

DESIGNING CUMMINS HIGHWAY FOR ALL ABILITIES

May 25, 2022



Disabilities Commission



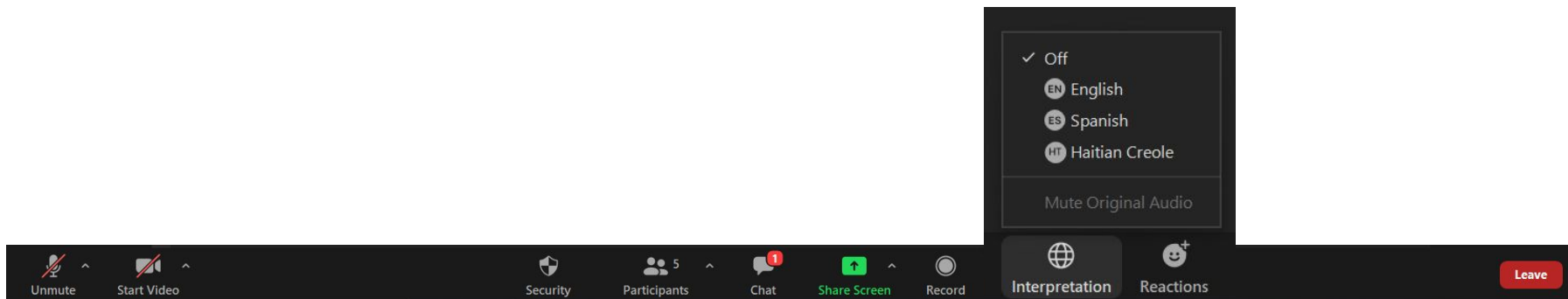
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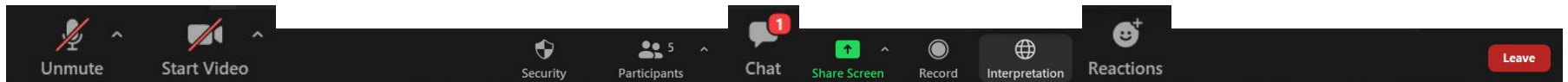
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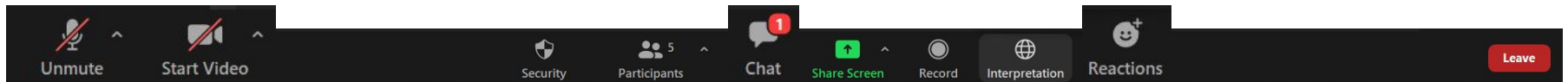
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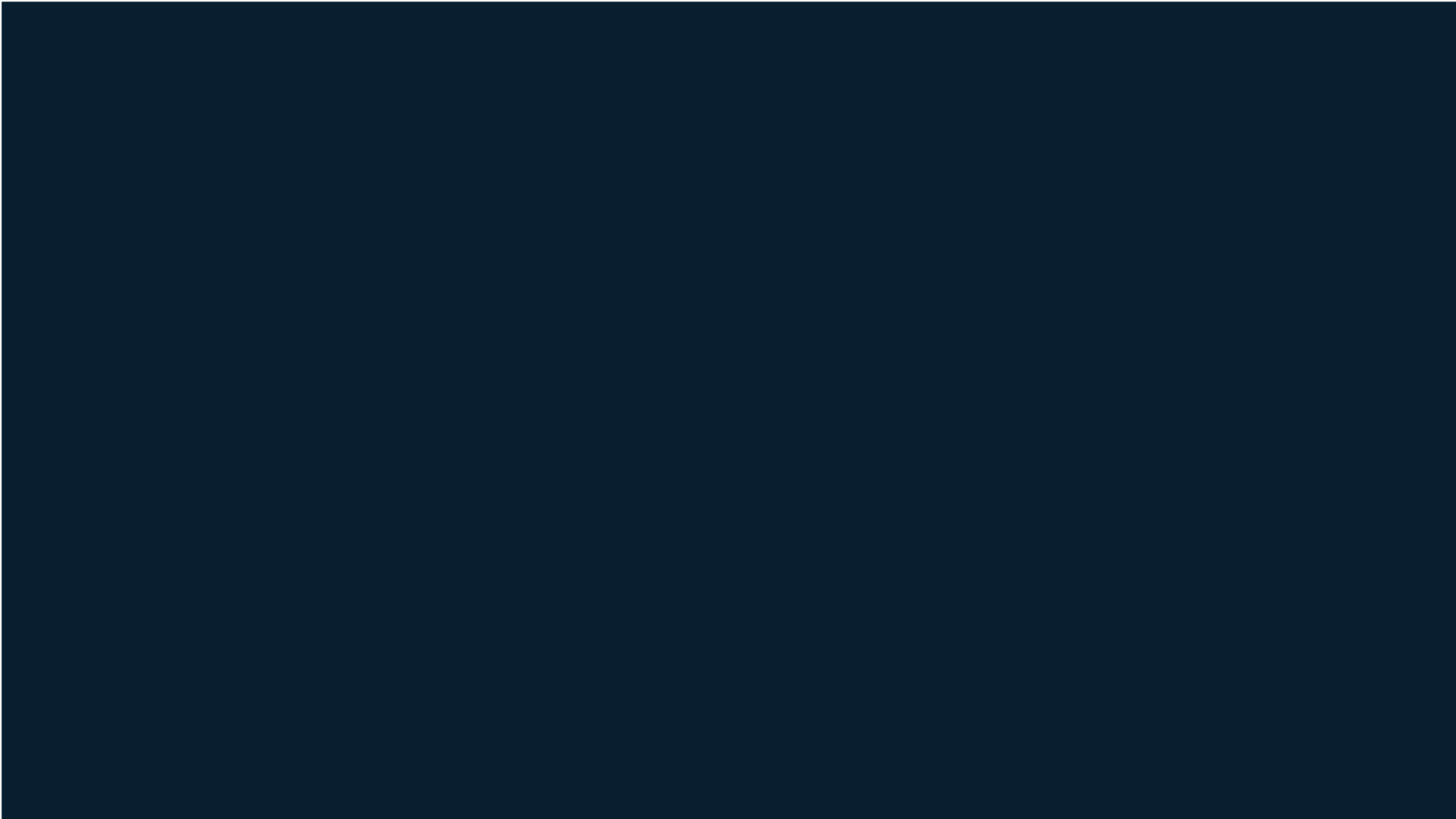
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DON'T LOOK AT YOUR **SCREEN WHILE DRIVING**





Hello! ¡Hola! *Bonjour!*



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Meeting Goals

Learn how the City works to facilitate full and equal participation in all aspects of life

- Learn about the Disabilities Commission and its work to advance access across the City
- Understand how the Disabilities Commission works with other departments and agencies
- Get information about common requests and tools
- Discuss design standards and requirements for accessibility that will be included in the reconstruction of Cummins Highway
- Learn about other resources and activities in the City

Cummins Highway Reconstruction

We cannot produce a design without your input. **You will help shape how Cummins should be for the next 70 years.**

Currently, we are doing community outreach to inform the final design.



