

Allston-Brighton Neighborhood Transit Link

In May 2019 the BPDA Board adopted the Allston Brighton Mobility Plan. One of the recommendations of that plan was to spur greater coordination and consolidation of existing shuttle services. In support of that recommendation, the BPDA extended a grant to the Allston-Brighton TMA to develop a plan to improve shuttle options (now referred to as the AB Link) for the neighborhood. The material presented here represents the preliminary results of that effort which began in summer 2021.

What's the Vision?

High Quality & Distinct Transit Service

- Service branded and stops identified for rider ease and accessibility
- Frequent Trips to Key Destinations in the Neighborhood
- Will not seek to significantly overlap with current or planned MBTA services

We will work with Area & City Projects

- Incorporate into Development & IMP TDM Programs
- Coordinate with MBTA and City Construction Efforts

Equity will be a core component

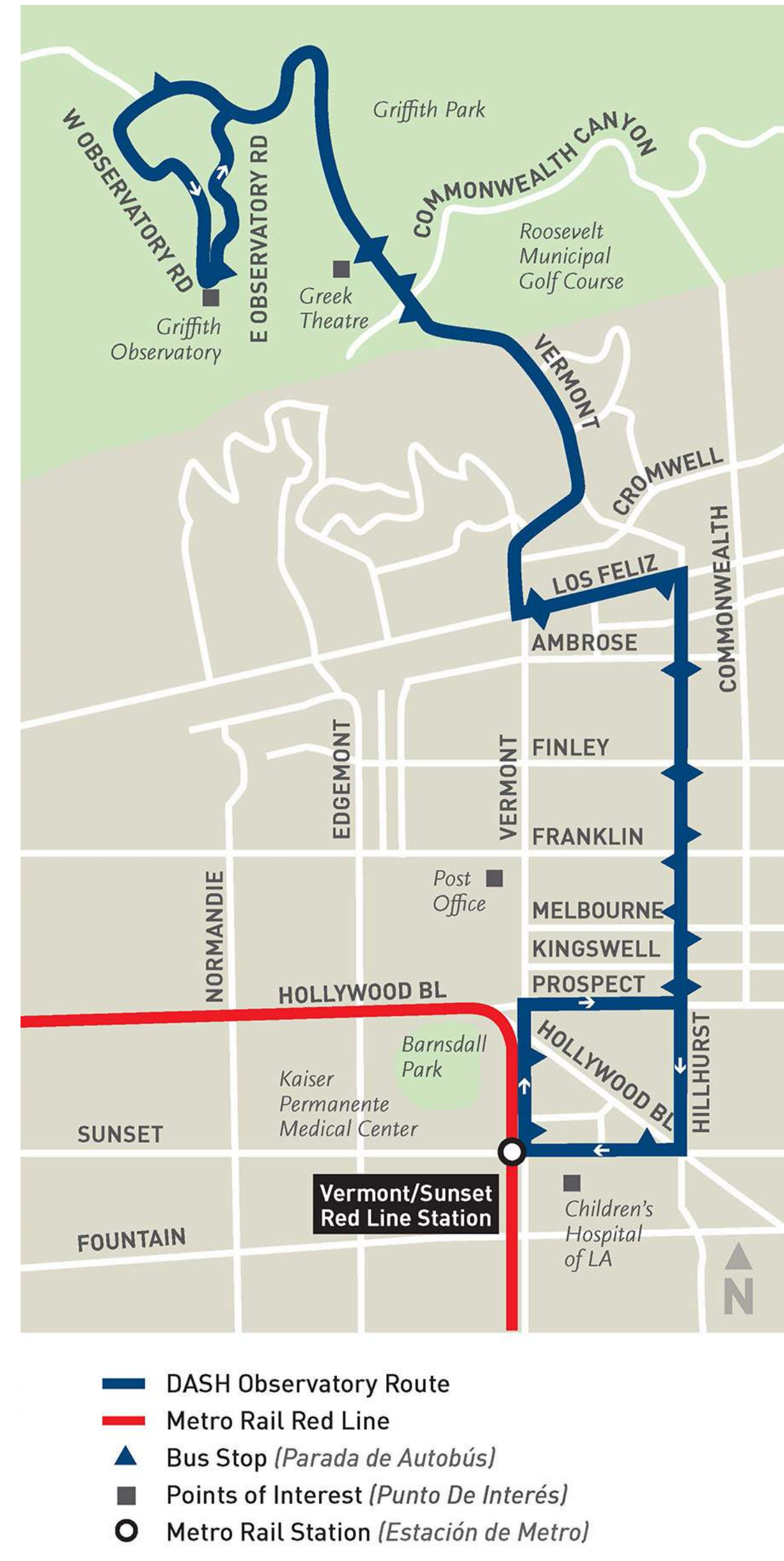
- We will focus on making this an equitable service and accessible to low income residents and people of color in Allston/Brighton

