



April 10, 2024

Dorchester - WHITE STADIUM NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP

CITY of BOSTON

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COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

- For all participants:
 - **Maintain respect for others in this space.**
 - **Use “I” statements and share if you are representing a neighborhood association or group.**
 - **Prioritize Dorchester residents’ comments about transportation.**
 - **Limit your comments to two minutes**
 - **Give and take air time.**
- For the project team:
 - We will collect and review your feedback from questions during discussion and the polls.
 - We will answer as many questions in the chat as we can.
 - If your comments are not addressed during the discussion, please reach us at whitestadium@boston.gov



WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Project Overview
2. Transportation Planning Approach
3. Proposed Multi-modal Plan for NWSL games at White Stadium
4. Applying the plan
5. Discussion

Presenters: City of Boston

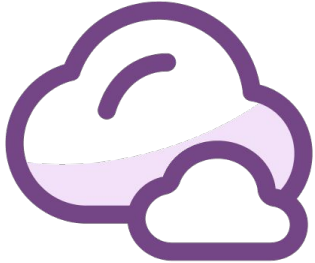
- Dion Irish, Chief of Operations
- Anshi Moreno, Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office
- Nick Gove, Transportation Commissioner
- William Moose, Boston Transportation Dept
- Brian Beisel, Howard Stein Hudson, Boston Unity Soccer

Available for Q&A:

- Morgan McDaniel, Deputy Chief of Operations, City of Boston



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What transportation topics do you want to see covered today about transportation at White Stadium?

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Why Pursue This Opportunity?

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Renovating White Stadium Has Been Discussed For Decades, Without Any Outcomes.

1970

White Stadium Cost: \$5 Million

The Boston Redevelopment Authority yesterday proposed conversion of White Stadium as a site for the Patriots after Harvard again rejected the pro football club's request to use Harvard Stadium. Details of the B.R.A. plan are:

PRICE — Knowledgeable people who have inspected the facility say it can be enlarged to 50,000 seats for less than \$5 million.

They point out that in the past two years, Tampa, Fla., and Memphis, Tenn., have constructed football stadiums seating in the vicinity of 50,000 for less than \$4 million. The \$5 million repair job at White Stadium would be the first stadium proposal in this area for less than \$25 million.

FINANCING — The money necessary for the

enlargement could come either through public or private financing. The Boston Redevelopment Authority could float a bond issue covering the cost of rebuilding White Stadium. The B.R.A. would back up the bonds with a long term lease from the Patriots, guaranteeing a certain rental figure per year.

For example, if a bond of \$4 million were floated over 30 years, the Patriots would sign a lease guaranteeing \$150,000 per year. Over 30 years this would run to \$4.5 million.

Further revenues could be derived from concessions and other rentals.

USAGE — Since it was opened in 1967, the 10,515-seat White Stadium has been used for the schoolboys for football track. Exponents of a large White Stadium for a plan which would retain the track facility Astro-Turf the field, turf, or some other artificial surface, would schoolboys, and pros to use it without any fear playing surface ruined.

PROPOSAL, Page

1990

Many benches in the stands are broken.

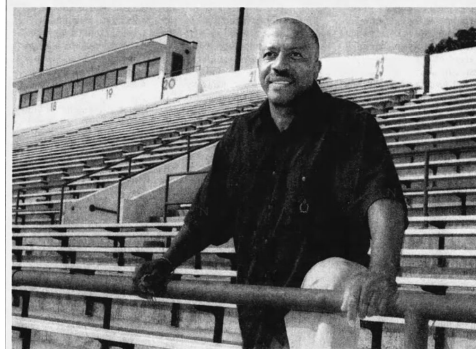
A closeup of one of the broken benches.

FRANKLIN PARK

Young athletes still await stadium's rehab

City's promised \$2m renovation of Hub students' sports facility delayed since 1984

2000



GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/GEORGE RUTER

Kenneth Still, the new athletic director for Boston's public schools, at White Stadium. "I can remember this whole side of the stadium ... cheering on a track team," he says.

JAMAICA PLAIN

Man with a dream: filling those empty seats at White Stadium

2013

LOCAL NEWS

July 2nd, 2013

Proposal to renovate Franklin Park's White Stadium draws favorable reaction

Martin Desmarais

2015

A plan to restore Franklin Park's jewel

► WALKER

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Fish said he will kick off the fund-raising campaign with \$5 million out of his pocket, as he did when he began Boston Scholar Athletes. Mayor Thomas M. Menino has endorsed the plan and the city's financial commitment to it. Fish said he believes the business community will be eager to invest in the project as well, that they simply haven't been approached.

The stadium and community center is a small but important investment, Fish said, in Boston's youth.

"It's about our future," he said. "We are the first genera-

Its current condition was summed up by a rusted padlock.

tion to leave the world worse off than we found it. This is a little step in doing something about that. White Stadium will stay the way it is for the next 20 years if we don't do something about it."

Adrian Walker is a Globe columnist. He can be reached at walker@globe.com. Follow him on Twitter @Adrian_Walker.



LAURIE SWOPE FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE/FILE 2003

Fundraising for a \$45 million project to return White Stadium to its former glory is set to kick off on Wednesday.

Past plans have never succeeded at finding the right combination of funding, partnership, and public benefits that prioritizes city residents.



Public Facilities



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Public Schools

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Mayor Michelle Wu

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Benefits of a Public-Private Community Partnership for Franklin Park as a whole.

