



Bluebikes Expansion

*Open House at the Marshall Community Center
October 1, 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

- ▶ 580+ stations (335+ in Boston)
- ▶ 5600 bikes (3200 in Boston), including ~750 ebikes
 - *Note: the electric assist on ebikes shuts off at 18 mph*
- ▶ Publicly owned, operating in 13 municipalities
 - Lyft = operator
 - BCBS of MA = title sponsor
 - Municipalities = owners



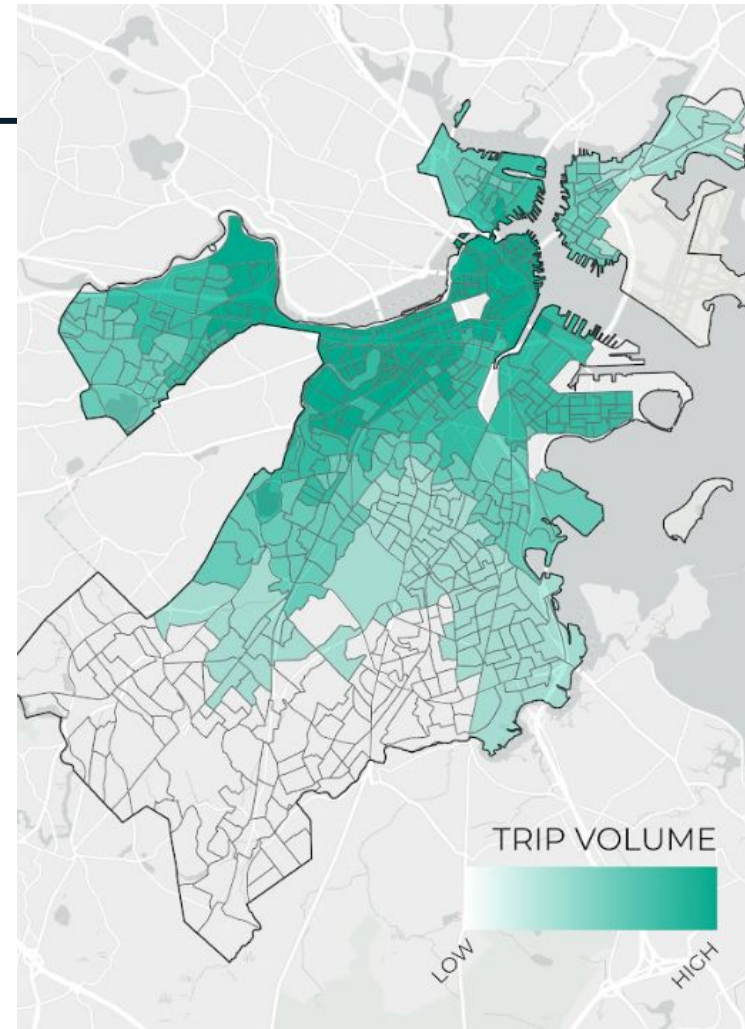
Boston residents ride for less with the Boston Bikes Pass



- ▶ Long-time income-eligible pass options:
 - \$50/year or \$5/month
- ▶ Discounts for Boston residents
 - \$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

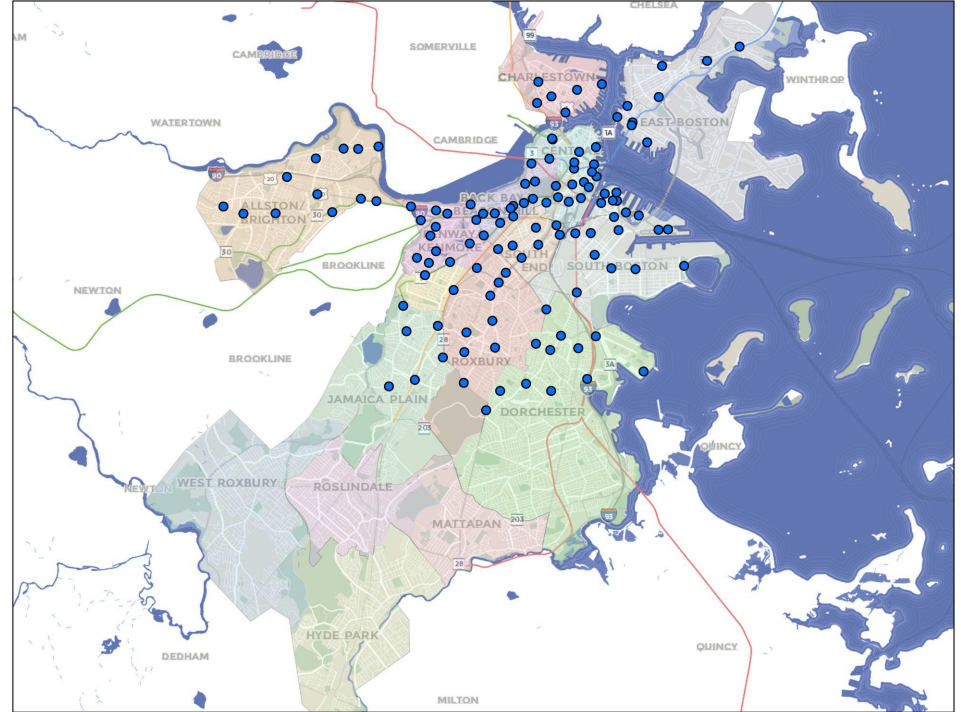
- ▶ Over **2.6 million trips** were taken on Bluebikes *just in Boston* in 2024 (and over 4.7 million systemwide). This number increases each year as we expand our system.
- ▶ **11%** of those trips started in Dorchester, JP, Mattapan, or Roxbury.



