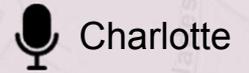


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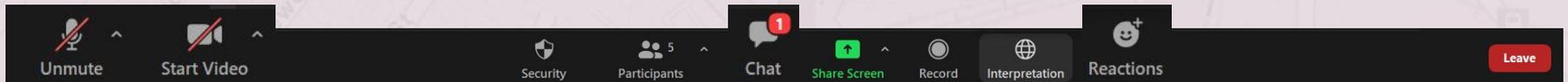
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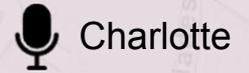
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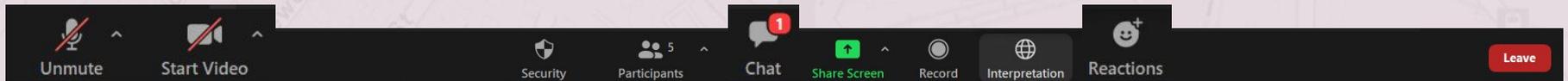
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 - Esta reunión será grabada.
 - *Reyinyon sa a ap anrejistre.*
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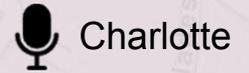
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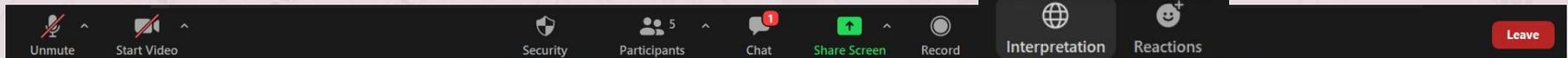
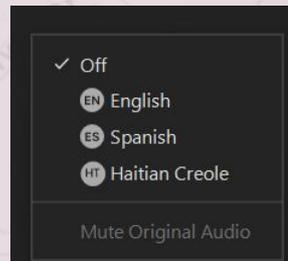
- Your microphones are turned off to start. You will need to unmute to speak. Joining via phone? Press ***6** to unmute.
 - Tu micrófono está apagado al empezar. Tendrás que reactivarlo para hablar. ¿Participando por teléfono? Presiona *6 para reactivar el micrófono.
 - *Mikwo w fèmen pou kòmanse. Ou pral bezwen ouvri mikwo a pou w pale. W ap konekte pa telefòn? Peze *6 pou ouvri mikwo a.*
- You can use non-verbal feedback options. Raise your hand or leave a message in the chat box if you have a question. If you called into the meeting, use ***9** to raise your hand.
 - Puedes utilizar las opciones de reacción no verbales. O dejar un mensaje en el chat si tienes alguna pregunta. Si estás llamando por teléfono usa *9 para levantar la mano.
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- Si hablas español y prefieres escuchar la reunión en esta lengua utiliza el botón de “Interpretation” (Interpretación) para acceder al canal de audio en español.
- *Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen e w prefere tande reyinyon an nan lang sa a tanpri sèvi ak bouton "Interpretation" (Entèpretation) pou w jwenn aksè ak chèn odyo pou Kreyòl Ayisyen an.*





Charlotte

Welcome!

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square Transportation Action Plan

Community Meeting August 15, 2023





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Group Norms

1. **Maintain respect for others in this space (*consultants, community members, and municipal agencies*).**
2. **Use “I” statements. If you are representing a neighborhood association or group, please share when speaking.**
3. **Step up and step back.**
4. **There will be a good amount of time for reaction and discussion at the end, please try to limit your questions until then.**



Chavella

INTRO POLL

1. **What is your main way of traveling through Mattapan Square? (walk, bike, car, public transit, other)**
2. **Why is this your primary way to get around?**
3. **What is your home zip code?**

(If you can't get the poll to work, feel free to use the Chat)



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Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Meet the Team





Charlotte

Public Sector Team

BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPT



Charlotte Fleetwood
Project Manager,
Mattapan Square



Maya Mudgal
Transit Planner



Kirstie Hostetter
Project Manager,
BHA TAP

MassDOT/MBTA

Erik Scheier
MBTA Capital Delivery

Andrew McFarland
MBTA Transit Priority

AJ Tanner
Mattapan Line Transformation

Benjamin Muller
MassDOT District 6
(Blue Hill Ave/Boston)

