

A 21st Century Transportation Agenda

BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
JUNE 2009

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Pedestrian friendly environment

Convenient access to transit

Real-time traffic monitoring

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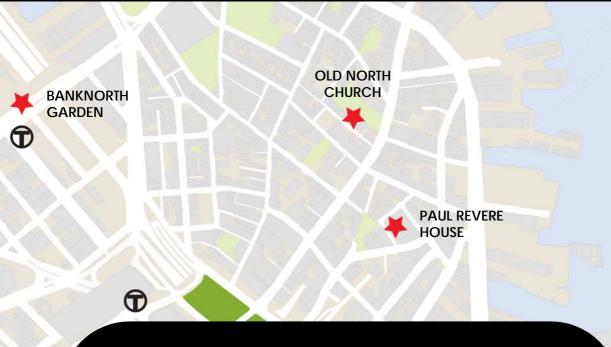
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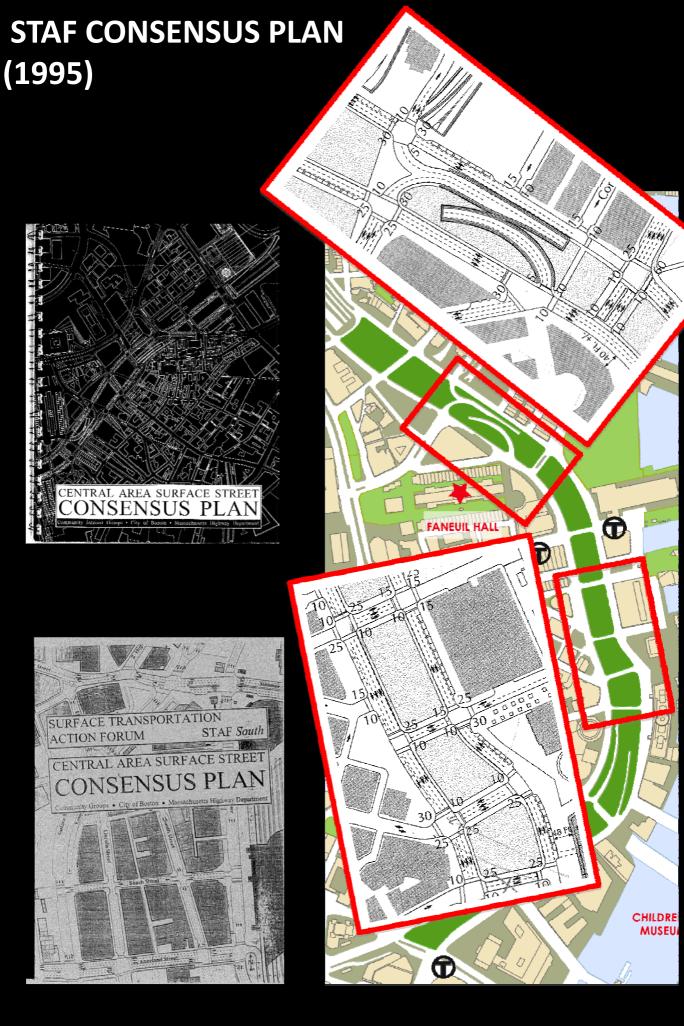
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## **GREENWAY GOALS**



- Enhance pedestrian friendly environment
- Use "smart" technology to manage traffic flow
- Increase mobility choices for residents, visitors and commuters
- Provide incentives for clean fuel vehicles
- Achieve a balance in parking supply



