



Bowdoin Geneva Neighborhood Action Plan

Working Group Kickoff Meeting



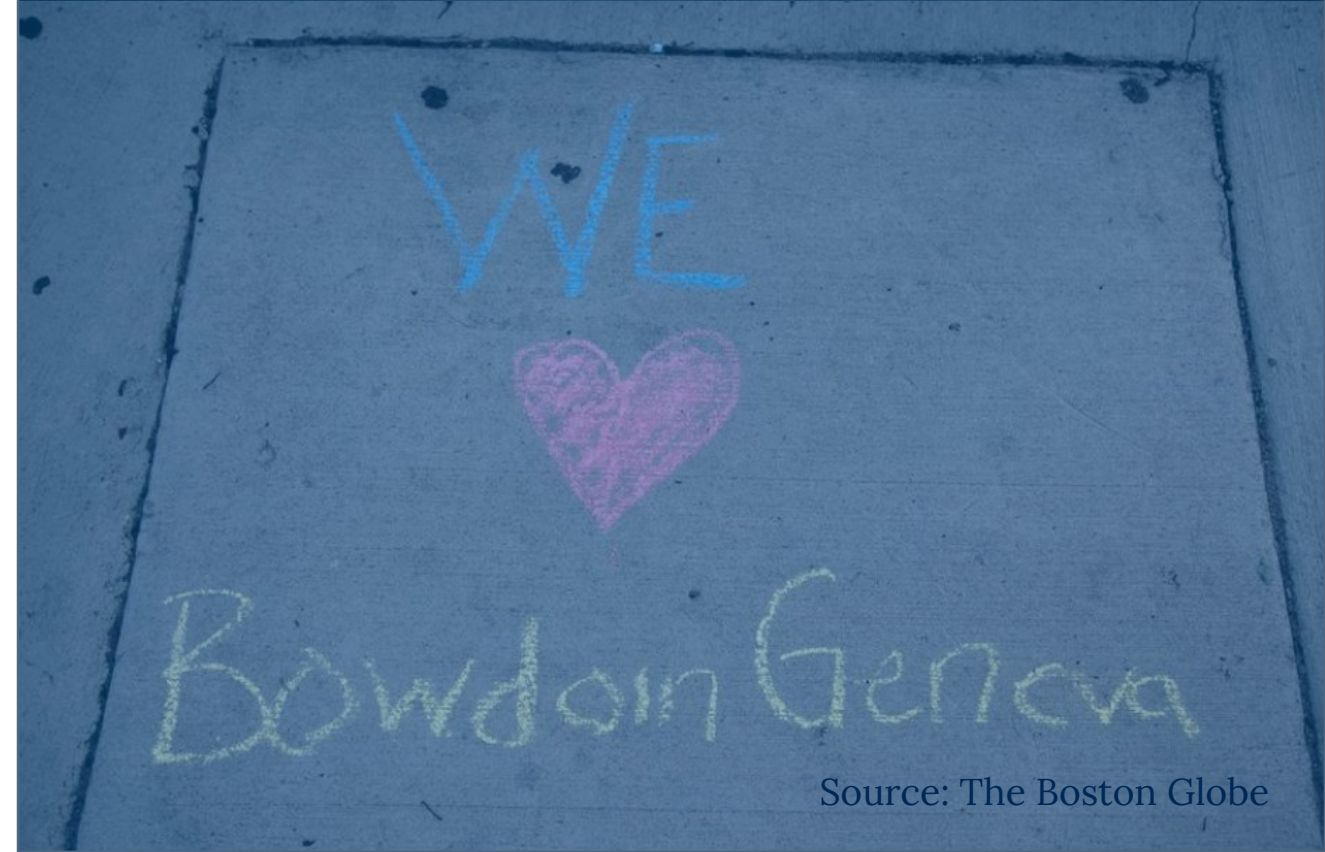
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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Context
3. Project Scope
4. Treatments & Recommendations
5. Closing and Next Steps
6. Questions and Discussion



