

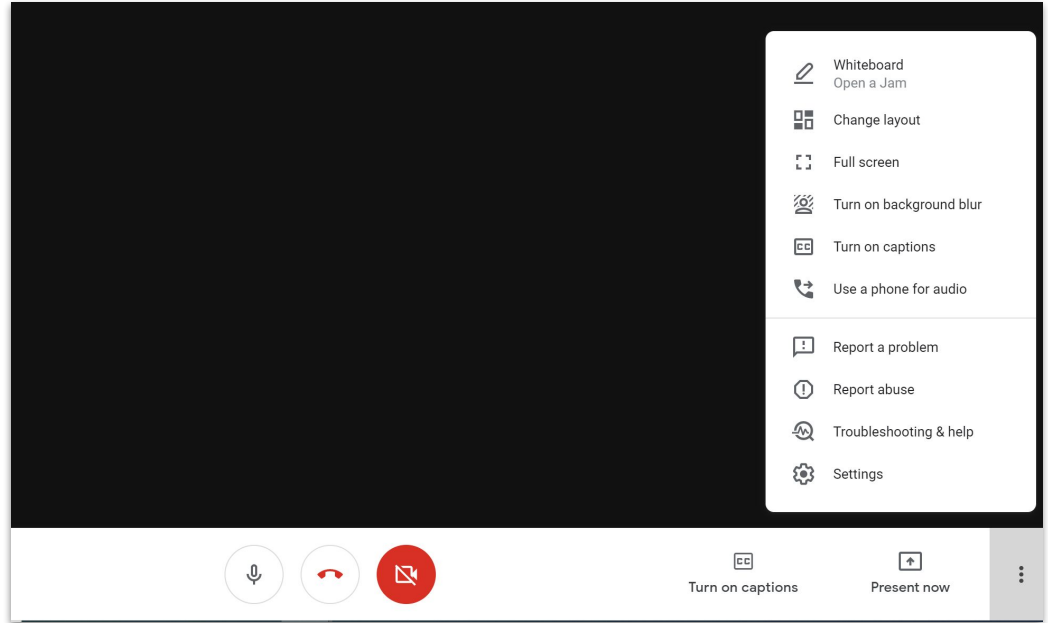


LOWER ROXBURY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

*Outreach Advisory Group
August 18, 2022*

TECH CHECK-IN

- ▶ Is your Google Meet working properly?
 - Can you hear and see?
 -  Can you mute and unmute?
 -  Can you turn your video on and off?
- ▶ You can also join by phone:
650-667-2610
PIN: 300 991 119#
- ▶ Having trouble? Call Ashley (she'll put her number in the chat)



TIP: the options bar is at the bottom of your screen

TODAY'S CONVENING

OUTCOMES

- ▶ Debrief recent outreach activities
- ▶ Review next steps for the project
- ▶ Discuss outreach strategy for this next phase

AGENDA

- 11:00 ▶ Suggest any revisions to desired outcomes and/or agenda
- 11:05 ▶ Introductions
- 11:10 ▶ Refresher on this group, what we've done to date
- 11:15 ▶ Debrief recent outreach activities
- 11:25 ▶ Review next steps for project
- 11:30 ▶ Discuss outreach strategy for this next phase
- 11:55 ▶ Agree to next steps for the group and evaluate meeting

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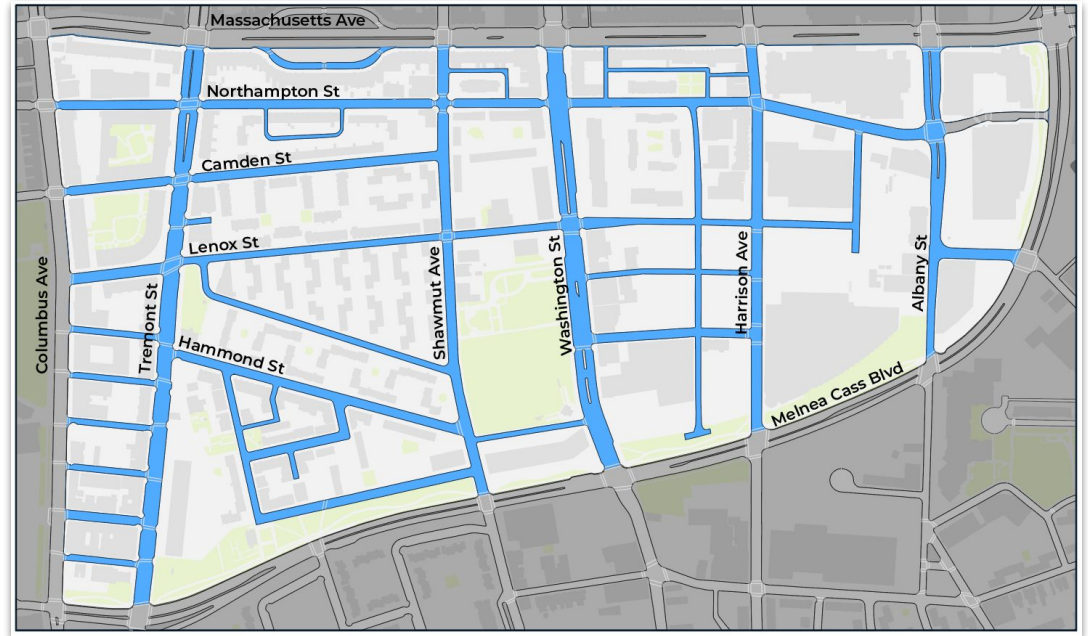
- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Your pronouns, if you feel comfortable sharing (for example: *she/her/hers, he/him/his, they/them/theirs, ze/hir/hir, etc*)
- ▶ How you're connected to communities in Lower Roxbury
- ▶ What's one thing you're looking forward to in the fall?

