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Welcome to

SQUARES + STREETS

Roslindale Square: Squares + Streets Ideas Reception



TODAY'S AGENDA



Today's ideas reception asks the community to provide feedback on **initial planning and land use recommendations** for the Roslindale Square Squares + Streets Plan. This input will inform a revised set of recommendations in a draft Small Area Plan and zoning map amendment to be released in early September.

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| 1. Introduction | 10 mins |
| 2. Topic-Based Engagement and Survey Questions | 1.5 hours |
| | 10 mins |
| 3. Close Out & Next Steps | |

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Many more City staff from the Planning Department and co-City departments are involved in the creation of this Plan and are here tonight to support robust dialogue!

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION



**ASK FOR CLARIFICATION
IF NEEDED.**



**SAVE LONGER QUESTIONS
OR COMMENTS FOR THE
END.**



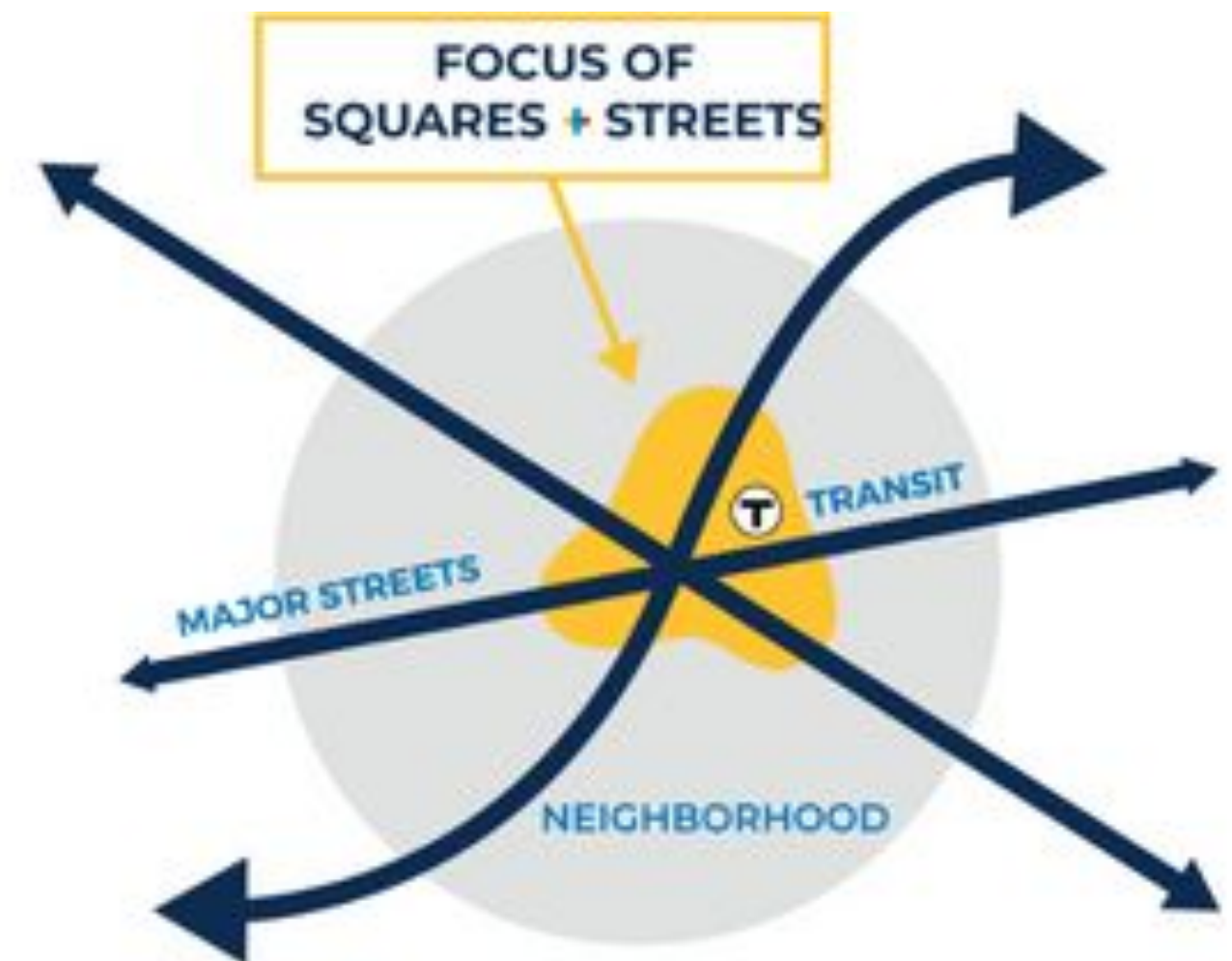
**RAISE YOUR HAND TO
SPEAK AND AVOID
INTERRUPTING OTHERS.**



**RESPECT DIVERSITY AND
AVOID OFFENSIVE REMARKS.
SPEAK FROM THE 'I' AND
NOT FOR OTHERS.**

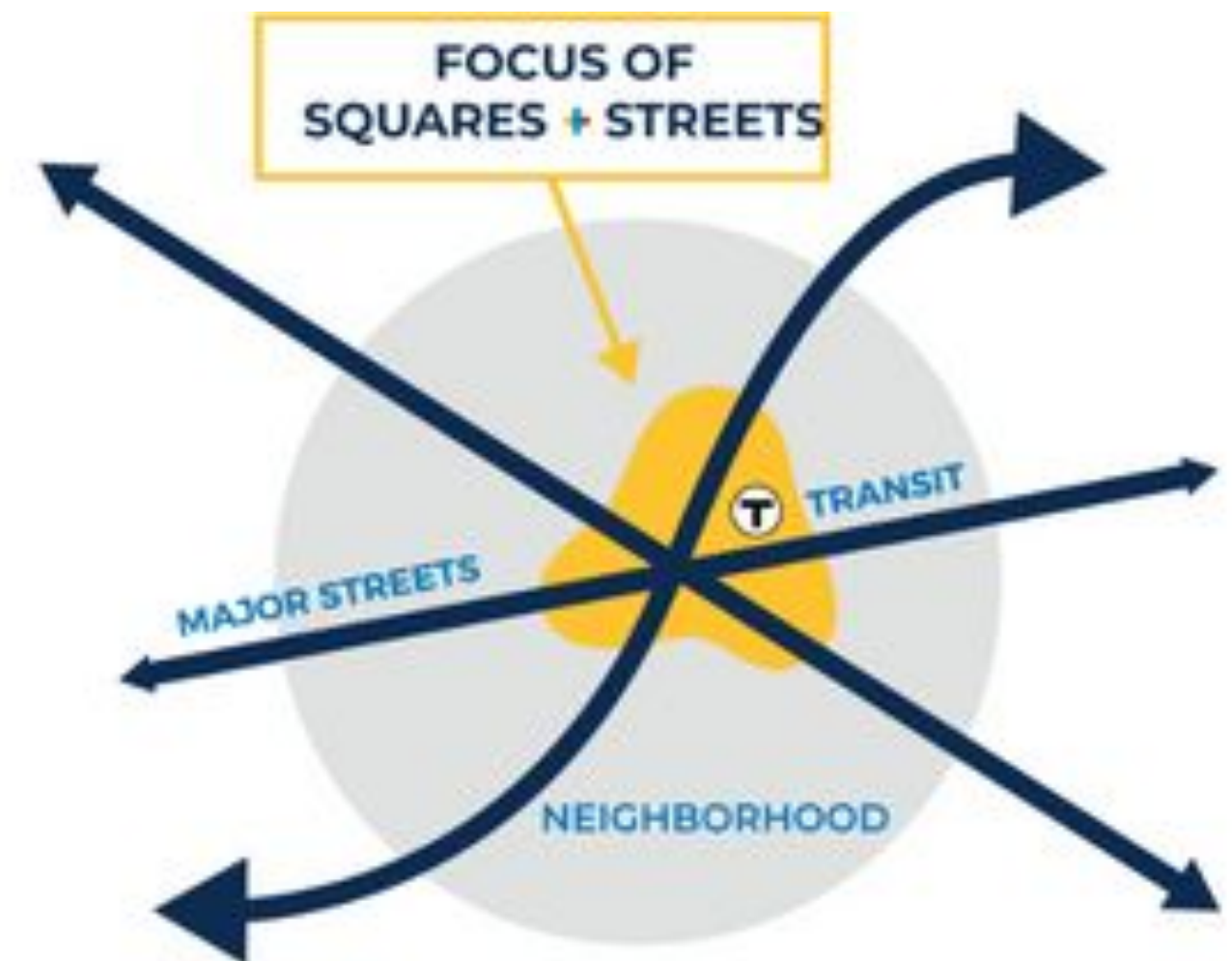
What Are “Squares + Streets” Areas?

