

# PLAN JP/ROX

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #4

### MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY PUBLIC REALM & PLACEMAKING

# AGENDA

1. Welcome and Update  
*PLAN JP/ROX Overview*  
*Report on CW3 - Planning for Places*
2. Information:  
Mobility & Connectivity  
Public Realm & Placemaking  
  
*Small Group Instructions*
3. Small Group Exercise  
*Ice Breaker Questions*  
*Map Your Travel Mode*  
*Place and Areas for Improvement*  
*Create Your Ideal Roadway*
4. Report Back and Table Tours





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# PLAN UPDATE

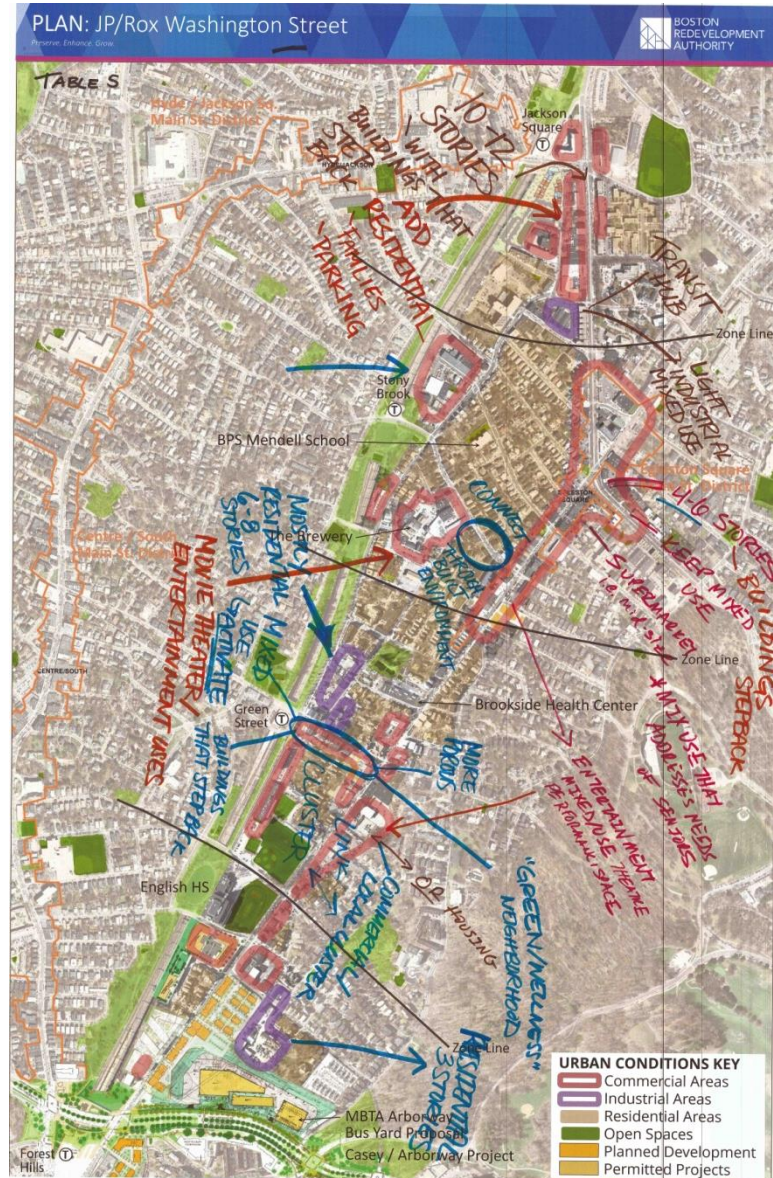


# PLAN JP/ROX THEMES

- **Community Resiliency & Sustainability**  
November

- **Land Use & Development**  
December

- **Mobility & Connectivity**  
**Public Realm & Placemaking**  
January





# Mobility & Connectivity, Placemaking & Public Realm

Community Priorities → Grouped by Theme → Combined Visions



## An Emerging Community Vision

- f1) Preserve and enhance the variety of open space amenities
- f2) Create active and vibrant streets, sidewalks and public places
- f3) Improve the safety and reliability of the many options for getting around the area
- f4) Enhance connections in and around and out of the area, to destinations, and to open space
- f5) Support artistic, civic, cultural and community assets
- 6) Promote new affordable housing and retail that supports the social and economic diversity of the area
- f7) Guide growth that strengthens the community and respects the physical character of the existing residential areas
- f8) Increase the variety of uses to create more innovative job and business opportunities, and strengthen existing local and small businesses
- f9) Promote more energy efficient and greener buildings, and overall neighborhood sustainability efforts

