



Bluebikes Expansion

*Open House at the Jackson Mann
February 25, 2025*

Today's Open House

1. Provide information about the need for expansion.
2. Share potential sites we have identified.
3. Ask for input on which sites would be best for the neighborhood.



Bike share today

- ▶ 530+ stations (290 in Boston)
- ▶ 4700 bikes (3000 in Boston), including ~750 ebikes
- ▶ Publicly owned, operating in 13 municipalities
 - Lyft = operator
 - BCBS of MA = title sponsor
 - Municipalities = owners



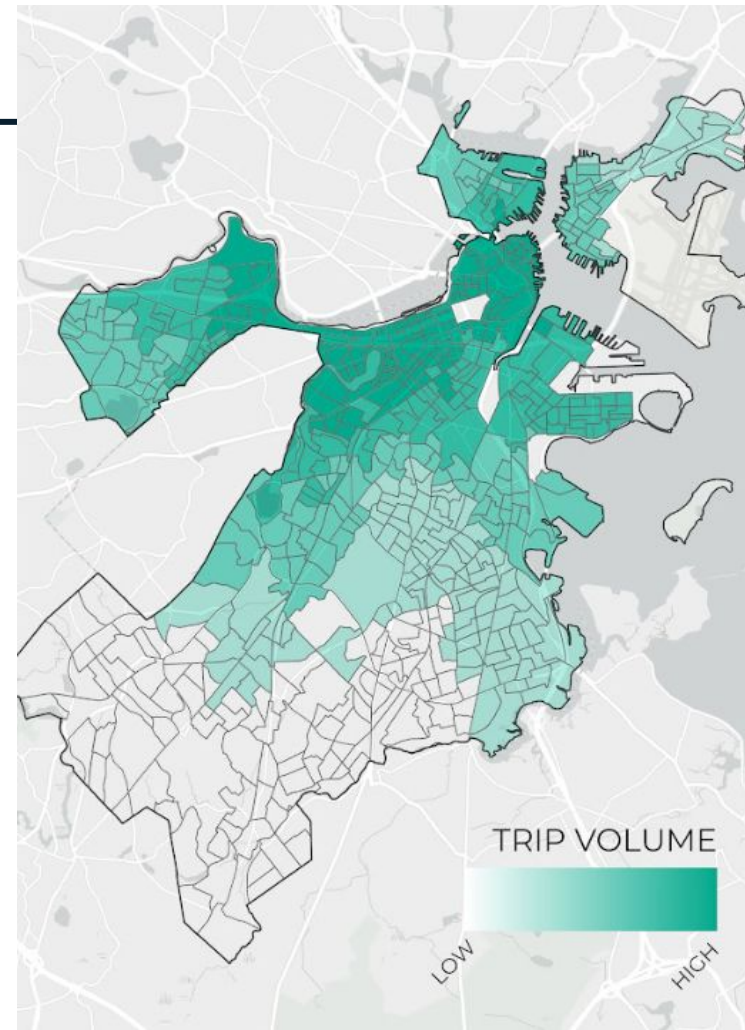
Boston residents ride for less with the Boston Bikes Pass



- ▶ Long-time income-eligible pass options:
 - \$50/year or \$5/month
- ▶ New discounts for Boston residents launched in October 2023
 - **\$5/year for income-eligible residents**
 - **\$60/year for new members** (have not had an annual membership in the last three years)

