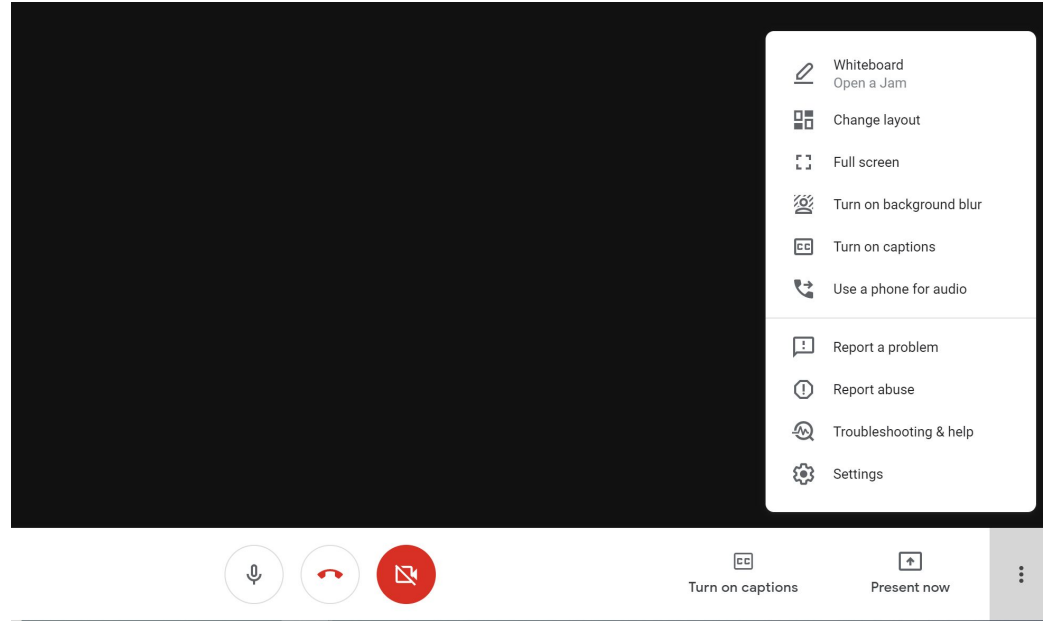


LOWER ROXBURY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

*Outreach Advisory Group
October 29, 2020*

TECH CHECK-IN

- ▶ *Is your Google Meet working properly?*
 - *Can you hear and see?*
 - *Can you mute and unmute?*
 - *Can you turn your video on and off?*
- ▶ *Having trouble? Call Daniela*
- ▶ *You can also join by phone:
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TIP: *move your cursor to the bottom of the screen to pop up the options bar*

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INTRODUCTIONS

- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Your preferred pronouns (for example: *she/her/hers*, *he/him/his*, *they/them/theirs*, *ze/hir/hir*, etc)
- ▶ How you're connected to communities in Lower Roxbury

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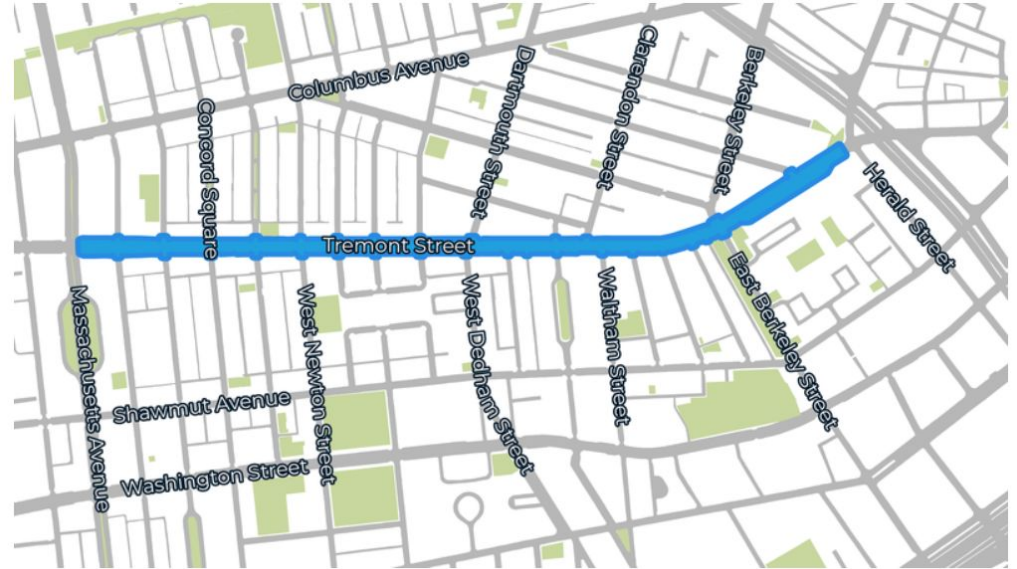
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION TEAM



