

# A-B Mobility December Open House Summary

*December 16th, 2019 at the Jackson Mann Gymnasium*

At this open house, the A-B Mobility Team presented a series of preliminary draft recommendations for many different geographies in Allston-Brighton. The open house included nearly [three dozen poster boards](#) containing a wide range of recommendations. Attendees were encouraged to share their comments at each of the poster boards by submitting a comment card. There was also [a brief presentation](#) that gave an overview of the A-B Mobility Study and highlighted some of the preliminary draft recommendations.

The following scanned images show each of the comment cards submitted at the poster boards.




# Multimodal Corridor Board

Area/Topic: A-B Multi

Comment: Option B

The Comm Ave Cycle track has been successful and has demonstrated that when infrastructure is provided people will use it.




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Area/Topic: A-B Multi-modal Corridor

Comment: Option B


→ Separated cycle tracks!



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Area/Topic: Multimodal


Comment: Option C is preferred, provides optimal safety for cyclists while efficiency for the corridor & public transit particularly.



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Area/Topic: A-B Multimodal corridor

Comment: I think option B is the safest for cyclist, pedestrians and people taking the bus. We need to make biking much safer to encourage people of all ages to bike.




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Area/Topic: Multimodal corridor (Washington St, Brighton Center)

Comment: with option C, you'll have constant double-parking with uber/lyft & food deliveries.

As a pedestrian, bus rider, & cyclist I prefer option B- double parking will not create dangerous situations for cyclists.

thanks!



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Area/Topic: A-B MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR

Comment: BIG FAN of separated lanes

I'm afraid of the Peak Period bus lanes because I have no faith in the no-parking enforcement

A car with a ticket in the way is still an obstacle preventing bus mobility, and the buses should be the priority in that area

Removing parking in favor of loading zones is almost always okay



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# FAS Bike Facility Board

Area/Topic: FAS Bike Facility

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Option A

→ two separated  
bike lanes  
(10' travel lanes)  
no parking




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Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Option A or B is preferred

~~(if you're going~~

B provides more space but will  
require cyclists to move - will they?



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Area/Topic: FAS

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTION A!

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# Oak Square Board

Area/Topic: Oak Square

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_


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I vote for option A -  
more public space, less  
cut-through of driveways through  
public space.

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LOVE the removal of slip  
lanes!

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Area/Topic: Oak Square

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Add protected  
bike lanes!

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Area/Topic: Oak Square

Comment: Option A:  
↳ It seems like vehicles will  
be slowed down due to the  
turning that is required. This  
will make option A safer by design  
without having to enforce speed  
limits.

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# Brighton Center Board

Area/Topic: Brighton Center


Comment: Remove right turn lane and  
execute Concept 1  
Brighton Center would benefit from  
placemaking



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Area/Topic: Brighton Center


Comment: Love Concept 1  
→ remove the slip lane  
→ turn the signals into  
a scramble crossing!



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Area/Topic: MNC - Market Street

Comment: Retime traffic signal -  
sometimes you have to wait  
two cycles before the all way ped  
activates




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# Union Square Board

Area/Topic: Union Sq


Comment: Union Sq is an often forgotten area of Boston. Placemaking will produce an environment that people will want to congregate.



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Area/Topic: Union Square


Comment: Remove the slip lane to slow turning traffic speeds!



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Area/Topic: Union Square


Comment: Cars turning right from Cambridge to Brighton Ave are confused because the only lane doesn't extend all the way to intersections. They don't merge & stay in the new one lane.



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Area/Topic: UNION SQUARE


Comment: LOVE THE FACT THAT THIS STUDY IS GOING ON. A LITTLE MORE GREEN GOES A LONG WAY.



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Area/Topic: Union Sq

Comment: Pedestrian signals needs to be at least 25 sec. and coordinated to go all the way across.



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# Brighton Ave Board

Area/Topic: Allston Village Brighton Ave

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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A, B Proposed ~~pass~~ section is great! Will ease bus lane congestion. TNC zone for entire ~~Harvard~~ Linden → Harvard


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Area/Topic: BRIGHTON AVE FLEX ZONES

Comment: I LOVE THE BUS BULBOUT.


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I'm afraid if TNC's can use flex zones, they'll block buses even more than they do now

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The bulbout might prevent motorists from cannibalizing the bus lane, which they currently do; if ~~they~~ a single driver starts down it, others follow suit, often delaying the buses

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Area/Topic: Brighton Ave

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Need enforcement on bus / bike lane


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Area/Topic: Brighton Ave

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

flex zones would be amazing at reducing double parking which negates the benefit of the bus lanes


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# Franklin St Bridge Board

Area/Topic: Linden St

Comment: Linden between Brighton and Cambridge is dangerous for peds due to the volume and speed of through vehicle traffic. This connection is entirely superfluous as vehicles can use Howard Ave and Brighton Ave to access Cambridge St & the Pike. The I90 project will add a Molver St bridge, making Linden even less needed.


