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Roslindale Square Draft Plan Release Public Meeting



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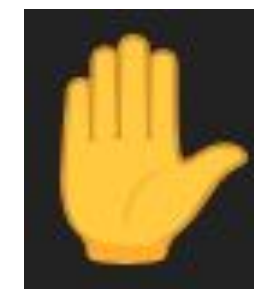
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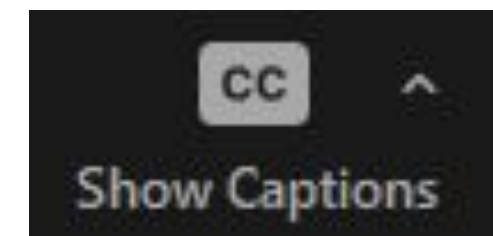
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TODAY'S AGENDA



Today's meeting asks the community to provide feedback on **draft recommendations** for the Roslindale Square Squares + Streets Small Area Plan. This input will inform a revised set of recommendations in a final draft Small Area Plan and zoning map amendment

Introduction	6:03 pm- 6:05 pm
Engagement Summary	6:05 pm - 6:10 pm
Draft recommendations	6:10 pm - 6:35 pm
Q+A	6:40 pm - 7:50 pm
Closeout and next steps	7:50 pm - 8 pm

I. Introduction

A QUICK BRIEF:

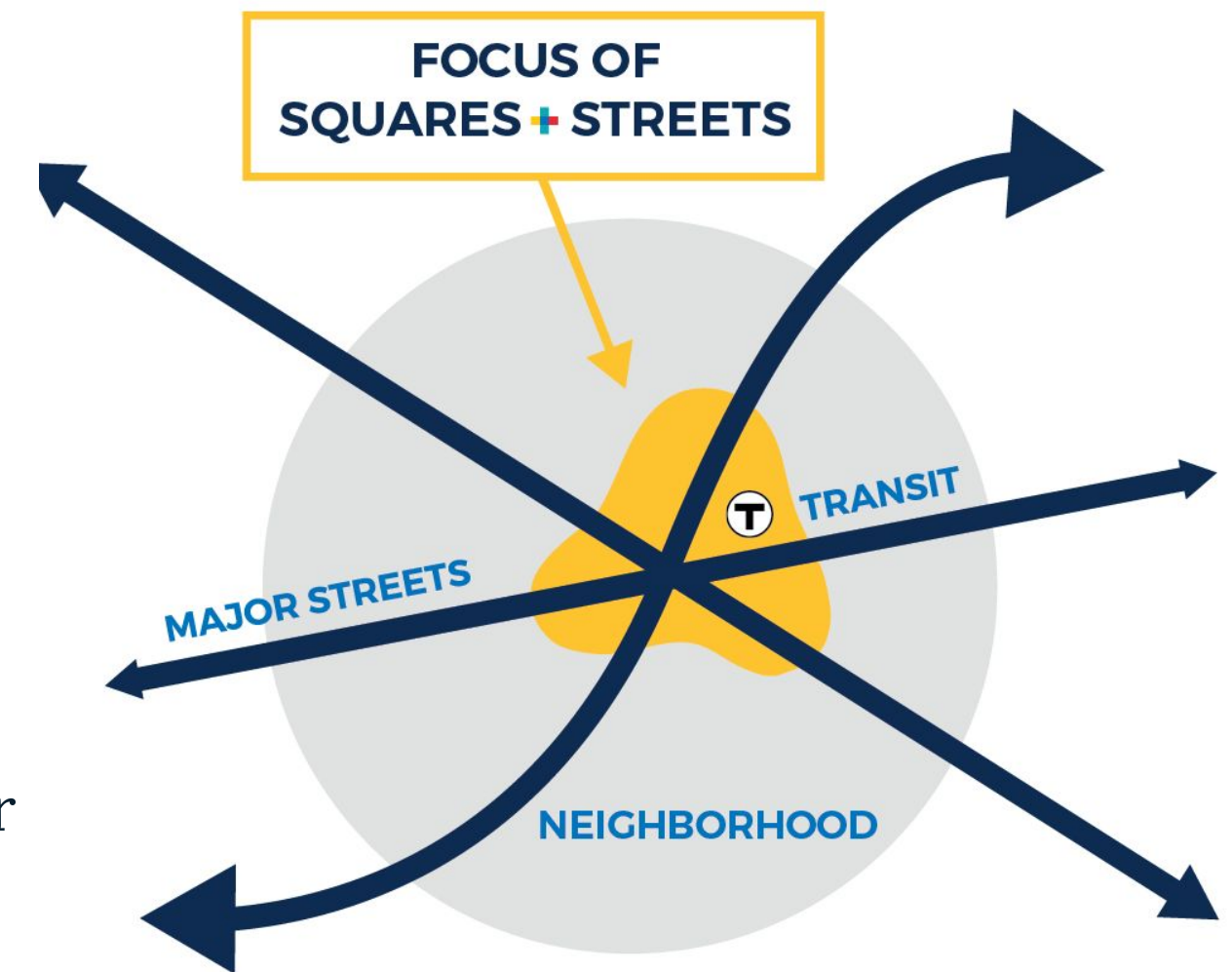
1. What is Squares + Streets and why Roslindale Square?
2. Roslindale Square Study Area



What Are Squares + Streets Areas?

Squares + Streets areas are focused on Boston's transit-served neighborhood centers outside of downtown, characterized by:

- **Transit service:** T stops, commuter rail stations, frequent bus service
- **Commercial activity:** walkable main streets districts and retail close to both transit and housing
- **Neighborhood centers:** central locations where neighborhood residents access local services
- **Mixed use context:** housing either directly above or directly adjacent to these businesses
- **Opportunity for growth:** context and market conditions that are suited for additional housing and economic growth
- **Lack of recent planning:** need for analysis of current context, investment needs, and how zoning matches built conditions



Why Focus on Squares + Streets?

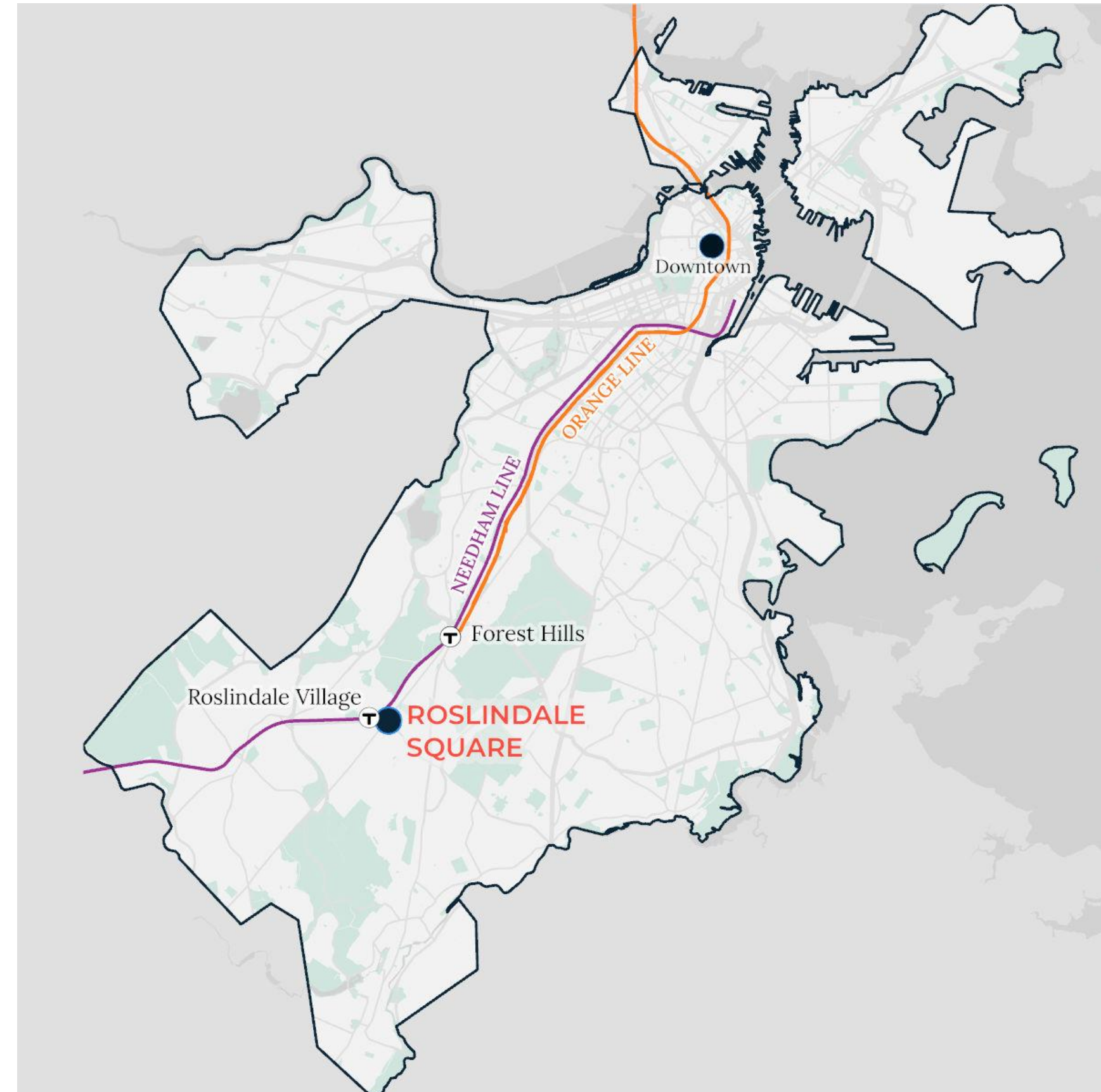


- Provide **more housing** to support Boston's current and future residents
- Ensure every Bostonian has access to **neighborhoods with everyday resources and services**
- Pair housing growth with areas that supply an abundance of commercial, civic, cultural, and transportation resources to **expand benefits beyond access to housing**
- Focus on developing Plans that:
 - Deliver **zoning reform** to transit-accessible geographic hubs
 - Produce coordinated, impactful, and visible **investments across City Departments** that address a range of needs in a small geography

