

Route 66 Inbound - Priorities

INTRODUCTION:

Route 66 is the most highly traveled route in Brookline. Except for one stop (at Harvard and Shailer St. Inbound), no stop has fewer than 50 daily boardings, meaning that each stop is entitled by MBTA Guidelines to at least a bench, and in the case of 5 stops, two benches are recommended. Guidelines also provide that any stop on a Key Bus Route that has more than 70 daily boardings is automatically eligible for a shelter. Providing connectivity to another transit route and serving a significant number of elderly riders increases eligibility. Thirteen of the 17 Route 66 stops in Brookline see more than 70 daily boardings, but Route 66 only two shelters on the entire route.

Inbound:

11302, Harvard St @ Verndale: Average weekday boardings (175.7), has two benches and merits a shelter. The sidewalk has a depth of 133 inches, allowing for a shelter of some sort.



Stop 11302: Harvard at Verndale

1308 Harvard St @ Beacon: Average weekday boardings (275.3) has benches but merits a shelter. The benches are not proximate to one another. It appears to the reviewers that only one of the

benches is provided by the MBTA. The sidewalk depth of 138 inches allows for a shelter of some sort. This stop serves as a transfer point between the Route 66 and the C branch of the Green Line, enhancing eligibility.



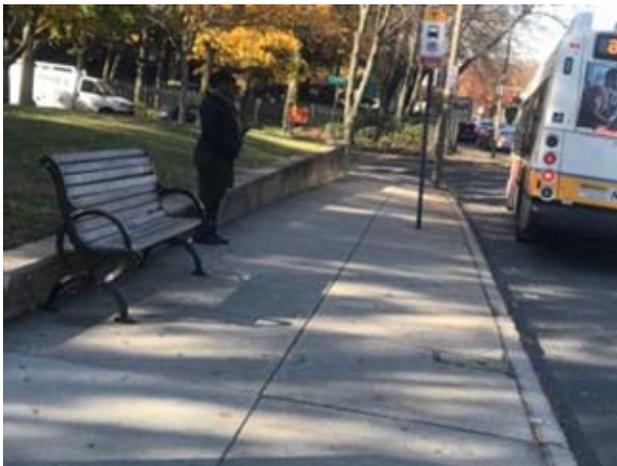
Stop 1308: Harvard at Beacon

1313 Harvard St @ Washington St. (104.4 boardings) has a bench but merits a shelter. The sidewalk depth of 96" would permit some sort of shelter.



Stop 1313: Harvard at Washington

1555 Washington @ Walnut (123.4 boardings; combined total of 148.9): This stop serves three bus routes, the 60, 65, and 66. Currently the location has only one bench; at least two are merited by MBTA guidelines. Due to the exposed location and proximity to public housing, two standard-size shelters, one large shelter, or (at minimum) one bench plus one standard-size shelter are recommended. Plenty of room is available on the sidewalk for these amenities with approximately 112 inches of depth.



Stop 1555: Washington St. at Walnut



Stop 1304: Harvard at Coolidge



Stop 1309: Harvard at Marion

1304 Harvard St @ Coolidge with 61.4 boardings, **1309** Harvard St @ Marion with 77.4 boardings , and **1311** Harvard St. @ School with 58.1 boardings have no benches.

Signage deficiencies observed:

None on date of observation.

Route 66 Outbound - Priorities

Introduction

Two of the outbound stops on the 66 have existing shelters, and these are in front of major retailers. It is possible that the retailers installed the shelters and maintain them.

In addition, all of the bus stops on the Outbound 66 route have benches, with the single exception of stop #1375. However, given the very high volume of boardings at many stops, benches do not seem sufficient.

The following stops all merit shelters, based on their boarding data. They also have adequate sidewalk space for shelter installation, with the exception of #1367 (at Harvard/Kent). Eligible sites are: 1526 Washington St. @ Pearl, a combined stop with Route 65, (201 boardings); 1372 Harvard St @ Beacon (374.8 boardings); 1367 Harvard St @ Kent (155.2 boardings); and 1373 Harvard St. @ Stedman (108.3 boardings).

Stop 1526: Washington St. at Pearl

As mentioned in the Route 65 priorities document, both the 66 and 65 routes converge here. There is an average of 201 combined passenger boardings. There is currently only one bench at this location and no shelter. This stop would appear to deserve additional benches and a shelter. There is adequate space for one or two shelters to be installed.



Stop 1526: Washington St. at Pearl

Stop 1367: Harvard at Kent

This site has 155 daily boardings. There is currently a metal bench at the location. The sidewalk here is narrow and it is not feasible to add a shelter.

Stop 1369: Harvard at Aspinwall

This stop sees 127 daily boardings and is in front of Walgreens, the drug store, and close to a public library. The site has 2 wooden benches that may have been installed by the town or by the merchant community. There is also a nice bus shelter. This is an example of a well-equipped stop.



Stop 1369: Harvard at Aspinwall

Stop 1371: Harvard at Vernon

This stop is in front a grocery store and sees 77 boardings per day. There one a wooden bench, and also one additional metal bench inside the shelter. The following photos show the wooden bench as well as the enclosed shelter. This is another example of a stop with adequate amenities.



Stop 1371: Harvard opposite Vernon

Stop 1372: Harvard at Beacon

This stop is heavily used and boarding takes place beside the Bank of America building. There are a total of 375 boardings. The 66 bus meets and intersects with the C line of the MBTA. There is no shelter at the site. There are two wooden benches; however, one of them has no back. The benches are only in fair condition. The sidewalk here is narrow, so it is recommended that a slim-line shelter be installed.



Stop 1372: Harvard at Beacon St.

Stop 1373: Harvard at Stedman

This stop is in front of a Brookline elementary school and has an average of 108 boardings a day. There are currently three benches there. They might have been provided by the town or the community. There is ample space to install a bus shelter, and it would provide shelter for students and parents on inclement days. There is also a medical imaging center across the street.



Stop 1373: Harvard St. at Stedman

Stop 1376: Harvard opposite Verndale

This stop has an average of 68 boardings, which makes it nearly eligible for a shelter. There is adequate space to locate a shelter. There is currently one wooden bench at the location, which may have been provided by the town or by the merchant community.



Stop 1376: Harvard opposite Verndale

Signage deficiencies observed:

None on date of observation.