# PLAN CALENDAR

**JULY 28, 2015 “Talk With Us”**

*Open House*

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 “Walk With Us (Bike Too)”**

*Study Area Tours*

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 “Imagine with Us”**

*Visioning Workshop*

**NOVEMBER 4, 2015 “Planning For People”**

*Community Resiliency and Sustainability*

**DECEMBER 10, 2015 “Planning For Places”**

*Land Use and Development*

**JANUARY 21, 2016 “Connecting People & Places”**

*Mobility & Connectivity and Public Realm & Placemaking*

**FEBRUARY / MARCH 2016 “Choose with Us”**

*Draft Plan Scenarios and Recommendations*

**MARCH / APRIL 2016 “Discuss with Us”**

*Draft PLAN Recommendations /  
Implementation Ideas*

**APRIL / MAY 2016 “Finalize with Us”**

*Final Plan Presentation*

**MAY/JUNE**

*PLAN Approval → BRA Board*

**EARLY-MID SUMMER**

*Public Workshops –Draft Zoning Amendments*

**END SUMMER 2016**

*Zoning Amendments → Boston Zoning  
Commission*

# TONIGHT'S WORKSHOP GOALS

Learn about citywide efforts in the study area that address transportation issues and best practices

- Transportation – how we get around
- Placemaking – what gives an area its character

Understand transportation patterns among the group and potential deficiencies in the transportation network

Understand community's ideals for getting around, and work with your group to build your ideal roadway

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## MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY



## PUBLIC REALM & PLACEMAKING







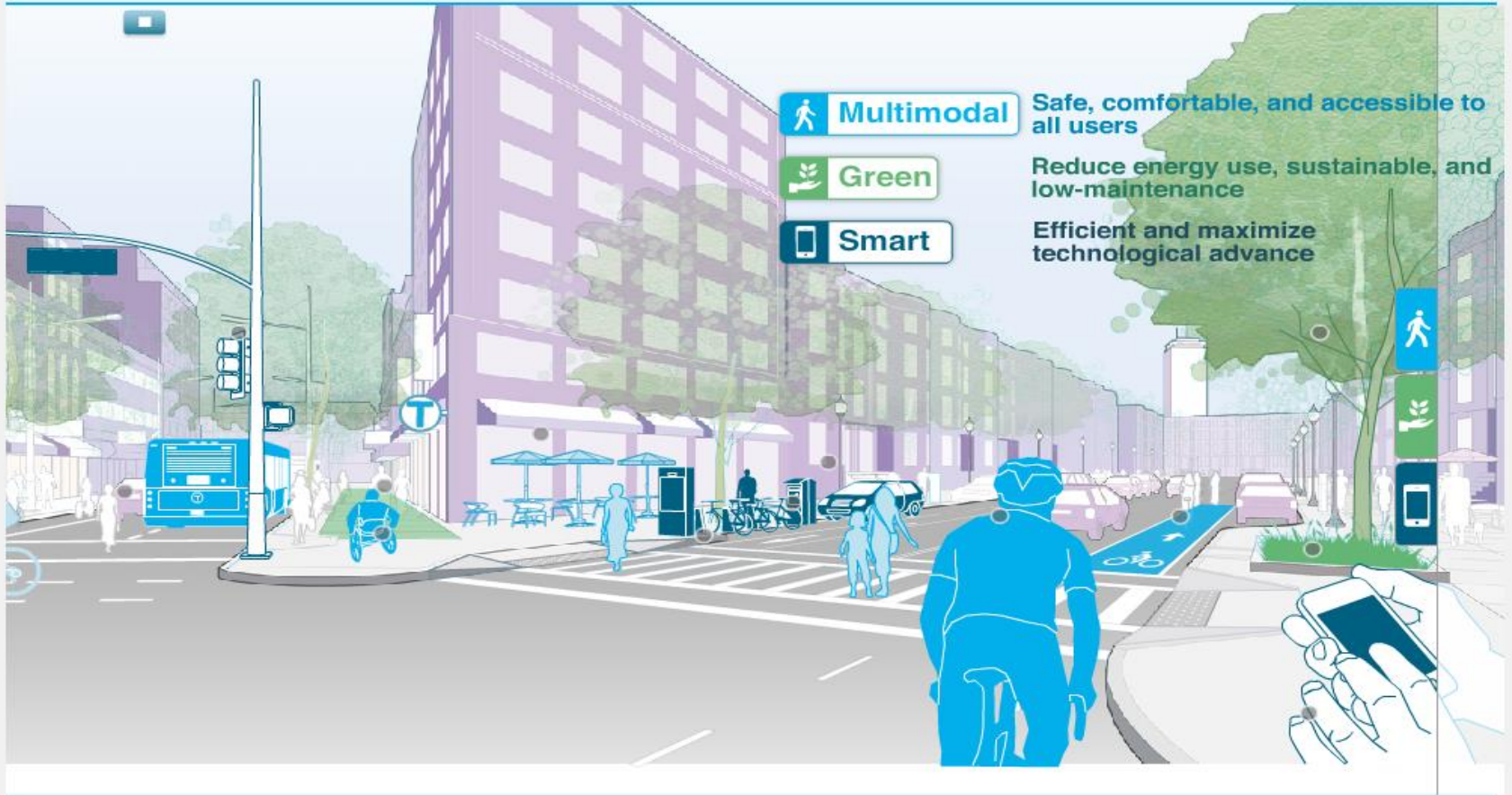
# What's going on in the Study Area?