We plan to reconstruct Cummins Highway

Cummins Highway hasn't been updated since the **spring of 1955**.

The street cars that ran along Cummins were removed in 1953 to make room for more cars.

The street's layout reflects the priorities of the 1950's: enable non-residents to drive quickly through our neighborhoods.



Cummins Highway Reconstruction

During a reconstruction project we **completely rebuild** the street, including sidewalks, curbs, street lights, traffic signals, road pavement, and replace or update utilities as necessary.

The City has budgeted approximately **\$24 million** for reconstruction of Cummins Highway.



Cummins Highway Reconstruction

- **Advance Go Boston 2030 goals:**
 - Improving safety on our streets
 - Reducing emissions
 - Investing in communities to achieve equity in access to opportunities



Cummins Highway Reconstruction

- *Advance Go Boston 2030 goals*
- **Partner with other City departments to advance our collective plans:**
 - To inform residents of the work happening around the City
 - To improve collaboration in our work and achieve neighborhood and citywide goals



Cummins Highway Reconstruction

- *Advance Go Boston 2030 goals*
- *Partner with other City departments to advance our collective plans*
- **Collaboration with residents to advance your goals:**
 - Awareness and participation in efforts that you care about
 - Confirm your vision for the future through our projects



Boston Mayor's Disabilities Commission



City of Boston

Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities
(or Disabilities Commission)

Boston City Hall

One City Hall Square, Room 967

Boston, MA 02201

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Our Mission

The Disabilities Commission aims to increase opportunities for people with disabilities by facilitating full and equal participation in all aspects of life within the City of Boston.

This includes reducing architectural, communication, procedural, and attitudinal barriers at the local government level, as well as facilitating access to civic activities, public rights of way, housing, education, employment, transportation, recreation, and more.

Our Department

The Disabilities Commission is a Department of the Equity Cabinet in Boston City Hall with seven full time staff who work on:

- *Title II ADA Compliance*
- *Architectural Access Review*
- *Delivering Programs & Services*
- *Providing Information & Referral*
- *Doing Outreach & Engagement*
- *Working with our Advisory Board*

Outreach and Engagement

- Our Community Forum on Disability Issues (held on May 11, 2022)
[Watch the video online](#)
- Next Event:
ADA Day on July 19 in City Hall Plaza



ADA DAY

FOOD | MUSIC | INFO | T-SHIRTS | FRIENDS | FUN



– July 19, 2022 | 12 until 2 pm



– Boston City Hall Plaza

For more information visit: www.boston.gov/disability

Wheelchair Access, ASL and CART will be provided.
If you would like to request other reasonable accommodations please contact us by July 5th at 617-635-3682 or disability@boston.gov

Our Work

The Disabilities Commission work focuses on *creating systemic access throughout the City of Boston* as a local government entity by collaborating with other City departments to ensure that all the work they do is ADA compliant and inclusive of people with disabilities.

We also work closely with other municipal agencies, private developers, businesses, and other external partners to ensure that accessibility and inclusion remain a top priority in all buildings and programs throughout the city of Boston.

Creating Systemic Accessibility

Within:

The Public Right of Way

Public Realm

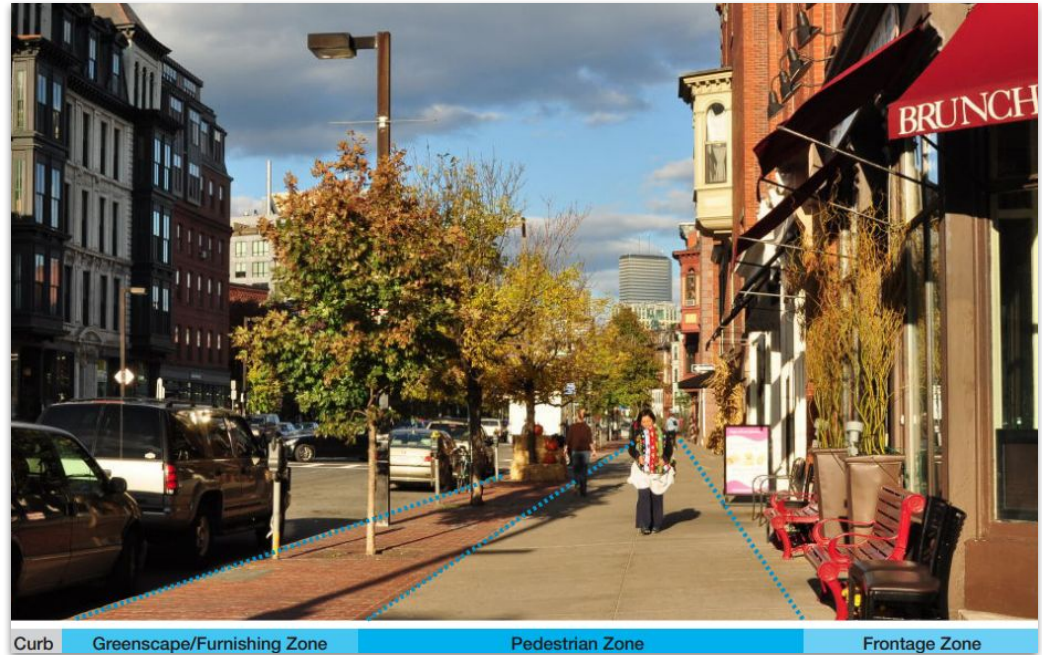
Buildings and Facilities.

Creating Systemic Accessibility Through:

**Implementing policies & tools
Collaborating with other departments**

Policies - Boston Complete Streets

- National framework to ensure Boston's streets are green, smart, and safe for users of every mode
- Provides guidance on design of [sidewalks](#) and [intersections](#) for optimal safety and accessibility
- Aims to create ideal disability access, rather than just to meet bare minimum codes



Policies - Sidewalk Reconstruction Policy

- Require a smooth path of travel at least 5 feet wide (8 feet required on certain street types)
- Standard material is concrete - brick can only be installed if it is being replaced in-kind
- Require yellow tactile warning pads on curb ramps (except certain historic areas can use red)



Policies - Outdoor Dining Guidelines

- Prior to COVID, Boston had a small permanent outdoor dining program on public rights of way
- The City implemented a temporary program in the summer of 2020 - now starting its 3rd year
- Our office received a blanket, city-wide variance from the MA Architectural Access Board (MAAB)
- We are currently creating guidelines for the permanent program in 2023 - prioritizes access



Tools - BPDA Article 80 Accessibility Checklist

- Simple tool to ensure that accessibility is planned at the beginning of projects and continues throughout development – rather than after design and construction are completed
- Ensures that projects not only meet minimum state and federal requirements, but that they create a built environment which provides equitable experiences for all people, regardless of age or ability.