- Deliver **higher quality amenities and programs** than the City could on its own
 - Sustainable maintenance partner to preserve investments
 - Outdoor and indoor amenities: high quality field, 400M track, athletic hub with public amenities
- Create new **pathways to prosperity**
 - New jobs at all construction stages
 - MWBEs and local business opportunities
 - Community Benefits Fund
- Accelerate implementation of the **Franklin Park Action plan**
- Provide **support for other large events** at the park



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Sample Future Schedule

*Boston Unity Soccer would use <10% of all available field hours.

- Community Events
- BPS Athletics
- Boston Unity
- BPRD Summer Camp

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Puerto Rican Festival	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	Special Olympics
	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Boston Unity Game
	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Boston Unity Practice	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	
	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	
	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	NCAA X Country meet
	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Boston Unity Game
	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Boston Unity Practice	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Caribbean Kiddie Festival	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	BPRD Summer Camp	
	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	Summer Conditioning	
	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	Track & Field	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Cheerleading Practice	Cheerleading Practice	Cheerleading Practice	Cheerleading Practice	Cross Country Practice	Track & Field practice
	Cross Country Practice	Cross Country Practice	Cross Country Practice	Cross Country Practice	Soccer Practice	Boston Unity Game
	Soccer Game	Soccer Practice	Soccer Practice	Soccer Practice	Boston Unity Practice	



Transportation Planning Approach

KEY QUESTION

- How do we best mitigate traffic congestion for NWSL soccer game days to serve both residents and visitors AND improve transportation challenges for existing large events at White Stadium?

OUR APPROACH

- The RFP asked for “a preliminary transportation plan”. Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP) included a multimodal plan in their submission. The City has since collaborated with Boston Unity Soccer to refine this plan using:

**Public
Feedback
(Sept & Oct
Transportation
Meetings)**

**Franklin Park
Action Plan
guidelines**

**City
transportation
initiatives in
nearby areas**

**In-depth
traffic
management
analysis**

**Review of
City
enforcement
tools to apply**

**Review of City &
BUSP new staff
commitments**
(Parks Franklin Park
Administrator, Boston
Unity Soccer
Community
Engagement Director,
etc.)

OUR APPROACH

We then developed transportation goals for game days at White Stadium:



Improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and wayfinding at park entrances.



Make it easy for neighborhood residents and park visitors to get around.



Encourage use of sustainable transportation choices.



Ensure efficient traffic management during large events.



Use new and existing tools to protect parking and mobility in the surrounding neighborhoods, especially during big events.

OTHER EVENTS AT WHITE STADIUM AND THE PLAYSTEAD

White Stadium has continued to be the home to many large events **without transportation plans.**

Game Day transportation plans will serve as a **blueprint for other large events.**

15,000 Spectators



1,000 Spectators



1,000 Spectators



2,200 Spectators

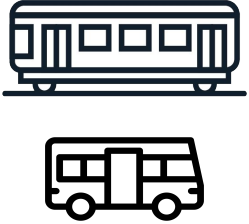




A multi-modal plan for Dorchester

HOW WE EXPECT FOLKS WILL GET TO FRANKLIN PARK ON GAME DAY

Public Transportation



Off Site Parking & Shuttle



Rideshare



Bike



Walk



1. ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



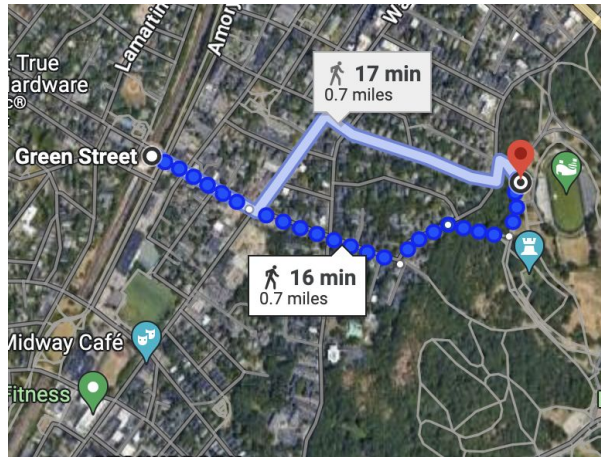
- Our first priority is encouraging people to take transit instead of driving
- Franklin Park is well served by public transit
- Boston Unity Soccer will run shuttles from **Red Line** and **Orange Line** stops
- We will partner with environmental organizations to implement sustainable transportation practices and raise awareness about green options



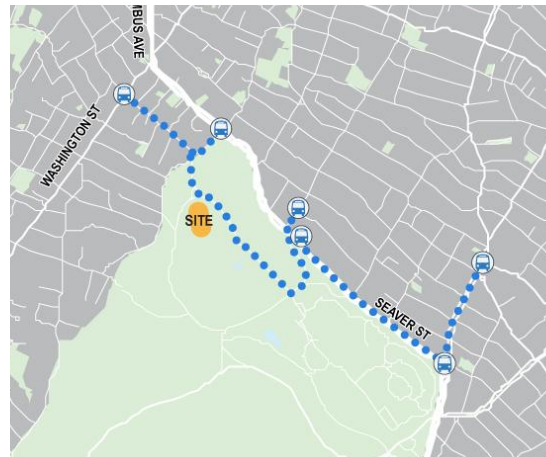
1. ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Public transit is within a walkable distance on both sides of Franklin Park.



