



# Bluebikes Expansion

*Open House at the Mattapan Library  
October 28, 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

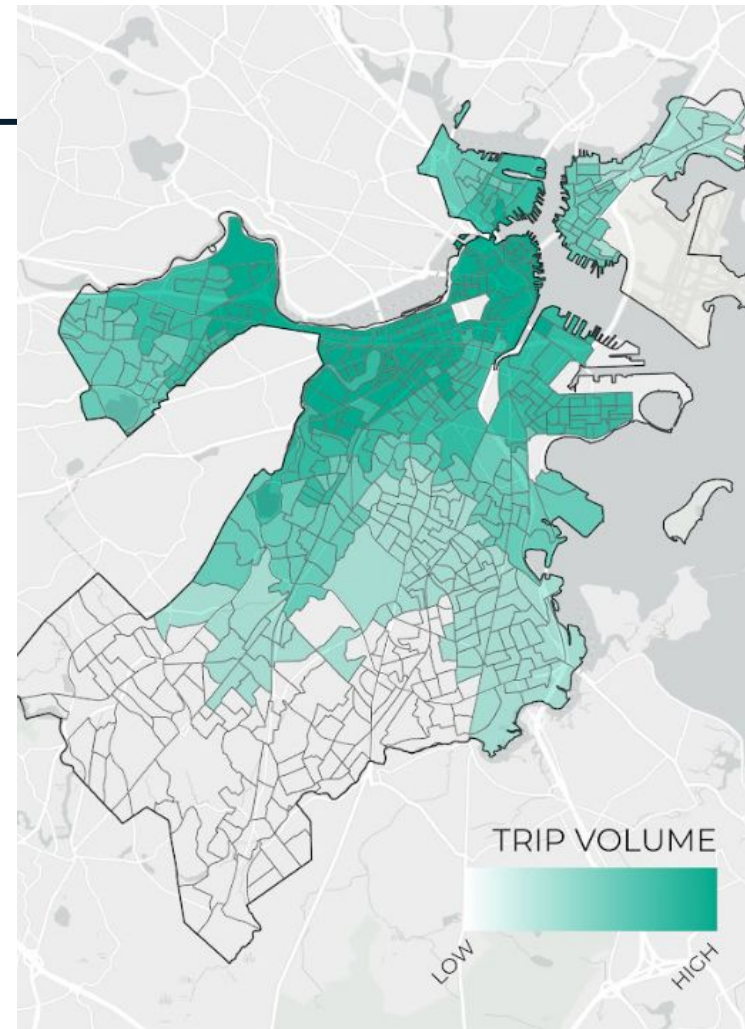


- ▶ Long-time income-eligible pass options:
  - \$50/year or \$5/month
- ▶ Discounts for Boston residents
  - \$5/year for income-eligible residents
  - \$60/year for new members (have not had an annual membership in the last three years)



# Millions of trips taken

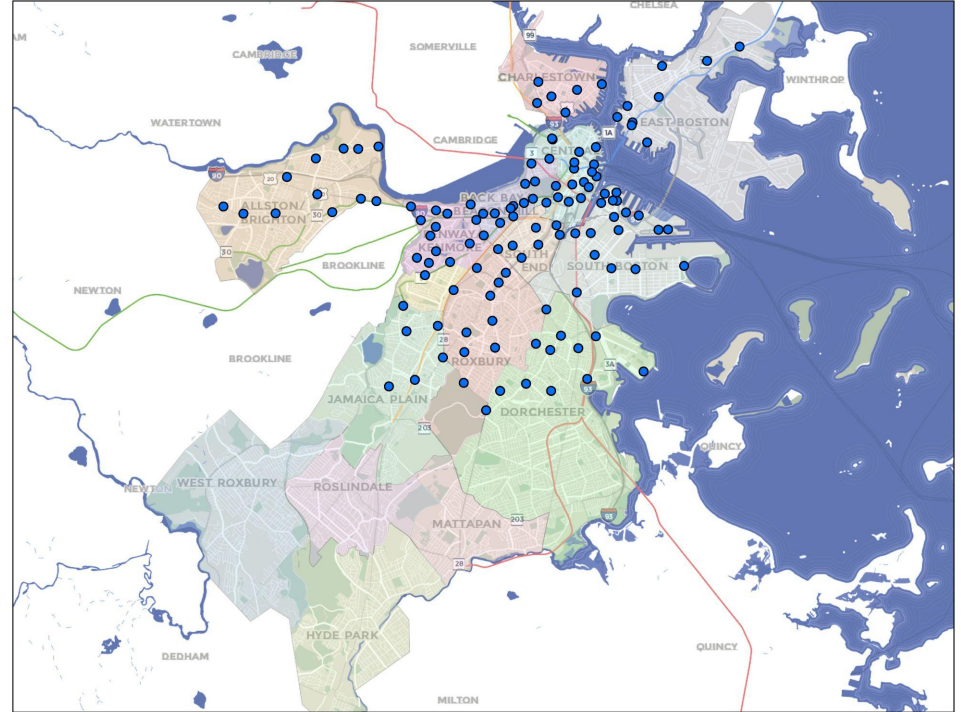
- ▶ Over **2.6 million trips** were taken on Bluebikes *just in Boston* in 2024 (and over 4.7 million systemwide). This number increases each year as we expand our system.
- ▶ **11%** of those trips started in Dorchester, JP, Mattapan, or Roxbury.