Source: The Boston Globe

Welcome

City Management Team



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Disabilities Commission

- **Patrick Hoey (BTD Project Manager)**
- Jeffrey Alexis (PWD Project Engineer)

Consulting Team







- **Conor Semler (Project Principal)**
- Juliet Walker, AICP (Project Manager)
- Radu Nan, PE (Project Engineer)
- Caitlin Mildner, AICP (Project Planner)
- Kim Dao (Analyst)



Project Context

This project will include planning, engineering analysis, and design to implement traffic calming in the Bowdoin/Geneva neighborhood. The project goals include:

-  **1. Community Engagement:**
Conduct a community process that is equitable, responsive, efficient, and transparent
-  **2. Safety:**
Reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes
-  **3. Comfort:**
Control the speed of vehicles traveling along a street and those turning
-  **4. Multimodal:**
Improve safety for people who walk, bike, or live along the study area

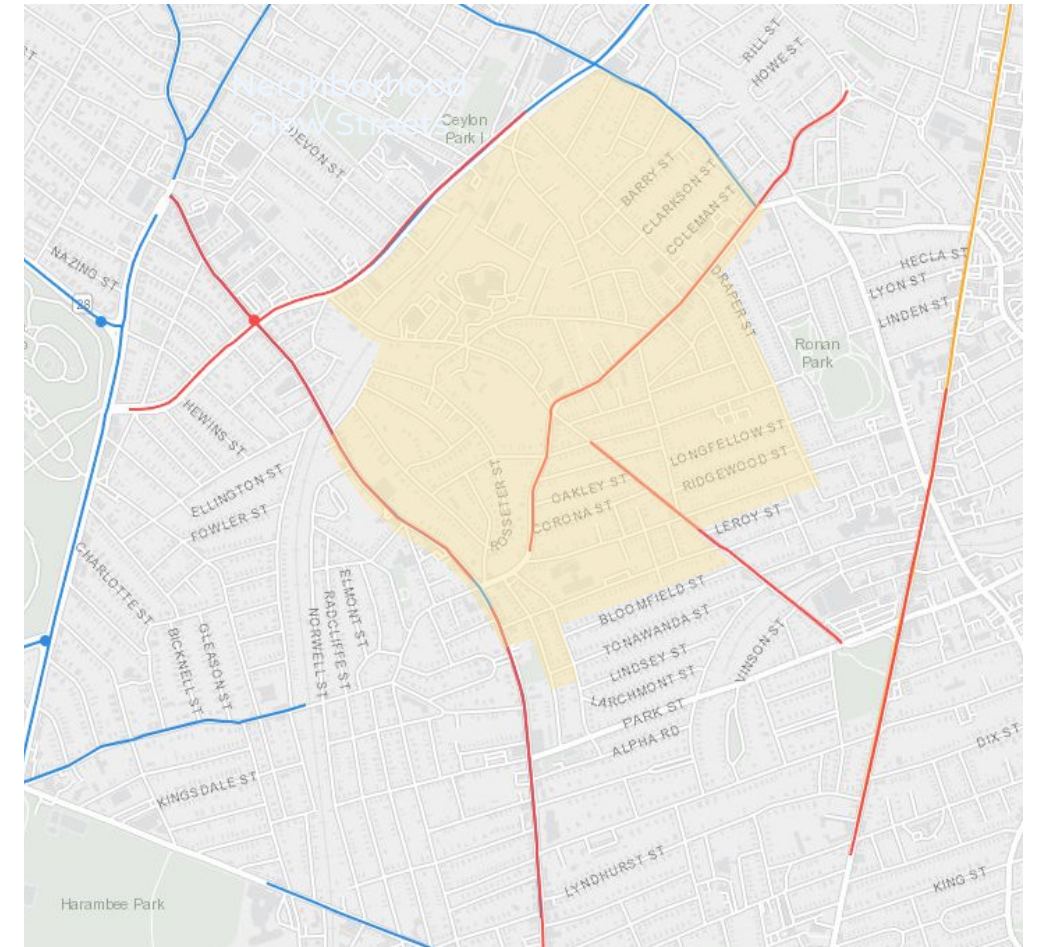
Project Purpose – Why and why now?

