

# Allston-Brighton Community Plan Engagement Update

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# Overview

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# What is a community plan? What's the ABCP?

## A Plan guides future development and investment:

- What kinds of changes to the physical environment are desired?
- How will these changes be achieved?
- How can development and investment support these changes for everyone in the community?

## The Allston-Brighton Community Plan (ABCP) will build on:

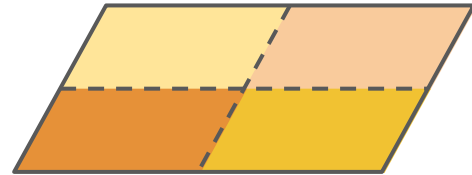
- Community knowledge and feedback
- Community needs and opportunities
- Other plans or development projects that are happening
- Current conditions in land use, transportation, housing, open space, community resources, economic development, and employment

The Community Plan will work across three scales:

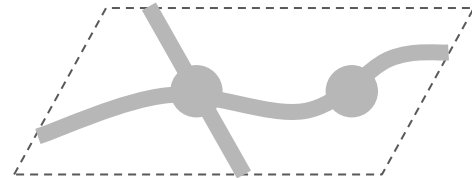


**Overall Plan Area**

Entire Allston & Brighton Neighborhoods

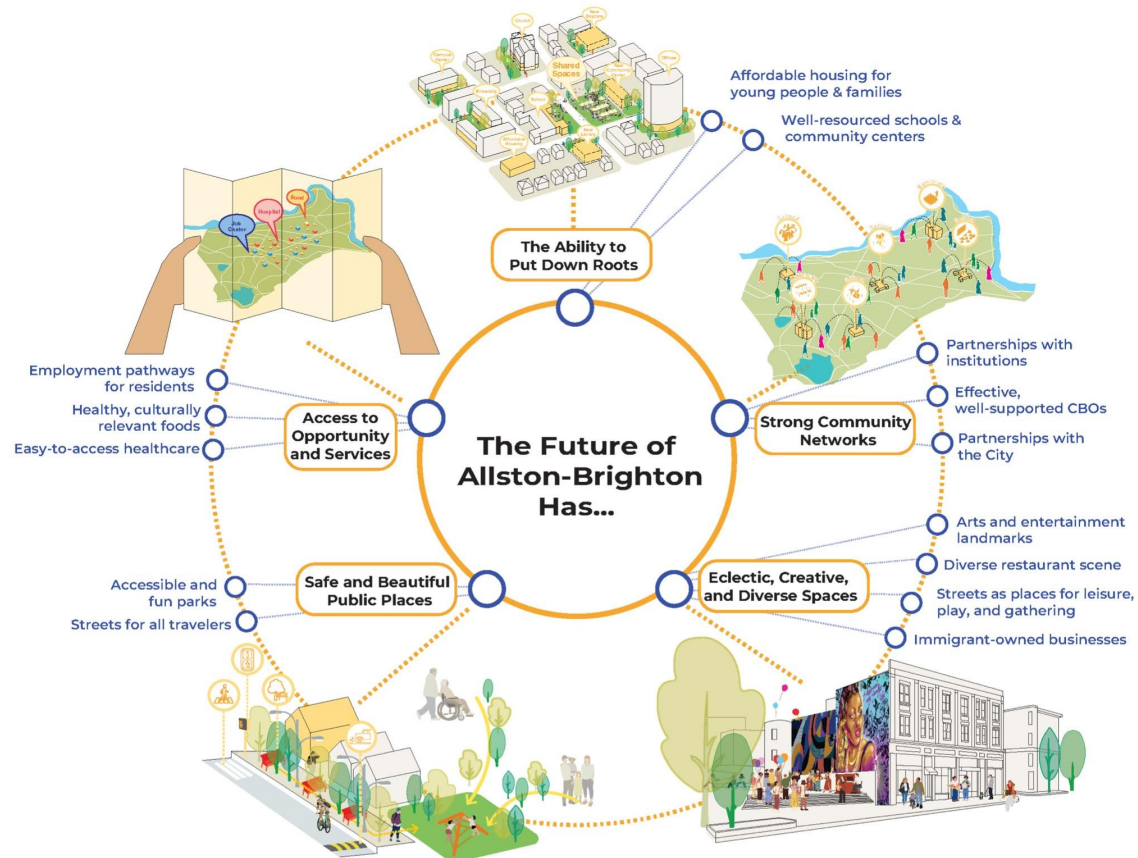


**Subareas**



**Focus Areas**

# The ABCP will work towards a community-driven vision for the future





## Total Project Community Engagement Snapshot

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June 2024 - October 2025:

**50+**

Events and meetings hosted or attended by the project team where information about the Community Plan was shared

**1,400+**

People directly engaged at community events and meetings

**2,800+**

Recorded comments about the plan

**500+**

Attendees at in-person and virtual ABCP Open House events

# What are Focus Areas?

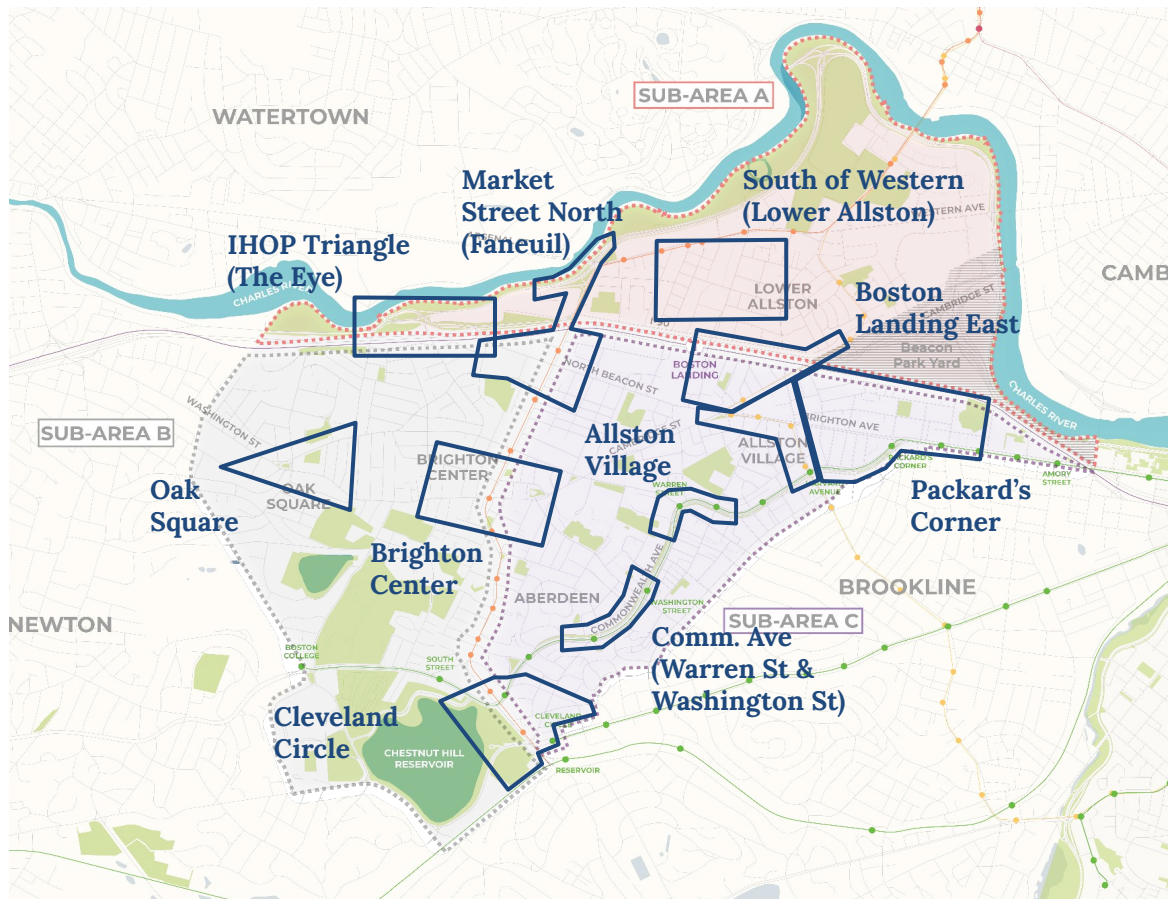
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# FOCUS AREAS

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## 10 Focus Areas

- Cleveland Circle
- Brighton Center
- Oak Square
- IHOP Triangle (The Eye)
- Market Street North (Faneuil)
- South of Western (Lower Allston)
- Boston Landing East
- Allston Village
- Packard's Corner
- Comm Ave (Warren & Washington)



## FOCUS AREAS

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**Across all of Allston-Brighton we are exploring how to accommodate:**

- New housing and development
- Safer streets for all users
- Existing and future arts & culture uses
- Amenities for residents
- Place-based investments

### **The 10 selected Focus Areas:**

- Include a variety of existing conditions, like small-scale residential housing, dense mixed-use development, small and large open spaces, and more.
- Represent different scales of potential growth and change.
- Include large institutional employers.
- Serve diverse communities: renters, homeowners, young families, seniors, first-time homebuyers, immigrants and new arrivals, students, youth, artists, and businesses.