REFRESHER

PROJECT GOAL

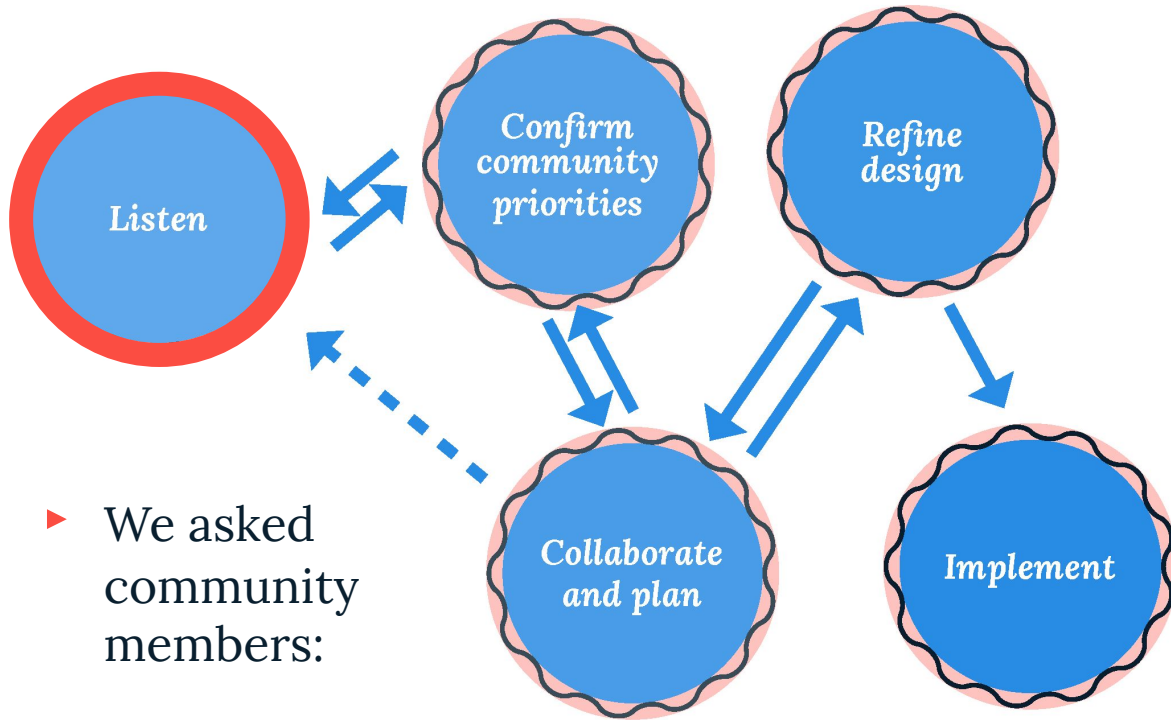
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- ▶ Create **positive changes** to your streets in Lower Roxbury



The project area is bounded by, **but does not include** Columbus, Mass Ave., and Melnea Cass.

Fall 2019 through 2020



► We asked community members:

- Where do you find joy in the neighborhood?
- What would you change about the streets?

What do you *love* about Lower Roxbury?

Take a moment to share your joy.

Where do you find joy?

Place one dot on the map. Place the matching one here →

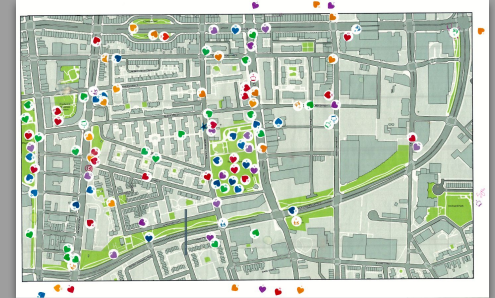


Write the name of the place here. _____

Tell us more about it.

Shops, peaceful, friends

 BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
Greg Rooney, Acting Commissioner



OUTREACH ADVISORY GROUP

Help us communicate and collaborate with the communities in Lower Roxbury right now.