Article 80 | ACCESSIBILITY CHECKLIST – Updated October, 2019

Today's Date:		Your Name and Title:			
1. Project Information:					
If this is a multi-phased or multi-building project, fill out a separate Checklist for each phase/building.					
Project Name:					
Project Address(es):					
Total Number of Phases/Buildings:					
Primary Contact: <small>(Name / Title / Company / Email / Phone)</small>					
Owner / Developer:					
Architect:					
Civil Engineer:					
Landscape Architect:					
Code Consultant:					
Accessibility Consultant (if you have one):					
What stage is the project on the date this checklist is being filled out?	SPRA / PNF / Expanded PNF Submitted	Draft / Final Project Impact Report Submitted	BPDA Board Approved or other: _____		
2. Building Classification and Description:					
This section identifies preliminary construction information about the project including size and uses.					
What are the dimensions of the project? See below:					
Site Area:	SF	Building Area:	GSF		
First Floor Elevation:		Any below-grade space	Yes / No		
What is the construction classification?	New Construction	Renovation	Addition	Change of Use	
Do you anticipate filing any variances with the MAAB (Massachusetts Architectural Access Board) due to non-compliance with 521 CMR?			YES	NO	
If yes, is the reason for your MAAB variance: (1) technical infeasibility, OR (2) excessive and unreasonable cost without substantial benefit for persons with disabilities? Have you met with an accessibility consultant or Disability Commission to try to achieve compliance rather than applying for a variance? Explain:			(1)	OR (2)	

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Tools - Places of Public Accommodation

- Meetings & Events Checklists - share with City departments and others upon request
- Partner agency self-assessments - google form with simplified ADA Accessibility Checklist
- We emphasize that we are here to be supportive partners, not to be the “ADA police!”

 **DISABILITY COMMISSION**

1. PRINT FORM
2. CLEARLY PRINT OUT STAFF MEMBER NAME + CONTACT INFORMATION
3. DISPLAY IN LOCATION VISIBLE FROM THE STREET

CITY of BOSTON

**WE ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE
YOU WITH A RAMP AND
ASSISTANCE**



PLEASE CALL _____ (name of staff member here)
AT _____ (phone number here)

 For any questions or concerns about general accessibility, please contact the City of Boston Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-635-3682 or ADA@boston.gov

Tools - other checklists & self-assessments

- Non-governmental organizations and businesses (restaurants, stores, museums, theatres)
- We send *friendly, gentle reminders* about responsibility to create and maintain accessibility



John Wilcox, Mayor's Office

Tools - On Street Accessible Parking Program

- Has 2 applications, for a driver or a passenger
- Eligibility:
 - Full time Boston resident
 - Disabled Plate, DV Plate, or Disabled Placard
 - Vehicle registered to home
 - Valid Driver's License Required:
 - For Drivers, it must be their own license
 - For Passengers, it must be license of their primary driver

Application information:

[boston.gov/departments/disabilities-commission/how-apply-accessible-parking-spot](https://www.boston.gov/departments/disabilities-commission/how-apply-accessible-parking-spot)

Or email: kylie.potter@boston.gov



Tools - Request repairs to curb ramps

- We are building 1,000+ curb ramps every year.
- Please tell us about problem curb ramps:
 - No ramp at crosswalk
 - No path through built medians
 - No level, accessible route across driveways
 - Damaged ramps



boston.gov/departments/disabilities-commission/ada-curb-ramp-requests

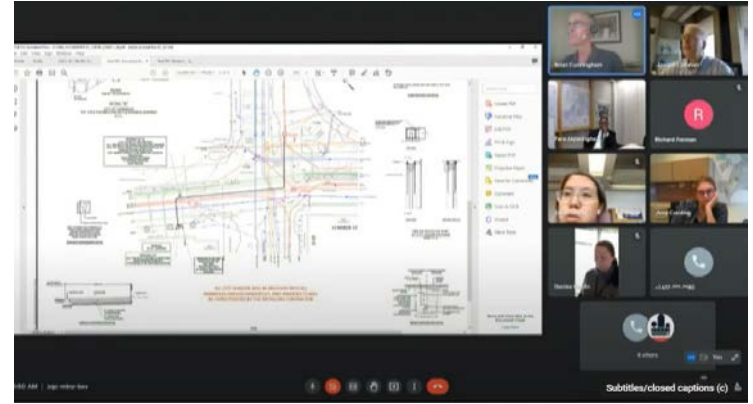
Collaborations - Department of Public Facilities (PFD) & Office of Property Management (OPM)

- Plan, design, and contract all renovations in City-owned buildings and facilities
- Buildings they construct, renovate, and maintain include:
 - Boston City Hall and Plaza
 - Faneuil Hall
 - BCYF community centers
 - BPS schools
 - BPL library branches
 - Homeless shelters



Collaborations - Public Improvement Commission (PIC)

- Made up of 6 City Commissioners:
 - Public Works Department (PWD)
 - Boston Transportation Department (BTD)
 - Inspectional Services Department (ISD)
 - Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)
 - Property Management (OPM)
 - Boston Disabilities Commission (DC)
- Our office, the Boston Disabilities Commission (DC), was appointed to PIC last year
- Oversees all work in the public right of way - sidewalks, streets, and intersections



Collaborations - Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)

- Provides design review and approves medium to large development projects in Boston
- DC staff attends planning meetings and gives input at each stage, from pre-file to final design
- DC staff reviews Article 80 Accessibility Checklists for each project



Collaborations - Public Works Department (PWD)

- Construction of streets and intersections
- Construction of sidewalks and curb ramps
- Work closely with our other municipal agencies and private contractors



Collaborations - other departments

- Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH), formerly the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND)
- Boston Parks and Recreation (BPRD)
- Boston Housing Authority (BHA)



Designing streets for accessibility





Our preferred sidewalk material is concrete

Smooth Sidewalks are important;
examples of “do’s
and “don’t’s”