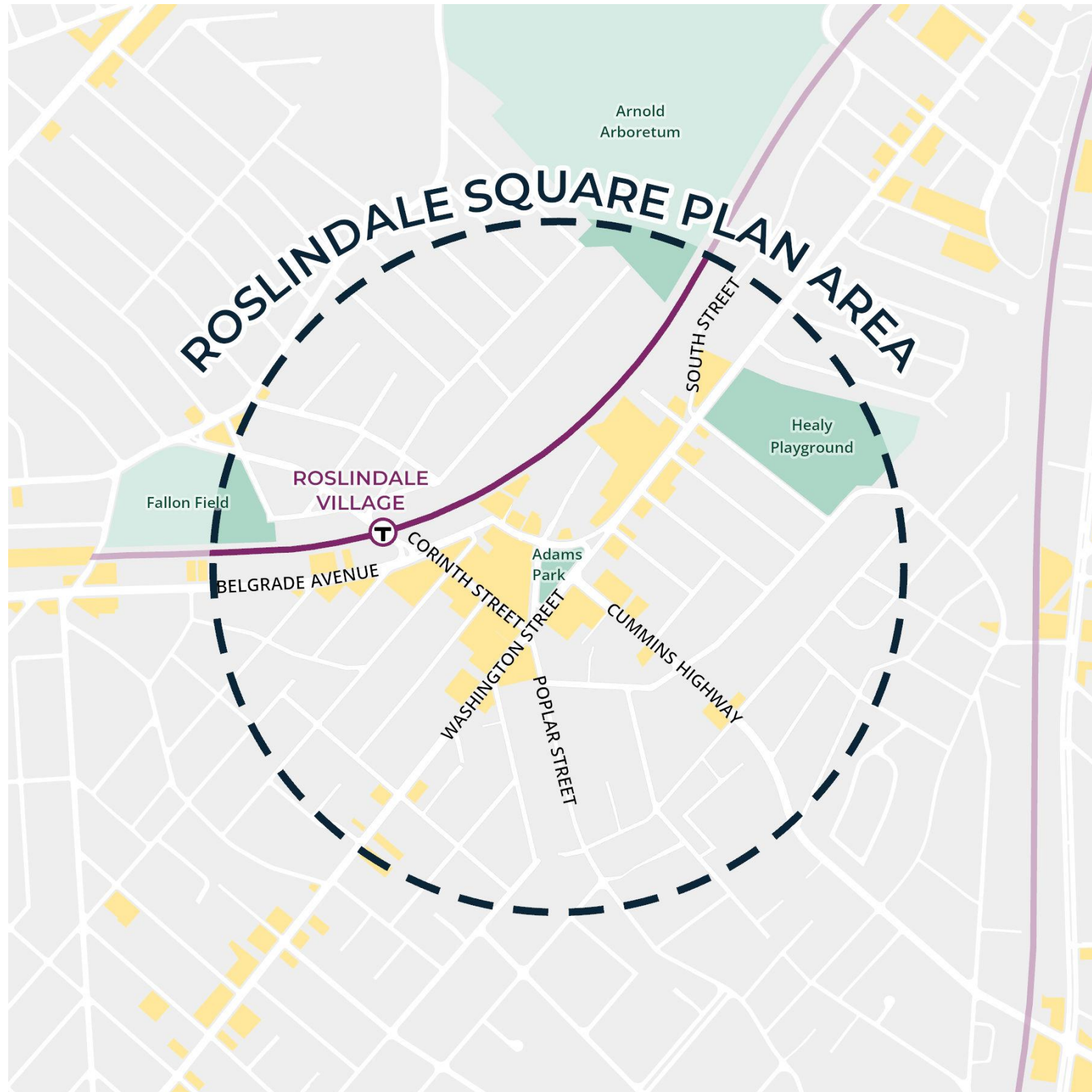
Why Roslindale Square?

Roslindale Square is...

- **A mixed-use neighborhood center**
 - Approximately 6 miles south of downtown
 - Commercial core supported by Roslindale Square Main Streets (RVMS)
 - Walkable commercial areas from where people live
- **Served by many transit options**
 - Roslindale Village station connects to Back Bay and South Station
 - 2 miles south of the Forest Hills Orange Line station
 - 10 local bus lines that provide access to several places, including Cleary Square in Hyde Park, Mattapan Square, and the Dedham Mall.
- **Relatively low population density** compared to areas with similar transit service
- **A racially and ethnically diverse community** with opportunity to further integrate the neighborhood across demographic groups



WHAT IS A “SMALL AREA PLAN”?



A Quick Brief:

Small Area Plans are focused on a small geography that will receive a **short-term planning and engagement process**.

The general Roslindale plan area is a $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile around the main intersecting streets of South Street and Poplar Street.

Proposed zoning map amendment will be based on the land use and design framework in the Plan

II. Engagement Summary

A QUICK BRIEF:

1. Engagement Activities and Methods
2. Engagement Participation and Equity
3. Major Themes, Strengths, and Challenges



PROJECT TIMELINE



Pre-launch Engagement
Jan/Feb 2024



Listening and Learning
March - April 2024

Visioning + Plan Drafting
April - June 2024



Community Vetting
July - Sept. 2024



Revising and Finalizing
Plan
Dec. 2024 - Feb. 2025

Happening Now!

Facilitating Equitable Participation



Meetings with pre-registration tend to attract **few people** from low-income, Spanish-speaking, immigrant, and BIPOC communities.

Staff connected with these groups through numerous venues, including:

- **100+ touchpoints at pop-ups and coffee hours** at the Sumner School, BCYF, farmer's market, bus stops, library, and Archdale BHA
- **2 small business focus groups** (virtual and in-person)
- **5 business walks** in the planning area (2 of which were conducted in Spanish)
- **4 ESL classes** with ABCD and Casserly House, reaching approx. 50 students who primarily spoke Haitian Creole and Spanish
- **Spanish-language meeting** at the Archdale Menino Center with approx. 15 attendees



Roslindale Square Engagement



What have we heard over the last year?

I love living in Roslindale Square because small **business owners make an effort to connect** with their customers - *Kick off event*

Improve traffic patterns around Wash St/ Poplar/ Adams park for pedestrian safety - *Visioning session comment*

I would love to see the Square have **more neighborhood activity** over more hours of the day and night! - *Spring survey*

More street trees for shade please! - *Visioning session comment*

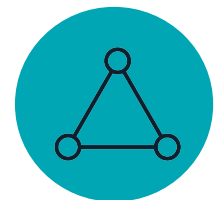
More public housing and section 8 rental units for **truly affordable housing!** - *Housing and small business workshop*

Keep it affordable for local business to stay in Roslindale - *Kick off event*

Learn more about all our previous engagement on at the [Engagement Story Map](#)

Roslindale Square Plan Goals

The themes we heard over the course of the engagement process led to the development of **3 main goals** of the Plan, each of which has specific outcomes supported by the Plan's recommendations.



Goal 1: Strengthen community connections

Outcomes

- Improve transit service and pedestrian connections
- Encourage retail that draws foot traffic along streets that connect to the Square
- Create transitions with varying scales of buildings and expanded pedestrian spaces



Goal 2: Activate public spaces to serve a diverse community

Outcomes

- Encourage a variety of active uses and housing types in the commercial core of Roslindale Square
- Establish smaller commercial gateways at the edges of the Square
- Uplift inclusivity through public art, diverse public programming, mixed-income housing, and more gathering spaces



Goal 3: Encourage growth while supporting existing urban form and community assets

Outcomes

- Identify sites for larger scale community-desired land uses like medium-scale entertainment, indoor gathering spaces, and mixed-income housing
- Incentivize continued use/reuse of existing buildings that are socially and/or historically important, especially currently vacant spaces
- Celebrate the design elements of existing buildings and storefronts, with attention to maintaining the 'local' feel of the business environment

III. Draft Plan Contents

A QUICK BRIEF:

1. How is the Plan organized?
2. Summary of draft recommendations



What's in the document?