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

- Office of Housing
- Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion
- Boston Planning & Development Agency
- Office of Neighborhood Services
- Office of New Urban Mechanics
- Office of Arts and Culture
- Disabilities Commission
- Age Strong Commission



Kenya Beaman
Community
Engagement Manager
BPDA

DCR

Stella Lensing
Planner, Project Manager



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Engagement Team

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Consult LeLa



Shavel'le
Olivier



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Lee-Pacheco



Ishmael D.
Hazelwood

Powerful Pathways



Allentza Michel



Zani'ah Brown

That Bike Lady



Vivian Ortiz

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council
Mattapan Square Main Streets





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Engagement Team: Consult LeLa



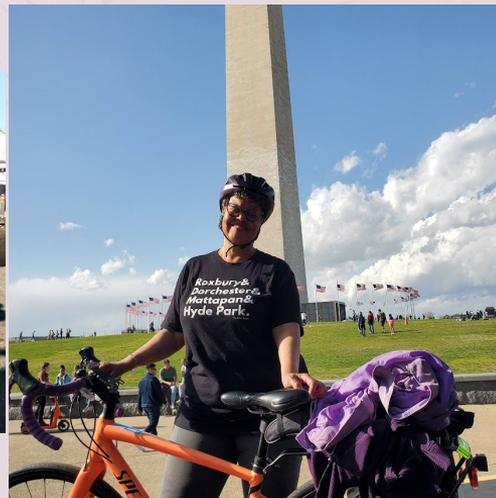
A community engagement firm dedicated to making planning the future of our neighborhood an enjoyable and accessible experience for all. When we design for everyone and from a place of joy, we can create a world that works for everyone!



Vivian

Engagement Team: Vivian Ortiz, That Bike Lady

Mattapan resident focused on reaching out to individuals who are often not invited to participate in the public process. They may not be familiar with planning efforts, including those that may benefit them.





Vivian

Meeting Goals

- Goal 1:** Ground ourselves in the purpose of the project, it's aspect, and a shared understanding of the facts,
- Goal 2:** Share with residents how this process will move forward, clarifying the decision-making process
- Goal 3:** Expand opportunities for participants to express what they would like to see, and promote dialogue between different users of the Square
- Goal 4:** Continue strengthening the relationship between the City and the Mattapan community



Vivian

Tonight's Agenda

1. Project Background
2. What Will Happen in Mattapan Square
3. Which Decisions Remain
4. What Happens Next
5. Q&A + How to Get Involved