In Boston, bike share is (almost) everywhere!

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

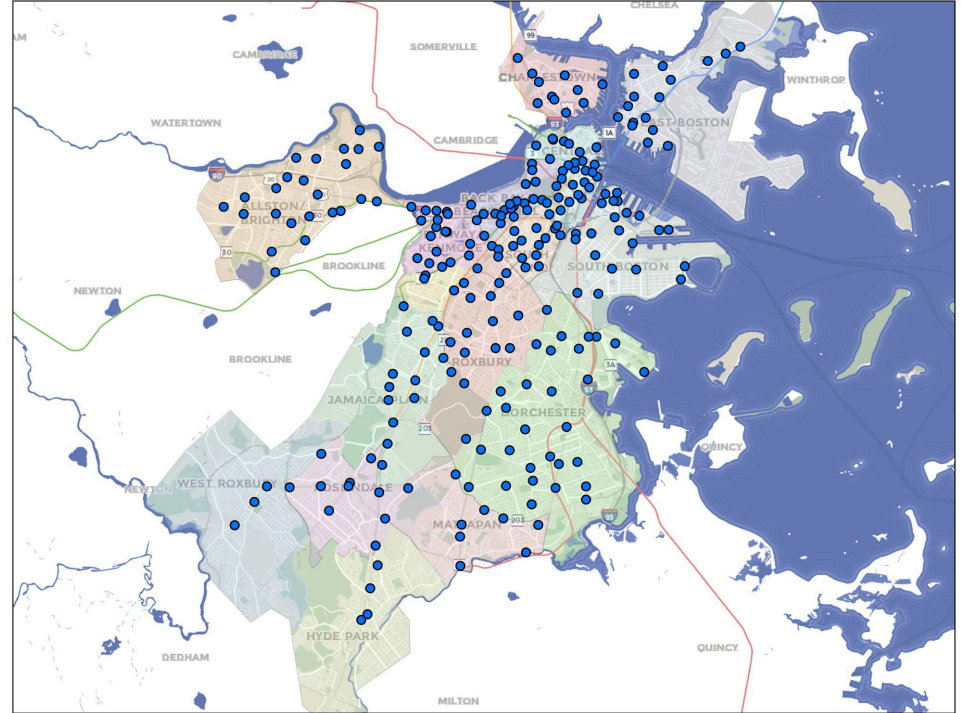
BOSTON BLUEBIKES STATIONS IN 2017



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 (~40% increase in Boston)