Green Street Station to White Stadium
- 16 minutes



Bus stops to White Stadium - 6-15
minutes



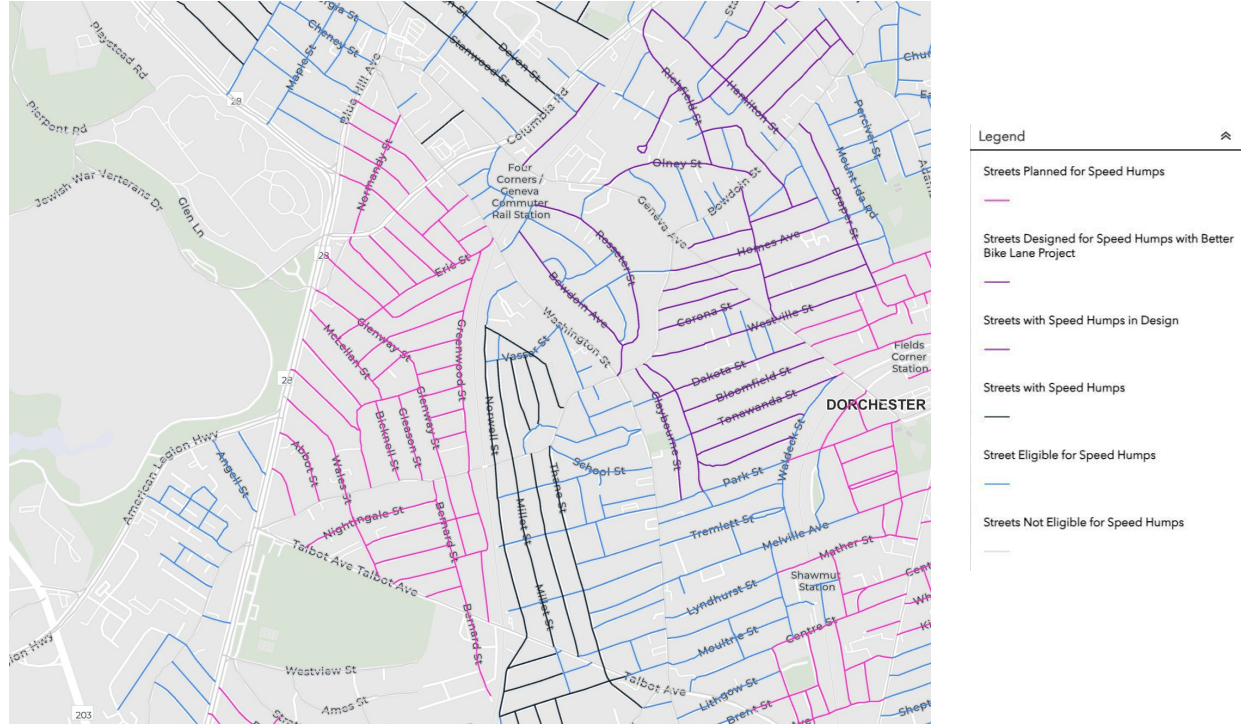
Gillette Stadium Outer Parking Lots
to Entrance - 16 minutes



2. SUPPORT PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS



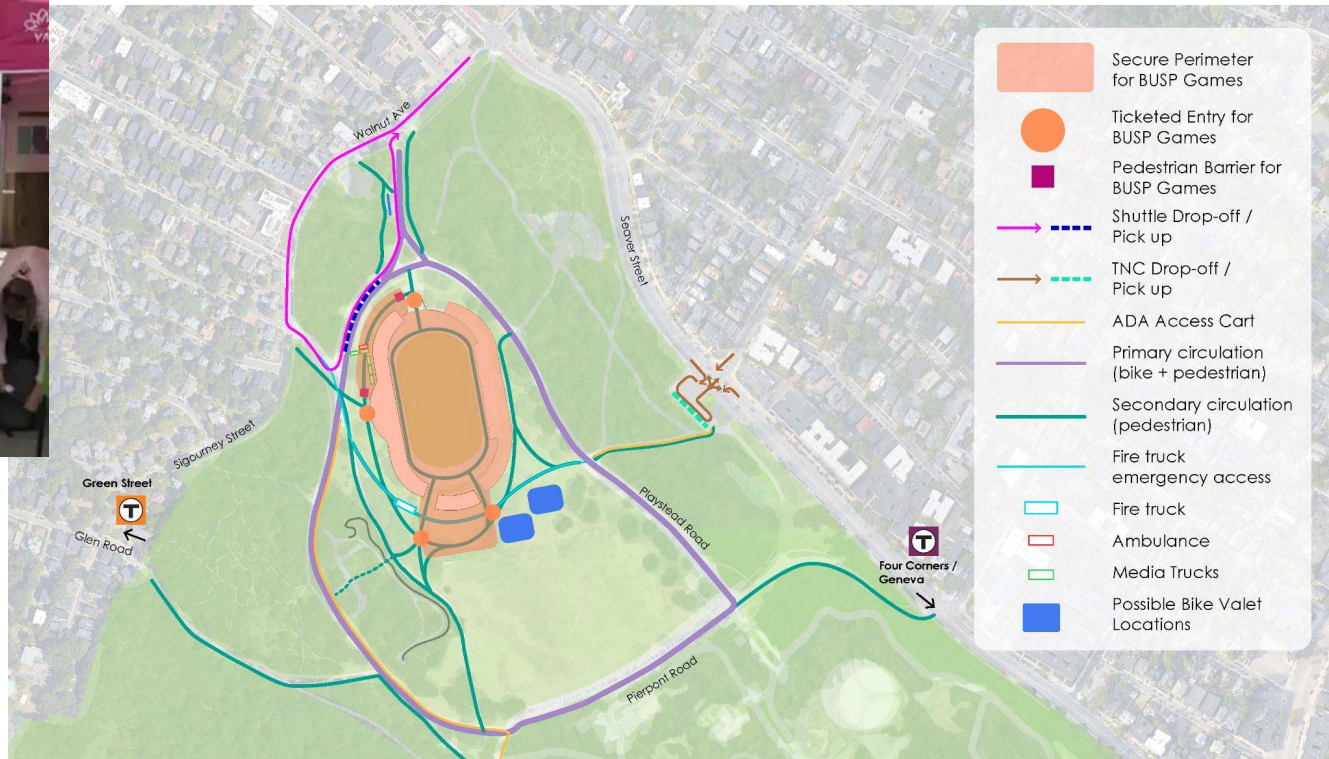
We're moving faster than ever before to make our City streets safer by using speed humps, signal changes, street design tools and other interventions needed to curb speeding, reduce crashes, and make neighborhoods more comfortable for walking, biking, and rolling.