Neighborhood Concerns:

- Speeding and safety concerns
- Vulnerable population (low income, youth, seniors)

Boston's High Crash Network:

- Washington Street, Columbia Road (Top 3% for Walking, Driving)
- Bowdoin Street, Geneva Avenue (Top 3% for Walking)
- Quincy Street (Top 3% for Driving)



- ✓ High crash intersections for people walking
- ✓ High crash corridor for people walking
- ✓ High crash intersections for people biking
- ✓ High crash corridor for people biking
- ✓ High crash intersections for people driving
- ✓ High crash corridor for people driving

Project Purpose – Plans and Studies

Vision Zero Projects:

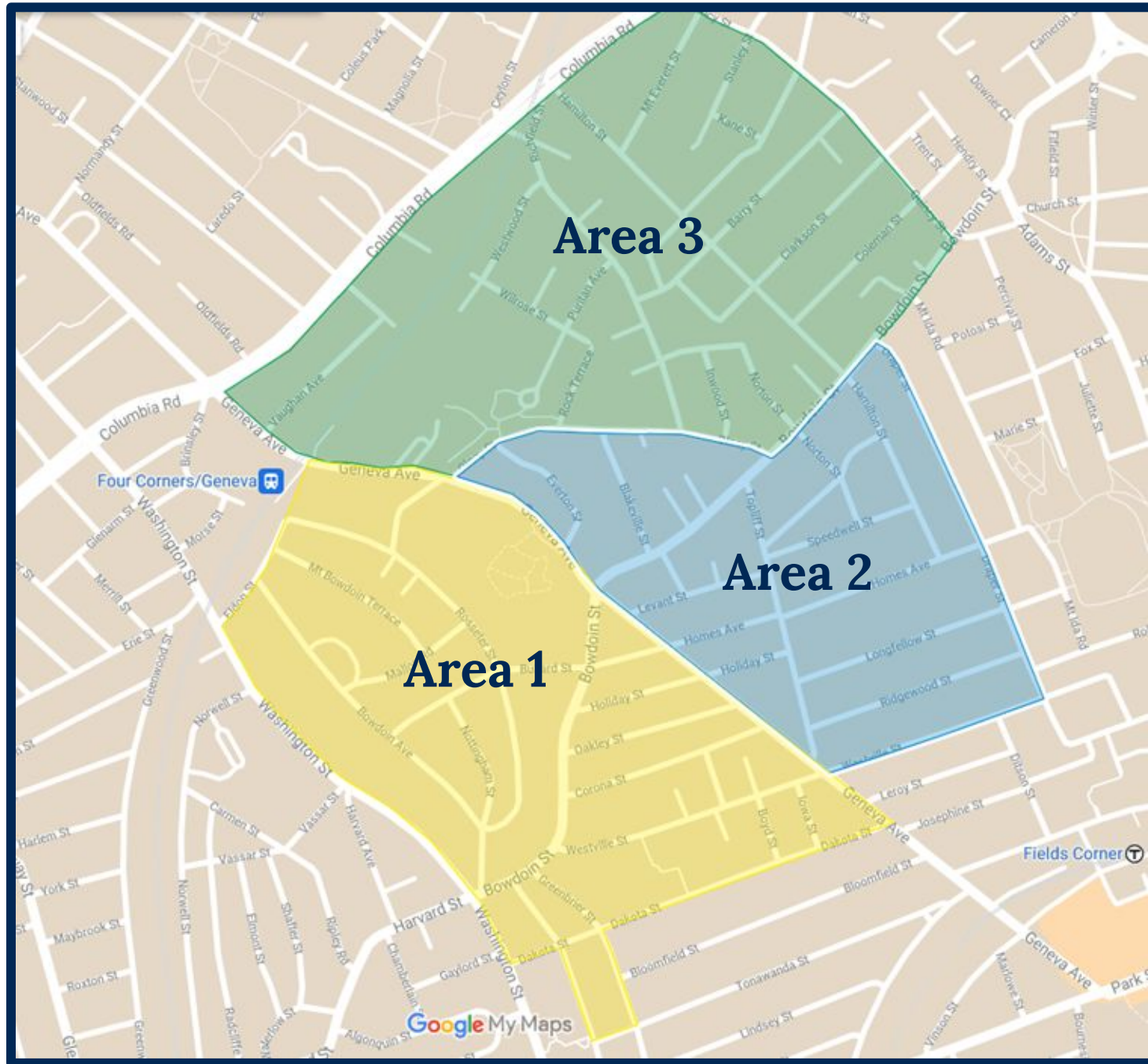
- Neighborhood Slow Streets: Hancock Street Triangle and Grove Hall
- Small Scale Safety Projects
 - (1) Richfield Street and Westwood Street
 - (2) Puritan Avenue
 - (3) Rockmount Street and Wilrose Street
- Fairmount Greenway – 9-mile walking/biking route through Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park