EXPECTATIONS FOR BTD

Jen, Louisa, and BTD will:

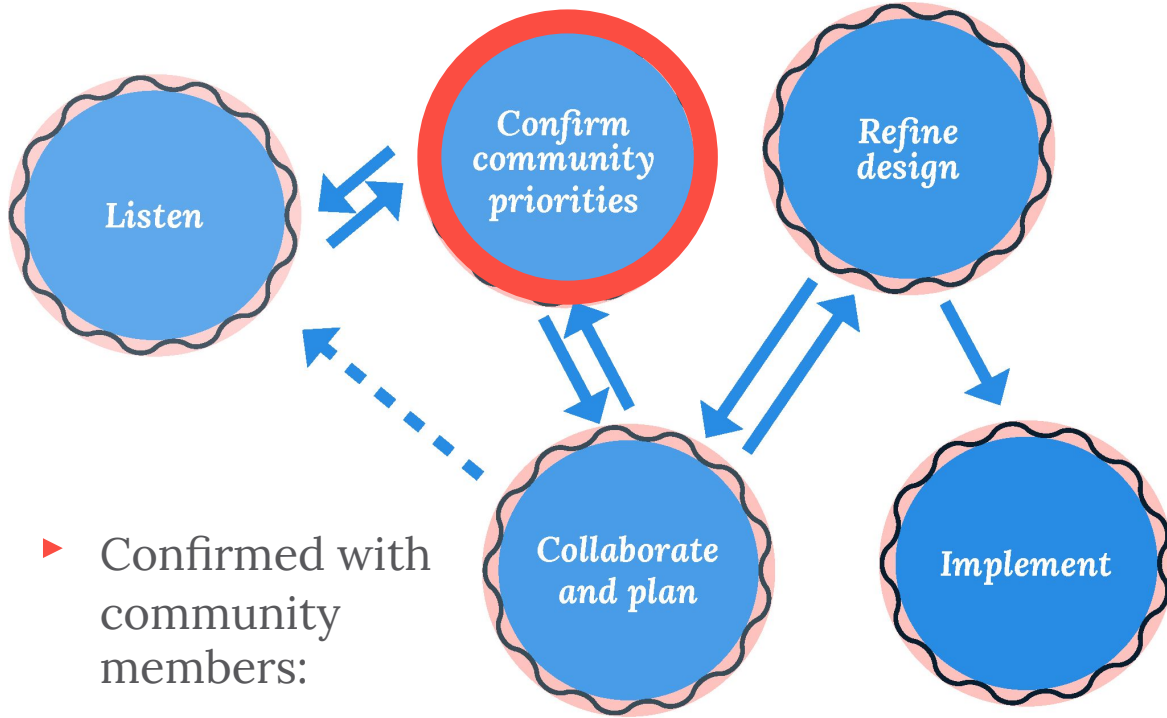
- ▶ Host outreach advisory group meetings quarterly, with ample notice.
- ▶ Be accountable to you with regular communication.
- ▶ Respectfully engage with the outreach advisory group and community members.
- ▶ Incorporate your advice and recommendations about outreach, as best as we are able.
- ▶ Make decisions transparently.

GROUP EXPECTATIONS

Members of the Outreach Advisory Group will:

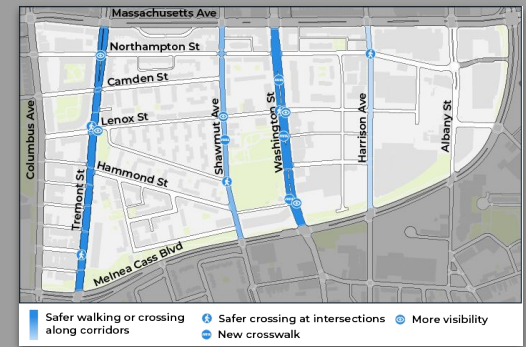
- ▶ Make a good faith effort to attend outreach advisory group meetings.
- ▶ Engage respectfully with one other, with the project team, with community members.
- ▶ Share your knowledge and experience.
- ▶ Share back to your communities about the project.

2021



► Confirmed with community members:

- What they would like to see changed
- We weren't missing opportunities



PROJECT GOAL

You asked us to:

- Take a **broad look** at Lower Roxbury
- Listen to what the **people who live here** want for their community
- Help realize goals related to **transportation and safety**