Component of Future City-Wide Link Bus Program

- Consider First Mile/Last Mile Programs for other Neighborhoods, such as Charlestown
- Overnight Bus Service to Serve Late Night Workers and Travelers

Similar to Los Angeles DASH System

- Operated by Los Angeles Department of Transportation in Partnership with Neighborhoods
- Serves Distinct Routes from LA Metro with smaller vehicles and more nimble services
- Connects Transit Hubs with Local Destinations such as Shopping Districts or Areas with Elevation Gains



Neighborhood Transit Link Timeline



Area Examples

EZ Ride

- North Station to Kendall Square
- Fills gap not well covered by MBTA services
- Publicly accessible and branded
- On the MBTA Map

Mission Hill Link

- Loop around Mission Hill between Roxbury Crossing and Brigham Circle
- Accessible and Advertised in the Community
- Fills "last mile" gap with smaller vehicles



Guiding Principles

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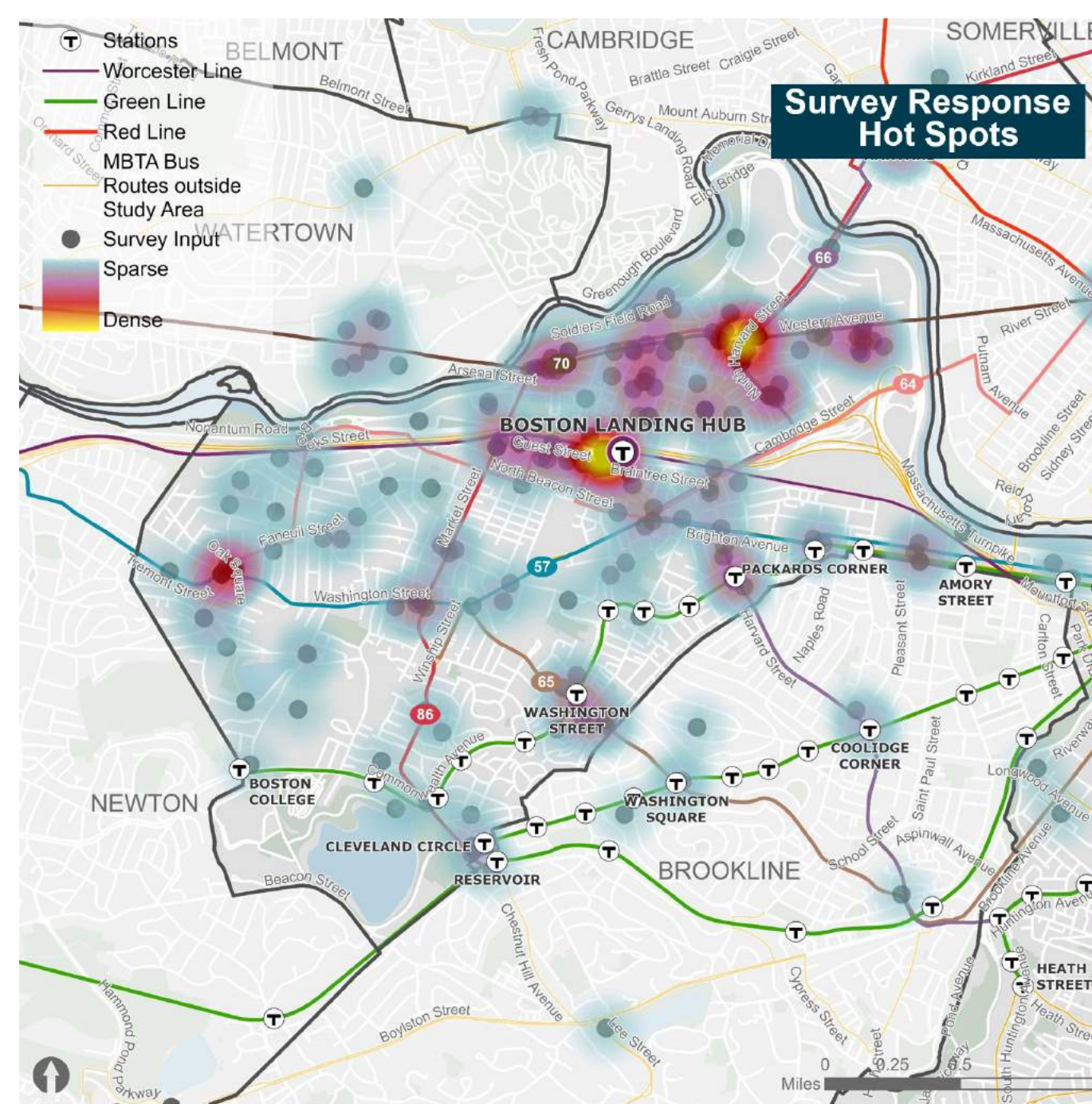
1. We are excited to **welcome new neighbors** to the community
2. Any proposed solution should support alternatives that will be open and **accessible to all**
3. The process will be open and collaborative, synthesizing feedback from all stakeholders through multiple opportunities for **engagement and feedback**
4. The **First Mile/Last Mile** Connections in Allston-Brighton are a priority
5. Focus on **connections to transit hubs** for regional connectivity and also intra-community destinations like business districts, grocery stores, libraries etc.
6. We aim to **complement MBTA** service, not compete with it
7. Take into account **Bus Network Redesign** and the **future development pipeline** to bake in flexibility to adapt to changing conditions
8. The process will be informed by the experience of **effective connector systems** in the region and across the country
9. The resulting plan could set a **precedent of connectivity** that might be applied in other neighborhoods of Boston
10. We believe that a strong TMA with **participation by major property owners** is the key to ongoing adaptability and success

