



TOWN OF BROOKLINE

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What is the purpose of this survey?

Drawing on the community visioning process undertaken in 2018, the Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee is currently examining opportunities for preservation of housing stock, redevelopment, and open space, street and sidewalk improvements along the Boylston Street Corridor. The committee's work is focusing on the area of Brookline immediately surrounding Boylston Street (State Route 9) from Brington Road eastward to High Street, but may also include other adjacent areas as deemed appropriate.



During this process, the committee will review existing conditions including zoning, parking requirements, design guidelines, streets and sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle safety, connectivity, open space, existing housing stock, existing businesses, parcel land ownership, and other issues related to the corridor.

The committee is working to develop a set of recommendations and implementation measures. Such implementation measures may include proposed capital improvements to infrastructure, creation of policy programs or regulation changes, changes to zoning, and revised design guidelines, among others.

As this committee's work gets underway, it is important to collect your thoughts on the Boylston Street Corridor. The results of this survey will play a crucial role in assisting the committee to form recommendations that will help craft a final report for the Boylston Street Corridor.

The survey is due by February 14th. If you have a printed copy, please return the completed survey to the Department of Planning and Community Development in Town Hall at 333 Washington Street by first calling 617-730-2130 to arrange a pick up. If you would like to scan your survey and email it, you may send it to Linda Hickey at lhickey@brooklinema.gov. If you would like to do the survey online, one is available at <https://brooklinema.gov/BSCSurvey>.

The members of the Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee also invite and encourage people to stay updated on the committee's work and to attend all of our meetings. There are two ways to do this. First, the committee regularly updates a website with meeting materials and other information concerning the corridor. This website is at <https://www.brooklinema.gov/1605/Boylston-Street-Corridor-Study-Committee>. Also, the best way to stay updated on the committee's work is to subscribe to the Town's Notify Me System for the Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee. This can be done at <https://www.brooklinema.gov/list.aspx>.

1. What is your affiliation to the Boylston Street Corridor?

- Resident
- Business
- Education
- Non Profit / Social Services
- Faith Based
- Health
- Government
- Other: _____

2. Please choose your age range

- 17 or below
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-39
- 40-49
- 50-61
- 62 to 74
- 75 or over

3. Please note the street or neighborhood of your residence, business or affiliation within the Boylston Street Corridor?

Please write your answer: _____

4. Based on your affiliation, how long have you lived or worked in the Boylston Street Corridor?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- Over 10 years

5. Based on your affiliation in the Boylston Street Corridor, how important is it to remain on or in the Boylston Street Corridor area?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Slightly important
- Not at all important
- Not Applicable
- Other: Please describe _____

6. If you do not see yourself or your business remaining in the corridor long-term, please describe the reason for this.

Please

Describe _____

Not Applicable

7. What do you think are the strengths and assets of the Boylston Street Corridor?

Please

Describe _____

8. What are the main weaknesses you see in the Boylston Street Corridor and what could you see improved?

Please

Describe _____

9. What are three wishes you have for the Boylston Street Corridor?

Please

Describe _____

HOUSING

10. If you are a resident in the Boylston Street Corridor, do you rent or own your current place of residence?

Own

Rent (Market Rate)

Rent (Subsidized)

Rent (Using Section 8 Voucher)

Other - please describe _____

Not Applicable

11. Check the goals you most agree with.

- Work to preserve and maintain the existing housing
- Construct larger housing developments
- Focus on mixed-use development in the corridor (development blending two or more uses such as residential and commercial)
- Increase owner-occupancy
- Provide more rental housing
- Provide more affordable housing
- Develop workforce housing to attract more middle income workers
- Develop housing for seniors
- Build more environmentally sustainable housing
- Develop housing for families
- Other – Please use this section to better describe your answers or provide new areas of focus on housing.

PUBLIC SPACE AND RECREATION

12. Check the goals you most agree with.

- Improvements at current open spaces such as Boylston Street Playground
- Develop more public spaces and open spaces such as pocket parks
- Improve and develop the current system of walking paths such as the Walnut Street Path and Davis Path Footbridge
- Encourage retention of privately owned tree canopy
- Develop increased indoor recreational and community activity opportunities
- Other- Please use this section to better describe your answers or provide new areas of focus on public space and recreation.

COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13. If you are a current business owner, do you view the Boylston Street Corridor as a good place to locate a business?

- Yes
- No
- Dependent on your answer, please provide an explanation for providing this answer.

- Not Applicable

14. Check the goals you most agree with.

- Maintain current neighborhood character and mix of businesses, commercial and institutional uses
- Increase the number of commercial and retail opportunities
- Promote the redevelopment of current commercial buildings
- Promote for mixed-use development in the corridor
- Provide more beautification projects such as trees and other amenities in the corridor
- Develop attractions and events to enhance the neighborhood commercial image
- Better parking and pedestrian access for businesses
- Other- Please use this section to better describe your answers or provide new areas of focus on commercial areas and economic development. _____

TRAFFIC, WALKABILITY, CIRCULATION AND PARKING

15. If you need to travel to or within the Boylston Street Corridor, do you tend to walk, bike, drive, or utilize public transit?

- Walk
- Drive
- Bike
- Public Transit

16. If you do walk or bike within the corridor, please describe your general routes and if you feel safe or unsafe as a pedestrian or a bicyclist.

- Please describe _____

- Not Applicable

17. Did you utilize the Davis Path Footbridge before it was demolished?

- Yes
- No
- I was not aware of the Davis Path Footbridge

18. If you did utilize the Davis Path Footbridge, did you use the bridge as part of a recreational route or as a short cut to a certain destination?

- Please Describe Route _____

- I did not use the Davis Path Footbridge
- Not Applicable

19. Is it important to you that the Davis Path Footbridge be rebuilt?

- Yes
- No

20. Based on your answer in Question 19 concerning the reconstruction of the Davis Path Footbridge, please describe why or why not the Davis Path Footbridge should be rebuilt.

- Please

Describe _____

21. Check the goals you most agree with.

- Improve traffic flow on Boylston Street
- Improve traffic conditions to increase safety on side streets
- Improve the pedestrian environment on Boylston Street such as increased crosswalks and large sidewalks
- Improve bicycle access
- Add additional public transit options
- Improve pedestrian pathway development such as the Walnut Path and Davis Path Footbridge
- Tree Planting and Streetscape
- Preserve on street parking on Boylston Street
- Remove on street parking on Boylston Street
- Explore shared parking developments such as parking garages
- Other- Please use this section to better describe your answers or provide new areas of focus on traffic, walkability, circulation and parking.

22. If you are interested in being a part of a focus group in the future, please provide your email address here:

- Yes I am interested, my email address is _____
- I am not interested in being part of a focus group

23. Your Opinion

In your opinion, what are the ideas you feel that the Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee needs to know to recommend improvements in the corridor?

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