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7/23/2022 8:49:1	In what ways will the community be at the forefront of this redesign and what benefits will they draw from it?	N/A	N/A		
7/28/2022 18:50:	Who are the community leaders that are apart of this?		How can I support?		
9/12/2022 19:24:	Can the city look at the concurrent pedestrian and vehicle intersection of Blue Hill and Morton going in the direction to Blue Hill Avenue.	The current situation is dangerous for pedestrians.			
9/12/2022 19:43:	What can be done to relieve the Morton st and bluehill avenue of traffick back ups and aswell how can we address the bus stop locations for more safe boarding and y boarding	Adjust the light timing and spacing if bud tops from the intersection			
10/19/2022 17:34	Will there be additional lighting and police in the area	Lights in Mattapan are dimmer than certain parts of the city NA			
10/25/2022 20:15	What are the plans for community education/outreach to reassure people's concerns?				
10/25/2022 20:28	MBTA should not be middle of street, it make life feel like a forest. No way out. Once you're in	Residential, Business, and riders will be hurt. Due to lack of attention, congestion and limited time of client.	Really and truly keep the residents information at a goo time.		
10/29/2022 11:01	Will there be bus lanes and stops similar to the ones along Columbus ave in Eggleston?	The medians along the length of blue hill ave are pretty vast and rerouting bus traffic along the center might make for a smoother commute during morning and evening rush hours	What locations are being considered for the green spaces?		
11/10/2022 23:15	1. For decades residents have asked for more trash cans, more cleaning services, more parking, more prevention of double parking, better road conditions, and better signs. How come this has not been addresses in three mayoral administrations but new additions like bike lanes are prioritized? 2. Blue Hill Ave is part of 28 and is suppose to be an evacuation route how will the project address moving large amounts of people from the city and outside the city quickly and safely.	Blue Hill is often called the spine of Boston because touches so many neighborhoods in Boston. Many of these neighborhoods have few transit options. The 28 bus is one of the longest routes in the system in the city and transports a lot of people. The neighborhoods along this route have been redlined and many commercial businesses have been forced out or left, thus leaving many residents with no choice to leave their community for work, healthcare, entertainment, school, and shopping. Some of these communities rely on businesses in the suburbs because they are closer. Many of the residents also live in multigenerational homes. Thus in the redesign these things must be considered. Also not all residents are in touch or involved in community groups or have access to technology. Work must be done on the ground in the community consistently. If Boston wants to go carefree, we need to create equitable transportation options for all and not cater to the wants of certain communities. Many cyclists advocates are employed, able body, people living in communities that have walkable diverse commercial space, good schools, at most two generation households, and wide range of access to various MBTA options. Please consider communities that do not have that and not further isolate and make our lives difficult. Traffic in the last five years has become awful despite the increase of remote work.	A free municipal lot at Mattapan station so people can park and ride. A free larger lot at Forrest Hills. Extending bus service and train service on the weekends. A free municipal lots on Blue Hill to encourage more business in the neighborhood and reduce double parking especially for delivery vehicles like the Post Office, Amazon, Uber, and etc. Repairing all sidewalks on the route. Keep bus pick up from the sidewalk to prevent people from running in the street to catch the bus. Update crosswalks. Allow school buses, shuttle vans, and post office trucks to use the bus lane. Create express bus routes for rush hour. Do not push parking out because drives can not see people at the start of the crosswalk if there is cars parking on the road. Instead reduce the sidewalk to add bike lanes and keep parking where it is at.	02136	Drive, walk, bus
11/10/2022 23:43	Why does the city want to add a bus lane in the middle of Blue Hill Ave?	N/A	None	02124	Drive