- **Transit:** T stops, commuter rail stations, frequent bus service
- **Commercial activity:** main streets districts, retail along streets, businesses within walking distance of both transit and housing
- **Neighborhood centers:** central locations where neighborhood residents access local services to eat, shop, spend time, and run errands
- **Mixed use:** either directly above or directly adjacent to these businesses is housing, allowing some residents to get around without requiring a car
- **Places for growth:** existing housing and businesses are well-utilized, with context and market conditions that are suited for additional housing and economic growth
- **Lack of recent planning:** need for analysis of current neighborhood context, investment needs, and how zoning matches built conditions

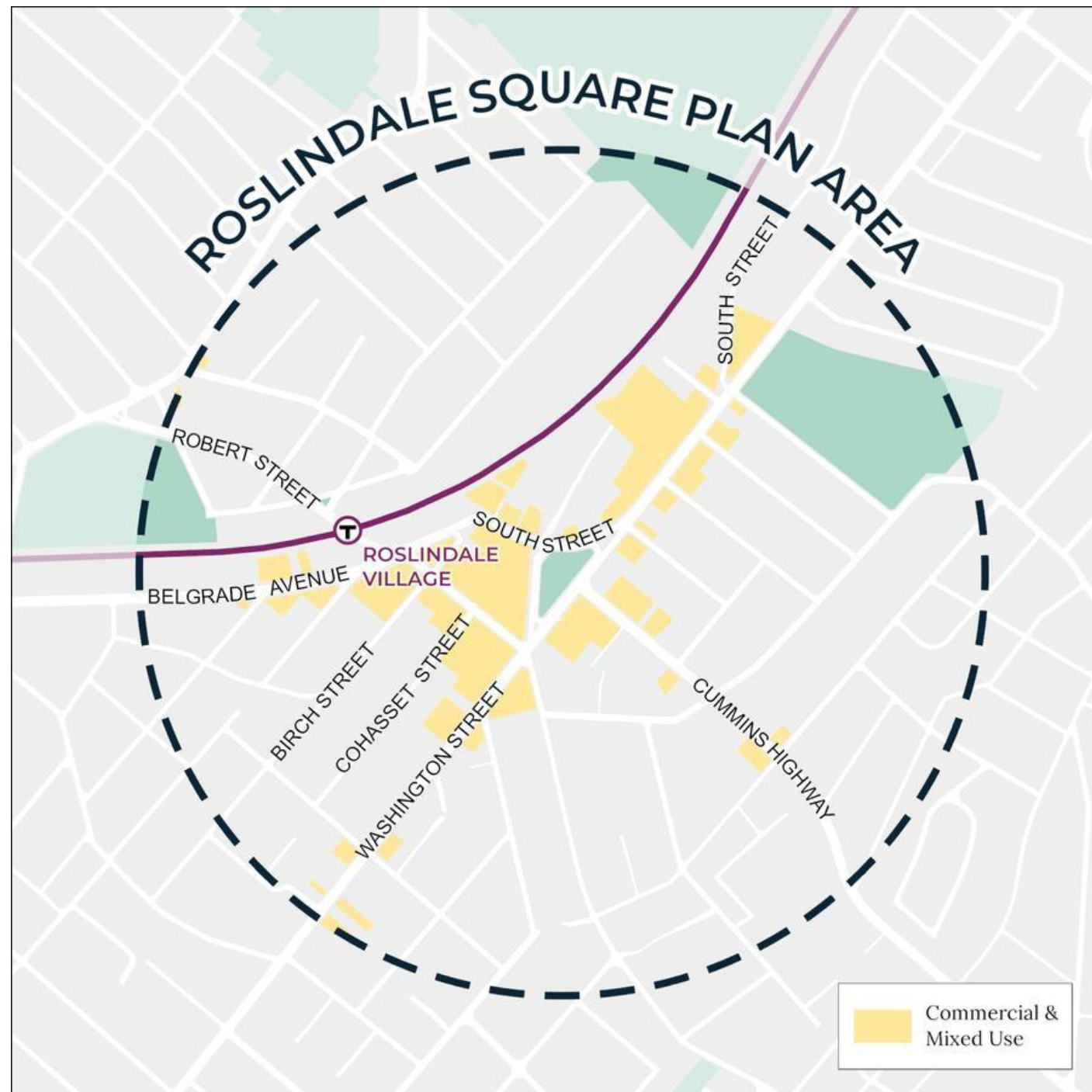


Why Focus on Squares + Streets?

- Ensure every Bostonian has access to **neighborhoods with everyday resources and services**
- Provide **more housing** to support Boston's current and future residents
- 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 for transit-accessible geographic hubs to deliver **zoning reform** and coordinated, impactful, and visible **investments across City Departments** that address a range of needs



WHAT IS a “SMALL AREA PLAN”?



A Quick Brief:

Small Area Plans are focused on a small geography that will receive a **6-9 month planning and engagement process.**

The 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 amendments - to be determined with the community - **will not include this entire area.**

THE GOALS



These plans are meant to accomplish the following goals:

- **Update zoning** to support mixed-use development and better allow for a diverse range of housing and commercial opportunities
- **Preserve and produce affordable housing, retail, and cultural spaces** through policy, design, and funding resources
- **Coordinate local transportation and public space improvements** to increase accessibility and promote active forms of transportation
- **Identify capital and program investments** across City departments to signal coordinated investment in these geographies