Millions of trips taken

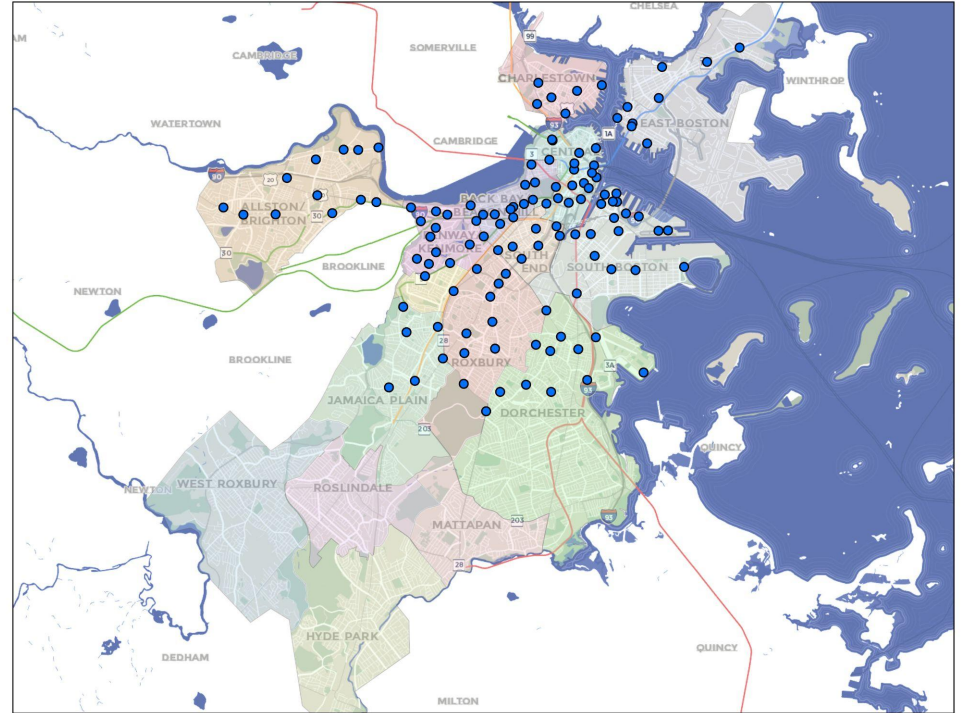
- ▶ Over **2.6 million trips** were taken on Bluebikes *just in Boston* in 2024 (and over 4.7 million systemwide). This number increases each year as we expand our system.
- ▶ **Over a quarter (27.4%)** of those trips started in Allston, Brighton, Fenway/Kenmore, or Mission Hill.



In Boston, bike share is (almost) everywhere!

- ▶ Go Boston 2030 goal: Every household within 10-minute walk of bike share.

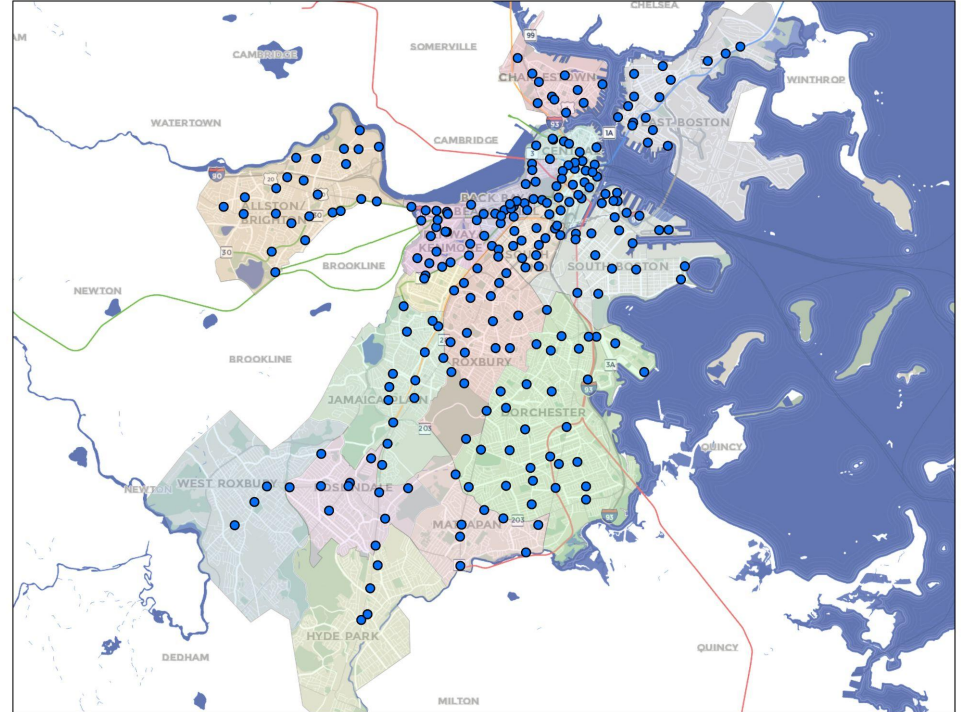
BOSTON BLUEBIKES STATIONS IN 2017



In Boston, bike share is (almost) everywhere!