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Project Background

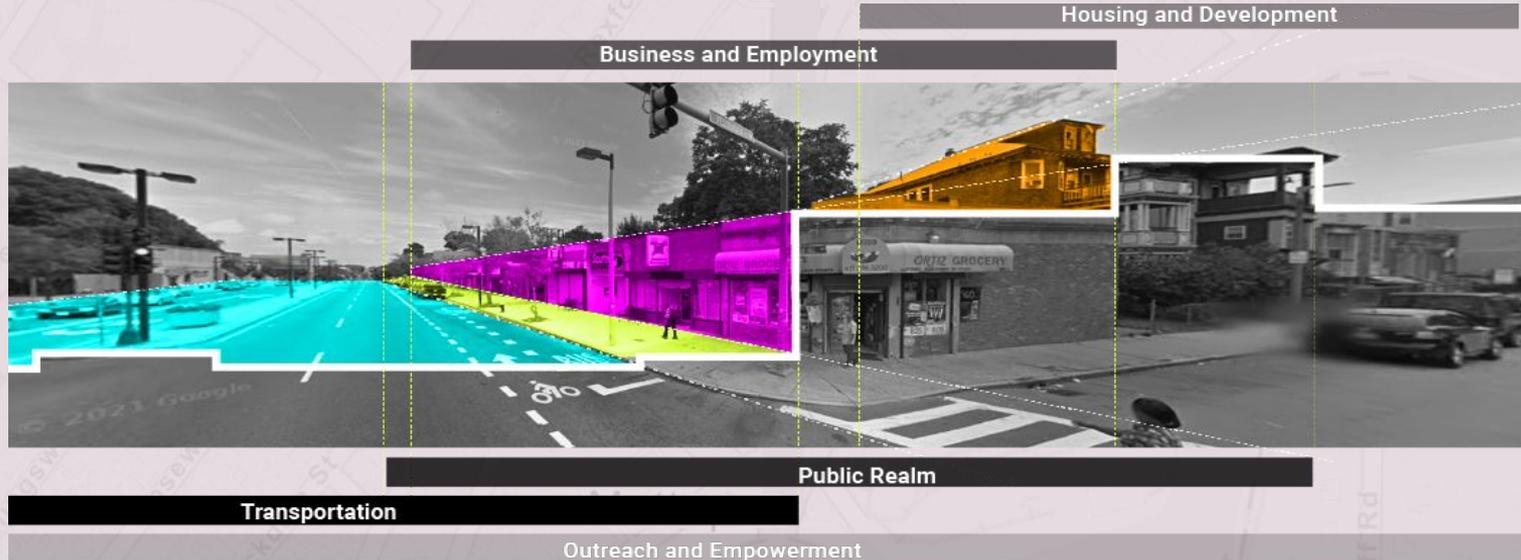




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Blue Hill Ave Project Goals

- Goal 1:** Improve pedestrian safety along Blue Hill Ave
- Goal 2:** Expand transportation options and reliability
- Goal 3:** Connect infrastructure investments to the work of other City departments and State agencies



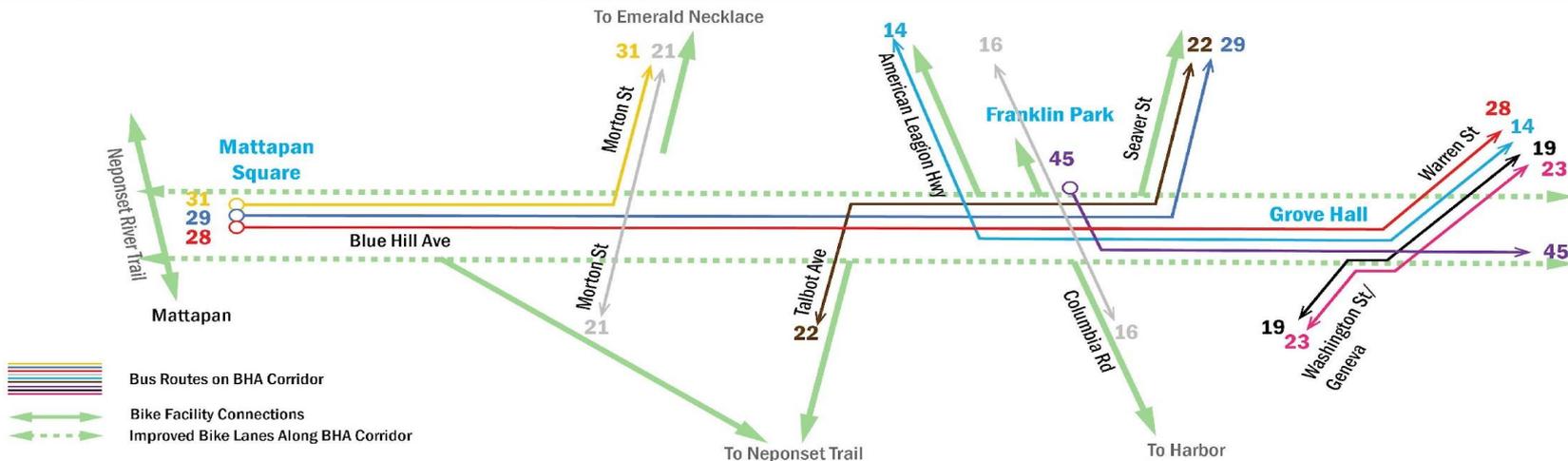


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Bus Riders on Blue Hill Avenue

Blue Hill Avenue serves 10 different bus routes. Of these bus riders:

- **56%** are from low-income households
- **85%** consider themselves a racial or ethnic minority
- **52%** do not have access to a car
- **96%** walk or bike to reach the bus





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Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

What Will Happen in Mattapan Square?