- **Identify specific design interventions** to advance climate resilience



PROJECT TIMELINE



March - April 2024

Educational workshops (small businesses and housing, zoning), transportation/public realm walkshop, office hours, survey

**HAPPENING
NOW!**

June - Sept. 2024

Draft recommendation release and refinement

Jan. - Feb. 2024

Plan Primer released, stakeholder interviews, kick-off open house

April - May 2024

Engagement report-out and visioning sessions

Sept. - Dec. 2024

Review draft plan for adoption and draft zoning map amendment, closeout public meetings, BPDA Board and Zoning Commission

What's Coming Next?



ROSLINDALE SQUARE SQUARES + STREETS ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

Gathered knowledge of stakeholders through interviews and small group discussions

Hosted kick-off open house

Released community survey



APRIL - JUNE 2024

Hosted 2 visioning sessions, 2 business focus groups, and community pop-ups to inform recommendation development



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2024

Draft Small Area Plan released with 45-day comment period and public meeting

Zoning map amendment released with 30-day public comment period and public meeting



MARCH - APRIL 2024

Collected community knowledge of existing conditions, assets, and challenges to address

Led 2 educational workshops, transportation and public realm walkshop, and office hours



JULY 2024

Release initial recommendations and start zoning engagement with a virtual map-based survey



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

Small Area Plan and zoning map amendment presented to BPDA Board for adoption in November 2024

Draft zoning map amendment presented to Zoning Commission for approval



Ideas Reception Format

A QUICK BRIEF:

There are several topics set up around the room at which we will ask attendees to engage with fellow community members and staff in completing survey questions that will help us build consensus around recommendations for the Roslindale Square Squares +Streets Plan.