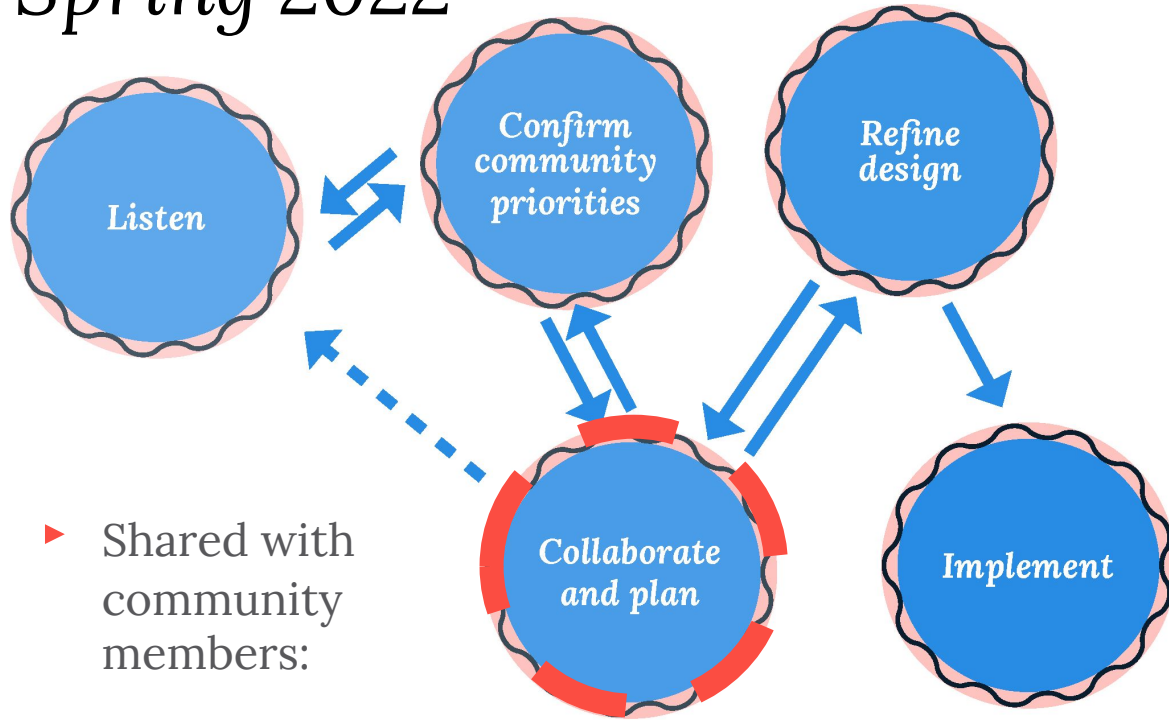
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Video call overlay on the right shows three participants: a man at the top, a woman in the middle, and a woman at the bottom.

Spring 2022



► Shared with community members:

- Which locations rose to the top as priorities
- Information about the tools we could use to make changes on the streets.

CITY of BOSTON

Lower Roxbury Transportation Study

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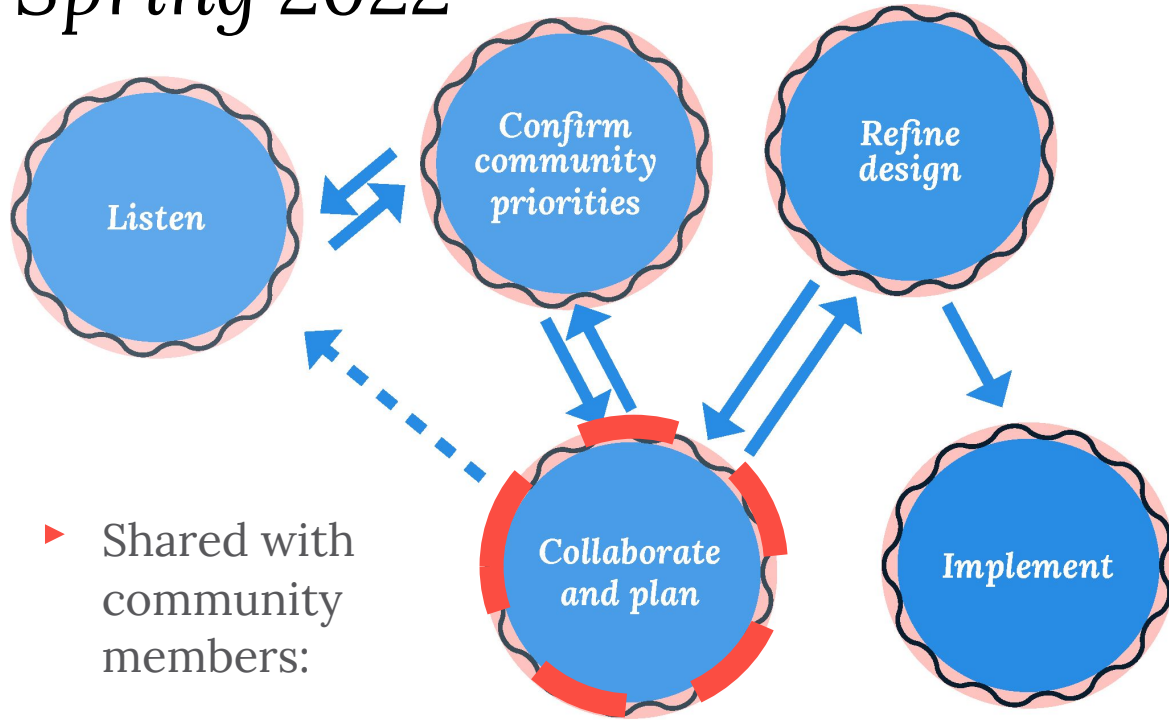
The City of Boston is working to enhance walking and biking for neighborhood residents. We met you in 2019 and 2020 to hear what you love in Lower Roxbury and where you envision changes to your streets. In 2021, we confirmed your priorities in virtual meetings, at events, and with a survey. Now, we want to report back on what we heard.

Here are the seven locations we've prioritized together.



○ Potential to improve crosswalks or add new crosswalks.
■ Potential for two-way travel for people biking (not driving).

