

Virtual Public Meeting



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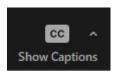
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Ask for us to clarify any terms or concepts we discuss – we want to make sure that what we cover is accessible to everyone so you can all share your informed feedback!





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What We'll Share Tonight

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Broad overview of PLAN: Mattapan and Squares + Streets Zoning 2

Recap of previous public engagement opportunities

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Changes to the Zoning Amendment based on feedback 4

What's next?

Regulatory approvals and PLAN:
Implementation

Comments from Mattapan engagement will appear throughout the presentation in these callout boxes!

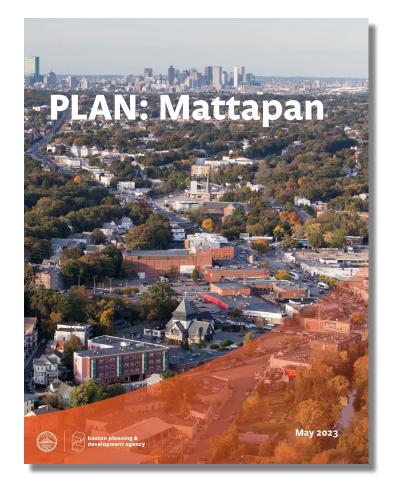


What is PLAN: Mattapan?

Long-range neighborhood-wide planning initiative focused on crafting an **equitable**, **community-driven future for Mattapan**.

The initiative **kicked-off in 2018** and PLAN: Mattapan was adopted by the BPDA Board on May 11th, 2023.

Actionable recommendations spanning zoning, housing, mobility, jobs, climate resiliency and more.





"Nodes" and "Corridors" Recommendations

Transforming Mattapan into a community where residents can access essential goods, services, open spaces, and transit options was a central theme in PLAN: Mattapan.

New Squares + Streets mixed-use zoning for Mattapan can encourage development of local businesses and cultural destinations along with housing that brings people closer to jobs, transit,

and other services.

Mattapan residents expressed a desire for:

- Cultural destinations, activities, sit-down restaurants, markets, daycare, and gathering spaces
- Active ground floor uses in key commercial areas of Mattapan

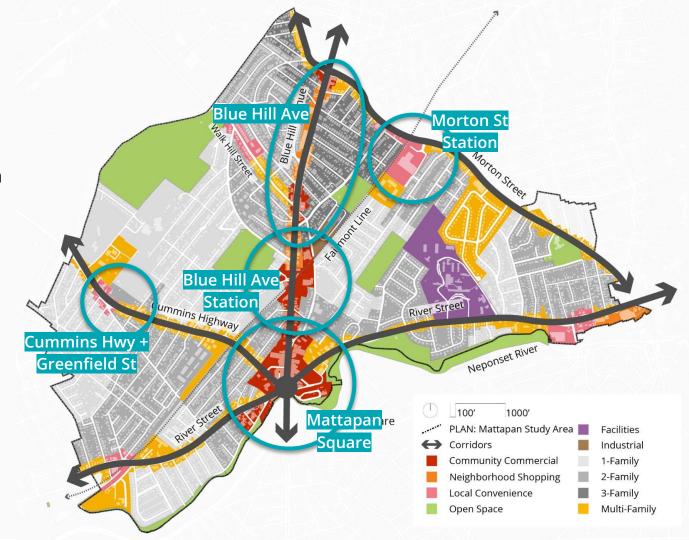
As a potential future business owner in Mattapan Square would love to open an Eye clinic & optical shop (professional service).





Focus Areas

- → Mattapan Square
- → Blue Hill Ave Station
- → Blue Hill Ave
- → Morton St Station
- → Cummins Hwy + Greenfield St



Mapping Zoning Changes

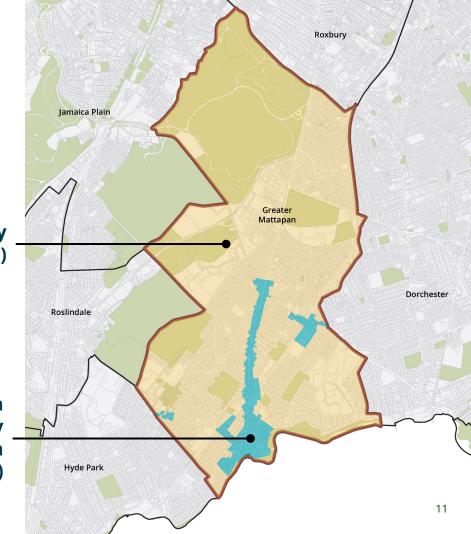
→ Squares + Streets Zoning is replacing some Neighborhood Business Subdistricts currently regulated by Article 60