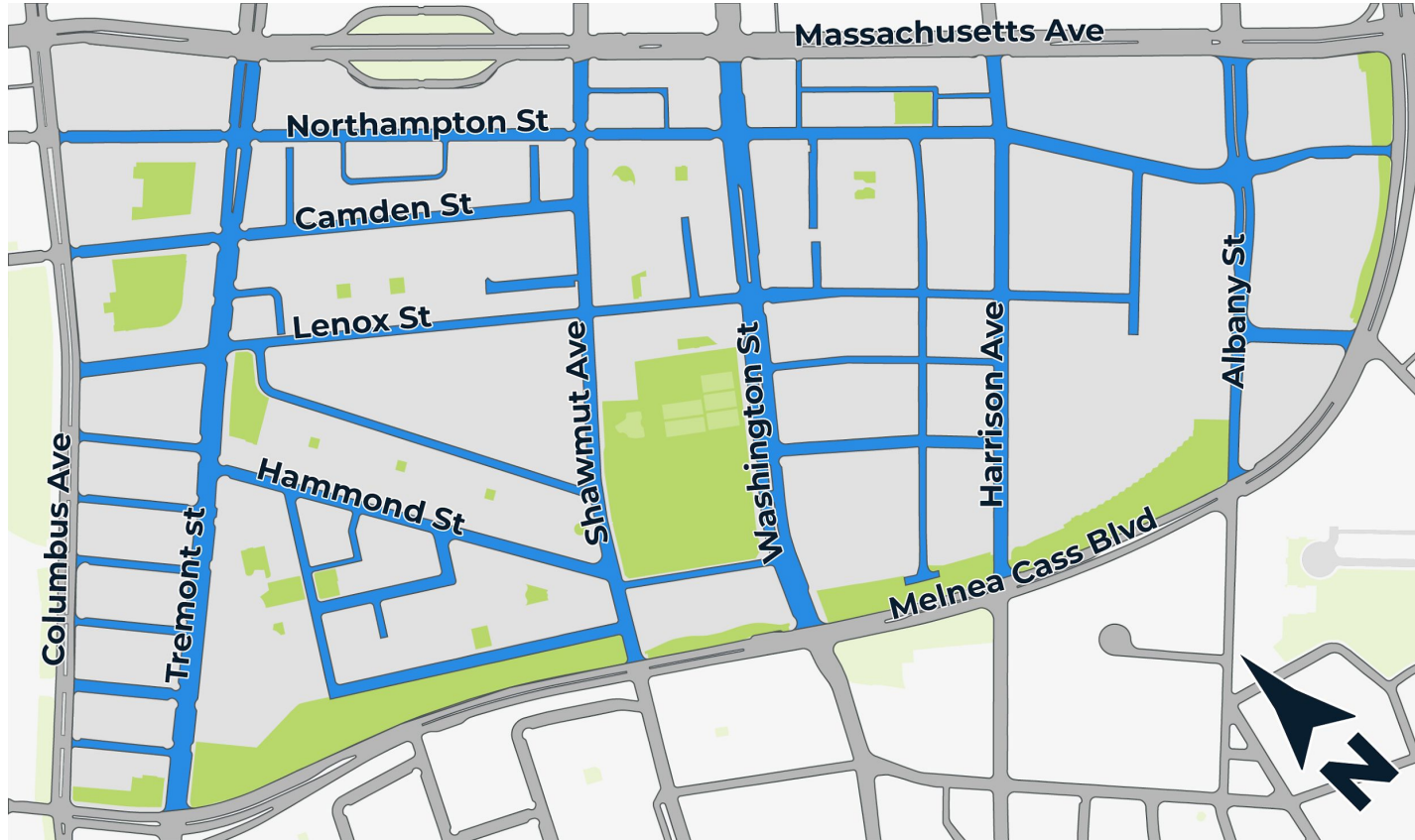
TREMONT STREET DESIGN PROJECT

We heard at Peoples Baptist Church:

- ▶ Take a **broader look** at Lower Roxbury (not just Tremont Street)
- ▶ Listen to what the **people who live here now** want for their community
- ▶ Help them realize their goals related to **transportation** and **safety**



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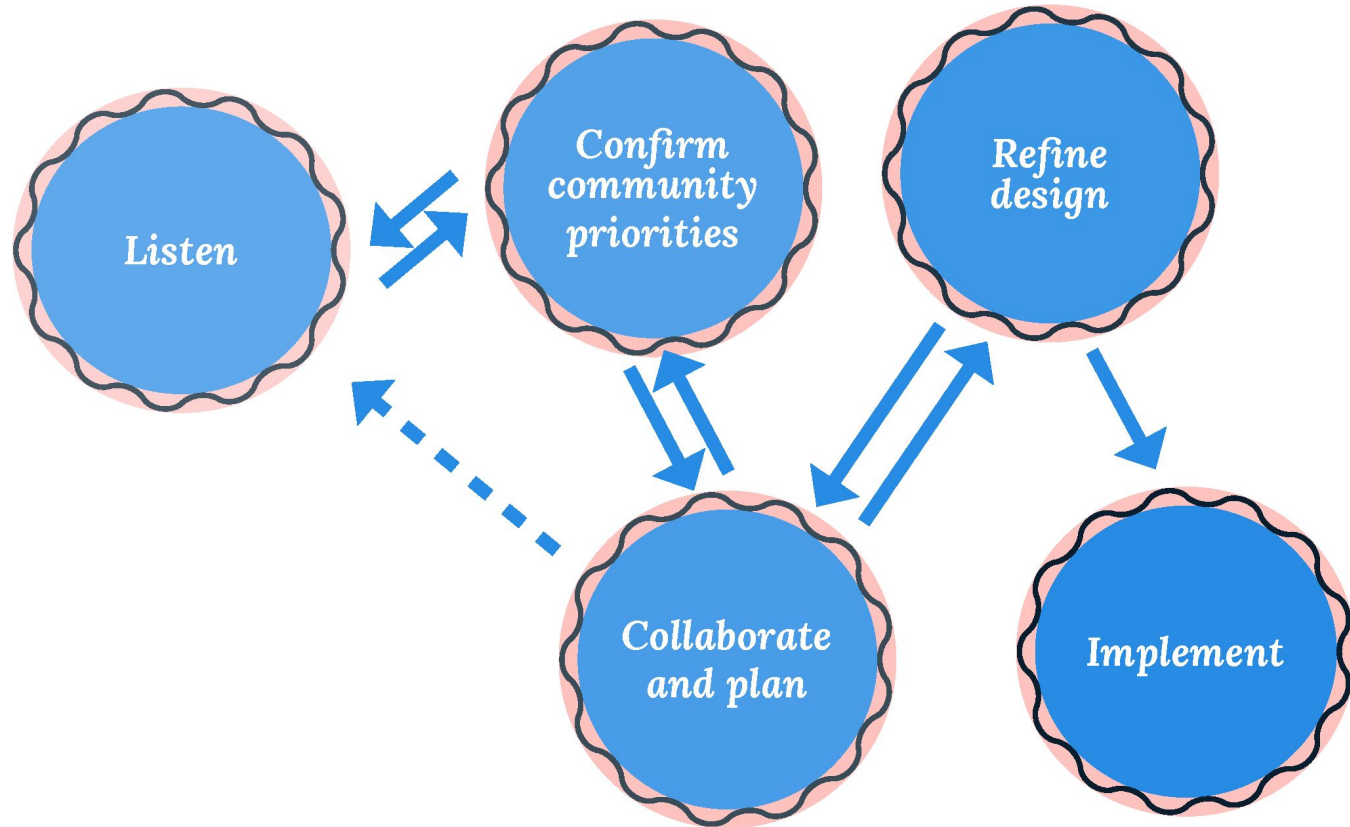
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PROJECT GOAL