# In Boston, bike share is (almost) everywhere!

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

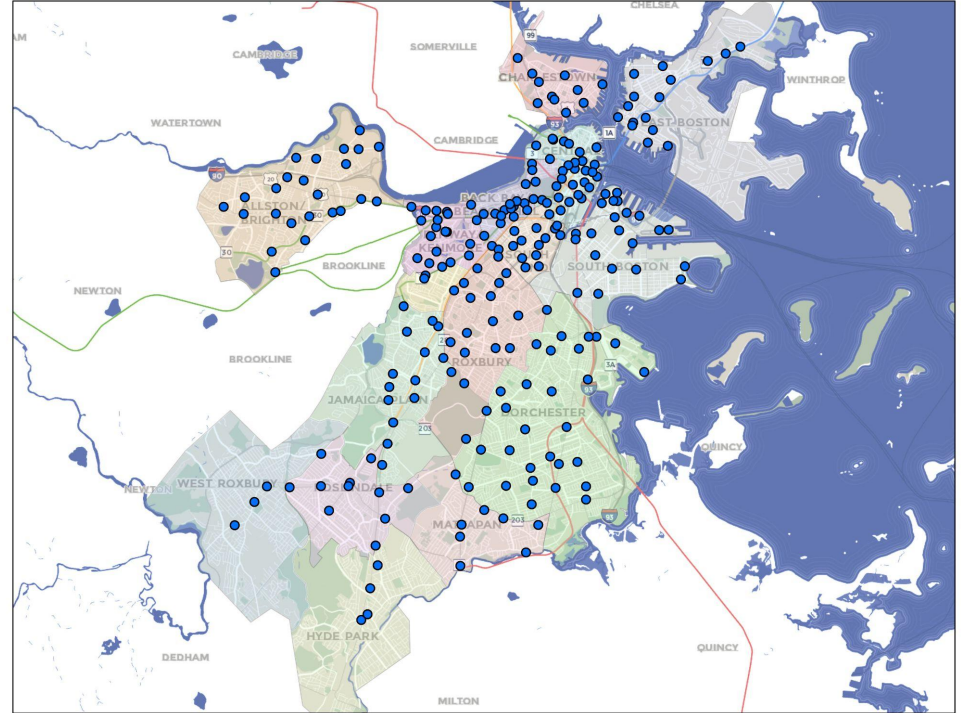
**BOSTON BLUEBIKES STATIONS IN 2017**



# 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



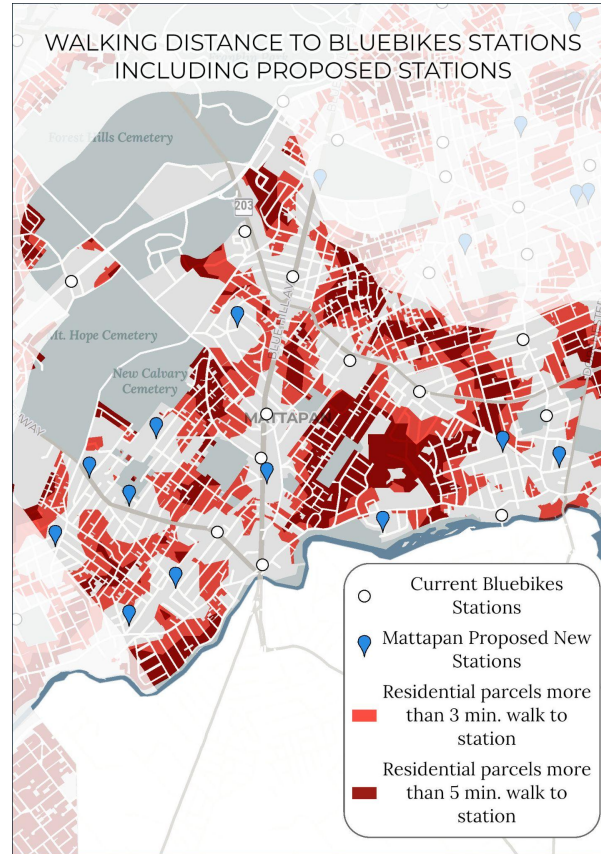
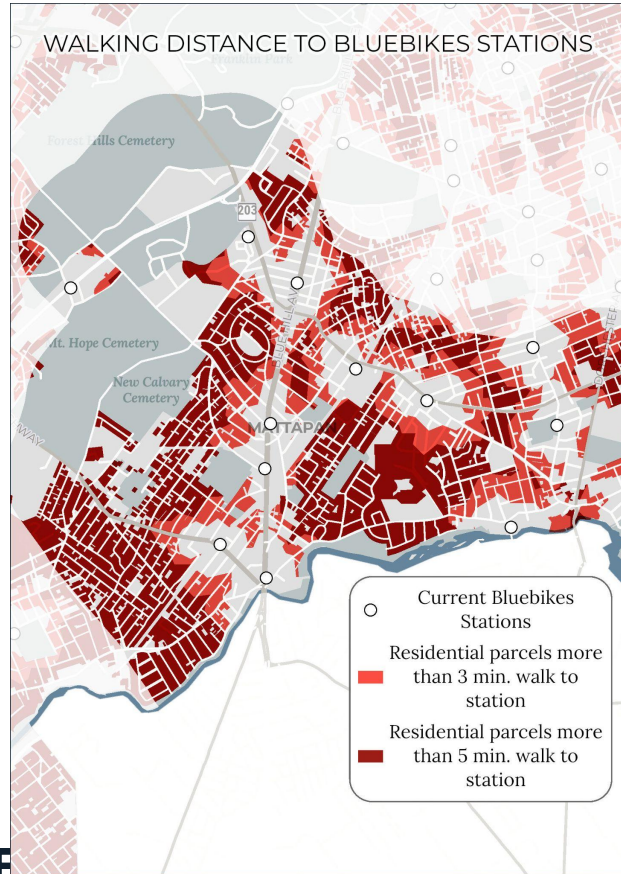
- ▶ “Rideability” is an metric of the availability of bikes and docks.
- ▶ Our operator is required to keep the system rideable 93% of the time, averaged across all stations in Boston each month.





