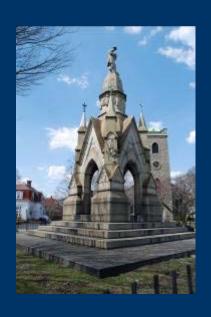
# Jamaica Plain Centre/South Street Area Transportation Action Plan













Jamaica Plain Boston, MA





### Agenda

- Who We Are
- Project Approach
- Scope & Schedule
- What we've heard
- The Vision
- Discussion





### Who We Are



#### McMahon Associates

Project Management, Transportation Planning, Traffic Engineering



### Von Grossmann & Co.

**Urban Design** 



### **HDR** Engineering

**Civil Engineering** 



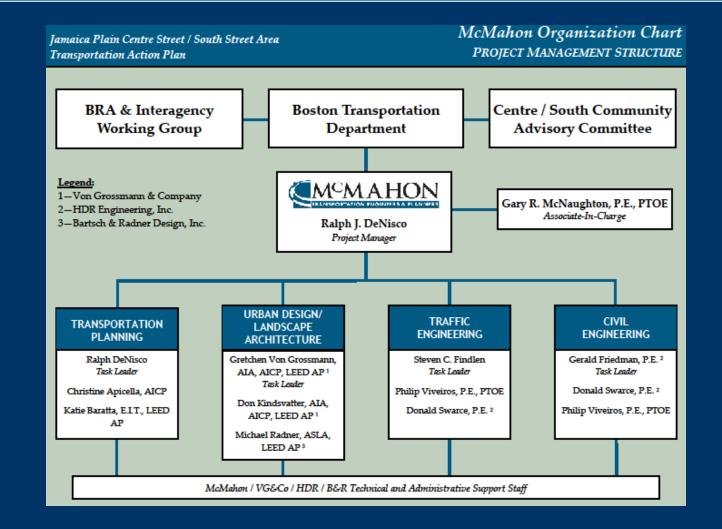
#### Bartsch & Radner

Landscape Architecture





### Organization Chart







### Approach

Enhance Vitality



Unity with Individuality



Respect Transit Heritage



• Do It **NOW** 







### Scope

- Task 1
  - Develop anOverarching Visionfor the Corridor
- Task 2
  - Create StreetscapeCorridor Guidelines

- Task 3
  - RedesignTransportationNodes
- Task 4
  - Propose a NewParking ManagementStrategy





### Task 1: Corridor Vision

- Create a Corridor-wide vision
  - Analysis and documentation
  - Planning framework
    - Topography, "knuckles", edges, activity centers, views, historic resources, existing trees and furnishings, identification of patterns, issues and opportunities
- Elements that make up the public realm
  - The palette
- What's fixed and what can vary
  - Families ... materials, finishes, style





