

MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY WORKSHOP



November 29, 2017

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CITY PLANNING TEAM

Boston Planning and Development Agency

Real Estate Market Analysis/Economic Feasibility – Consultant

Housing – Department of Neighborhood Development, Boston Housing Authority, Fair Housing

Imagine Boston 2030 – Mayor's Office

Economic Development – Mayor's Office of Economic Development, Office of Business Development

Public Financing – Treasury, Assessing, Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Public Facilities – Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Library, Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, Property & Construction Management **Open Space** - Parks and Recreation

Arts & Culture – Arts Commission

Public Transportation – MBTA

Transportation – Boston Transportation Department, Boston Bikes, MassDOT

Public Works – Public Works Department, Public Improvement Commission

Water – Boston Water & Sewer Commission

Environment/Sustainability/Climate Change – Environment Department, Boston Landmarks Commission, Boston Public Health

Boston Centers for Youth & Families

Elderly Commission

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW

FEBRUARY, 2017 Question Campaign

MARCH 8, 2017 Open House

MAY 4, 2017 Walk and Bike Tours

MAY 18, 2017 Visioning Workshop

JUNE 15, 2017 Transportation Consultant

JUNE 28, 2017 Planning Workshop

JULY, 2017 Advisory Group Finalized

OCTOBER 25, 2017 Land Use Workshop

NOVEMBER 29, 2017 Transportation Workshop

JANUARY 10, 2018 Jobs and Housing Workshop Part I FEBRUARY TBD, 2018 Jobs and Housing Workshop Part II MARCH TBD, 2018 Planning Workshop TBD



Walking Tour, May 4, 2017



Planning Workshop, June 28, 2017

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GLOVER'S CORNER BUSINESS SURVEY

PLAN: Glover's Corner, Dorchester Business Owner Survey

Your Space			Your Business
How satisfied are you with your current bus	siness location / space?		What type of business do you own/manage?
Very satisfied			Restaurant / Bar / Cafe
○ Satisfied			Grocery / Liquor Store
Somewhat satisfied			Auto Service
Not satisfied			Hair Salon / Personal Care
			Pharmacy
How do you feel about the following aspect	ts of your current space?		Clothing & Clothing Accessories
	1 - Least ideal		Bank / Financial Services
Location / visibility	0	0	Medical Office
Parking availability	0	0	Professional Service Office
Space size	0	0	The same and the s
Quality of interiors	0	0	Sporting Goods / Hobby Store
Quality of exteriors	0	0	Other (please specify)
Maintenance / management services	0	0	
Signage	0	0	2 How many years has your business been in operation?
Other (please specify)	<u> </u>		() Less than 1 year
			① 1-3 years
			3-5 years
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AGENDA

- 1 What We Heard
- 2 Go Boston 2030
- **3** Why Transportation Planning?
- **4** Transportation Existing Conditions
- 5 Planning Exercise



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What We Heard



Glover's Corner Land Use Workshop

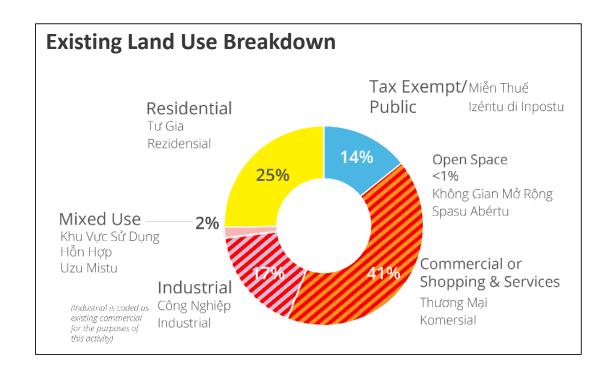
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LAND USE PLANNING ACTIVITY

October 25, 2017 Workshop

- As a team create a land use vision for the Plan: Glover's Corner Study Area
- Illustrate what areas you'd like to preserve and what areas will likely see change

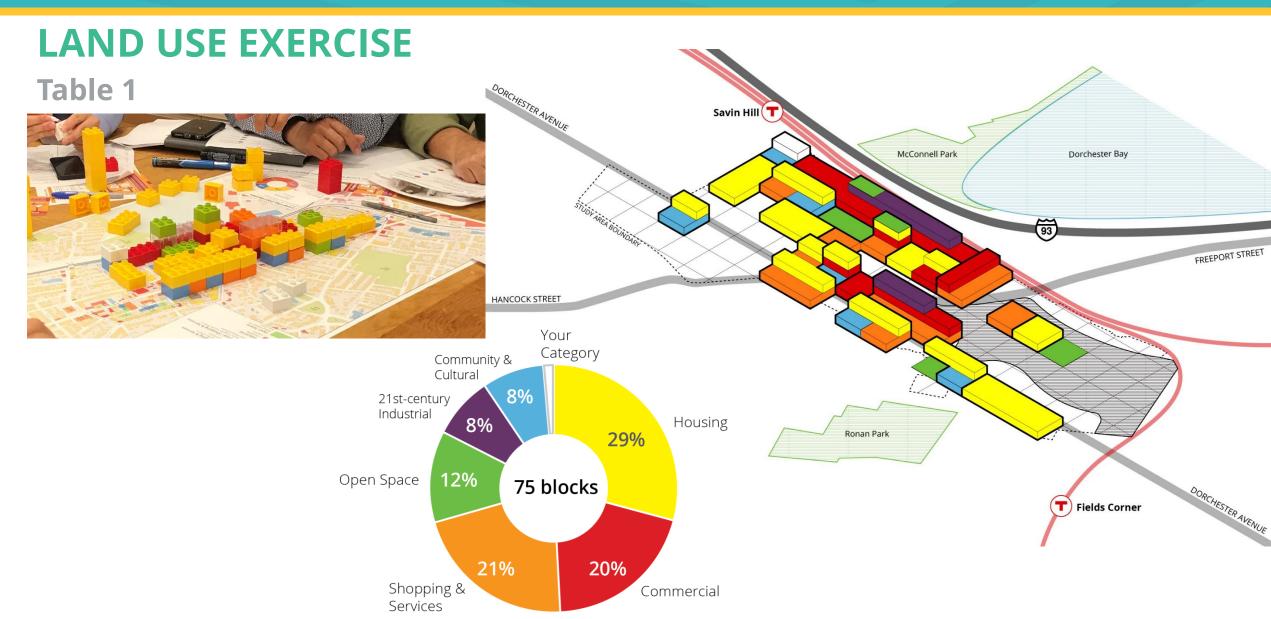






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21st-century

Industrial

Open Space

Services

Commercial

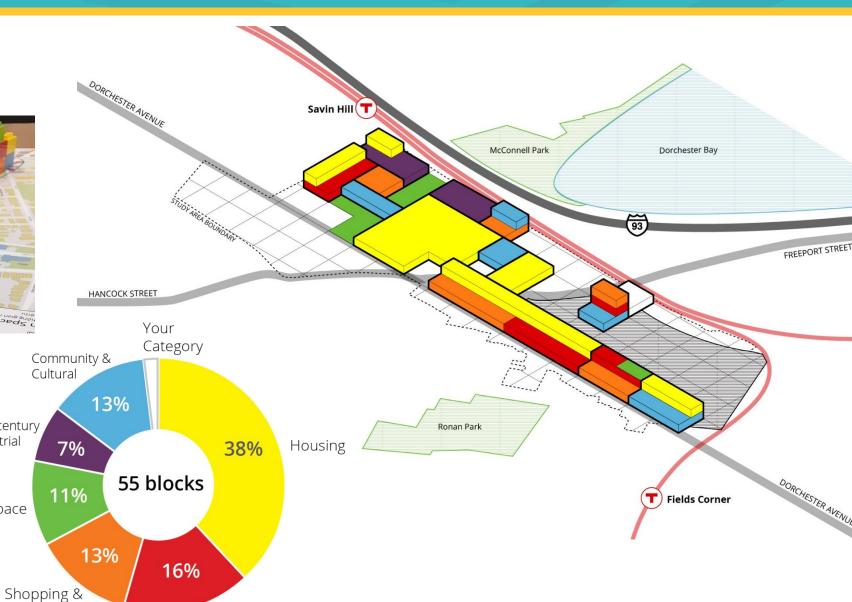
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LAND USE EXERCISE