- ▶ Today Bluebikes is in every neighborhood.
- ▶ ~89% of households are within a 10-minute walk.

BOSTON BLUEBIKES STATIONS TODAY



Expanding the system

100 new stations installed by Summer 2025 (~40% increase in Boston)

Infill Stations

Enhancing Service in High Demand Areas

Serving Latent Demand

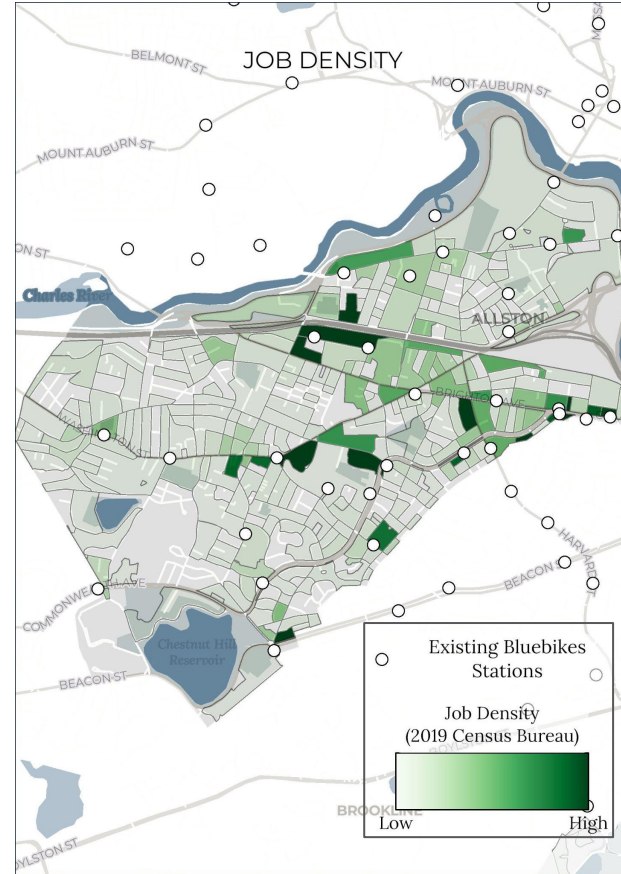
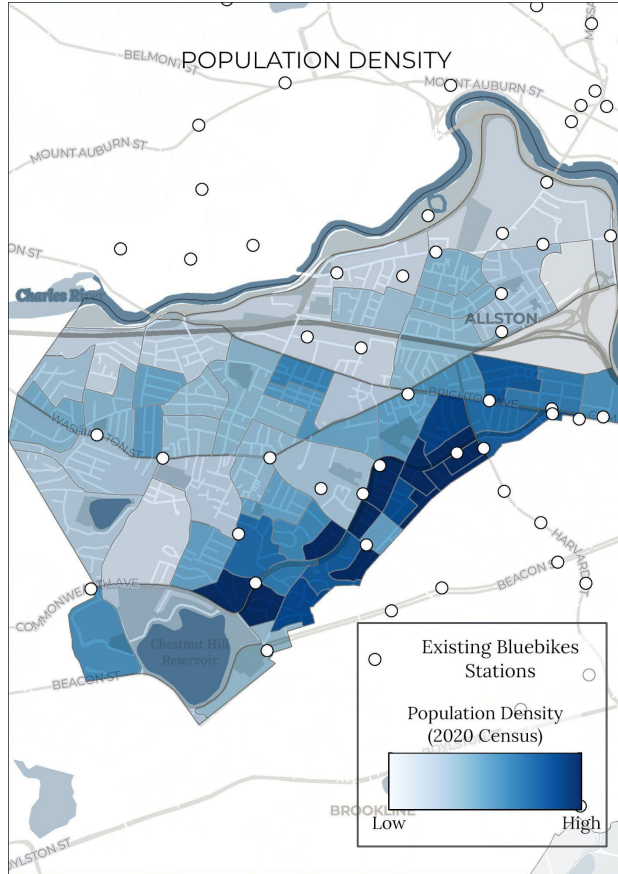
Filling Gaps in the Network

