

JP Centre and South Street Corridor Transportation and Streetscape Action Plan
Advisory Group Introductory Meeting
May 6, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:00pm
Curtis Hall, 20 South Street
Meeting Notes

- Meetings and procedures: Meetings will be scheduled according to the availability of the group and held in different places as most convenient for the Advisory Group
- The Mayor stated that he wanted a public process to determine how to improve the Centre and South Street Corridor between Jackson Square and Forest Hills. We have assembled a multi-departmental team to coordinate this effort. The Boston Transportation Department, Boston Redevelopment Authority, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Department of Public Works, MBTA, Inspectional Services Department, Department of Neighborhood Development, and the Parks Department are among the many agencies charged to work on this project.
- We had two public meetings in December and February, where the group heard a lot of concerns about different intersections along the corridor.
- BTD Presented Scope of Work for the Action Plan (see attached)
- The scope of work was written to reflect the concerns heard in the meeting, and consists of four topics: Vision, corridor guidelines, intersections, and parking.
- Three companies have filed application to serve as consultants on this project. They will be interviewed in the coming weeks and the Advisory Group will be allowed to sit in on these interviews and ask questions. BTD stated that the City will have the final say but will take the Advisory Groups feedback into consideration. BTD also agreed to hold the interview in the community (Curtis Hall). Ines will notify the Advisory Group of the date and time for interviews. BTD and BRA staff stated it would be before June.
- Some discussion on the flexibility of the scope. BTD stated that there is flexibility to the scope, there will be ample opportunity for the Advisory Group to weigh in such as recommending the intersections for improvement, inclusion of bike lanes, etc..
- The scope timeline will be as follows:
 - o Summer: Visioning
 - o Fall: corridor guidelines
 - o Winter: design of intersections
 - o Parking: simultaneously throughout
- Design studies will be provided
- Examples from the Dorchester Avenue Improvement Project will be provided to the Advisory Group of a recent similar effort in Boston.
- The MBTA presented the Route 39 Transit Enhancement (see attached)
- The Advisory Group has 3 representatives that are part of the MBTA Bus 39 Working Group Michael Halle, Michael Epp, and Michael Reiskind.
- The MBTA received Millions of dollars for improvements –discussed issues of timing on the MBTA part since they have a deadline to come up with improvements and spend the monies.
- The City and MBTA will need to coordinate both initiatives move forward
- Ines read a list of materials the Advisory Group requested (Dot Avenue Action Plan, copy of both presentations, poster size aerial maps of the corridor, and project contact list)
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.