Visioning Session Activities



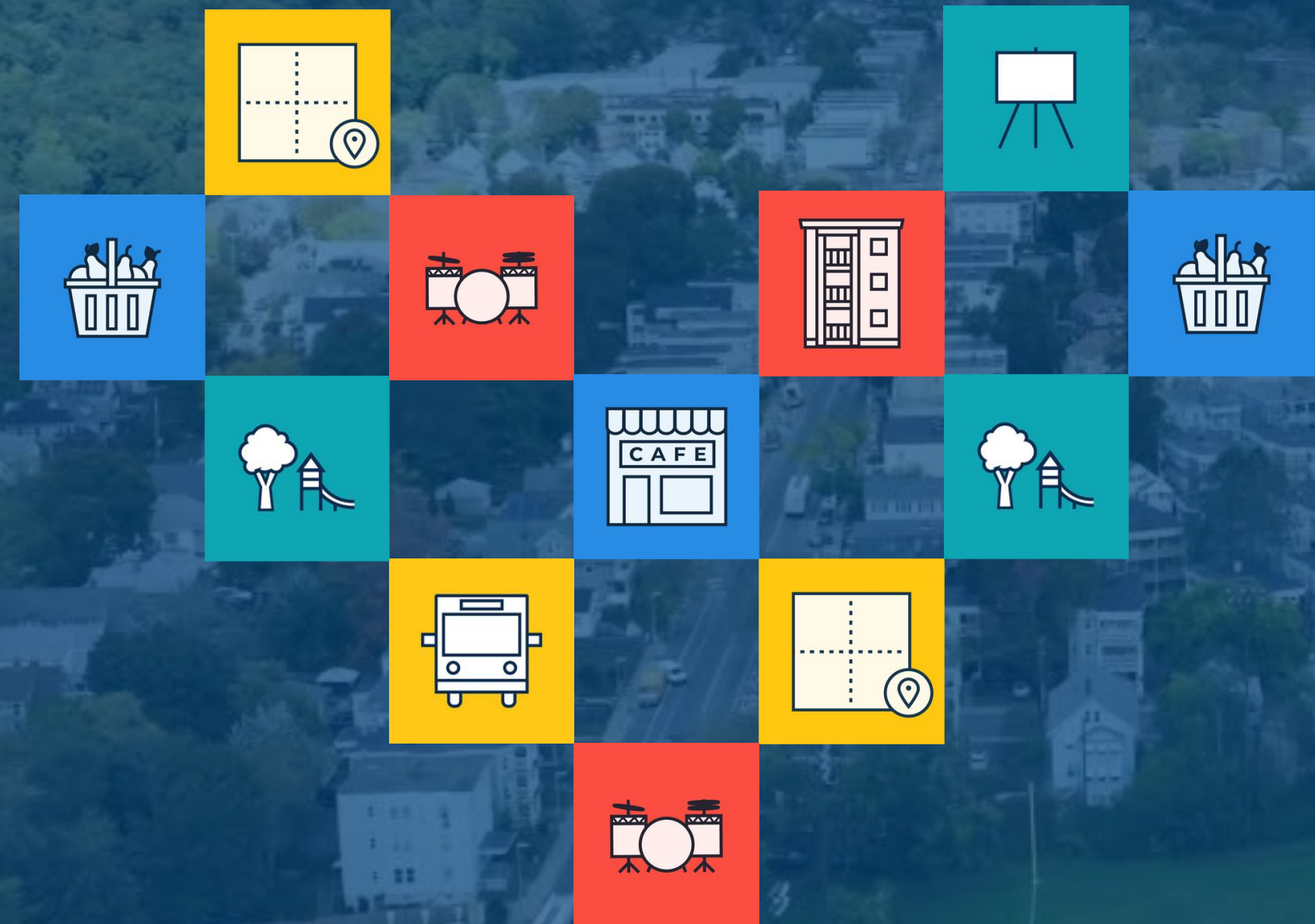
Room Set-Up and Activities

The room is set up with 7 topic-specific stations on the following topics in your packets: **Housing and Real Estate, Land Use and Design, Zoning, Transportation and Public Realm, Open Space and Resiliency, Small Businesses, and Arts + Culture**

- Use your packet to review the draft recommendations for each topic, when they are anticipated to be completed, who is responsible, and which community engagement themes they advance.
- The tables are staffed with BPDA/City staff who are there to facilitate conversation and answer questions about the draft recommendations
- Feel free to move around the room at your own pace and engage with as many topics as you'd like to!

IMPORTANT: Please fill out the survey questions in your packet OR virtually and hand them in before you leave!

Questions? (10 minutes)



THANK YOU