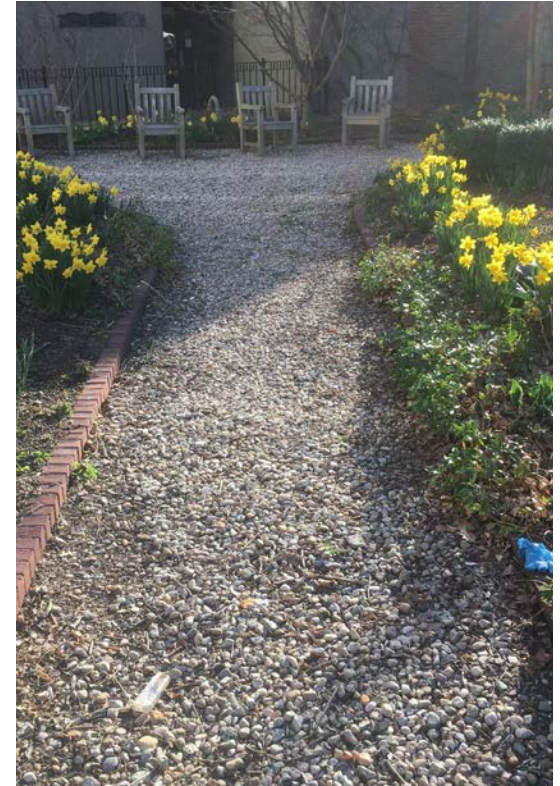
- **Visual disabilities**
 - *unsafe*
 - *scary*
- **Mobility disabilities**
 - *barrier*
 - *dangerous*
 - *painful*



Materials matter!

**Sidewalks
materials are
important;**
examples of “do’s
and “don’t’s”

- **Visual disabilities**
 - *Confusing*
- **Mobility disabilities**
 - *barrier*



All about curb ramp design!



All about curb ramp design!



Level landing

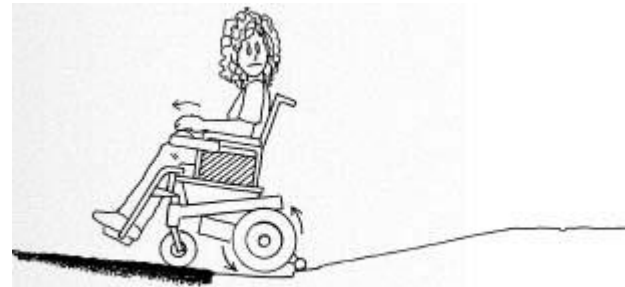
Ramp

Detectable warning
strip

Flares

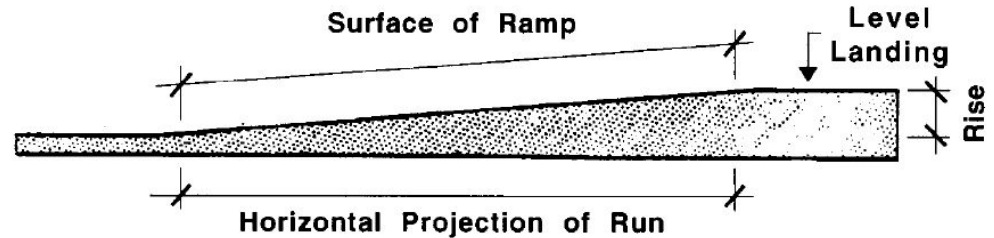
Where the curb meets the street:

- Steep ramps can result in a fall backward
- The grading of a street can result in a fall forward
- Wheels can get stuck



We must design ramps carefully

- We follow national and state requirements when we design our ramps.
- These documents tell us things like:
 - Maximum angle of ramps
 - Minimum size of ramps
 - Minimum area for the level landing



Curb ramps also serve people with visual disabilities

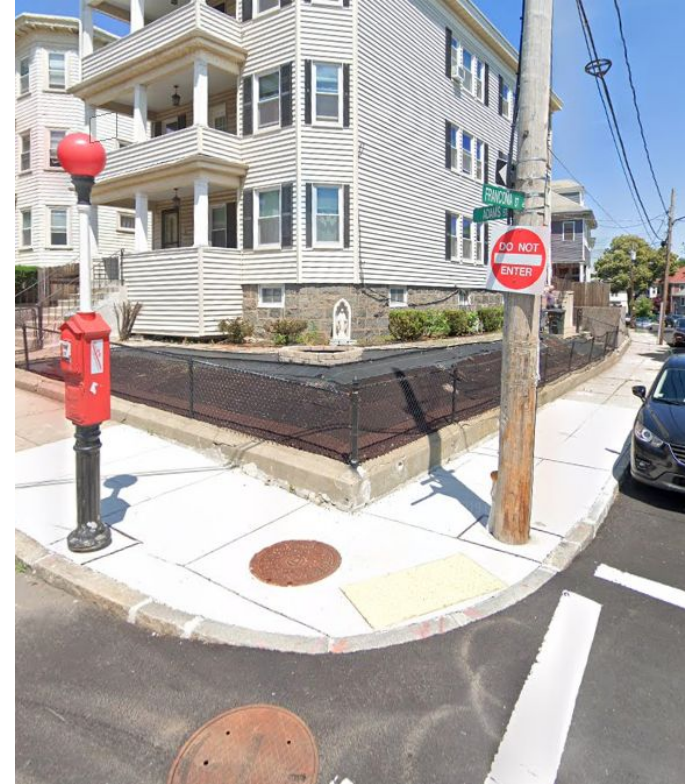
- We need to help people identify the difference between the curb ramp and the street
- We use detectable warning strips with *truncated domes*
- We place these at crosswalks to help people understand that they are entering or exiting an area with vehicular and/or bicycle traffic.



We need to pay attention to how they placed on the street

Curb ramp configuration is important;
examples of “do’s
and “don’t’s”