### Inventory

**Major Elements** Minor Elements

#### **Street Trees**

#### **Street Lights**

Signs

Benches

Trash Receptacles

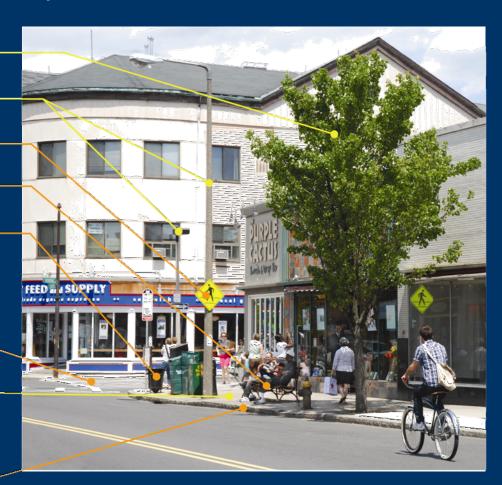
Other Street Furniture

**Crosswalk Material** 

**Sidewalk Material** 

Public Art

Curbs







### Task 2: Guidelines

Families ...
materials, finishes,
style

Public Art

Banners

Benches

Street Trees

Sidewalks

Crosswalks

Trash Receptacles

Streetlights

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Signs























### Task 2: Guidelines

### Pull it all together

- Design Aesthetic
- Sustainability
- Durability

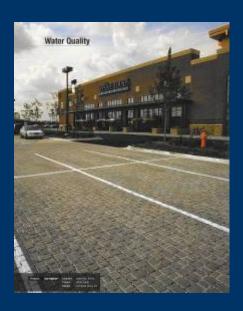






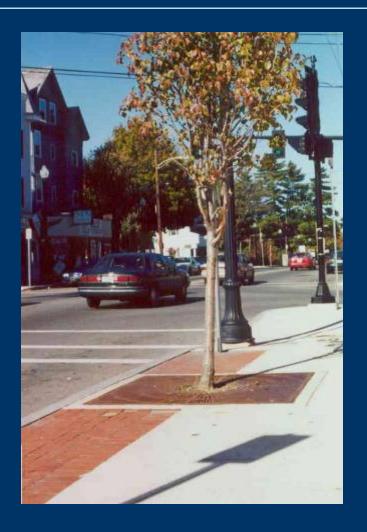
### Task 2 - Sustainable Design

### Sustainable Design





- Paving Options
- Street Tree Planting







### Task 2: Bicycle Plan





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### Task 2: Public Transportation

### Public Transportation Plan

- "Choice" Customers
- Route 39 Upgrades
  - More than just consolidation
- Hyde to Jackson
- TOD Plan Links

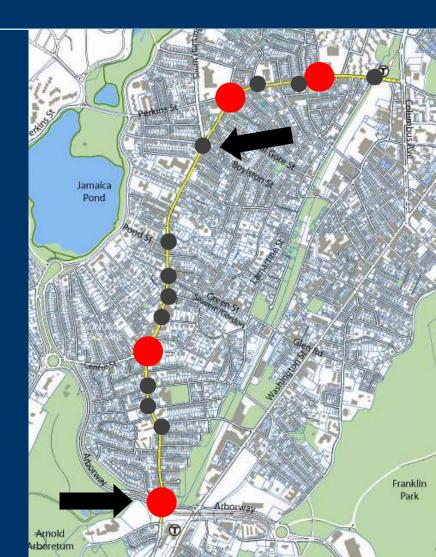






### Task 3: Transportation Nodes

- Individual Locations Chosen
   Through Working Group
- 60% of overall study
- MBTA improvements in design







### Task 3: Transportation Nodes

### Major Improvement

Goal: 25% Design

Visionary Approach, Implementable Realities

### Minor Improvement

**Goal: Implement During Study** 

Balanced, "Fix it First" Approach





### Task 4: Parking

- Curbside Management
- Municipal Lots
- **Increase Supply**



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### Schedule, Process

	Jul Aug	Sep	Oct No	v Dec	Jan F	eb N	Mar Ap	or M	ay June
Task 1: Corridor Vision		D							
Task 2: Create Corridor Streetscape Vision				D					
Task 3: Redesign Transportation Nodes									D
Task 4: Parking Management Strategy									D
Task 5: Public Process	M		_	_	_		_		<b>→</b> M
Interagency Coordination									

D: Deliverable

M: Meeting





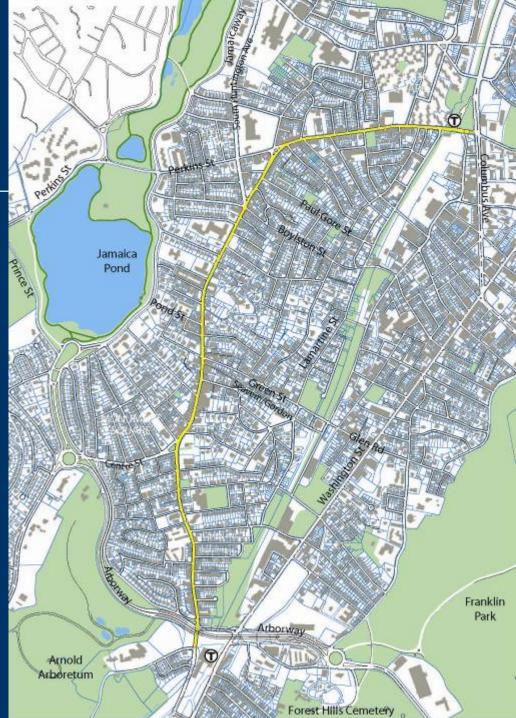
## What is "a vision"?