- ▶ 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

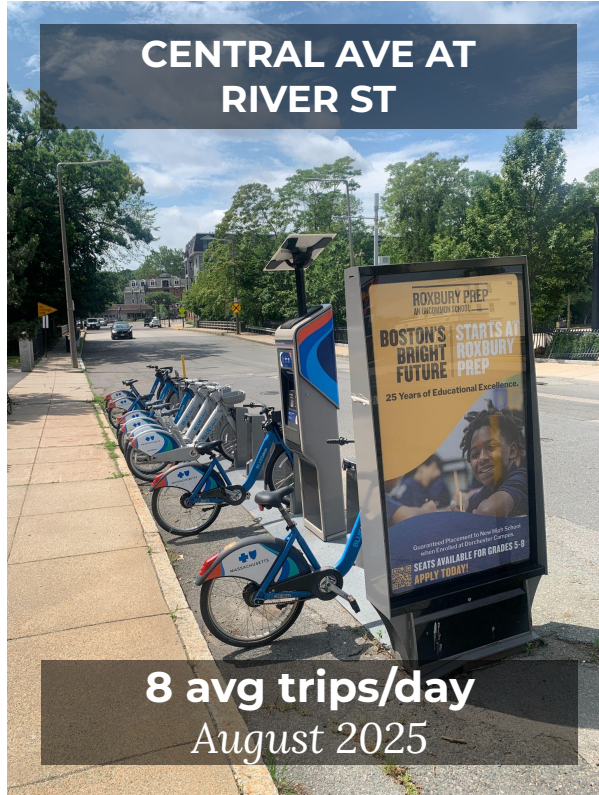


An increase in station density will expand access and improve reliability at existing stations.  
(Note, we won't install all of the proposed new stations!)

