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<b>YEAR 2021 PROJECTS</b>						
1	<b>On Harvard Avenue</b> Design and install tactical bus stop relocation, curb extensions, and short-term curbside use plan	2021	YES	PARTIAL	1st Quarter 2023	BTD Transit Team began preliminary engagement with the community and businesses in summer 2021. BTD anticipates outreach to stakeholders and local merchants will resume in fall 2023, with a final strategy to be rolled out by mid 2023.
2	<b>On Brighton Avenue</b> Plan, design, and install flexible curb zones	2021	YES	PARTIAL	Eastern zone, completed. Western zone, early 2023.	In 2019, flexible curb zone east of Harvard Ave were established as short-term parking zone after 7:00 PM. Outdoor dining zone added in front of Tavern on the Square in 2020. BTD currently exploring further expansion of short-term parking zone between Harvard Ave and Linden Street. In early November 2022, the BTD team conducted a survey of turnover and occupancy at the curb along Brighton Avenue at this location. BTD anticipates advancing a set of recommendations for changing the curbside regulations in early winter and anticipates implementation in early 2023.
3	<b>In Union Square</b> Plan and implement pedestrian recall phase	2021	YES	YES	Completed Summer 2021	Completed by BTD Engineering in August 2021.

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4	<b>On the Franklin Street Pedestrian Bridge</b> Develop, design, and install lighting and public art improvements	2021	YES	NO	TBD	In fall 2021 BPDA began working with Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture to prepare a Call for Proposal identify and obtain proposals from qualified artists. BPDA has also been coordinating with MassDOT to verify and confirm power source and supply while also consulting with Allston Main Streets on scope of work. The next step will be to engage with local merchants and businesses near the bridge to discuss perceived needs. Outreach to local merchants is dependent on the hiring of a new planner at the Boston Transportation Department whose job it will be to assist with implementation of the A-B Mobility Plan and other BPDA plans.
5	<b>In Allston Village</b> Conduct a "Network Gaps" process to resolve bus and bike network needs	2021	NO	NO	Partial completion by 1st Quarter 2023; completion of full analysis TBD.	Portion of Networks Gaps analysis related to Cambridge Street will begin in October 2022 as mitigation for the Allston Square development. The consulting firm of Stantec will work collaboratively with BTM and the BPDA to explore multimodal improvement concepts for the portion of Cambridge Street between Union Square and Linden Street. This work should be completed by spring 2023. The remainder of Networks Gaps involving bicycle network gaps along Brighton Avenue, Harvard Avenue and Linden Street in Allston Village pending hiring of new BTM planner.
6	<b>On Linden Street</b> Preserve future multimodal street options for Linden Street	2021	NO	NO	2023	Together with Harvard Avenue and the segment of Brighton Avenue between Cambridge Street and Linden Street, Linden Street will form part of the "Network Gaps" analysis to determine where and how bicycle network gaps in Allston Village can be completed. While a portion of this analysis involving Cambridge Street between Union Square and Linden Street has already begun (see above, "In Allston Village"), the full Network Gaps analysis will not begin until hiring the new BTM Transportation Planner.

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7	<b>In Oak Square</b> Evaluate, design, and install 2 crosswalks, 2 short-term parking zones	2021	YES	MOSTLY	November 2022	Construction of two short term parking zones in Oak Square completed as of October 2021. Construction of new crosswalk in front of YMCA completed by BTM in summer 2021. The design for a new, accessible sidewalk located between the YMCA and Dunkin Donuts on Washington Street immediately north of Oak Square, was approved by BTM in May 2022. DPW has indicated that it will be installed during the 2022 construction season.
8	<b>On Washington Street</b> Design and construct two enhanced crosswalks	2021	YES	YES	November 2022	Under the MBTA's Plan for Accessible Transit Infrastructure (PATI) program, 3 new crosswalks at the intersections of Washington Street, Fairbanks Street, and Langley Road were designed and approved by the PIC. After some delays related to installation of new gas lines at this location, the MBTA PATI Project Manager has recently confirmed that all paving and striping required to complete the PATI crosswalks at these locations would be installed by 11/15/22.
9	<b>In Cleveland Circle</b> Design and construct tactical plazas at two driveway openings	2021	NO	NO	TBD	This project is under consideration but BTM is unable to pursue at present due to staffing limitations.



