

Southwest Corridor Park Action Plan

Welcome!

Public Meeting #3
May 21, 2024



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DCR Mission

To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.



Zoom Logistics

Tonight's meeting will be recorded. The recording and slide deck will be available shortly after the meeting at:

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VIA WEB:

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DURING THE Q&A:



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VIA WEB:

Chat to ask questions / comments or provide responses to poll questions



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Agenda

Welcome and Introductions [6:00 – 6:10]

Project Progress [6:10 – 6:20]

South End Recommendations [6:20 – 6:35]

South End Feedback [6:35 – 6:50]

Roxbury Recommendations [6:50 – 7:05]

Roxbury Feedback [7:05 – 7:20]

Jamaica Plain Recommendations [7:20 – 7:35]

Jamaica Plain Feedback [7:35 – 7:50]

Next Steps [7:50 – 8:00]

Meeting Goals

- **Present draft Action Plan recommendations**
- **Gather public feedback on these recommendations to ensure that they reflect community needs and desires**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Each community along the Southwest Corridor Park has a unique history and relationship with their section of the park. Before community engagement began, the team understood it was critical to understand these nuances. It proposed using engagement methods outside of traditional public meetings to be receptive to the various lived experiences of residents and users of the park.

The engagement process strived to provide an equitable outreach approach that includes a diversity of voices. Outreach strategies included one on one interactions, meetings with government agencies, stakeholders and friends groups, presence at community events, interactive mapping and input surveys.



Inclusivity:

To ensure everyone who wants to participate in the public process has an opportunity to do so



Interactive + Fun:

The ability to foster opportunities for park users and residents to provide feedback in creative ways



Consciousness:

The recognition of past harm and complicated relationships between government and communities



Transparency:

Creating clear communication with community members about how their feedback is being used and next steps in the process



681

General Surveys



3

week

Street Ambassador deployment



45

location specific surveys



263

interactive map comments



8

community events attended



4

Open Houses
150 participants



2

public meeting*
123 public meeting participants



3

Community Focus Groups

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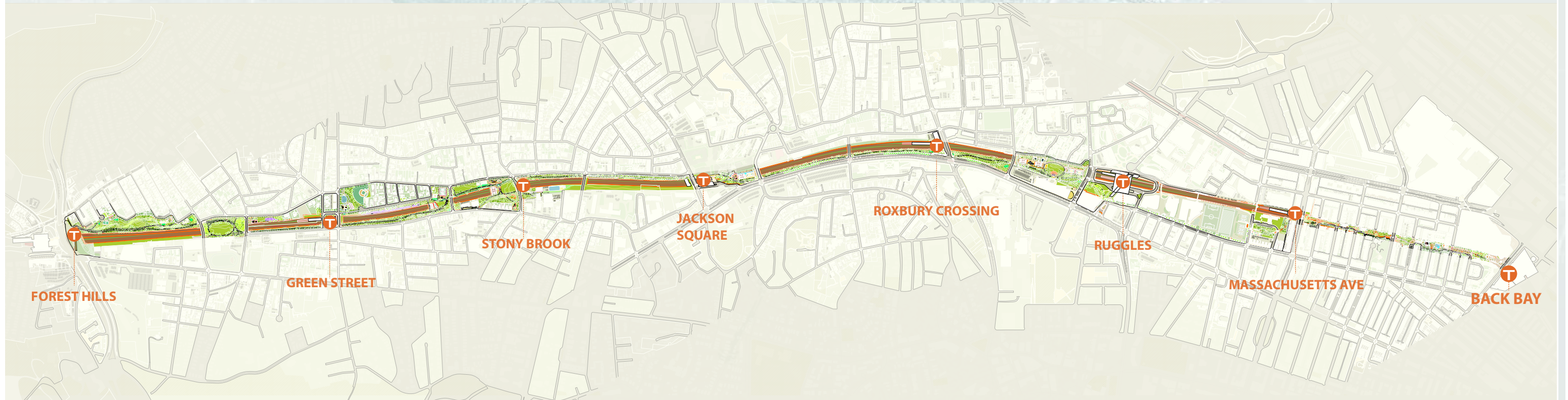


Vision

This Action Plan aims to further elevate the impact of this pioneering linear park, born out of vibrant community engagement, by fostering public health through the promotion of walking, cycling, and recreational activities.

By seamlessly linking neighborhoods, the park will emerge as a shared “backyard,” providing diverse urban experiences and fostering a deeper connection with nature. It will play a crucial role in addressing the challenges of climate change, serving as a green sanctuary that helps mitigate its effects.

Corridor Wide Topics



Corridor-wide design identity: *signage, site furnishings, art and placemaking*

Mobility, circulation and access: *shared-use path system and adjacent connections*

Park and recreation facilities: *lawns, playgrounds, courts, fields, community gardens, dog parks*

Natural resources: *plantings and stormwater*

Cultural resources: *cultural resource assessment*

Implementation strategy: *priorities, early action projects, O&M plan*