Expansion Stations

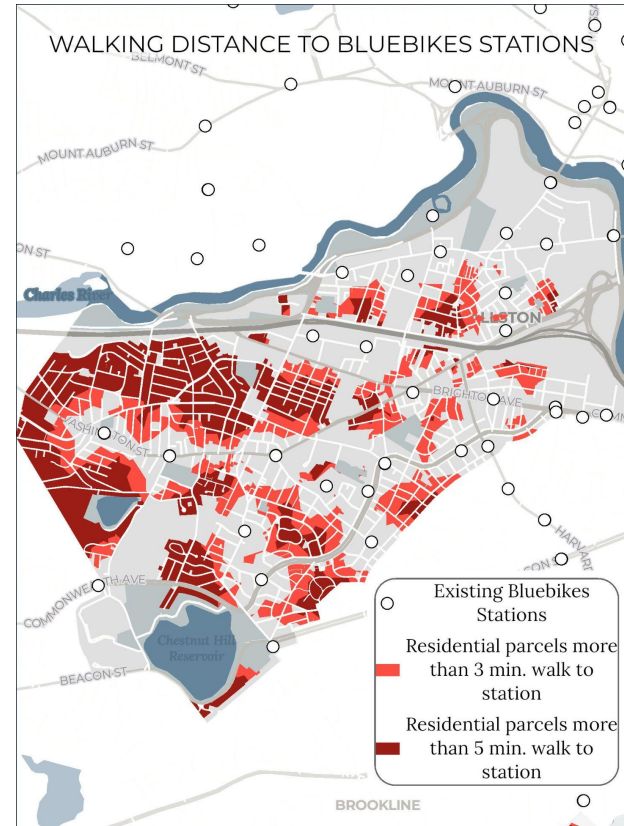
Increasing Access to the Network

Strengthening Edges of Current Network

Analyzing the need in Allston-Brighton

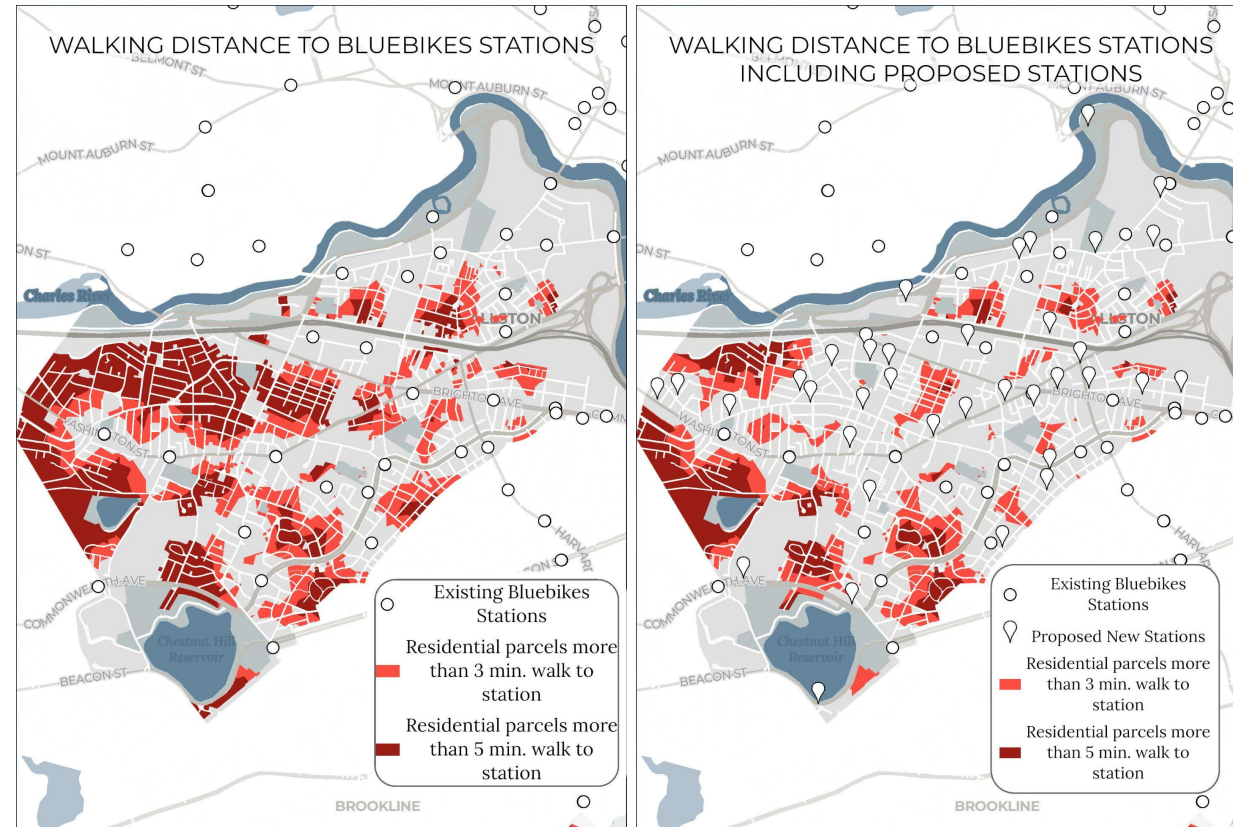


Analyzing the need in Allston-Brighton



- ▶ In areas with the most jobs and population density, our goal is to have bike share within a 3 minute walk
- ▶ Areas in light red are 3-5 minutes walk from a station. Dark red is over 5 minutes walk from a station.

Analyzing the need in Allston-Brighton



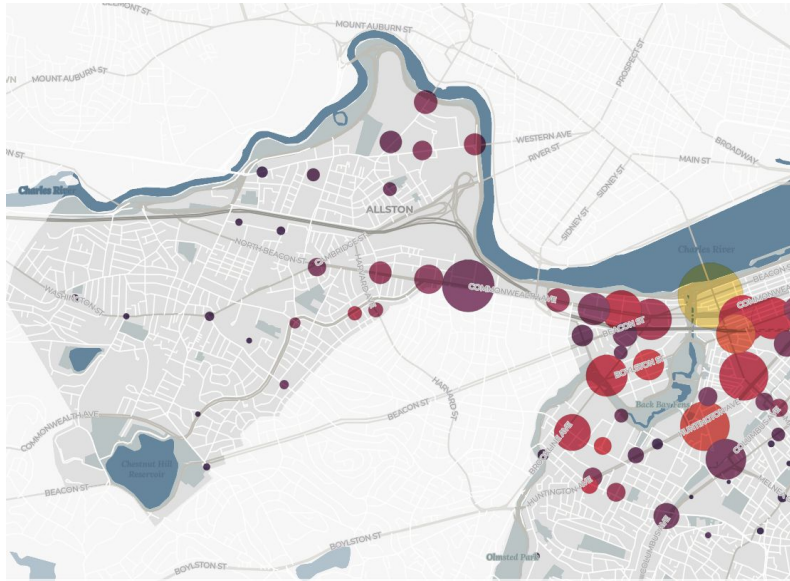
The second map shows how walking distance would improve with the proposed stations. (Note, we won't install all of the proposed new stations!)

Analyzing the need



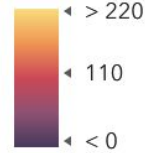
- ▶ “Lost trips” is an estimate of how many trips didn’t occur because there are no bikes available at the station
- ▶ We use the amount of time each station was empty in a month combined with the number of trips that typically start at that station

Analyzing the need

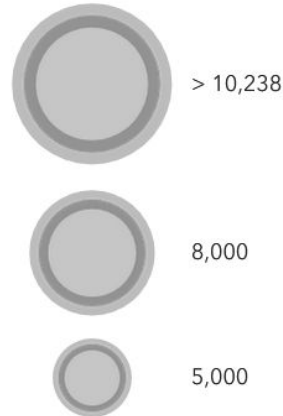


Bluebikes Station Data - Sept.
2023

Lost trips + Lost returns



total_trips



- ▶ Some parts of Allston, Fenway, and Mission Hill experience high numbers of lost trips.