11/11/2022 2:11:4	Is the city planning to thoroughly screw its blue collar citizens by pushing bus only and bike lanes?	I am referring to the entirety of the length of the street. DO NOT ADD A BUS ONLY LANE THAT WOULD REMAIN EMPTY 80% of the day. The majority of the people in the neighborhoods blue hill ave runs through need to use cars to get to work ON TIME or to drive traffic to their businesses. Please focus your energy on making the T functional->exceptional before asking citizens to depend solely on an undependable system. If a bus brakes down the T's answer is to just wait for then next but if you want people to depend on you that is not acceptable. It is blatantly obvious that the bike lanes are for WHITE COLLAR WHITE PEOPLE not the BLUE COLLAR BLACK & BROWN CITIZENS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS CITY.		02121	Drive
11/12/2022 13:57	Could you provide the slides for the community meetings online, as well as prepare minutes? It's difficult to review the public meetings except by watching the whole video, which is very time-consuming.			02135	Bus

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11/15/2022 19:12	Why are the lanes being reduced? How can traffic be reduced?	Bluehill ave needs to be multiple lanes	Can this process be stopped?	02121	Drive
11/15/2022 19:23	The traffic pattern changing	Morton street	I know the city needs money but why are you doing this? You don't care about the inconvenience it will create. What about when it snows?	02124	Bus
11/15/2022 19:25	With there being more automobiles than bicycles and snow/paved piles to come, why would we need bike/bus lanes to add to the rush hour congestion?	More specificied congested areas such as Grove Hall area/Blue Hill+Seaver, Blue Hill and Dudley St., Mattapan Square.		02124	Drive
11/15/2022 21:00	How will the changes affect parking? What are the focuses of the change? How much of an input does the neighborhood have?	Morton and blue hill Ave		02126	Drive
11/17/2022 5:35	Are you all crazy. Were are all the public going to park. Our neighborhood are loaded now. please STOP	all of it Quincy st blue hill is a disaster and all the other streets branching off blue ave you all for don't live here we do. Blue hill ave has so much traffic on it every day until it is ridiculous and from 3:00am7:00am it's a death trap waiting to happen. We got enough drama over here every one of you all get out of your bed and come and sit on all the streets that run off of blue hill.	We understand that you claim or think you are helping us but you're NOT UNTIL YOU MOVE HERE YOU ARE MAKING IT WOOOORST	02125	Drive
1/18/2023 16:09	For this plan has a local businesses been notified and have their input or basically has a significant transparently this whole entire process	From Grove Hall to Madison Square East and West on North and South	Boston transportation Department contact pressure should answer people's phone calls in the past 3 to 4 months	02126	Bus
1/20/2023 12:48	Safety at Blue Hill Ave & American Legion Highway	<p>Hello - I wanted to express my concern for the safety at the intersection of Blue Hill Ave & American Legion Highway. I am frequently traveling across Blue Hill Ave at this intersection with my two daughters aged 1 and 3 to access Franklin Park. We love going to the park, but getting there is quite scary. This intersection is extremely dangerous, as the cars turn right without stopping, even at a red light or when the crosswalk lights are going. The cars drive super fast and don't even look to see if someone is in the crosswalk. I have to literally wave them down while holding my stroller in order to stop them to cross - putting my life and my young daughters' lives in jeopardy.</p> <p>This intersection needs major re-work in order to safely allow pedestrians to cross. My recommendations include: - adding a "No Turning Right on Red" sign - adding speed limit signs that actively tell the speed someone is going to reduce speeding - adding flashing lights in the crosswalk to alert the attention of the drivers that someone is crossing.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter so Dorchester residents can access Franklin Park safely.</p>	Thank you for your attention to this matter so Dorchester residents can access Franklin Park safely.	02124	Walk
1/24/2023 18:26	I don't have one		no	02119	Drive
1/24/2023 19:10	How is this project really serving for the route change. The residents or out of town residents to be able to commute faster home.	The entire blue hill traffic is horrible	The bikes lane being added.	02121	Drive

