

# BOWDOIN/GENEVA TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN – PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach and community engagement is a significant part of the



Bowdoin/Geneva Transportation Action Plan. Throughout each phase of this project, community input will help to identify neighborhood priorities and inform solutions. The following sections summarize the public outreach and engagement completed to date.

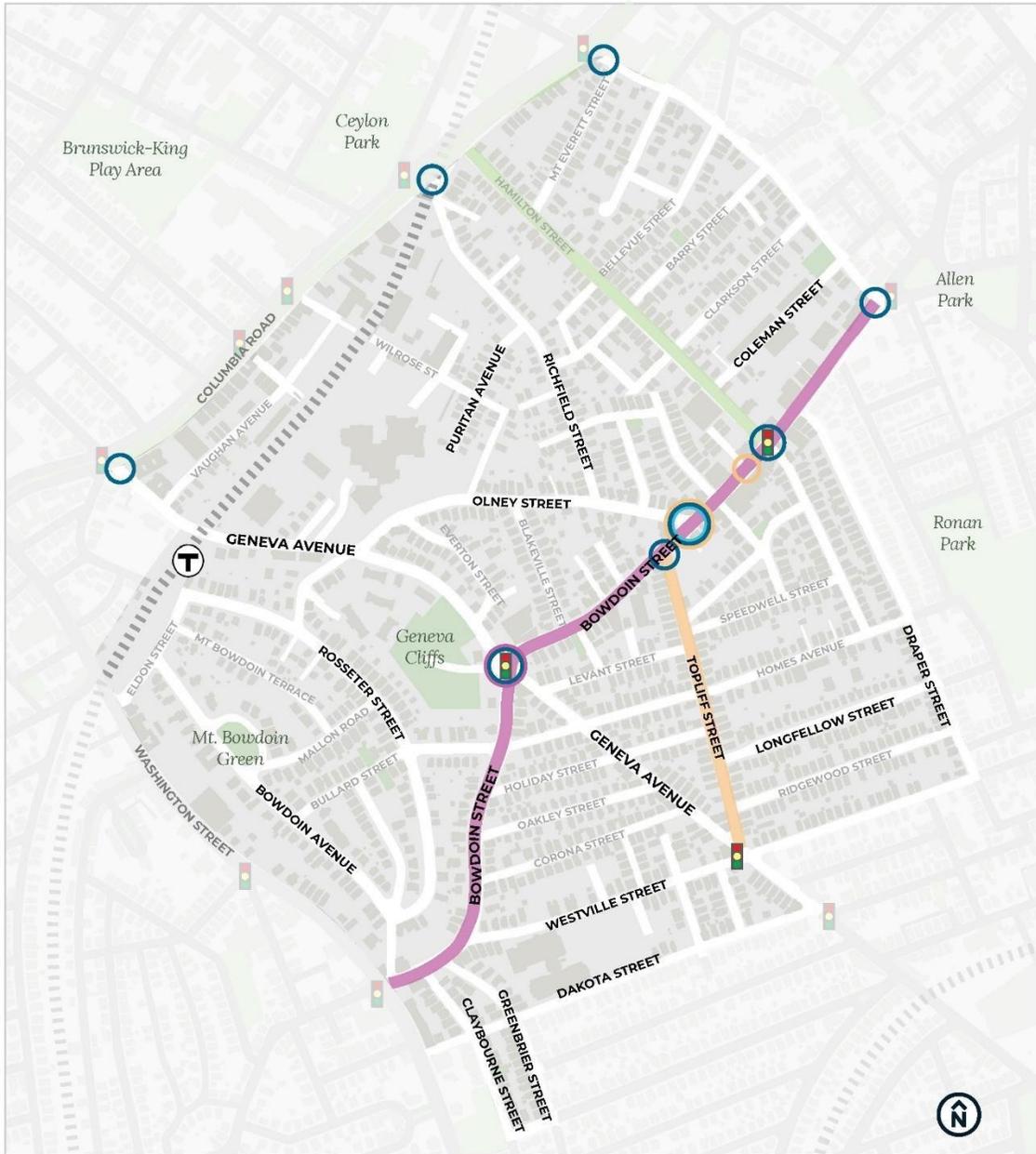
## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS

Prior to conducting working group meetings and neighborhood walk-throughs with the community members, the City provided a list of concerns from the community that had been identified previously. Community concerns are summarized below and documented in Figure 1:

- o **Bowdoin Street / Geneva Avenue**
  - Intersection queuing
  - Topliff used as a cut-through to avoid Bowdoin Street/Geneva Avenue intersection
  - Poor pedestrian crossings
  - Unsightly storefronts, and billboards
- o **Bowdoin Street**
  - Unsafe pedestrian conditions and poor sight distance for vehicles leaving the Health Center.
  - Vehicles parking in No Parking zones
  - Lack of parking enforcement
- o **Columbia Road / Hamilton Street**
  - Compliance issues for No Left Turn (NBL)
- o **Columbia Road/Geneva Avenue**
  - Congestion at ABCD Dorchester Early Head Start
- o **Bowdoin Street/Topliff Street**
  - Congestion due to difficulty turning northbound left and northbound right to Bowdoin Street
- o **Bowdoin Street/Olney Street**
  - Difficulty turning southbound left or right on to Bowdoin Street.
- o **Bowdoin Street/Hamilton Street**
  - Poor driver compliance at the pedestrian signal
  - Vehicles often run red lights
- o **Bowdoin Street/Quincy Street/Adams Street**
  - Intersection queuing, aggressive driving, and poor compliance with pedestrian signal
- o **Quincy Street/Columbia Road**
  - Queuing at the eastbound left movement onto Quincy Street
- o **Richfield Street/Columbia Road/Ceylon Street**
  - Richfield serves as a cut through
  - Intersection queuing

Figure 1. Map of Community Concerns/Issues





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Bowdoin/Geneva Neighborhood Plan: Areas of Concern

**Legend**

- Existing Traffic Signal
- Four Corners MBTA Station
- Sight Distance Issues
- Intersection Queuing Issues
- Unsafe Pedestrian Conditions
- Street Used as Cut-Through
- "No Left Turn" Non-Compliance
- Parking Issues



## WORKING GROUP MEETING

The first meeting for the Bowdoin/Geneva Transportation Plan Working Group meeting was held virtually on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. City of Boston representatives, the Kittelson team, and various community members and stakeholders attended the meeting. The goal of the meeting was to collect input from community members and stakeholders to further understand the issues that the Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhood has been facing.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WALK THROUGHS

In addition to the working group meeting, the project team led two neighborhood walk throughs with the community. The first neighborhood walk through was conducted on April 13, 2022 and the second walk through on May 11, 2022. The project team distributed flyers to advertise the event to the community.

The neighborhood walk through routes are outlined in Figure 3. The goal of the neighborhood walk through was to collect input directly from the community. The project team was focused on hearing concerns directly from the community. The following summarizes the main takeaways from the first neighborhood walkthrough:

- Vehicles speed during off-peak times, when fewer vehicles are on the streets.
- Bowdoin Street/Geneva Avenue is wide and uncomfortable for pedestrians. Vehicles run red lights and speed through the intersection.
- Consider adding a signal at Olney Street and Bowdoin Street; it is difficult for pedestrians to cross.
- Consider adding a rectangular rapid-flashing beacon (RRFB) to facilitate crossing near the Four Corners transit station.
- Vehicles cut through Vaughn Street from Columbia Road. Sight distance is poor as vehicles queue on Geneva Avenue, heading northbound to Columbia Road.
- Consider switching parking to the west side of Geneva Avenue.
- The neighborhood experiences an earlier typical PM peak around 3:00-4:00 pm.
- Vehicles make illegal left turns from Hamilton Street onto Columbia Road.
- There is often queuing on Hamilton Street, southbound to Bowdoin Street.
- There is a need for a midblock crossing between Olney Street and Bowdoin Street and Hamilton Street and Bowdoin Street.
- Longfellow Street used to have a median running through the centerline. It has been removed and the street is wide and encourages speeding.
- Vehicles use Draper Street as a cut-through to avoid Bowdoin Street.
- Quincy Street and Bowdoin Street intersection is wide and uncomfortable for people walking. There is a pedestrian-only phase.



Figure 3 Neighborhood Walkthrough Route