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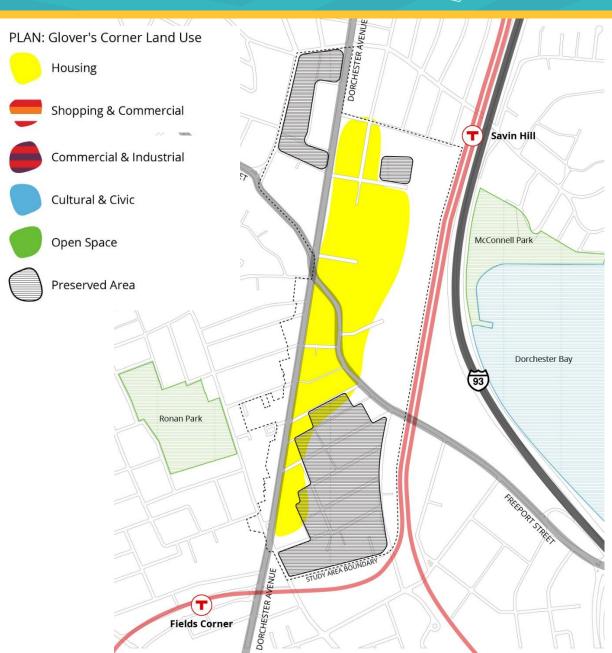


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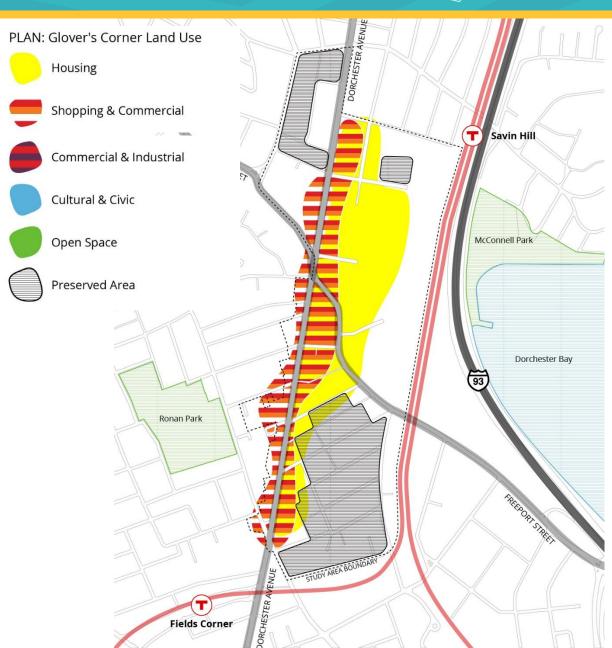


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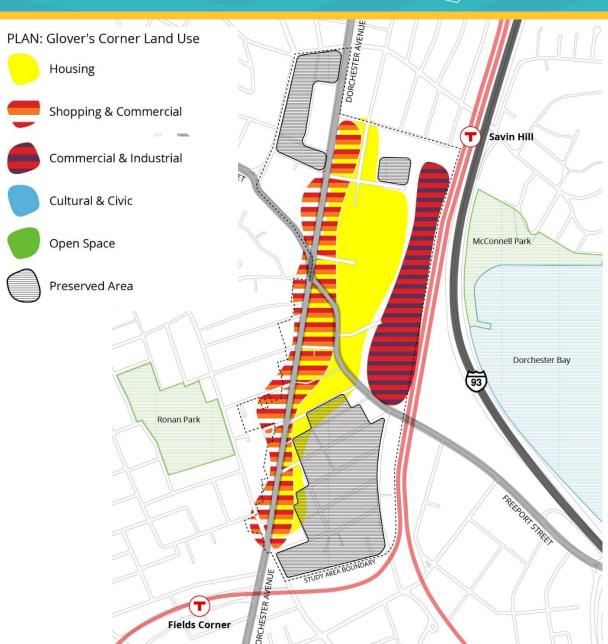


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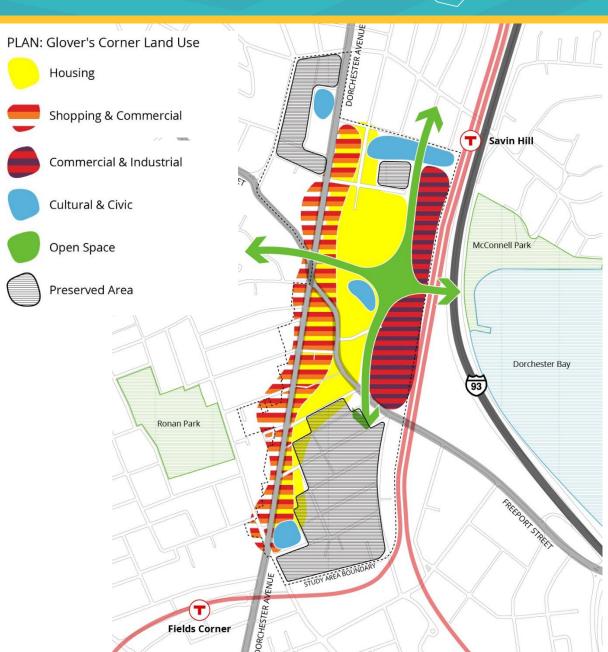


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- Provide a larger central open space and link to the greater network of open spaces
- Provide a variety of civic, educational, and cultural spaces to serve diverse community



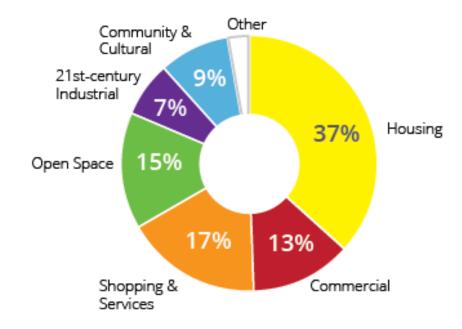
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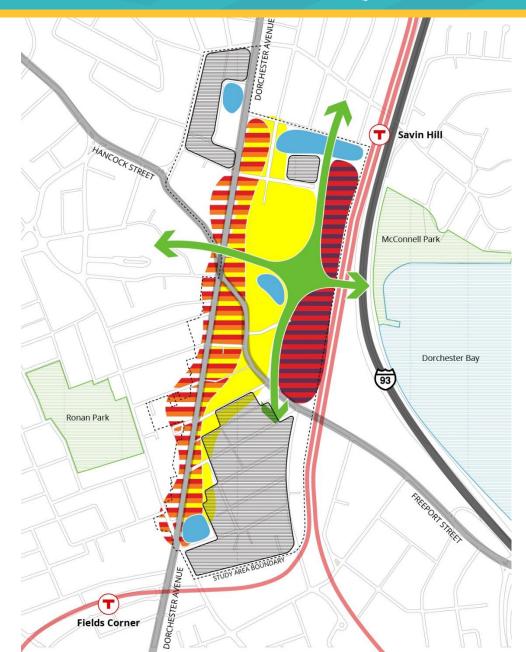