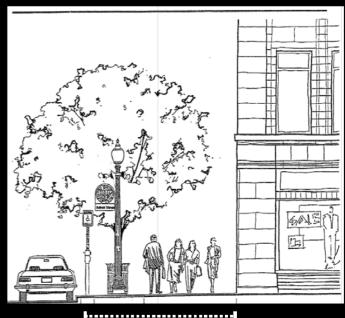


#### GREEN W AY TODAY

## A Pedestrian Friendly Environment



#### MINIMUM SIDEWALK DIMENSIONS



15' 7" Sidewalk Width

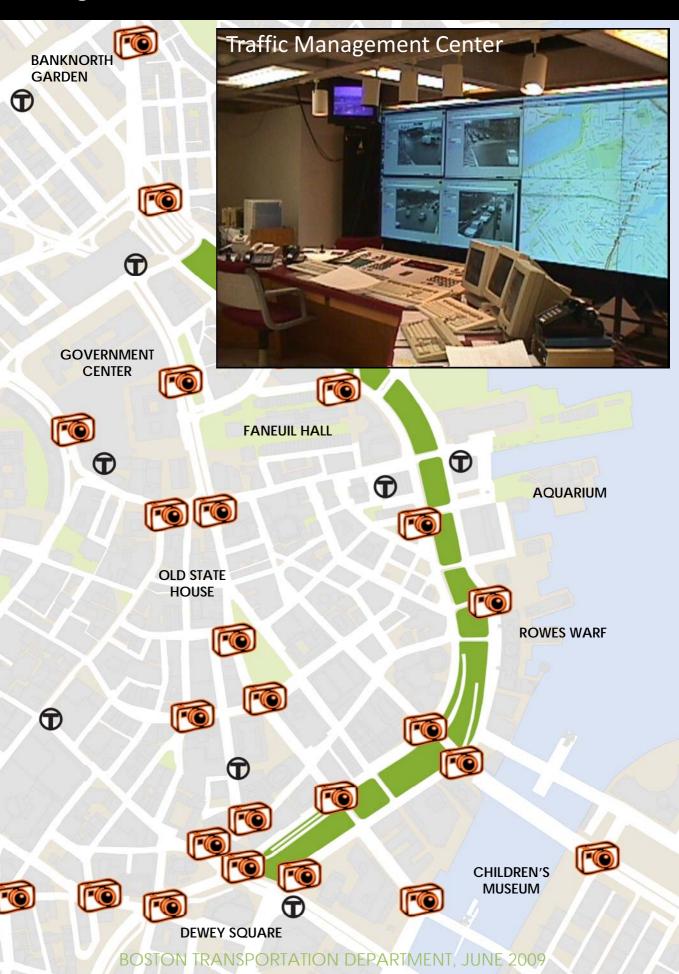


# **IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CROSS CORRIDORS**



# REAL TIME TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

**Existing PTZ Cameras** 



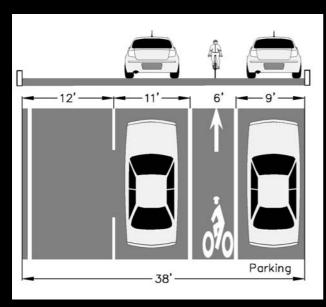
# PROPOSED BICYCLE NETWORK

Connecting Bicycle Routes

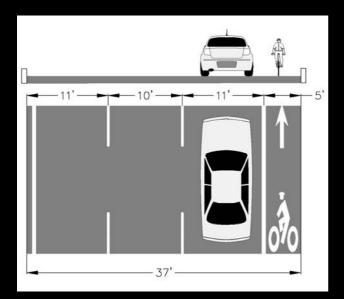


# **BICYCLE ACCESS**

## **Atlantic Avenue Cross Sections**



Oliver St. to High St.



Pearl St. to Oliver St.



# **BICYCLE SHARE STATIONS**



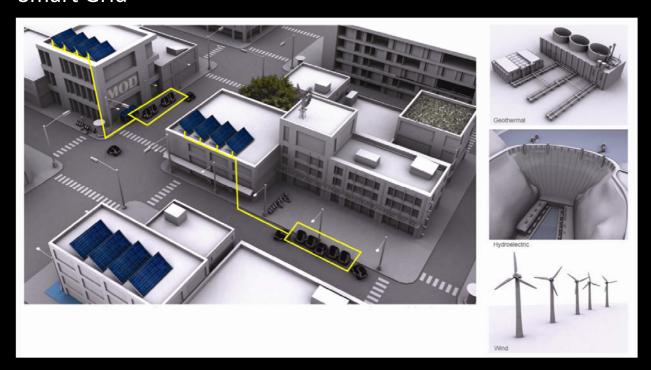
# **ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Basics