Recommendations focus on 5 topic areas:

- Land Use and Design Framework
- Housing and Real Estate
- Small Businesses
- Arts + Culture
- Transportation and Public Realm

Each Recommendation chapter contains the following information:

1. Existing conditions summary
2. Community engagement results
3. Recommendations
4. Implementation table (including timeline, responsible parties, and funding for each recommendation)

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ROSLINDALE SQUARE | HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE

EXISTING CONDITIONS: HOUSING AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Roslindale is a racially and ethnically diverse community. A rich history of immigration contributes to the neighborhood's linguistic diversity.

- Just over half residents identify as white
- 20% identify as non-Hispanic Black, or African American
- 22% identify as Hispanic or Latino

Over 18% of the population aged five and older speaks Spanish at home, and more than 5% speak French or Haitian Creole.

Roslindale tends to skew towards higher income brackets. Nearly 35% of households, defined as all individuals living in the same housing unit including roommate households, earn over \$50,000 per year.

Roslindale is home to 2,626 more households earning over \$50,000 compared to the broader city of Boston.

POPULATION

Year	Population	Change
2010	28,468	-
2020	29,586	+3.9%

INCOME

Study Area	Median Income	Poverty Rate
Study Area	\$104,518	9.4%
Boston	\$92,122	17.4%

EDUCATION

Study Area	% of 2+ Year Bachelor's	% of 3+ Year Bachelor's
Study Area	51.71%	53.37%
Boston	46.6%	53.37%

HOUSING

Study Area	Building Units per Acre	2+ Unit Family Structure	Median Home Value	Average Rent	Renter Households
Study Area	51.81%	48.8%	\$580,000	\$2,269	46.6%
Boston	47.30%	35.9%	\$725,000	\$3,053	65.2%

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

The proposed housing strategies for Roslindale Square aim to significantly enhance the availability of affordable housing, particularly for families with children, while promoting inclusive community development.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THEMES AND PRIORITIES:

- AFFORDABILITY LEVELS FOR NEW HOUSING:** There is consistent concern with regard to the depth of affordability of new housing produced through Squares + Streets and that it will not be affordable to most households.
- IMPROVING SOCIOECONOMIC INTEGRATION THROUGH HOUSING:** Diversity and integration across income and race is an important community value to improve through producing more supply of housing at a range of unit sizes and affordability levels in new developments.
- EXPANDED HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR VOUCHER HOLDERS:** There is strong interest in creating more voucher set aside opportunities, in addition to the voucher set aside requirements of Inclusionary Zoning, to produce more deeply affordable units.
- DESIRE TO LEVERAGE PUBLIC LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** There is significant support for leveraging existing public land for new housing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

H-1. Encourage an additional percentage of rental units to be offered to housing voucher holders in new developments subject to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements (generally residential projects with more than 50,000 square feet).

H-2. Request a higher proportion of 2+ bedroom Inclusionary Zoning units to be provided in new residential development.

H-3. Prioritize the inclusion of 2+ bedroom income-restricted units on public parcels being developed for housing.

LEVERAGE PUBLIC LAND AND PARCEL ACQUISITION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION

H-4. Develop guidelines for parcel acquisition in Squares + Streets districts to support housing production.

IMPLEMENTATION

#	GOAL	HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE STRATEGIES
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H-2	Request a higher proportion of 2+ bedroom Inclusionary Zoning units to be provided in new residential development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUNDING CATEGORY: Regulatory TIMELINE: Subject to development timeline DEPARTMENTS/PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIDC • Private Development • Planning - Real Estate Division • MOH
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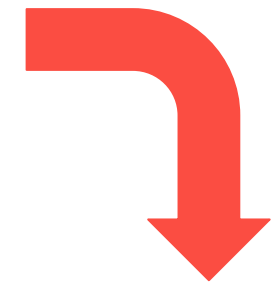
What's in the document?



Most recommendations are fulfilled in the following ways:

- 1. Private development**, which includes...
 - a. New construction or adaptation of existing buildings
 - b. Community benefits or mitigation through Article 80
- 2. Regulatory action**, which includes...
 - a. Zoning map amendments
 - b. Regulatory triggers such as Inclusionary Zoning
 - c. Policy research and implementation
- 3. Capital line item**, which includes...
 - a. Specific projects that are budgeted for during the annual City budget cycle (i.e. an intersection redesign or facility upgrade)
- 4. Operating Budget or Annual Program**, which includes...
 - a. Ongoing City program or annual budget allocation for staffing that does not require additional budget to be set aside (i.e. Technical Assistance Program or administration of ongoing street or park improvements)

A Recommendation table in the Plan explains what each category in the implementation tables means



ROSINDALE SQUARE | COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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The numbers in this column of the implementation tables refer to specific recommendations. The letter prefix refers to the chapter ('H' meaning a Housing and Real Estate Recommendation, 'SB' meaning a Small Business Recommendation, and so on) and the letter refers to the order of the Recommendation in the chapter.

Each Recommendation is color-coded for the specific goal the Recommendation advances.

- Red = encourage growth while supporting existing urban form and community assets
- Blue = activate public spaces to serve a diverse community
- Turquoise = strengthen community connections

Funding category refers to the way that the recommendation will be fulfilled.

- Development = Private development is needed to fulfill the recommendation.
- Capital Line Item = The recommendation needs to be budgeted for as a specific project during the annual City budget cycle.
- Operating Budget/Annual Program = Recommendation will be fulfilled as part of ongoing program or budget that does not require additional budget to be set aside.
- Regulatory = Zoning or other regulatory triggers that require a project to comply.

Timeline means when the Recommendation is expected to be completed.

Departments/Parties Responsible includes City departments, agencies, community groups, or private sector parties responsible for fulfilling the Recommendation.

#	GOAL	"CHAPTER NAME" STRATEGIES		
H-4		Start a public process to determine the land uses and public amenities that may be developed on the Taft Hill municipal parking lot through a public disposition process.		
		FUNDING CATEGORY	TIMELINE	DEPARTMENTS/PARTIES RESPONSIBLE
		Development	Mid - late 2025 to begin community process	• Planning - Real Estate Division • Streets
SB-4		Request new Article 80 developments in Rosindale Square to contribute a monetary donation to Rosindale Village Main Streets (RVMS) as a community benefit to support their work in promoting a vibrant, stable, and affordable commercial district for small businesses.		
		FUNDING CATEGORY	TIMELINE	DEPARTMENTS/PARTIES RESPONSIBLE
		Development	Subject to development timeline	• Private Development • Planning - development review • Rosindale Village Main Streets
OR-2		Expand the sidewalks at both sides of the intersection at Belgrade Avenue and Corinth Street.		
		This includes the sidewalk in front of Square Root that would provide space for outdoor cafe seating and an extension of Alexander the Great Park that could be used for cultural programming and events.		
		FUNDING CATEGORY	TIMELINE	DEPARTMENTS/PARTIES RESPONSIBLE
		Capital Line Item	Interim activation 1-3 years, full build out 8-10 years	• Planning • Community host organization • Streets