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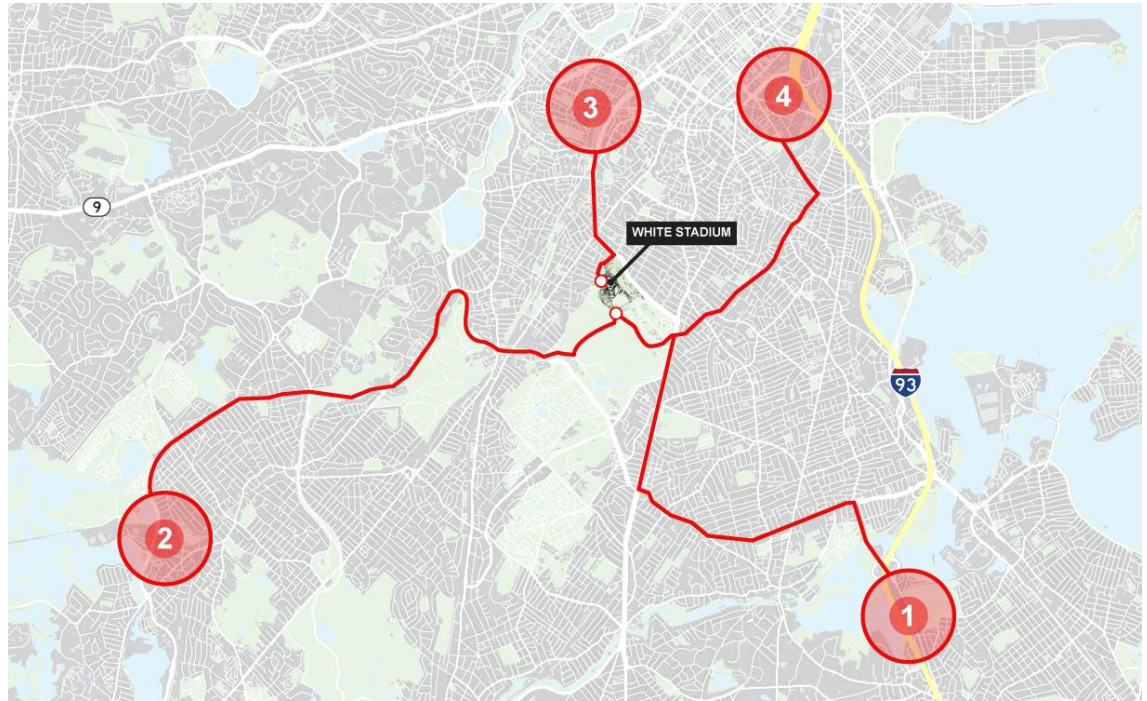


Bike parking for approx 1,000 bikes, including private bike and blue bike valet



3. PROVIDE SATELLITE PARKING

- These lots are the only parking options for those who intend to drive and are intentionally far away from the stadium.
- Our strategy is to prevent game visitors from driving close to the stadium.
- There will be no parking for soccer fans on site, and no parking in nearby neighborhoods
- Boston Unity Soccer will provide satellite parking and shuttles to the stadium



3. PROVIDE SHUTTLES FROM PUBLIC TRANSIT AND SATELLITE PARKING



- BUSP originally suggested reopening the Seaver St exit but decided against it due to community feedback
- Southern Shuttle Loops will serve:
 - Southwest satellite parking
 - East satellite Parking
 - Forest Hills MBTA stations
 - Red Line MBTA stations
- Shuttles on Circuit Drive will turn around in the Valley Gates lot



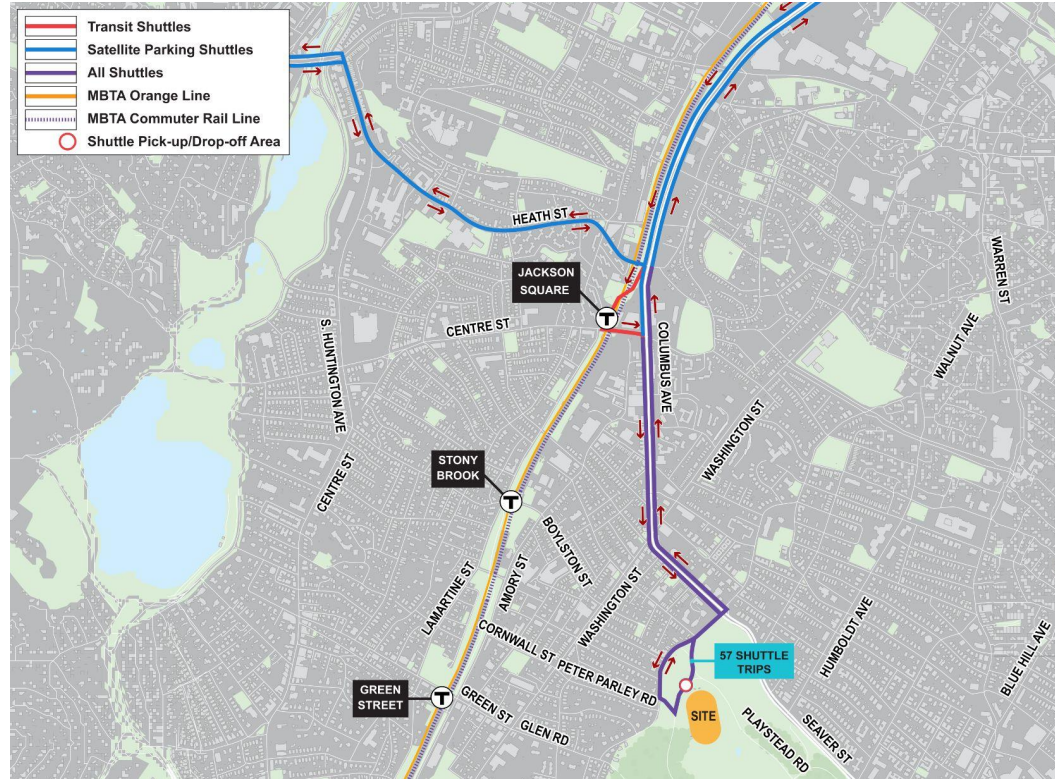
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Northern Shuttle Loops will serve:

- Northwest satellite parking
- Northeast satellite Parking
- Jackson Square MBTA stations

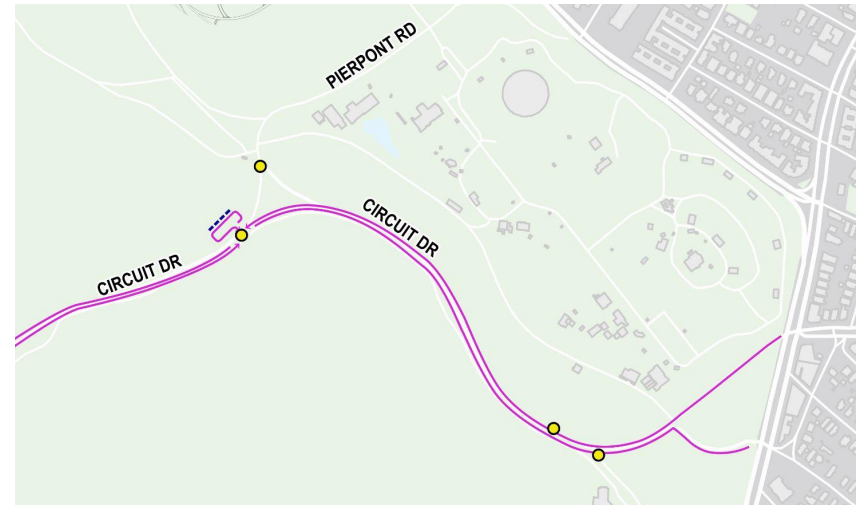
Shuttles will turn around in the Walnut Street entrance.



4. TRAFFIC OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

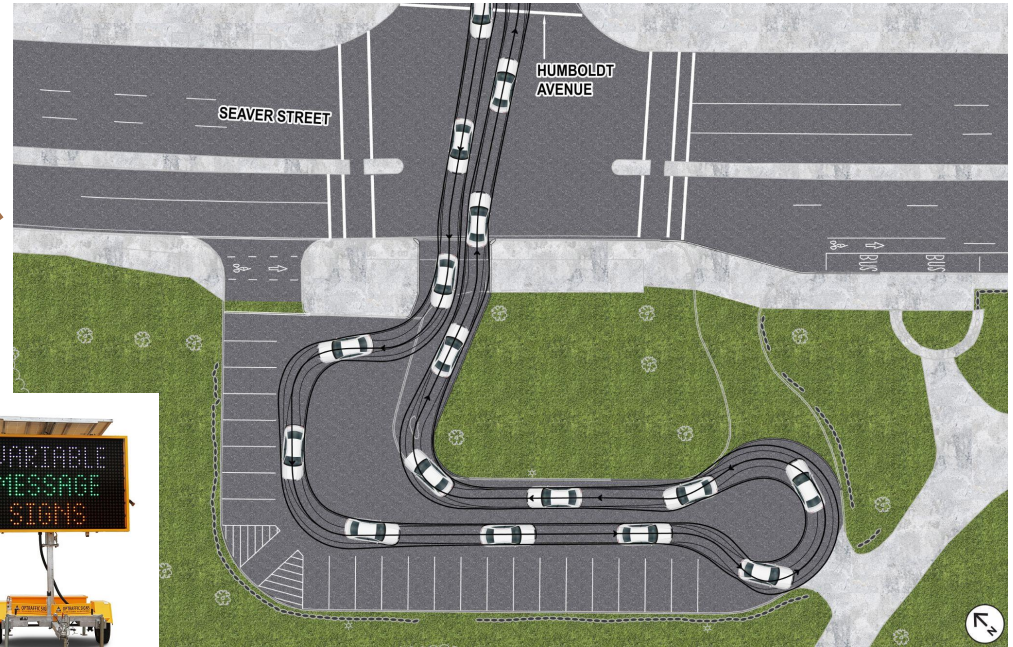
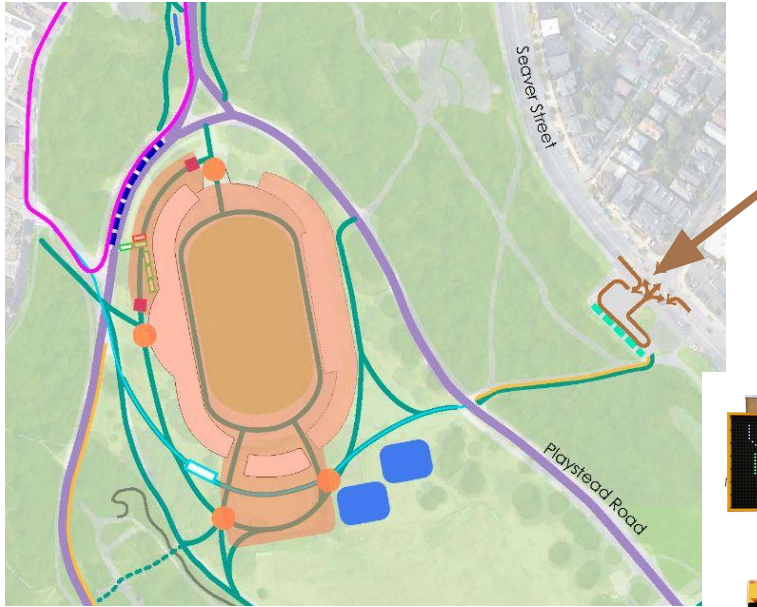


