



Morrissey Boulevard Commission Meeting #8

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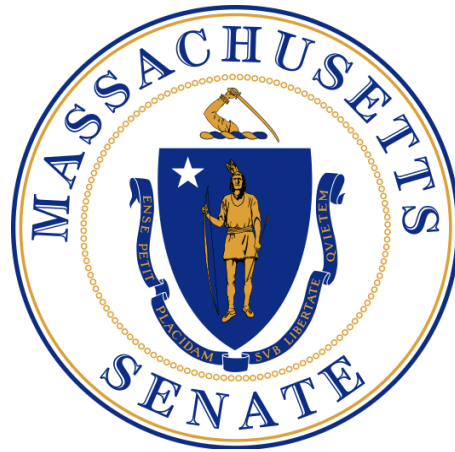
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Agenda

- **Call to Order**
- **Introduction of Commission Members**
- **Presentation on Study**
 - **Review of Draft Findings and Recommendations**
 - **Overview of Draft Final Report Comments**
- **Commission Discussion**
- **Public Comment**
- **Approval of Final Report Submission**
- **Next Steps**

Commission Introductions



University of Massachusetts
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*Please note the responsibilities of the Boston Planning & Development Agency have moved to the City of Boston Planning Department as of July 1, 2024

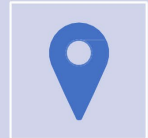
Morrissey Commission Legislation

- The commission shall: (i) evaluate and recommend transportation and infrastructure improvements to: (A) **improve mobility for pedestrians, transit users, cyclists and motorists**; and (B) **strengthen climate resiliency at Kosciuszko circle in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston and along Morrissey boulevard in the city**; (ii) **develop a comprehensive plan for the Morrissey boulevard corridor**; and (iii) **identify short-term investments to improve mobility** for pedestrians, transit users, cyclists and motorists along the Morrissey boulevard corridor.
- In making its recommendations, the commission shall prioritize infrastructure designs that contribute to meeting statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits and the city's carbon-neutral goals, including, but not limited to, **maximizing opportunities for sustainable transportation, including walking, bicycling and transit use, and public realm designs that serve open space needs.**

Commission Goals



Improve **mobility** for pedestrians, transit users, cyclists, and motorists



Strengthen **climate resiliency** in the Dorchester section of the City of Boston and along Morrissey Boulevard in the city



Develop a comprehensive plan and **design concept alternatives** for the Morrissey Boulevard corridor



Identify **short-term investments** to improve mobility for pedestrians, transit users, cyclists, and motorists along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor

Please note:

The charge of the Morrissey Boulevard Commission is to evaluate and recommend transportation and infrastructure improvements

The study team's support role is limited to presenting relevant background information and developing and evaluating transportation resiliency improvements

This presentation includes content outside the scope of the Morrissey Boulevard Commission

This additional content is intended to provide regional context for the corridor and facilitate broader public discussion and input

Presentation on Study

Review of Draft Findings and Recommendations

Draft Key Findings

- Morrissey Boulevard could help provide significant **flood mitigation protection measures** against current and future sea level rise and tidal flooding
- Reconfiguring Morrissey Boulevard and modernizing its intersections would provide **multimodal transportation, resiliency, safety, and placemaking improvements and opportunities**
- **Environmental permitting is expected to be complex** and would require additional time in the project development process
- Any project(s) would require **significant coordination across various state and local entities**
- The results of this study process will provide key background technical information to MassDOT's Beades Bridge and K-Circle/Columbia Road I-93 interchange Projects

Additional Considerations

Coastal resilience measures should focus on **nature-based solutions** and explore opportunities to re-introduce and improve native ecosystems

Any future design permitting processes for reconstruction of Morrissey Boulevard should **explore options to protect the Savin Hill Yacht Club** from future impacts of climate change

Continue to monitor current and future development projects and projections in alignment with local, regional, and state plans and policies

Early scoping and project coordination with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission

Review of Draft Study Recommendations

Short-Term Recommendations

- **Evaluate the benefits and challenges** of creating a full signalized intersection at Morrissey Boulevard and Conley Street to increase access to the Port Norfolk neighborhood
- **Evaluate and examine** quick-build improvements such as lighting, flex posts at existing curb extensions at key intersections e.g., Preble Circle, Devine Rink U-turn

Long-Term Recommendations

- MassDOT and DCR will coordinate with the City of Boston to **initiate a project or phased projects to reconstruct the Morrissey Boulevard corridor**
- Respective agencies will continue to formally convene following this Commission process to **advance a coordinated approach to corridor investments/projects**

What About Implemented/Underway Short-Term Investments?

Resurfacing of Morrissey Boulevard service road from Old Colony Avenue to Bianculli Boulevard (completed Summer 2024)

Sidewalk restoration and curb ramp reconstruction from Southline/former Boston Globe to Malibu Beach (Summer – Fall 2024)

Invasive Species Management: In August 2024, DCR removed invasive plant species from Pleasure Bay, Wollaston Beach, and the Neponset Greenway

2024-2025 construction of Morrissey Boulevard Pump Station to prevent flooding on Morrissey Boulevard from Conley Street and McKone Street to Market Place

Preble Circle pedestrian accessibility improvements at Old Colony Avenue / Columbia Road (Spring 2025)

Future project development considerations
– utilities, plantings, signage, vehicle speeds and diversions

Overview of Draft Final Report Comments

Summary of Feedback Received

Continue to evaluate additional connectivity opportunities e.g., additional east-west connections, U-turns, transit improvements

Continue community, stakeholder, developer, and inter-agency coordination on study area projects after Commission process

Environmental concerns: evaluate dredging and coordinate with responsible agencies/entities

Consider opportunities to improve placemaking, parkland, and restoring native ecosystems

Balance vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle mobility options in line with congestion and state and local transportation policies

Consider flood mitigation measures that are mindful of community needs and integration with the environment that are consistent with local (i.e., City of Boston) plans

Project Development – evaluate intersection and road configuration capacities; opportunities to incorporate environmental measures in transportation projects

Commission Discussion

Public Comment

Share Your Questions and Comments



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Approval of Final Report Submission

Next Steps

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**Final Report approval
and submission**

**Advance study
recommendations**

**Continue inter-agency
and community
collaboration**



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