WHAT WE HEARD

Land Use Exercise Summary

Conceptual Future Land Use Breakdown



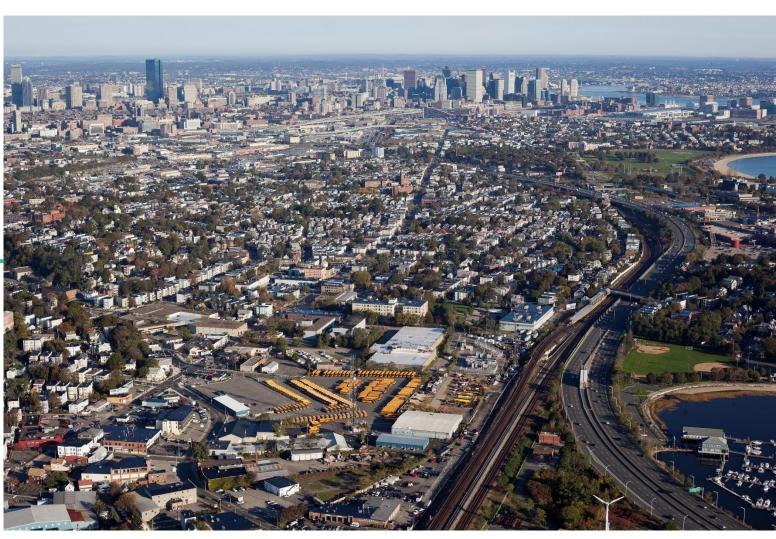


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Go Boston 2030



Birdseye View of Glover's Corner

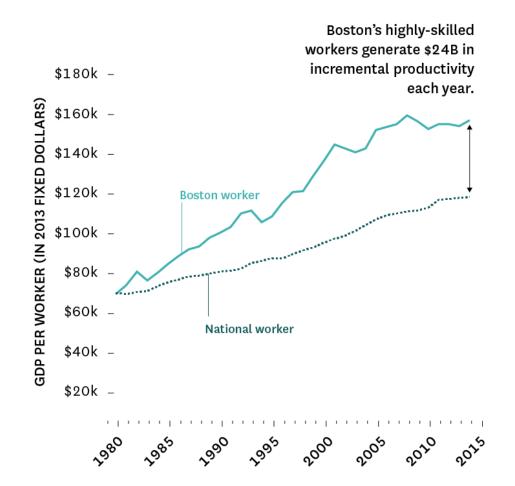


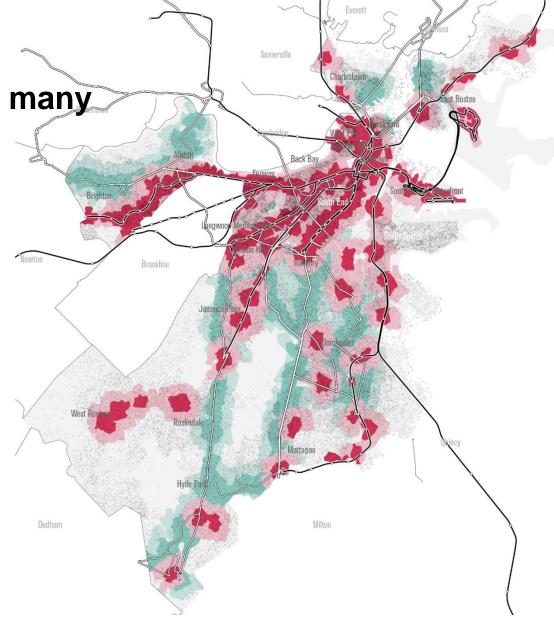




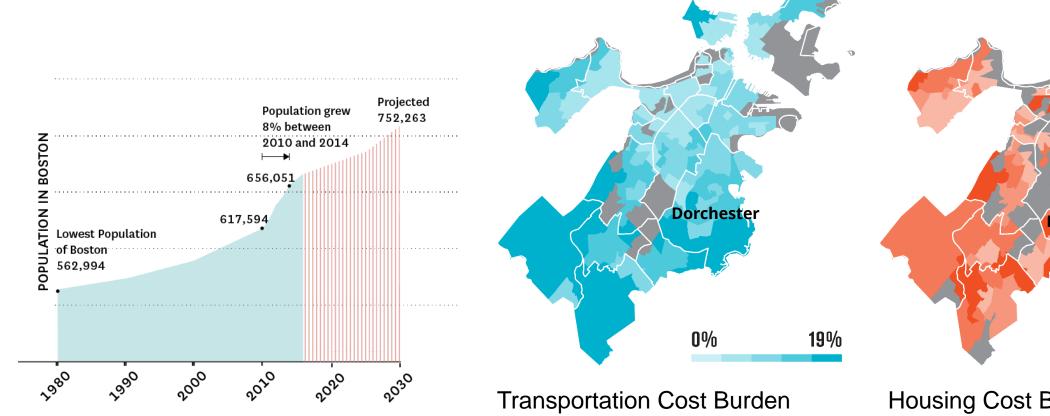
Opportunity and Access

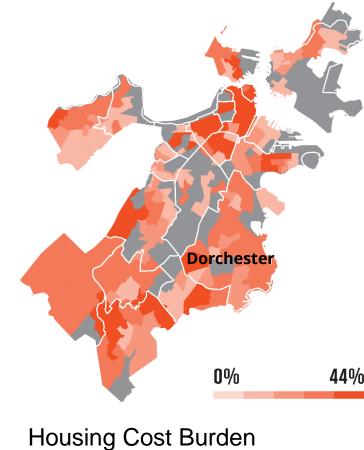
Over 50,000 new jobs - Limited access for many





Population Growth and Costs







5,000 Questions 9 Themes

- Access
- Safety
- Reliability
- Experiential Quality
- Innovation and Technology
- Affordability
- Resiliency
- Transparent
 Governance
- Health









Key Aspirational Targets

Access

Every home in Boston within a 10 min walk of rail station or Key Bus Route, and Hubway Station, and carshare

From **42%** of households to **100%**

Reliability

Bostonians' average commute to work time will decrease by 10%

From **28.8** minutes to **25.9**

Safety

Eliminate traffic fatalities in Boston

From an average of 18 per year to zero traffic deaths

All households within a 5 minute walk of a protected bicycle facility or shared use path