1. Accessible Parking Spaces



Mattapan

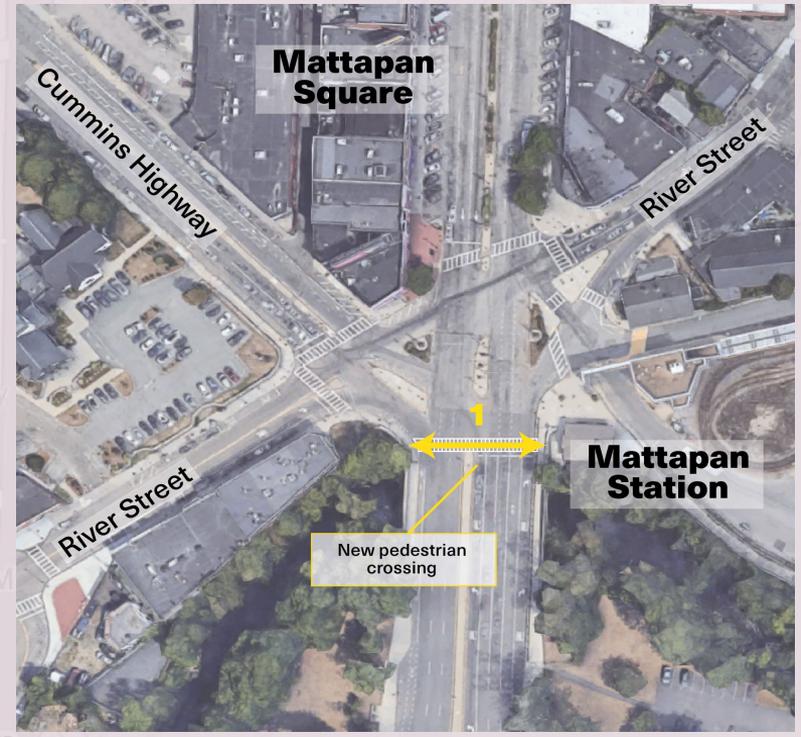
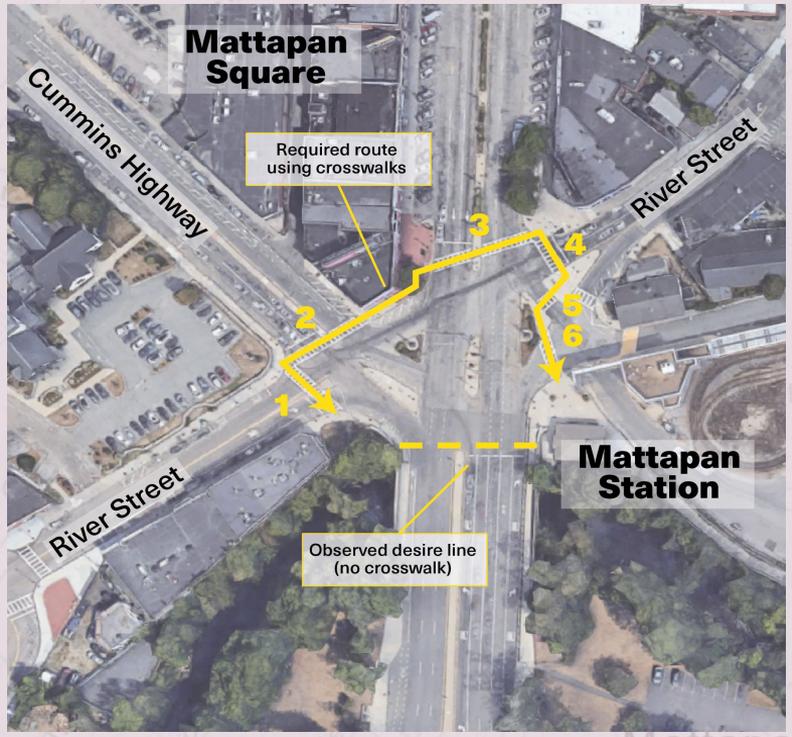
2. Smooth and Accessible Sidewalks; Parking Spaces That Are Up to Code

	Existing <i>Angled parking No bus lane</i>	To Code <i>Angled parking No bus lane</i>	Alt. 1 <i>Angled parking Bus lane</i>	Alt. 2 <i>Parallel parking Bus lane Bike lane More street trees</i>
More reliable bus service and accessible boarding	✗	✗	✓	✓
Pedestrians cross fewer lanes of general traffic and have more protection	✗	✗	✓	✓
More sidewalk space for street trees	✗	✗	✗	✓
Protected space for cyclists	✗	✗	✗	✓
Number of on-street parking spaces	91	~70	~77	~47