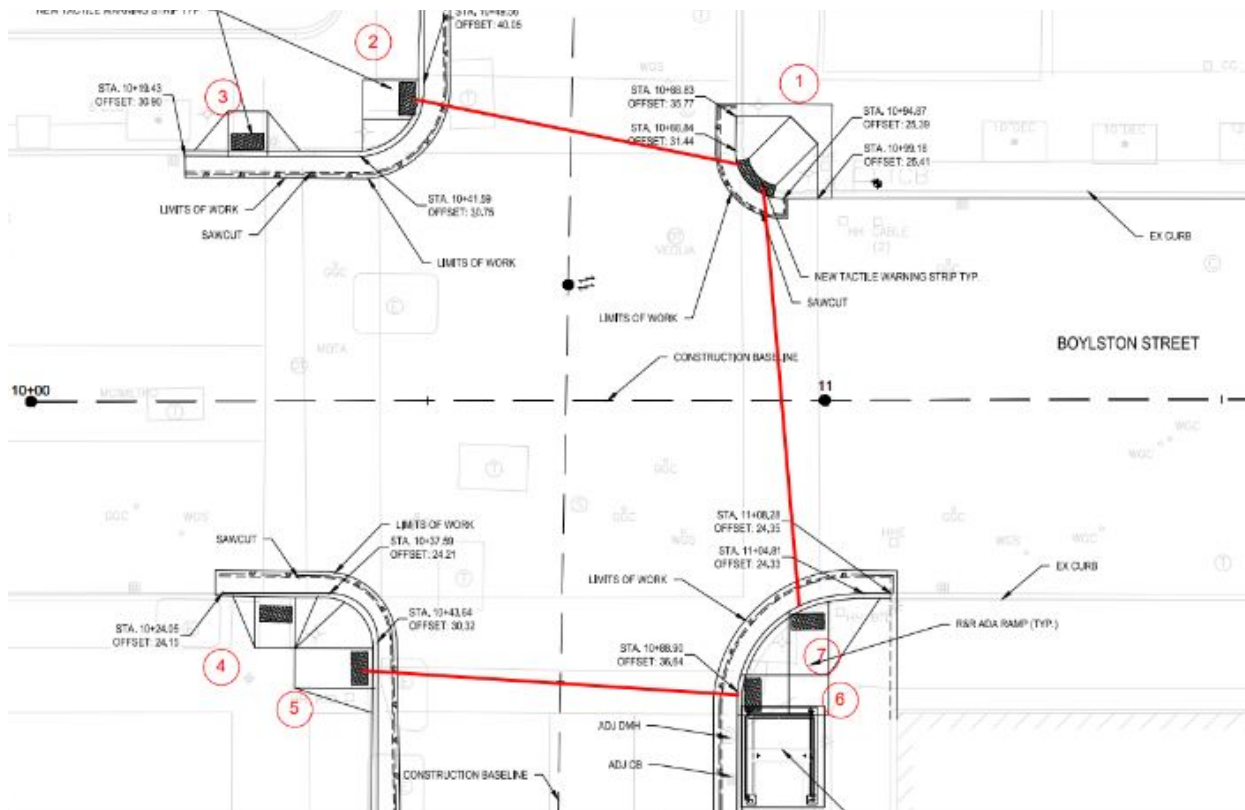
- **Visual disabilities**
 - *misleading*
- **Mobility disabilities**
 - *dangerous*



Designing curb ramps means thinking through many issues

Curb ramp configuration is important;
examples of “do’s
and “don’t’s”

- **Visual disabilities**
 - *misleading*
- **Mobility disabilities**
 - *dangerous*



Other common types of curb ramps

- At intersections with wider curves, the accessible ramp can be placed at an angle.
- *But only if* there is room in the street to maneuver in a wheelchair AND that space is out of the way of moving cars.



Curb extensions provide more room to build good ramps

- More space to maneuver
- Build ramps where people want to cross the street



Harvard, School, and Thane Streets in Dorchester



At signalized intersections, we add tactile and audio information

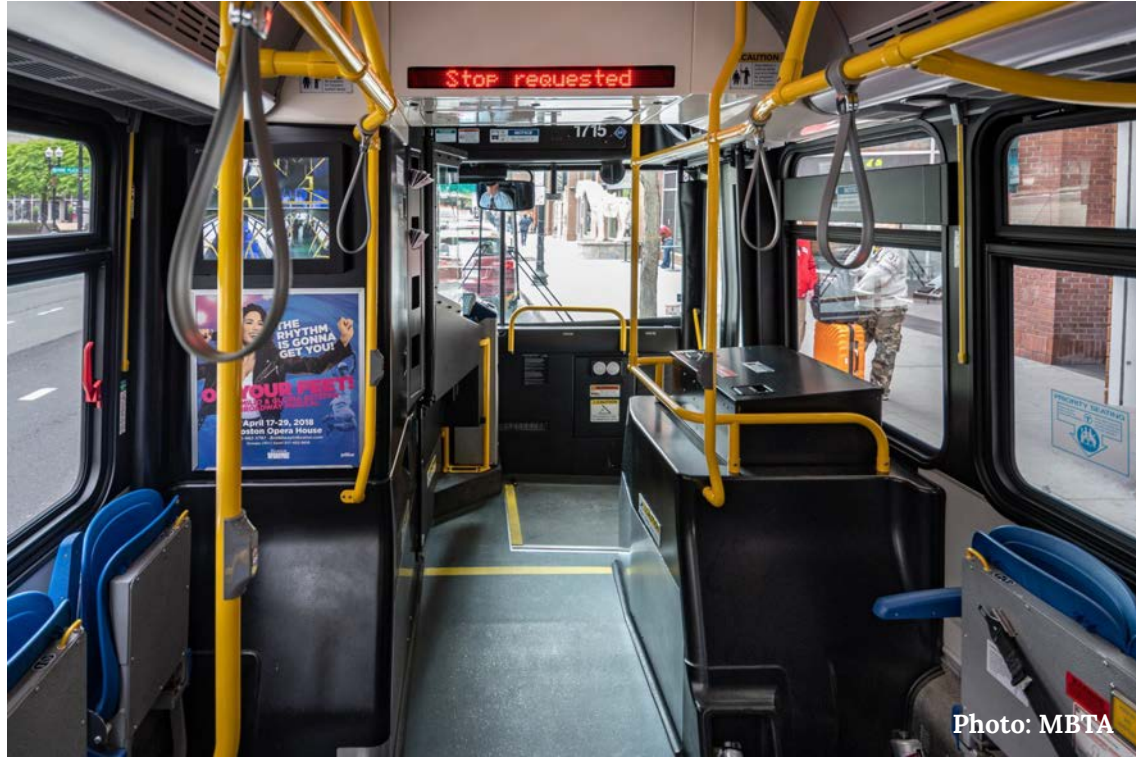
- People with vision disabilities can press the button to hear when the Walk signal is on.
- The buttons also vibrate, alerting people who are d/Deaf or Hard of Hearing and have a visual impairment.
- These buttons are not always required to turn on the pedestrian signal.



Learn more about these buttons by watching our video at youtu.be/VM9CGV2SXg4

Every MBTA bus is accessible

- Buses can be lowered for easier boarding and exiting
- Ramps available at the front door
- Two spaces for wheeled mobility devices to be secured
- Digital displays and automated announcements share route and stop information



What makes an accessible bus stop?