Area regulated by Article 60 (yellow)

Why have the Neighborhood Business Subdistricts been removed for most of what is coming under PLAN: Mattapan zoning? And the removal of listing all open spaces? Did it go to another location?

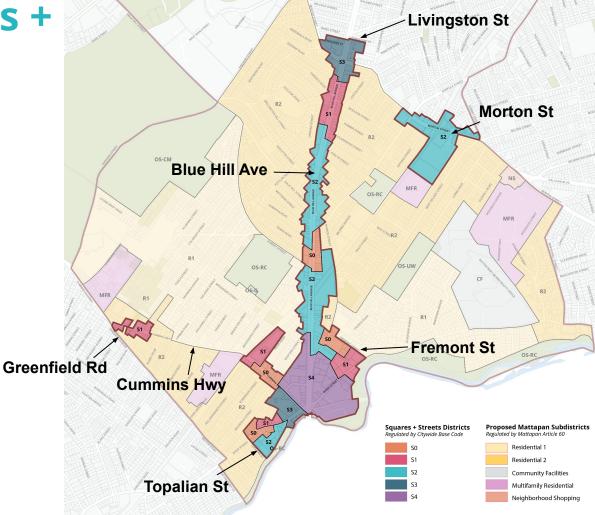
> Proposed area regulated by Squares + Streets in Base Code (blue)





Proposed Squares + Streets Zoning

An entire Square or Street does not need to be mapped with the same Squares + Streets District; they are tailored to fit better into the existing and planned context.





Squares + Streets Districts

New Update to Text Amendment! (NOT MAPPED IN MATTAPAN)

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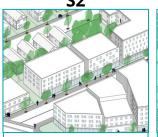
Transition Residential

- Transition between low and high activity streets and squares
- Residential and accessory only
- Large, context-scale yards



Main Street Living

- Small-scale storefronts allowed on the ground floor with limited uses
- Predominantly residential
- Small scale yards



Main Street Mixed Use

- Mixed-use main street
- Mainstreet zero-lot-line
- Outdoor amenity space required
- Lower lot coverage to require yards or plazas



Active Main Street

- Residential or small scale hospitality
- Mainstreet zero-lot-line
- Outdoor amenity space required
- Active ground floor uses required
- Lot coverage responds to parcel size



Active Squares

- Wider range of upper floors uses
- Large buffer with residential areas
- Outdoor amenity space required
- Medium to extra large scale ground floor active uses
- Lot coverage responds to parcel size



S5

Placemaker

- Widest range of mixed-use uses
- Large buffer with residential areas
- Outdoor amenity space required
- Wide range of ground floor active uses (no residential)
- Lot coverage responds to parcel size



Engagement Timeline

Where we are tonight!



Mattapan Squares + Streets Kick-Off Meeting

(Nov 15)

Draft Zoning Release Meeting

(Dec 6)

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council Meeting

(Jan 8)

PLAN Implementation Meeting

(Jan 17)

Business +
Property Owners
Meeting

(Jan 24)

Draft for Adoption Zoning Amendment Meeting

(Feb 7)

Office Hours

(Dec 11, Dec 20)

Office Hours

(Jan 9)

Office Hours

(Jan 22)

(Dec 5)

Public Comment Period

(Jan 28)



Can the comment period be extended [from December]?