Traffic Operations Managers and Parking Ambassadors will be provided for traffic flow and pedestrian safety.



5. RIDESHARE AND CARPOOL

We know that a certain portion of fans will use rideshare. Rideshare will be directed to pick up/drop off at the Humboldt-Seaver Street Lot. Traffic management staff will be placed in this area.



6. PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING AND MOBILITY



- BTD will create a neighborhood-specific **game day** parking program **for residents and their visitors** on streets within the identified White Stadium walk area.
- Plans will be tailored to the needs of each neighborhood.
- The program will allow residents with a Dorchester Resident Permit Parking (RPP) sticker on their vehicle to park on the streets where parking is prohibited on game days.
- A visitor parking placard will be available to residents regardless of vehicle ownership, so long as they live on a street in the White Stadium walk area
 - Proposal: 1 visitor permit per house issued annually



6. PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING AND MOBILITY



Key coordination and enforcement tools **on game days**

- **Senior Operations Manager:** Boston Unity Soccer will hire an executive leader to engage with community members for feedback and coordination on all operational concerns (traffic, parking, trash/cleanup, etc.)
- **New Event Fee Violation:** Introduce a \$100 fine for parking violations **on game days** in designated areas.
- **Installation of Tow Zone Signs:** Add "Tow Zone No Stopping" signs **on game days**, exempting residents and their visitors with Dorchester Resident Permit (RPP) stickers.
 - Effective 4 hours before and 1 hour after games
- **Dedicated BTD parking enforcement:** Assign a shift on game days. Towing would be activated to support enforcement



7. PRESERVE MOBILITY FOR NON-SOCCER PARK VISITORS



Coordinating with Zoo, Golf, Playstead and Franklin Park permit holders

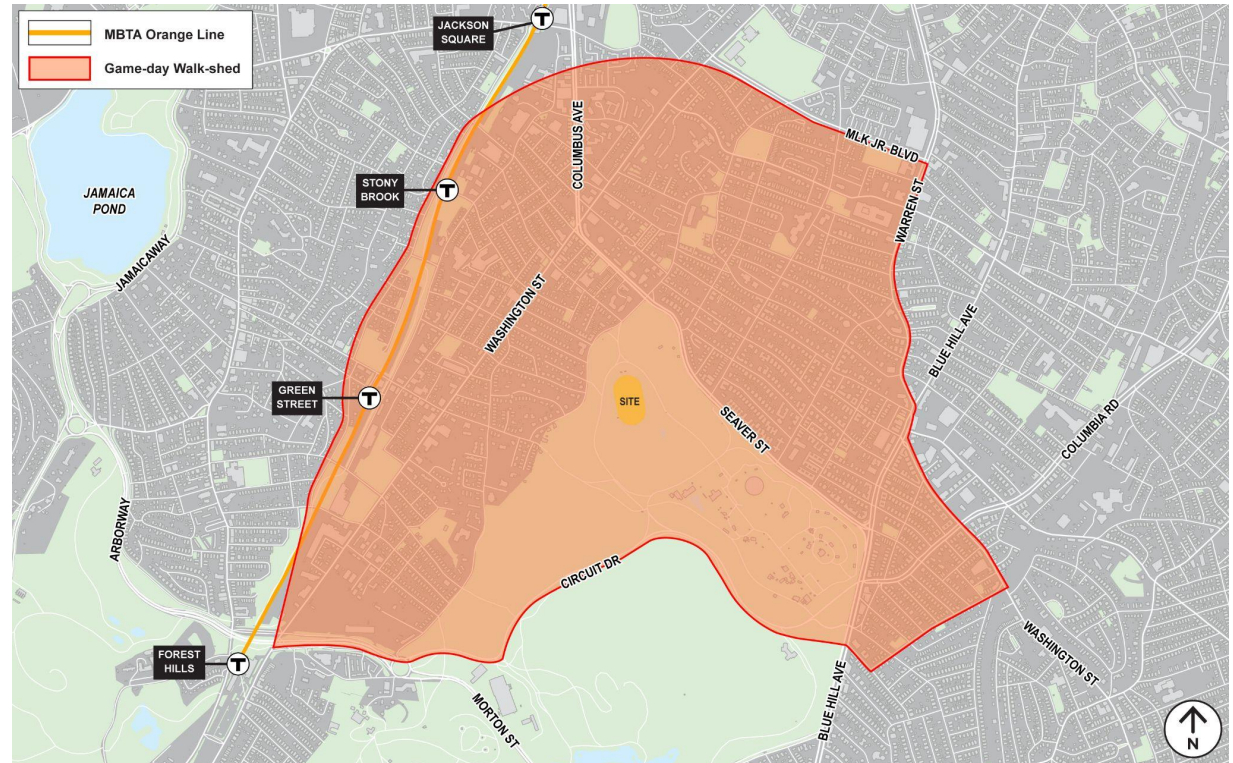
- **Soccer game attendees will not be allowed to park in Franklin Park lots.**
- We are committed to retaining parking for key park destinations such as the Zoo, Golf Course, and Shattuck picnic area and tennis courts.
- Park rangers and BPD officers will enforce parking restrictions with support from game day traffic ambassadors.
- All park visitors can access free Boston Unity Soccer shuttles from MBTA stations on game days.
- We will work closely with Franklin Park stakeholders such as the Zoo and Golf Course to craft an operational plan.