1. Complete Streets
2. Go Boston 2030
3. Vision Zero
4. Slow Streets Pilot
5. Greenlinks
6. Boston Bikes Plan

# BOSTON COMPLETE STREETS



## Boston Complete Streets





# COMPLETE STREETS

## Neighborhood Main Street



Washington Street in Egleston Square



Washington Street near Forest Hills



Columbus Avenue



# GO BOSTON 2030

## VISIONING

## ACTION PLAN

### Question Campaign

5,000 questions about getting around Boston in the future were collected online and in person.

Winter 2015

### Visioning Lab

Over 600 people came to the lab over two days to provide their feedback on priority questions and vision statements.

Spring 2015

### Vision Report: Goals + Targets

The Visioning Framework report will outline goals and targets for the City's mobility systems over the next 15 years.

Summer 2015

### Project + Policy Ideas

Engagement in-person and between neighborhoods will gather ideas about our mobility future.

Fall 2015

### Evaluating Ideas

Community, business, and political leaders will come together to prioritize the proposed policies and projects.

Winter + Spring 2016

### Action Plan

The plan will include a prioritized list of policies and projects that will shape infrastructure investment and decision-making.

Summer 2016

[goboston2030.org](http://goboston2030.org)

# GO BOSTON 2030 - VISION

Go Boston 2030 envisions a city in a region where all residents have better and more equitable travel choices, efficient transportation networks that foster economic opportunity, and taken steps to prepare for climate change.

Whether traveling by transit, on foot, on a bike, or by car, Bostonians will be able to access all parts of the city safely and reliably.



# GO BOSTON 2030 - GOALS

## **Access**

Make Boston's neighborhoods interconnected for all modes of travel.