Infill Stations

Enhancing Service in High Demand Areas

Serving Latent Demand

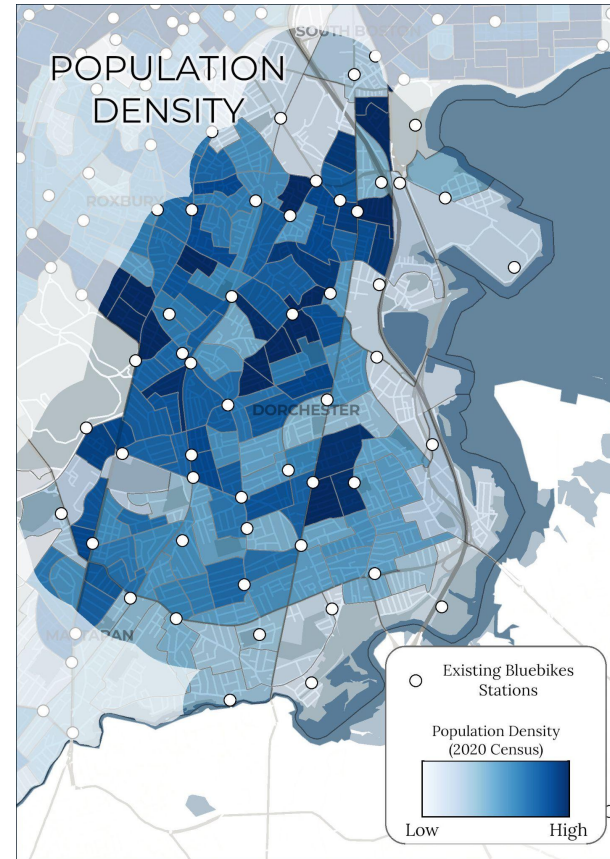
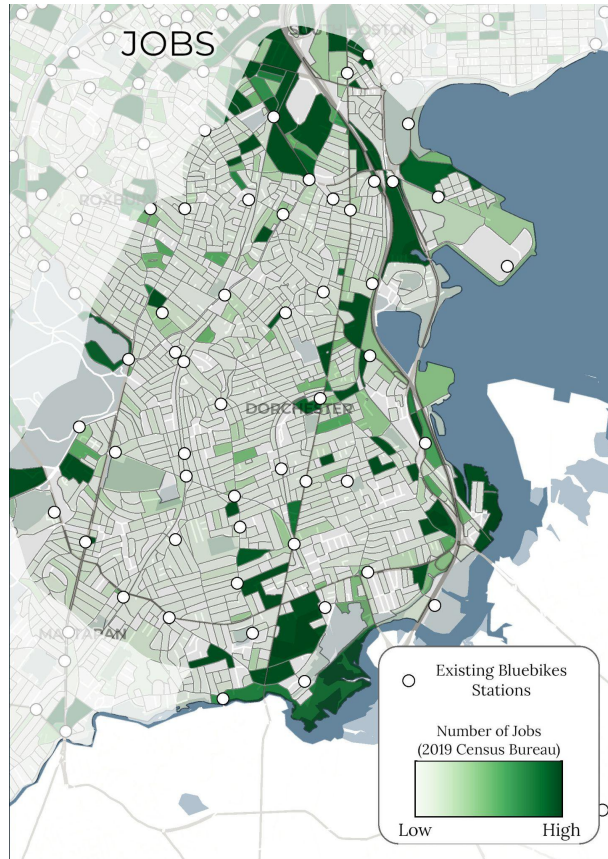
Filling Gaps in the Network

