

Cleveland Circle Concept Design

Public Meeting - June 22, 2026

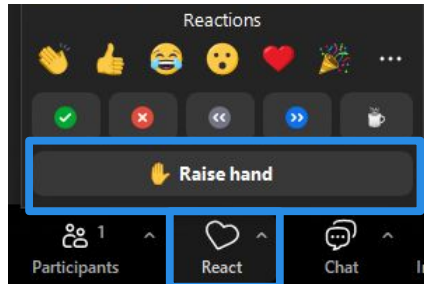


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1. Cleveland Circle Planning To Date
2. MBTA Project Overview
3. Allston-Brighton Community Plan (ABCP) Concept Design
4. Q&A

Note: This meeting focuses on the City's concept design for pedestrian safety improvements at Cleveland Circle as part of the ABCP process. It does not cover active MBTA construction activity.



Allston-Brighton Mobility Plan (2021)

Recommendations

- Improve pedestrian safety through curb extensions
- Expand public realm along active commercial storefronts
- Long-term improve service for transit and vehicles in the area
- Better-protect cyclists through the intersection

***Did not have proposed MBTA track alignment at time of recommendations*

“Sidewalks should be extended into roadway... pedestrians would benefit from smaller crossing distances.”

“Safer track crossings for bicycles and pedestrians”

Brighton - Cleveland Circle

Recommendation
The recommendations at Cleveland Circle focus on re-purposing existing parking spaces, restricting access points, and providing curb extensions to reduce pedestrian exposure and improve existing bus stops.

1 Implementation Cost \$\$\$\$
Curb Extensions and Placemaking
Curb extensions are proposed at key locations in Cleveland Circle. Curb extensions, shown in the image below in yellow, are created by extending the sidewalk at corners or mid-block to increase safety, calm traffic, and provide space for placemaking. At bus stops, curb extensions allow buses to stop in the travel lane and eliminate the need to pull in and out of traffic. In addition, the curb extensions at bus stops provide more space for passengers. [Curb_extensions.com link provided online](#)

2 Implementation Cost \$\$\$\$
Develop Plan for Redesign
A long-term recommendation is to develop a plan to re-design Cleveland Circle to provide Complete Streets elements that balance the diverse needs of all its roadway users. Design considerations for this long-term plan include improvements for all modes of travel. To be closely coordinated with the MBTA, the study should evaluate how to reduce pedestrian delay and exposure while crossing the roadway and enhance bicyclist comfort with separated bicycle facilities and pavement markings. Transit access in Cleveland Circle should be improved through potential bus stop relocation to be as referenced in the short-

Greenspace
Library

Existing Bus Stop Source: Boston Public Library

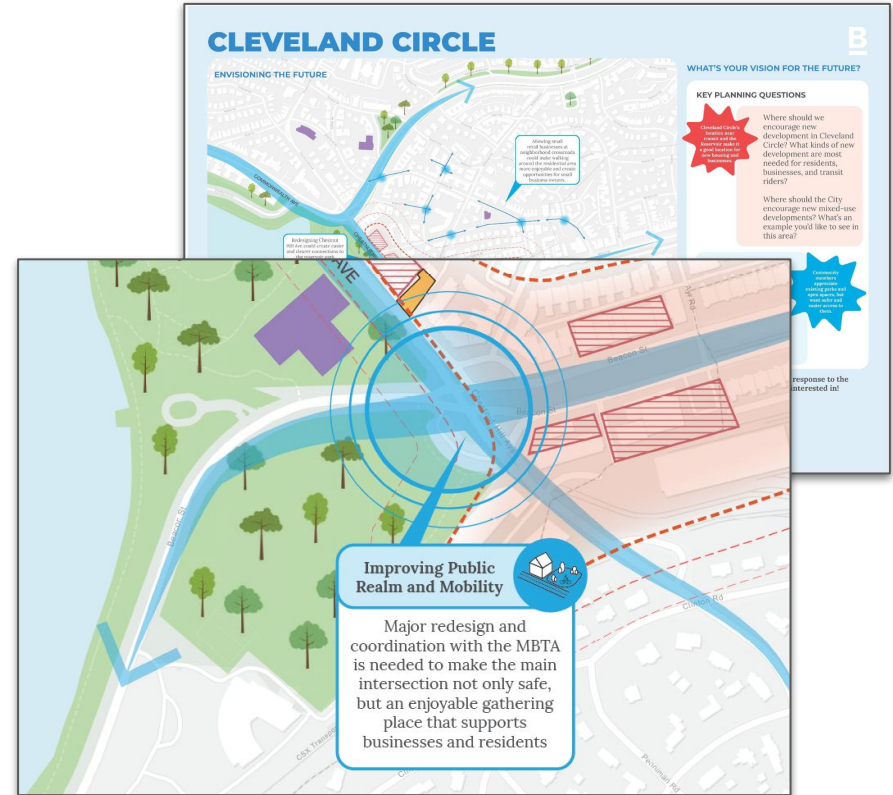
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Summer 2025 Engagement Feedback