# Engagement Overview

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# Spring, Summer, & Fall 2025 Engagement Snapshot

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Engagement since May 2025 has focused on getting out into the neighborhood and making sure we engage a wide range of community members:

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Events with information tables and opportunities to provide input including ABHC Resource Fair, Faneuil Gardens Block Party, ABHA Anti-Displacement Workshop, Farmers Market, Charles River Speedway Office Hours, AB Chamber of Commerce event, and more

460+

People directly engaged at community events and meetings

140+

Attendees at July 14 Open House at Brighton Elks Lodge

110+

Responses to the Focus Area Digital Survey

10

Focus Area virtual meetings for those who could not join in-person Open House

# July 14 Open House: Focus Areas Activity

At the July 14 open house attendees were invited to visit 10 Focus Area stations and respond to Key Planning Questions. This activity was also available as a digital survey, and in several virtual small group meetings held on Zoom. Engagement was publicized in 5 languages.

## Questions asked:

What has been your experience in these places?

How you think these parts of the neighborhood should change?

What's your **vision for the future?**



Scan the QR code to see all information presented at the Open House (under the "Documents" heading)

## ALLSTON-BRIGHTON FOCUS AREAS

We want to discuss with you: **How can we realize the Allston-Brighton Community Plan Vision throughout the community?**



### WHAT IS TODAY'S EVENT ABOUT?

People value the diversity of places and experiences across Allston-Brighton. We want to hear from you: **What are your priorities for future change? How can the Plan support the community vision statement?**

We invite you to visit the ten Focus Area stations at today's Open House! Your voice matters in shaping what future change should look like across Allston-Brighton.

#### The ten Focus Areas of the Allston-Brighton Community Plan...

- Represent unique features and existing conditions
- Include different potential degrees of change
- Reflect a range of important questions raised by the community and city
- Integrate work from past and current plans into the ABCP

### VISIONS FOR CHANGE

#### Recurring Themes Across Focus Areas

- Supporting Thoughtful Infill Development**  
E.g., "Residential growth slowly over time to mid-rise mostly through infill"
- Concentrating New Mixed-Use Development**  
E.g., "Increase amenities for residents"  
E.g., "Increase mixed uses and density near transit"
- Leveraging Underutilized Space**  
E.g., "Reinvest in and develop underutilized or vacant buildings"  
E.g., "Increase density in select smaller sites to increase housing and amenities"
- Improving Public Realm and Mobility**  
E.g., "Improve quality of connections to the street"  
E.g., "Greening the avenue to make it more comfortable to stroll along and linger on"
- Transitioning Scales of Development**  
E.g., "Growth as a transitional area between different land uses and scales of density"  
E.g., "Throughlines develop as mixed residential and commercial buffers"
- Investing in Arts & Culture**  
E.g., "Maintain and enhance arts/cultural spaces + invest in existing community"
- Improving Access to Green Space**  
E.g., "Improve pedestrian connections to the Reservoir"  
E.g., "Create safe pedestrian and bike connections to the Charles"



## July 14 Open House at Brighton Elks Lodge

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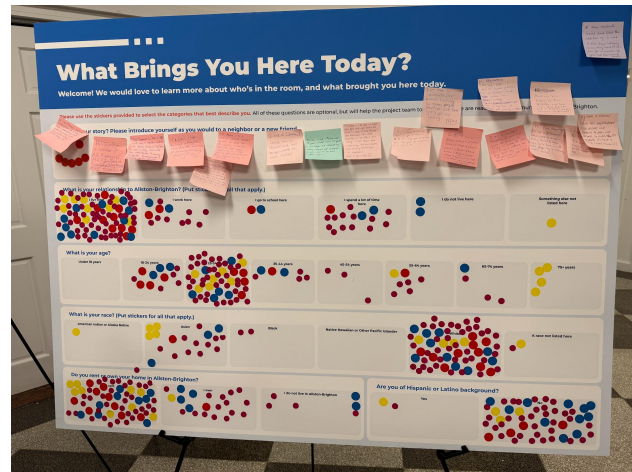
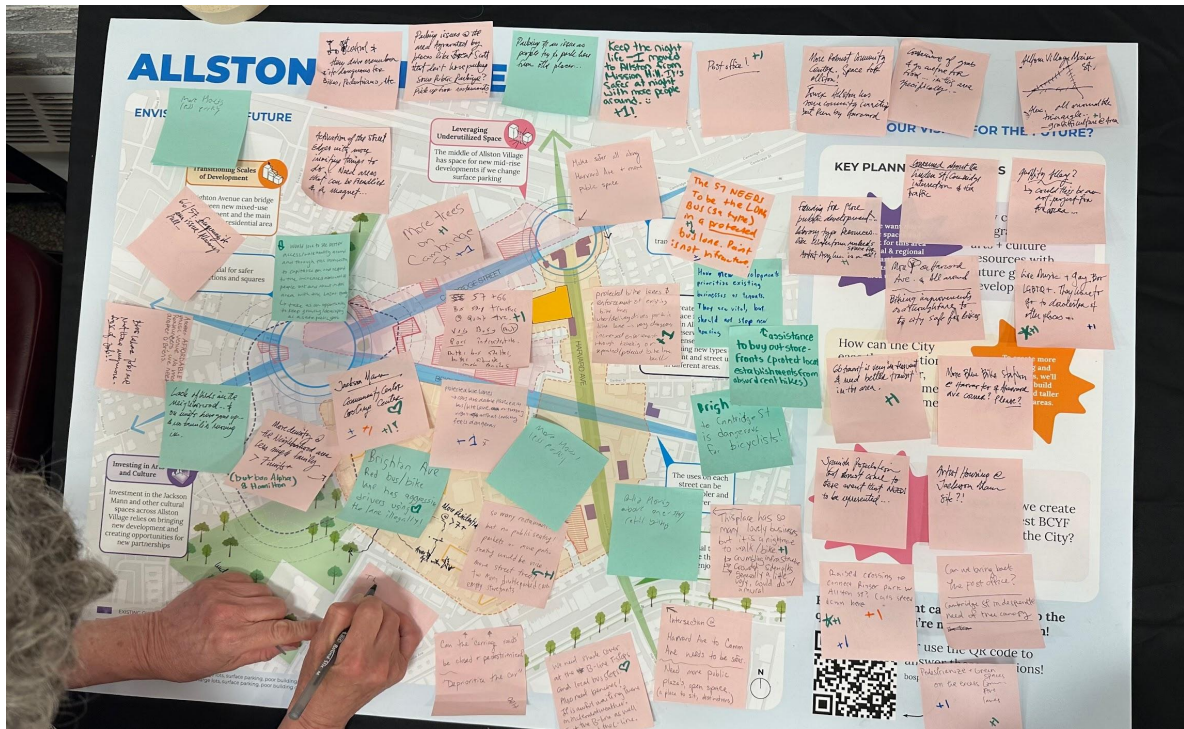