Expansion Stations

Increasing Access to the Network

Strengthening Edges of Current Network

Analyzing the need: Population and job density

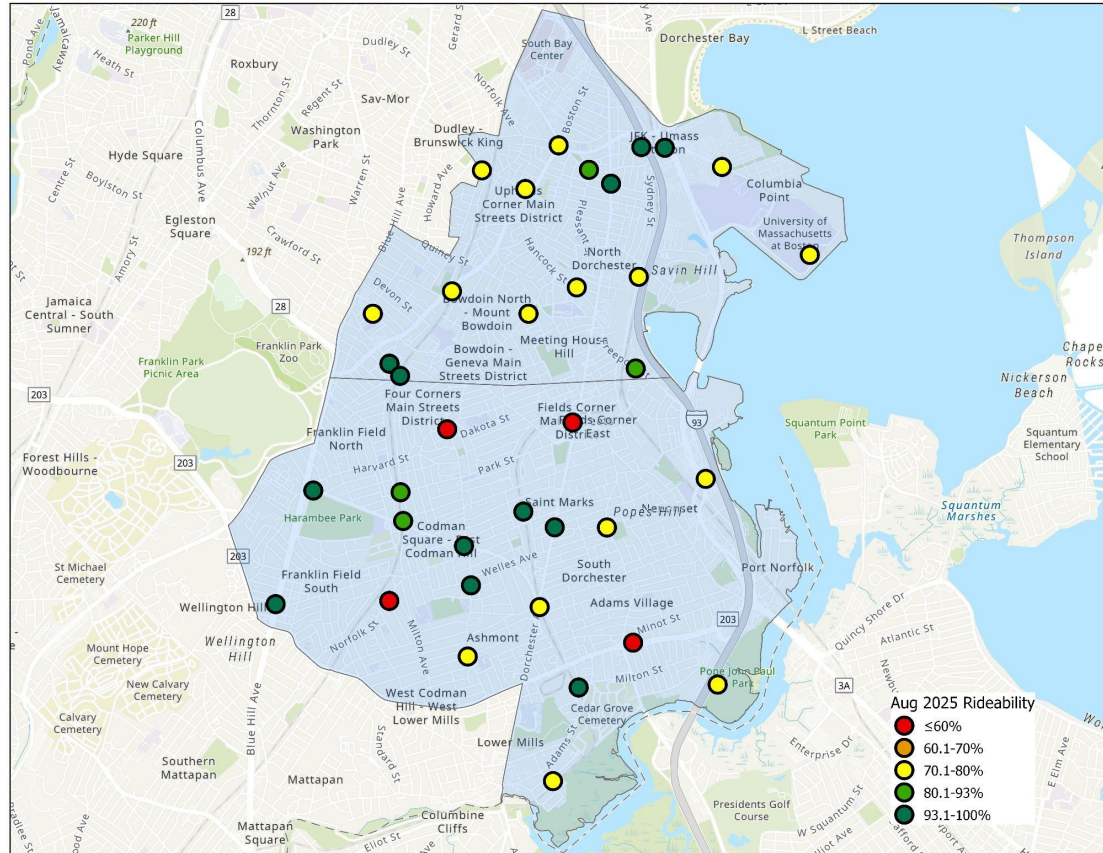


Analyzing the need: Rideability



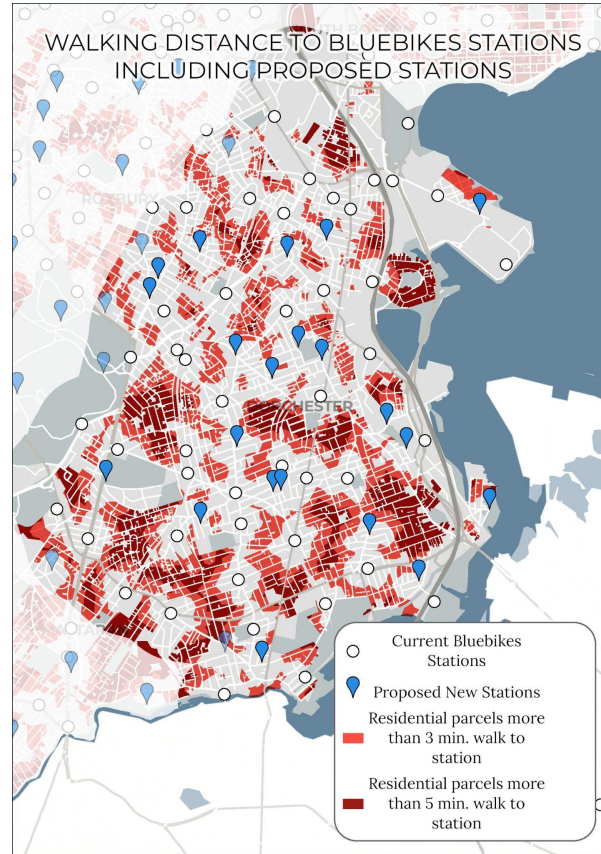
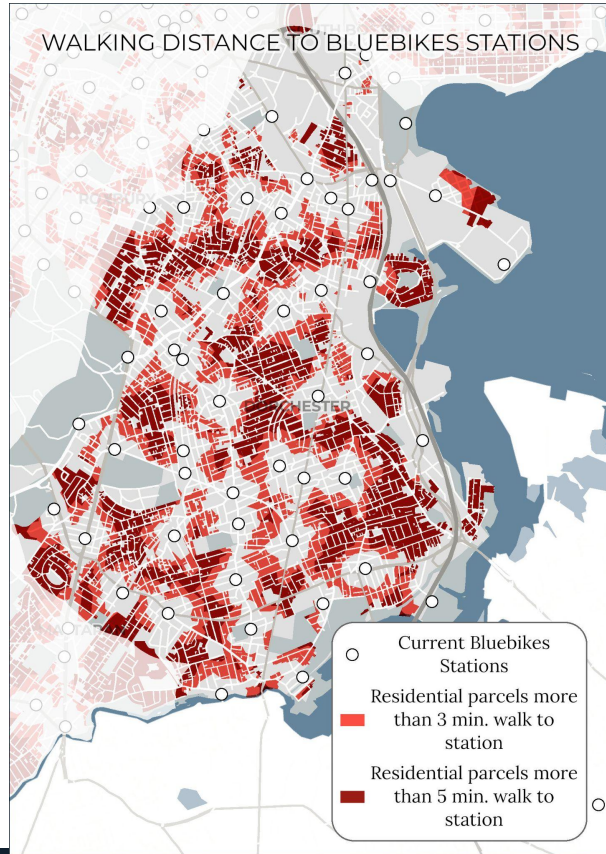
- ▶ “Rideability” is an metric of the availability of bikes and docks.
- ▶ Our operator is required to keep the system rideable 93% of the time, averaged across all stations in Boston each month.