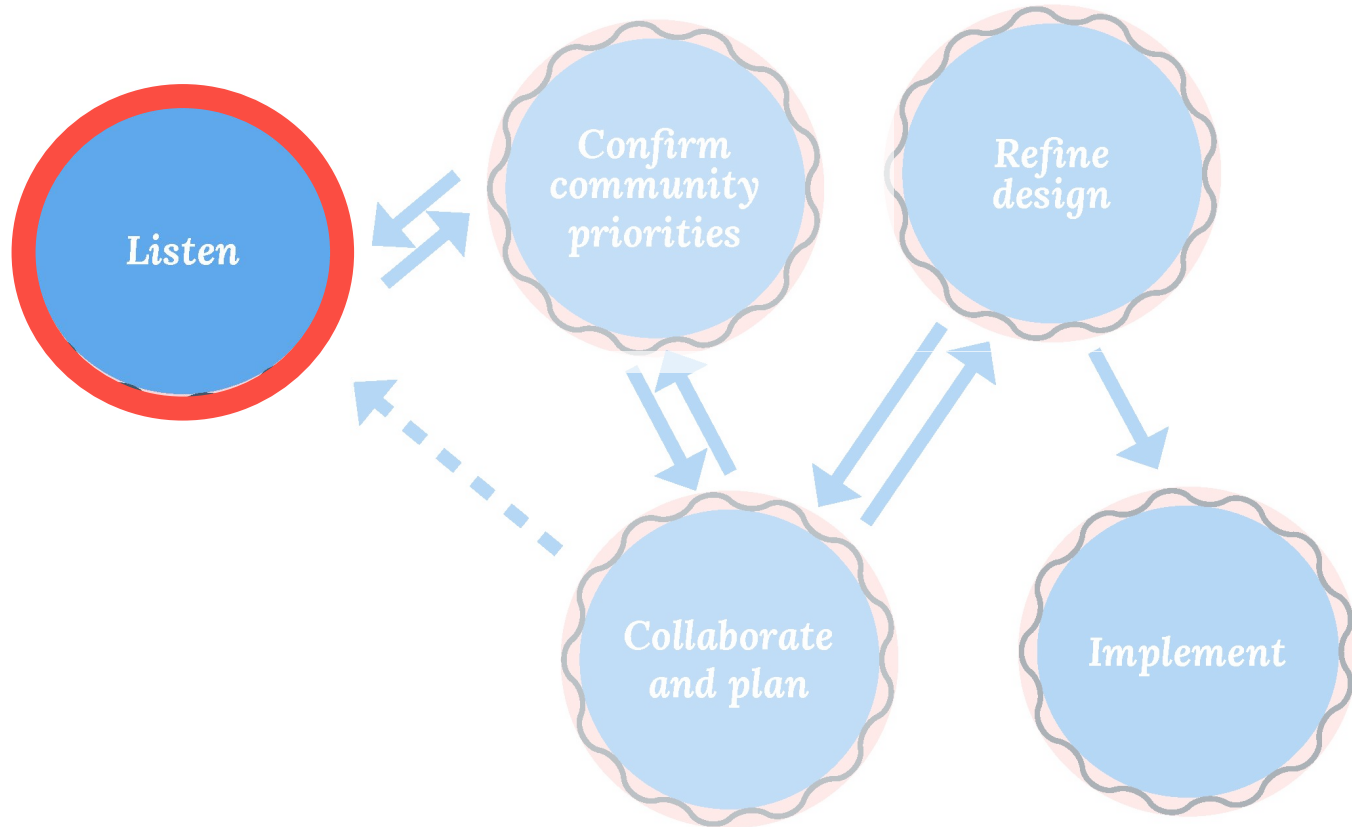
Build a collaborative process with community members to:

- ▶ Highlight **neighborhood assets**
- ▶ Create **positive changes** to your streets in Lower Roxbury

OUR APPROACH

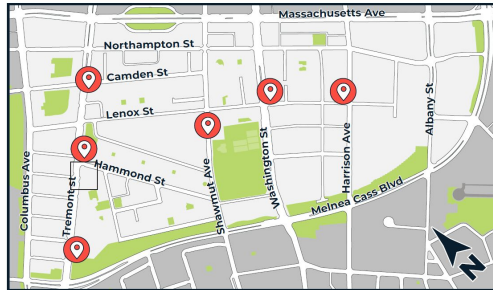


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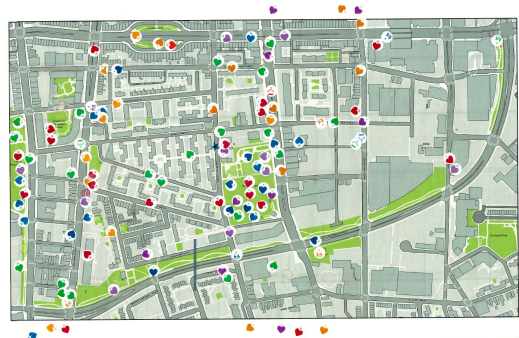


