

South Boston Transportation Action Plan: Focus Group Feedback Summary

December, 2022

Six focus groups were held in December 2022 to collect resident feedback on transportation experiences and conditions in the study area. While the focus groups were open to all volunteers who filled out the SBTAP community survey, the following groups were formed based on populations who historically have not been heard from in planning processes and who represent diverse transportation needs and considerations:

- Families with school-age children
- Transit-dependent households
- Individuals over 60 years old
- Below median-income households
- Individuals under 35 years old

Focus group discussions, held for 1 hour each, included topics ranging from pedestrian safety concerns, travel choices, transit experiences, and biking conditions in the study area. Specific points of feedback from several focus groups and specific groups and a selection of maps from the in-person and virtual focus group sessions are included below.

	Focus Groups				
	Families	Transit-Dependent	60+	Below Median Income	Under 35
Safer intersections with better pedestrian visibility, especially on wide, multi-lane streets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speeding and traffic violations, especially on wide streets like West Broadway, Dorchester Street, and East 1st Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Better transit connectivity to the Seaport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lack of on-street resident parking and parking violation enforcement	✓		✓		✓
Need for transit service to be more efficient, frequent, and reliable	✓	✓		✓	✓
Double parking near retail uses and bars/restaurants and related safety concerns for pedestrians and traffic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Focus group-specific feedback:

Families with school-age children

- Speeding and cut thru traffic on high volume, wide streets like Broadway, Day Blvd, and L Street
- Need better public transit options for families with young children
- Safer streets are necessary for children to be able to safely walk, ride their scooters and bikes, etc.
- Double parking at L and Broadway
- More bike infrastructure across the neighborhood

Transit-dependent households

- Buses have poor reliability and capacity constraints, which particularly affects commuters at peak hours
- Streets need better lighting for pedestrian safety for visibility and personal safety
- Crosswalks need to be daylighted (i.e., parking removed right in front of the crosswalk) to make pedestrians more visible to cars
- Speeding is an issue on streets like L, East 1st, and Columbia
- Need more bike parking at popular destinations like the beaches and Broadway Station

Individuals over 60 years old

- Double parking near retail, bars, and restaurants
- Speeding and double threats on Dorchester Street
- New bike lanes must have a maintenance plan in place and not affect on-street parking
- Intersection design needs to be improved to minimize conflict between different modes of transportation (cars, pedestrians, and bikes)

Below median-income households

- Speeding on wide roads such as Dorchester Street and Summer/L Street make unsignalized pedestrian crossings very unsafe
- Visibility and speeding on East 1st Street is a hazard for both drivers and pedestrians
- Bus service connecting different parts South Boston and to downtown, Seaport, and other parts of the city needs to improve capacity and service levels

Individuals under 35-years old

- Need for neighborhood Bluebike access and micro-mobility options, especially east of Dorchester Street
- Overall street network needs to prioritize people over vehicular traffic, especially in areas that already experience high foot traffic
- Increase curbside flexibility to accommodate modern-day mode shares (i.e., bikes and Bluebikes, Uber and Lyft, etc.)



Work @ MIT
Redline/walk

Kid Arcades +
Bounce houses
Everett, Woburn, Mahan,
(DWB), Quincy

Pd Service - 7 Bus

Key dest.
+ Mode
Choice

Dining/shopping - drive
->
walk

7 Bus to
Seaport but
then have to
walk a lot

SEAPORT KINDERCARE
DREX
pic also checked

Brockline's DREX
(WIFE + CHILD)
to work +
DREX school

Target/Home Depot
Driving

Diverse
Walkers

W. Broad
W. 6th
W. 7th

Restaurants
walking

Beach
walking
Summer

Drive to
Target (North
South Bay
the safety + car)

Drive
Busswell
(Drive from E Broadway)

Ball fields/tennis
w/ equip
drive

Park
Church
dance
(drive)

drive
CCD church

Beach
kids

Playground
kids sneakers

Dance, wednes/Sat
Drive
Dunk park

BALLET (no LINDAS)
DRIVE DUE to
Rover

American
PROFESSIONALS
DRIVE + WALK
DUE to also checked

DRIVE DUE to
Rover

exercise

Ball fields
(car w/ equip)

Kids
scooters
1st boardwalk

CASTLE ISLAND
WALK w/ KIDS
WALK w/ KIDS

Soccer
Drive
Weekends

Murphy Fine
(car w/ equip)
Park - walk

Playground/
drive/park, then
walk

- South Boston Transportation Action Plan
- Park
- Water
- School
- Grocery Store

Seaport



To get downtown #9 or walk

Bike to North end

Seaport for fun Uber

Work via bus/subway

Copley Ave Shopping walk via 9

WORK (BIKE)

Bus to work FIDI

ICA (BIKE, WALK)

Uber to airport

Dog Park walk

Dinner Uber or walk

Walk I St Park

Walking - to I Street Park

Walk to Bus

Uber to Dinner Seaport

Bus to Back Bay

Uber to dinner

Walk to coffee

GROCERY (WALK)

WORK - walk to bus

Walking - to M Street Park

Newbery for Dinner Shopping Bus

Work - Albany + Mass Ave - Bike / Bus

Errands Walk

Library Drive

Grocery Shop Bike / walk

Walk Castle Island

Bus to Back Bay

DOG (WALK)

drive to South bay

Walk to Broadway, to Bus stop (#9) to Broadway T stop

Bus #7 to office

Beach for walk car

Movers Bike

Beach Walks

Dog Walk

- South Boston Transport
- Park
- Water
- Study Area Land
- Beach
- MBTA Station
- Bus Stop
- Route 4

TOWN

Seaport

BROADWAY STATION

ANDREW STATION

ROLLING BRIDGE PARK
DRIVE or WALK

BROADWAY STATION
WALK

pedestrian
West Ann
to Se End

pedestrian
to water front
(Trader Joes walk)

Buxey & C St.

