

PLAN: Downtown

Scenarios Workshop—January 30, 2020

Vision

PLAN: Downtown will develop a new framework for the preservation, enhancement, and growth of Downtown Boston as a place for all, balancing livability, daylight, walkability, climate change preparedness, access to open space, affordability, and a dynamic mix of uses.

Agenda

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| 5:45 pm | Doors open.
Please sign-in to receive follow-up information from this meeting |
| 6:10–6:15 pm | PLAN: Downtown Overview |
| 6:15–6:25 pm | Scenario Planning Process |
| 6:25–6:35 pm | Public Benefit Overview |
| 6:35–6:55 pm | Discussion 1—Scenario Planning Progress
You will have a 20-minute conversation with the people seated at your table. Planning team representatives at each table will record your conversation. |
| 6:55–7:15 pm | Urban Design Guidelines |
| 7:15–7:20 pm | Next Steps & Wrap-up
Stay involved at http://bit.ly/plandowntownboston |
| 7:20–7:50 pm | Discussion 2—Urban Design Guidelines (& scenarios continued)
You will have a 30-minute conversation with the people seated at your table. Planning team representatives at each table will record your conversation. |
| 7:50–8:00 pm | Discussion Report Back
The moderator or one volunteer at each table will share a summary of the conversations with the entire group. |

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Next Advisory Group Meetings

Scenario Refinement & Urban Design—

February 26, 2020

Discussion Session—March 18, 2020

Draft Document Review—April 29, 2020

Next Public Meeting

PLAN: Downtown Draft Open House—

Late-April/Early-May 2020

Next Focus Group Meetings

Chinatown MPIC—February 3, 2020

Chinatown Resident Association—

February 5, 2020

Questions, Comments

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Public Process Completed to Date

- **PLAN: Downtown Open House** December 3, 2019
- **Focus Groups—Existing Conditions**
 - Downtown Boston BID February 2, 2019
 - Preservation & Conservation February 19 & March 7, 2019
 - Institutions February 19 & March 19, 2019
 - Landowners & Developers February 20 & March 20, 2019
 - Business Owners March 20, 2019
- **Advisory Group (AG) Meeting #1—Overview** March 7, 2019
- **AG Meeting #2—Existing Conditions** April 24, 2019
- **Vision Workshop** April 30, 2019
- **AG Meeting #3—Preservation & Growth** May 22, 2019
- **AG Meeting #4—Climate & Resiliency** June 20, 2019
- **AG Meeting #5—Mobility & Public Realm** July 17, 2019
- **Pop-up Engagement**
 - Leventhal Park July 19, 2019 & August 23, 2019
 - Downtown Arts Market July 25, 2019 & August 22, 2019
 - Chin Park August 23, 2019
- **Walking Tours**
 - Chinatown Walking Tour w/ACDC July 27, 2019
 - Downtown Alleys Tour w/Alice Brown August 14, 2019
- **AG Meeting #6—Community Priorities** September 25, 2019
- **Community Priorities Workshop** October 24, 2019
- **AG Meeting #7—Development Scenarios** November 20, 2019

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- **AG Meeting #8—Planning Recommendations** December 18, 2019
- **Focus Groups—Scenarios**
 - Downtown Boston BID December 9, 2019
 - Landowners, Developers, & Institutions January 14 & 15, 2020
 - Preservation & Open Space January 17, 2020
 - Chinatown MPIC *Forthcoming*
 - Chinatown Residents Association *Forthcoming*

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Vision and Goals (Draft)

Vision

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PLAN: Downtown will...

1. **Preserve cultural heritage** and embrace distinctive histories to create a unique and cohesive Downtown.
2. **Promote dense, mixed-use development** to support living, working, and leisure activities in an 18 hour/day, 7 day/week district.
3. **Encourage economic development** that maintains Downtown as a diverse, equitable, regional job center.
4. **Promote the retention, growth, and diversity of active ground-floor uses**, especially legacy and small businesses.
5. **Enhance access to housing for Boston residents** across all levels of affordability, stages of life, and backgrounds.
6. **Improve connections through, within, and to Downtown**, with a focus on active transportation, transit, and other non-vehicular modes of transportation.
7. **Encourage consistent, safe, healthy, and high-quality improvements to the public realm** that welcome everyone year-round.
8. **Preserve historic building fabric and cultural institutions while advancing climate preparedness and resiliency measures.**
9. **Ensure future development and public realm projects are resilient, and mitigate climate change impacts** related to sea level rise, coastal storms, increased stormwater, and rising temperatures
10. **Reduce the carbon impacts** of new and existing buildings, transportation, and waste and consumption in Downtown