## Plug-in Stations



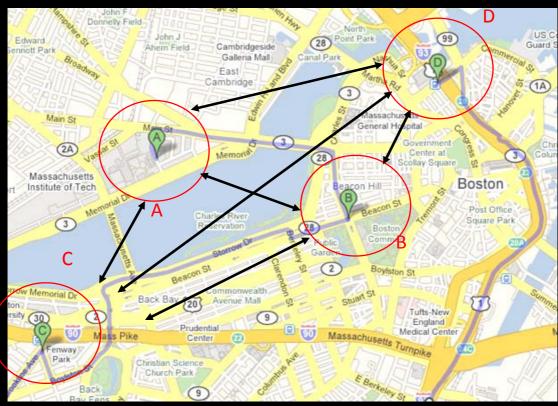
## Smart Grid



# **ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

City Partnership with MIT Media Lab Smart Cities

## Mobility-on-Demand





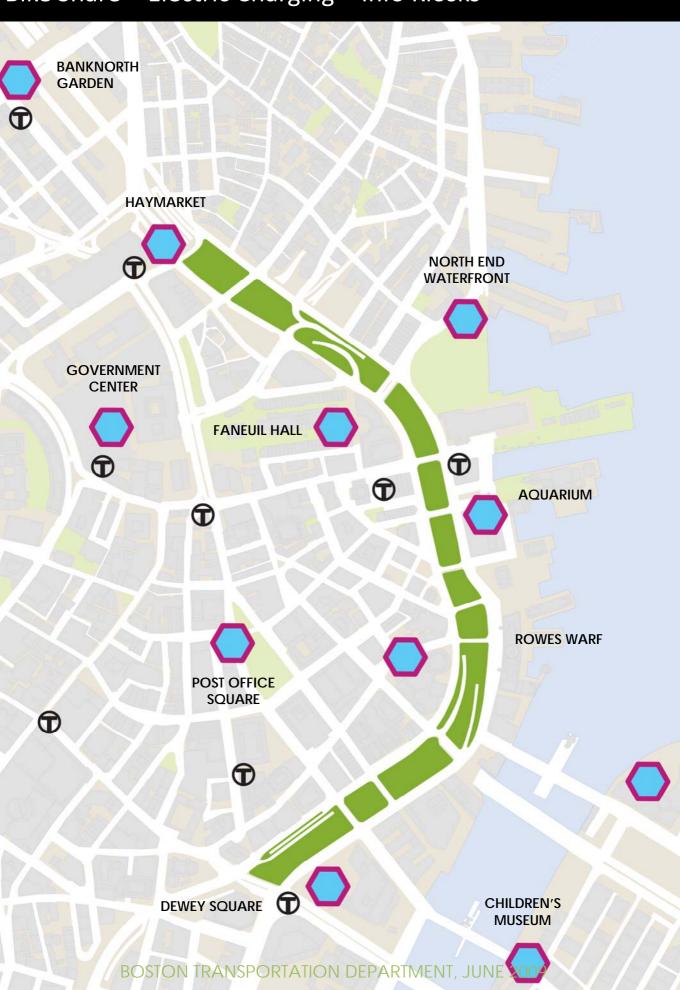






# **MOBILITY HUBS**

Bike Share + Electric Charging + Info Kiosks



# **PARKING GOALS**



- Create the right balance in parking supply to reduce congestion and support development
- Focus on reducing vehicle trips when allocating parking spaces for different land uses
- Use latest technologies to manage parking
- Distribute parking to minimize congestion

## PARKING POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

#### **Boston Transportation Department**

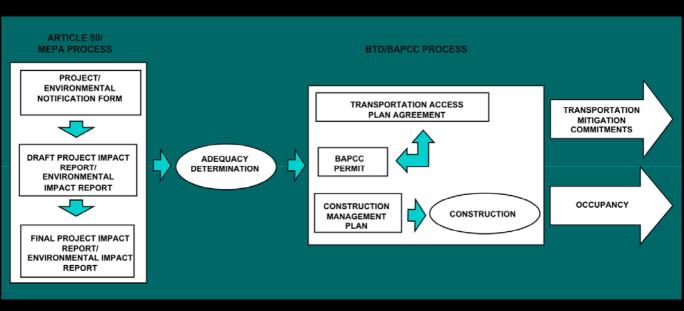
Transportation Access Plan Agreement (TAPA) for parking spaces, site plan, and TDM commitments