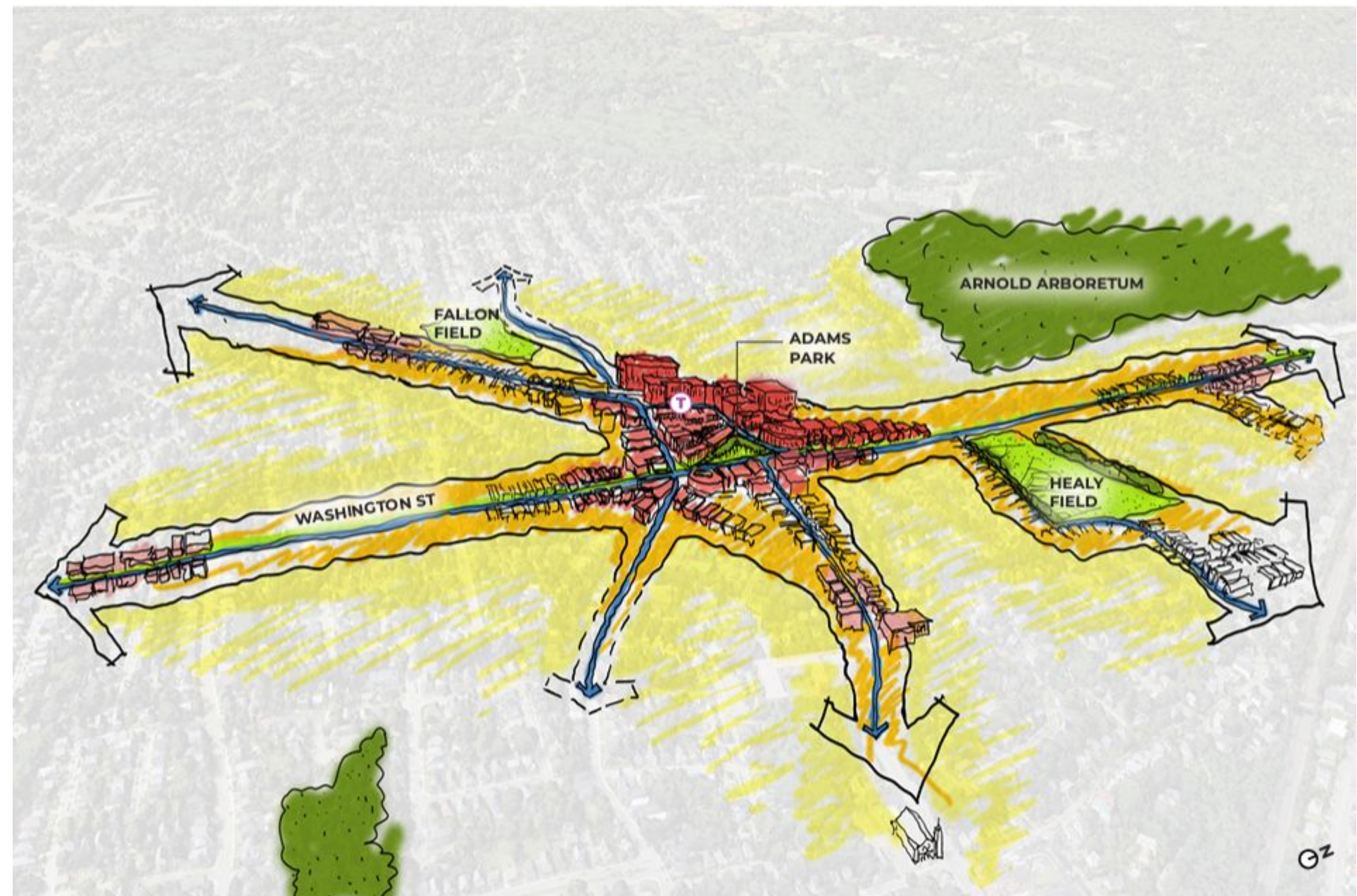
Draft Land Use and Design Framework

The draft land use and design framework recommends

- **where future development should occur and**
- **what that development should look like**

In Roslindale Square, the draft framework recommends future land uses, scales of new buildings, infrastructure and community amenities (i.e. outdoor amenity space)

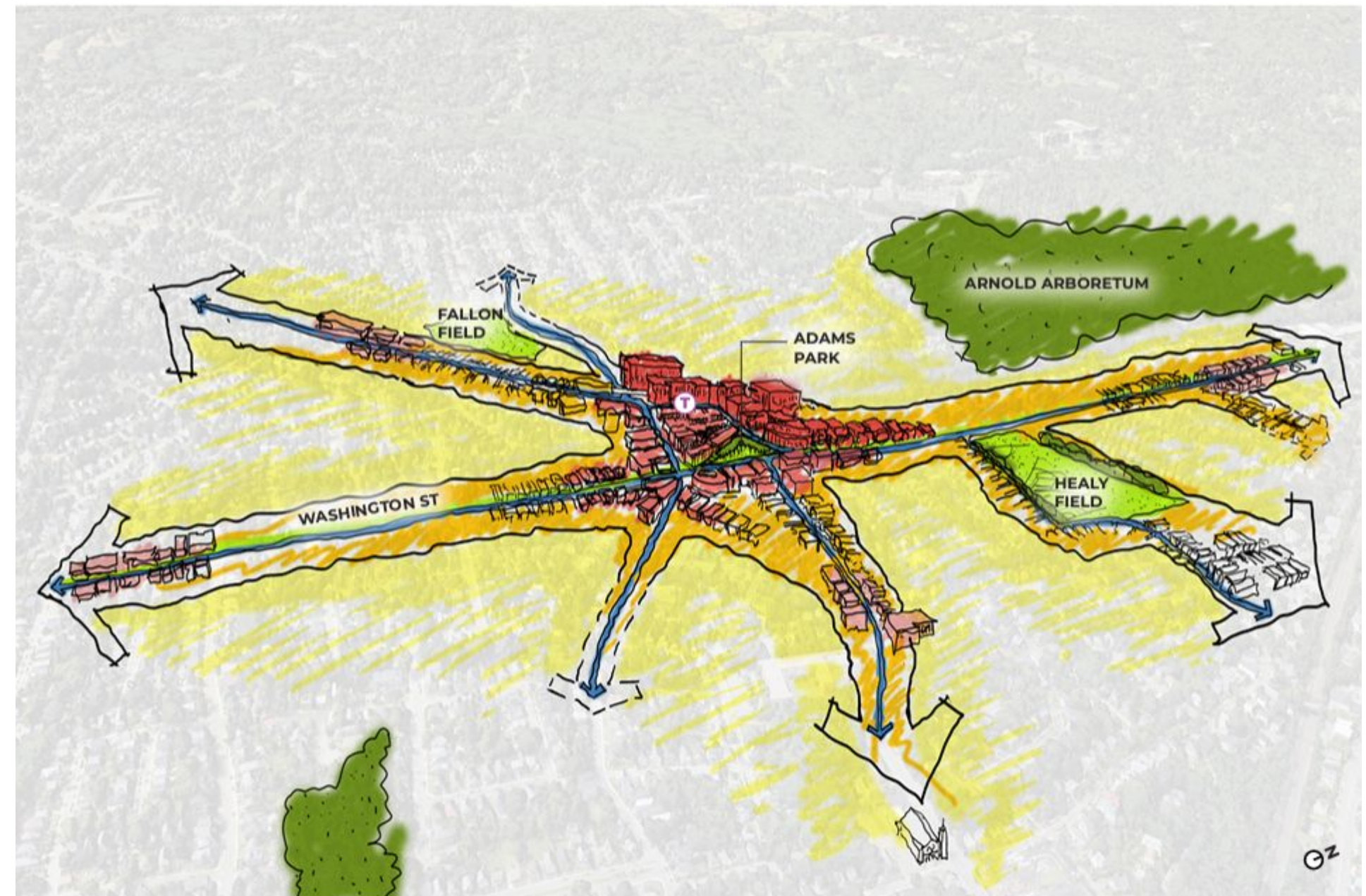
Draft Land Use and Design Framework



The Land Use and Design Framework will be **implemented** primarily through:

1. Zoning map amendment (to be released after the conclusion of the draft Plan comment period in early February 2025)
2. Design guidelines (to be applied in design review for all projects within a Squares + Streets zoning district)