# July 14 Open House Engagement Stations





# July 14 Open House Community Input



# Focus Areas Digital Survey

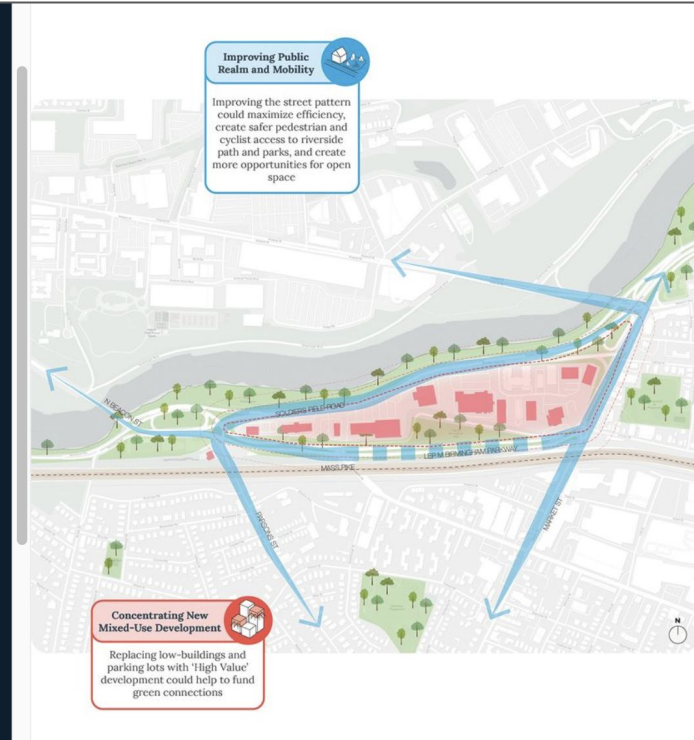
An online digital survey allowed respondents to participate in the same activities from the Open House by answering questions and providing comments about each of the 10 Focus Areas.

## **B** Where can pedestrians and cyclists access the River and move along it more safely?

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is studying the roadway configuration in this area. Pedestrian and cyclist crossings are particularly difficult here, especially at crossings like Brooks St.

Type your answer below, or click "OK" to skip this question.

Type your answer here...



Sample digital survey question



# Virtual Small Group Meetings

The City hosted 10 additional follow-up meetings on Zoom (one for each Focus Area.)

Invited attendees represented specific housing, civic, and nonprofit organizations in each Area.

Attendees were able to participate in the same activities from the Open House using digital “post-its.”



# Focus Areas

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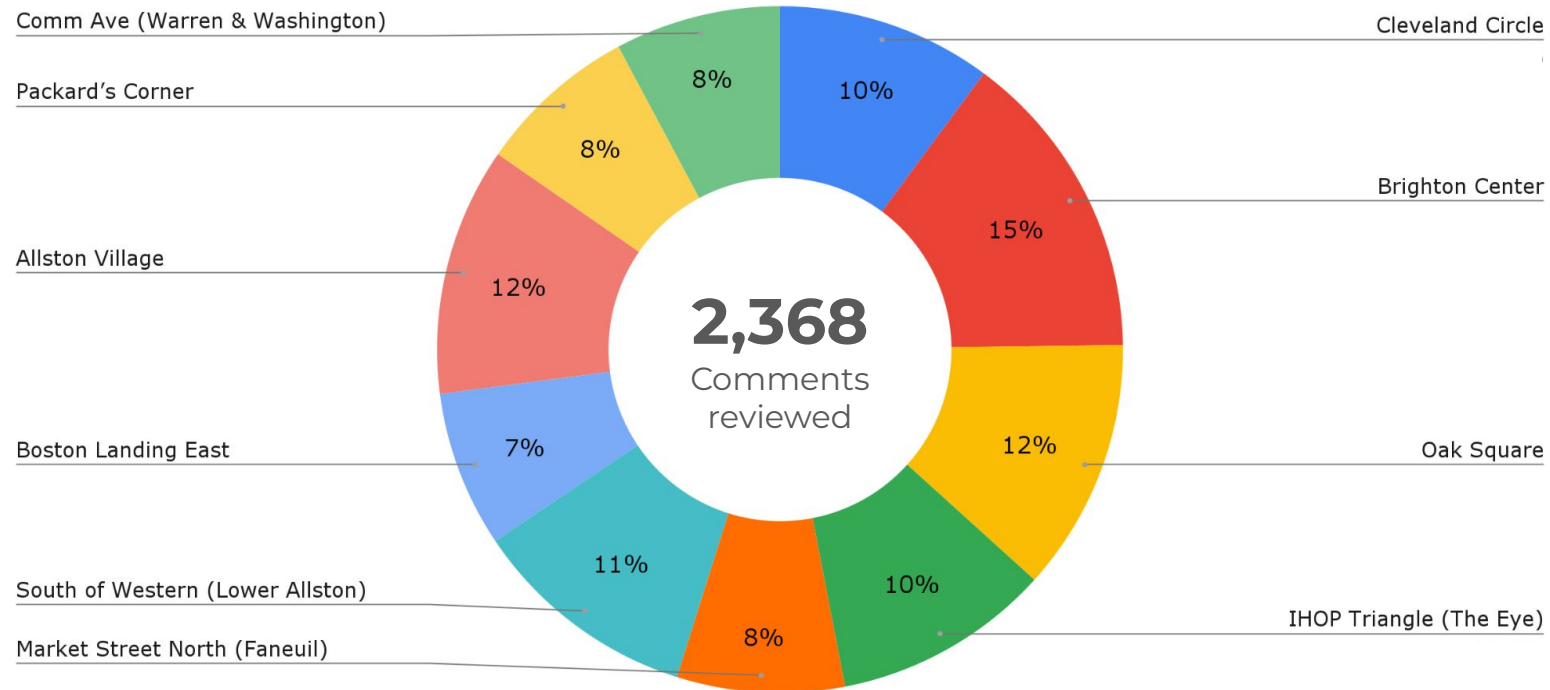
## Key Planning Questions & Community Engagement Takeaways



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# Focus Area engagement by the numbers

The chart below shows the number of comments received about each Focus Area as a proportion of all Focus Area input collected.



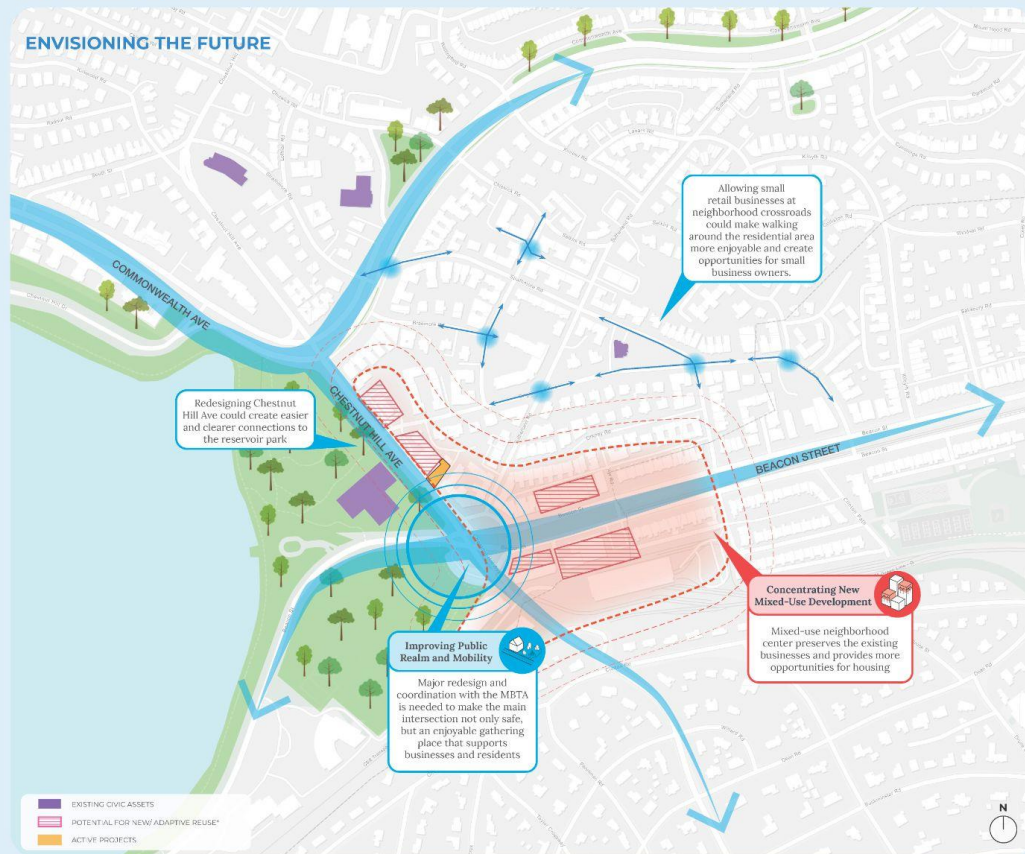
# CLEVELAND CIRCLE



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## ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



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## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

Cleveland Circle's location near transit and the Reservoir make it a good location for new housing and businesses.