Mattapan

3. A New Pedestrian Crossing to Mattapan Station; Other Pedestrian Safety Improvements



4. Short Term Improvements to DCR Signals in Mattapan Square

We are working on a plan with DCR to:

- Repair the pedestrian lights and bring them up to code
- Fix the pedestrian push buttons; add audible signals (APS)
- Make Cummins Highway a one-stage crossing if possible; if not, create a pedestrian refuge area



5. Repair and Reinstallation (This Fall or Next Spring) of the RISE Sculpture that was Damaged in a Crash





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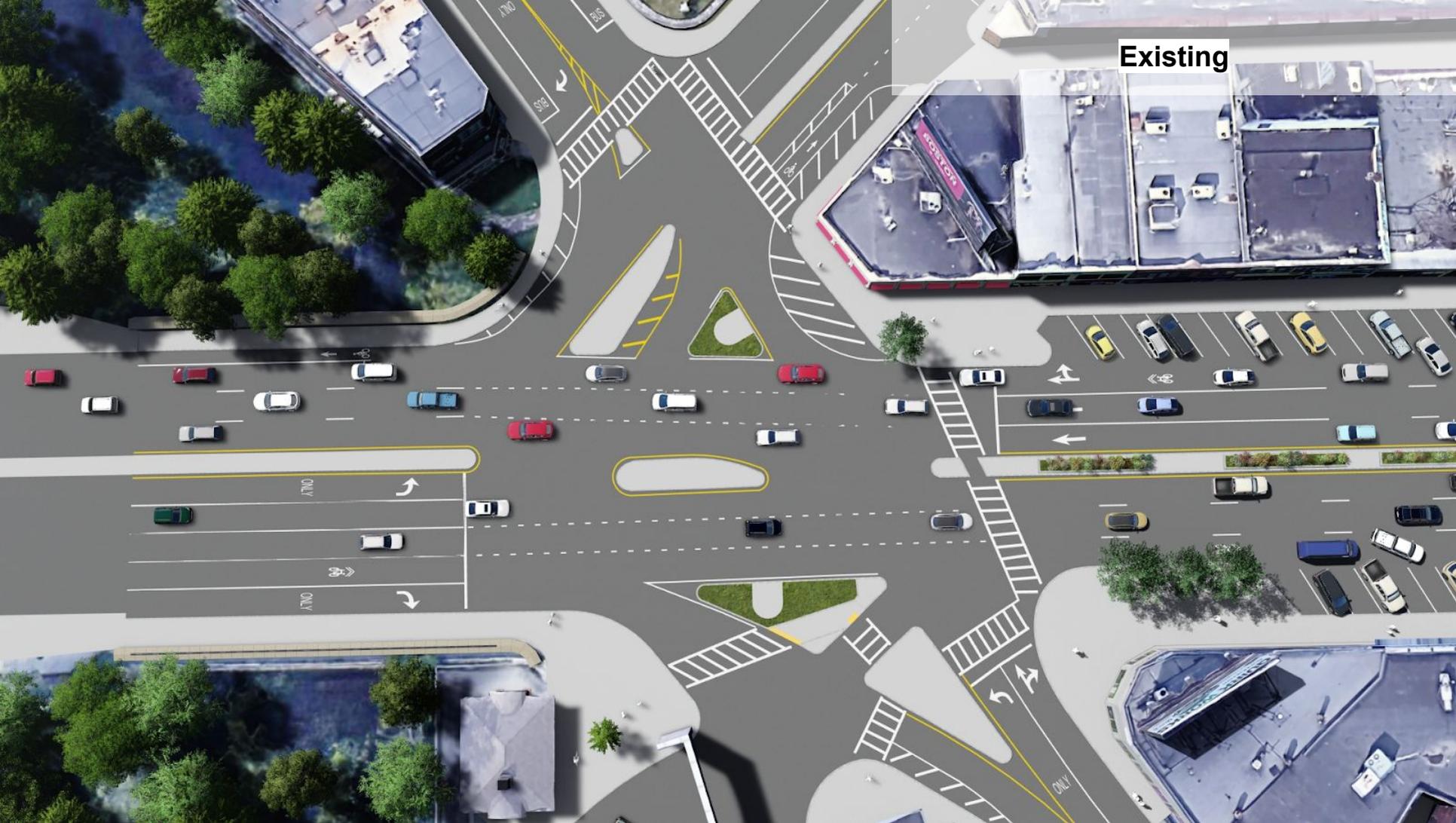
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Which Decisions Remain?

