

Reinforce the Centre/South corridors as the local & regional center of Jamaica Plain

Bus service offers connections to the wide range of goods and services along the corridor and to subway service.



- Create gateway locations to and on the corridor
- Enhance connections to open spaces
- Integrate connections to and management of side streets
- Maximize connections to public transportation



The corridor provides links to public open space along Centre and South streets and the nearby network of regional open spaces.



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Jamaica Plain Centre-South Streetscape and Transportation Action Plan

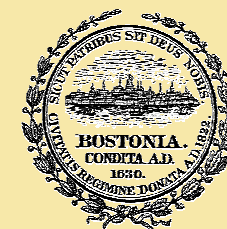
Vision Statement



Establish Centre/South as the area's **MAIN STREET**, drawing out new and existing connections while celebrating the diversity of its people and places.

*Diverse, and unified...Beautiful, and functional
Special, and ordinary...Connected, and stands alone
is the vision for Jamaica Plain's Centre/South Street corridor.*

A place where all uses and users are functionally and aesthetically integrated in a safe, convenient and accessible environment.



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Build upon the corridor's identity to create a 21st century street with a Jamaica Plain character



The popularity of the stores and services along the corridor require an enhanced pedestrian network.

- Creatively utilize space adjacent to and behind buildings to enhance commercial vitality (Farmers Markets, Rear doors, outdoor seating)
- Provide special places for people to be along the corridor
- Celebrate the rich history of the corridor



Bright colors and storefronts with high transparency add interest to the sidewalk environment.

Physical infrastructure

- Ensure a well-lit street environment, with fixtures and storefront lighting of appropriate scale
- Increase street trees/canopy with species appropriate to adjacent land uses

Cultural infrastructure

- Create an environment and infrastructure that encourages people to choose car-free transportation
- Support a vibrant local business community
- Restore appropriate density along the corridor, with more mixed uses



Wider sidewalks allow for opportunities for outdoor café seating, enlivening the street.

- Preserve and expand public art (murals, et al) [Centre Street Artwalk]
- Encourage a sense of community responsibility and pride of ownership in the streetscape.
- Successfully marry design of public and private realms to provide a seamless sense of place.



Murals combined with the other public art and historic structures, offer the foundation for an "arts and culture walks".



Active sidewalks reflect the vitality of the Centre-South corridor and its restaurants.

- Employ sustainable design strategies for all softscape and hardscape installations, to reduce the corridor's carbon footprint, increase energy efficiency, and promote sky lighting.
- Plan appropriate space for community events and celebrations

- Reduce visual sidewalk/street clutter, with attention to removing the catenary poles
- Employ sustainable design strategies for all installations



Finding opportunities for additional sidewalk space is an important component of the vision.

Create a place for all uses and users



- Provide adequate traffic flow throughout the district
- Optimize management of parking resources
- Factor in the operational needs of businesses and business functions
- Promote and enhance the neighborhood's transit system including the proposed improvements to the route 39 corridor, to serve Jamaica Plain's future and expand accessibility.

- Provide additional resources to support high bicycling interest and activity with a safe, convenient bicycling environment
- Address the differing needs of users, including youth, elderly, and the handicapped community
- Develop a pedestrian friendly corridor with a focus on pedestrian nodes and continuous sidewalk paths

Pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles need to share the public realm, balancing the needs of all.