Analyzing the need: Rideability



- ▶ In August, 2/3 of stations in Dorchester were below the Citywide standard for rideability (93%)
- ▶ Four stations were rideable less than 60% of the time

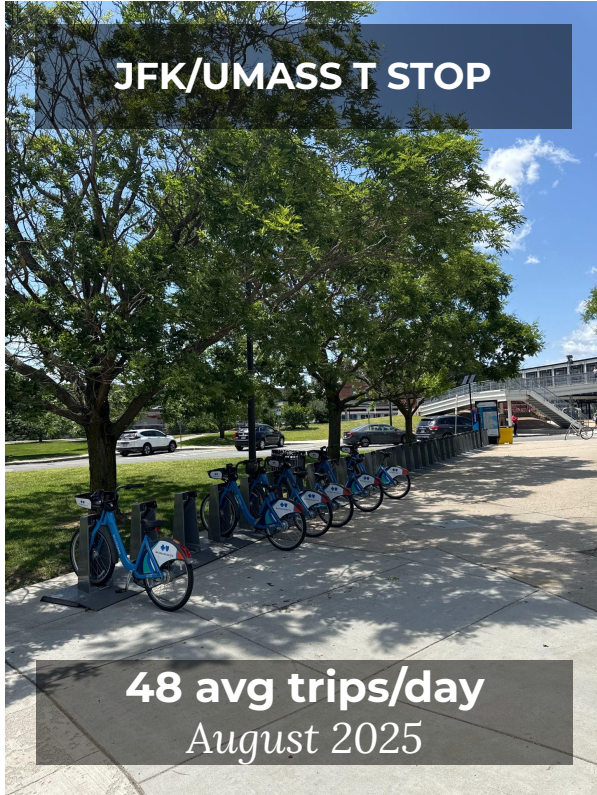
Analyzing the need: Walking distance



An increase in station density will expand access and improve reliability at existing stations.
(Note, we won't install all of the proposed new stations!)

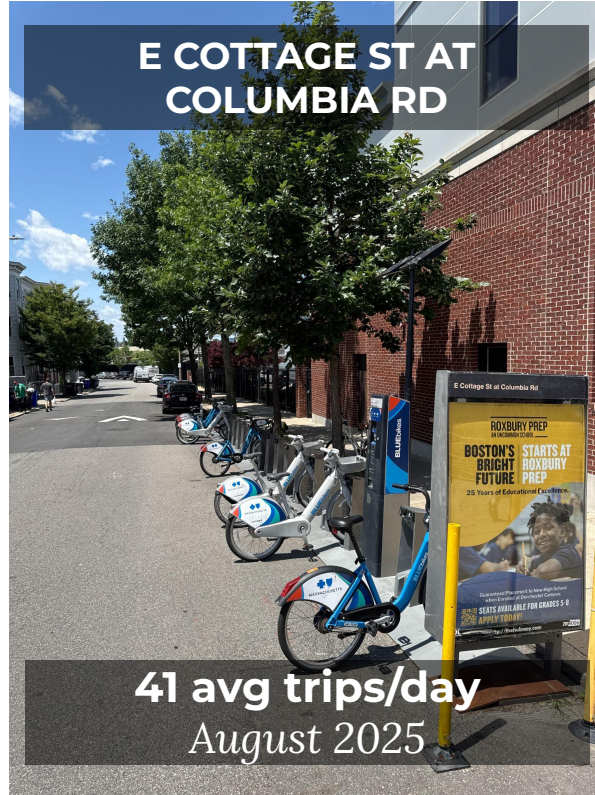
Trips Starting or Ending in N. Dorchester