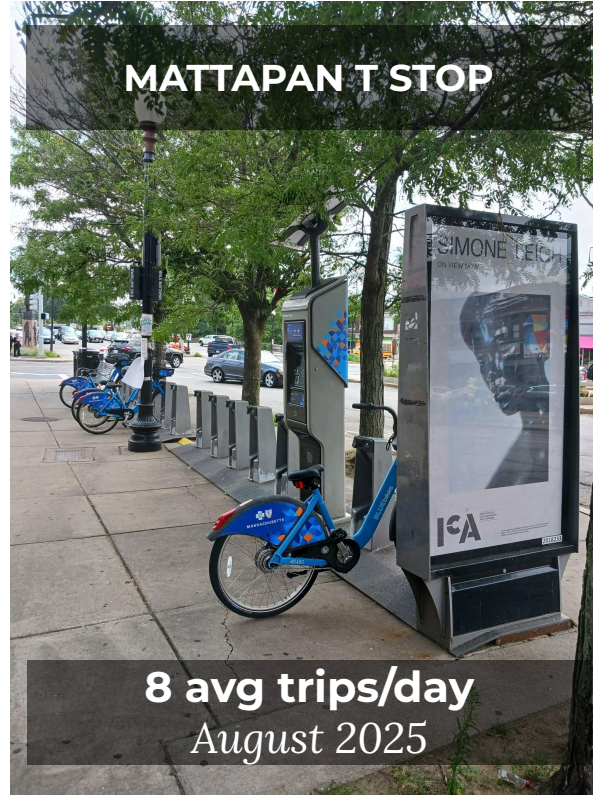


# Trips Starting or Ending in Mattapan

**CENTRAL AVE AT  
RIVER ST**



**MATTAPAN T STOP**



**MORTON ST AT  
GALLIVAN BLVD**





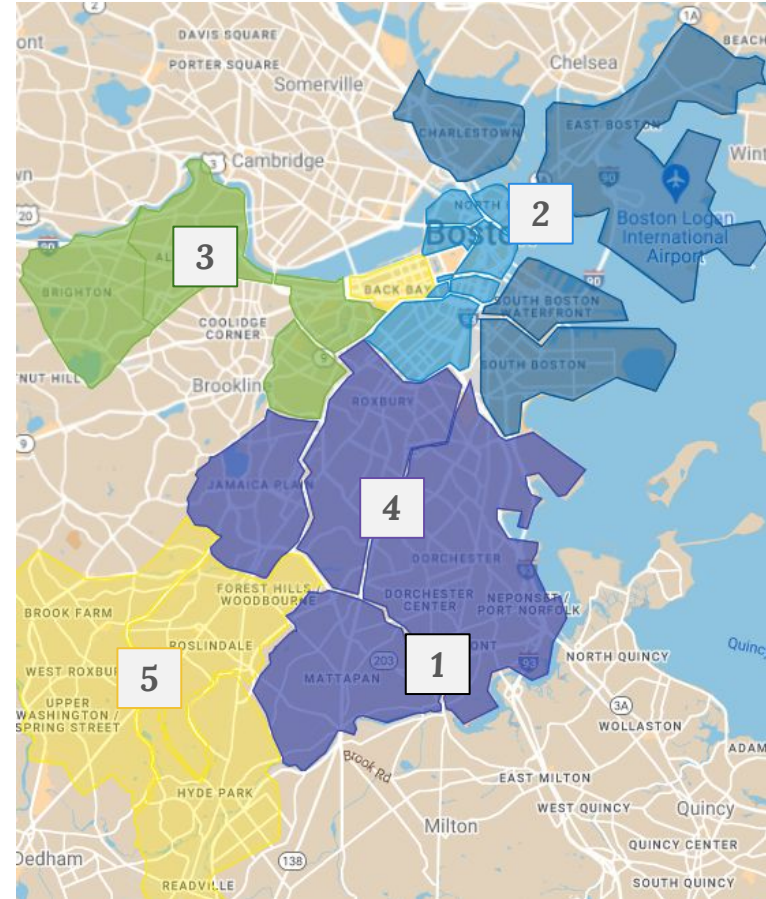
# Trips Starting or Ending in Mattapan

STATION	AVERAGE TRIPS/DAY AUG 2025
Central Ave at River St	8
Mattapan T Stop	8
Morton St at Gallivan Blvd	5
2 Hummingbird Lane at Olmsted Green	5
Mattapan Library	5
Morton St T	3
Washington St at Walsh Playground	3
Cummins Highway at Blue Hill Ave T Stop	2
Blue Hill Ave at Almont St	2

# We're growing in phases

We are adding new stations in phases.

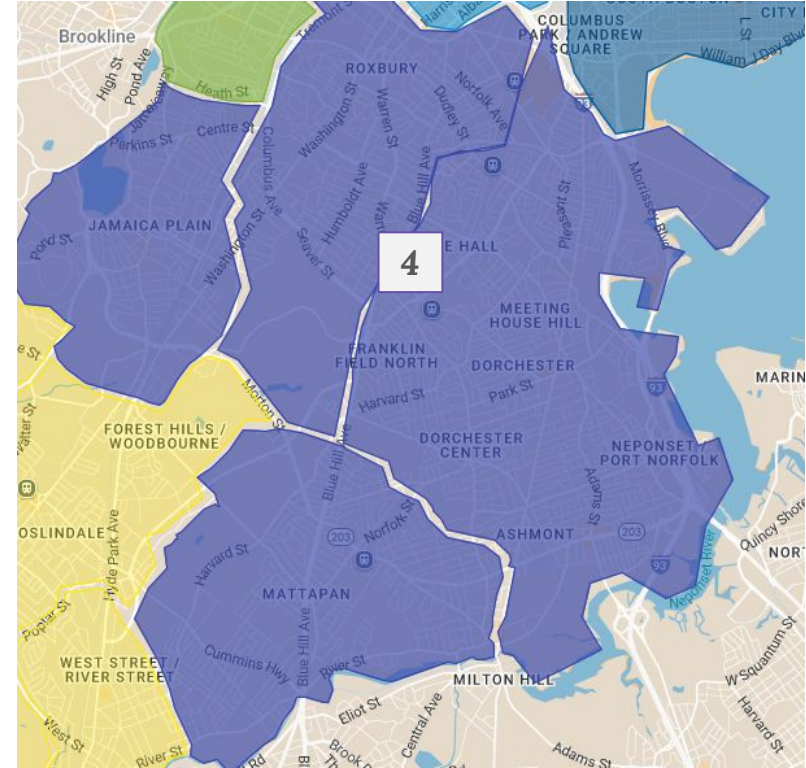
- ▶ In **Phase 1**, we added 8 new stations in Mattapan and Dorchester in 2023 to support the Red Line shutdown.
- ▶ In **Phase 2-3**, we added 55 new stations.
- ▶ In **Phase 4**, we aim to add 20 new stations.
- ▶ In **Phase 5**, we aim to add up to 20 new stations.



# 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
  - October 8, Egleston Square Library
  - October 28, Mattapan Library (tonight!)
  - October 30, virtual  
([tinyurl.com/expansion-oct](https://tinyurl.com/expansion-oct))
- ▶ Online Surveys  
([boston.gov/bike-share-survey](https://boston.gov/bike-share-survey))
  - We've posted flyers in the neighborhood and signs at each site directing people to the surveys.