Linden north of Brighton should be closed to through traffic, or turned into a ped plaza next to Nova Allston.



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Area/Topic: Franklin St / Linden Bridge

Comment: → work with the Fire Department to permit a parking protected bike lane in front of the Nova Allston project → currently, they are opposing this needed safety improvement



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# Harvard Ave Board 1 of 2

Area/Topic: Crossing Death Avenue  
at misery street.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Crossing Comm Ave at Packard's  
Corner ~~is~~ is horrendous  
and dangerous.

Put a pedestrian bridge over the  
T tracks at Naples  
Road. People cross  
the tracks here any way  
and take their lives into their  
hands.



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— Ken Saharin

Area/Topic: All of AB

Comment: longer ~~longer~~ pedestrian  
crossing network

mid-block phbs



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Area/Topic: Harvard Avenue

Comment: Eliminating the Harvard @ Brighton  
bus stop pair adds 5-10 minutes of walking or  
5+ minutes of vehicle delay (boarding H/Camb SB)  
to all trips from Allston Village to Brookline & points south.

Oppose Option A as written; please keep the stop  
until/unless the Union Sq deviation can be  
greatly accelerated.



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Area/Topic: To save lives do

Comment: this:

Put a pedestrian bridge over  
the T track at Comm  
Ave & Naples St



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Area/Topic: Harvard Ave

Comment: → remove beg buttons  
for major ped intersections, e.s.  
Brighton/Harvard, Comm/Harvard,  
Cambridge, Harvard) → walk signals  
should be automatic

→ lengthen the walk cycles!  
they are too short!



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Area/Topic: Harvard Ave

Comment: Bus stop relocation

↓  
confused about placement  
of new bus stop on  
Brighton → 66 bus  
can't stop there




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# Harvard Ave Board 2 of 2

Area/Topic: Harvard Ave Continued


Comment: I love the pedestrian mall  
Please make it work. But when  
are those cars going to go instead  
of down Harvard Ave? What neighborhood  
will feel the brunt of the traffic



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Area/Topic: Harvard Ave


Comment: C is too radical



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Area/Topic: Harvard Ave

Comment: In support of option C -  
dedicated bus/bike lanes  
and no vehicle traffic.  
A bold vision that AB deserves!




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Area/Topic: Harvard Ave

Comment: Option C

- More efficient use of space!
- More Pleasant space.
- Safer for everyone.
- less noise pollution from cars.




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# Leo Birmingham Parkway Board

Area/Topic: Leo Birmingham


Comment: PBLs would be great here!  
But Option A (new repurposed  
carriageway) is also good!



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Area/Topic: Leo Birmingham Park

Comment: look @ reconfiguring  
N. Beacon & Birmingham Park  
intersection to "T" the parkway  
into N. Beacon → slow traffic  
& improve site lines



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# Soldiers Field Road Board

Area/Topic: Soldiers Field Road

Comment: At-grade crossings should  
be encouraged. Ped bridges are  
more expensive, less accessible, and  
signal priority for moving cars  
over the safety of humans. Need  
to slow the vehicle traffic down.



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# Lincoln St Board

Area/Topic: Lincoln St.


Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
consider what MassDOT  
is proposing for Franklin St  
overpass and align.

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Any opportunity for improved  
cycling safety? If Western Ave  
improves maybe cyclists  
will use Lincoln less.

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Area/Topic: Lincoln St


Comment: All 3 are awesome -  
concept 3 is critical to  
keeping traffic out of the  
Residential area!

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Area/Topic: Lincoln Street


Comment: Raised crosswalk coming off  
Franklin St. ped bridge would be  
fantastic. Speeds are way too high  
there.

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# Lincoln St Board Continued

Area/Topic: North of Pike - Lincoln


Comment: Concept 3 absolutely  
needs to happen to mitigate  
traffic cutting through the neighborhood  
side streets. Furthermore, Portsmouth  
Waverly, South Waverly, Litchfield  
all need to be made one-way.  
It's a serious safety concern!



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Area/Topic: Lincoln Street


Comment: Bike path & noise  
wall along I-90?



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Area/Topic: Lincoln St.

Comment: Lincoln Street parking chicane  
will be very hazardous for people  
on bikes, unless there is a  
bike lane painted




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Area/Topic: LINCOLN STREET

Comment: I ADORE CONCEPT 2


All 3 concepts sound great together, but I  
feel like 2 is the most important to my life



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Area/Topic: Lincoln St

Comment: Concept 1 and 2 would make  
this area feel so much safer as  
a cyclist




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# Waverly St and Holton St Board

Area/Topic: Bike Network Waverly/Holton


Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Separated bike lane ✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Area/Topic: HOLTON STREET CONTRAFLOW LANE


Comment: I LOVE THIS IDEA  
Holton St isn't very high-stress in my opinion, so  
it getting a contraflow lane could be beneficial  
CITYWIDE BY normalizing the concept. Big long-  
term win for safety and traffic order.  
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Area/Topic: Holton Street

Comment: I love the idea of a contra-  
flow lane on Holton! I bike against  
traffic here already and it would  
be great to formalize it. Flexposts  
to keep cars out would be great!  
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# Lake St and Foster St Board

Area/Topic: Chestnut Hill Ave


Comment: Love the idea of PBLs  
on this street. Painted bikelanes  
in the door zone currently are not  
safe!