JFK/UMASS T STOP



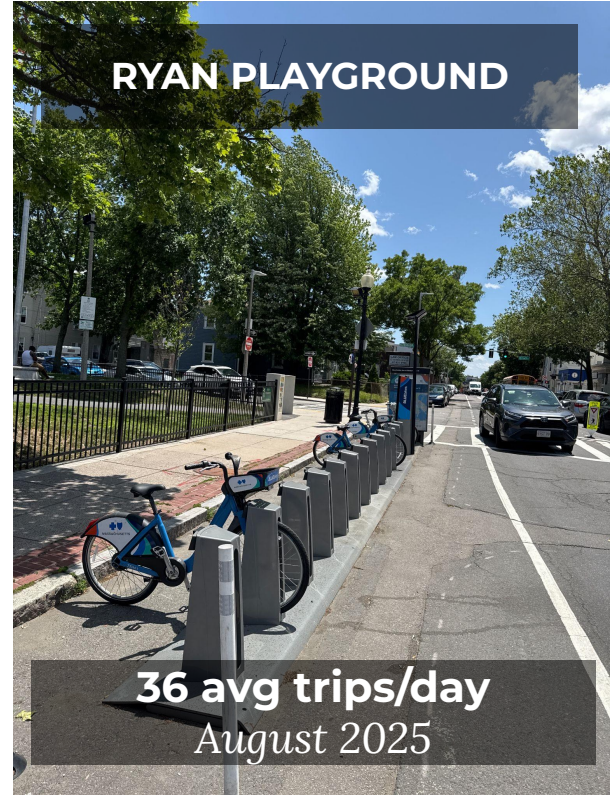
48 avg trips/day
August 2025

E COTTAGE ST AT
COLUMBIA RD



41 avg trips/day
August 2025

RYAN PLAYGROUND



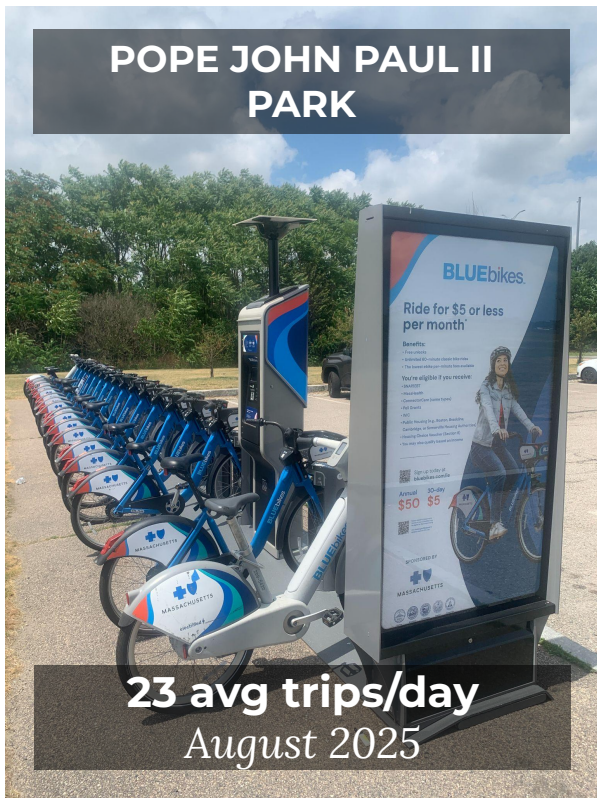
36 avg trips/day
August 2025

Trips Starting or Ending in N. Dorchester

STATION	AVERAGE TRIPS/DAY AUG 2025
JFK/UMass T Stop	48
E Cottage St at Columbia Rd	41
Ryan Playground - Dorchester Ave at Harbor View St	36
Geiger Gibson Community Health Center	31
Bowdoin St at Quincy St	25
University of Massachusetts Boston - Campus Center	24
Sydney St at Carson St	22
Uphams Corner	22
Hancock St at Pleasant St	22
Savin Hill T Stop - S Sydney St at Bay St	21
Meaney Playground - Pleasant St at E Cottage St	19
Uphams Corner T Stop - Magnolia St at Dudley St	18
Columbia Rd at Ceylon St	14
Grove Hall Library - 41 Geneva Ave	10
Beach St at Freeport St	7
Four Corners/Geneva T Stop	6
Dorchester Ave at Savin Hill Ave	5
Four Corners - 157 Washington St	4