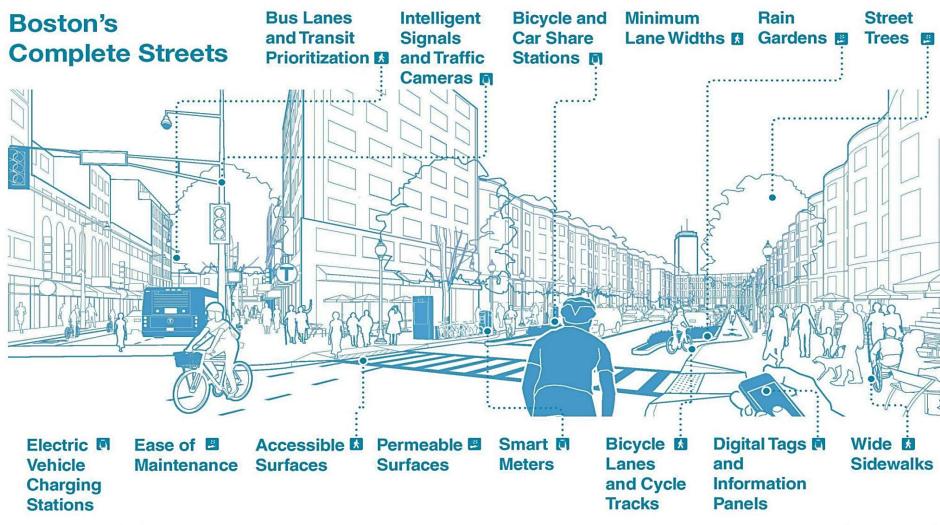
From 20% to 100%

Mode Share Aspirational Targets

Boston Commuters	Share Today	2030 Aspirational
Public Transit	33%	Up by a third
Walk	14.5%	Up by almost half
Bike	1.9%	Increases fourfold
Carpool	5.4%	Declines marginally
Drive Alone	40.6%	Down by half
Other, WFH	4.5%	Slight increase in WFH



Complete Streets Networks



BOSTON COMPLETE STREETS GUIDELINES

BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



Sharing Boston's Streets















New Mobility Neighborhood microHUBs

Car-share and bike-share parking

Small-goods deliveries

Real-time information

Mirco transit (On-demand Vans)

Clean energy grid and EV charging









Mobility Trends

- Focus on safety and encouraging healthy transportation
- Increasing competition for travel lanes and curb space
- More people in fewer vehicles
- More travel choices with the rise of shared-mobility
- Automated and connected vehicle technology is here!
- Address social justice and convenience of the travel experience

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Why Transportation Planning?







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ILLUSTRATION OF ELEMENTS OF A COMMUNITY

Parks and Open Space

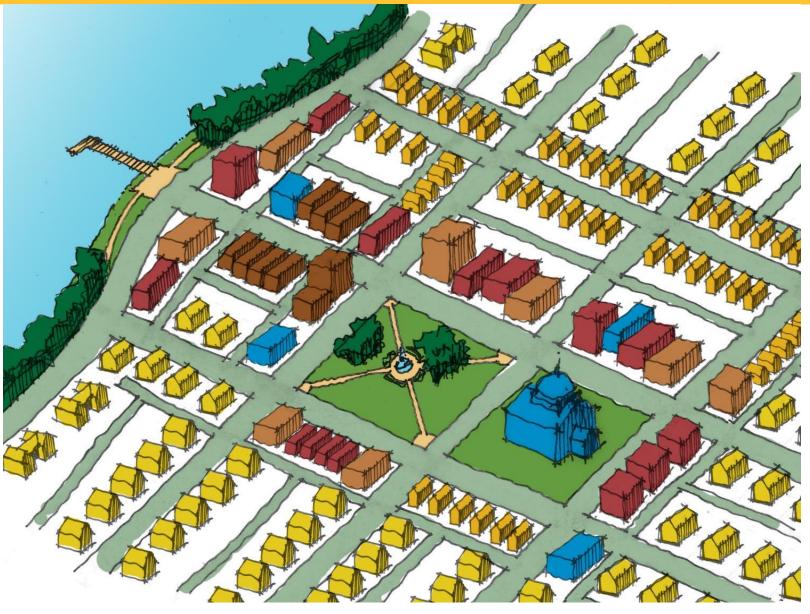
Civic Uses

Commercial/Office

Mixed-use/Retail

Single-family Residential

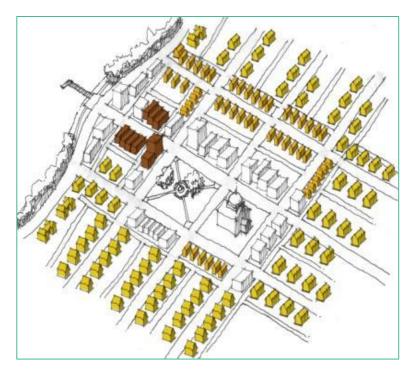
Multi-family Residential



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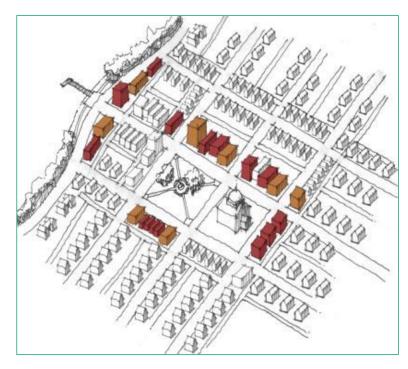
ILLUSTRATION OF ELEMENTS OF A COMMUNITY



Mix of Residential Densities & Types



Institutional & Community Uses



Commercial & Mixed Uses

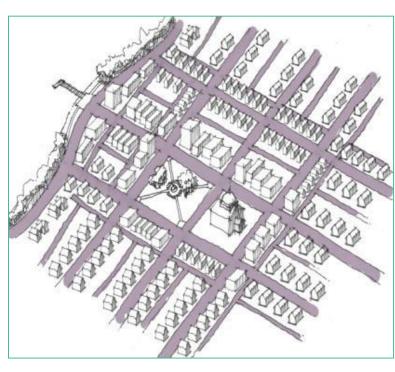
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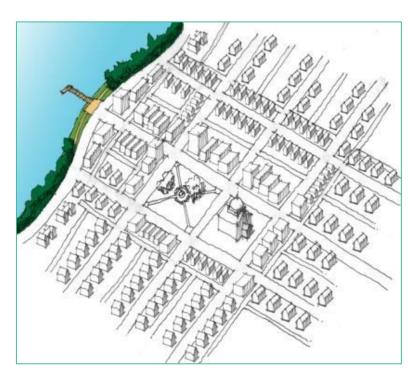
ILLUSTRATION OF ELEMENTS OF A COMMUNITY



Parks & Open Space Systems



Transportation Network

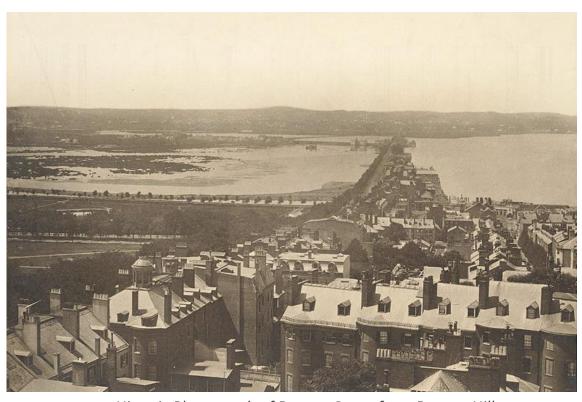


The Natural Environment

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STREETS AS A COMMUNITY'S FRAMEWORK



Historic Photograph of Beacon Street from Beacon Hill



Present Day Beacon Street from Beacon Hill

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DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS COMPARISONS