IDEAS ON THE STREET

- ▶ We asked people what they *love* about the neighborhood and where they find *joy*.
- ▶ We also asked people to *envision* the future of their streets in Lower Roxbury
- ▶ We gathered **285** comments from residents and visitors of all ages



 IDEAS ON THE STREET
pop-up location



What do you *love* about Lower Roxbury?

Take a moment to share your joy.

Where do you find joy?

Place one dot on the map. Place the matching one here →

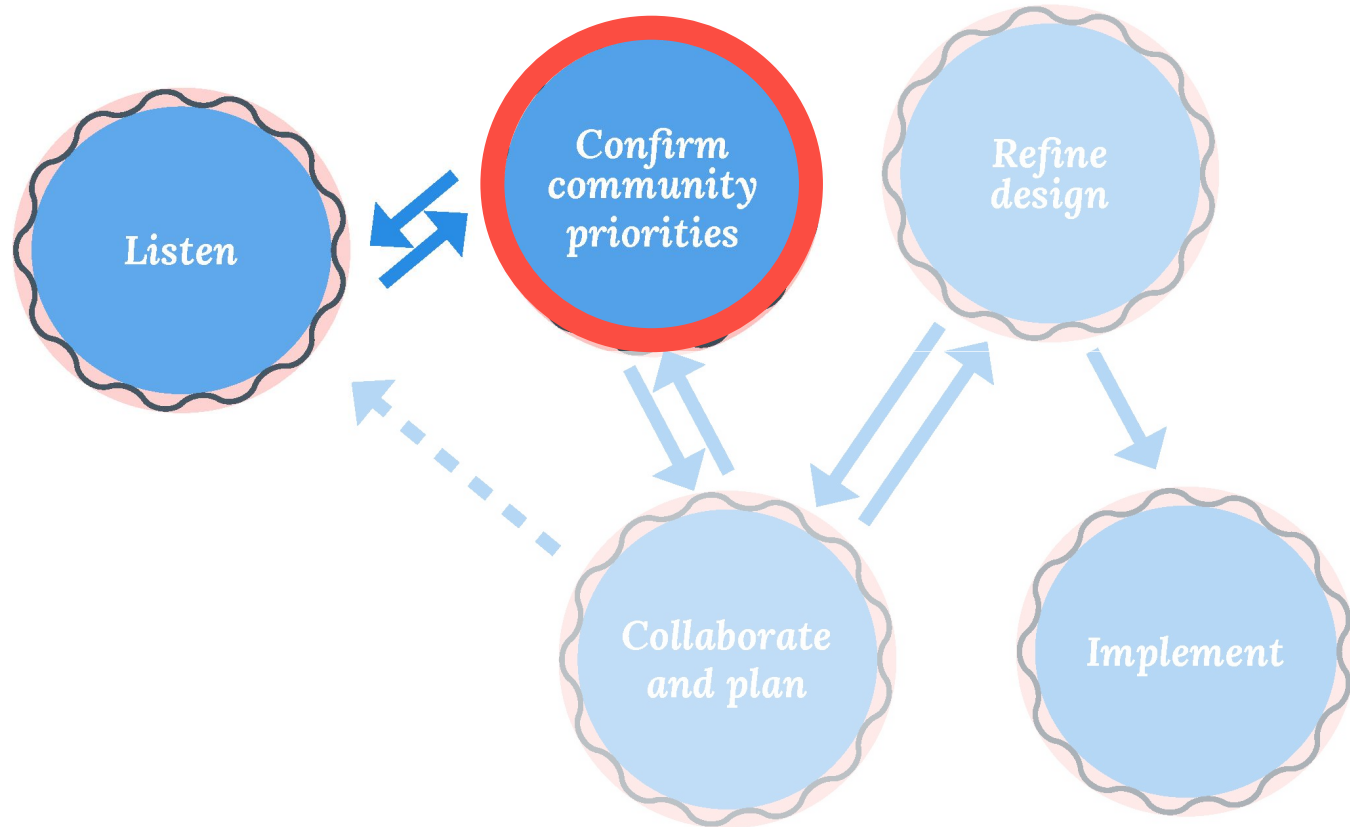


Write the name of the place here. _____

Tell us more about it.