Spring 2022



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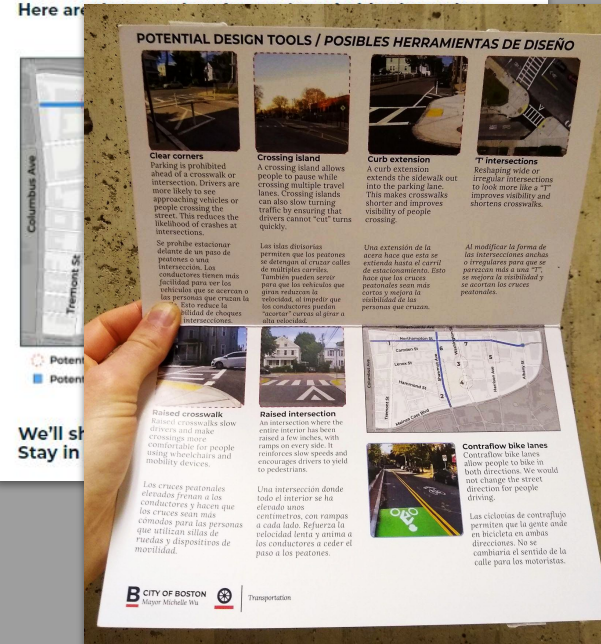
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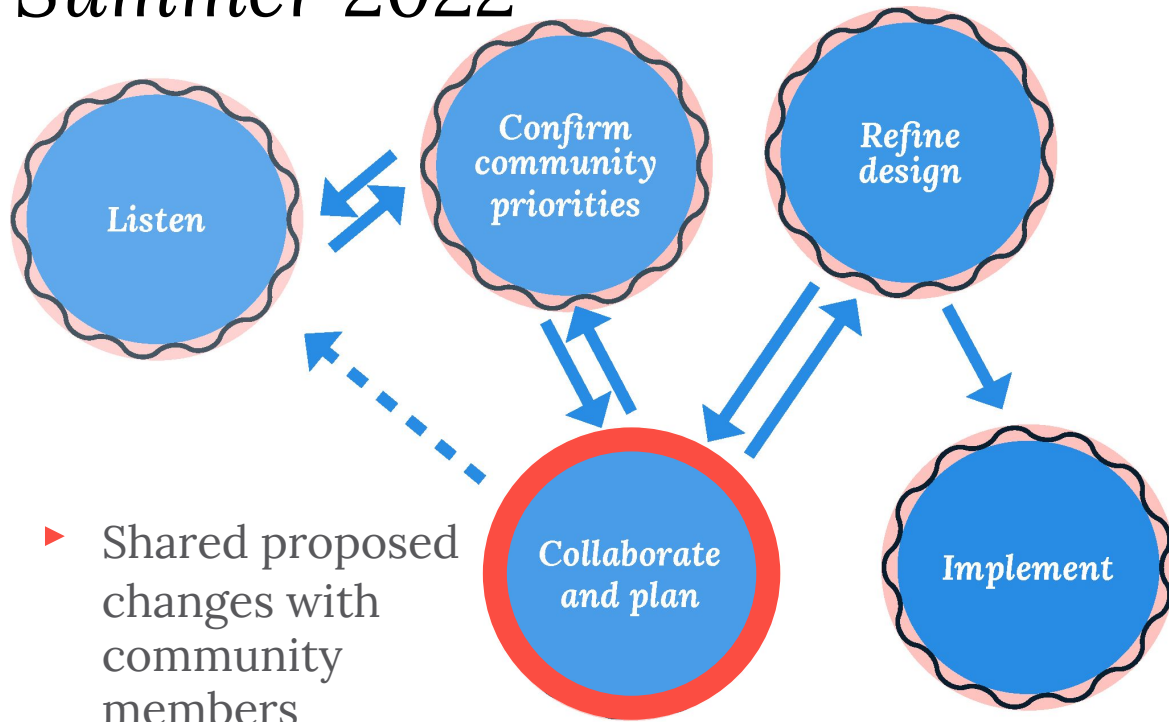
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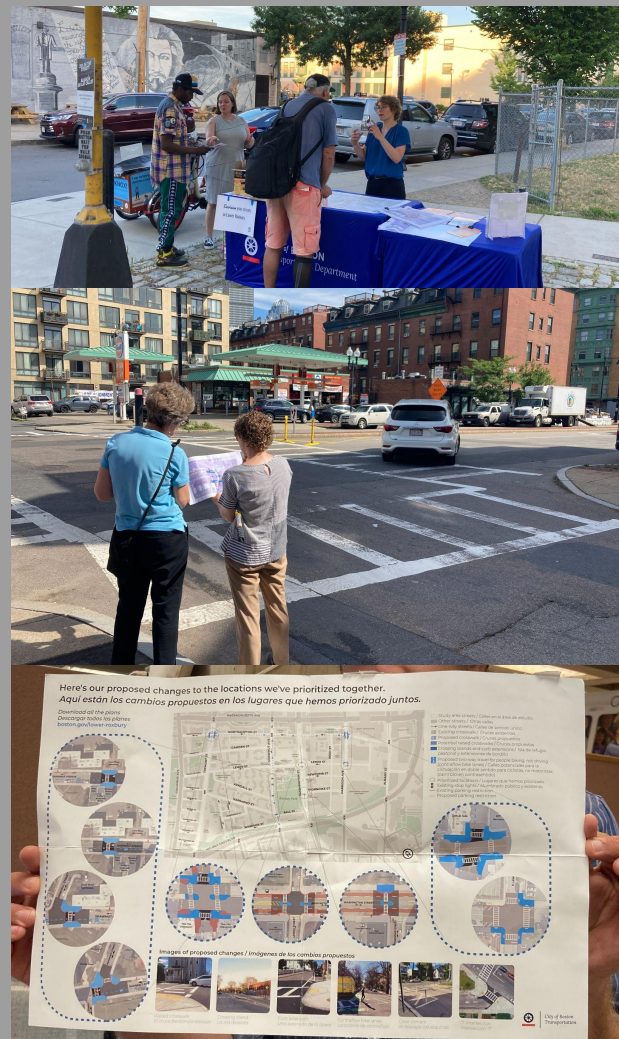


