

# Parkway Study



**Section 177, Chapter 25 Acts of 2009**

Not later than 1 year from the effective date of this act, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and department of conservation and recreation shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation a report concerning an evaluation and study of all other parkways and boulevards under the care, custody and control of the department of conservation and recreation and proposed for transfer to the Authority. The report shall include standards to protect the scenic and historic integrity of the parkways and related infrastructure, including, without limitation, snow removal on pedestrian pathways, traffic and safety protocols associated with Fourth of July events and other public events and programs devoted to recreation and public enjoyment. The report shall also include recommendations to facilitate the orderly expeditious transfer of identified parkways and boulevards to the Authority and proposed legislation to effectuate the recommendations contained in said report.

Parkways are unique resources



## Parkways role in the Park System



## Parkways role in regional transportation

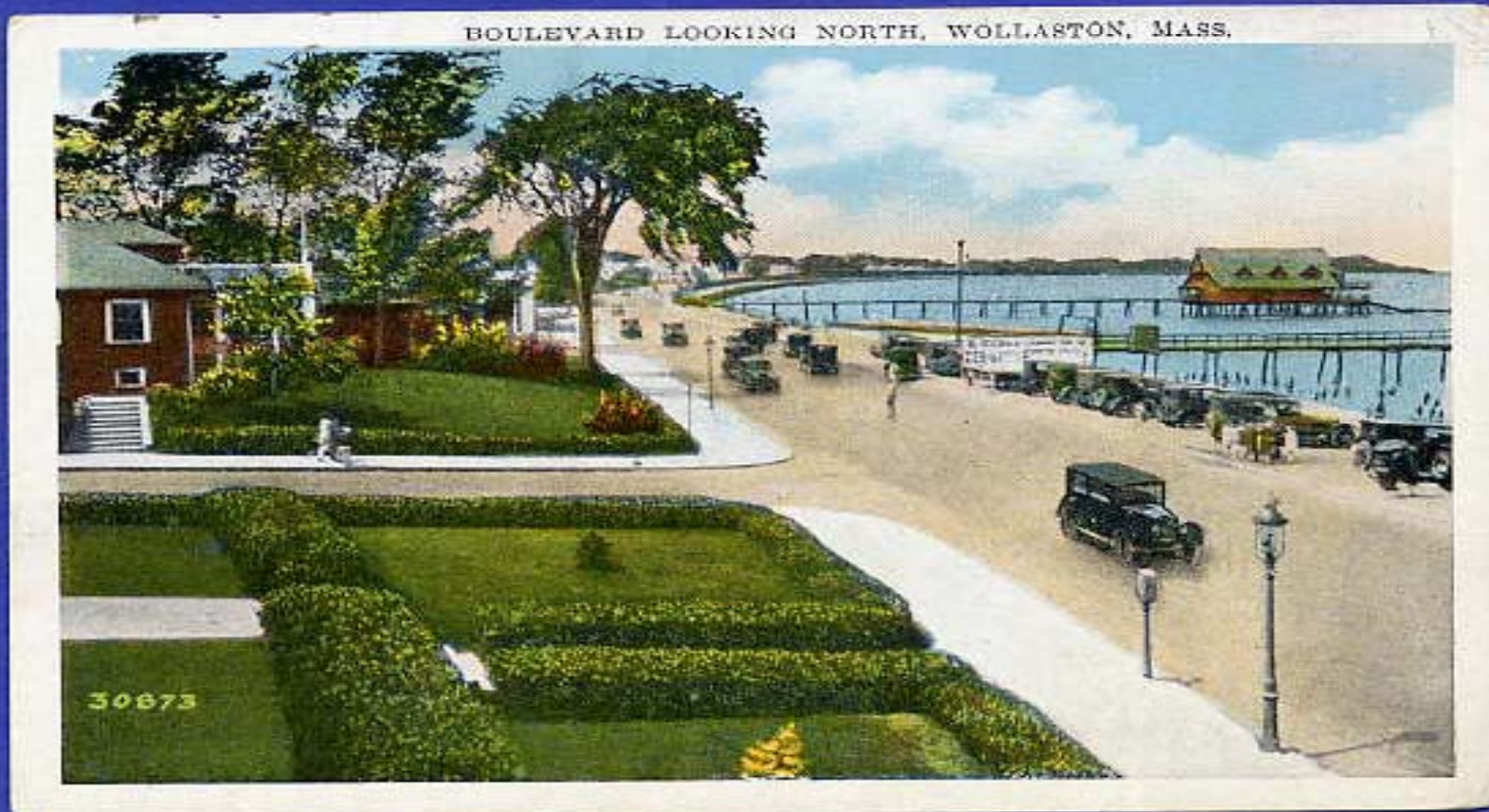


## Development of Parkway





## Intimate Relationship to Parks



## Recreational Value



## Parkways lacking integrity



**Historical Designation:** The parkway is listed on the National Register, eligible for listing or has some other historic designation like a Boston Landmark designation.



- Parkway Integrity: The parkway retains a strong landscape aesthetic with minor traffic related alterations.



- **Recreational Value:** The parkway provides access to recreational amenities (i.e. recreational paths, parks, water bodies) or has the potential for further recreational development.



Parkland Connector: The parkway is associated with parkland or provides a direct connection between reservations.



- **Management Efficiency:** Operations and management of the parkway is interrelated to parkland management.



# Parkway Standards

## 6.2 TECHNICAL STANDARDS

### 6.2.1 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF PARKWAYS

For purposes of these Standards, DCR parkways are classified into two distinct categories based on vehicle height and weight.

*GENERAL TRAFFIC PARKWAYS*—are roadways that are available to all vehicular classes up to statutory weight limits. These parkways may be either divided or undivided roadways.

*PLEASURE VEHICLE ONLY (RESTRICTED) PARKWAYS*—are roadways where vehicular access is restricted to vehicles weighing less than 5,000 pounds and having an overall height of 7 feet or less as defined under 350 CMR 4.00

The DCR Historic Parkway Guidelines identifies three major and five secondary parkway types by historical intent and use which are referenced here to assist in determining appropriate treatment.

**CONNECTING PARKWAYS**—linking communities to public parks and reservations and reservations to one another. Traveling through varied settings of dense urban neighborhoods and suburban neighborhoods, these roads may be Restricted or General Traffic Parkway. The *Ocean* and *River Parkways* are subtypes of connecting parkways.



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