Shops, peaceful, friends

WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR



OPEN HOUSES

- ▶ We hosted open houses in *four* locations
- ▶ We shared *key themes*, including places that received a lot of *love*

WHAT YOU *love* ABOUT LOWER ROXBURY



1 SW CORRIDOR BIKE PATH



2 CARTER PLAYGROUND

"Carter Playground because it is a place for everyone."

"Ramsey Park. I take my grandmother there and like the water park and walking around."



7 RAMSEY PARK



3 BESSA BARNES COMMUNITY GARDEN



4 SLADES

"Black Americans have few places in Boston they can call home."



5 PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

"Peoples Baptist Church has been part of the community for many generations. It is a community spot and a great place of worship."



6 TREMONT ST

"Where I grew up."



8 MANDELA HOMES



9 THE SILVER LINE

"Transportation around the neighborhood is easy. You can catch many buses."



10 ROSIE'S PLACE

"Good food. Good People."

"History, Silver Line, older buildings, entertainment"

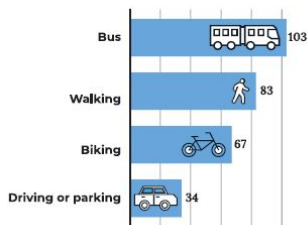
OPEN HOUSES

- ▶ We shared themes from people's ideas for **improving safety**
- ▶ We heard a lot about **safety** for people biking and walking and improving **accessibility** and **walkability**

WHAT WE'VE *heard* SO FAR



Community members shared **297 IDEAS** for how to improve transportation for people riding the bus, walking, biking, and driving or parking.



Number of ideas related to each mode of transportation.

We heard many comments about improving safety for people walking and biking. We also heard a lot about improving bus service, accessibility, and walkability in the neighborhood.



86 discussed safety for people walking or biking



60 were about better bus service



31 mentioned accessibility



20 proposed new or safer crosswalks



19 suggested improving sidewalks

"Better wayfinding and markers related to neighborhood history: Frederick Douglass, Melnea Cass, MLK, Eastis St, and Harriet Tubman House."

"Crossing is dangerous and difficult on foot because of conflicts with cars."

"Smoother roads for biking and skateboarding."

"The Silver Line is good."



"Blind people have a hard time crossing the street. We need countdown timers with sounds at intersections."

"We need another crosswalk on Washington St at Ball Street."

"Frederick Douglass Way has no stop sign at the corner of Tremont - can we add a stop sign?"



"You want enough space for kids to play and ride bikes."

"Bumpy sidewalks on Tremont near Melnea Cass. Elderly people stay inside because the sidewalks are bumpy and hazardous."

OPEN HOUSES

- ▶ We shared about the **types of changes** we could use to address people's comments

Envision YOUR STREETS IN LOWER ROXBURY

Below are some types of changes we could use to make it *safer* and *more enjoyable* to travel on Lower Roxbury streets. What do you think would be effective, and where?

CROSSWALK



Creates a marked location where people can cross the street.

Includes curb ramps and crosswalk striping.

CROSSWALK "DAYLIGHTING"



Improves visibility for people crossing the street. Restricts parking 20 ft. before the crosswalk.

BIKE FACILITIES



Creates dedicated space on the street for people riding bicycles.

Various types of bike facilities are possible depending on street characteristics.

RAISED CROSSWALK



Improves pedestrian safety by reducing vehicle speeds near crosswalks.

Used on local streets and along major streets but not across major streets.

SIGNAL TIMING CHANGE



Gives pedestrians a head start, adds more "Walk" time to signals, or both.

CURB MANAGEMENT



Prioritizes the curb for specific uses, such as:

- Short-term parking
- Passenger pickup/dropoff zones
- Commercial Loading zones
- Metered parking

CROSSING ISLAND



Shortens the distance for people crossing the street. People cross one direction of travel at a time.

Designated with striping and "flexposts" or a raised area.

