

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC REALM IDEAS



ENGAGEMENT THEMES

Recommendations for transportation and public space were generated from key themes from community engagement:

- 1 SIMPLIFY STREET NETWORK CIRCULATION**
Simplify the street network for the safety of all users, to discourage cut-through traffic on minor residential streets, and to reduce circuitous travel patterns for buses and drivers.
- 2 RECONFIGURE CHALLENGING INTERSECTIONS**
Modify skewed and complex intersections to improve crosswalk safety and create new opportunities for green infrastructure and active streetscapes.
- 3 INVEST IN BETTER BUS STOPS AND BUS RELIABILITY**
Improve high ridership bus stops by providing additional space and amenities for riders, such as shelters and benches. Install transit priority features to street segments where buses experience delay.
- 4 REDUCE BARRIERS TO THE COMMUTER RAIL**
Improve connections to and within the Roslindale Square Commuter Rail station, increase train frequency, and reduce fares.

RECOMMENDATION IDEAS

Specific recommendation ideas that support the engagement themes are summarized below:

- A RESTORE 2-WAY WASHINGTON ST**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 1 2 3
Restore two-way operations on Washington Street along Adams Park (between South St and Poplar St) to reduce traffic on Poplar St, simplify bus routing, reduce residential cut-through traffic, and improve operations at intersections.
- B EXPAND PUBLIC REALM AT WASHINGTON ST/SOUTH ST**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 1 2
As part of the two-way Washington St conversion, expand the sidewalk and public realm at Washington St/South St to improve pedestrian safety and create opportunities for activation and green infrastructure.
- C EXPLORE SHARED POPLAR ST**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 1
As part of the two-way Washington St conversion, explore making Poplar St a shared street open to local vehicle traffic or business operations only. This would allow Poplar St to be used flexibly for many types of activities including outdoor dining, the farmers market, events, performances, and more.
- D FLIP BEXLEY RD/FIRTH RD ONE-WAY CIRCULATION**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 1 2
Flip the one-way directions of Firth Rd and Bexley Rd to control left-turning vehicles more safely at an existing traffic signal. This change will improve overall operations and reduce conflicts between turning vehicles and people walking and biking.
- E RECONFIGURE BELGRADE/CORINTH/ROBERTS INTERSECTION**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 1 2 4
Reconfigure and signalize the Belgrade Ave/Robert St/Corinth St intersection to simplify circulation, reduce crosswalk length, and create additional space for public realm activation and green infrastructure.
- F SQUARE OFF BELGRADE INTERSECTIONS**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 2 3
Square off the Belgrade Ave intersections of both Pinehurst St and Amherst St to reduce crosswalk distances, slow turning vehicles, expand space for bus stops, and create green infrastructure opportunities.
- G IMPROVE COMMUTER RAIL UNDERPASS**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 4
Coordinate with the MBTA to install improved lighting and murals on the pedestrian underpass that connects under the commuter rail line.
- H REFRESH BUS LANES AND ADD CROSSWALKS**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 3
Refresh bus lanes and install additional crosswalks on Washington Street.
- I ADD AMENITIES TO WELL-USED BUS STOPS**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 3
Improve the high-ridership bus stops at both Washington St/Firth Rd (northbound) and South St/Taft Hill Terrace with additional passenger amenities such as shelters, benches, and improved sidewalks.
- J ADVOCATE FOR A MORE FREQUENT AND ACCESSIBLE COMMUTER RAIL**
ENGAGEMENT THEMES: 4
Work with the MBTA to make investments that are required to increase train frequency. Continue to advocate for lower fares (Zone 1A) to reduce financial barriers to the Commuter Rail.

