

# CUMMINS HIGHWAY: INTRO TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS & CULTURE

June 21, 2022



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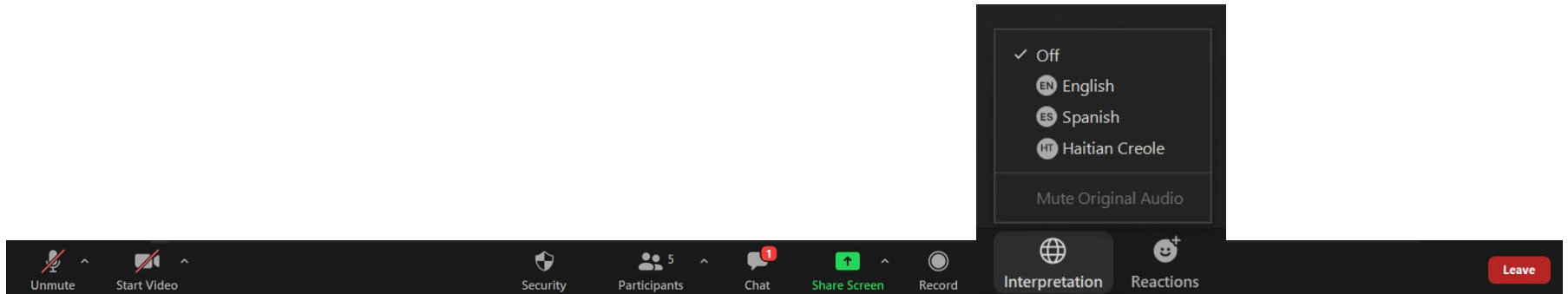


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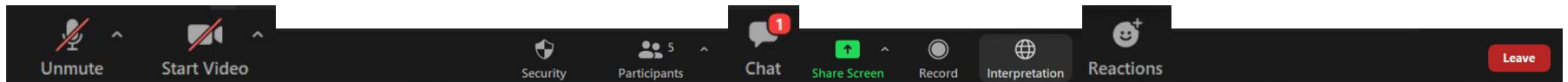
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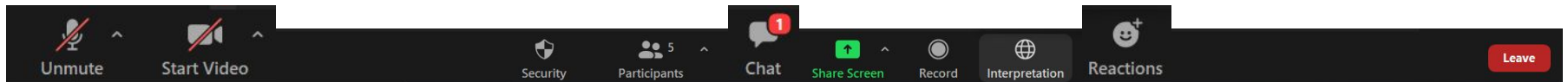
- This meeting **will be recorded**.
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  - *Aktyalize non w sou Zoom pou w mete non prefere w ak pwonon w.*



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- Your microphones are turned off to start. You will need to unmute to speak. Joining via phone? Press **\*6** to unmute.
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# **DON'T** LOOK AT YOUR **SCREEN WHILE DRIVING**



**Hello! ¡Hola! *Bonjour!***

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## Meeting Goals

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- Introduce you to the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture
- Share the different ways that public art happens in the City of Boston
- Learn about your vision and desires for the cultural life around Cummins Highway
- Learn about other resources and activities in the City

# Cummins Highway Reconstruction

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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

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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

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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

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- **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

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- *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

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- *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





# Office of Arts and Culture





**What's your favorite public artwork in Boston, and why?**



# MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE (MOAC)

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Public Art Project Manager

# MOAC GRANT PROGRAMS



## Opportunity Fund

Photo courtesy of Quisol.

- Grants of up to \$5,000 depending on budget size
- Budget < \$2m: general operating expenses
- 2020: \$490,000 in grants was awarded to 146 organizations.

- Grants of up to \$1,000 for individual artists and educators
- Professional development, community arts experiences, local arts events, school field trip, or matching MCC festival grant
- \$200,000 allocated for FY21

## Artist Fellowship Award

Photo courtesy of Anne Piessens.