We'll stay in

Summer 2022



- ▶ Shared proposed changes with community members
- ▶ Heard what residents liked, had questions about, and how they felt about any trade-offs



FEEDBACK RECEIVED

- ▶ Hosted office hours (virtually) every other Wednesday: **8 people have attended**
- ▶ Hosted pop-ups in June and July and **received 97 comments**
- ▶ Flyered businesses and **made sure to connect** with the Gulf station at Northampton/Tremont and the Shawmut Ave businesses near a proposed raised crosswalk



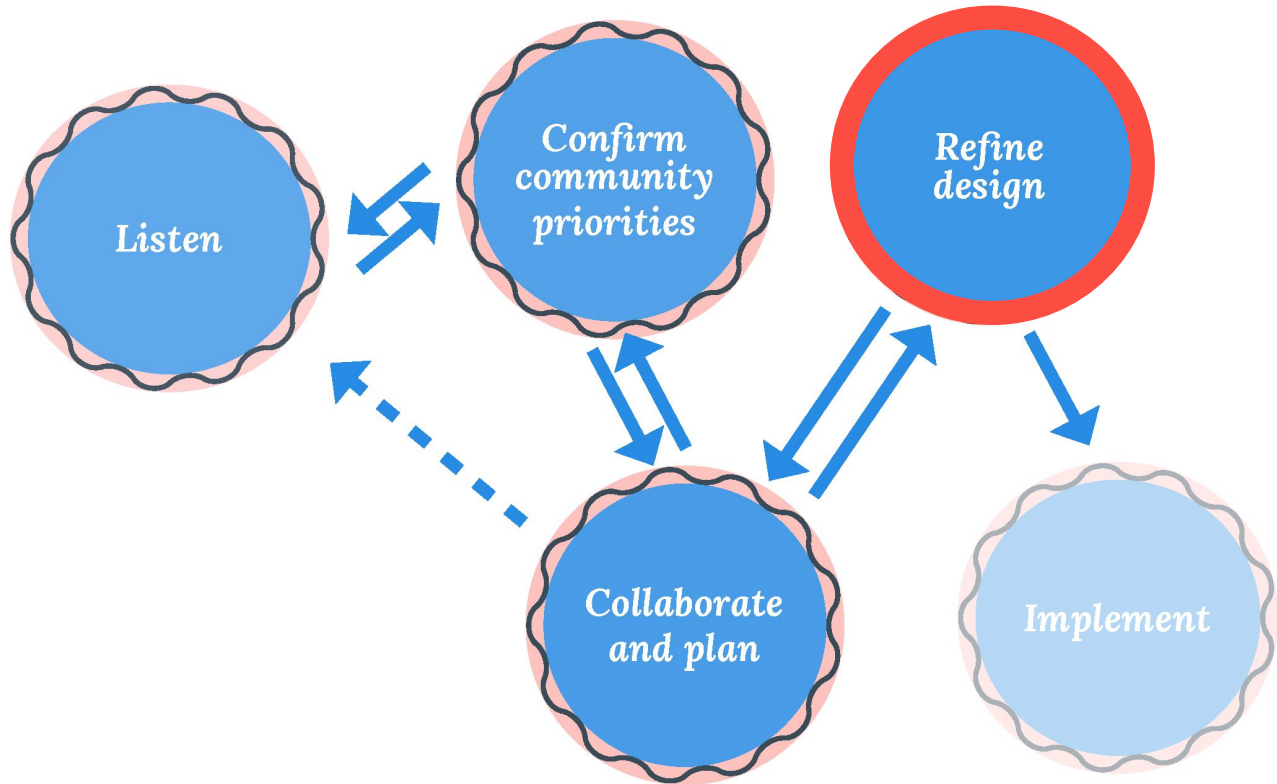
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- ▶ Overall, we got the word out and **heard a lot of support** for the proposed changes
- ▶ We heard two clear favorites for the proposed raised crosswalks on Shawmut Ave: in front of the grocery store and at Hammond/Ball Street