Public Meetings

Mattapan Squares + Streets Kick-Off

Virtual Public Meeting Nov 15 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

- → Shared research behind Squares + Streets
- → Connected PLAN:
 Mattapan and Squares
 + Streets
- → Previewed areas in Mattapan for S+S Zoning

Draft Zoning Amendment Release

Virtual Public Meeting Dec 6 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

- → Shared official draft zoning amendments, how to review, and how to provide feedback
- → Co-hosted meeting with Residential Zoning Close Out

GMNC Monthly Meeting

Guests at Virtual Public Meeting Jan 8 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

- → Attended monthly GMNC Meeting
- → Answered clarifying questions about zoning technicalities
- → Responded to feedback about zoning content



Public Meetings

Squares + Streets | PLAN: Mattapan Implementation

Virtual Public Meeting Jan 17 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

- → Discussed what zoning implements and what other City Departments implement
- → Departments who presented ongoing implementation work:

Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, Transportation Department, Public Works, Environment, Green Infrastructure, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

Business + Property Owners Convening

In-Person Open House Jan 24 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM



- → Presented Zoning
- → Open House with OEOI, MOH, ISD, and Licensing

Mattapan | Squares + Streets Zoning Close Out

Virtual Public Meeting Feb 7 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

- → Tonight!
- → Recap of engagement
- → Addressing feedback from public comment
- → Next steps + regulatory approvals



Other Engagement

Have you thought about sending out mailers?

Office Hours

Some Cancelled Due to No Sign-Ups

Dec 11 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM Dec 13 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM Dec 18 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM Dec 20 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM Jan 9 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM Jan 16 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM Jan 22 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM Jan 25 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM

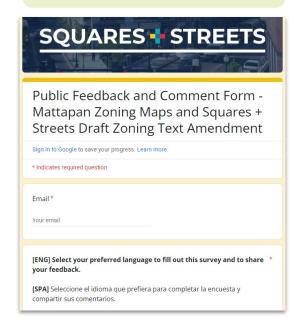
→ Informal time for Q&A with zoning staff

Mailed Postcards



→ Postcards sent to 500+ properties and owners within zoning area

Online Survey





Feedback During Public Comment Period



Overall Changes from Citywide Process

- Reintroduced S-5 District Placemaker Square (Article 26)
- Refined dimensional regulations and related definitions such as outdoor amenity space and upper story setback (Article 2, Article 26)
- Updated use definitions to add clarity where needed (Article 8)
- Refined use table based on feedback on what should be allowed, conditional, or forbidden in each district and restricted to ground floors (Article 8)
- Parking design and regulations (Article 23)
- Additional smaller changes that add clarity and ensure consistency

These Public Comments come from the Citywide Feedback



Public Comment:

"I would...like to see more uses permitted in S0, and in all S districts - I noticed that small retail is forbidden in S0, which is contrary to the many convenience stores and small shops existing in residential neighborhoods today."

— Matthew, Brighton

Public Comment:

"I'm disappointed that S5 Placemakers district was removed; with the pressing need for housing the city should have denser as-by-right districts in its toolbox."

—Ben, Dorchester



Response to Public Feedback Changes to Article 8

Office Definition (clarification)

Includes coworking, insurance brokers, and real estate.

Ground Floor Restrictions (modification)

Removed restriction from grocery store, makerspace, museum, large restaurant, large retail store, and art studio in all districts and from medium retail store in S3.

Could there be a building that would be 5-7 stories and have different business occupying it, like the Jewelers Building downtown?

Public Comment:

"What could possibly be the downside of having an art studio on the second floor of a building? Or a restaurant having a second floor? Or a maker space or an art gallery?" - Evan,

Roslindale





Response to Public Feedback

Changes to S-0: Conditional Ground Floor Retail

S-0 Use Table (modification)

In the S-0 use table, changed allowance for Retail Store - Small from Forbidden to Conditional in basement or on ground floor.



Public Comment:

"S0 is the transition zone to residential - it's not a residential-only district, nor should it be." – Matthew, Brighton

Public Comment:

"S0 and S1 should allow for small-scale commercial and active uses as of right." – Preston, Dorchester

Desire for specific places like ice cream shops, bookstores, and e-sports.

Public Comment:

"I'd really like to see ground floor retail added as a conditional use for S0 districts, and not just on corner parcels. It'll make for more interesting, walkable neighborhoods, and increase the number of lower-cost retail opportunities for small businesses." – Nate, Roslindale



Response to Interdepartmental Feedback Changes to Article 8

Arts-Related Use Changes (modifications)

Art gallery included as type of retail store, added extra small entertainment/events category, and modified "adult entertainment" to not include art exhibits with nudity.