Origin/Destination Feedback

Spring 2022

Survey Summary

- 273 responses
- 222 responses in Allston-Brighton
- 51 responses across the region
- 12 responses mention Boston Landing
- 15 responses mention grocery stores

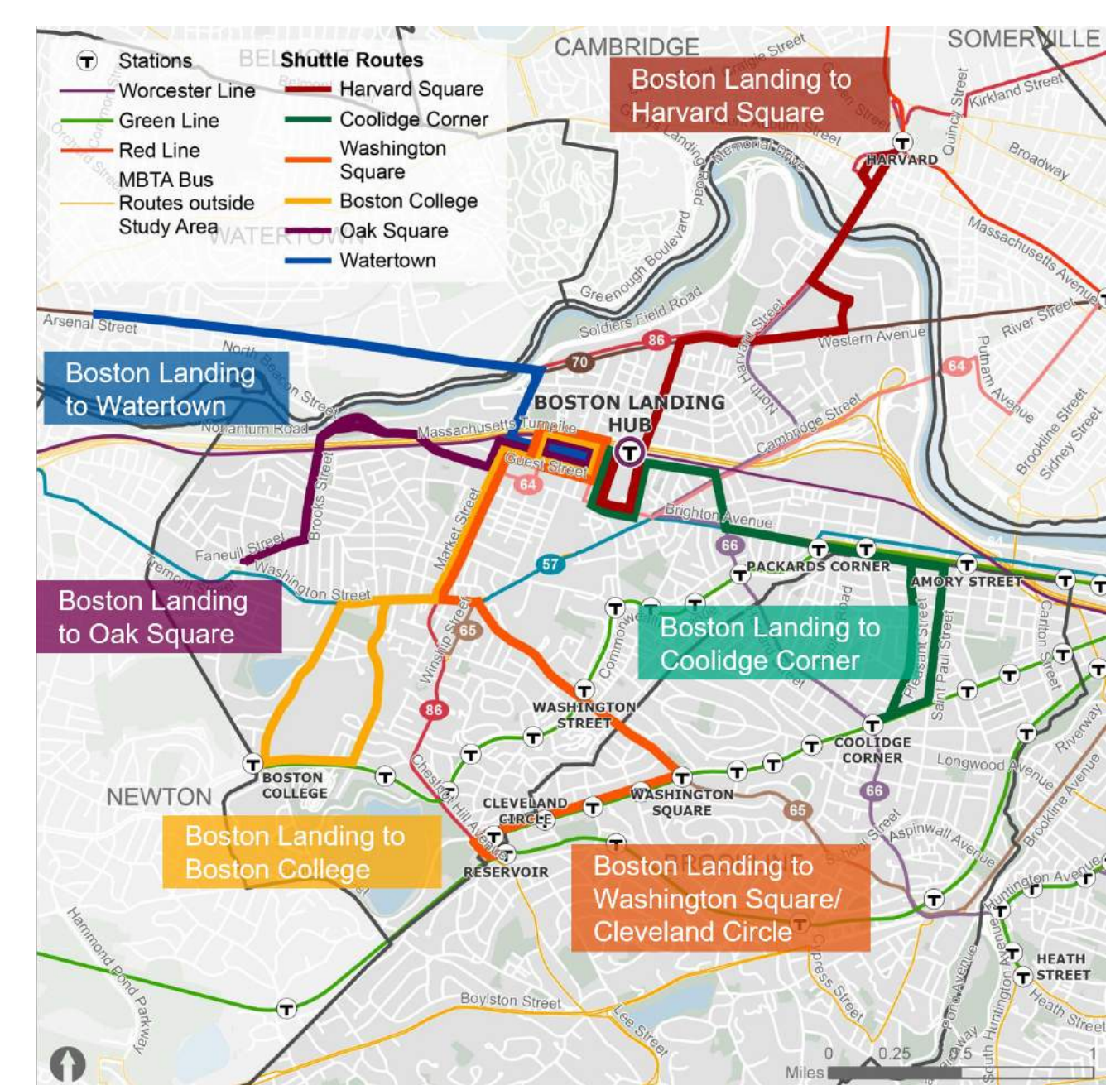


Needs Overlay Analysis

- The largest developments near Boston Landing and Western Avenue overlap with hot spots from the survey input.
- Development near the Green Line overlaps with high density areas.
- Development at Boston Landing and Along Western Avenue are in the process of becoming denser.
- Most of the new development in Allston Brighton is near the Green Line or Boston Landing.
- Development along Western Avenue is the exception, as this area is only served by bus (Routes 86 and 70).