Land Use Mix

ISOLATED COMMUNITY

- Product Mix
- Development Pattern and Scale
- Infrastructure Demand
- Development Contiguity

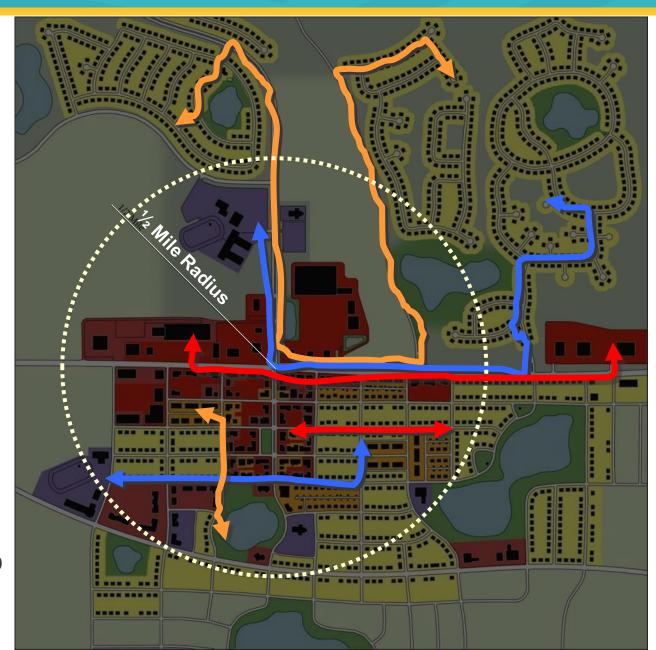
CONNECTED GRID

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TRANSPORTATION IMPLICATIONS

ISOLATED COMMUNITY



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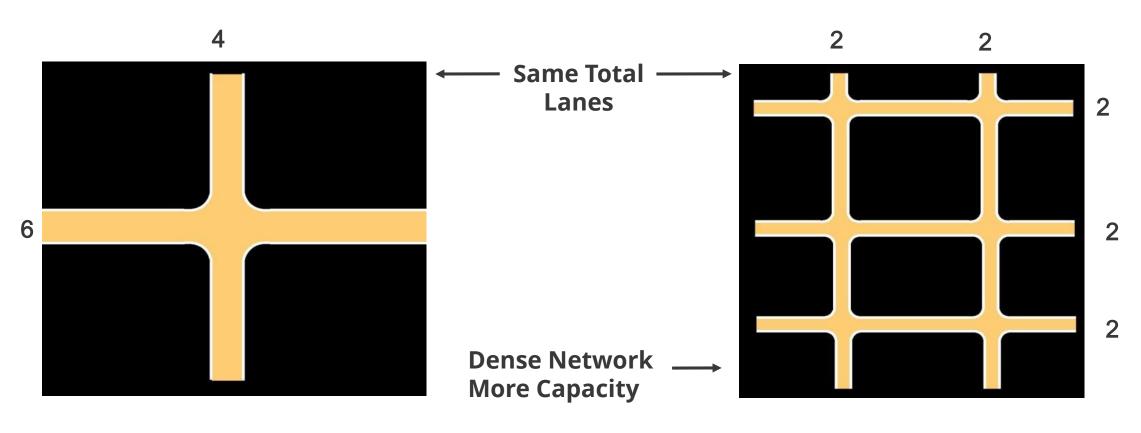
Congestion

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WHY STREET NETWORKS ARE IMPORTANT



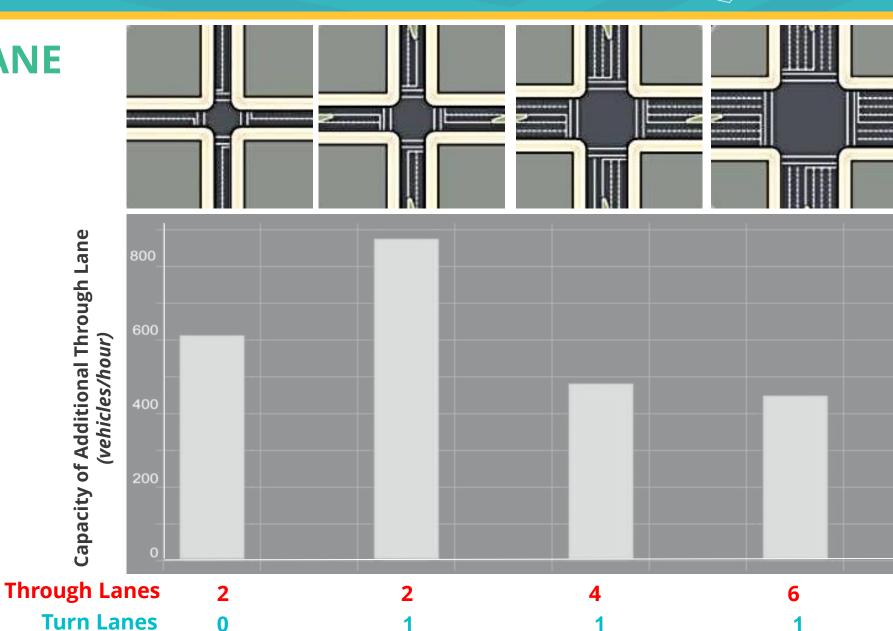
- Encourages multimodal travel
- Fewer vehicle miles traveled
- Share left-turns
- Share clearance time
- More efficient signal timing

Capacity of Additional Through Lane (vehicles/hour)

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INCREMENTAL LANE CAPACITY AT INTERSECTIONS



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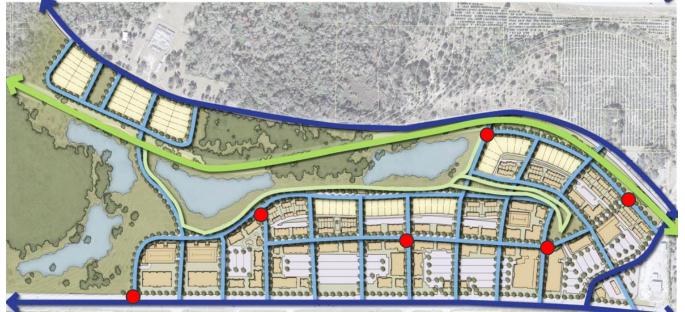