Clear space at the back door

Level sidewalks

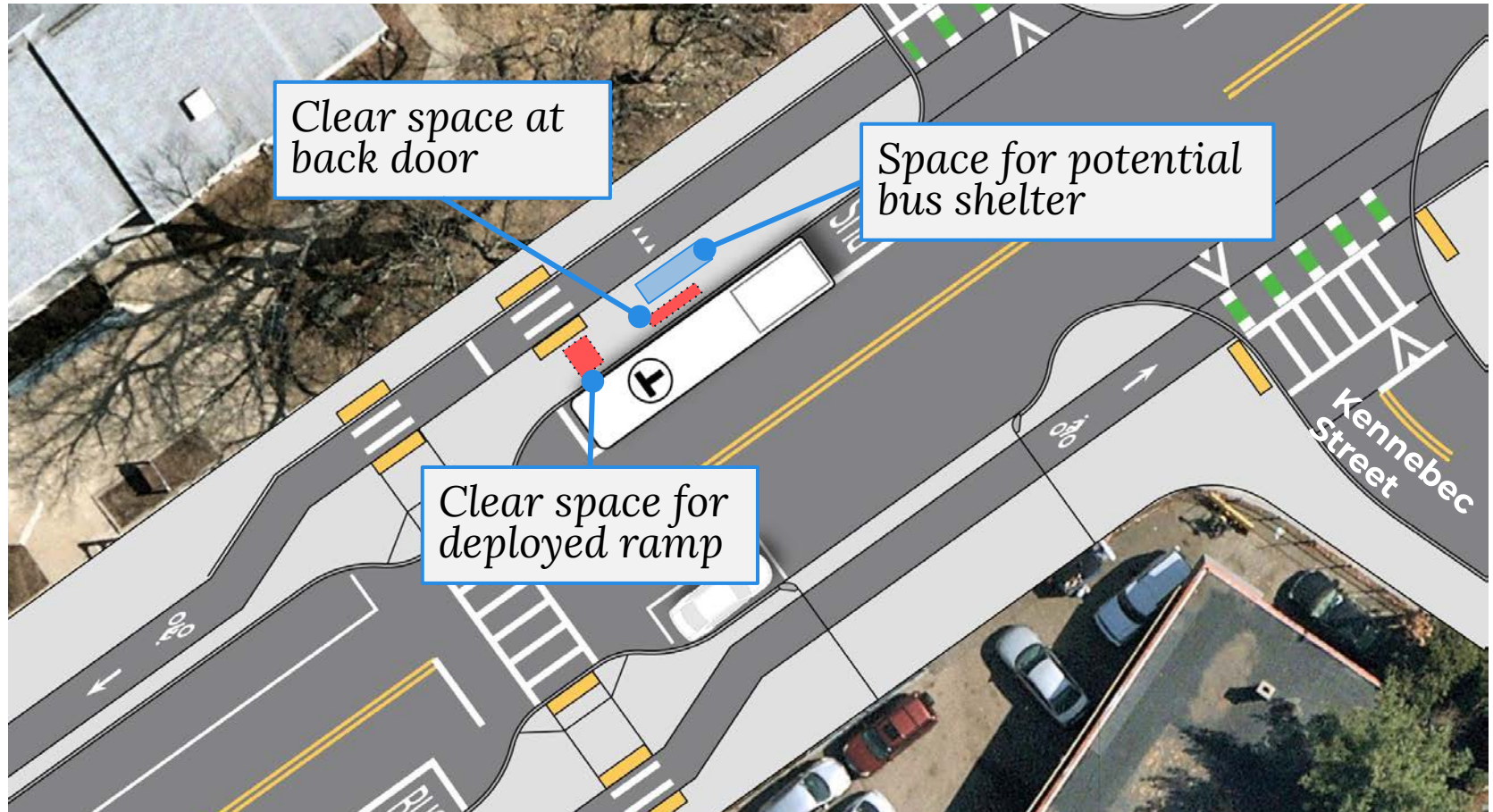
Enough space to deploy a ramp

Detectable difference between sidewalk and travel lanes



Photo: MBTA

Bus stop design on Cummins Highway



Distinguishing between the pedestrian walkway and the bikeway

We require visual contrast and detectable edges.

- Bike lanes are dark to contrast with light-colored sidewalks
- We are looking at multiple ways to create detectable edges, including:
 - Putting trees, street lights, and/or benches between the walkway and bikeway
 - Building rows of rough pavers
 - Building the bikeway slightly lower than the sidewalk



What's next for Cummins Highway?



The Cummins Highway reconstruction goal: safer, more accessible

Transform Cummins Highway into a ***tree-lined neighborhood street*** that is *safer* for families to walk, wait for the bus, ride bikes, or travel by vehicle.

It will *connect residents* to the City's network of *open spaces* and make it easier for elders to cross the street.



Timeline of Cummins Highway reconstruction project

Apr. 11, 2019 1st public meeting at Mattahunt

Feb. 27, 2020 3rd public meeting at Mattahunt

- ▶ *Presented design concepts*



**Design Trial
(Phase 2)**
October 2020 - October 2021

Jul., 2021 - Ongoing
Design for Cummins Reconstruction



**Design Trial
(Phase 1)**
Jul. - Oct.
2020

Oct. 29, 2019 2nd public meeting at Mattahunt

Jun., 2021 - Ongoing

Engagement for the design of Cummins Reconstruction

- ▶ *June: Special T-Talk - Arrested Mobility with Mattapan Food & Fitness*
- ▶ *July: Heat Resilience*
- ▶ *July: Air Quality*
- ▶ *August: Land Use*
- ▶ *September: Lighting*
- ▶ *October: Public Health*
- ▶ *October: Green infrastructure*
- ▶ *January: Bus stops*
- ▶ *February: Street trees*
- ▶ *March: Roundabouts and intersections*
- ▶ *April: Age-friendly street design*
- ▶ *May: Designing for all abilities*
- ▶ *June: Public art*

Focused conversations and input

We will continue to have conversations with you about the redesign of Cummins Highway. **Your input during these discussions will be used to inform the design of Cummins and will be shared with other departments to inform their work as well.**

In June, 2021 we hosted a special edition of T-Talk with Charles T. Brown to discuss ways mobility of Black Americans is limited in the U.S. through police, policies, and polity.

Listen to his Arrested Mobility podcast: [arrestedmobility.com](https://www.arrestedmobility.com)

 twitter.com/ctbrown1911

 equitablecities.com

Focused conversations and input

In July 2021, we hosted two virtual meetings with the Environment Department:

We talked about the City's heat resilience study and the redesign on Cummins. During this conversation we heard:

- You would like us to add more shade. We are looking into trees and shelters. Look for a community conversation in the coming months!
- You were concerned about the temporary redesign and its impact on emergency services and traffic.

We talked about air quality and how transportation policies and design influence air quality. During this conversation we heard:

- You were interested in us monitoring air quality on the corridor. We are looking at locations where air quality monitors can be located in the project area.
- You were concerned about the temporary redesign on Cummins Highway and how traffic is affecting air quality.
- We installed air quality sensors along Cummins Highway

Focused conversations and input

In August 2021, we hosted a virtual meeting with the Boston Planning and Development Agency:

We talked about PLAN Mattapan, how their work related to transportation, and how our departments collaborate. During this conversation we heard:

- That Cummins is part of a network, therefore we need to take a look at the traffic on side streets too. We conducted traffic counts.
- You want us to be proactive and make sure we are working with MBTA, trash removal trucks, and school buses on traffic management before the a new design is implemented.