Trips Starting or Ending in S. Dorchester

POPE JOHN PAUL II PARK



FIELDS CORNER T STOP



ASHMONT T STOP



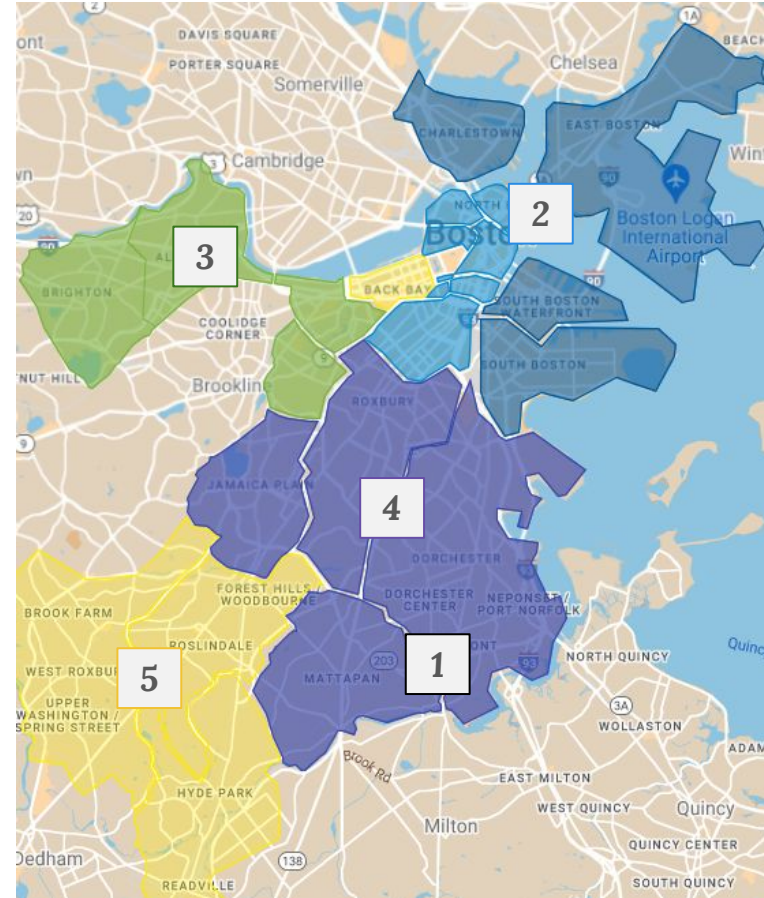
Trips Starting or Ending in S. Dorchester

STATION	AVERAGE TRIPS/DAY AUG 2025
Pope John Paul II Park - Neponset Trail at Hallet St	23
Fields Corner T Stop	20
Ashmont T Stop	19
780 Morrissey Blvd	19
Shawmut T Stop	15
Dorchester Ave at King St	13
Talbot Ave At Blue Hill Ave	11
Washington St at Talbot Ave	10
Codman Square Library	9
Butler T Stop	9
Adams St at Mallet St.	8
Gallivan Blvd at Adams St	8
Thetford Ave at Norfolk St	8
Blue Hill Ave at Havelock St	7
Washington St at Bowdoin St	6
Talbot Ave T Station	4
Washington St at Fuller St	4
Park St at Norwell St	3
Cedar Grove T Stop	2

We're growing in phases

We are adding new stations in phases.

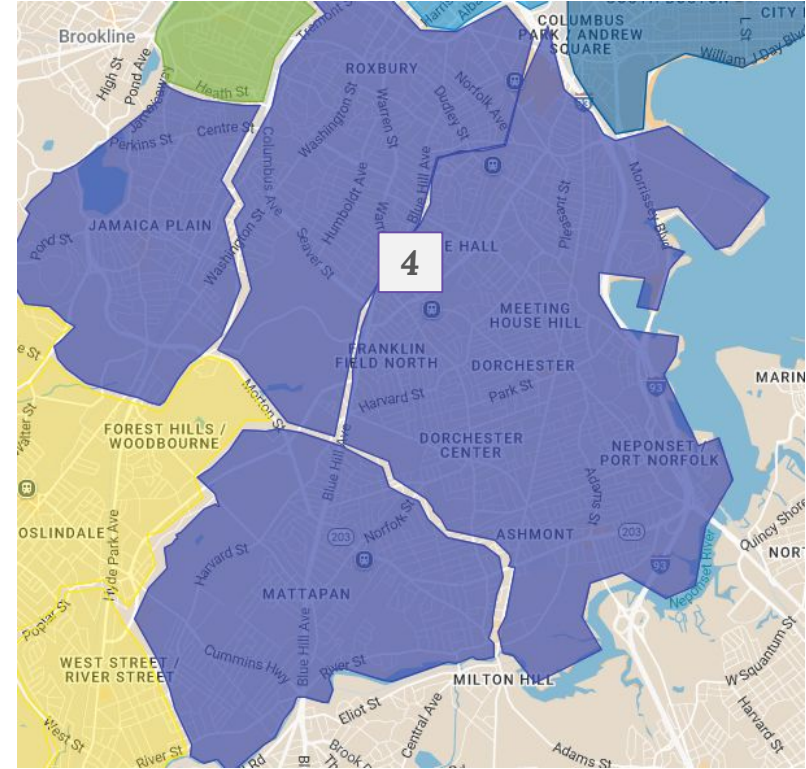
- ▶ In **Phase 1**, we added 8 new stations in Mattapan and Dorchester in 2023 to support the Red Line shutdown.
- ▶ In **Phase 2-3**, we added 55 new stations.
- ▶ In **Phase 4**, we aim to add 20 new stations.
- ▶ In **Phase 5**, we aim to add up to 20 new stations.