BUCKLEY PARK
WALK

ISIDE & B

BANK
CVS drug store
WALK

DP / TAZZO

GAIMES ST
VISIT DAUGHTER
DRIVE / WALK

pedestrian
Dorchester Street
Old Colony Ave
Dorchester Ave

Dorchester St
OC Ave

Dorchester Street
+ Wand
Wood Ward

GAVIN - DENNY
WALK

pedestrian
Moakley Park

PICTUS
CREVE

10

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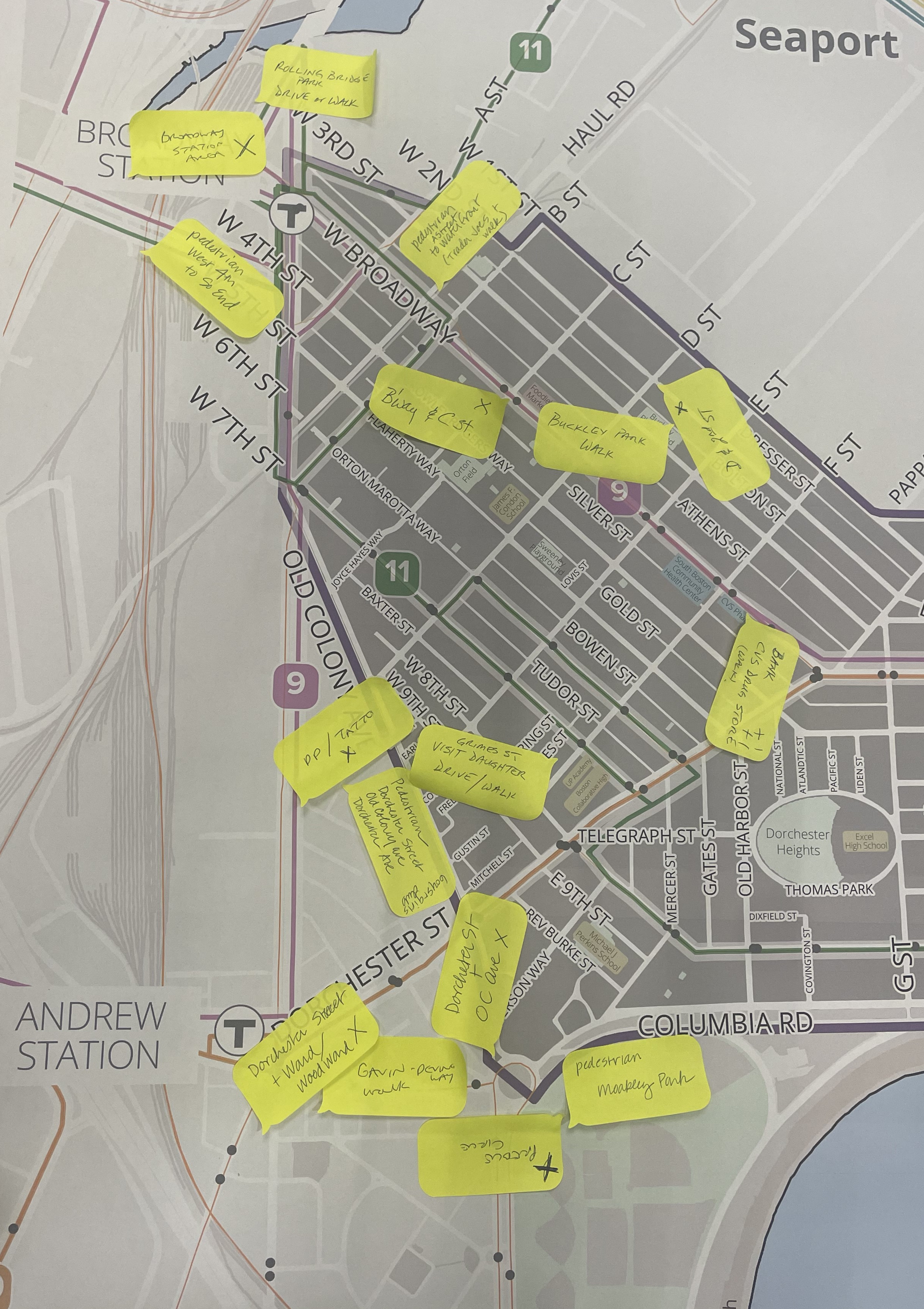
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No SIDE WALKS on

CAR PARKING CAUSING BLIND SPOTS on 1ST

CONSTANT ROAD WORK

EAST 1ST no SIDE WALK

East First / K St
East First - to catch East.

Small Sidewalks

Running Stop signs

Bad sidewalks walking
(too thin)

No one stops for pedestrians

FIRST ST. Deadhead Buses

All the double parked cars

Crossing Broadway driving

Double parked - awkward sleeping

running Red lights

Construction taking over side walk E 2nd

lay walking

L Street Driver Street

Biking anyone in the old colony Dorchester St / Ave triangle

All of these are one way in same direction

- South Boston
- Park
- Water

You can select a virtual sticky-note with a mouse click and start typing your comment. The font size will automatically resize, although you can manipulate the size of the sticky-note as well.

Please drag the sticky-note onto the neighborhood map if your feedback relates to a particular street or intersection. Similarly, you can drag the colored dots onto the map.

To move around the screen, right-click and drag. Pinch your trackpad or scroll on your mouse to zoom.

Mode Choice: how do you get to your destinations around Southie?