Go Boston 2030:

- Columbia Road Greenway



Project Limits



Planning Sub-Zones (5)

1. Intersection of Bowdoin Street and Geneva Avenue
2. Geneva Avenue at the Four Corners/Geneva MBTA Station
3. Area 1
 - Bowdoin Street, Bowdoin Avenue, Westville Street, Rosseter Street, Dakota Street, Claybourne Street, Greenbrier Street
4. Area 2
 - Bowdoin Street, Westville Street, Draper Street, Longfellow Street, Olney Street, Topliff Street
5. Area 3
 - Bowdoin Street, Puritan Avenue, Coleman Street, Richfield Street

Scope

- Phase 1: Planning and Conceptual Design (2022)
- Phase 2: Preliminary 25% Engineering Design (2022/2023)
- Phase 3: 75%/100% Design (2023)
- Phase 4: Final Design (PS&E) (2023)
- Phase 5: Construction (2023/2024)

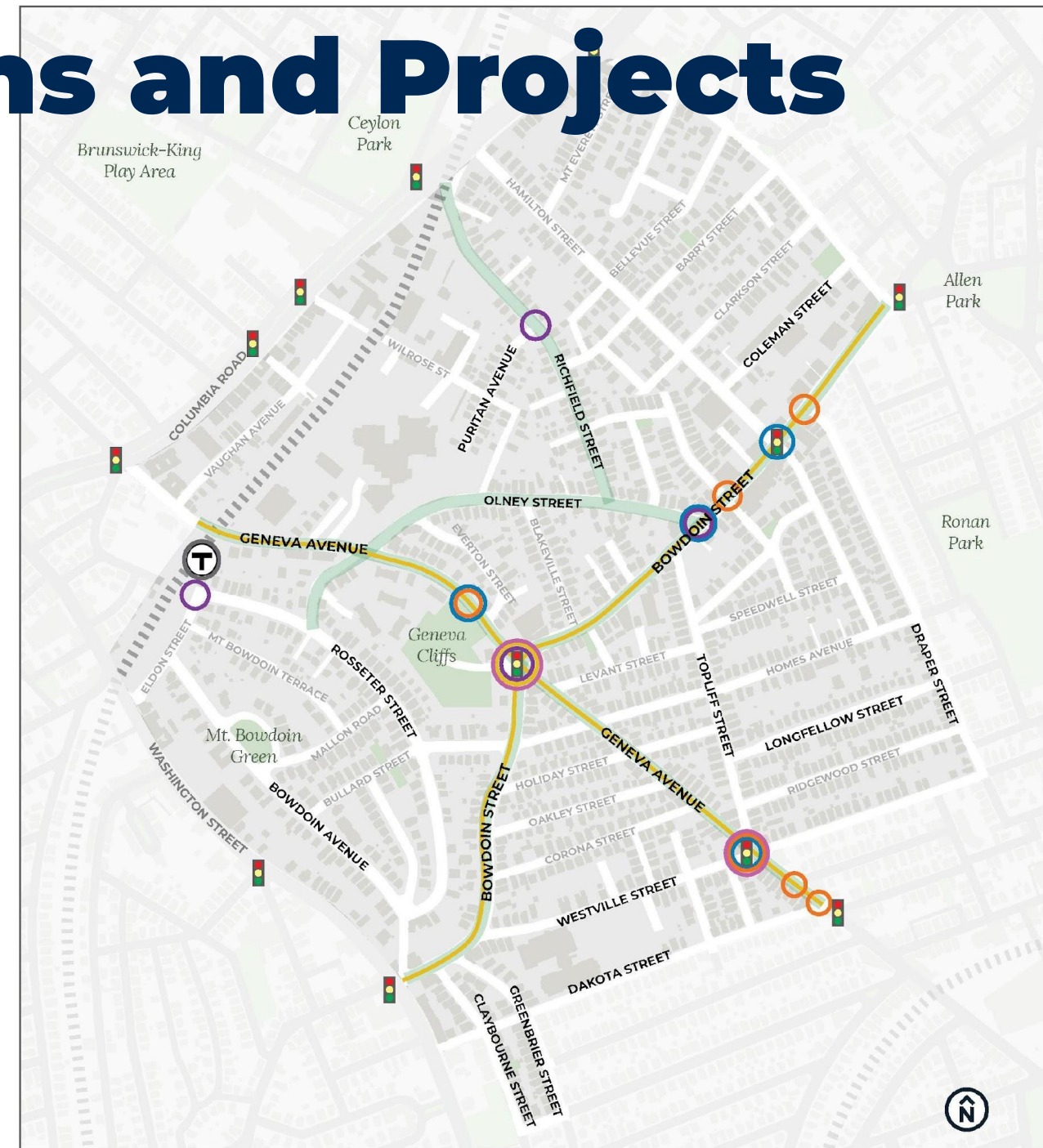
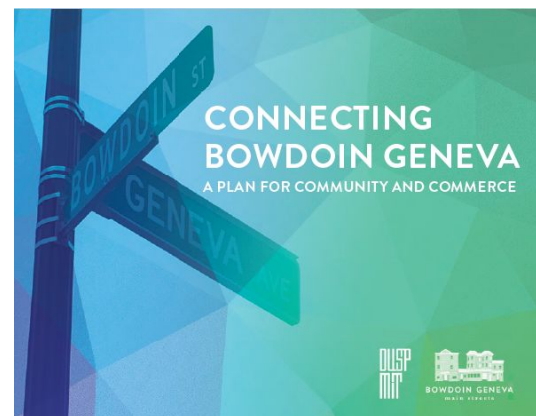
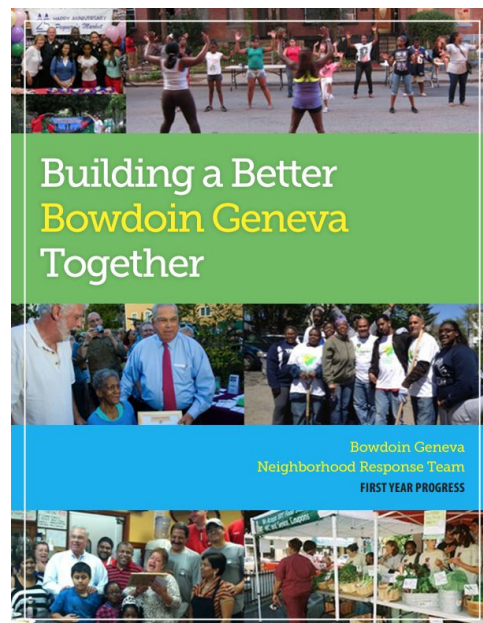
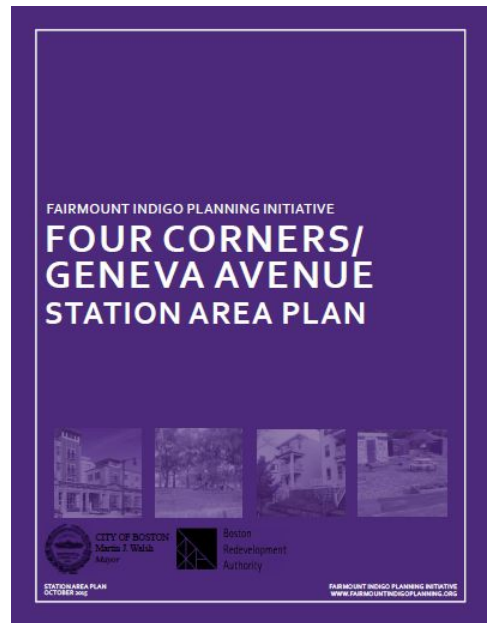