Phase 4

Dorchester, JP, Mattapan, Roxbury

- ▶ Sep - Oct 2025 | Community engagement
- ▶ Jan 2026 | Installation begins
 - Dorchester: 2-4 new stations
 - Jamaica Plain: 2-4 new stations
 - Mattapan: 2-5 new stations
 - Roxbury: 3-7 new stations



Community engagement for this phase

- ▶ 4 Open Houses
 - October 1, Marshall Community Center (tonight!)
 - October 8, Egleston Square Library
 - October 28, Mattapan Library
 - October 30, virtual (tinyurl.com/expansion-oct)
- ▶ Online Surveys (boston.gov/bike-share-survey)
 - We've posted flyers in the neighborhood and signs at each site directing people to the surveys.

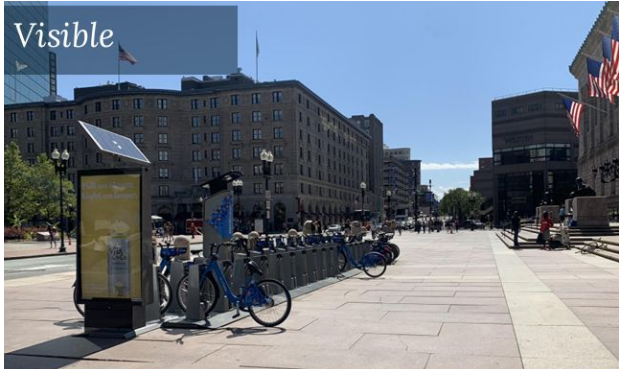


What's next for us?

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

Station siting requirements

Good locations are...



Off-Street: Sidewalks, Plazas

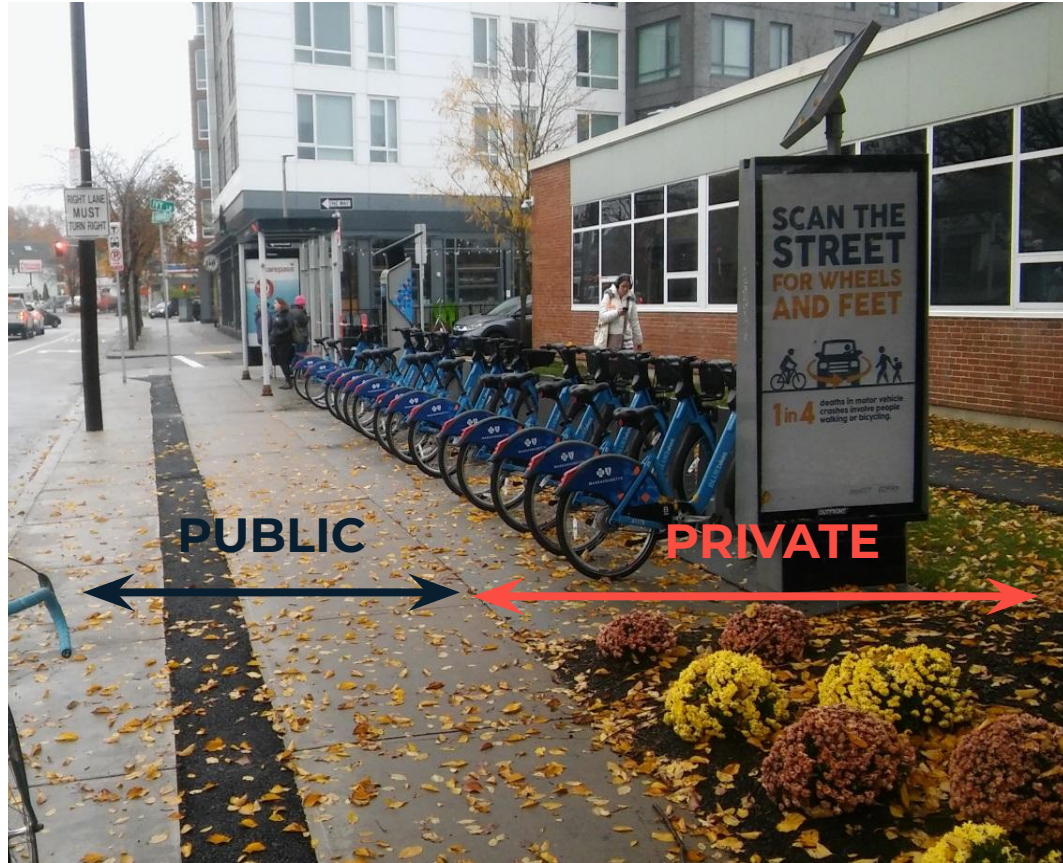


In-Street: Parking Lanes

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 October. 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