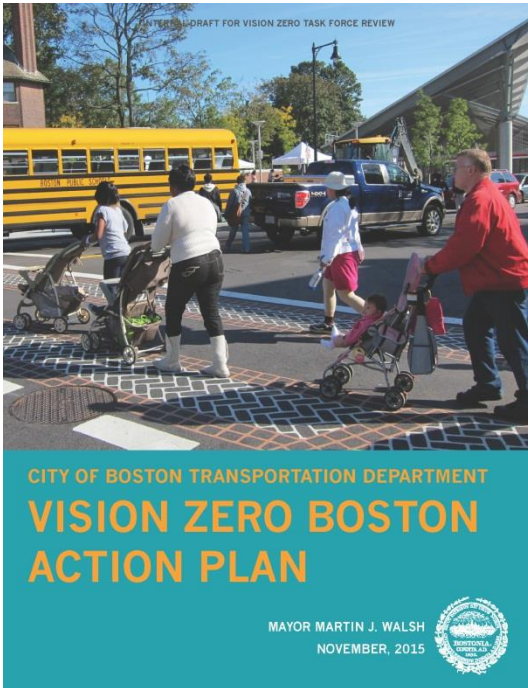
## **Safety**

Collaborate on design and education to substantially reduce collisions on every street.

## **Reliability**

Prioritize making travel predictable on Boston's transit and roadway networks.

# VISION ZERO BOSTON



**Vision Zero Boston promises action in four critical areas:**



**REDUCING SPEEDS  
AND BUILDING  
SAFER STREETS.**



**TACKLING  
DISTRACTED AND  
IMPAIRED DRIVING.**



**ENGAGING  
BOSTONIANS WITH  
VISION ZERO.**



**HOLDING  
OURSELVES  
ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
RESULTS.**

[visionzeroboston.org/input](http://visionzeroboston.org/input)