Draft Land Use and Design Framework



Area 1: Community + Commercial Core

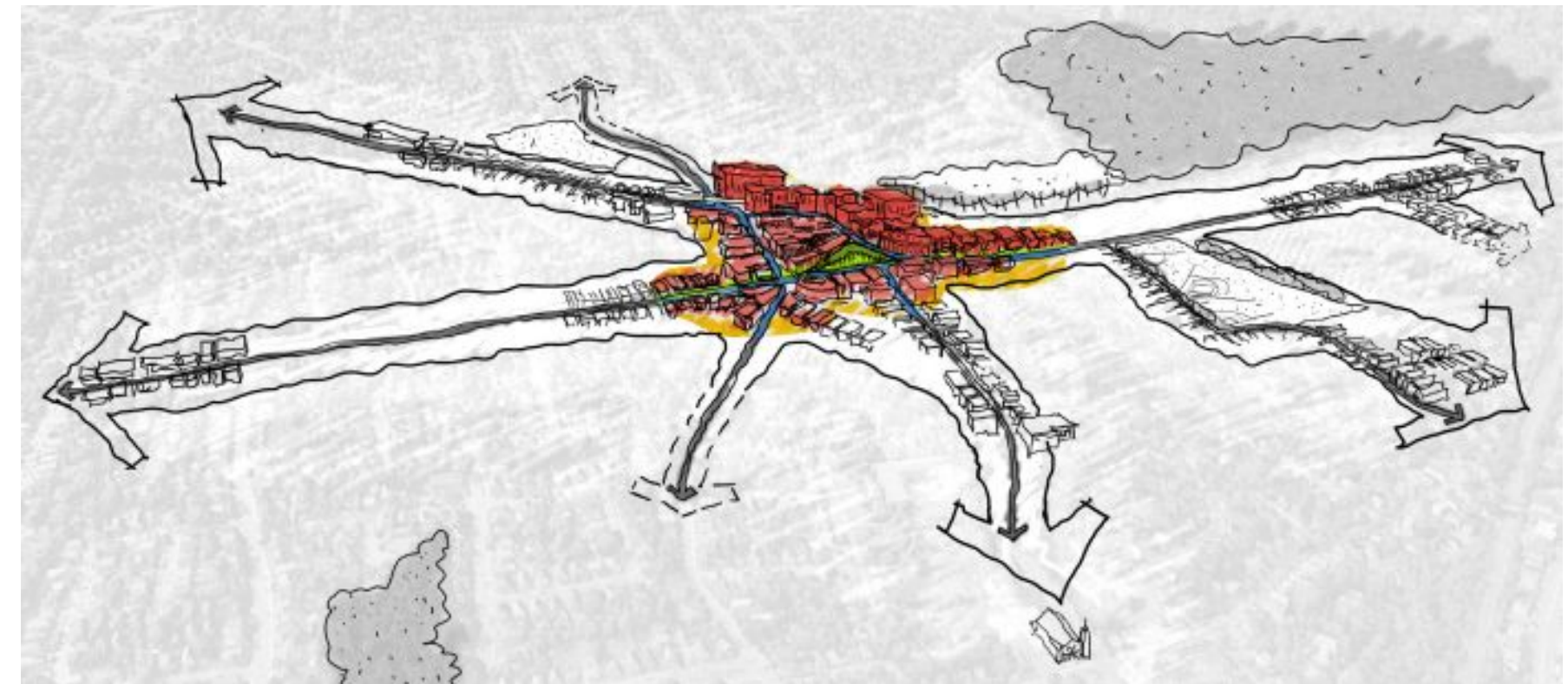


In Roslindale Square, the Land Use and Design Framework envisions:

A **community and commercial core** centered around Adams Park that enables:

- higher-density mixed-use housing growth,
- active ground floors,
- opportunities for public spaces such as outdoor seating, pedestrian connections, and publicly accessible open space.

Community + Commercial Core



Existing conditions today:



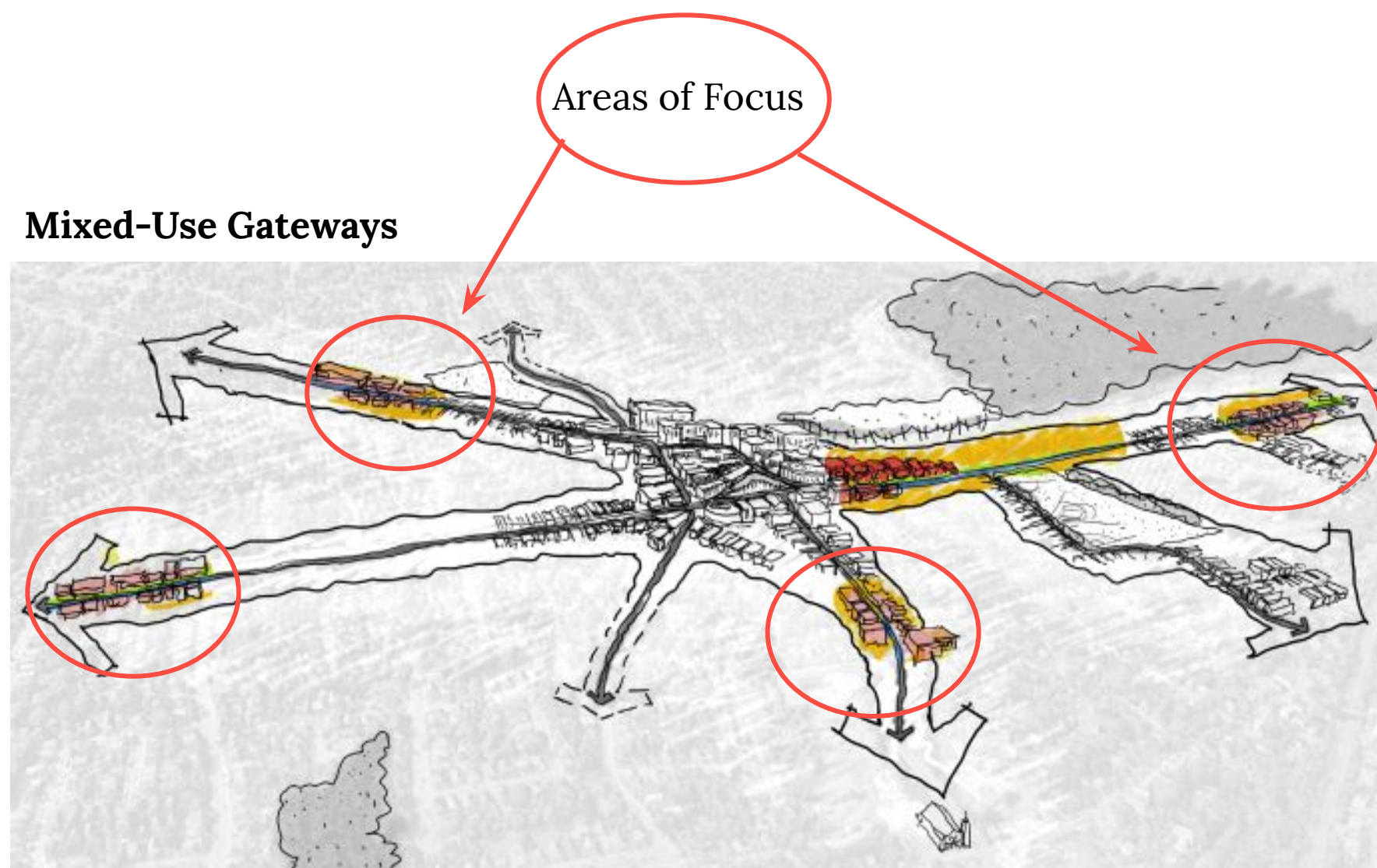
Area 2: Mixed-Use Gateways



In Roslindale Square, the Land Use and Design Framework envisions:

A series of **mixed-use gateways** at existing commercial clusters (listed below) at the edges of the Square that accommodate greater commercial flexibility than already there and further encourages small-to-medium scale housing options.

- Around the intersection of Archdale Rd/Washington St
- Around the intersection of Sycamore St/Cummins Hwy
- Around the intersection of Metropolitan Ave/Washington St
- Around the intersection of Walworth St/Belgrade Ave



Existing conditions today:



Area 3: Active Main Street



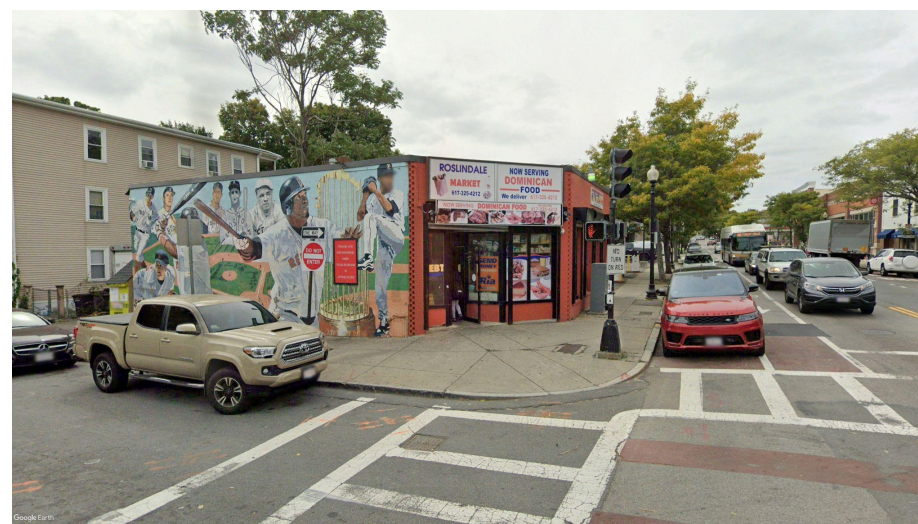
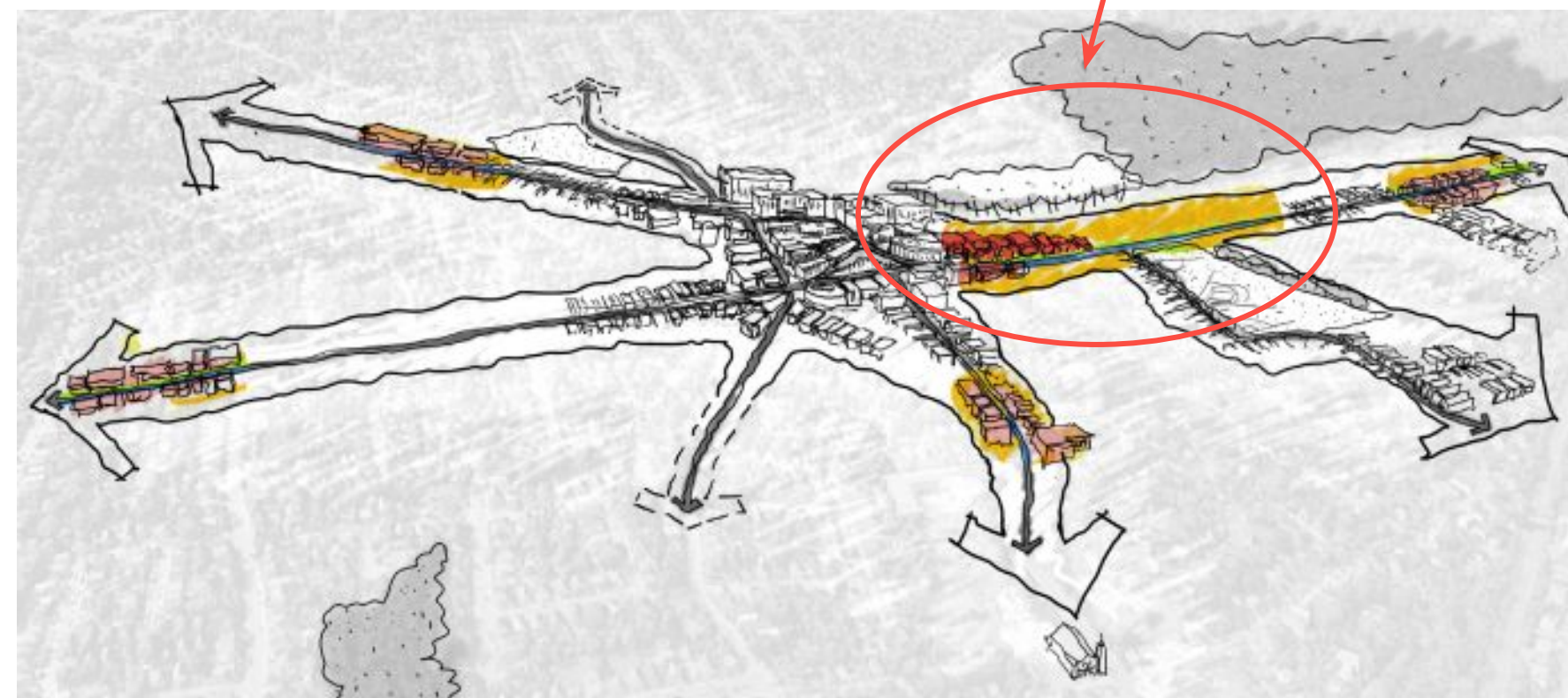
In Roslindale Square, the Land Use and Design Framework envisions:

An **active main street** between Adams Park and Healy Field that:

- strengthens the connection between Adams Park and Healy Field
- allows for desired larger-scale land uses, such as entertainment uses and indoor recreational spaces
- provides opportunity for mixed-use growth, especially housing above active ground floor commercial spaces

Existing conditions today:

Active Main Street



Area 4: Connecting Streets + Transition Corridors

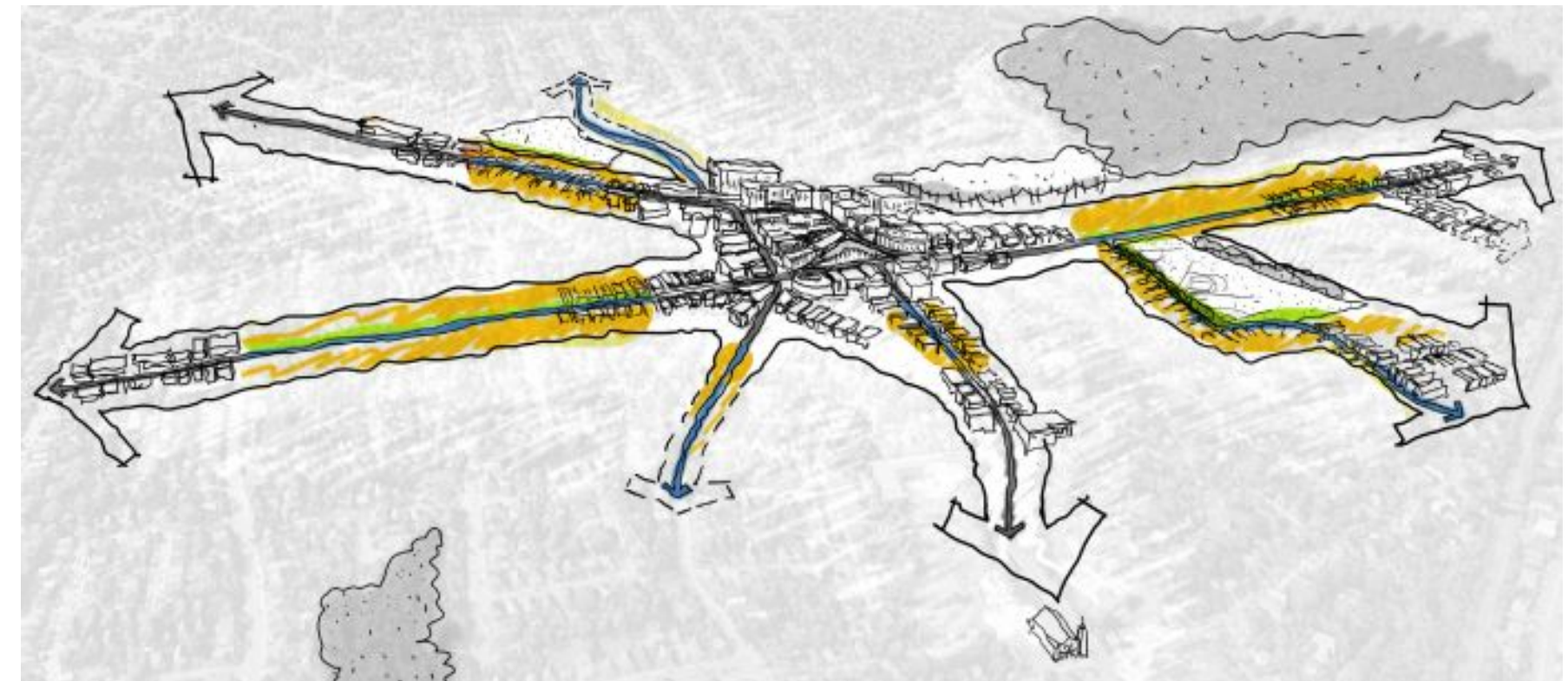


In Roslindale Square, the Land Use and Design Framework envisions:

Strengthened **connecting streets** (such as Belgrade Ave, Cummins Highway, and Washington Street) that:

- affirm the existing residential character of multi-unit homes
- allow greater flexibility for small-scale, low-impact commercial uses.

Connecting Streets



Existing conditions today:



Draft Recommendations: Housing + Real Estate



Recommendations primarily rely on **regulatory triggers** and **private development** to accomplish the following:

Yield greater affordability and larger income-restricted housing units in new housing developments



Recommendation:

Request more **2+ bedroom Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) units** and more units marketed to housing **voucher holders**

Initiate a framework to purchase or develop underused or vacant parcels for housing



Recommendation:

Start a public process to determine land uses and public amenities on the **Taft Hill municipal parking lot**

Taft Hill municipal parking lot



Multifamily housing located off Washington Street



Support the creation of mixed-income housing and preservation of existing affordable income-restricted and market housing



Recommendation:

Use tools in forthcoming citywide **Anti-Displacement Action Plan** to identify opportunities for acquisition of affordable housing

Draft Recommendations: Small Business

Recommendations primarily rely on **operating budget/annual programs** and **private development** to:

Encourage desired commercial uses that create opportunities for gathering space in new development or in existing vacant spaces

Fornax Bakery on Corinth Street



Increase visibility and customer foot traffic in Roslindale Square, while taking policy action to address commercial vacancies

Provide targeted programmatic investments to support long-term stability of existing independently-owned businesses

Vacant commercial property on South St



Recommendation:

Desired commercial uses in new or currently vacant spaces include: affordable food retail, cafes/eateries and sit-down restaurants

Recommendation:

Develop citywide **tracking for commercial vacancies** + support businesses in filling vacant spaces

Recommendation:

Engage with business owners to provide Technical Assistance for **cooperative models of ownership** (like Village Market!)

Draft Recommendations: Arts + Culture



Recommendations primarily rely on **regulatory action** and **private development** to:

Facilitate more activities such as live music and movie nights in existing public spaces

Incorporate public art that reflects community diversity and contributes to a sense of place

Involve community groups and organizations in creating and maintaining public art and running events in public spaces

Recommendation:

Issue a **location-specific entertainment license to Birch Street Plaza** to make programming easier and more frequent

Recommendation:

Establish a **public art maintenance fund** with Roslindale Village Main Streets to commission and maintain new public art (i.e. murals, interactive sculptures, etc.)

