## **B** Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan

#### Fall 2024 Update | Draft Concept Design

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Rendering of the draft design of Blue Hill Avenue at Walk Hill Street, looking south.

Since 2019, the MBTA and the City of Boston have been working together to make much-needed improvements to Blue Hill Avenue. Earlier this year, the MBTA and City of Boston began reaching out to community members, block-by-block, to plan for a multimodal street that meets the needs of residents, commuters, and small businesses from Mattapan Square to Grove Hall. The project team reached out to 24,000 households and held or attended 19 outreach events where they interacted with over 2,000 people to collect feedback on everything from potential bus stop locations to crosswalks to trees and parking.

The MBTA and City of Boston analyzed this feedback and applied it to this draft concept design for a Blue Hill Avenue that is **safer, more connected,** and **more vibrant.** 

### A Safer Blue Hill Avenue

Improving traffic safety, especially for people walking, is a priority for this redesign. The draft design includes new crosswalks that are shorter, more visible, and more accessible, which will make it safer and more convenient for people to walk to local businesses, stores, and places of worship on Blue Hill Avenue.

#### A More Connected Blue Hill Avenue

This proposed redesign aims to better connect community members with their neighborhoods and the rest of the city. A major component of the project is the introduction of **center-running bus lanes** along the corridor to greatly reduce transit delays, improve service reliability, and pave the way for more bus trips for 40,000 daily bus riders. This draft concept design includes between 9 and 11 pairs of bus boarding platforms to serve as bus stops. These locations were chosen because they provide riders access to key community



Participants at the Mattapan Open House in June 2024 shared their ideas and hopes for Blue Hill Avenue.

destinations like schools, parks, libraries, housing, commercial districts and health centers while addressing service needs like improving accessibility and allowing for the right space between stops. There are a couple different options that will determine the final number of bus stops, and the project team wants your feedback on what best serves your needs.

Throughout the corridor, the project team worked to keep as much parking as possible especially in areas with higher need. The City of Boston will continue to develop the curbside regulations, whether that's more pick-up/drop-off zones or longer-term parking, to ensure they meet the needs of the businesses and residents along the corridor.

#### A More Vibrant Blue Hill Avenue

The draft concept design includes more area for public space, providing opportunities for additional trees, green infrastructure, public art, benches, trash bins, and other amenities to support local businesses.

### Tell Us What You Think! | Online Survey

Visit **MBTA.com/BlueHillAveSurvey** to view the draft design, learn how we got here, and share your feedback through our online survey by December 13, 2024.



# View the Design and Full Event Schedule:

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