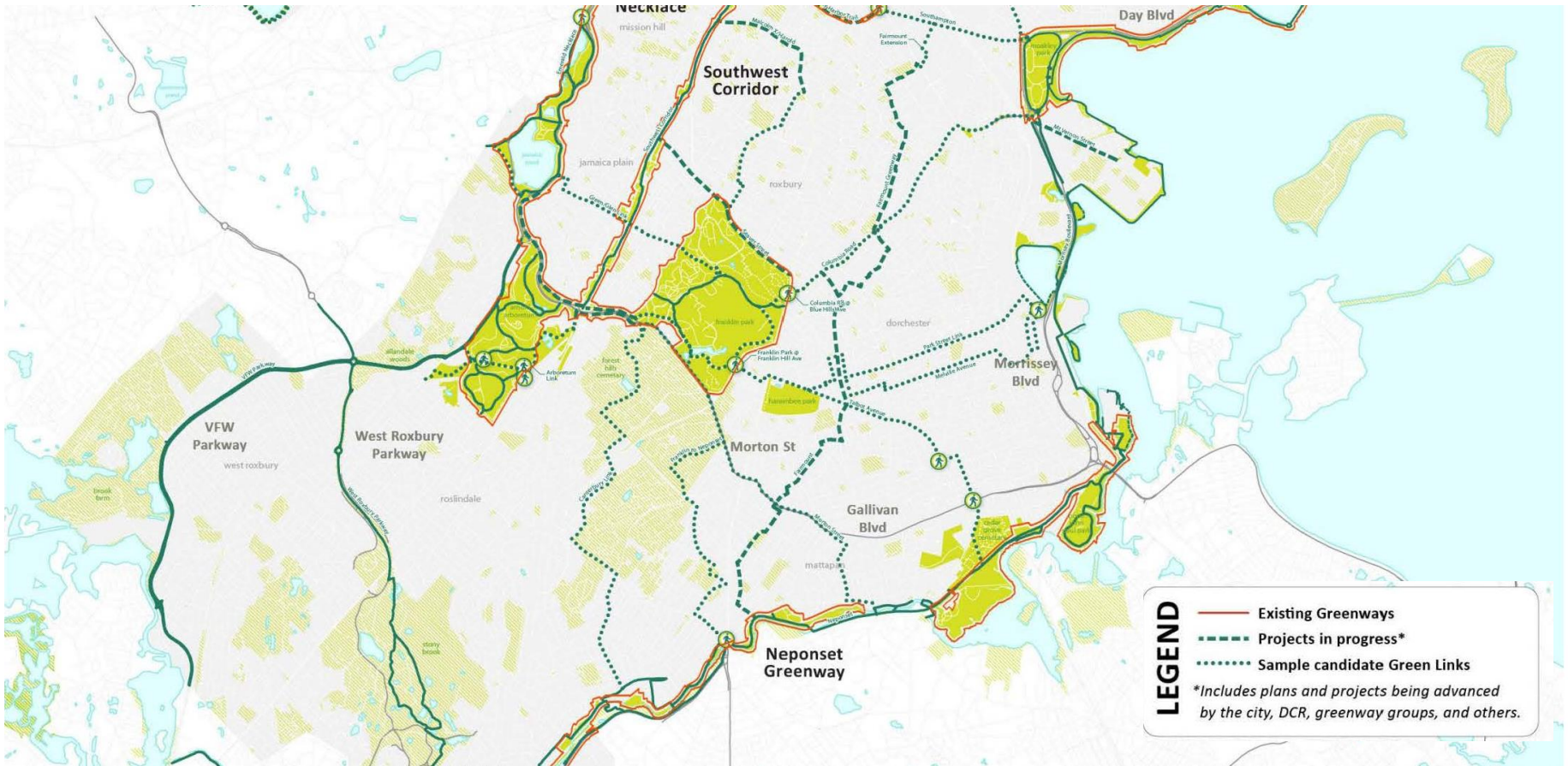
# BTD SLOW STREETS PILOT

## NEIGHBORHOOD SLOW STREET PILOT ZONES\*

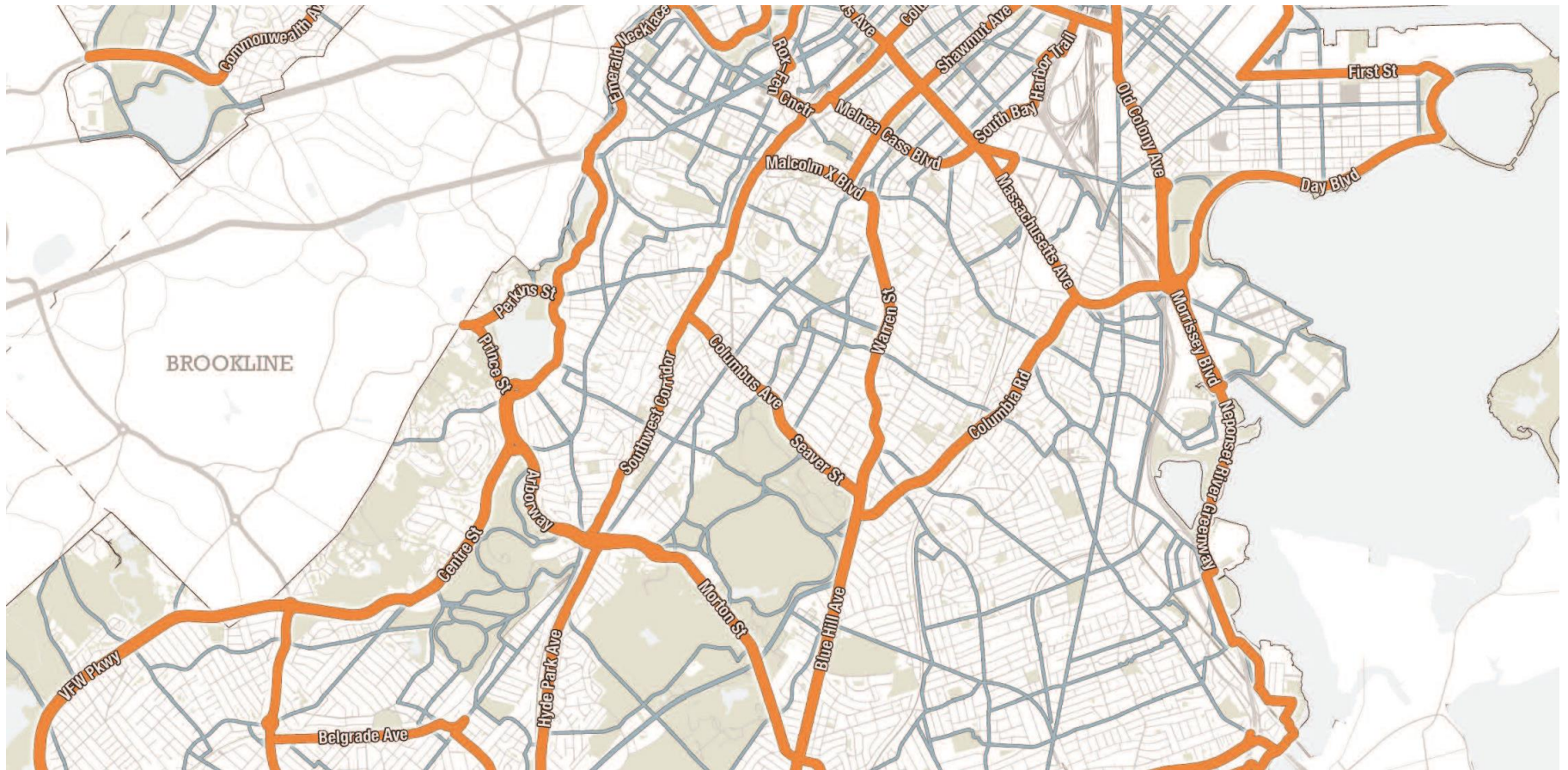




# GREENLINKS



# BOSTON BIKE NETWORK PLAN





# Orange Line Improvements

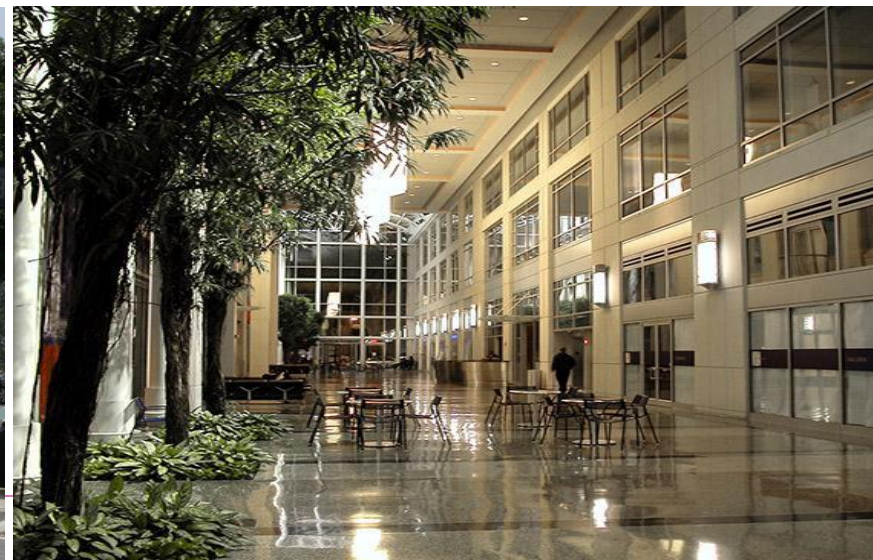
- MBTA is procuring 152 new Orange Line vehicles replacing its current 120 vehicle fleet (an increase of 32 vehicles)