Focused conversations and input

In September 2021, we hosted a virtual meeting with the City's Street Lighting Division:

We talked about the goals of the city for street lighting and the opportunities for the Cummins Reconstruction. During this conversation we heard:

- You were concerned about the brightness and color of the light, we will work with you to find the appropriate brightness and color that can help improve visibility.
- You wanted to know where you can see lighting similar to the one Public Works is proposing.
 - River Street from Cummins Highway to Hyde Park (Way St)
 - Nubian Square

Focused conversations and input

In early October 2021, we hosted a virtual meeting with the Boston Public Health Commission:

We talked about the connection between street design, health, and wellbeing. During this conversation we heard:

- You were concerned about the traffic during the trial and the effect on side streets. We conducted traffic counts in September on side streets. We are scheduling new traffic counts on side streets now that the trial has ended.
- You wanted to know more about how we are engaging residents of the community in the process for the redesign. We went over some of the other ways people are receiving information and engaging with our project.

Focused conversations and input

In January 2022, we hosted a virtual meeting to discuss bus stops on Cummins Highway:

We talked about:

- How we plan to space bus stops along the corridor
- What factors make a bus stop accessible
- How we plan to design bus stops on Cummins Highway

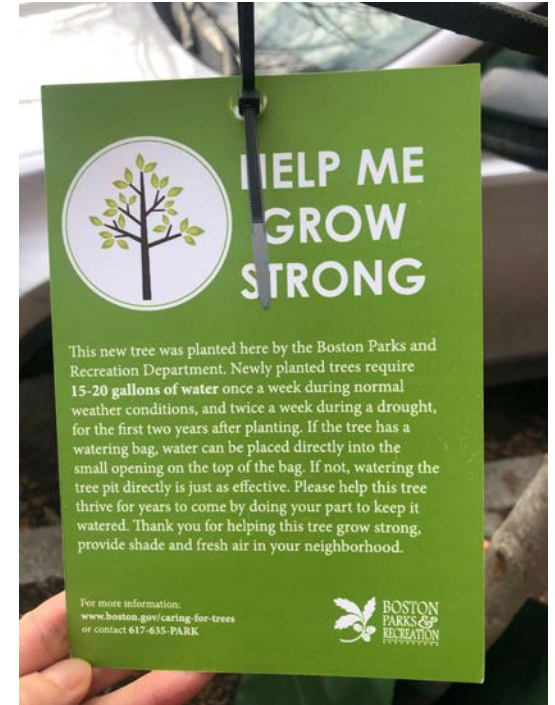


Focused conversations and input

In February 2022, we hosted a virtual meeting to discuss the City's Urban Forest Plan and street trees:

We talked about:

- How the Urban Forest Plan will establish policy, practice, funding, design for trees across Boston
- The ways we can all support the health of our street trees, new and old
- What we know about trees on Cummins Highway today
- Design techniques to preserve existing trees and to be sure new trees can thrive



Focused conversations and input

In March 2022, we hosted a virtual meeting to discuss roundabouts and intersections on Cummins Highway:

We talked about:

- How the City plans for vehicular traffic in the context of safety
- All the factors we consider in designing intersections



This is a preliminary design. We may make changes as we continue our work.

Focused conversations and input

In April 2022, we hosted a virtual meeting to discuss age-friendly street design:

We talked about:

- Age-Friendly Boston, the citywide effort to support older adults in leading healthy and productive lives
- Street design practices that support aging in place and that we plan to include in the Cummins project



Our next meeting will be on June 21

Public Art and the Cummins Highway redesign

- Tuesday, June 21
- 6:30 p.m.
- Register: bit.ly/Cummins-Art



*Wythe & Web by Matthew Hinchman
at the Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Public Library*

Talk with us outside this summer!

This summer, we will have multiple opportunities to continue talking with a project team member in-person.

Coming up:

- June 10, 2022
- 4 to 6 p.m.
- Corner of Cummins and Blue Hill Avenue



Resources and staying engaged



Important update: DRAFT Bus Network Redesign from the MBTA

The MBTA is proposing changes to its bus network across the region.

- 25% more bus service
- 70% more weekend service
- 275,000 more residents would be near high-frequency service (buses running every 15 minutes or better, 5 AM – 1 AM, seven days a week)
- 115,000 residents of color and 40,000 low-income households would gain access to high-frequency service

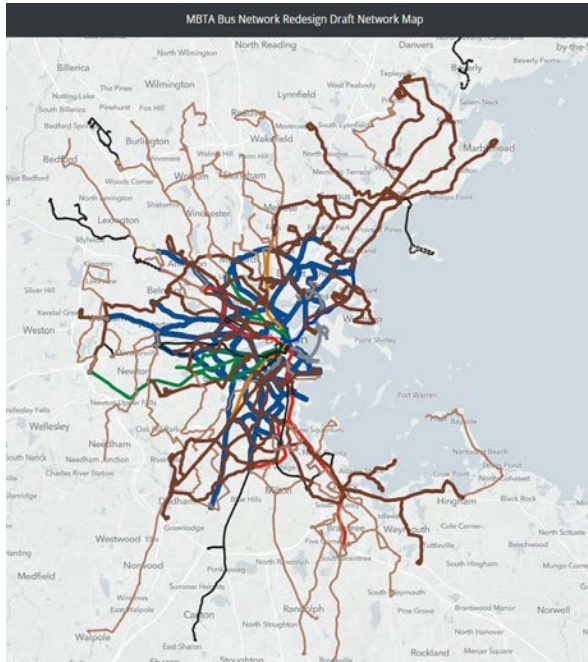
Learn about the proposed changes:

[mbta.com/bnrd](https://www.mbta.com/bnrd)



Review the proposed changes online and compare your trips

You can interact with a map showing all of the proposed changes:



And compare your trips on the proposed network to today's bus network:

How Will the Proposed Bus Network Redesign Affect Your Trip?

Fill in your trip details below and you'll see how your current trip compares between the existing network and the proposed redesigned bus network.

Then, share your thoughts with us about the changes to your trip by July 31, 2022. Your feedback will help us identify what works, what doesn't, and what could be better.