- Five unrestricted grants of \$10,000 each
- Mid-career artists living in Boston
- Boston artists of all artistic disciplines eligible

## Radical Imagination for Racial Justice

Photo courtesy of UnBound Bodies Collective

- Partnership with MassArt, funded by Surdna Foundation
- \$250,000 in grants awarded to first cohort of BIPOC artists/collectives
- Artists asked to reimagine a racially just Boston



# OTHER PROGRAMS



## Artist Resource Desk

- Staffed by Artist Resource Manager Julia Ryan
- Response to artists' frustrations with navigating the channels of city government.
- Virtual office hours, over 1000 artists helped in 2019



## Poet Laureate/Youth Poet Laureate

*Photo courtesy of Carlie Febo.*

- Established in 2008, four year terms
- Acts as an advocate for poetry, language, and the arts and creates a unique artistic legacy through public readings and civic events.
- Porsha Olayiwola appointed in 2019, Alondra Bobadilla appointed in 2020



## City Hall Galleries

- Three main galleries in City Hall
- Promote and exhibit work of local artists
- Annual programs - National Art Program, Fay Chandler Emerging Artist Awards, BPS Youth Arts Month, and more

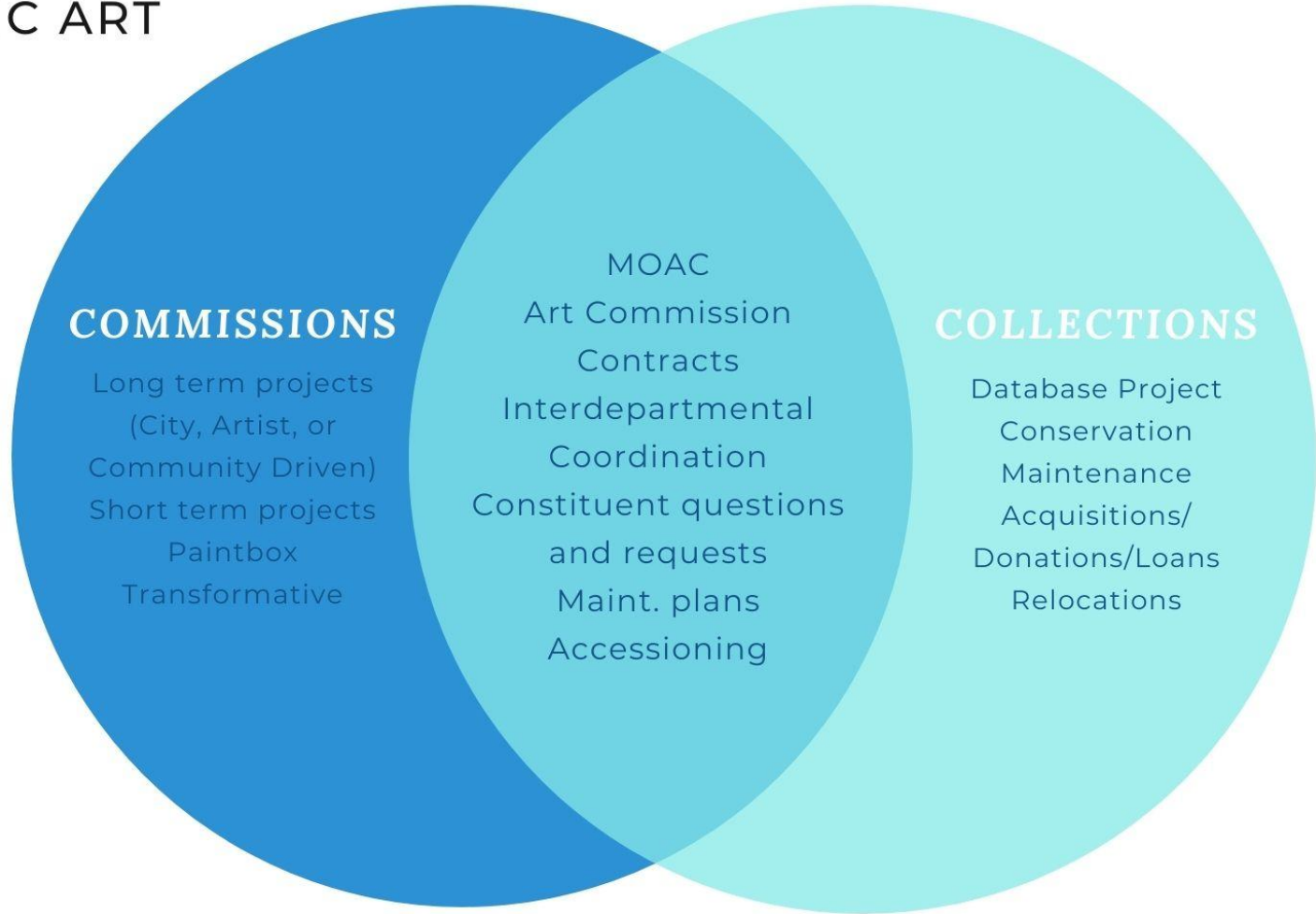


## Arts Events

- Open Studios
- Collaborations and workshops
  - Creative Aging Pilot
  - Theatre Offensive 30th anniversary
  - Recovery Month Book Club