SPEED HUMPS



Lower driver speeds and improve safety on local streets.

Used only on minor streets.

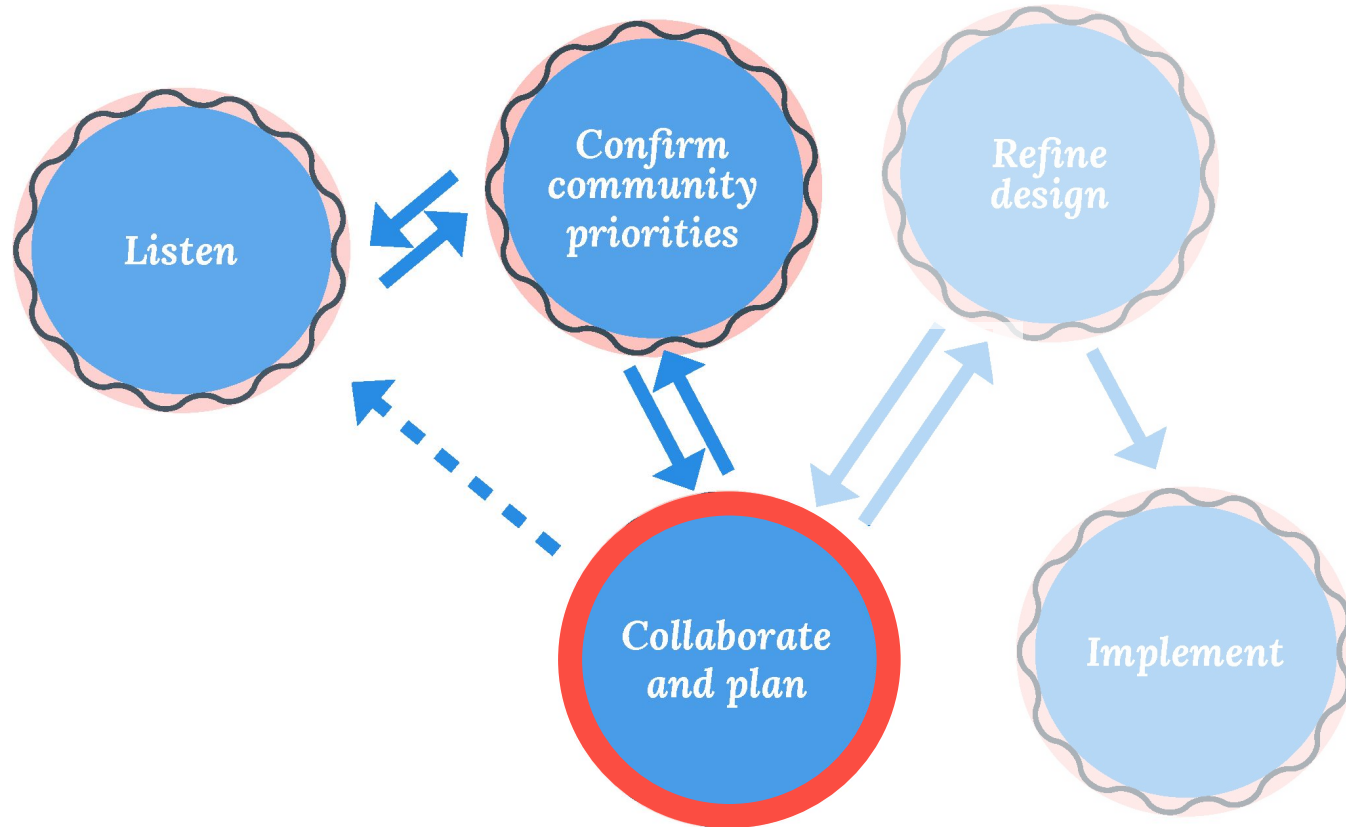
SPEED FEEDBACK SIGN



Interactive sign that alerts drivers of their speed and if they are exceeding the speed limit.

Can help lower vehicle speeds.

WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR



SPRING & SUMMER 2020

- ▶ Active Transportation Team shifts to provide relief during COVID-19. (BPS food deliveries, unemployment claims, rental relief)
- ▶ Cautious about re-engaging in planning work
 - COVID-19's disproportionate impact on Boston's black residents and other communities of color.
 - George Floyd and Breonna Taylor's murders and Boston's response to its own realities of racism and police brutality.
- ▶ One on one check-ins with community partners to understand if transportation remained a priority for discussion.

