

## ARBORWAY PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN ALTERNATIVES SUMMARY

The Arborway is a nationally registered historic parkway in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston that runs from Circuit Drive, through Forest Hills to the Jamaica way at Eliot Street. It is a local connector, regional roadway, and a gateway to green spaces like the Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park.

### Shared Project Goals

The shared project goals below were derived from public input received at the beginning of the design process in Fall 2019 and from meetings with community groups, project stakeholders, and the public in Spring 2020:



**1. Improve safety for all users and modes of travel.**

- Reduce crashes, and the severity of crashes
- Provide clear lane markings and signage
- Increase comfort levels among all users



**2. Improve accessibility and connectivity for all users along Arborway.**

- Provide high-quality networks for all users from Forest Hills to Jamaica Pond.
- Improve access and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists traveling between Forest Hills and Jamaica Pond or crossing the corridor
- Maintain mobility for local and regional motor vehicle travelers
- Maintain accessibility of MBTA buses crossing the corridor



**3. Support Olmsted's vision for the parkway as a green, recreational space in its own right.**

- Provide a connected network for the Emerald Necklace
- Improve and maintain the tree canopy
- Provide improved lighting that reflects the Parkway Context
- Provide contextually sensitive wayfinding, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists to allow enjoyable wandering or quick connections to destinations as appropriate
- Improve air quality with expanded mobility choices



**4. Embrace opportunities to make improvements as they arise if possible.**

- Short-term improvements may be feasible before the final design is implemented.
- Improvements may be possible in incremental steps as opportunities present themselves and funding is available.



**5. Balance the project goals and needs of different users.**

- Ensure that the Arborway can serve the 21st century needs of residents, neighbors, commuters, and visitors.