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Review of Previous Plans and Projects

List previous plans and studies
Community feedback, etc.

1. Four Corners/Geneva Avenue Station Area Plan (Fairmont Indigo Planning Initiative)
2. Connecting Bowdoin Geneva
3. Building a Better Bowdoin Geneva Together



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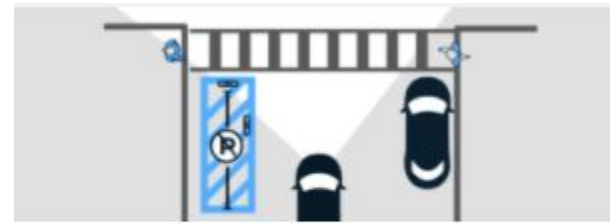
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Potential Treatments

Potential treatments and projects will focus on traffic calming and safety enhancements. Treatments may include:

- Safer crossings
- Safer turns
- Safer speeds
- Emphasis on quick-build projects



Clear corners



Hardened centerline



Pedestrian warning sign



Slow turn wedge



Crossing island



High-visibility crosswalk



Raised crosswalk



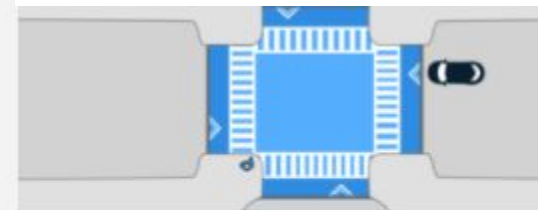
Stop sign



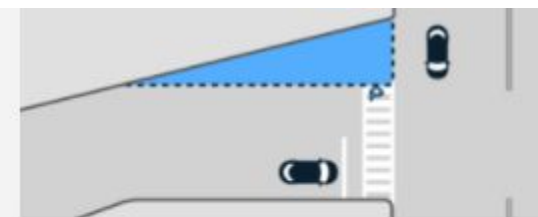
Curb extension



Speed humps



Raised intersection



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Discussion

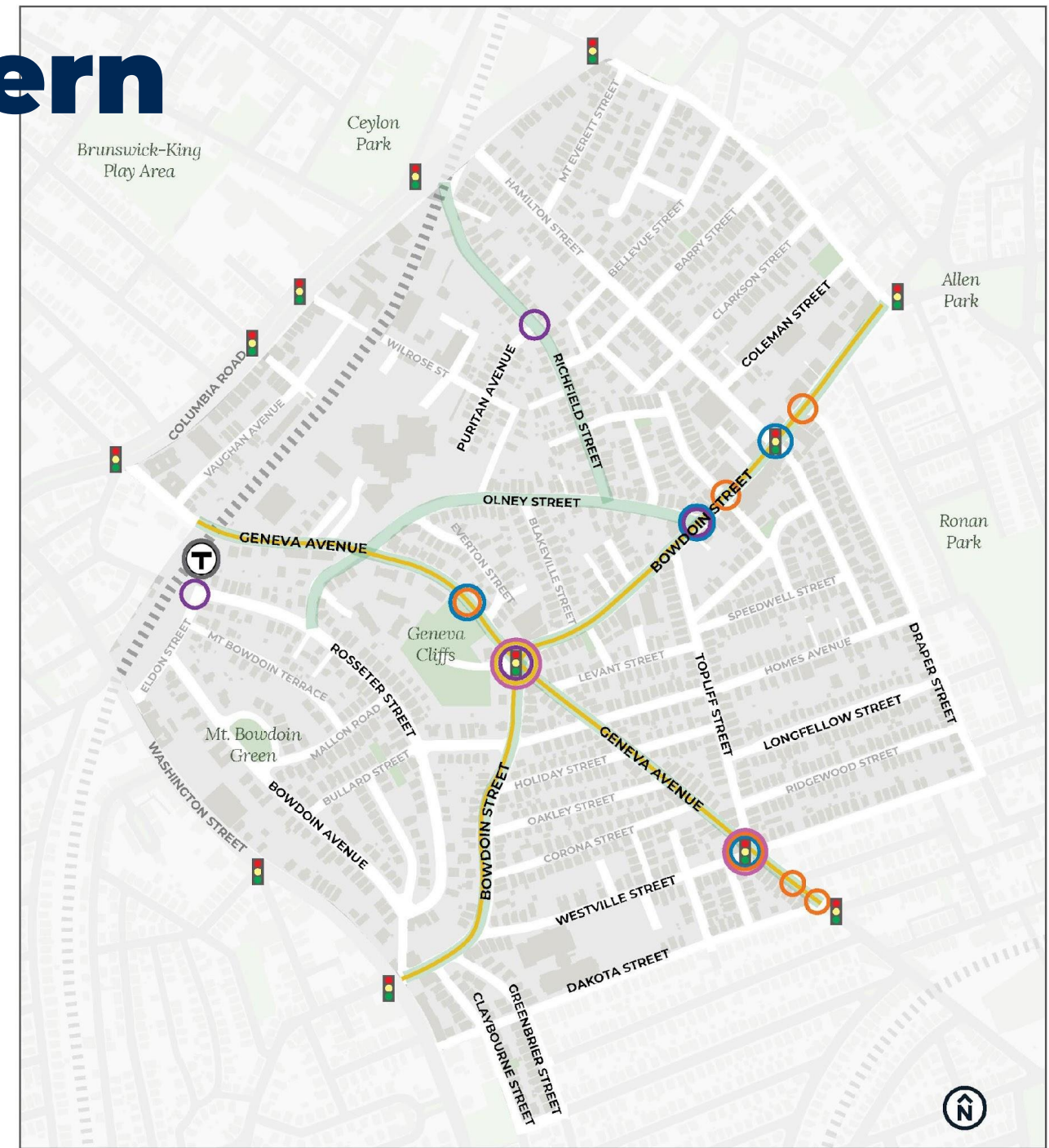
We want to hear from you! How can we:

1. Plan effective neighborhood walk throughs?
2. Collect meaningful community feedback?
3. Engage all members of the community?
4. Focus our efforts on major areas of concern?



Mapping Areas of Concern

We compiled previously reported areas of concern from the community and from our review of previous plans and studies. Please help us identify other areas not previously identified:



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Next Steps

Project Team:

- Compile and document existing conditions
 - Review previous plans and studies
 - Review traffic counts and assess vehicular speeds and volumes
 - Create base map and existing conditions maps
 - Summarize existing issues and challenges
- Schedule and host neighborhood walks
- Schedule next working group meeting

Working Group:

- Collect and document feedback from the community
- Advertise neighborhood walks
- Share findings, concerns, and recommendations with the project team (email Pat at patrick.hoey@boston.gov)
- Participate in our next working group meeting