INTEGRATED LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION APPROACH

Clermont, Florida

Scenario A



Potential Bus Stop

Existing Roadway

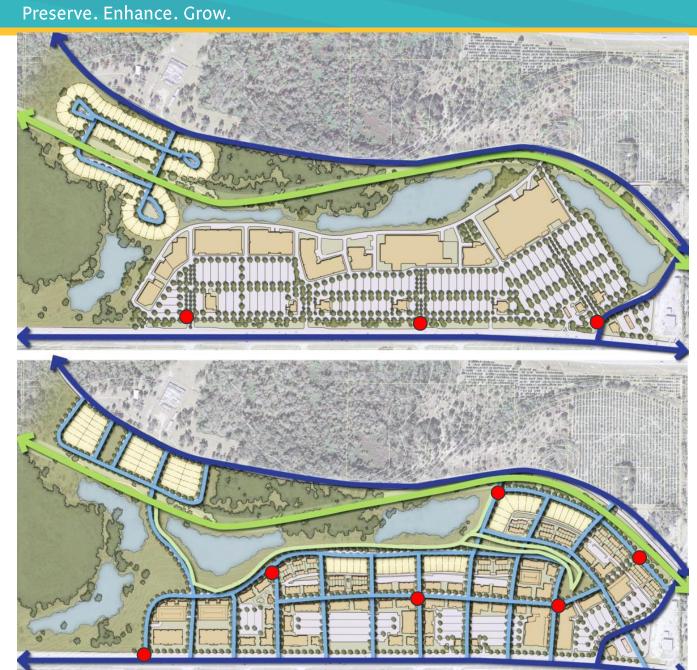
Proposed Roadway

Existing Multi-use Trail

Proposed Multi-use Trail

Scenario B





INTEGRATED LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION APPROACH

Equal number of jobs

400% more housing units

50% less peak period auto trips

500% more linear feet of sidewalks and bicycle facilities

Potential Bus Stop

Proposed Roadway

Existing Roadway

Existing Multi-use Trail

Proposed Multi-use Trail

Clermont, Florida

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Existing Conditions



View North of Dorchester Avenue at Glover's Corner

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STUDY OVERVIEW

- **1** Existing Conditions
- 2 Immediate Improvements
- 3 Long-Term Vision



Birdseye View of Glover's Corner

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DATA COLLECTION

- Traffic Volumes
- Pedestrian Volumes
- Bicycle Volumes
- MBTA Ridership
- Observations



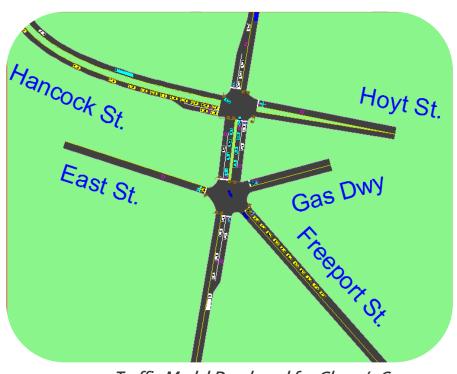


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DEVELOPED TRAFFIC MODELING TOOL FOR STUDY AREA



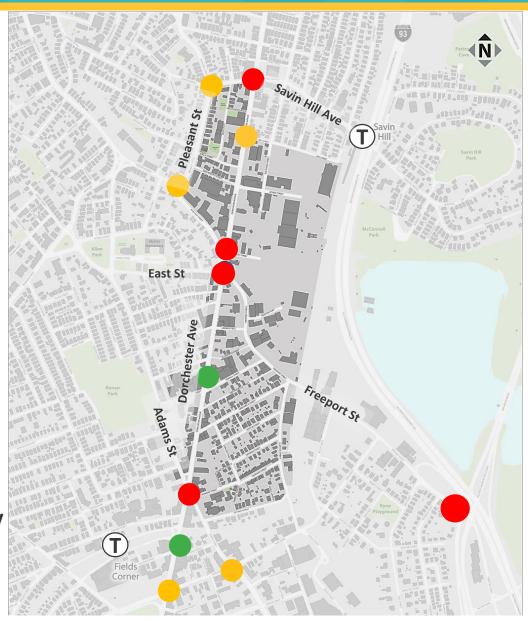
Traffic Model Developed for Glover's Corner Study Area, Source: Kittelson & Associates

Intersection Delay



Moderate



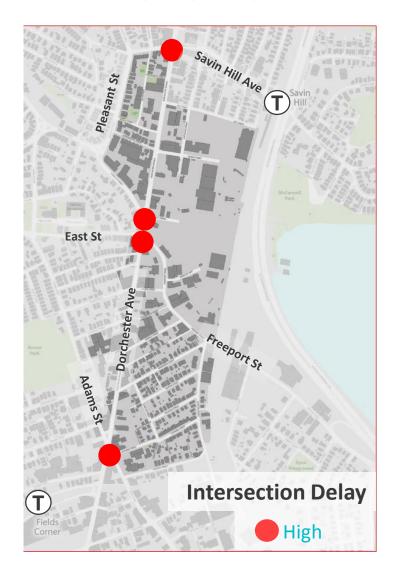


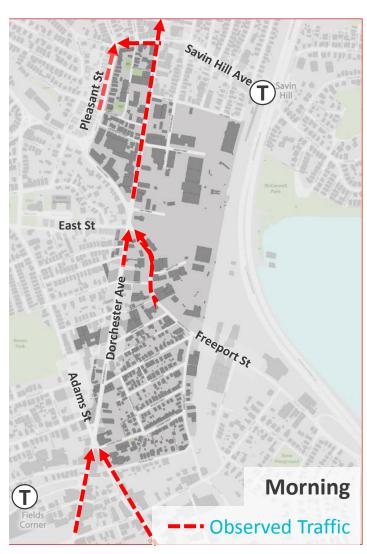
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INTERSECTION DELAYS ON DORCHESTER AVENUE





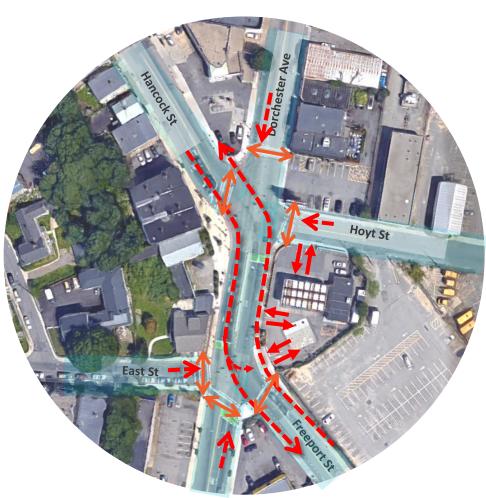


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COMPLEX INTERSECTIONS









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OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE CONGESTION

- Adjusting signal timings
- Change pedestrian phasing
- Consolidate/relocate parking & bus stops
- Create turn lanes
- Eliminate or consolidate curb cuts

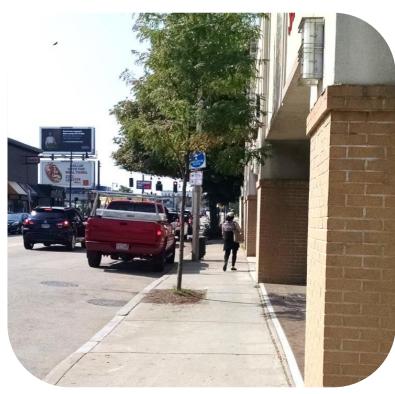


Existing Conditions, Glover's Corner

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PEDESTRIAN & WALKING ENVIRONMENT



Existing Conditions, Glover's Corner



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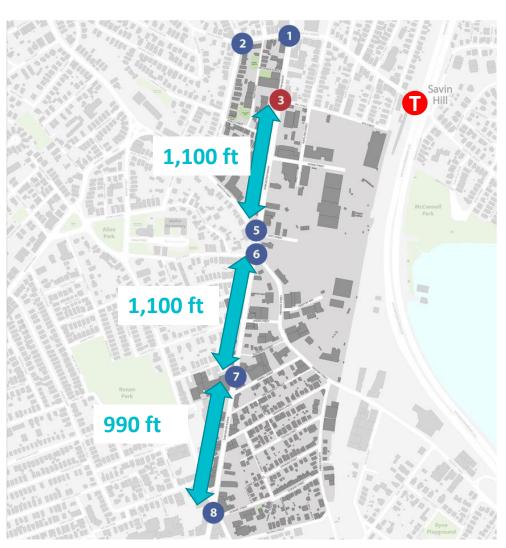
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DISTANCE BETWEEN CROSSWALKS