Where should we encourage new development in Cleveland Circle? What kinds of new development are most needed for residents, businesses, and transit riders?

Where should the City encourage new mixed-use developments? What's an example you'd like to see in this area?

Which streets or intersections are most important to focus on to support safe travel by pedestrians, cyclists, and cars?  
 Which streets or intersections are most important to focus on to improve connections to the Reservoir?

Community members appreciate existing parks and open spaces, but want safer and easier access to them.

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!



# Cleveland Circle: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Encourage more mixed-use development and housing density:** More affordable mixed-use development, particularly along Beacon St and Chestnut Hill Ave with housing and ground-floor retail, restaurants, and amenities to increase vibrancy and address housing needs.
- **Increase pedestrian and cyclist safety:** Pedestrians and cyclists describe conditions as dangerous due to busy streets, chaotic intersections, and poorly timed signals. Calls for action include adding crosswalks, widening sidewalks, and improving design of major intersections like Beacon and Chestnut Hill Ave.
- **Improve roadway conditions and traffic flow:** Current roadway conditions are uneven and unsafe for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians, with particular issues at major intersections like Beacon St, Chestnut Hill Ave, and Comm Ave.
- **Enhance connectivity to green spaces and amenities:** Respondents want improved connections to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir and Cassidy Park, and integrated amenities like an ice cream hut or green spaces with benches and trees near the reservoir to enhance the recreational appeal of these natural assets.
- **Make this area a destination:** People talked about a desire to transform Cleveland Circle from a "tired location" with "car sprawl" into a vibrant destination, comparable to Packard's or Coolidge Corner. Ideas mentioned: attracting a diverse range of new businesses and "third spaces" for socializing, creating more green spaces, cultivating a "village-like area."

"...it is an extremely unsafe area for pedestrians..."

"The rail tracks stick out of the ground a lot creating a very bumpy and uneven surface to bike across"

"More restaurants, cafes, ice cream, local shops"

*Quotes highlight a range of responses and do not represent all feedback*

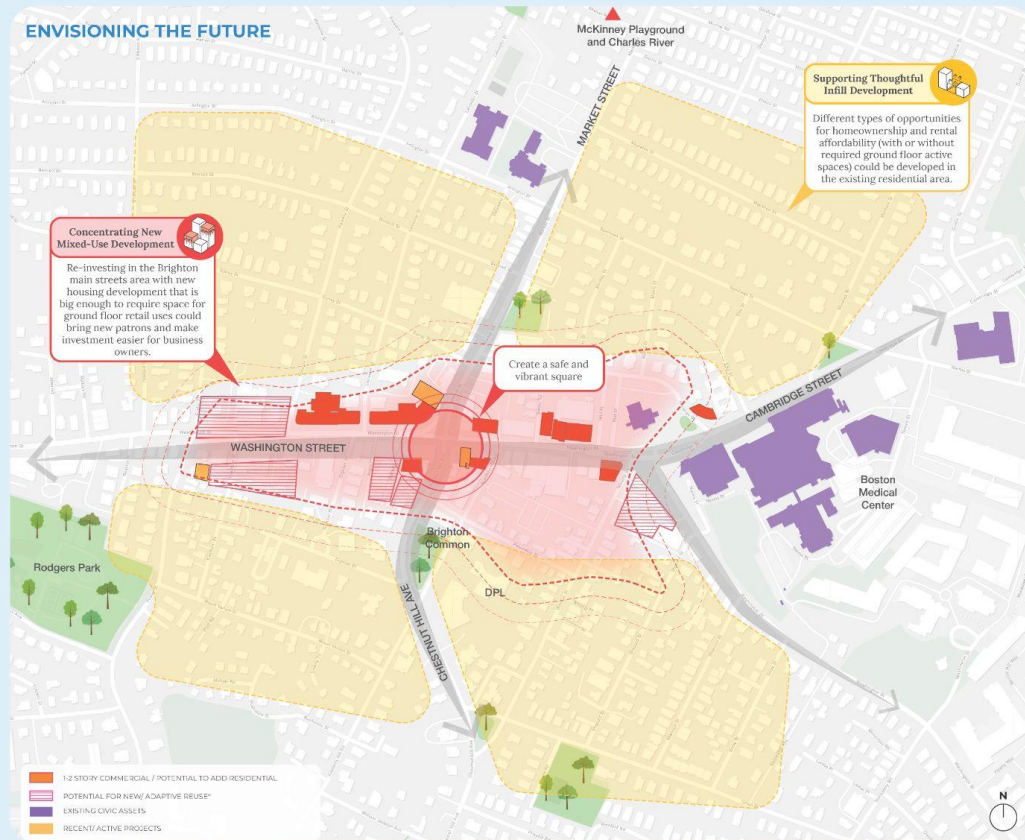
# BRIGHTON CENTER



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## ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

Residents want housing they can afford, diverse businesses, better transit, and fewer empty storefronts.

Where should the City invest in new housing or businesses to support current and future residents?

Where should a shared off-street parking arrangement be considered?

What We've Heard: We need better off-street parking for this commercial center.

Brighton Center needs better transit connection to other parts of the neighborhood.

Where can the City support better bus transfers and bike connections?

There is potential to improve how BMC Brighton (formerly St. Elizabeth's) is connected to the area.

How might the neighborhood center share uses or functions with this institution?

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!

# Brighton Center: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Increase dense, affordable, mixed-use housing:** People particularly want mid-rise apartments with ground-floor commercial spaces. This development should increase density in transit-friendly areas, while respecting the existing historic character and avoiding encroachment on smaller-scale homes. Better use of underutilized parking lots and vacant storefronts should be prioritized.
- **Increase retail options and provide missing amenities:** People want a vibrant, walkable, area with more varied retail like grocery store, cafes, music venues, bookstores, and businesses that reflect diverse cultures. They want to see vacancies occupied.
- **Improve transit service and amenities, and pedestrian infrastructure:** People particularly want improved bus frequency, reliability, and expanded routes to better connect Brighton Center with the rest of Boston. Suggested include improved bus stop amenities like shelters and real-time information. People also want safer bike and pedestrian infrastructure, including clear crosswalks.
- **Creatively address parking needs:** Many see parking as an issue, even if they don't agree on the best solution to address it. Some believe there needs to be more parking for residents and businesses, especially for older residents; others advocate for reduced parking minimums for new development to promote transit use and density. Suggestions include shared agreements with private lots.
- **Integrate BMC Brighton with community needs and resources:** The community wants improved pedestrian entrances and more engagement in neighborhood public health initiatives. Suggestions include sharing green spaces for public use, hosting free clinics and lectures, and providing resources for vulnerable populations, transforming the "fortress feel" of the hospital campus.

"The density level surrounding Brighton Center isn't sufficient given the proximity to 4 bus lines and the T"

"There are lots of storefronts that are closed or otherwise don't see a lot of foot traffic. Businesses with something to draw people in are needed!"