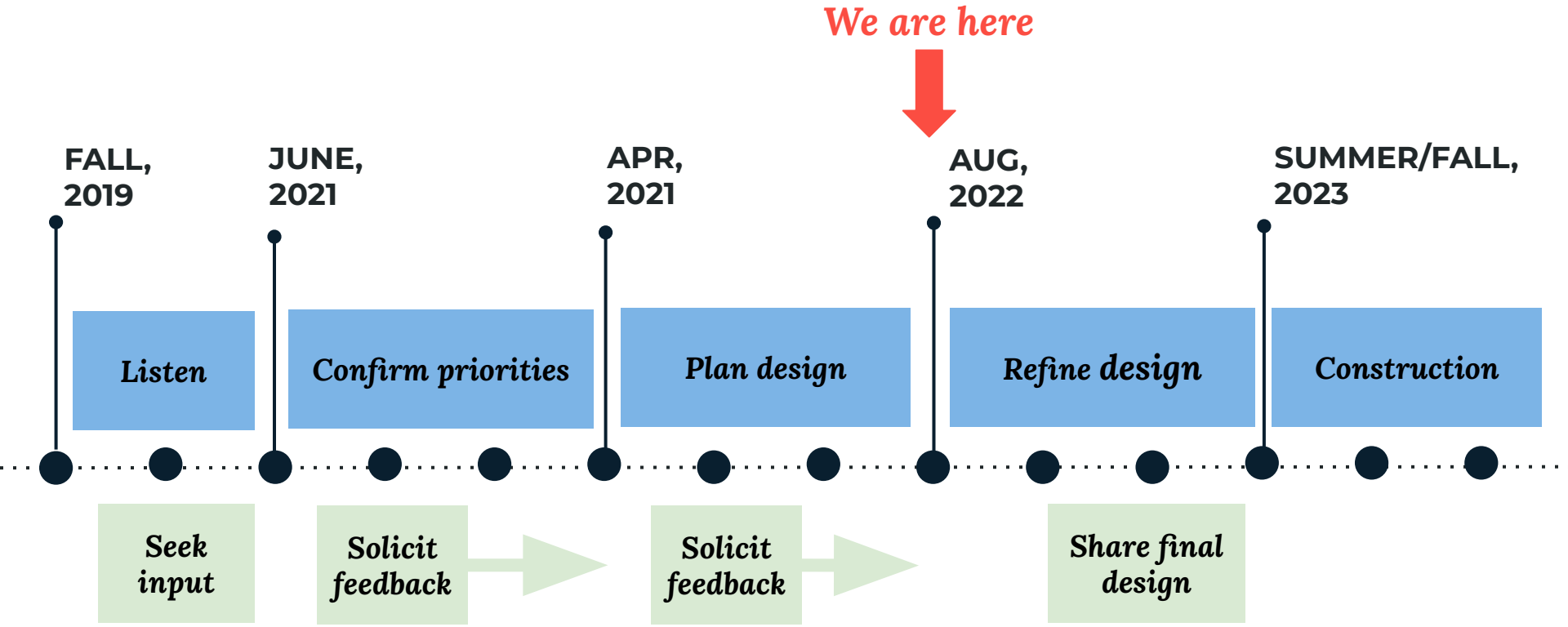


NEXT STEPS

NEXT STEP: REFINEMENTS (!)



PROJECT TIMELINE



RECEIVING FEEDBACK: FINAL ROUND

(Early) ideas – what do you think?

- ▶ *Share an online “Storymap” explaining the final design*
- ▶ *Continue hosting virtual office hours*
- ▶ *Host another round of pop-ups on the street (maybe hot chocolate?!)*
- ▶ *Spray paint outline of proposed crosswalks and curb extensions onto the street. Hang flyers nearby explaining: “Safer Street Coming Soon! Learn More Here”*

Transportation Safety Improvements Coming Soon! **Próximamente se realizarán mejoras de seguridad en las calles.**

The City of Boston is working on improving street safety in your neighborhood. We work with residents to understand traffic safety concerns. We then propose changes to street design to improve safety and quality of life.


On Milton Avenue at Rockwell Street and Mora Street, we will install a raised crosswalk to slow speeds and make the crossing safer. A raised crosswalk is the same level as the sidewalk. Construction will take 3 to 4 weeks to complete. You may see temporary signage while construction is ongoing.


En las próximas semanas, en la ciudad de Boston, se realizarán mejoras en la seguridad del transporte y cambios en el diseño de las calles residenciales menos concurridas y transitadas de su vecindario.

En Milton Avenue y Rockwell Street y Mora Street, construiremos un cruce peatonal elevado para que los conductores reduzcan la velocidad y el cruce sea más seguro. Agregar un paso peatonal elevado. El paso peatonal elevado debe ser al mismo nivel que la acera.



For more information, contact/Para más información, por favor contacte:

 slowstreets@boston.gov  (617) 635-1347

 boston.gov/slow-streets/dun

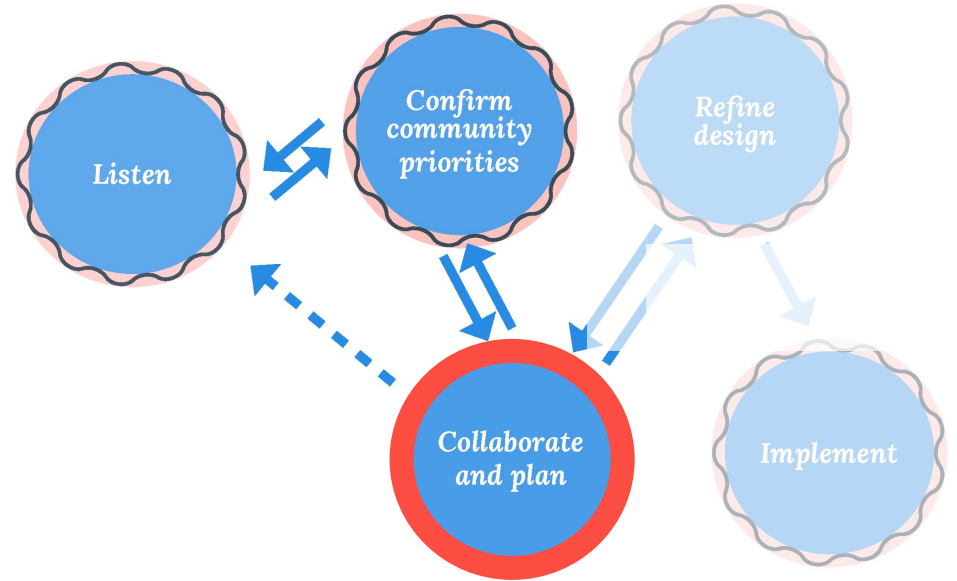
 CITY OF BOSTON
Mayor John Janey

 BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
Craig Romney, Commissioner

LET'S DISCUSS!

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS GROUP

- ▶ Meet again on **Thursday, October 27 at 11:00am**
- ▶ Email to you re: today's meeting notes
- ▶ Keep you posted!



MEETING EVALUATION

OUTCOMES

- ▶ Discuss and agree upon schedule of summer events
- ▶ Discuss and agree upon how we'll get the word out



QUESTIONS

- ▶ *How did we do as a group at achieving our desired outcomes for the meeting?*
- ▶ *How did the project team do at guiding the process?*
- ▶ *Any recommendations for the next meeting?*

CONCLUSION

PRIORITY LOCATIONS



-  Potential to improve crosswalks or add new crosswalks.
-  Potential for two-way travel for people biking (not driving).

POTENTIAL TOOLS



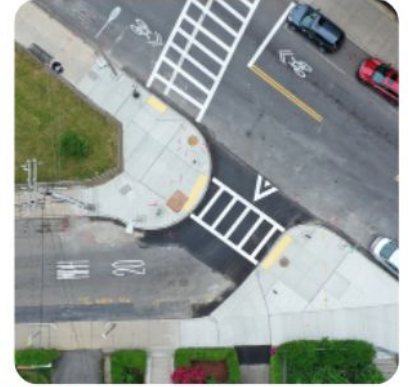
Clear corners



Crossing island



Curb extension



'T' intersections



Raised crosswalk

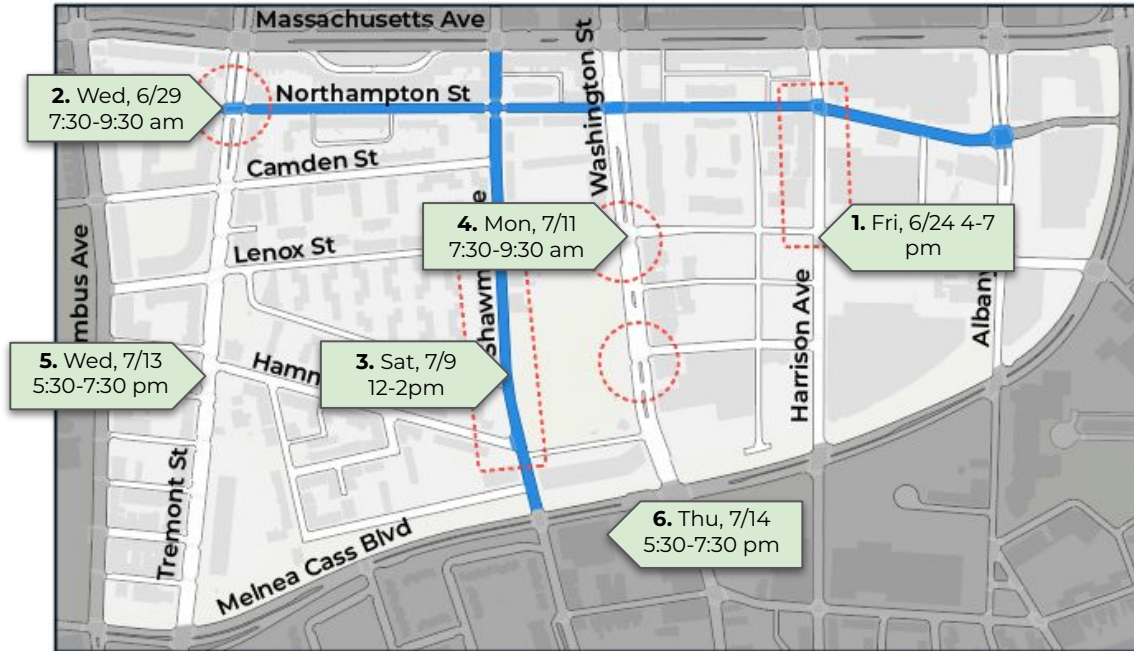


Raised intersection



Contraflow bike lane

REVISED SCHEDULE



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