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Area/Topic: Bike Network Lake St / Foster St.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Separated bike lanes ✓



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# N Beacon St Board

Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: remove on street parking on  
N Beacon st. and put in a  
bike lane on each side of the  
street.

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Area/Topic: N, Beacon St

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Crossing of night is almost impossible  
Adding an island with lighting would  
be a great improvement

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# Washington St Board

Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_


Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
two-way protected bike paths are great in theory but you must take into account how people are supposed to turn onto side streets & how they work at major intersections

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Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRAFFIC CALMING  
WASHINGTON ST BETWEEN  
COMM AVE + COREY ROAD


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RESPONSIVE SIGNALING FOR  
ELDERS + PERSONS W/ DISABILITIES

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Bike -  
Washington S

Area/Topic: Washington St Bike Network

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Option A - safety for cyclists


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Area/Topic: Washington Street

Comment: Love Option A! Two-way cycletrack.


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# Murdock St and Sparhawk St Board

Area/Topic: Pedestrians  
- global comment

Comment: Install LPI at  
signalized intersections




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Area/Topic: Murdock

Comment: lots of pedestrians  
at night crossing.


check street lighting,  
add street light



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Area/Topic: Murdock + Sparhawk

Comment: Please add the curb. People drive  
during peak hours in a manner that creates  
2/3 lanes which makes walking/biking  
up the street dangerous




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# Cleveland Circle Board

Area/Topic: Cleveland Circle


Comment: angled Backing in  
Parking  
or  
parallel spaces.



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Area/Topic: Cleveland Circle


Comment: Loading management  
needed. commercial  
zones / short term parking.



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Area/Topic: Cleveland Circle

Comment: train tracks are a  
hazzard - ADA, peds, bikes  
can we brighten tracks / outline  
so there is no tripping  
More lights on SW  
side of streets  
too dark.



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# Faneuil St Board

Area/Topic: Faneuil St.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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YES Concept 1


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Consistent separated  
bike lanes

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Area/Topic: Faneuil St.


Comment: Two-way cycle tracks only work  
when you take into account the need to  
turn. What is a westbound person on a bike  
supposed to do when they get to the rotary?

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I'd rather support one-direction bike lanes  
on each side of the street - option B. Safety  
islands are a great idea here - so many  
kids cross the street here.

For what it's worth - I walk & bike on  
Faneuil every day.

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Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross walk at Faneuil St  
+ Dunbar


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Area/Topic: Fan St

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes - make intersection  
improvements.  
great for cyclists


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Area/Topic: Fan St

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

like cycle track.


Raise crosswalks

traffic calming @  
McKinney Playground

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# Transit Overview Board

Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Market St Bus Service  
to Guest St (to 4112  
Boston Landing)

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Area/Topic: Transit Recommendations

Comment: How about enforcement of  
traffic rule? I love the bus/bike  
lane but there are private vehicles  
blocking it.

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Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

please consider a bus-only lane on  
market street from Western Ave to  
Comm Ave!

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# Quick-Build Board

Area/Topic: SHORT TERM IMPROVEMENTS


Comment: NEW CROSSWALKS ON  
RANEUIL AND WASHINGTON STREETS!  
LOTS OF DISTANCE BETWEEN CROSSINGS  
DONT BLOCK THE BOX PAINT @  
KENDRICK and LAKE  
SLOW VEHICLES ON WASHINGTON  
WEST OF OAK SQUARE

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Area/Topic: Murdoch / Sparkhawk

Comment: Add street lighting @  
intersection. Lots of  
crossing at night to  
Murdoch St 'house parties'

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# Placemaking Board

Area/Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: *Move attention to  
visually impaired Improvements.*

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# Greening Program Board

Area/Topic: Greening program

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

MORE trees are GREAT

make sure they don't

IMPEDE/obstruct

LINE of sight for


vehicles + peds



# Ongoing Projects Board

Area/Topic: Brighton Ave Bus Lane

Comment: Cars double parking to pick up  
food on Brighton Ave reduces the  
effectiveness of the bus/bike lane.  
There is a need for enforcement  
either human or automated


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# Western Ave Corridor and Rezoning Board

Area/Topic: General

Comment: Please give more attention  
to the blind and visually impaired community  
who can be hit by both cars  
and bicycles.

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