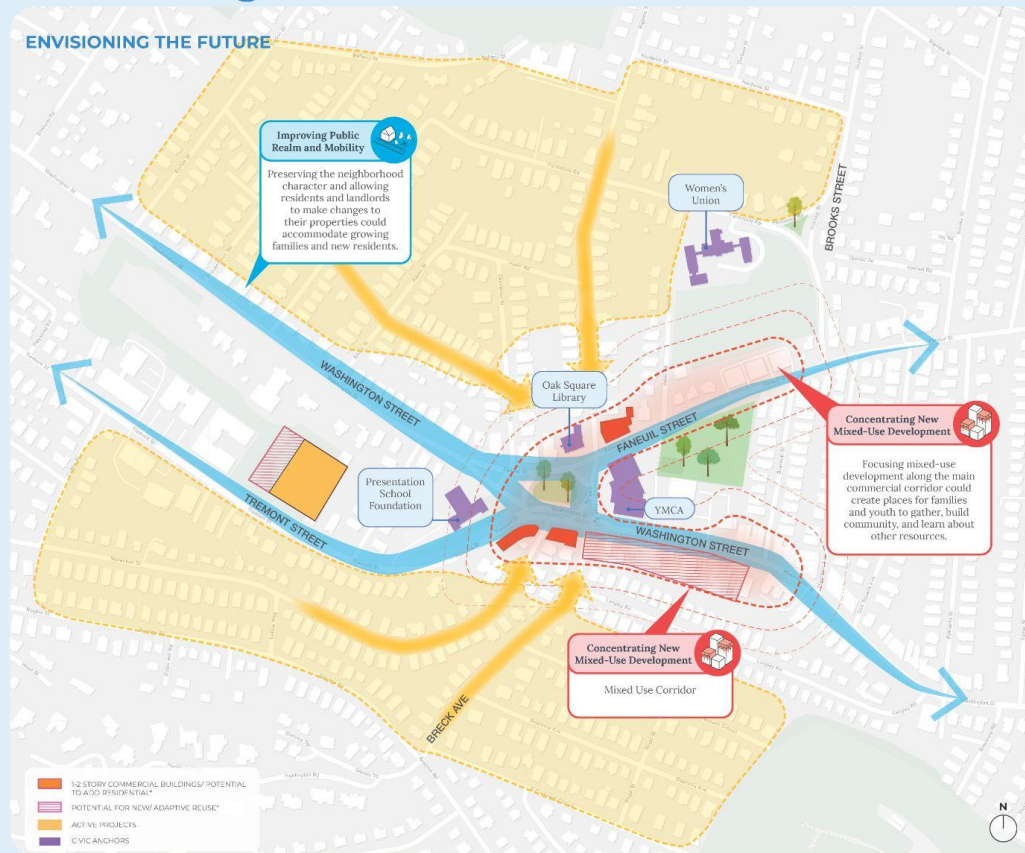
"Make [BMC Brighton] a proper community health center."

**OAK SQUARE**



# OAK SQUARE

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## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

What improvements will connect people to and from Oak Square businesses?

This area benefits from the presence of small businesses, and customers need easy access for small businesses to thrive.

How can Oak Square Community members access the Charles River more safely?

Residents have highlighted grocery stores as one type of missing amenity.

What would make Oak Square a successful neighborhood commercial center?

What kind of housing is needed to help make Oak Square a place for new families to move into?

Community members want to maintain Oak Square's small neighborhood feeling and also support more housing in Brighton.

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!

# Oak Square: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Increase opportunities for affordable homeownership, without totally transforming the character of the neighborhood:** Long-term community members share concerns about increased density and development changing the character of the neighborhood. Renters who want to become homeowners see this as an area they are currently priced out of, but new affordable homeownership opportunities could allow a new generation of residents to establish themselves.
- **Invest in a more vibrant hub with small, neighborhood-serving businesses:** Community members want more diverse businesses that meet everyday needs, like a grocery store, coffee shops, a yoga studio, and other active storefronts. People describe a physical environment that discourages both foot traffic and social life and would like better walkability and more inviting public spaces.
- **Ensure safe, accessible, and comfortable ways of getting around:** Community members want better pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, and also want to ensure that families and older residents who rely on cars are able to park when they need to. Community members emphasize the need for improved lighting over certain crosswalks.

**“No 5+ story buildings, but some 3-4 story buildings[...] we need senior benefits and senior housing - Oak Sq. does not have a senior facility”**

**“It’s important to keep the small neighborhood feel [...] lean into starter homes for families [...] smaller apartment buildings along Washington and Faneuil [...] allowing ADUs on properties could help add housing without compromising the look of small neighborhood.”**

# IHOP TRIANGLE (THE EYE)

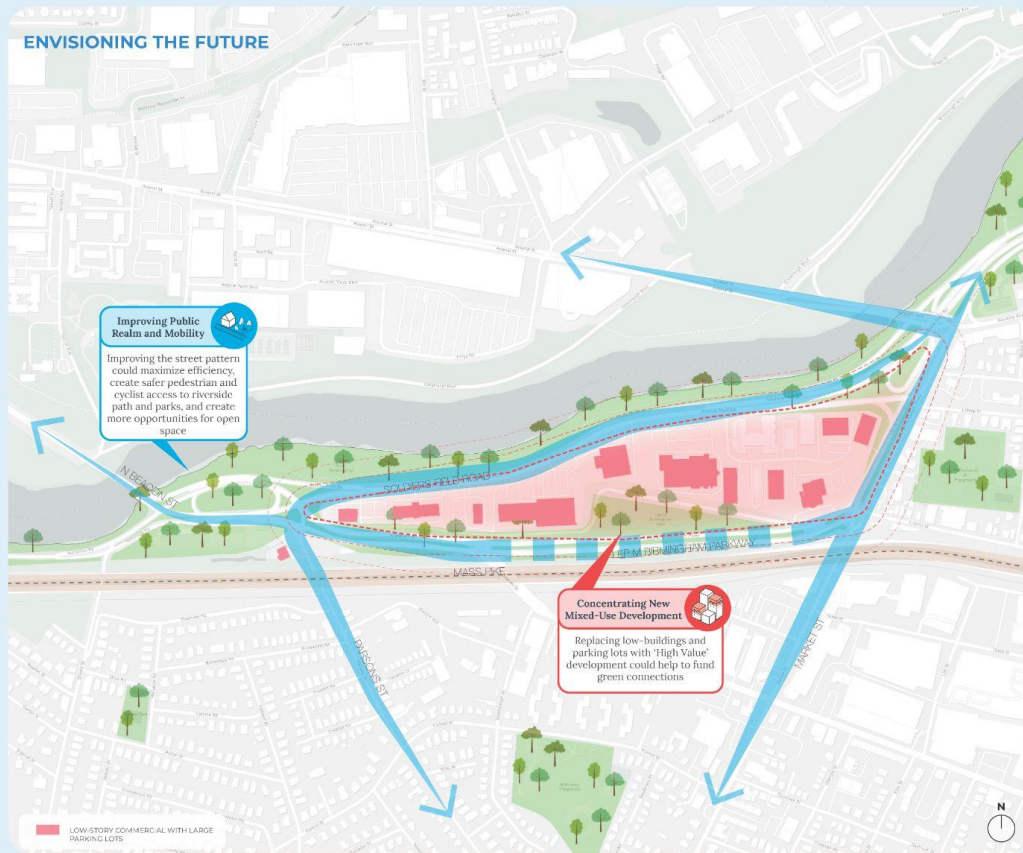
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# THE EYE “IHOP TRIANGLE”

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## ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

Community members want better access to riverside parks and paths, and more housing and businesses near quality open spaces like the Charles River.

What kinds of development could create better river connectivity, mobility, and an improved public realm? What's an example that you'd like to see in this area?

Where can pedestrians and cyclists access the River and move along it more safely?

The Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (PCR) is studying the roadway configuration in this area. Pedestrian and cyclist crossings are particularly difficult here, especially at crossings like Brooks St.

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# IHOP Triangle/The Eye: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Introduce new uses into the area:** People are split on wanting more dense housing or commercial uses here. There is broad agreement that it is very difficult to access to existing businesses without a car. This area is seen as an opportunity to create a mixed-use destination that could improve access to healthy and varied food options, recreation, and other amenities. Future growth would need public realm improvements that create access to the Charles River.
- **Need to focus on safety for cyclists and pedestrians:** People feel extremely unsafe navigating this area, especially as a barrier to the Charles. They have various suggestions for changes and improvements, and call out specific locations for new crosswalks, sidewalks, and bike lanes. In some places, cyclists and pedestrians currently compete for safe passage. Many community members have seen dangerous crossings by pedestrians, or cross in a dangerous way themselves. Some community members envision a comprehensive redesign with greening and other placemaking strategies; others want faster action: "Safety first, then I'm all about the complete makeover."

"I'd love to see this area become a destination and not just exclusively housing or office space. Allowing for essentials, like a grocery store or pharmacy, would be important..."