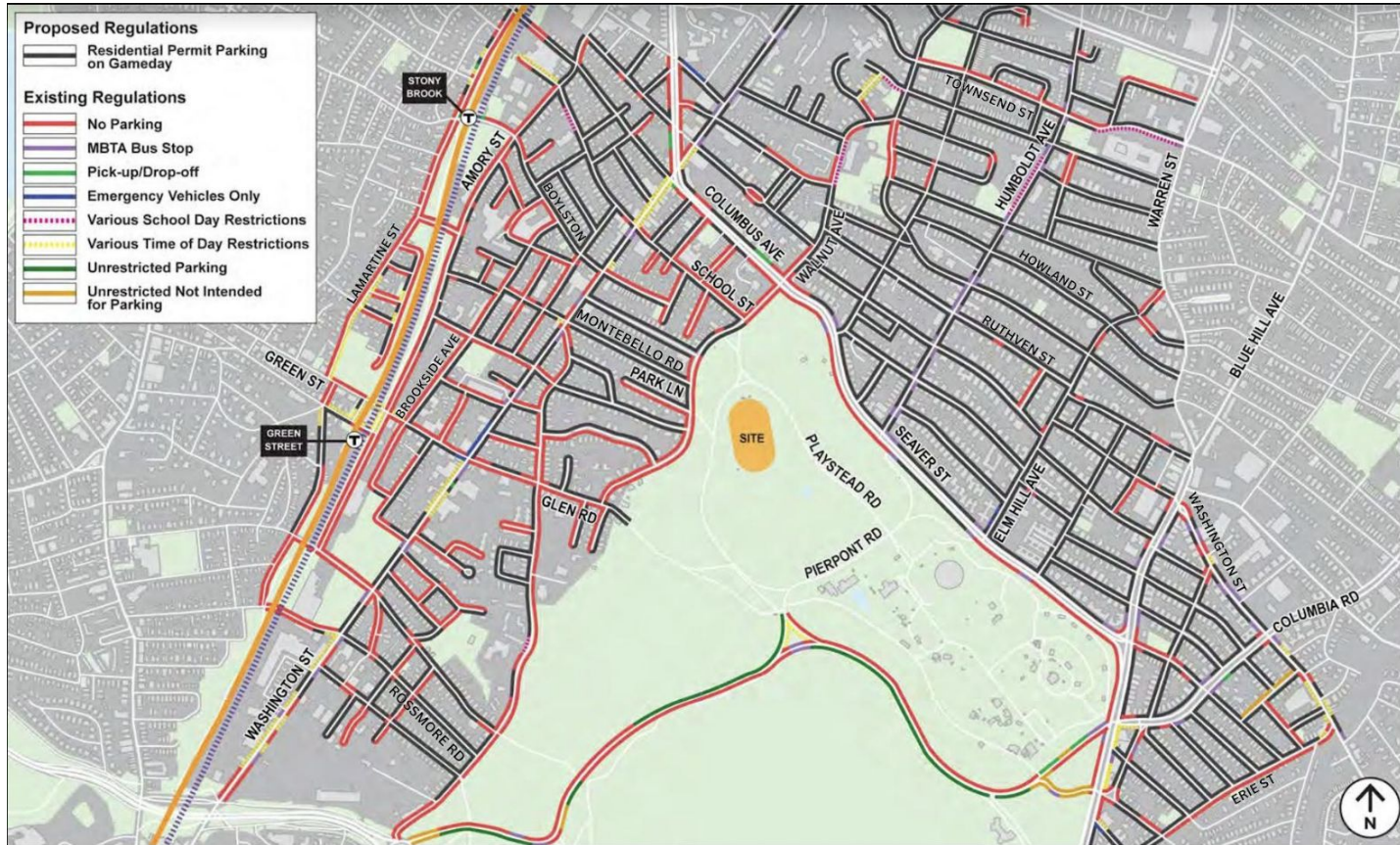
6. PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING AND MOBILITY



- The Walk Area is the shaded orange area where we will protect parking for residents and their visitors.
- This is based on the radius we expect visitors would be willing to park and then walk.
- We want feedback!



6. PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING AND MOBILITY



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**Are these the right streets?
Are there streets we should
add or remove?**

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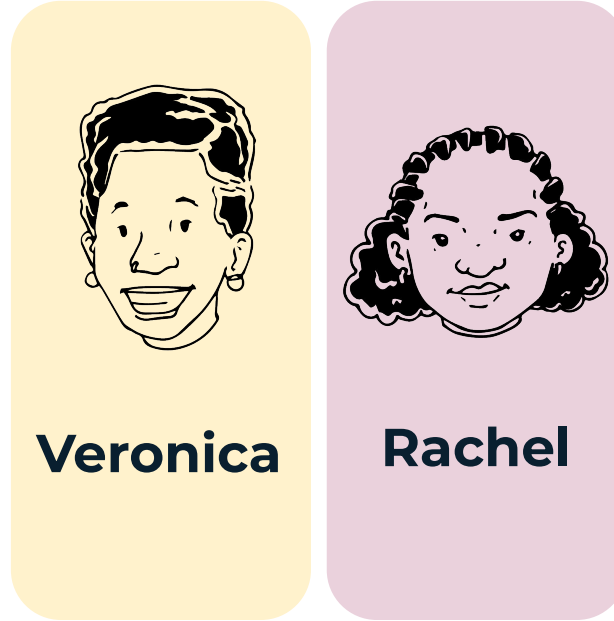
GAME DAY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Neighborhood running group runs the stairs in the stadium
10:00 - 1:00 PM	Farmers' market in the Grove
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Event parking restrictions take place (begin 4 hr before game)
7:00 - 9:00 PM	NWSL match
10:00 PM	Event parking restrictions lifted (1 hr after event ends)