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# PUBLIC ART

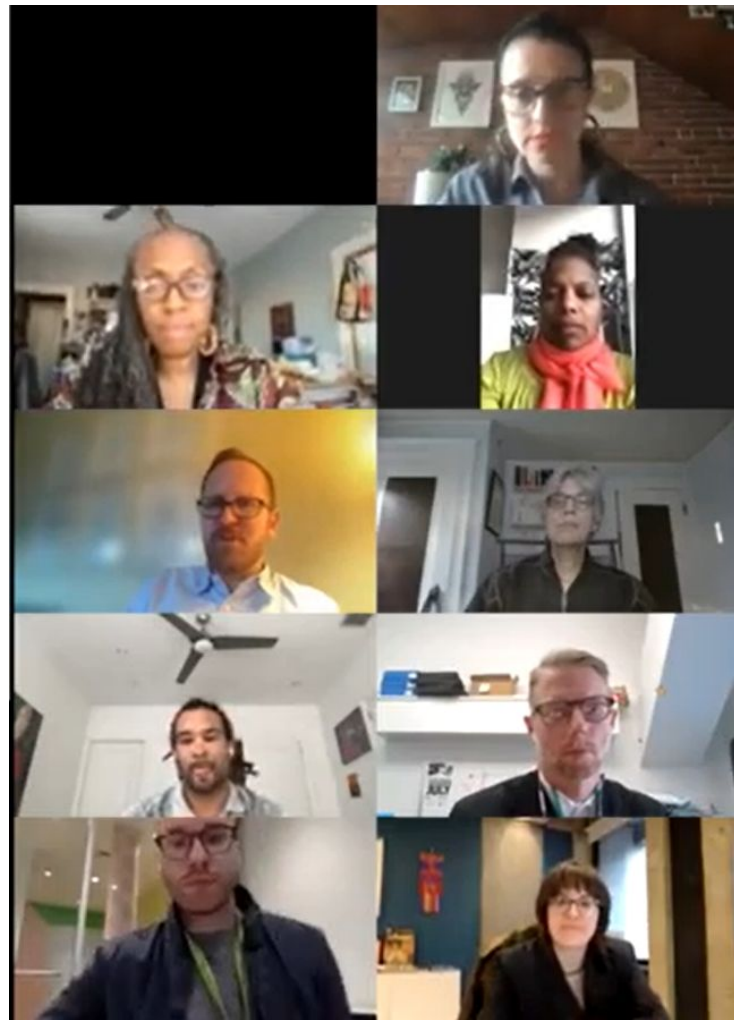


# Boston Art Commission

The BAC is the commissioning body for public art for the City of Boston. It's housed in the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture. The BAC holds contracts with artists, approves artwork on City land, and conserves the City of Boston's collection of art and historical artifacts.

## City of Boston's Curatorial Vision

To commission and approve innovative and transformative artworks that engage communities, enrich and enliven the urban environment, are driven by an artistically strong vision, enhance the diversity of the existing collection, respond directly to a specific environment, and possess durability appropriate to the lifespan of the work.





# Percent for Art and Capital Projects

The Percent for Art program is an initiative of the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture and was a result of the City's cultural plan, Boston Creates. The program demonstrates the City's commitment to sustainable funding for the arts by setting aside one percent of the City's annual capital borrowing for the commissioning of permanent public art for capital projects.

Beyond integrating public art in City capital projects, the Percent for Art program engages other city agencies and municipal partners on best public art practices, and demonstrates the lasting value of high quality public art across the city.

*Counterclockwise from top left: artworks by Destiny Palmer, Maya Erdelyi, and Lily Xie and Crystal Bi Wegner, installed in the elevator lobbies on the 7th, 8th, and 9th floors of City Hall; Unus Mundus by Monika Bravo at the new East Boston Police Station; R-O-X-B-U-R-Y by Joe Wardwell with Nakia Hill and the 826 Boston YLAB writers at the Roxbury Branch of the BPL; .Wythe and Web by Matthew Hincman at the Jamaica Plain Branch of the BPL and Curtis Hall BYCF campus.*



# Transformative Public Art

The Transformative Public Art program began in 2015 with a series of commissions and popups in Grove Hall. In the years since, it has grown into a robust and comprehensive program, providing grants to a wide variety of practitioners in public art and commissioning over a million dollars worth of murals in neighborhoods across the city.

