Vision
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Agenda
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

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.
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
  o Downtown Boston BID
  February 2, 2019
  o Preservation & Conservation
  February 19 & March 7, 2019
  o Institutions
  February 19 & March 19, 2019
  o Landowners & Developers
  March 20, 2019
  o Business Owners
• 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
  o Leventhal Park
  July 19, 2019 & August 23, 2019
  o Downtown Arts Market
  July 25, 2019 & August 22, 2019
  o Chin Park
  August 23, 2019
• Walking Tours
  o Chinatown Walking Tour w/ACDC
  July 27, 2019
  o 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
PLAN: Downtown  
Scenarios Workshop—January 30, 2020

- 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
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