- This will allow service in the peak periods to increase from every 6 minutes to every 4–5 minutes (an increase of 30-35%)
- Delivery of the first pilot cars is expected to begin in 2018, and the full fleet will be available by 2023



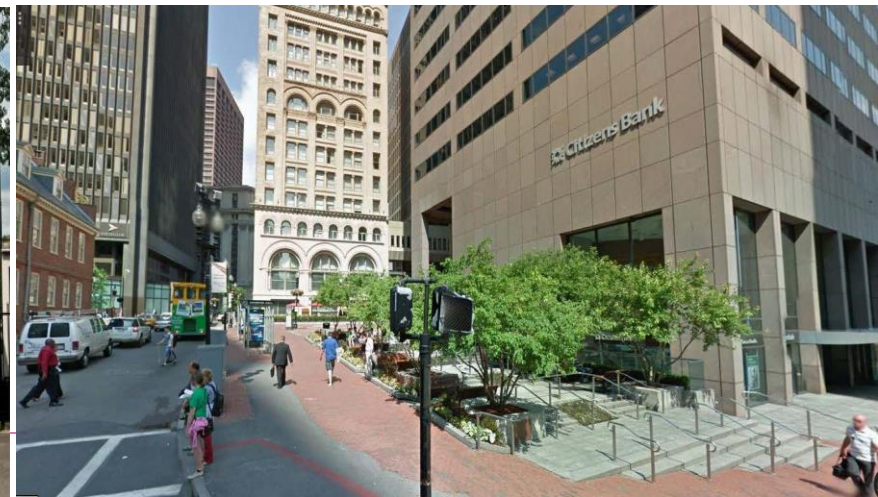
# WHAT IS THE PUBLIC REALM?