Existing Conditions, Glover's Corner



Source: Kittelson & Associates

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MAINTENANCE AND ACCESSIBILITY



Existing Conditions, Glover's Corner



Existing Conditions, Glover's Corner



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BICYCLING ENVIRONMENT & OPPORTUNITIES



Existing Conditions, Glover's Corner



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MBTA TRANSIT

Red Line

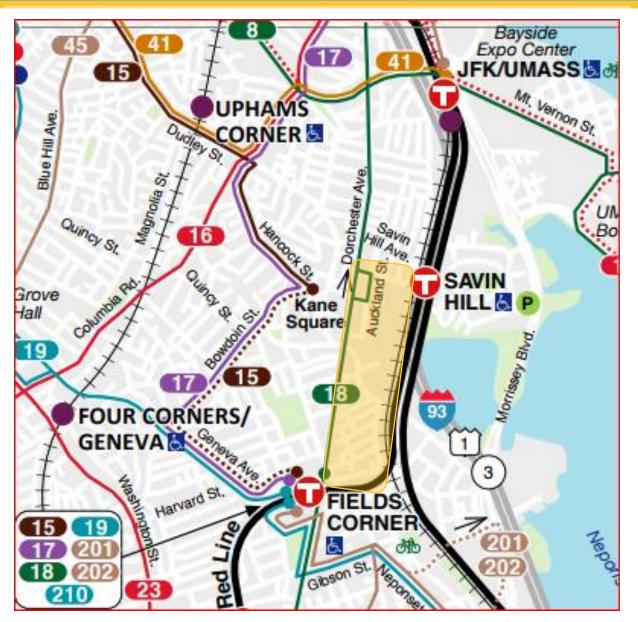
- Savin Hill
- Fields Corner

Route 18

- Long headways
- Parallels Red Line

Additional Services at Fields Corner

- Route 15
- Route 17
- Route 19
- Route 201-202
- Route 210



Source: MBTA

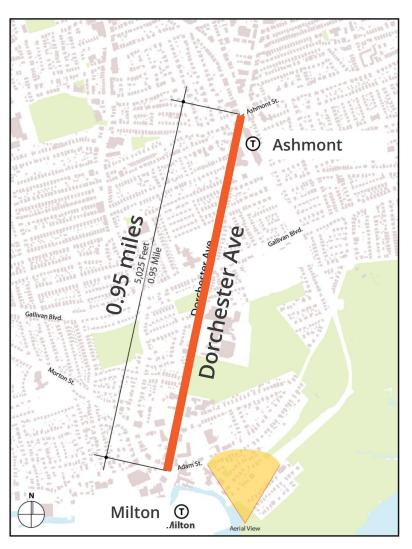
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WALKABILITY TO MBTA STATIONS







Dorchester Ave, Dorchester – 1.1 miles

Boylston St. Back Bay – 0.93 miles

Dorchester Ave, Dorchester – 0.95 miles

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SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS

- Summary
 - Dorchester Avenue sensitive to friction from side streets
 - Intersection capacity limited by one lane in each direction
 - Long delays for vehicles and pedestrians
 - Uncomfortable walking & bicycling environment
- Next Steps
 - Immediate Improvements
- Planning Exercise
 - Establishing a future roadway network
 - Creating new connections



New MBTA Red Line Train

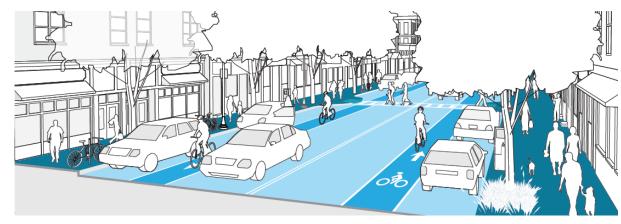
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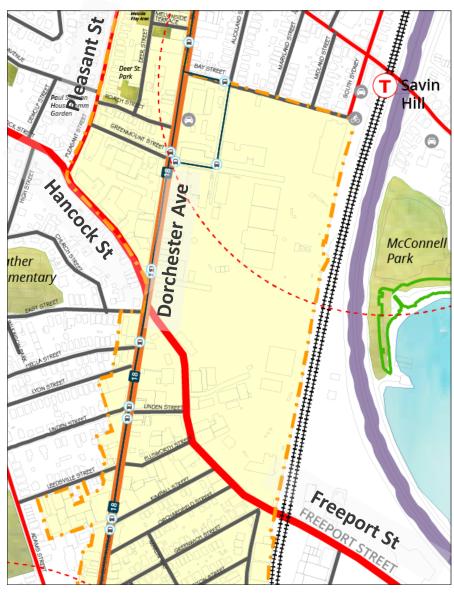
STREET NETWORK TODAY



Dorchester Avenue at Freeport Street



Neighborhood Main Street. Illustrative Example from Complete Streets (2013)



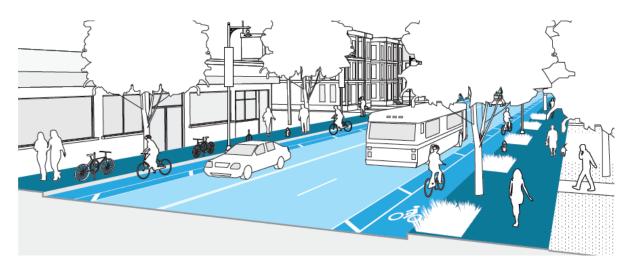
Map of Glover's Corner Existing Transportation Network

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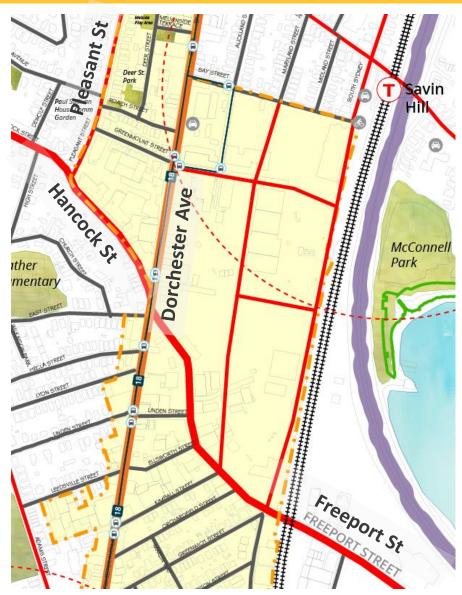


CONCEPTUAL STREET NETWORK

Neighborhood Connectors



Neighborhood Connector. Illustrative Example from Complete Streets (2013)



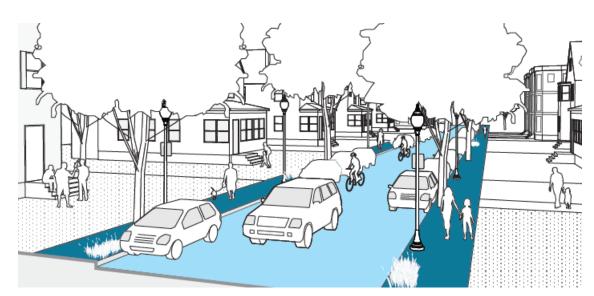
Map of Glover's Corner with Conceptual Street Network