Submit feedback on the Bus Network Redesign

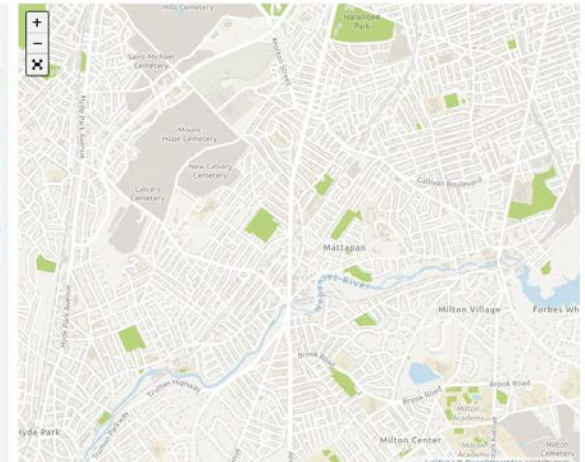
From

To

Depart at 5:40 PM, 5/25/22

See more options

Get trip suggestions



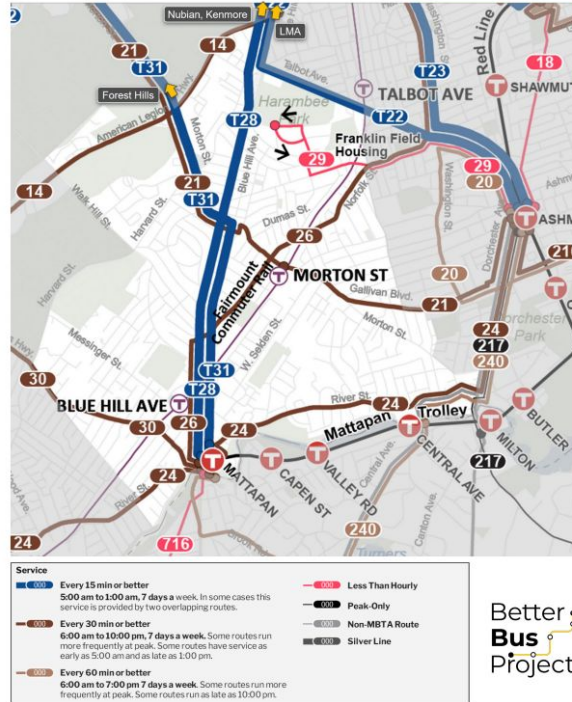
mbta.com/projects/bus-network-redesign/update/bus-network-redesign-proposal#maps

The MBTA's proposed changes in Mattapan

- Proposed changes to bus routes that start, end, and go through Mattapan can be found on the MBTA's website
- Here are snapshots of their proposal:

Our proposal

All details and full-sized maps are available at: mbta.com/bnrd



What this means for you

More high-frequency service.

Today **2**
Proposed **3**
of routes with service every 15 min or better

New frequent service to **Longwood Medical Area (LMA)** and **Kenmore** on extended **Route T28**.

More frequent service between **Forest Hills, Orange Line, Mattapan, and Blue Hill Ave** on **Route T31**.

More service. Period.

Proposed **25%**
% increase in service (revenue vehicle miles)

More **midday, evening, and weekend** service—especially on **Routes 14 and 30**.

Better access to major destinations.

Proposed **14K**
More residents with faster, frequent service to **LMA**

New direct connections to **LMA, Kenmore, Fields Corner, and Dedham Mall**.

Better service and connections to the places you want to go: **Forest Hills, Milton, Roslindale, Nubian Square, and more**.

- But we can't do this without you.
- Tell us what you think at mbta.com/bnrd

mbta.com/projects/bus-network-redesign/update/bus-network-redesign-proposal#neighborhood

In-person meetings for the Bus Network Redesign

Community meetings:

Tuesday, July 19

- 6 p.m.
- Bruce Bolling Building
- 2300 Washington St, Roxbury

Tuesday, July 28

- 6 p.m.
- State Transportation Building
- 10 Park Plaza, Boston

Open houses in Boston:

Thursday, June 23

- 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Ashmont T
- Dorchester Ave and Ashmont St

Tuesday, July 12

- 3 - 5 p.m.
- Forest Hills T
- Washington St and Hyde Park Ave

Mail written comments to:

MBTA
ATTN: Victoria Ireton
10 Park Plaza - Suite 3830
Boston, MA 02116

Leave a voicemail at: 617-222-3011

Virtual meetings for the Bus Network Redesign

Boston-specific meeting

- Thursday, June 2
- 6 p.m.
- Via Zoom
- mbta.com/events/2022-06-02/public-meeting-bus-network-redesign-boston-virtual

Public Hearing

- Tuesday, July 26
- 6 p.m.
- Via Zoom
- mbta.com/events/2022-07-26/public-hearing-bus-network-redesign-systemwide-virtual

Mayor Michelle Wu's Coffee Hour

Join the Mayor for free coffee!

Thursday, June 30, 2022

- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Walker Playground
- 550 Norfolk Street, Mattapan



boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/neighborhood-coffee-hours

You can now ride route 23, 28, and 29 FOR FREE

Route **23, 28, and 29** bus riders are able to board buses at all doors without paying a fare for *two years*.

More information at [boston.gov/free-bus](https://www.boston.gov/free-bus)



Take the City's Open Space Plan survey!

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is updating our Open Space and Recreation Plan and we'd like to hear from you.

Take our 5-minute survey:

boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/updating-seven-year-open-space-plan#survey



Rental Relief Fund

City of Boston is dedicating federal funds to help Boston residents who have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are having difficulty paying their rent.

For more information about eligibility, resources, and to apply:

boston.gov/rental-relief

Visit boston.gov/housing-stability or call (617) 635-4200 for additional information on your rights as a renter.

Ride Bluebikes at a discount!

Discounted passes are available for our public bike share.

People who participate in public assistance programs or otherwise have a qualifying income can receive a discount.

Discounted passes are only **\$50 a year or \$5 a month** with no annual commitment. Include unlimited one-hour trips.

boston.gov/discounted-bluebikes



Learn-to-bike classes for adult women

Thursday, June 9

6 to 8 p.m.

Mildred Avenue School

5 Mildred Avenue, Mattapan

Saturday, June 25

6 to 8 p.m.

Mildred Avenue School

5 Mildred Avenue, Mattapan

Learn more and register:

boston.gov/women-bike



Family Zumba on Tuesday evenings in Almont Park - Free!

- Family Zumba gives you and your family a chance to be active together.
- Dance and music inspired by Latin American culture, Soca, Dancehall, Afrobeats, and hip-hop!

THE BOSTON PARKS

FITNESS SERIES

Register for Family Zumba classes:

[eventbrite.com/e/summer-fitness-series-family-zumba-tickets-319658586437](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-fitness-series-family-zumba-tickets-319658586437)

More free in-person and virtual classes:

[boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/boston-parks-fitness-series](https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/boston-parks-fitness-series)

Neponset Day

A free, family-friendly, public event including canoeing, kayaking, music, food trucks, ice cream, and other activities!

Sunday, June 12

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Neponset II Park

Corner of Granite Avenue and
Hill Top Street, Dorchester

neponset.org/neponsetday



Stay in touch:

Boston's Commission for People with Disabilities

- Visit website: boston.gov/disabilities
- Email: disability@boston.gov

Cummins Highway Reconstruction

- Visit the project website: boston.gov/cummins-highway
- Chat with us: bit.ly/Cummins-15
- Reach out to Jeff Alexis: jeffrey.alexis@boston.gov