*Counterclockwise from top left: Youth Lead the Change by Mel Mandel at Franklin Fields, Dorchester; You Are Loved by Alex Cook at the Engagement Center, Newmarket; Respecting Longevity by Cyrille Conan at the Pat White Apartments, Brighton; The JOY of Growing by Mattaya Fitts, Peabody Apartments in Dorchester; Together by Mz Icar at the Engagement Center, Newmarket; Rita's Spotlight by Rixy in Union Square, Allston; Back to the Essence by Marka27, Magazine Street, Dorchester.*





# Paintbox!

Paintbox is an annual program that provides grants to emerging artists who are interested in public art. They submit designs and the selected artists are assigned to paint an electrical box in their neighborhoods. A perennial favorite program that MOAC runs in collaboration with the Boston Transportation Department, the City commissioned 83 artists last year.

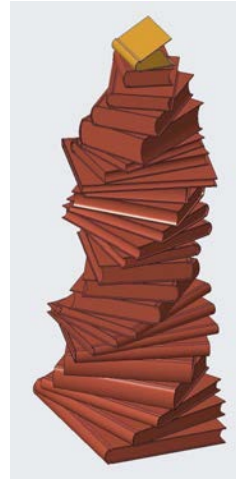
This year's Paintbox application has closed and we are looking forward to seeing up to a hundred newly painted boxes across the city by the end of the painting season!



# Community or Artist Initiated Public Art

Public art is often commissioned by community groups, Friends groups, or created and proposed by individual artists. There are a variety of funding sources both through the City and through non-profit and private organizations who can help community groups and artists finance their projects. Some of the most beloved artworks in the city of Boston were commissioned by community groups who generously gave their time and expertise to public art for their neighborhoods.

*Counterclockwise from top left: Book Mark'd by Stuart Schechter, commissioned by the Friends of the Mattapan Library; The Edward O. Gourdin and African American Veterans Memorial by Fern Cunningham and Karen Eutemey, commissioned by the Veterans and Friends of Gourdin Park; The Legacy of Frederick Douglass, by Mario Chiodo after a drawing by Paul Goodnight, commissioned by the Frederick Douglass Sculpture Committee.*





An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. The image shows a dense grid of streets with numerous small, single-story houses. A prominent road, likely Cummins Highway, runs horizontally across the middle of the frame. To the right of this road, there is a large green field, possibly a baseball field, and a large, multi-story building complex. The overall scene is a typical suburban residential area.

**What makes Cummins Highway and  
the surrounding neighborhoods  
unique?**





**How will you use Cummins Highway  
when the project is complete?**



# Let's keep in touch!



**@ArtsinBoston**

**[boston.gov/arts](https://boston.gov/arts)**

- **Sign Up for Our Newsletters**
  - *Arts and the City*: general arts news, MOAC updates, local arts events
  - *Artist Resource Desk Newsletter*: specifically for artists - updates on space, grants, jobs, calls for art, etc.
- **Email us at [bac@boston.gov](mailto:bac@boston.gov)**

# What's next for Cummins Highway?



# The Cummins Highway reconstruction goal: safer, more accessible

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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

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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://arrestedmobility.com)

 [twitter.com/ctbrown1911](https://twitter.com/ctbrown1911)

 [equitablecities.com](https://equitablecities.com)

## Focused conversations and input

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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