- Identification of what you want to happen
  - Verbally
  - With images (that is what we are here to help with)
- 1. Goals and Objectives
- Analysis
- 3. Generate alternatives/Synthesis
- 4. Narrow alternatives to a preferred strategy
- 5. ...a Vision...





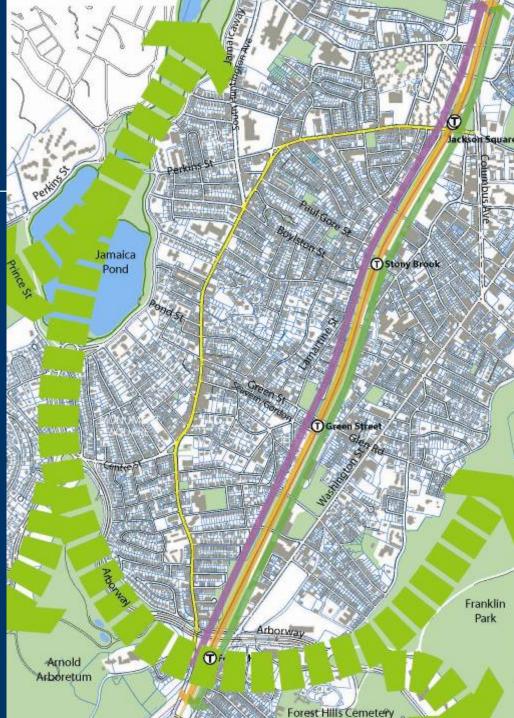
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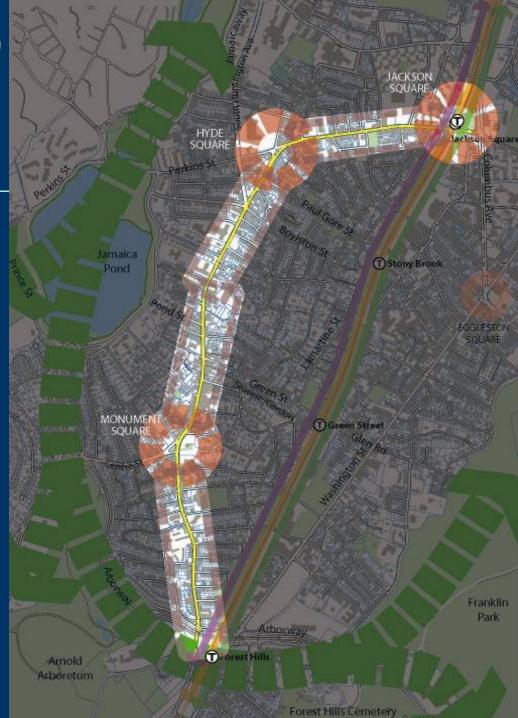
Two regional open space and transportation corridors define edges







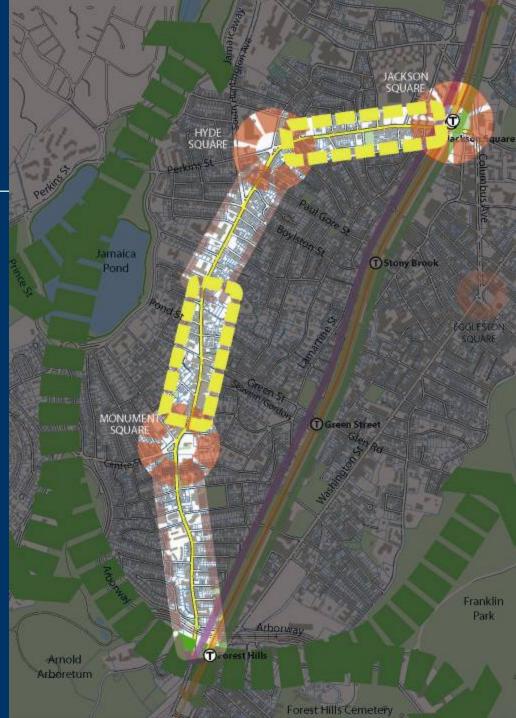
# Subdistricts connect the "Squares"







Two neighborhood retail zones are also regional destinations







# Connections to regional systems

- Gateways
- Bicycle network

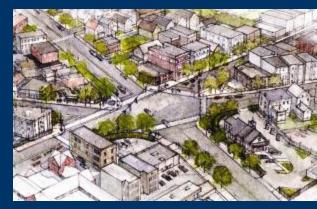






## Dorchester Avenue Vision

- Goals and Objectives
- Analysis maps
  - Existing conditions: sidewalks, trees, furnishings, street trees, topography, local character
- Strategies
- What is common vs. what is unique
- ...leading to a materials palette, guidelines and their application in specific locations
  - Andrew Square, Fields Corner, Glover's Corner (Freeport St.)