"The biggest issue [...] are the sidewalks along the dealerships, Staples, etc.; not wide enough for strollers, wheelchairs, etc. Poles in the sidewalk force you to walk into the street."

"More crosswalks near Starbucks and McDonalds - kids are crossing the street where cars are going 80 miles an hour."

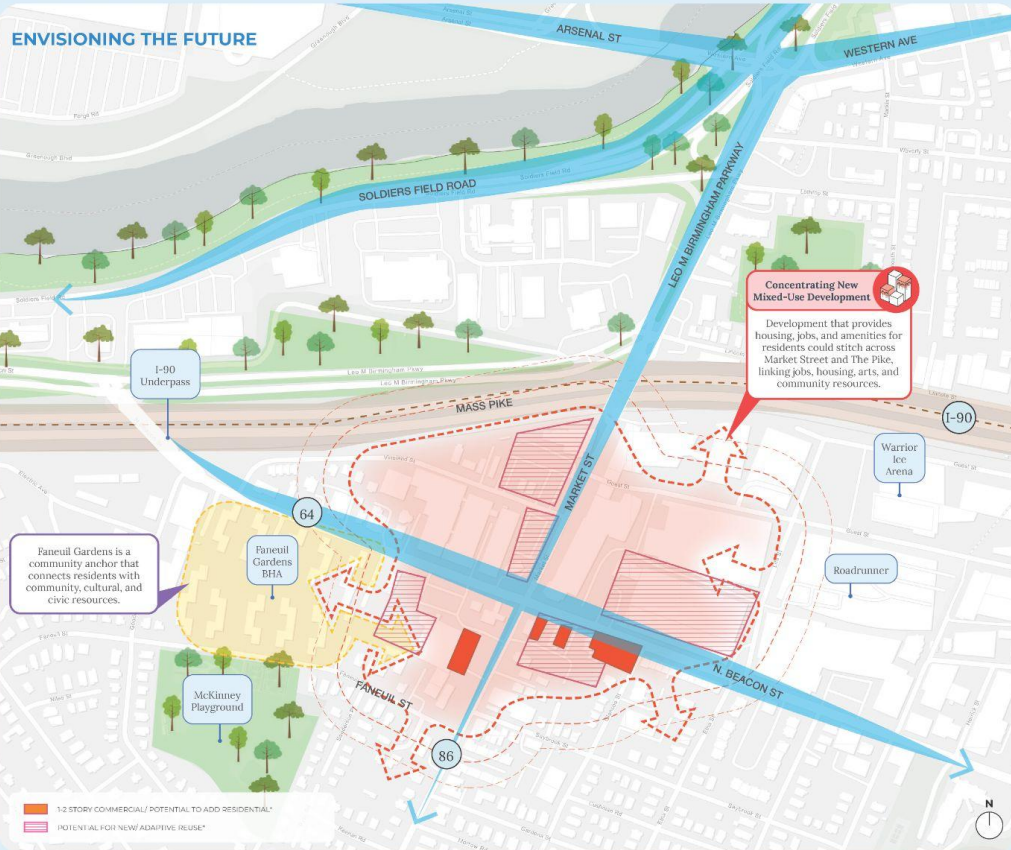
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# MARKET STREET NORTH (FANEUIL)



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## KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

Community members have asked about vacant and underused properties on the main commerce corridors.

What types of amenities are most needed for residents in this area?

This area needs better transit service and safer pedestrian/cyclist access.

How can pedestrians and cyclists travel more easily and safely within & into this area?

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!

## Market Street North: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Support affordable housing & mixed uses:** People want more affordable housing options and a reevaluation of land use, particularly empty parking lots and vacant spaces. Development should prioritize diverse housing types, activate ground floors for local businesses, and foster community rather than contributing to a “luxury” feel.
- **Enhance connectivity & multi-modal safety:** The area is needs safer, more interconnected pathways for pedestrians and cyclists, including protected bike lanes, improved crosswalks, and better-designed intersections to create connections.
- **Address parking & traffic flow challenges:** People support alternative transportation but have concerns about the loss of parking, which is seen to impact local businesses, elderly and disabled residents, and overall traffic flow. People would like solutions to balance these needs, ensuring accessibility for all modes of transport.
- **Invest in vibrant public spaces & local amenities:** People would like more inviting and useful public spaces that foster a neighborhood feel. Suggestions include green infrastructure, accessible community centers, and diverse, local-oriented businesses.

"So many parking lots in this area - if they won't [develop] at least have them open to the public (paid is fine)."

"This neighborhood feels designed for the employees and event guests, not the residents."

"Before limiting essential parking, ensure all Faneuil Garden residents... are able to afford parking near the projects..."

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# **SOUTH OF WESTERN AVE (LOWER ALLSTON)**



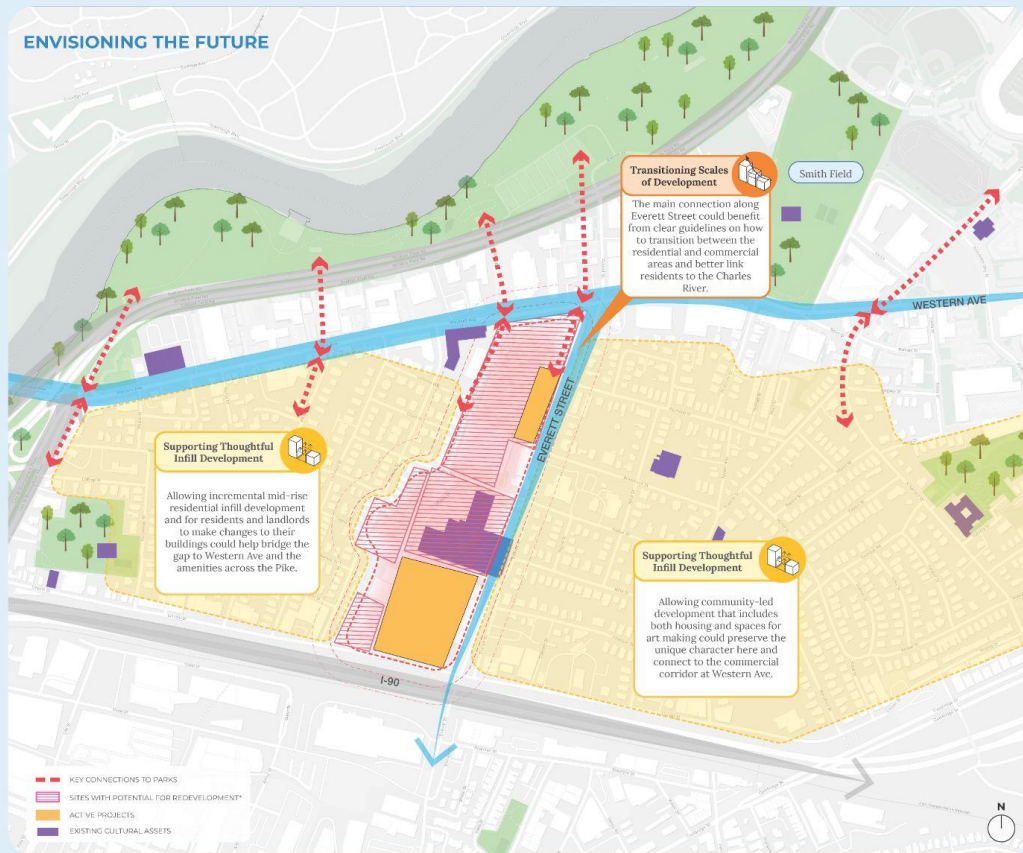
Lower Allston



# SOUTH OF WESTERN AVE

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## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

Community members appreciate existing parks and open spaces, but want safer and easier to access them.

Where should the City focus to better connect this area to the Charles River? What's an example project that you'd like to see here?

How can this area support more housing? What's a type of new housing development that you'd like to see here, and where?

Housing affordability is a concern across Allston-Brighton, and residents see more housing in this area as a way to bring down costs.

Community members value park space, but want to see more greenery in general (i.e. along streets, sidewalks, and intersections).

What are the most important things to invest in to improve the public realm in this area (i.e. the space between buildings)?

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!