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CONCEPTUAL STREET NETWORK

Neighborhood Streets and Paths



Neighborhood Residential. Illustrative Example from Complete Streets (2013)



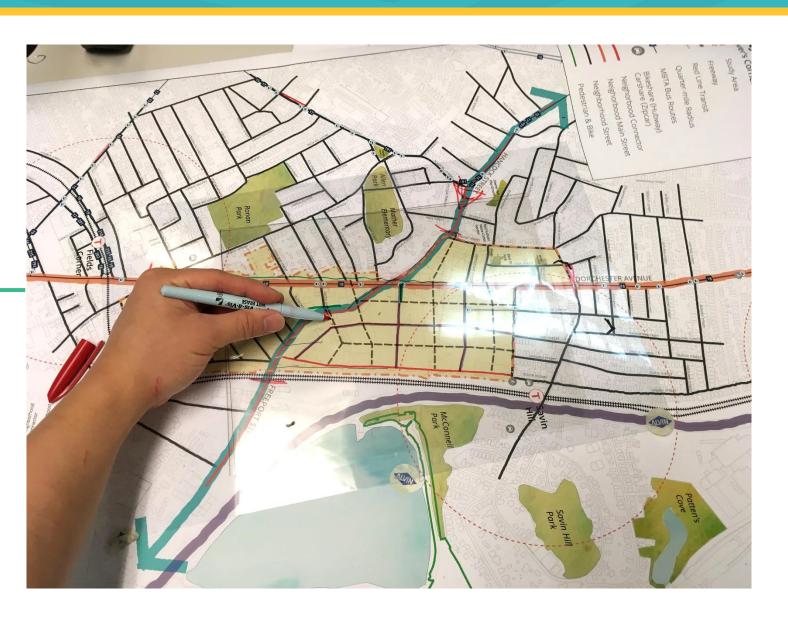
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Mobility & Connectivity Exercise



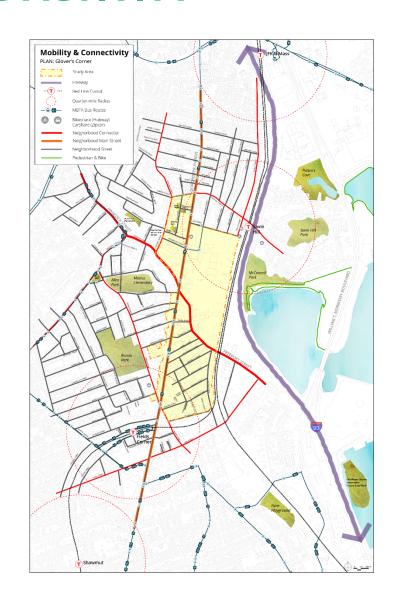
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MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY PLANNING ACTIVITY

Objectives

- As a team, create a mobility & connectivity vision for the Study Area.
- Illustrate ways to encourage different ways of getting around.
- Mobility & Connectivity builds on previous workshops and will affect other planning topics we'll discuss in future workshops:
 - Land Use October 25 Workshop
 - Neighborhood Character
 - Housing & Affordability
 - Jobs & Businesses
 - Climate Resiliency & Sustainability
 - Open Space



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MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY PLANNING ACTIVITY

How Do We Get Around?

- Think about how you currently get around the neighborhood and city.
- Think about how you would prefer to get around the neighborhood and city.

How Do We Get Around?

PLAN: Glover's Corner

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How we get around	Walk	Bicycle	Car Motorcycle Scooter	Bus	Subway	Commuter Rail	Other (Lyft/Uber, Taxi, Zipcar, The Ride, Work Shuttle, etc.)
How do you get to work or school?							
How do you get to other destinations in or near the Study Area?							
How do you get to other destinations outside the Study Area?							
How would you prefer to get around (perfect world; aspirational)?							

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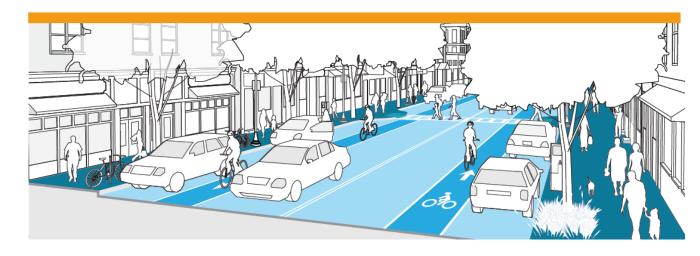
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Different Types of Street Character

Freeway

Neighborhood Main Street Neighborhood Connector Neighborhood Street

Pedestrian & Bike



Neighborhood Main Street Example Complete Streets Guide (2013)





Pedestrian & Bike Example

Left: Winthrop Street, Harvard Square

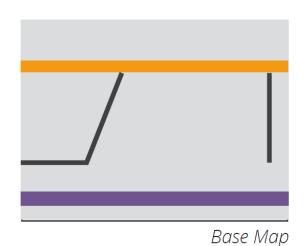
Right: Boston Esplanade

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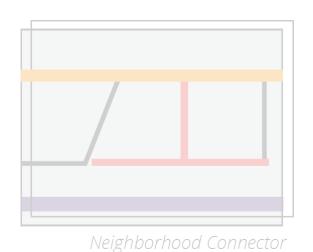
MOBILITY & CONNECTIVITY PLANNING ACTIVITY

Activity Instructions



Step 1: Discuss

Discuss existing transportation conditions in the neighborhood.



Step 2: Key Connections

Sketch new, key connections in the neighborhood on the transparencies.



Neighborhood Streets & Path Layer

Step 3: Neighborhood Streets and Paths

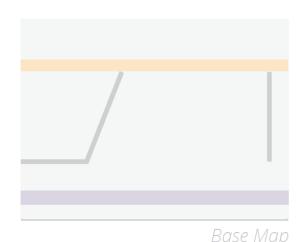
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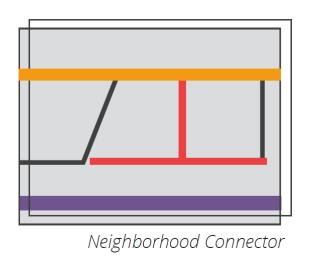
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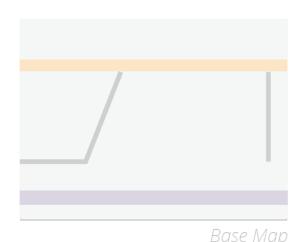
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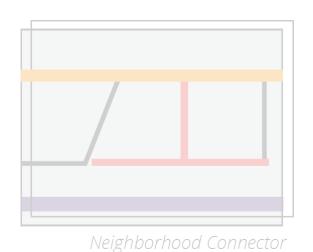
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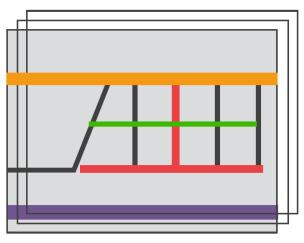
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CITY RESOURCES

If you or someone you know is currently facing displacement as a resident or business, please ask staff about the following contacts and resources:

Office of Workforce Development (OWD)

617-635-5283 | owd.boston.gov

Boston Home Center

617-635-4663 | bostonhomecenter.com

Office of Housing Stability and Emergency Assistance (OHS)

617-635-4200 | rentalhousing@boston.gov | Boston.gov/housing/office-housing-stability

Office of Small Business Development

617-635-0355 | boston.gov/departments/small-business-development

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