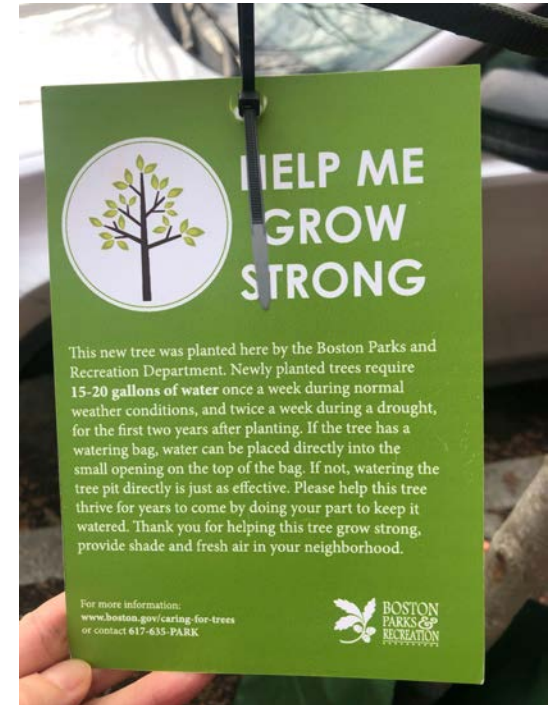
# Focused conversations and input

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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

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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

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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



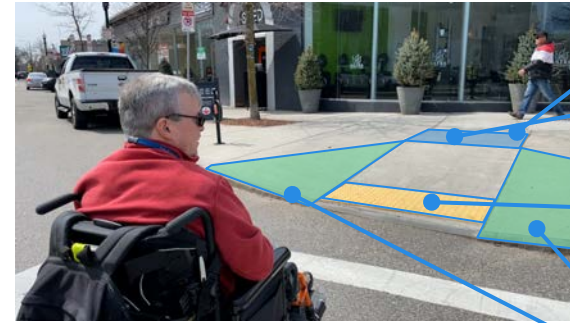
# Focused conversations and input

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In May 2022, we hosted a virtual meeting to learn how the City works to facilitate full and equal participation in all aspects of life:

## We talked about:

- The Disabilities Commission and its work to advance access across the City
- Design standards and requirements for accessibility that will be included in the Cummins project



Level landing

Ramp

Detectable warning strip

Flares



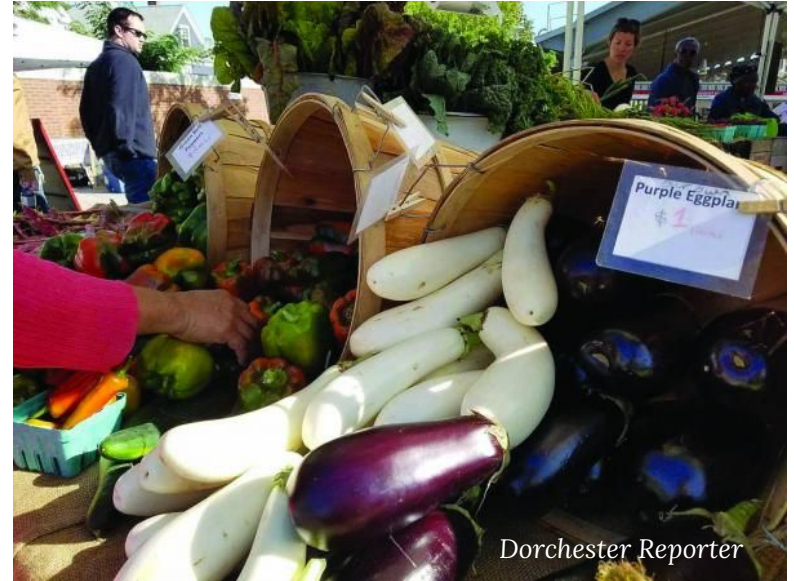
# Talk with us outside this summer!

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

## *Coming up:*

- Mattapan Square Farmers Market  
**Saturday, July 9**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



## Where can you find us this summer?

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- We'll send out a postcard and email with additional in-person opportunities to meet with the project team.
- We'll also keep the website updated with all Cummins events.
- You might just bump into us on one of our monthly walks!



# Resources and staying engaged





## There's a Boston Art Commission Meeting coming up!

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- **Tuesday, June 28**
- 4:30 p.m.
- [boston.gov/public-notices/15810686](https://www.boston.gov/public-notices/15810686)

*First created in 1890, the Boston Art Commission advocates for public art in Boston's civic spaces.*





# We're hiring a Director of Grants and Programs

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- **Will develop strategy aligning with the City's cultural plan, Boston Creates**
- **Will build relationships with other City departments as well as across Boston's arts and culture sector**
- This is a leadership position
- *Apply by June 30*
- [city-boston.icims.com/jobs/22146/director-of-grants-and-programs/](https://city-boston.icims.com/jobs/22146/director-of-grants-and-programs/)

