



**Dudley Vision Advisory Task Force
General Working Session ~ July 31, 2008
Hibernian Hall @ 6:30pm – 8:00pm
MEETING NOTES:**

Meeting Purpose:

- **Review Updates from previous Working Session**
- **Introduce Boston Transportation Department Reps and Consultant Team**
- **Initiate Discussion of Transportation Action Plan**

In Attendance:

Advisory Task Force

C. Hardaway; R. Garry; J. Smith; M. Haynes; A. Swain; N. Stembridge; K. Smalls; J. Stanley; A. Hurley; C. Nelson; F. Fairfield; D. Walker

Elected Officials/Ex-Officio

S. Hunter (Rep Fox); A. Yarde (Councilor Turner)

Consultant Team:

D. Dulaski; S. Bregman; G. von Grossman; C. Tobias;

City of Boston and Public Agencies

S. Duran (DND); V. Gupta (BTD); P. Hoey (BTD); F. Fisher (MBTA); D. Whiteside (BRA)

Agenda Items

- I. Introductions & Updates from June 26th Working Session**
 - Review of previous meeting questions and outline of evening's agenda by Co-Chairs Ron Garry and Catherine Hardaway
 - Explanation of general schedule question regarding Guscott site preparation by D. Whiteside advising that "part-scale" demolition of site would be completed by end of August/early September.

- II. Dudley Transportation Action Plan**
 - Review of purpose and process of "Action Plan" creation by P. Hoey
 - Context of development in Dudley Square/Roxbury
 - Provide for short-, medium-, and long-term improvements/mitigation
 - Coordination with Article 80-related projects as well as Dudley Vision
 - Can be a 9 to 12 month process depending on geographical scope
 - Forest Hills Transportation Action Plan – coordination of signals as result

 - Introduction of Traffic Solutions Team and Presentation on Scope of Project by Dan Dulaski

III. Advisory Task Force Perceptions:

- Discussion Facilitated by Patrick Hoey and Dan Dulaski

- Comments and Considerations

[Question/Comment] Previous Parking/Traffic Studies? What do these entail? Are meetings with businesses part of this?

There have been previous studies done; but this Action Plan will provide up-to-date information and go the next step of implementing solutions Business owners will be part of this especially for parking demand

[Question/Comment] Parking Enforcement is an issue.

Far too many long-term parkers. Need for meters

[Question/Comment] There are 3 major users for parking in the Square: Shoppers, Employers and Agency clientele

[Question/Comment] Need for more employee parking

[Question/Comment] There is a great deal of foot traffic on Dudley and Washington Streets and throughout the Square

[Question/Comment] It is a concern that parking solutions are being given for projects or on a case by case basis as opposed to being created for the general area in Roxbury and Dudley Square

Challenges with double parking and the challenges posed by businesses related to delivery trucks

How effective is the signal at Shawmut and Dudley? – Connection to Blue Hill Avenue

[Question/Comment] There is a need for parking structure/garage. Study completed in 1998 (related to Ferdinand site?)

With the police likely taking the site, it is unclear what is going on with the idea of a garage Employees of 2201 are parking and blocking right of way, double parkers, BRA waiver?, For employees at 2201/lot. Deliveries are now on Washington Street

Gypsy cabs along Dudley & Warren – burden is currently on business owners – customers are not able to pull up here and go in the sub shop, Nubian Notion most of the day. Illegal taxis right across from the police station.

[Question/Comment] Focus can't just be on parking and parking issues. Must remember to promote public transportation

Question of gypsy cabs and the fact that folks need to use them may point to a symptom of a lack of adequate public transit service

[Question/Comment] Input from youth will be important as they depend particularly on public transportation...Dudley Square Junior Leaders

[Question/Comment] Silver Line Bus Shelters are not effective.

[Question/Comment] Prospect of a Dudley Station "break-up" is not a good idea

[Question/Comment] Between 6:30-7:15am about 40% of people who park in Dudley are going downtown

[Question/Comment] Bus Routes #23, 28, 44, 14, and 19 have to stop at four lights

On Washington Street, one lane in and out causes bottleneck

Large number of double parkers

*From 9:30-11:30 "cut through" street from Ruggles to Madison used
Between 4pm and 6pm Silver Line runs stagnant*

Drug Trade also causes traffic congestion

[Question/Comment] Opportunity for the Dudley Vision Project and the Advisory Task Force to address social issues that come up.

The Strategic Action Plan that comes out of the work of the Advisory Task Force and the City's Dudley Vision Working Group will touch on many programmatic issues in the same way that it will look at transportation, retail, public health. While the Action Plan will not directly tackle the social issues, the idea will be to create a framework to improve these related quality of life issues.

Some issues being addressed through coordination between Main Streets, Rep. Fox's office and the police – ongoing conversations to address

IV. Next Steps:

- Advisory Task Force members asked to provide perspective on public transit service and needs.
- Update on Dudley Vision Transportation Action Plan will be given in the October General Working Session.