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2/20/2023 8:02:4	Why not a train?	This is the busiest bus corridor in the city, the state, and all of New England. I truly find it disappointing that there is so much debate about dedicated bus lanes when the discussion should really be about upgrading the corridor for a return of light rail. The capacity is clearly there, what is lacking is the will to stand up to car drivers, who are generally more privileged than transit riders and whose traveling choices have disproportionate impacts on others. We need you to be bolder, if you get this much pushback to simple bus lanes why not actually propose what is really needed?	Do not eliminate the center running bus lanes from the plan unless it is for center running train lines. The Columbus avenue lanes work really well for improving travel times for bus riders and it seems to have minimal impact on driving through the corridor. Geometry opposes the car here and the busses that carry far more people in far less space should be granted the physical space to operate without being encumbered by automobile traffic. The center running lanes are also way better than right side lanes. The difference between the number of cars in the bus lane on Columbus vs the number of cars in the lane on Washington is incredibly stark. Right hand lanes seem to encourage double parking, deliveries, and turning vehicles to occupy the bus lane while center running lanes discourage and sometimes physically block cars from entering. This makes the bus lanes on Columbus dramatically more effective than those on Washington. Center running lanes need to be the minimum standard now.	02130	Drive
2/22/2023 19:12:	I am a cyclist concerned about double parked cars	I am a cyclist and find going northbound between talbot ave and the corner of franklin park at american leagion highway to be tricky because of cars parked on the bike lane--- you can't fit between the double and single parked cars and you dont want to be out there in the constricted travel lane.	because blue hill avenue is straight it is frequently not the optimal bike route since it does not avoid the hills. the segment refered to above is an example of connecting flat streets such as talbot, newengland, norfolk, babson, to some peacefull routes through franklin park to roxbury destinations. the piece along blue hill is hair raising and i dont want to encourage bicyclists to threaten pedestrians by using the sidewalks.	2130.2696	Bus
2/23/2023 8:33:5	I don't want to be killed biking on Blue Hill Ave - How will you ensure that doesn't happen?	Especially dangerous areas include the section between Circuit Drive & American Legion Parkway and in front of 868 Blue Hill Ave, where cars often triple park.	the city needs to create true cycling infrastructure along this corridor, and for that to happen some parking and some travel lanes will have to be eliminated.	02121	Bike
2/24/2023 12:02:	will the route for bus number 28 and 31 stay the same			02124	Bus
2/28/2023 19:41:	Aside from the Sept 2024 deadline, what limitations are there for using the federal funding--specifically in the final design?			02130	Bike
3/9/2023 13:10:1	How are you polling bicyclists who use streets near the blue hill corridor?	In many cases bicyclists are using routes which follow the geography using blue hill avenue mostly where it follows a moderate grade, or where it is not terrifying because of high speeds and being diverted into high speed travel lanes by double parked vehicles.	try to become aware of intersecting corridors used by bicycles eg. through parkland and neighborhoods which may be connected together by blue hill avenue.	02130	cross corridor on bus and bicycle
4/2/2023 11:51:1	Why bike lanes when no one ride bike here			02124	Drive
4/10/2023 16:14:	Instead of revamping the entire bluehill ave need to be fix with the pot holes, bump and traffic lights needs to be do over	The entire blue hill ave from grove hall to Mattapan need the entire street re-done leave the bus route on as is	No one lane it will be even worst than what it is	02126	Drive
4/11/2023 9:20:1	Why we concentrate on bikes when most residents do not use them that is the city want to install a blue bike rack at the front entrance of Le hunt playground without any input from the community one shot that down because one that entrance is a very lot of foot traffic people that are already at the park are not going to use a bike to ride anywhere in the city it was one put at the corner of elmont and blew her laugh that is no longer there again why we looking on bikes I do not feel safemy main concern only individuals from I say outside the community when it's inside the community it is supposed to be initiative that is by the residents for instance city of Boston wanted to put blue bikes in the entrance at the park on elmont Street	Almont and Blue Hill Ave	The bottom of my concerns is also the highly populated areas and how will this bike route effects the MBTA plans for buses driving down the middle where we have two lanes or shall I say four lanes that will be into two lanes because the bus lines will take up the middle of a little laugh all the way from that opinion squared to Grove Hall and all the businesses where will parking be especially in Mattapan Square a very high congested area for traffic and car traffic and causing other streets like woodhaven Street which is a street with people cut through as well as	02126	Walk