# We're also hiring a City Hall Plaza Engagement Manager

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- **Will implement the mission and vision of the plaza through year-round programming**
- Under the supervision of the Chief of Arts and Culture
- Will work closely with the City Hall Plaza Oversight Committee
- **Apply by June 30**
- [hireculture.org/jobdetails.aspx?job\\_id=42186](https://hireculture.org/jobdetails.aspx?job_id=42186)



# Mattapan Farmers Market

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**Opening Day: July 9, 2022**

**Saturdays**

July 9 to October 29

10 am to 1 pm

*\* The Cummins Highway Project Team will be there on Opening Day!*



## Ride Bluebikes at a discount!

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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](https://boston.gov/discounted-bluebikes)





# Learn-to-bike classes for adult women

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**Thursday, July 7**

Basic skills

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Boston Water and Sewer, Roxbury

**Thursday, July 21**

Basic Skills

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Boston Water and Sewer, Roxbury

**Thursday, August 11**

Basic Skills

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Franklin Park Playstead



Register and find more dates at: [boston.gov/women-bike](https://www.boston.gov/women-bike)

# Important update: DRAFT Bus Network Redesign from the MBTA

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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

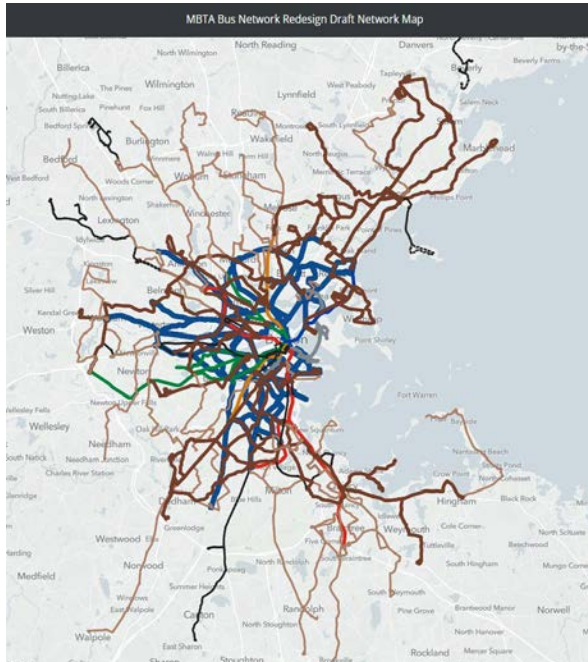
Learn about the proposed changes:

[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

A screenshot of a web interface for comparing trips. On the left, there is a form with fields for "From" (A Enter a location), "To" (B Enter a location), "Depart at 5:40 PM, 5/25/22", and a "Get trip suggestions" button. On the right, a map shows a specific route highlighted in blue, starting from the North End area and heading south towards Mattapan. The map includes street names and landmarks like Mattapan and Milton Village.

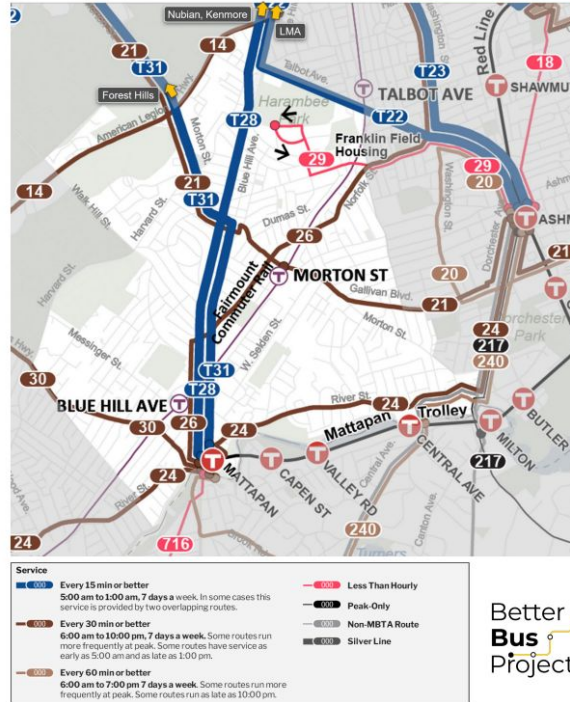
[mbta.com/projects/bus-network-redesign/update/bus-network-redesign-proposal#maps](https://mbta.com/projects/bus-network-redesign/update/bus-network-redesign-proposal#maps)