Initial Neighborhood Transit Link Concepts

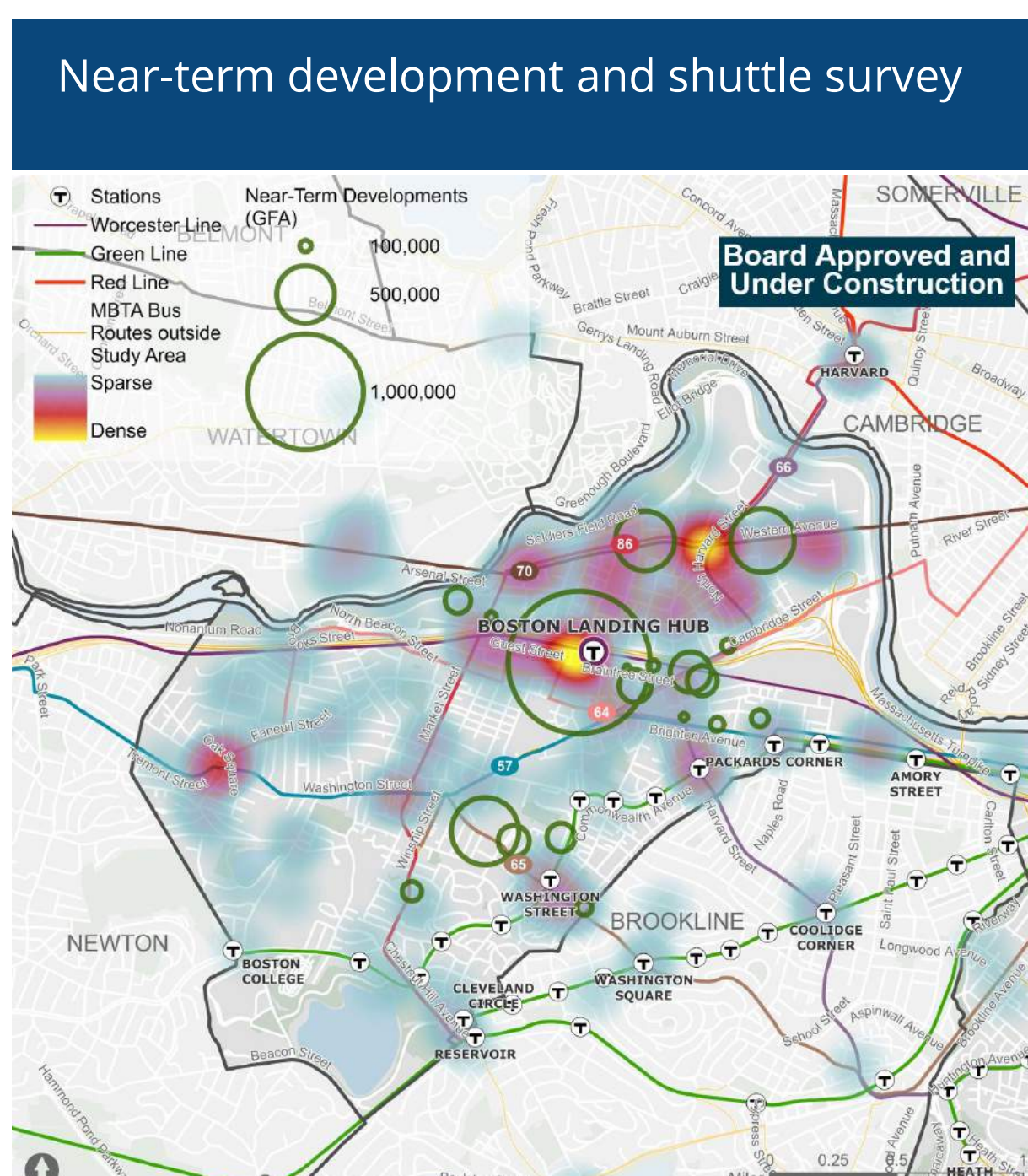
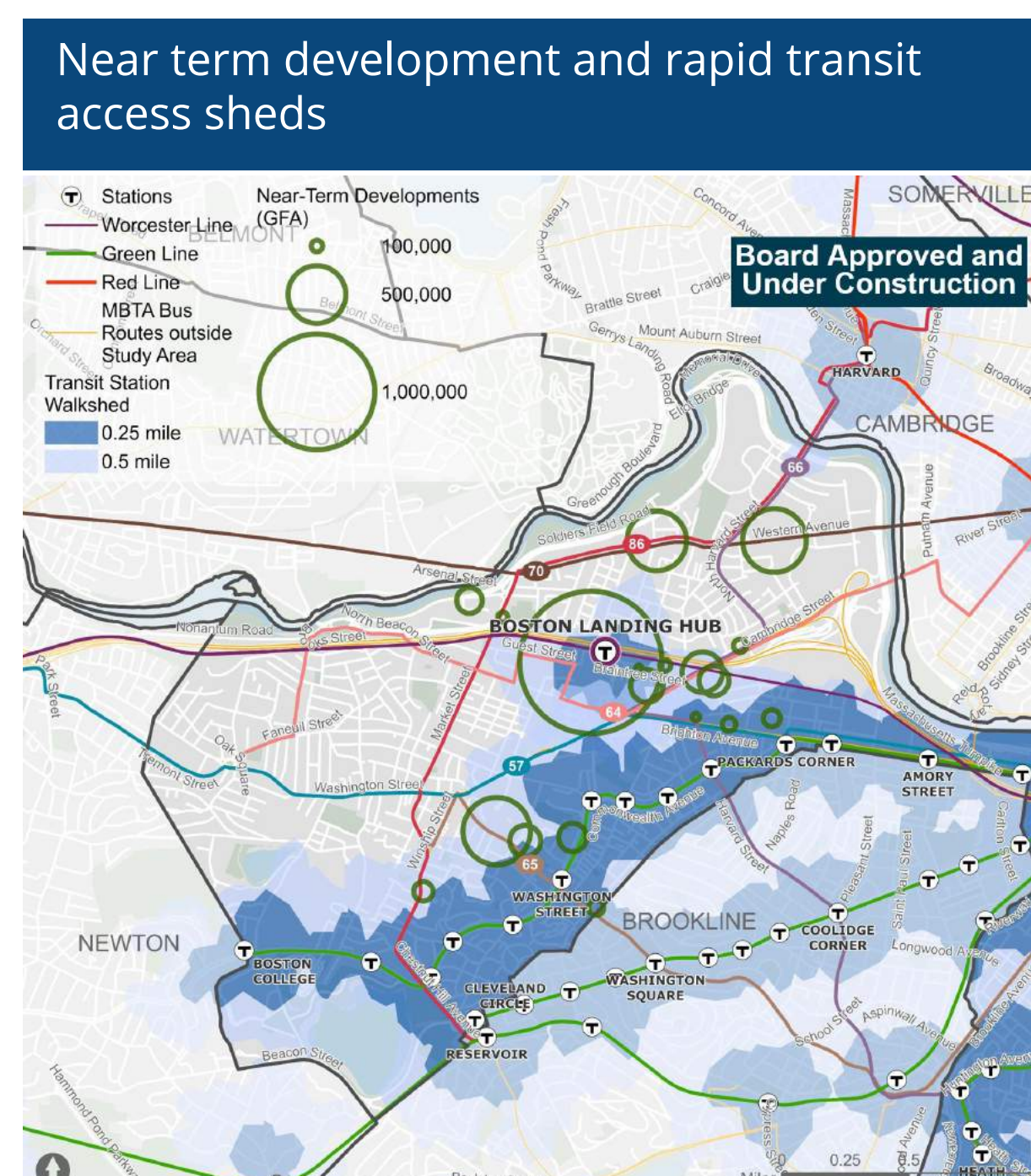
