

Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan Short-term Improvements



Crosswalk refresh

Goal

- Repaint faded crosswalks for increased pedestrian visibility

Location

- All crosswalks along Blue Hill Avenue

Status

- Beginning Spring 2024 (as weather permits)



Street repaving

Goal

- Repave damaged sections of roadway

Location

- Blue Hill Avenue from American Legion Hwy to Johnston Rd; Westview St to Talbot Ave - Public Works Department (PWD)
- Blue Hill Avenue from Warren St to Dudley St - Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC)

Status

- PWD work - ongoing
- BWSC work - completed August 2024



Pothole filling

Goal

- Fill potholes to reduce risks to vehicles

Location

- All potholes along Blue Hill Avenue, as reported by 311, ONS, and PWD inspectors

Status

- Ongoing
- 54 potholes already filled in 2024 (as of 4/1/24)



Street lighting upgrades

Goal

- Enhance brightness of street lighting for better visibility in the roadway

Location

- Mattapan Sq (between Woodhaven & River St)
- Grove Hall (between Seaver & Warren St)

Status

- Installation in summer 2024
- Over 70 outages already addressed in 2024
- Over 250 lights replaced in last 5 years



RISE Gateway statue reinstatement

Goal

- Reinstall RISE Gateway statue that was knocked down by a driver in 2023
 - Statue has been repaired by a professional conservator

Location

- Intersection of Blue Hill Avenue, River St, Cummins Hwy

Status

- Reinstallation planned for May 2024



Safety Surge - Speed Humps

Goal

- Install speed humps and other traffic calming interventions to reduce vehicle speeds on side streets

Location

- Franklin Field Apartments
- Additional zones can be seen [here](#)

Status

- Spring/Summer 2024
- Additional zones will be installed according to capacity
- Residents will receive notification in the mail 2 weeks prior to installation



Sidewalk repairs

Goal

- Repair broken and cracked sidewalks to improve accessibility

Location

- Sidewalks along Blue Hill Avenue as reported by 311, ONS, and PWD field inspections

Status

- Spring/Summer 2024



Signal retiming

Goal

- Increase pedestrian crossing times
- Better coordination between signals for smoother vehicle movements
- Reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians

Location

- Intersections along Blue Hill Avenue

Status

- Technical analysis underway
- Retiming planned for 2024



Green roofs on bus shelters

Goal

- Install green roofs on existing bus shelters to capture stormwater, improve air quality, and combat the urban heat island effect

Location

- Blue Hill Ave @ Mattapan Sq
- Blue Hill Ave @ Angell St
- Blue Hill Ave @ Arbutus St
- Blue Hill Ave @ Babson St
- Blue Hill Ave @ Calendar St
- Blue Hill Ave @ Castlegate Rd
- Blue Hill Ave @ Greenock St
- Blue Hill Ave @ Johnston Rd
- Blue Hill Ave @ Mattapan Library
- Blue Hill Ave @ Wellington Hill St
- Blue Hill Ave @ Westview St
- Blue Hill Ave @ Woodrow Ave
- Blue Hill Ave @ Woolson St
- Blue Hill Ave opp Health Center
- Blue Hill Ave opp Woodhaven St

Status

- Installation in spring 2024
- Maintenance will be ongoing



Learn more

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