# 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](http://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](http://mbta.com/bnrd)





# Upcoming meetings for the Bus Network Redesign

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*In-person 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

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*Virtual meeting:*

## **Tuesday, July 19**

- Tuesday, July 26
- 6 p.m.
- [mbta.com/events/2022-07-26/public-hearing-bus-network-redesign-systemwide-virtual](https://www.mbta.com/events/2022-07-26/public-hearing-bus-network-redesign-systemwide-virtual)

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

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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)



# And you can share feedback about the program!

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## Fare-Free Bus Program Public hearing:

- Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m.
- 6 p.m.
- <https://www.mbta.com/events/2022-06-23/public-hearing-fare-free-bus-program>



# The MBTA is transforming the Mattapan Line

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The MBTA is making improvements on the Mattapan Line to ensure accessible, reliable, and modern service for Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton for years to come.

You can watch the April public meeting online:  
[mbta.com/projects/mattapan-line-transformation](https://www.mbta.com/projects/mattapan-line-transformation)

Send feedback to: [trolley@mbta.com](mailto:trolley@mbta.com)





# Take the City's Open Space Plan survey!

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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](https://boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/updating-seven-year-open-space-plan#survey)



## Rental Relief Fund

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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](https://www.boston.gov/rental-relief)**

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

## Family Zumba on Tuesday evenings in Almont Park - Free!

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- 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  
SUMMER  
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)



# Children's Arts and Crafts Workshop

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Looking for a free, fun activity to enjoy with the kids? Join us this summer for one of our arts and crafts workshops hosted in various parks throughout the City of Boston, hosted by a local artist.

Dates in Mattapan:

**Friday, July 8**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Walker Playground, Mattapan

**Friday, July 15**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Walker Playground, Mattapan



[boston.gov/arts-crafts-workshops](https://www.boston.gov/arts-crafts-workshops)

# Our Immigrant Heritage Month Series is coming to Mattapan

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- **Immigrant entrepreneurship panel and resources fair**
- Tuesday, June 28th
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Mattapan Branch Library



 Economic Opportunity  
and Inclusion

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## IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH SERIES

*Join us for an Immigrant entrepreneurship panel  
and Resources fair - in collaborations with SBA,  
MOIA, Mattapan Main Streets, & Innovation  
Studio!*

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**Tuesday, June 28th**  
**5:30 - 7:30 p.m**

**Location:**  
**Mattapan Public Library**  
**1350 Blue Hill Avenue**

# Summer Heat Prevention Workshop with MGH

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Join CREW and MGH for a workshop on how to prepare for heat waves in your community! Free food, cooling kits, and a raffle ticket for a free air conditioner are available to all who attend.

**Friday, July 14**

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center &  
Wildlife Sanctuary

500 Walk Hill Street, Boston 02131

[climatecrew.org/mgh\\_audubon](https://climatecrew.org/mgh_audubon)



# Mattapan Square Main Streets is hosting a Health & Wellness Day

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- Mattapan Square Business District
- Friday, June 24
- Noon - 5 p.m.

The poster is yellow with a dark red horizontal band. It features decorative gear icons in the corners and two circular stamps: 'Look Fun!' in the top right and 'Shop & Win Prizes' in the bottom left. The text is centered and reads: 'MATTAPAN SQUARE MAIN STREETS STROLL OF THE DISTRICT Health & Wellness Day! FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 12PM-5PM'. The dark red band contains the text: 'Join us as we celebrate the district & learn health habits about the resources in the community'. Below this, the activities are listed: '\*STROLL THE MATTAPAN SQUARE BUSINESS DISTRICT \*MAKE A PURCHASE OR RECEIVE A SERVICE \*COLLECT YOUR STAMPS \*VISIT THE MSMS TENT TO RECEIVE YOUR PRIZE'. At the bottom is the Mattapan Square main streets logo.

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**Mattapan Square**  
main streets



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- Visit website: [boston.gov/arts](https://boston.gov/arts)
- Visit social media @ArtsinBoston
- Email: [bac@boston.gov](mailto:bac@boston.gov)

### Cummins Highway Reconstruction

- Visit the project website: [boston.gov/cummins-highway](https://boston.gov/cummins-highway)
- Chat with us: [bit.ly/Cummins-15](https://bit.ly/Cummins-15)
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# The end