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## Another "Vision"







## Questions / Discussion

- What is your vision for the sidewalks, streets, crossings, and places along the corridor?
- What are examples from your favorite places that could be brought here?
- What could this place be in five years? Ten years?
- What do you like, that is important to preserve or enhance?





### Comments to Date: Maintenance

- Tree grates and tree pruning
- Snow removal
- Trash pickup
- Street furniture repair & replacement





## Comments to Date: Complete Streets

- Balance all modes (vehicles, bikes, pedestrians)
- Slow traffic
- Expand sidewalks where narrow
- Enhance pedestrian crossings (patterns, color, safety)
- Manage parking resources





### Comments to Date: Street furniture

- Placed in orderly fashion free flowing pedestrian circulation
- More:
  - Benches, signs, bus shelters, bike racks, trash/recycle bins
  - Art
  - Signs





## Important Strategy: Sustainability

- Energy conservation
- Stormwater percolation
- Trees, saved and added
- Dark Sky Initiative





## Next steps

- Consultant team takes in ideas to date
  - More data collection, existing conditions
  - Begin analysis
  - Meet with Steering Committee
  - Another public meeting in the fall





### Questions?





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## For Wall Posters





# Local Expression



















# Bicycles





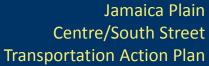


















# Furnishings













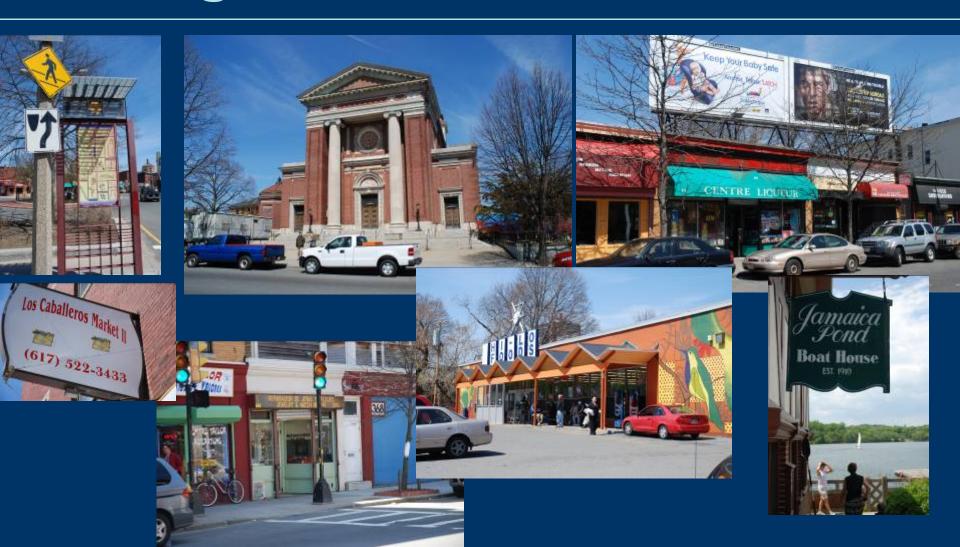
# Neighborhood character







## Neighborhood Character









Attleboro





University Park, Cambridge

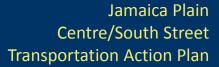
**Boylston Street** 



**Dewey Square** 











Atlantic Avenue



Harvard Square



**Brookline** 







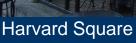














Huntington near Symphony











New York New York



# Examples from elsewhere



**South Boston** 



Louisville KY

Houston









Allston 8



Downtown Boston



Fenway

Eagle Hill Eastie







# Examples from elsewhere



South Boston



Mashpee



Bethesda, MD