#### **Boston Environment Department**

Parking Freeze

#### **BRA Zoning Commission and ZBA**

Article 80 Zoning



## **EXISTING MAXIMUM PARKING RATIOS**

| LOCATION  | Office/Non-residential<br>Spaces/1000 Sq Ft                        | Residential Spaces /<br>Unit                                    | Hotel<br>Spaces /<br>Unit |
|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| Financial District/Government<br>Center/Bullfinch Triangle, North End, West<br>End/Massachusetts General Hospital,<br>Beacon Hill, Chinatown/Leather District,<br>Bay Village, Back Bay, South End(West of<br>Tremont Street) | 0.4  | 0.5 – 1.0   | 0.4                       |
| South End(East of Tremont Street), Boston<br>Medical Center, Lower Roxbury/Crosstown,<br>Dudley Square, Mission Hill  | 0.75 - 1.0   | 1.0 – 1.5   | 0.4                       |
| Dudley Square, Mission Hill   | 0.75 - 1.0   | 0.5-1.0   | 0.4                       |
| Longwood Medical Area, West<br>Fenway/Kenmore,<br>East Fenway   | 0.75   | 0.75  | 0.4                       |
| South Boston Waterfront   | Down to 0.7  | 1.0 – 1.5   | 0.4                       |
| Allston/Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester,<br>East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan,<br>Roxbury, South Boston(residential<br>neighborhood)   | Distant from MBTA Station $1.0-1.5$ (Near MBTA Station $0.75-1.25$ | Distant from MBTA Station 1.0 – 1.5 Near MBTA Station 0.75-1.25 |                           |
| Hyde Park, Roslindale, West Roxbury   | 1.0 - 1.5  | 1.0 - 1.5   |                           |

- Sustain district-wide parking ratio of 0.40 or less
- Encourage proponents to seek shared-parking
- Require bicycle racks and shower facilities

## **REVISE DOWNTOWN PARKING FREEZE**



#### **TODAY**

- Downtown freeze caps "public parking" at 35,000
- "Public parking" is parking open to the general public for a fee
- Ancillary and residential parking is exempt

#### IN THE FUTURE

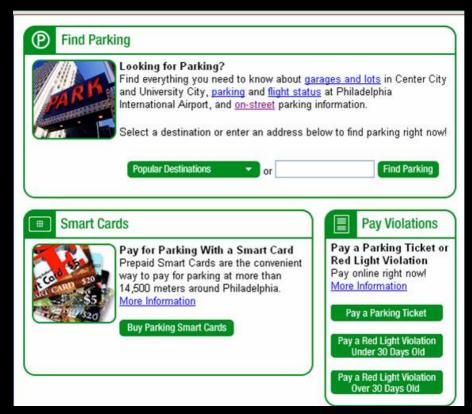
 New rules and inventory including transfer of parking spaces

## PROVIDE REAL-TIME PARKING INFORMATION

Multi-Space Parking Meters



- Consistent off-street parking rates within the district to reduce "cruising"
- Web-based real-time information on parking availability and prices
- Lower short-term parking rates in garages and higher two-hour meter rates
- Require all vehicle queuing and loading on-site



Real Time Parking Website

## **ENHANCE TDM REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Mobility Hubs On-Site**

- Bike share stations to accommodate City of Boston program
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (2/50 spaces)
- Information kiosks

Parking cash-out incentives and subsidized transit passes

Require spaces for carpools, car-share, vanpools

Secure parking indoor and/or outdoor parking for bicycles





# **TOURISM TRANSPORATATION**

## **Major Downtown Tourist Destinations**



# GREENWAY SHUTTLE Route and Stops



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