- Final Location of RISE Sculptures



Existing



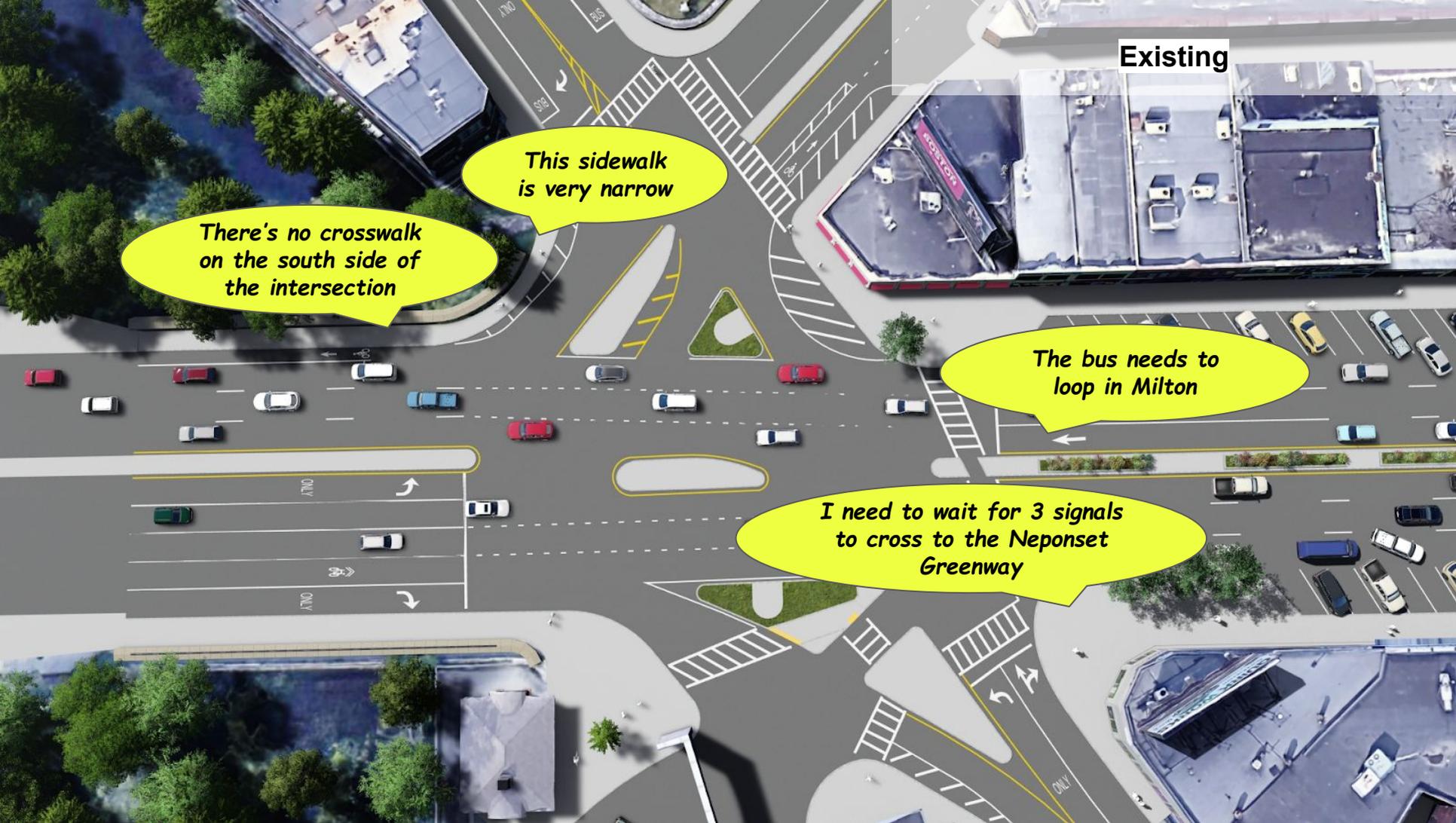
Existing

*This sidewalk
is very narrow*

*There's no crosswalk
on the south side
of the intersection*

*The bus needs to
loop in Milton*

*I need to wait for 3 signals
to cross to the Neponset
Greenway*

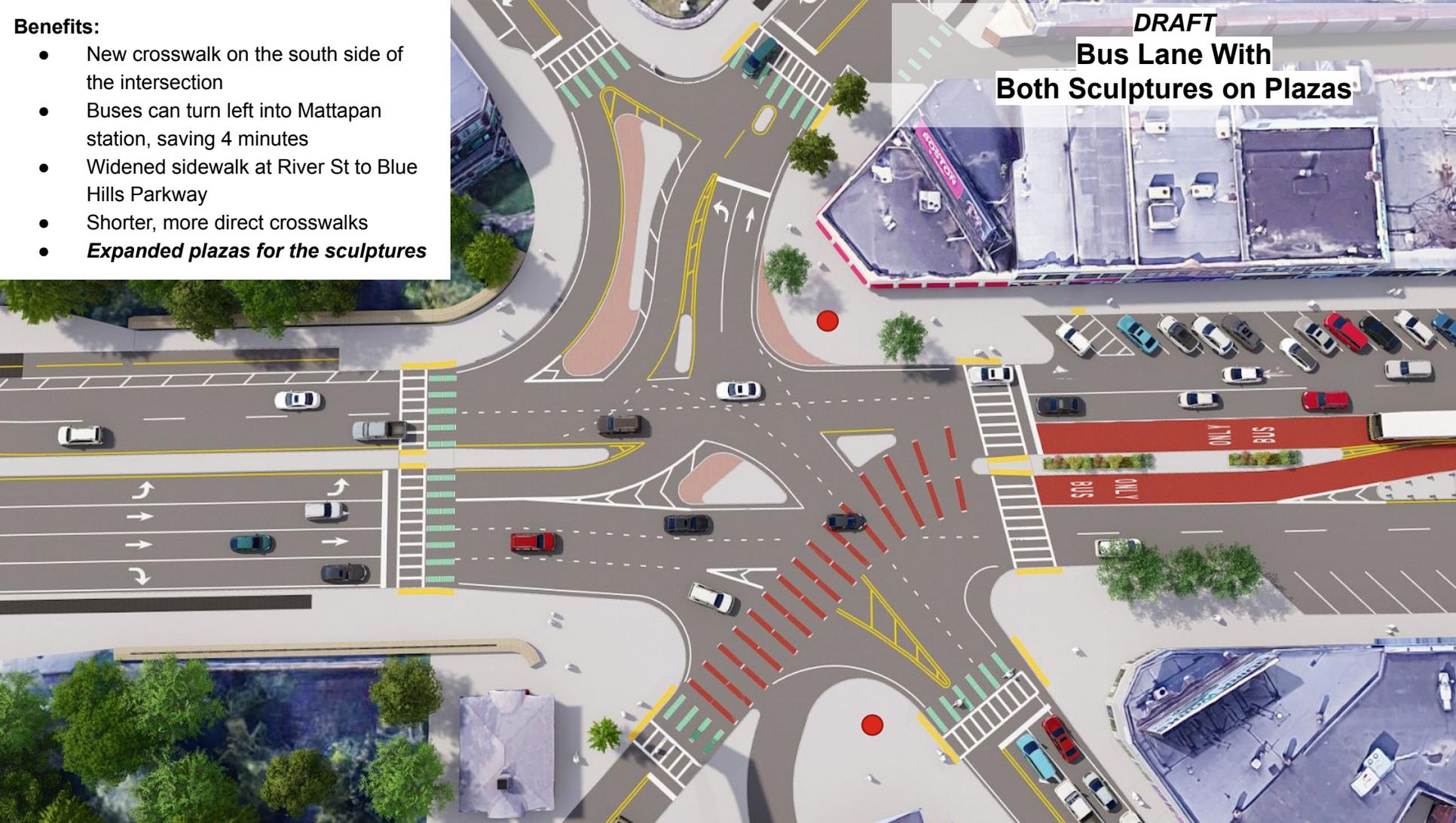


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**Bus Lane With
Both Sculptures on Plazas**

Benefits:

- New crosswalk on the south side of the intersection
- Buses can turn left into Mattapan station, saving 4 minutes
- Widened sidewalk at River St to Blue Hills Parkway
- Shorter, more direct crosswalks
- ***Expanded plazas for the sculptures***



Existing:
RISE Sculptures on Islands



**Draft Future Alternative, North Side:
RISE Sculptures Near
T-Mobile and Kuizinn Lakay**



**Draft Future Alternative:
RISE Sculpture Near T-Mobile**



**Draft Future Alternative
RISE Sculpture Near Kuizinn Lakay**



**Draft Future Alternative, South Side:
RISE Sculptures Near
Blue Hills Parkway and DCR Building**





Charlotte

How Will the Decision on the Final Locations of the RISE Sculptures Be Made?