- Current roadway conditions are unsafe for drivers, pedestrians, and bikers
- Pedestrians and cyclists describe dangerous crosswalks and poor signal timing
- Adding crosswalks and widening sidewalks are important

"...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"

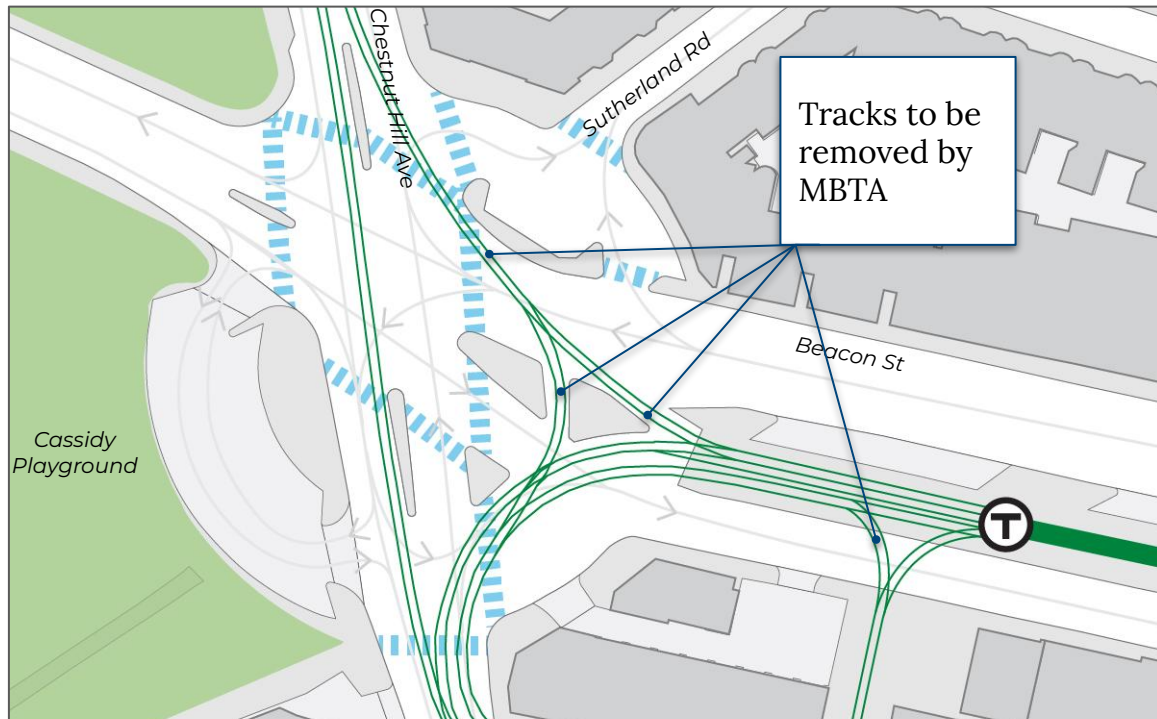


Reservoir Lower Yard and Non-Revenue Track Project

- Part of the MBTA's broader Green Line Transformation (GLT) project
- Removing and replacing tracks to accommodate new Type 10 trains
- Opportunity to redesign some of the pedestrian crossings and islands within Cleveland Circle