# South of Western Ave: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Build more housing, but not one-size-fits all; consider existing scale and residents:** Housing affordability is a major concern. Community members want more housing, but have different visions of density and scale transitions.
- **Invest in more green spaces, shade, and pedestrian safety improvement:** Heat and lack of shade are issues in this area. Mobility improvements are needed, especially for pedestrians. People see parks and green spaces as places that could help further knit the community together, and generally want safer pedestrian access to the river.

“Concentrating the largest developments along Western Ave is a good idea, but I’d love to see more mid-rise housing with some mixed-uses in the interior of Lower Allston.”

“Many families already live in this area. They should be accommodated to avoid any further displacement of the Allston community.”

“More and bigger street trees to provide shade on Western Ave. Wider sidewalks or other ways to make it more pleasant to walk on, too.”

*Quotes highlight a range of responses and do not represent all feedback*



# BOSTON LANDING EAST





## KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

**Safety and better connectivity are big priorities for this area.**

Which streets or intersections in this area are most important to focus on?

**Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!**



Or use the QR code to answer these questions!

[bosplans.org/AB-focus-areas](https://bosplans.org/AB-focus-areas)

# Boston Landing East: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Increase affordable housing and create a neighborhood feel:** As this area grows, residents emphasize the importance of protecting existing residents and businesses (including artists), preserving community institutions, and promoting affordable housing and homeownership.
- **Foster community and support diverse, affordable local businesses:** People want more vibrant, independent, and affordable retail and dining options, not existing chains and sterile atmospheres. Suggestions include family-friendly businesses, accessible community venues, arts spaces, and opportunities for local entrepreneurs.
- **Improve transportation, walkability, and pedestrian/bike safety:** There are dangerous and confusing major intersections and roadways, which currently makes this area feel disconnected. There is clear demand for improved, safe, and integrated infrastructure for walking, biking, and public transit, as well as better traffic management and more thoughtful parking solutions.
- **Expand green spaces and enhance public realm amenities:** The lack of inviting public spaces and natural elements contributes to the “sterile” feel. People want more green spaces, trees, and shade canopies to improve comfort and make it a more pleasant place to be. People specifically mention the barrenness of certain areas and the need for more inviting outdoor public spaces with amenities like seating and trash cans, and the need to combat heat and highway noise.

“It has a strip-mall feel to it... I'd like more independent, local, and unique stores and restaurants to make it more of a destination”.

“Bike and pedestrian navigation across Harvard and Cambridge St. onto the pedestrian bridge is horrible! Not enough space for everyone to share!”

“More trees - that area is so barren. It's incredibly hot to walk around there. Very unpleasant, no shade”.

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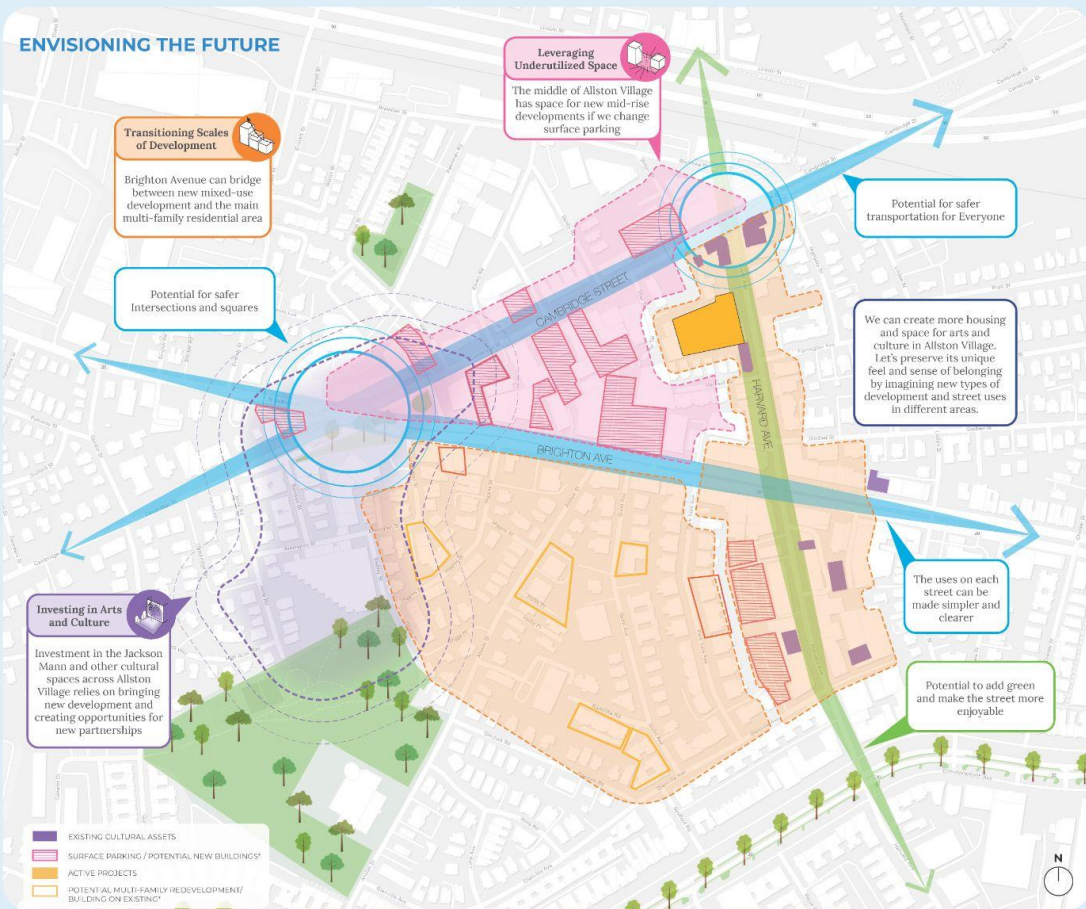
# ALLSTON VILLAGE



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## ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS



People want more public spaces and support for this area as a local & regional hub for artists—these elements make this area unique.

How can we integrate existing arts + culture resources with future growth and development?



To create more housing and amenities, we'll need to build denser and taller in some areas.

How can the City ease the transition between newer, denser developments and existing homes and businesses?



We've heard it's a big priority to create a new community center.

How can we create the greatest BCYF facility in the City?

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!

## Allston Village: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Support artists and art/culture spaces through affordable development:**

This is already a relatively high-density area, which could make even higher density appropriate. Art and culture spaces and artists are at risk of being priced out, and more housing is a suggested way of easing market pressures and making things more affordable. Community members are open to new development and substantial change to the built environment, providing those changes protect and enhance the existing culture and community, and minimize displacement.

- **Invest in maintenance and public realm improvements:** Community members want investment in a vibrant commercial center, with more small music venues, creative space, public infrastructure, and amenities that support and facilitate Allston Village's community culture. Deteriorating sidewalks and the persistent rodent problems need to be addressed.

**"We need to build more housing so that artists can afford to live here in the first place. [...] Allston Village is probably the most commercially dense part of Allston-Brighton. It should be the most residentially dense too."**

**"Grants for storefronts to help 'beautify' their exterior would be a fun way to provide employment for the local artists and brighten the space, but in a very community-oriented way."**