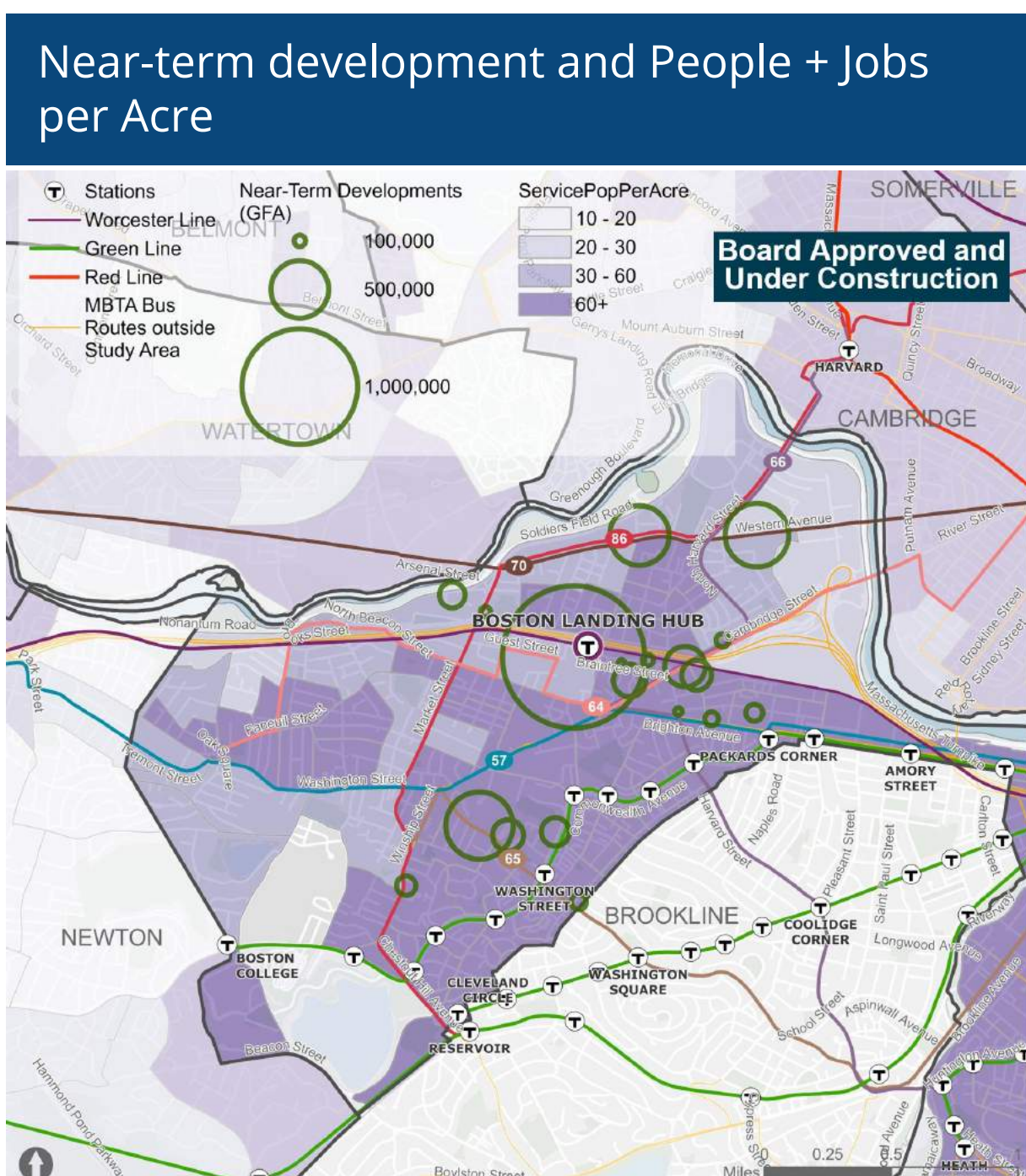
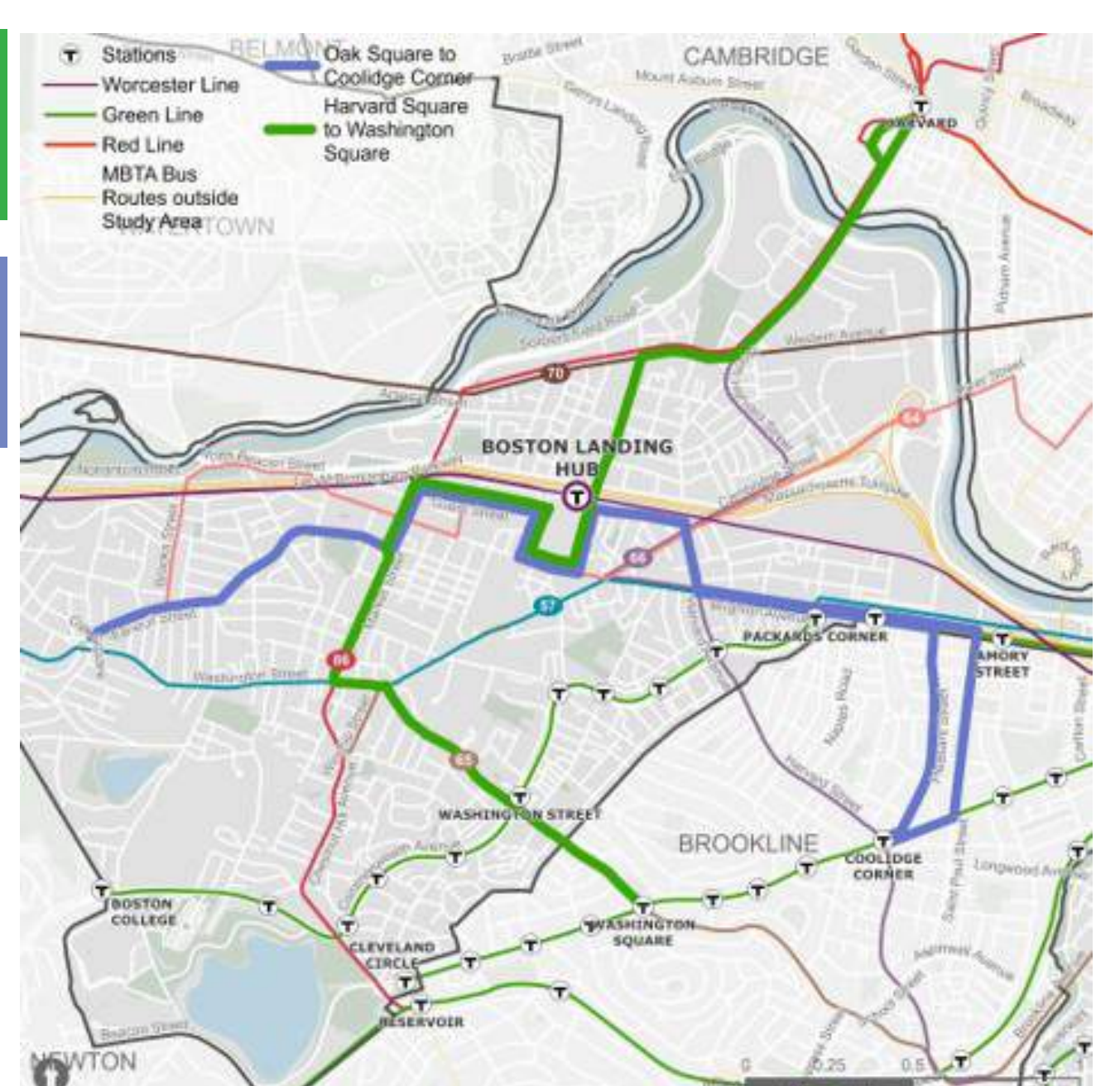
- Utilize a "hub and spoke" model by focusing on connections into and out of Boston Landing
- Connections from Boston Landing to
 - Other Transit Hubs
 - Development hot spots, especially those with Shuttle Commitments
- Build on 2022 A/B Shuttle Consolidation
- Opportunity to connect north/south and east/west routes as single routes