Response to Interdepartmental Feedback

Changes to Outdoor Amenity Space Definition

Definition (added requirements)

Added language that specifies outdoor requirements for counting as Outdoor Amenity Space

Performance Space (clarification)

Added explicit reference to outdoor space for outdoor event and performance areas

Outdoor Retail Space (clarification)

Added explicit reference to outdoor space for customers, including restaurant and cafe seating

Public Comment:

"I read the letter from the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, and I strongly support all their suggested changes to the draft text and their concerns." – Barbara, Brighton



How will this improve the look and feel of Mattapan Square without requiring conformity?



Mattapan-Specific Comments (Overview)

Desire for landscaping + buffering and additional street trees

- → S+S Districts have differing setbacks and permeable area of lot requirements best suited to each
- → Zoning does not regulate the Public Right of Way → Street trees implemented by Parks Dep't and Article 80 development

Improved curbside management strategies for parking and loading

→ Curbside regulations
within the public Right
of Way are determined
by BTD and Public
Works

Provision of **public parking** on private property

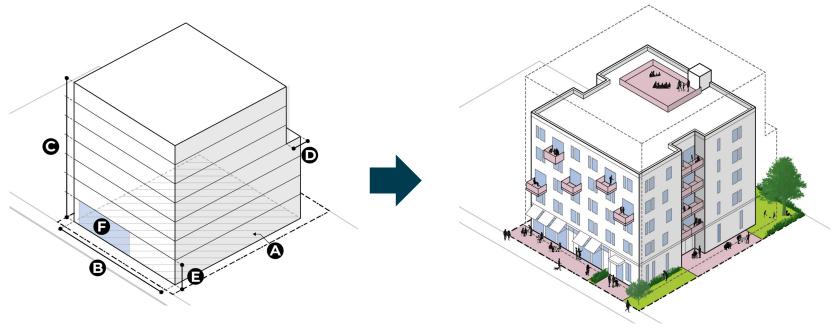
- → Private properties allowed to create "Shared Parking"
- → Additional public parking can be implemented through Article 80 process
- → BTD manages City parking lots



Beyond Zoning

How will this improve the look and feel of Mattapan Square without requiring conformity with surrounding buildings?

Once Squares + Streets zoning sets the maximum envelope, tools such as the Boston Design Vision, community process, and BPDA Design Review shape the project to reflect the character and needs of the local context.





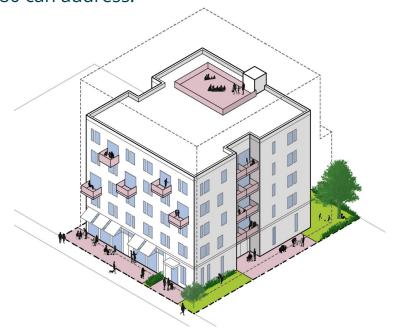
Zoning Envelope

Resulting Built Project

Beyond Zoning: Article 80 Review

For projects that reach **Article 80 scale**– over 20,000 square feet or greater than 15 units of housing– there are **additional opportunities** to shape projects **to advance the recommendations from PLAN: Mattapan**. Article 80 can address:

- → Additional setbacks & landscaping requirements
- → Public realm improvements & street trees not on private property
- → Additional Transportation Demand Management policies & public parking
- → Off-street loading for commercial properties







Beyond Zoning: Public Realm

<u>Topics in PLAN:</u> <u>Mattapan</u>

Equity & Environmental Justice

Housing

Mobility

Jobs & Businesses

People & Places

<u>Implementation</u> <u>Methods</u>

Zoning

Capital Projects

City Programs + Funding

City Policies

Does zoning address what happens on the sidewalk?



PWD Cummins Highway Design

There should be a process that includes artists to create tactile art.



Landscaping

Setbacks + Requirements for Each District

Lower intensity districts like S0 and S1 require more significant yards and permeable area of lot requirements.

Increase frontage required when transitioning to residential areas. Require significant landscaping year round.

Recommends that the setback requirements be increased from 4' to 8' minimum.

Article 80 Review

Projects reaching Article 80 scale must submit a landscaping plan and work with the community and City Staff on design refinements.

Proponents intending to offer screening... must provide a landscaping plan.