Any place, space or building **accessible and open to all** members of the community whether publicly or privately owned. This may include streets, sidewalks, courtyards, building setbacks, parks, plazas and even buildings (like a library or a lobby).











## **PLACE AND PUBLIC REALM OFTEN INTERSECT**

**Your special “place” might also be in the public realm.  
They don’t have to be mutually exclusive.**



# WHAT IS PLACEMAKING?

**Unique** and **special** places reinforcing the overall character of the whole corridor. These places might have **interesting architectural expression**, development with active ground floor use, and an attractive public realm that encourages **pedestrian traffic** and **gathering opportunities**. When they come at the edge of public and private property, they make the city come alive.

# Places

## Public spaces

- Publicly-owned
- Passive to active uses
- Parks, plazas, open space



# PLACE: PUBLIC



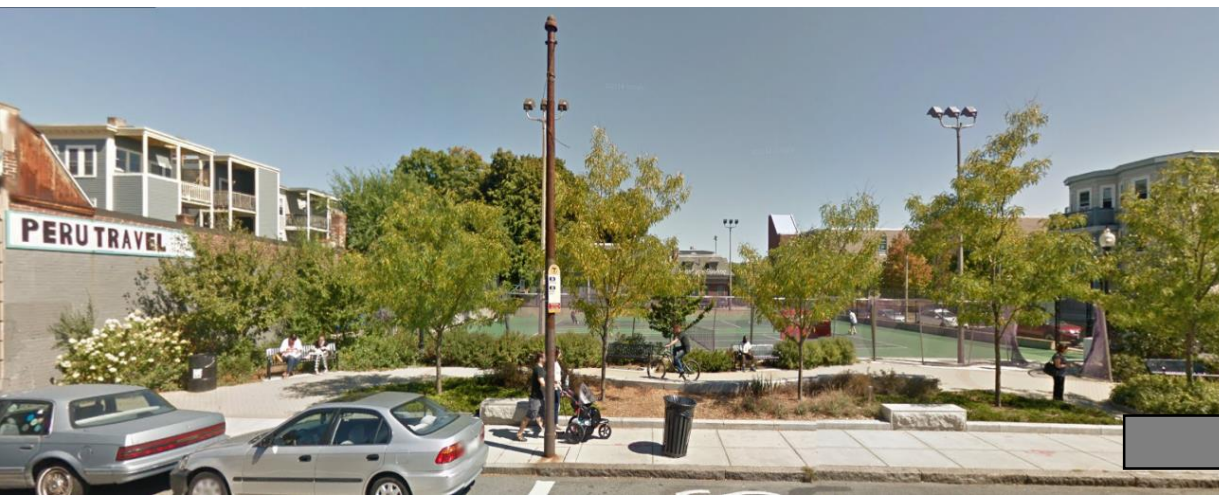
*Peace Park – Egleston Square*



*"Stonehedge" – Egleston Square*



# PLACE: PUBLIC





# Places

## Private spaces

- Privately managed
- Open to the public
- Often for business/restaurant use



# PLACE: PRIVATE – RESTRICTED PUBLIC USE (MIGHT BE A USER)



*Roslindale Square (Birch St Bistro, Sophia's Grotto, Village Sushi)*



*City Feed – JP Center*

# Places

Somewhere in between private and public space

- Privately managed
- Open to the public
- Public use is far less restricted



# PLACE: PRIVATE – LESS RESTRICTED PUBLIC USE







**PLACE:  
INTERESTING ARCHITECTURAL  
EXPRESSION**

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# SMALL GROUP EXERCISE





# Workshop Exercise

**How We Get Around (10 min)**

**Map How You Travel, and Problem & Opportunity Areas (20 min)**

**Brief Report on How We Get Around (5 min)**

**Create Your Ideal Roadway / Public Realm (20 min)**