Trips Starting or Ending in Allston

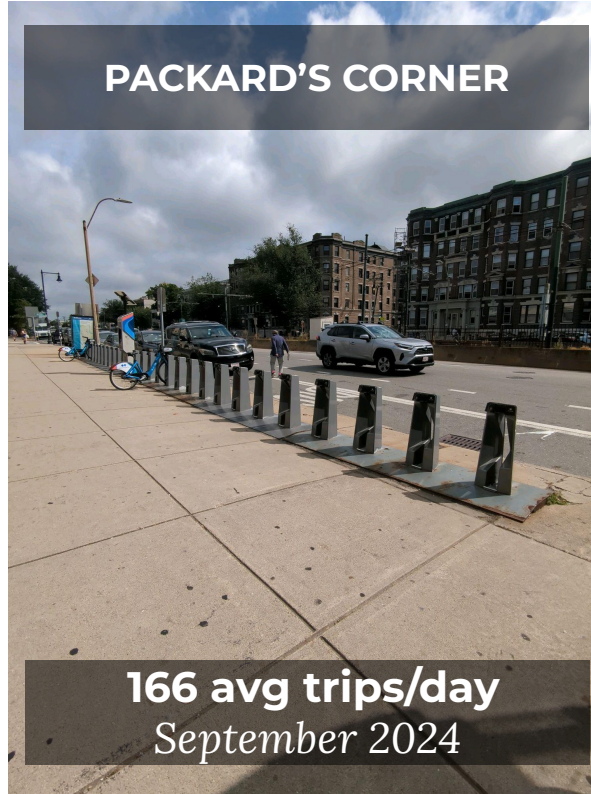
**COMMONWEALTH AVE
AT AGGANIS WAY**



366 avg trips/day
September 2024

7th most popular station in Boston in 2024

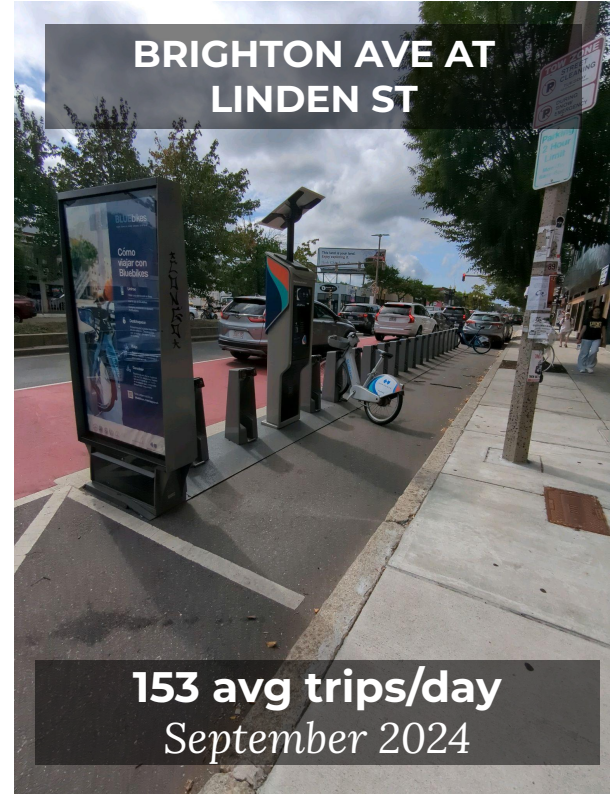
PACKARD'S CORNER



166 avg trips/day
September 2024

33rd most popular station in Boston in 2024

**BRIGHTON AVE AT
LINDEN ST**



153 avg trips/day
September 2024

69th most popular station in Boston in 2024

Trips Starting or Ending in Allston

STATION	AVERAGE TRIPS/DAY SEPT 2024
Commonwealth Ave at Agganis Way	366
Packard's Corner - Commonwealth Ave at Brighton Ave	166
Brighton Ave at Linden St	153
Harvard Stadium: N. Harvard St at Soldiers Field Rd	140
175 N Harvard St	140
Soldiers Field Park - 111 Western Ave	132
Union Square - Brighton Ave at Cambridge St	118
Innovation Lab - 125 Western Ave at Batten Way	113
Commonwealth Ave at Griggs St	110
Harvard Ave at Brainerd Rd	105
Commonwealth Ave at Kelton St	82
Honan Library	78
Commonwealth Ave at Naples Rd	76
Lincoln St at Empire St	68