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# PACKARD'S CORNER

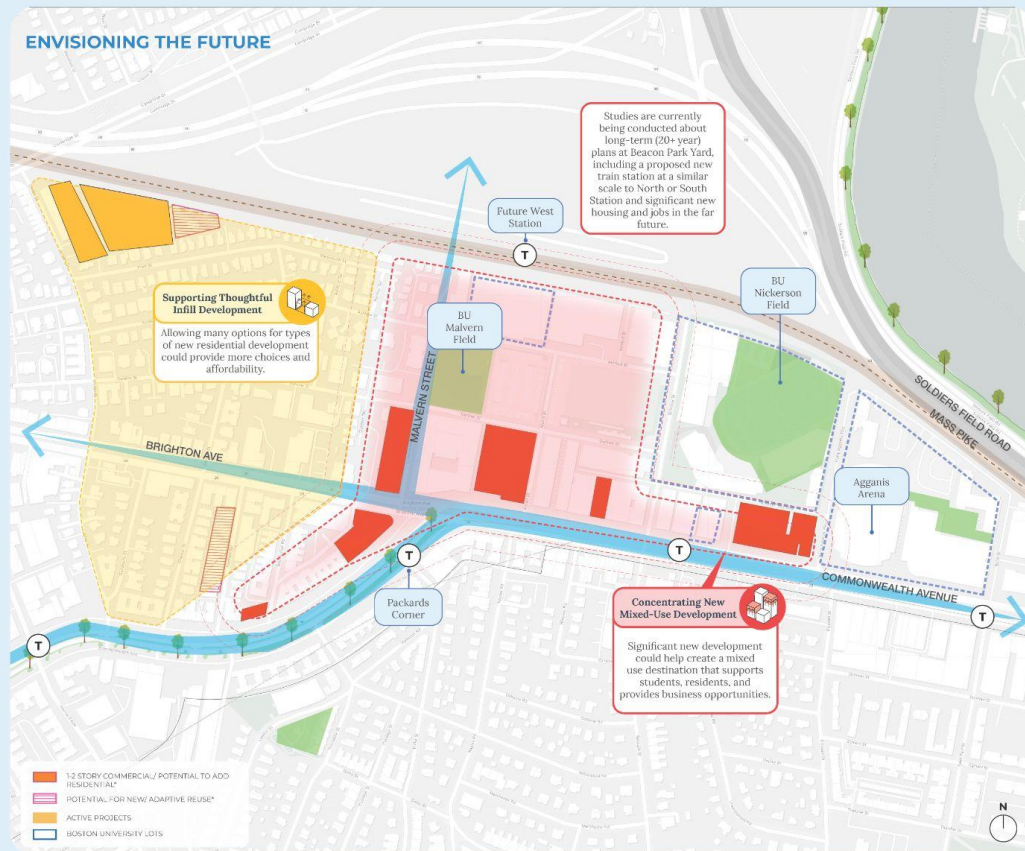




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## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

Residents have expressed a desire for more development close to existing transit and amenities.

How can development in Packard's Corner help ensure that current residents benefit from future development at Beacon Park Yard and West Station before those areas are built?

Community members see an opportunity for positive change at Packard's Corner.

What type of new businesses, housing, etc. would help make Packard's Corner one of Boston's best squares today?

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!



# Packard's Corner: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Create a higher density housing hub:** Community members say this area can support Allston-Brighton's highest-density housing. Proximity to transit, universities, and other amenities already make this an in-demand area, with potential for more housing of various sizes and prices to ease pressure on the local market.
- **Transform Packard's Corner into a "place to be" with varied retail:** The strategic location of Packard's Corner, and its underutilized commercial spaces, are seen as opportunities to turn the area into a destination for social life and shopping.
- **Transform public spaces to feel more inviting and greener:** Insufficient shade cover and green space make this a difficult place to linger; people want green space and pedestrian infrastructure. Community members want Packard's to transform for the better, but don't want to lose existing community anchors like the Super 88 HK market.
- **Invest in safer and more efficient crossroads for multi-modal travel:** Packard's is a dangerous intersection for pedestrians and cyclists. New development is a potential way to provide improvements that can help make this a safer area to travel through. People also want these improvements to connect to a future West Station.

"Packard's Corner is a place where [there is] an opportunity to go big with density [which] would also drive down rents for students and local families who want to live in the area."

"Use developments to help improve transportation (like sidewalk level bike lanes along new parcels)."

"Please protect super 88 (HK Supermarket). That is the reason why I moved to Allston"

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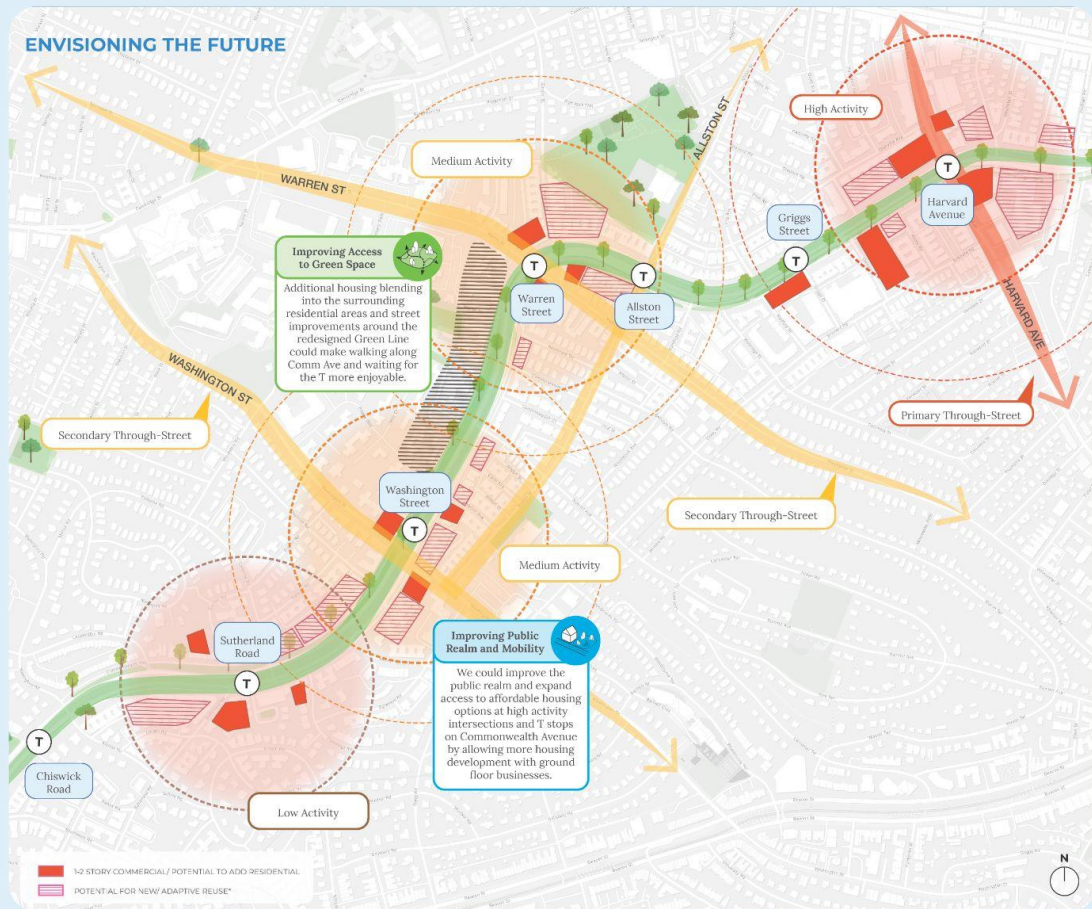
# COMMONWEALTH AVE (WARREN & WASHINGTON)

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# COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

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## ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



\*in commercial areas, criteria include: large lots, surface parking, poor building condition, low/single-story buildings  
\*in residential areas, criteria include: large lots, surface parking, poor building condition, non-owner occupied

## WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

### KEY PLANNING QUESTIONS

Commonwealth Ave feels unsafe.

Which blocks or intersections are most in need of safety interventions?  
What's an example of a good safety improvement that you've seen in Boston or elsewhere, that you'd like to see here?

Community members value park space, but want to see more greenery in general, i.e., along streets and sidewalks and at intersections

Which blocks or intersections are most in need of increased green space or tree coverage?

Fill out a comment card in response to the question that you're most interested in!

# Commonwealth Ave: Key Engagement Takeaways

- **Increase green space, small-scale retail, and housing:** Community members see opportunities for new green spaces, green boulevards, parks, and parklets along Comm Ave. There are several locations identified where heat and lack of greenery is an issue.
- **Shift priority from cars to people:** Small-scale retail and new housing, in combination with added green spaces, are suggested ways to shift from a car-centric design to a place that feels vibrant and welcoming to people.
- **Improve pedestrian, cyclist, and driver safety:** Safety is a major concern for community members, and Comm Ave is seen as dangerous for all modes of transportation - pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

**“This is a place where we need to look beyond improvements that have already been made elsewhere in the city. This is a place where we should be reimagining what streets in Boston can and should look like.”**

**“The southern side of the street near Sutherland Rd. would benefit from increase canopy.”**

**“[Safety improvements at] Warren Street and Harvard Avenue feel particularly urgent.”**

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# THANK YOU!



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