Requirements for more significant landscaping by developers.



559-601 River St



Street Trees

Changes to the Public Realm

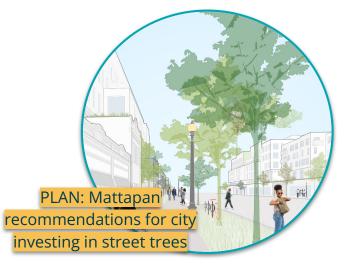
The Parks and Recreation Department oversees street trees on public property. New street trees often included in other City capital projects by BTD and Public Works.

For buildings that have "zero-lot-line conditions" require that street trees be established.

Article 80 Review

Projects of Article 80 scale can be asked to provide additional green infrastructure, street trees, and other improvements that mitigate the impact of development, and advance PLAN: Mattapan.







Curbside Management

Loading + Parking for Private Property

Zoning regulates loading and parking that occurs on private property. Parking is not required, but allowed; off-street loading is required for some uses over 15,000 sf.

Provide designated loading zones for small businesses.

When there's no off-street parking, double parking happens on Blue Hill Ave.

Changes to Public Streets

BTD and Public Works manages curbside regulations for public streets in Boston. Anyone can submit curb regulation change requests to BTD, but capital projects like the Blue Hill Ave Transportation Action Plan and Cummins Hwy Redesign are also a venue for curbside regulation conversations.

Overall support so long as there is designated parking for small businesses on the entirety of the Blue Hill Ave.

REQUEST CURB CHANGES

Is there curb space that you would like to see used differently? Reach out to the Curb Management Team to request changes to curb regulations. Examples of curb change requests include:

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A CURI CHANGE PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM.

AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST A
TEAM MEMBER WILL FOLLOW UP WITH
YOU ABOUT NEXT STEPS

- Installing a 15 min pick-up/drop-off space outside your busy restaurant.
- Installing meters along your neighborhood's main streets district to increase parking availability throughout the day.
- Installing a loading zone for commercial vehicles so that suppliers can deliver to your business without blocking traffic.

BLUE HILL AVENUE TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

S PROJECT AREA FOCUS COMMITMENTS PROJECT MATERIALS EVENTS

For almost two years, the City of Boston has been working with MBTA, BPDA, and community organizations to learn more about residents' experiences with Blue Hill Avenue between Grove Hall and Mattapan Square to best understand how to move forward with the Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan. After contacting 23,000 households along the corridor and collecting over 2,000 comments, the project team is excited to share a comprehensive summary of what we heard.

Questions? Contact:

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Public Parking

Shared Parking Land Use

A new land use, "Shared Parking," is part of Squares + Streets Zoning; multiple properties can share one parking area between them and open it up to the public.

Can you build parking underground/on-site and have it available for the public?

	S0	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
Shared Parking	А	Α	А	Α	А	А

Article 80 Process

While there are no minimum parking requirements in Squares + Streets, projects still can (and do!) build parking. Through Article 80, parking in a development can be negotiated and opened up to the public.

Is there a potential to build public parking in the new developments?



Concentration of Businesses

Licensing Process

Components of the licensing process, which lives outside of zoning, provides community input opportunities on individual businesses.

Is there anywhere in the new code that would prevent the concentration of specific businesses?

Mattapan has too many liquor stores, convenience stores, hair salons, nail salons, and fast food places.

Clearly Allowing More Uses

New zoning definitions for Retail, Restaurant, and Indoor Recreation now encompasses and can allow many more types of businesses.

The Cannabis Exception

Cannabis establishments have a specific licensing process and are required by zoning to be a certain distance from each other.







Additional Comments

Construction Enforcement

Looking at procedures for enforcement of construction management plans is a key area for improvement.

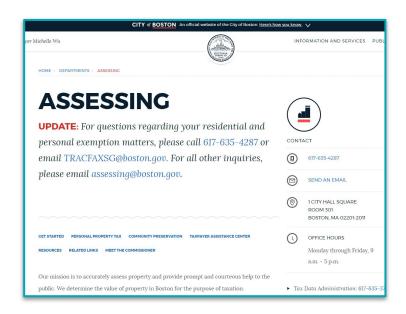
Require conditional use abutting R-1 or R-2. Allowing building of development above 9 units directly abutting existing R-1 or R-2 homes will more than likely end up where residents will sue the City, the developer and contractors for property damages.