The decision will be made by city leadership, in consultation with local elected officials, based on guidance from:

- RISE gateway artist Karen Eutemey
 - RISE artist Fern Cunningham passed in 2020
- Residents who created the vision for the gateway and worked to make it happen, and other community members
- Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture
- BTD, BPDA, MBTA, and DCR





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Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Which Decisions Remain:

- Should we have center bus lanes?
- Angle vs. parallel parking? Parallel parking provides:
 - Fewer spaces, but more street trees
 - Fewer spaces, but bike facilities



Draft

**Existing: No Bus Lane
with Angled Parking**



Draft

Existing: No Bus Lane
with Angled Parking



Draft

Alt 1: Bus Lane with Angled Parking



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Alt 1: Bus Lane with
Angled Parking



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**Alt 2: Bus Lane with
Parallel Parking,
More Street Trees,
Bike Lanes**



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**Alt 2: Bus Lane with
Parallel Parking,
More Street Trees,
Bike Lanes**



How will the Decision on the Bus Lanes, Bike Lanes, Parking, and Trees in Mattapan Square be Made?

- **Feedback collected through this process will be foundational in informing the final decision, along with recommendations from BTS, BPDA, MBTA, and DCR.**
- **The decision on the Mattapan Square design will be made by city leadership in consultation with local elected officials at the same time that a decision is made for the rest of the Blue Hill Ave corridor.**
- **A full and detailed summary of community feedback will be made publicly available to both decision-makers and the public as part of the decision-making process.**





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Q + A Discussion





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How to Stay Involved



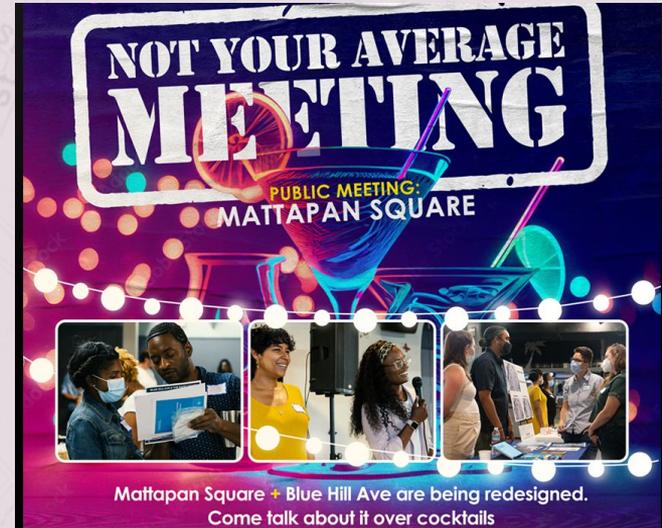


Shavel'le

Friday, September 15, 2023

Attend Consult LeLa's Not Your Average Public Meeting: Mattapan Square Pt 3

Bring a new person!



Register Here: <https://bit.ly/PublicMeetingV3>



Shavel'le

It's Survey Time!
This survey closes Friday, August 18,
midnight!

Please take the parking survey shared in the chat.
It will take you 5 - 7 minutes!



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**MONDAY NIGHT
BIKE RIDES**

Sign up: mondaynightrides/eventbrite.com

Meet at the bench near 1472 Blue Hill Ave at
MATTAPAN STATION
GATHER AT 5:30, ROLL AT 5:45 PM

Need a bike for the ride?
Contact Vivian **NO LATER THAN 4:30 pm** on Monday
for a FREE pass for a Bluebike*
thatbikelady@gmail.com or (617) 514-2617
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Ongoing!
Weekly Evening Bike Ride
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What other questions do you have?

[Let us know using this form!](#)



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