Recommendation:

If Washington Street is restored to 2-ways, provide more opportunity for **community-led activation of Poplar Street** as an extension of Adams Park

Birch Street Plaza (Summer 2024)



Summer Farmers Market in Adams Park



Draft Recommendations: Transportation + Public Realm



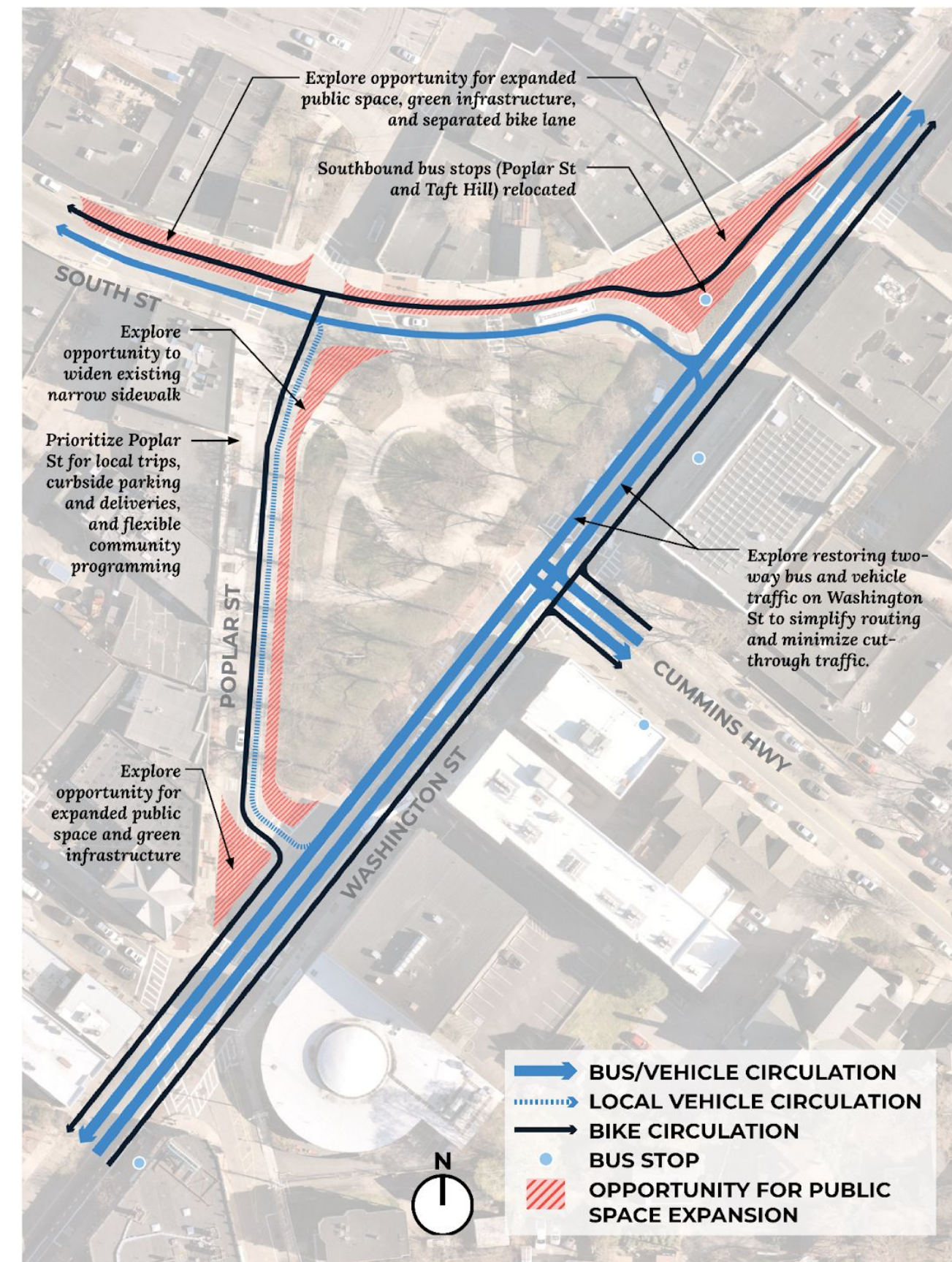
Recommendations primarily rely on **grants, capital line items,** and **private development** to:

* The Streets Cabinet procured an engineering contract to advance further design work for this recommendation beginning in early 2025

Redesign unsafe intersections to expand the pedestrian realm, provide more space for greening, and simplify bus and traffic routes

Recommendation:

Explore restoring 2-way operations on Washington Street between South Street and Poplar Street*



Draft Recommendations: Transportation + Public Realm



Recommendations primarily rely on **grants, capital line items,** and **private development** to:

Expand green infrastructure and trees, particularly in areas that experience urban heat island and excess stormwater runoff



Recommendation:

If Washington Streets is restored to 2-ways...Allow for Poplar Street to be a shared street, allowing for local traffic and business loading/operations while allowing for more greening



Draft Recommendations: Transportation + Public Realm



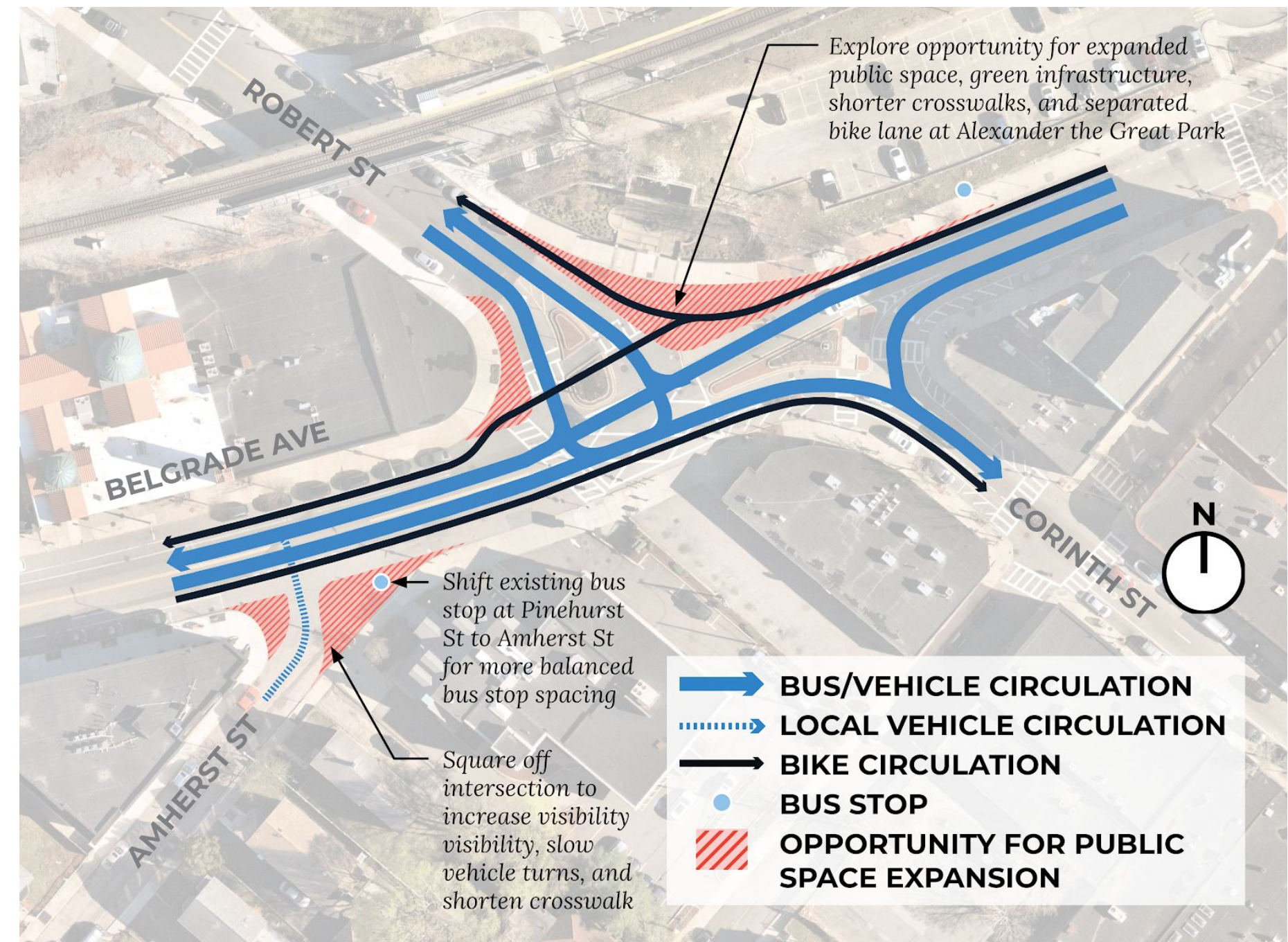
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Recommendation:

Reconfigure the Belgrade/Robert St/Corinth St intersection to shorten crossings and better protect pedestrians*



Recommendations primarily rely on **grants, capital line items,** and **private development** to:

Expand green infrastructure and trees, particularly in areas that experience urban heat island and excess stormwater runoff



Recommendation:

After the Belgrade/Roberts/Corinth Street redesign...provide additional green infrastructure, wider sidewalks, and additional public space at this intersection



Draft Recommendations: Transportation + Public Realm



Recommendations primarily rely on **grants, capital line items, and private development** to:

Expand green infrastructure and trees, particularly in areas that experience urban heat island and excess stormwater runoff

Recommendation:

Prioritize heat resilient strategies such as trees and cooling pavement materials in priority zones identified in the Urban Forest Plan (dark red on map)



Enhance transit access and efficiency for buses and the commuter rail

Recommendation:

Refresh bus lanes and install additional crosswalks on Washington Street



TRANSPORTATION MAP KEY

— EXISTING CROSSWALK — PROPOSED CROSSWALK ● BUS STOPS

Draft Recommendations: Implementation



All recommendations are intended to be completed in 5-10 years through a combination of public funding, private development, grants, and community action.