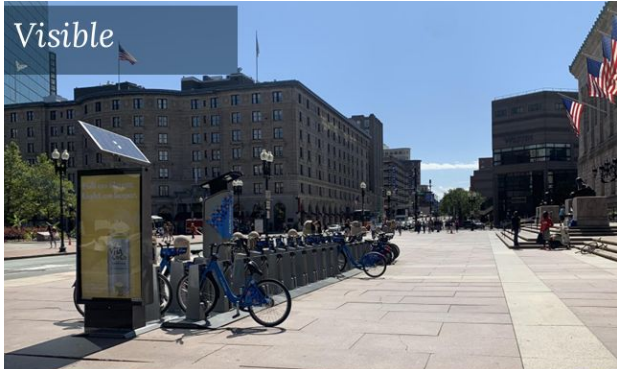
# What's next for us?

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- ▶ 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



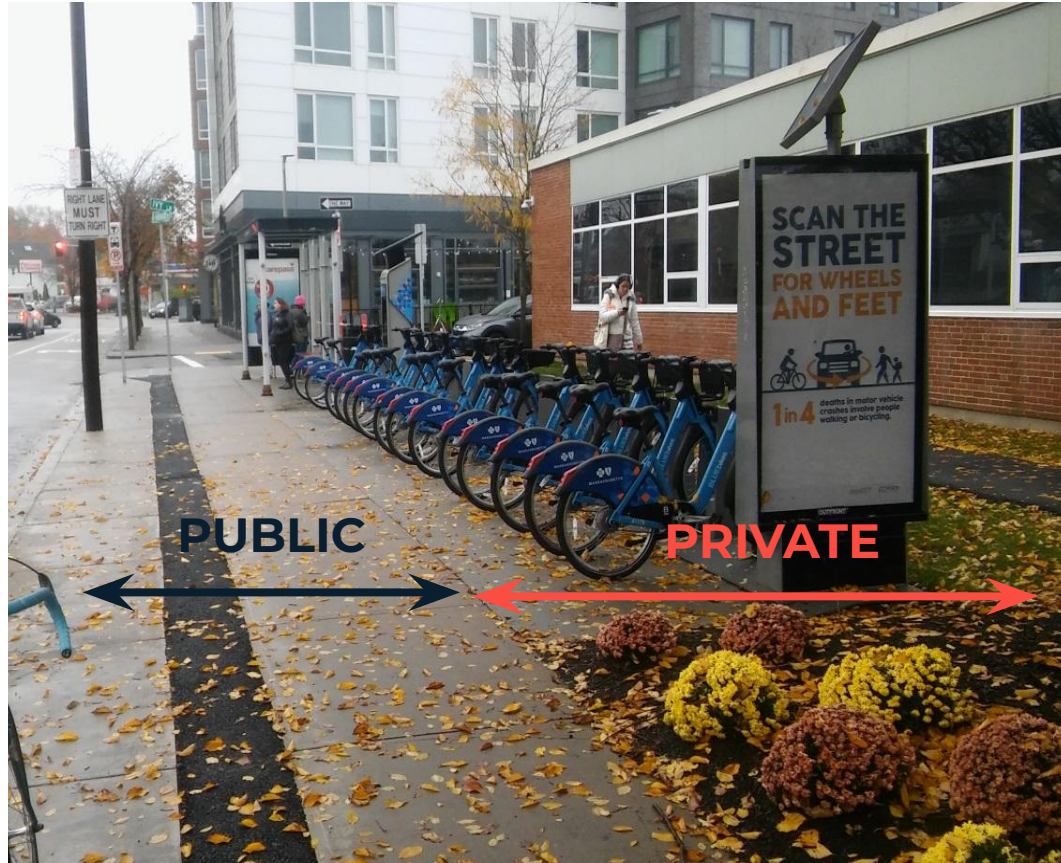


# In-Street: Parking Lanes

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

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## 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](https://boston.gov/bike-share-survey)



# Review sites and share your thoughts

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- ▶ *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?

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- ▶ [boston.gov/bike-share-expansion](https://boston.gov/bike-share-expansion)
- ▶ bikeshare@boston.gov