4/11/2023 9:48:5	Will the current traffic pattern change that will make the ave more narrow which will cause more congestion		Please don't make this avenue more narrow. No matter what some may think that people need take public transportation there will be a lot still driving. The changes that were made on seaver st are an absolute failure. And I am a life long resident of the area	02121	Drive
4/12/2023 14:23:	I do not agree with a bus line going down Blue Hill avenue. I hate the triple parking and the potholes			02124	Drive
4/14/2023 19:52:	We need many more public parking please used lots available for parking.	In front of the Franklin park, the Harvard clinic need a costumer parking. Business don't have place to park costumers.	Business need more parking space for costumer.	02121	Drive

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4/18/2023 11:29:	no questions right now		please add my email to the newsletter subscription listserv, thank u	02124	Bus
4/19/2023 5:02:5	How can improvements made without causing traffic to back up?	I see the changes made on American Legion and hope that same approach is not going to be used on Blue Hill Ave.	How can you safe signage along Blue Hill Ave that you are seeking input from folks riding the bus, walking, driving and biking that you are seeking input from those who travel on Blue Hill Ave? Do you have money for a billboard that says How do you want this street to improve with an easy web site or QR code? Or for example text 3333 to a number to get the link to your survey. This thoroughfare seems to need special outreach given the implications of what might change. Thanks for your work!	02130	Drive
4/25/2023 20:47:	No middle bus lane please	River St & Cummins Hwy		02126	Drive, walk, bus & bike
4/26/2023 7:57:4	Have 95%-100% of the businesses been included for input and yay or nay regarding Blue Hill Ave Corridor redesign???	<p>The entire BH Ave Corridor is impacted. There is not adequate parking for businesses and patrons. Driving to/from Mattapan to Grove Hall (& Dudley Town Common) is a challenge if one wants/needs to purchase, dine in, pick up or drop off anywhere along BH Ave.</p> <p>Center running bus lanes will create more of traffic nightmare to accommodate Bus frequency -timeliness. Already the pilot Columbus Ave -Egleston Square is safety hazard nightmare for residents, children, and all schools on the side streets. Traffic from Seaver/ Columbus Ave are using the residential side streets to avoid high traffic volume due to center running bus lanes. Accidents and fatalities have already occurred. Delivery trucks, The RIDE, UPS, USPS, FedEx, Amazon are forced to double park and obstruct designated Single Travelling Lane for motor vehicles and trucks, on both sides. Workers from the suburbs utilize BH AVE as major artery to/from Boston, to avoid I-93 Expressway which is a nightmare during rush hours-known fact that is just shy of a parking lot.</p> <p>No one wants center running bus lanes when it creates and impacts safety hazards for residents and businesses along the entire BH Ave corridor.</p> <p>Already witnessed motorcycles, dirt bikes, impatient or confused motorists use center running bus lanes due to traffic back-up congestion along Columbus Ave/Egleston Square. Egleston Library patrons/families are impact challenged for those who need parking.</p>	<p>LISTEN to those in BH Ave Corridor Community MOST IMPACTED by this suggested/planned redesign. MBTA is short on drivers, buses nearing its lifespan, electric buses in the works, electric infrastructure NOT fully in place. What happens if electric infrastructure has temporary power shortage??? Electric batteries do poorly in Frigid temps considering New England winter weather.</p>	02119	Drive
8/17/2023 14:41:	Why doesn't the proposed plan include grade/curb separated bike lanes more extensively?	Further north than Mattapan square, bike infrastructure shifts to parking protected, at best, and sections with paint only. Based on my experience biking on Blue Hill and in other areas of the city, leaving people on bikes without curb protection means drivers will block or drive in the lane. This is a missed opportunity to provide high quality bike infrastructure and it is unlikely additional improvements will happen again for many years.	<p>Why is the pedestrian crossing and island at Talbot and Harvard eliminated? Pedestrian crossings at other intersections are also missing from the alternative/proposed drawing, like at American Legion, Columbia, Franklin Park, etc. This seems like a step back for pedestrians where other changes are improvements.</p> <p>Is there any planned signal separation for buses and bikes?</p>	02124	Bike or bus equivalently