The Planning Department will work with the **Planning Advisory Council (PAC)** to track implementation of the Plan recommendations and report on progress to the public.

The final chapter of the Plan, “Implementing the Plan”, contains a table that outlines when to refer to the Plan and what information to look for depending on one’s role (Planning Department staff, private developers, community members, etc.)



ROSLINDALE SQUARE | IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

Entity	When should they refer to the plan?	What should they look for?
PLANNING DEPARTMENT		
Zoning Reform Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) cases Assessing new opportunities for updates to the Zoning Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize the Design Guidelines and Land Use Framework (Chapter 3) to inform recommendations for projects that request a zoning variance or have an existing building nonconformity
Planning Review Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) cases Reviewing Article 80 Large and Small Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize the Design Guidelines and Land Use Framework to inform recommendations for projects that request a zoning variance or have an existing building nonconformity Refer to recommendations in the implementation matrix (page 116) that identify private development as a responsible party to assess opportunities for community benefits through Article 80 Use the Land Use Framework to identify opportunities for building elements and community uses (such as housing, types of commercial uses, shared open spaces or publicly accessible ground floor or upper floor uses) that support this framework
Development Review Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing review process for Article 80 Large and Small Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to recommendations in the implementation matrix that include private development as a responsible party and advise project proponents accordingly
Urban Design Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting design review for Zoning Board of Appeal cases Reviewing Article 80 Large and Small Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Design Guidelines to ensure proposals advance these guidelines through new development

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City Departments (Not including Planning Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital planning during 5-year budget cycle Allocating annual operating funds Determining investment opportunities through capital line items, contracts, or grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to recommendations in the implementation matrix that include their department as a responsible party to inform capital planning, staffing, and budgetary needs
Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing development proposals that request zoning relief or petition for new zoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Land Use Framework for context related to desired building and community uses (such as housing, commercial uses, shared open spaces or publicly accessible ground floor or upper floor uses) and place-based design elements that align with this framework
Property Owners and Developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining acquisition and/or development opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to recommendations in the implementation matrix that include private development as a responsible entity to inform project scope, in-kind mitigation, and community benefits Use the Land Use Framework and Design Guidelines to inform key project elements, such as building form, design, and building uses/amenities







A brief look ahead...



December 2024						
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January 2025						
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-  Draft Plan released
-  Public meeting
-  Office hours (sign up on our [website](#) under 'Get Involved')
-  End of draft Plan comment period (submit comments via the [public comment form](#) or email squaresandstreets@boston.gov or eileen.michaud@boston.gov)
-  Draft zoning map amendment released
-  BPDA Board (Plan only)

What kind of feedback are we looking for?



As you are reviewing the draft Plan, ask yourself:

1. Does the language make sense to me?
Can I easily interpret what it means?
2. Is there a recommendation that I agree/do not agree with and why?
3. Is there missing information that should inform or help me better understand the recommendations?

We will incorporate feedback from this public meeting, office hours, one on one discussions, emails, and comment letters to:

1. **Modify recommendations** that reflects community priorities and needs
2. **Add context** that helps inform and support recommendations
3. **Clarify language** to make it more accessible

Q+A Tips

- If you're joining by phone, **dial *9 to raise your hand** and wait to be called upon and **dial *6 to unmute and mute.**
- **Zoom controls are available at the bottom of your screen.** Clicking on these symbols activates different features.



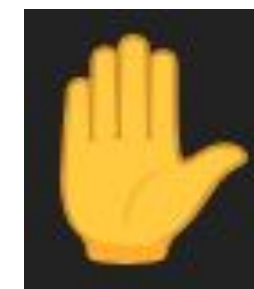
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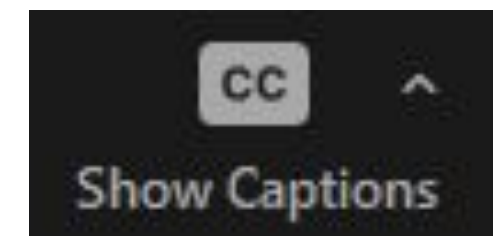
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Use the chat feature to write questions and comments



Raise hand to get in line to ask a question or provide comment



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Continuing Feedback!



The public comment period for the Plan is open until Friday, January 31st!

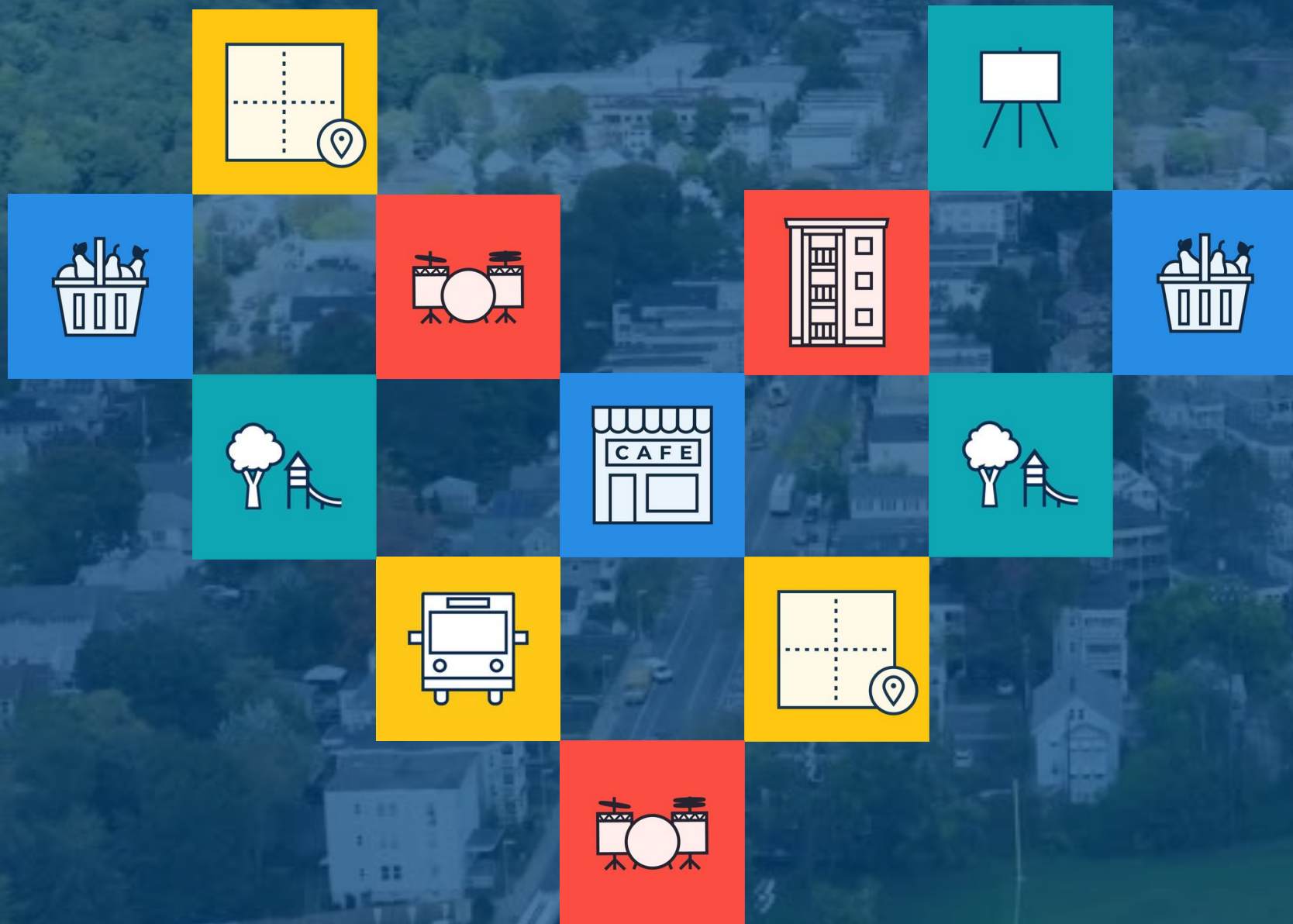
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- Public comment form on our website
- Email squaresandstreets@boston.gov or eileen.michaud@boston.gov
- Attend office hours (virtual and in-person) - sign up on our website under 'Get Involved'

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THANK YOU



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