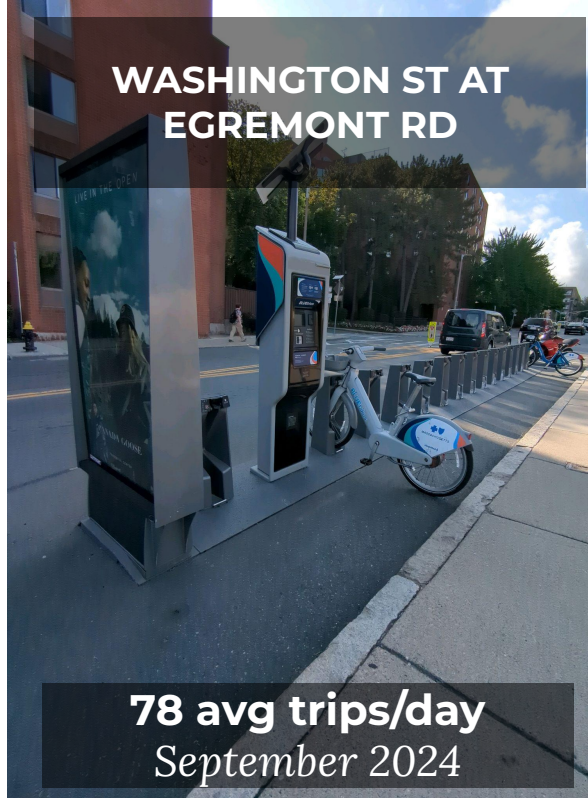
Trips Starting/Ending in Brighton

**BRIGHTON MILLS - 370
WESTERN AVE**



81 avg trips/day
September 2024

**WASHINGTON ST AT
EGREMONT RD**



78 avg trips/day
September 2024

**BRIGHTON CENTER -
WASHINGTON ST AT
CAMBRIDGE ST**



73 avg trips/day
September 2024

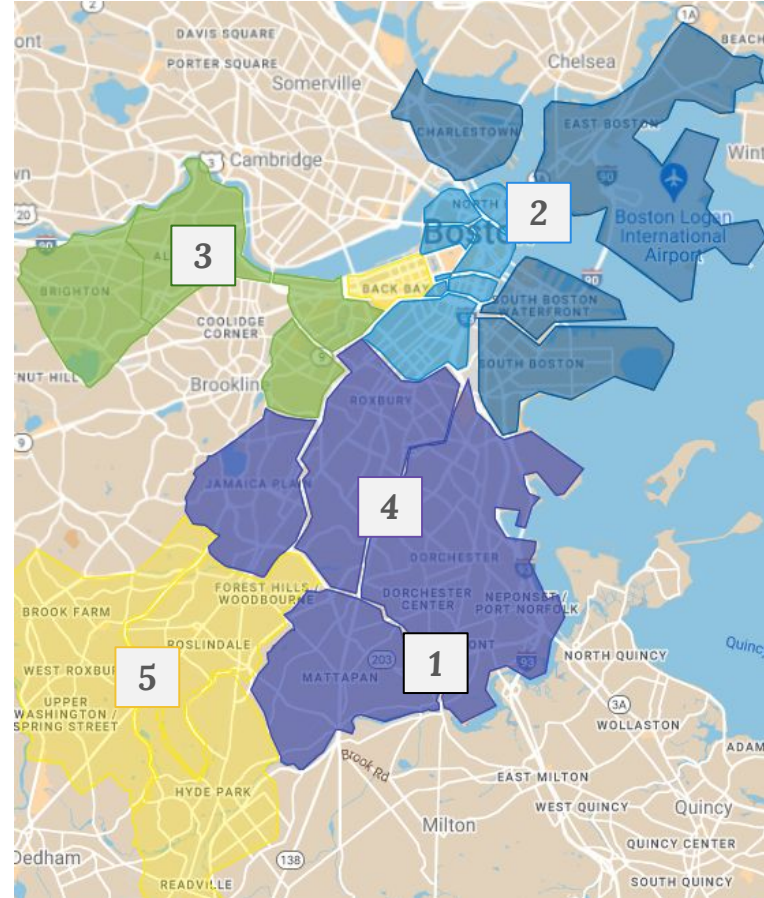
Trips Starting or Ending in Brighton

STATION	AVERAGE TRIPS/DAY SEPT 2024
Brighton Mills - 370 Western Ave	81
Brighton Center - Washington St at Cambridge St	78
Washington St at Egremont Rd	73
Boston Landing	69
New Balance - 20 Guest St	54
Oak Square - 615 Washington St	53
Cleveland Circle	52
The Overlook at St. Gabriel's	43
Commonwealth Ave at Chiswick Rd	42
Western Ave at Richardson St	42
Washington St at Brock St	40
Chestnut Hill Ave at Ledgemere Rd	34