Existing Cleveland Circle Intersection

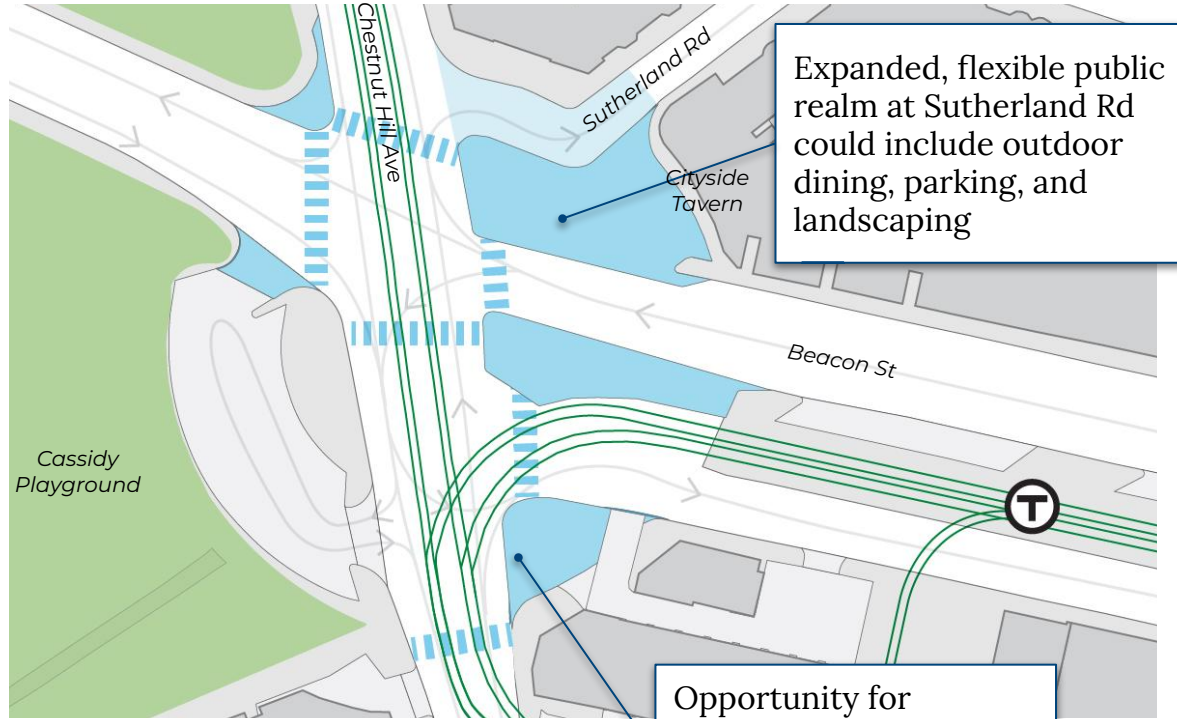


— Existing tracks



Pedestrian Safety Improvements

DRAFT ABCP RECOMMENDATION



Expanded, flexible public realm at Sutherland Rd could include outdoor dining, parking, and landscaping

Opportunity for landscaping, outdoor seating, and green infrastructure

 New curb

Improves on A-B Mobility recommendation for the intersection now that we know how MBTA is changing the track alignment:

- Improved pedestrian crossings
- Simplified traffic circulation
- Expanded, flexible public could include outdoor dining, parking, landscaping, and green infrastructure

ALLSTON-BRIGHTON MOBILITY PLAN



Next Steps for the Allston-Brighton Community Plan

- **Late Summer 2026: Draft Plan Release and Engagement**
 - Releasing draft Plan document, draft zoning map, and draft zoning articles
 - Public engagement in both large and small settings
 - Neighborhood-wide conversations in addition to targeted geographies
- **Comments from today's meeting will inform the Cleveland Circle recommendations in the Allston Brighton Community Plan**



THANK YOU

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