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	<p><b>A-B Transit Corridor Pilot</b> Conduct a parking utilization study; design and construct pilot BRT lanes; where feasible and appropriate, include TSP, bus stop relocations, and new crosswalks</p>	2022-2025	YES	PARTIAL	<p>Parking Utilization Study COMPLETED in 2022. Pilot peak hour bus/bike lane implementation anticipated in 2023.</p>	<p>In April 2021, the BPDA secured a Technical Assistance Grant from MAPC to conduct a parking utilization study for the proposed AB Transit Corridor. On October 18, 2021, in collaboration with MAPC, the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) conducted a parking occupancy and duration study along Washington Street and Cambridge Street between Oak Square and Union Square. The study found that it would be feasible to convert one parking lane to a shared bus and bicycle lane in the inbound direction of travel during the AM peak and another in the outbound direction of travel during the PM peak. Additionally, the study concluded that the deficit of parking created by the peak hour bus/bicycle lanes could be balanced through available parking in nearby off street parking lots as well as on nearby side streets. For further information about the results of the AB Transit Corridor Parking Utilization Study, visit <a href="http://bit.ly/ABMobility">bit.ly/ABMobility</a>.</p> <p>BTD is tentatively planning to move forward with implementation of pilot peak hour bus lanes in this corridor in 2023. In advance of implementation, BTD will work with local merchants to socialize the project and understand and address parking needs and concerns.</p>
	<p><b>In Brighton Center - Washington Street/Market Street/Chestnut Hill Avenue</b> Design and construct tactical plaza and relocate right turn slip lane</p>	2022-2025	YES	YES	COMPLETE.	<p>The Brighton Center Pop Up at the intersection of Washington Street and Market Street was installed in June 2021, through a partnership between the Boston Transportation Department and Brighton Center Main Streets and June 2021. By all measures the pop up plaza was a resounding success.</p>

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	<b>In Brighton Center - Washington Street/Winship Street/Cambridge Street</b> Add left turn lane markings from Cambridge Street; design and install wayfinding for off-street parking	2022-2025				
	<b>Bikeway - Oak Square to Union Square</b> Conduct parking utilization study, design, and construct bicycle facility	2022-2025	NO			
	<b>On Faneuil Street - Traffic Calming</b> Analyze, plan, design, and construct traffic calming treatments	2022-2025	NO			
	<b>Along Faneuil Street</b> Evaluate, design, and construct enhanced crosswalks	2022-2025	NO			
	<b>At Faneuil Street/Arlington Street</b> Design and construct mini roundabout	2022-2025	NO			
	<b>On North Beacon Street</b> Design and construct enhanced crosswalk	2022-2025	NO			
	<b>Transit (Bus)</b> Install, relocate, or eliminate several bus stops outside of the A-B Transit Corridor	2022-2025	YES	COMPLETED	2022	The BTD Transit Team has completed work on a modernization program for the 86 bus, including stop consolidation along Market Street and Chestnut Hill Avenue, accessibility improvements, and other transit improvements.
	<b>On Lincoln Street</b> Design and install traffic calming and enhanced crosswalk	2022-2025*	NO			
	<b>On Washington Street - Cambridge Street to Brookline Border</b> Conduct parking utilization study; design and construct bicycle facility	2022-2025*	NO	NO	Design, 2024; Construction, TBD	BTD will begin concept design discussions for a bicycle facility on Washington Street in 2024 (following the bicycle facility design work currently under way on other streets in Allston-Brighton, including Western Ave., North. Beacon Street., Winship Street., and South Street).

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	<b>On Leo Birmingham Parkway</b> Design and construct permanent carriageway conversion to bicycle facility/open space	2022-2025	YES		Design - Fall 2022 (estimated); Construction 2023 (estimated)	The State Department of Conservation & Recreation is currently overseeing preparation of a new design for the section of Leo Birmingham Parkway ("LBP") between Market Street and the Nonantum Rotary. The new design will propose converting the north carriageway of LBP to a multimodal pedestrian & bicycle path. DCR anticipates holding a fall public meeting to unveil and seek community comments on the proposed new design. Assuming there is public support for the proposed design, it is conceivable that DCR could proceed into construction during 2023.
	<b>At Leo Birmingham Parkway/Market Street Lincoln Street</b> Redesign and reconstruct the intersection	2022-2025	Design to start winter 2022		Design - Fall 2022; Construction 2024 (estimated)	
	<b>A-B Bikeway - Leo Birmingham Parkway to West Station</b> Analyze, coordinate with MassDOT, design, and construct new separated, two-way bicycle facility	2022-2025	NO			
	<b>Miscellaneous Implementation</b>					

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	<p><b>Neighborhood Transit Connector Study</b> Execute a Neighborhood Transit Connector Study to determine potential routing, funding, and feasibility.</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>	<p align="center">YES</p>	<p align="center">YES</p>	<p align="center">Nov 2022</p>	<p>In September, 2021, the BPDA provided a grant to the Allston Brighton TMA (ABTMA) to manage a neighborhood transit connector study as contemplated by the May 2021 AB Mobility Plan. In turn, in January 2022, the ABTMA selected Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., a transportation planning and engineering consulting firm, to prepare what has come to be called the "AB Transit Link" Connector Study. As of November, 2022, the study was substantially completed. Using Boston Landing Station as a hub, and based in detailed technical analysis as well as feedback from the community, the study suggests specific new first/last mile routes for the neighborhood which are designed in large part to fill in gaps in first and last mile connections to the "T". Details about the study, public process, and results may be viewed at <a href="http://bit.ly/ABMobility">bit.ly/ABMobility</a>. Next steps will include more detailed costs analyses and funding strategies.</p>