Tax Mechanisms + Zoning

The BPDA will continue to work with the City's Assessing Department, Mayor's Office of Housing, and the Statehouse to understand opportunities.

Include requirement to address increase in property taxes through upfront zoning mechanisms.

Conditional use language that requires developers to add direct abutting properties to their insurance to cover possible damages during excavation or construction.



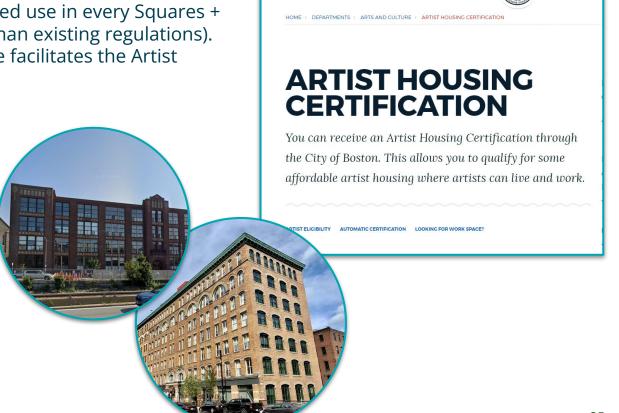


Additional Comments

Artist Live-Work Space

Artists' Live-Work will be an allowed use in every Squares + Streets District (more generous than existing regulations). Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture facilitates the Artist Housing Certification process.

Can artist live-work spaces be marketed first to current Greater Mattapan residents?



layor Michelle Wu



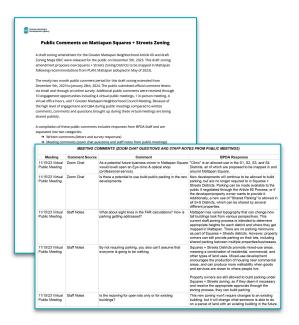
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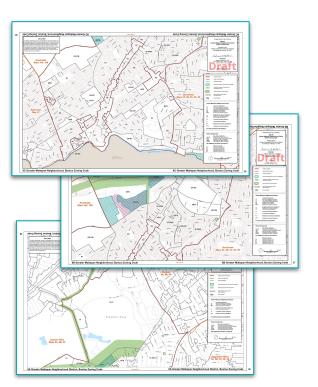


Updated Materials Online

Mattapan Comments + Responses



Proposed Maps 8A/B/C



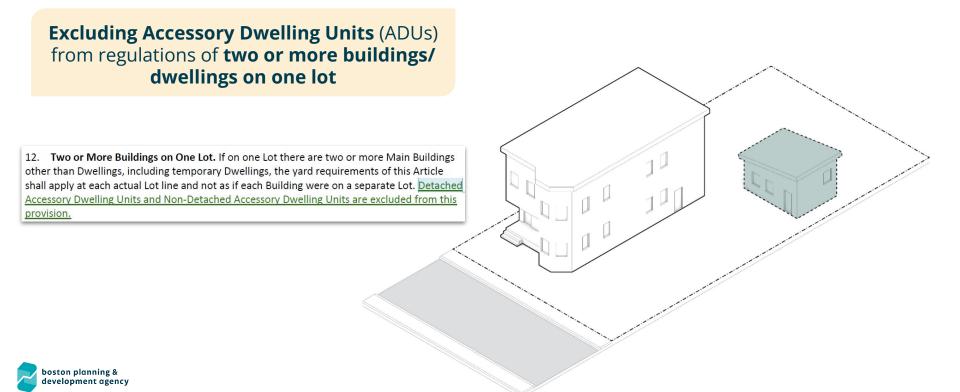
Website: bit.ly/PLAN-Mattapan

Article 60 Updates + Fact Sheet





Additional Changes to Article 60 Requested by ISD



Zoning Adoption Timeline

Where we are tonight! **Boston Draft for** Zoning Adoption **BPDA Board** Commission Zoning Meeting **Hearing + Amendment Public** Meeting **Testimony** (March) **Squares + Streets** (Feb 7) (April) Office Hours Additional Public Comments Before BPDA Board **Additional Public Comments**