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EXPECTATIONS FOR US

We will:

- ▶ Host outreach advisory group meetings quarterly, with ample notice.
- ▶ Be accountable to you with regular communication.
- ▶ Respectfully engage with the outreach advisory group and community members.
- ▶ Incorporate your advice and recommendations about outreach, as best as we are able.
- ▶ Make decisions transparently.

GROUP EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Make a good faith effort to attend outreach advisory group meetings.
- ▶ Engage respectfully with one other, with the project team, with community members.
- ▶ Share your knowledge and experience.
- ▶ Communicate back to your communities about the project.

DISCUSSION

CONFIRMING DISCUSSION THEMES

- ▶ **Transparency about how decisions will be made.**
 - ▷ We (BTD) will make decisions transparently and communicate with this group and the public about how these decisions were made. Even if we are not able to take some of the advice provided, we will communicate the reasoning for that clearly.
- ▶ **Role of the group and how it will affect these decisions.**
 - ▷ The conversations this group will have will focus on how to create an inclusive process--not the particular outcomes of that process.
 - ▷ The types of things we are hoping to discuss include:
 - How to design outreach that's likely to work for folks in your communities, even when we can't gather in person?
 - How we can go at an appropriate pace--not going too fast because we know there's a lot going on, but still moving forward because we all want to see tangible improvements, and soon?
 - How we can engage those who have been left out of processes in Boston and whose voices are not heard as often?
- ▶ **Who is missing?**
 - ▷ If you think someone is missing from this group and you would like to us (BTD) to invite them please let us know.

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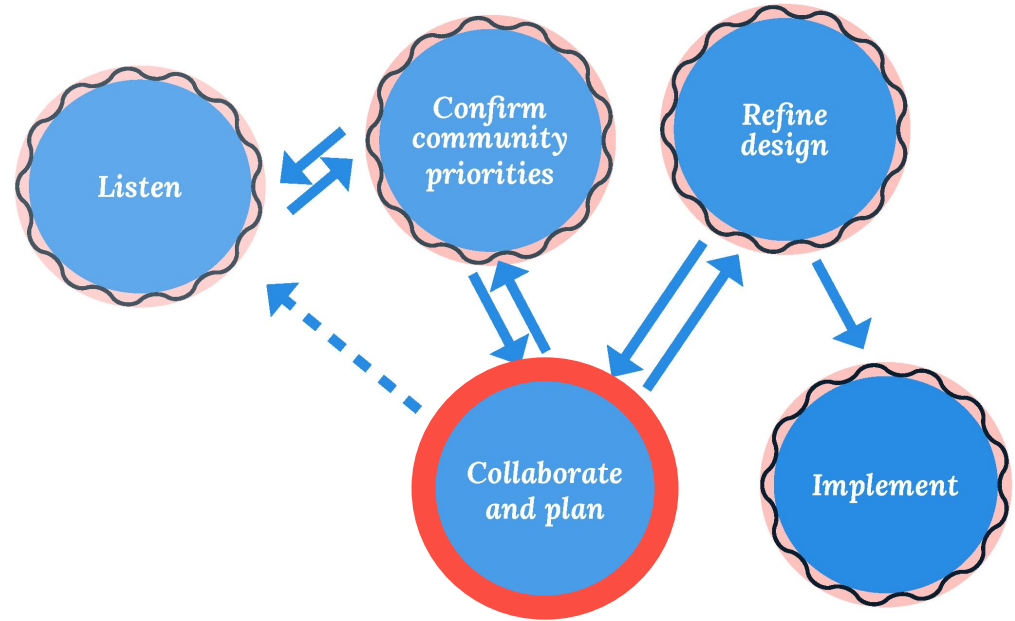
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EXPECTED NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Meet again on:
Thursday, December
3rd or 10th at 11 AM
- ▶ Focus on outreach for
“collaborate and plan”
phase
- ▶ November email to you
- ▶ November email to
project list



MEETING EVALUATION

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QUESTIONS

- ▶ *How did we do as a group at achieving our desired outcomes for the meeting?*
- ▶ *How did the project team do at guiding the process?*
- ▶ *Any recommendations for next meeting?*

CONCLUSION