We're growing in phases

We are adding new stations in phases.

- ▶ In **Phase 1**, we added 8 new stations in Mattapan and Dorchester in 2023 to support the Red Line shutdown.
- ▶ In **Phase 2**, we added 18 new stations, with 25 more in progress.
- ▶ In **Phase 3-5**, we aim to add 50 new stations (Apr - Dec 2025)



Phase 3

Phase 3: Allston, Brighton, Fenway/Kenmore, Mission Hill

- ▶ Feb - Mar 2025 | Community engagement
- ▶ April 2025 | Installation begins
 - Allston: 6-9 new stations
 - Brighton: 6-12 new stations
 - Fenway/Kenmore: 6-12 new stations
 - Mission Hill: up to 4 new stations



Community engagement for this phase

- ▶ 3 Open Houses
 - February 25, Jackson Mann (tonight!)
 - March 4, Fenway Community Center
 - March 6, virtual
(tinyurl.com/expansion-march)
- ▶ Online Surveys
 - We've posted flyers in the neighborhood and signs at each site directing people to the surveys.



What's next for us?

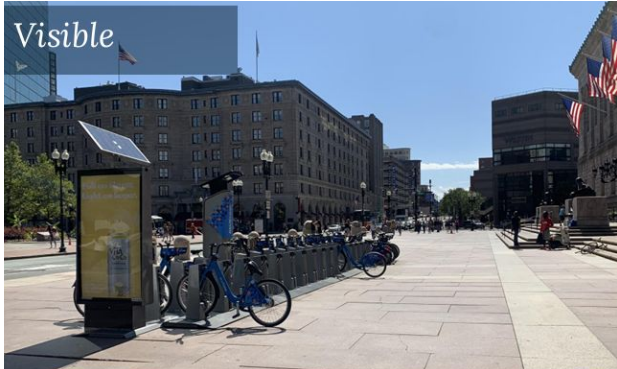
- ▶ Consider all comments from Open Houses, surveys, and email
- ▶ Narrow down our list of sites
- ▶ Finalize locations and get permits

What we've heard so far

- ▶ Over 100 responses on the Allston/Brighton surveys in 12 days since published - nearly all respondents live in 02134 or 02135
- ▶ Existing stations are often empty or full
 - *“Yes!! the station around the corner is always full. having more capacity to return bikes at empty docs near the b line would be so helpful”*
- ▶ Some parts of the neighborhood do not have access to Bluebikes
 - *“Either this or option 11 really should get built. There are not enough options to bike to and from this part of Allston Village”*
- ▶ Opposition from some to removing vehicle parking spaces
 - *“Parking in the neighborhood is bad enough, more construction going on and now you want to take spaces for bikes.”*

Station siting requirements

Good locations are...



Off-Street: Sidewalks, Plazas



In-Street: Parking Lanes

A station with parking for 15 bikes takes the same space as two cars



Private Property



Other Agencies and Departments

MBTA and DCR will sometimes host our stations
Agencies/departments must agree and sign legal documents



Review potential sites

Open House

- ▶ Sites are arranged by neighborhood.
- ▶ Visit each table to review and give comments.
- ▶ Staff are available to answer questions

Survey(s)

- ▶ You can share comments by survey through the end of March. Spread the word!

boston.gov/bike-share-survey

Review sites and share your thoughts

- ▶ *Where do you travel to/from in this neighborhood?*
- ▶ *What do you like/dislike about the site?*
- ▶ *What do you know about the site that we might not know?*

Ideas? Questions? Comments?

- ▶ boston.gov/bike-share-expansion
- ▶ bikeshare@boston.gov