Combine Route Recommendations

Harvard Square to Boston Landing to Washington Square

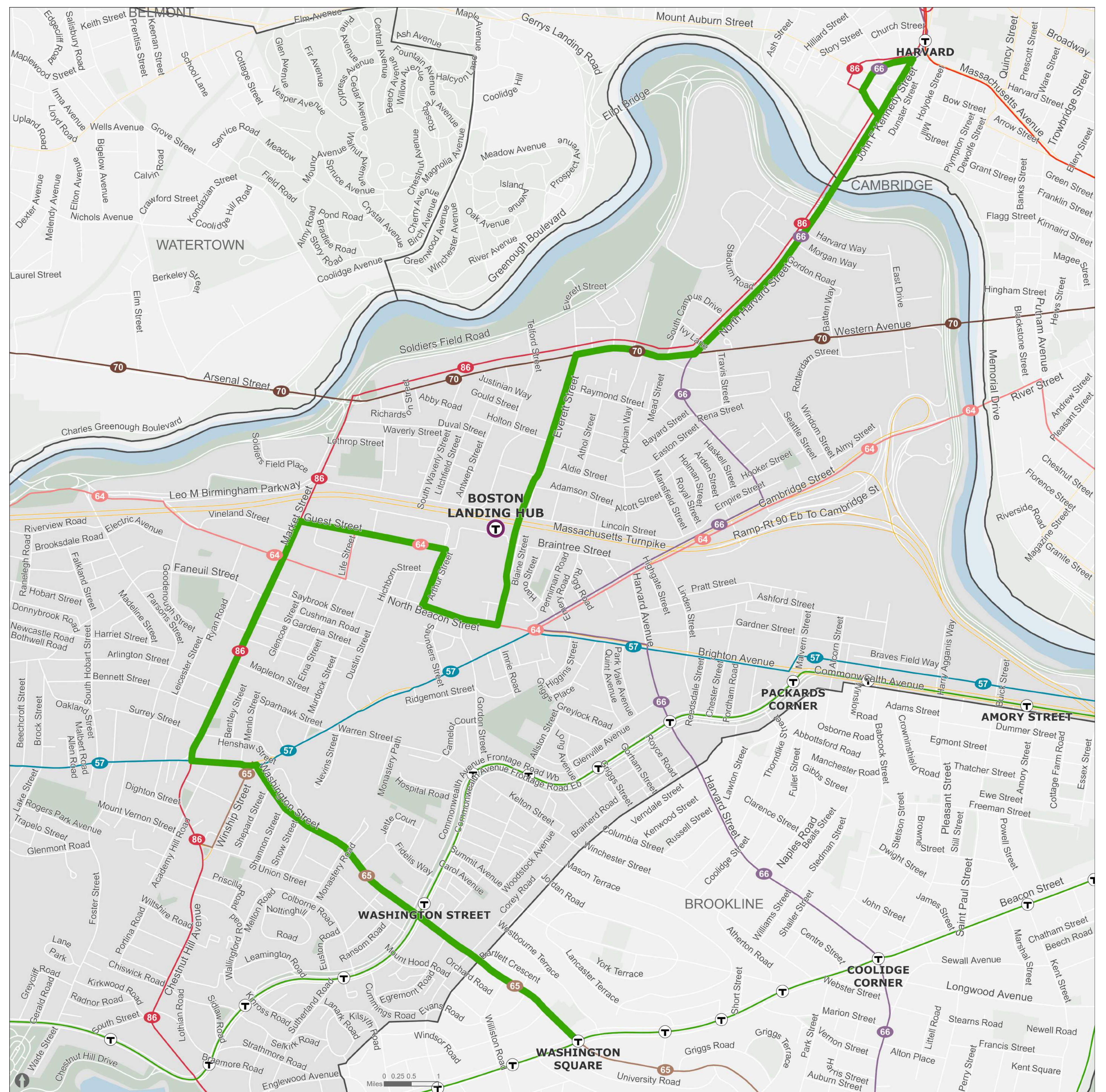
Coolidge Corner to Boston Landing to Oak Square



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Recommended Consolidated Routes

Harvard Square to Boston Landing
Boston Landing to Washington Square



Coolidge Corner to Boston Landing
Boston Landing to Oak Square