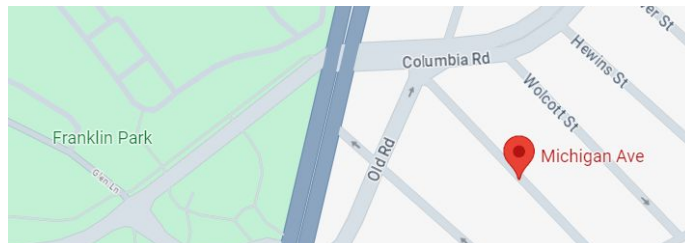


LET'S TEST THESE PLANS!

Two different transportation experiences with a game at 6 PM on a Sunday.



GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY




 Michigan Ave,
Dorchester




Veronica
75 yrs

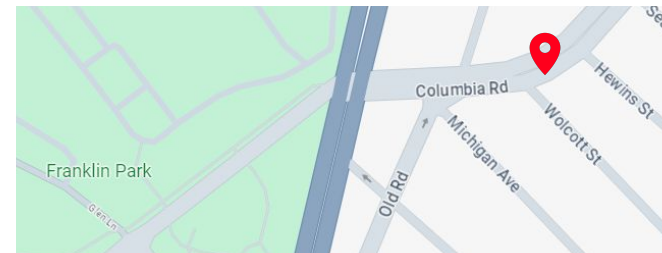
10 AM  Displays gameday parking pass on car parked on Michigan Ave

No noticeable event-related impacts

6 PM  Drives to Stop & Shop @ Grove Hall
Some traffic on Blue Hill Ave.

7 PM  Drives home to Michigan Ave
Some traffic on Blue Hill Ave. Keeps gameday parking pass.

GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY



Columbia Road



Rachel

16 yrs

2 PM



Walks with her brother to playground along Circuit Drive in Franklin Park

No noticeable event-related impacts

8 PM



Walks her dog in Franklin Park

No noticeable event-related impacts



B

Discussion

NEXT STEPS

- We will incorporate your feedback to refine the plan
- The updated plan will be presented at the May 15 IAG meeting
- Boston Unity Soccer will present our final plan to the BPDA board for approval
- The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) will then codify the TMP in the [Transportation Access Plan Agreement](#) with Boston Unity.
- This is a operations plan that will continue to evolve and be refined
- This work also gives us a blueprint to implement for other large events at the stadium.
- BPS Transportation team is working on a plan for BPS students.



WHITE STADIUM VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP

Roxbury | Tues, Apr 9 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Dorchester | Wed, Apr 10 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Jamaica Plain | Wed, Apr 10 | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

DESIGN WORKSHOPS

Workshop #1: Design Principles | Thurs, Apr 25 | 6-7 :30 p.m.
Workshop #2: Revised Principles, Program & Usage Needs |
Wed, May 8 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Workshop #3: Final Design: Bringing Principles, Program & Usage
Needs Together | Wed, May 22 | 6-7:30 p.m.

IAG MEETINGS

Meeting #2: Design Process & Transportation | Wed, May 15 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Meeting #3: Community Benefits | Wed, Jun 5 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn more and register
boston.gov/white-stadium

DISCUSSION

Guiding questions (15 minutes)

- **15 minutes Game Day Parking Regulations:**
 - Are we proposing the right streets to restrict to residents only?
 - Does the proposed structure meet your needs?
- **15 minutes Shuttle Routes:**
 - Are we proposing routes on appropriate streets?
- **15 minutes Pedestrian and Bike Safety:**
 - Are there other improvements we should consider?
- **15 minutes Rideshare:**
 - Should we consider other measures to direct rideshare?
- **Put in the chat:** How would **you** get to White Stadium for an event?



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Appendix

LONG TERM TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES: IN PLANNING

BLUE HILL AVENUE TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

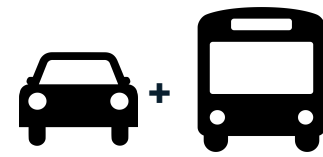
- What: full-scale redesign of Blue Hill Avenue from Warren St to River St
- Who: MBTA & FTA, City of Boston
 - Will include: center-running bus lanes and boarding platforms, expanded tree canopy, safer crosswalks, and other roadway features
- Timeline:
 - 2024 - State-of-good-repair work along the corridor, including crosswalk re-striping, streetlight upgrades, patch paving, and sidewalk repairs
 - 2024/25 - Block-by-block community engagement to inform design; short-term improvements
 - 2026 - Major construction begins



OTHER PROJECTS IN PLANNING STAGE

- BOWDOIN-GENEVA TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN
 - Developing design solutions with the community to address pedestrian safety, traffic safety, and speeding on local streets.
 - Speed humps installed this winter. Planning discussions continue in 2024
- COLUMBIA ROAD TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN
 - Improve safety on the Columbia Road with a climate resilient, neighborhood-friendly corridor.
 - Community conversations launch this Spring.

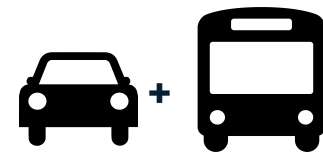
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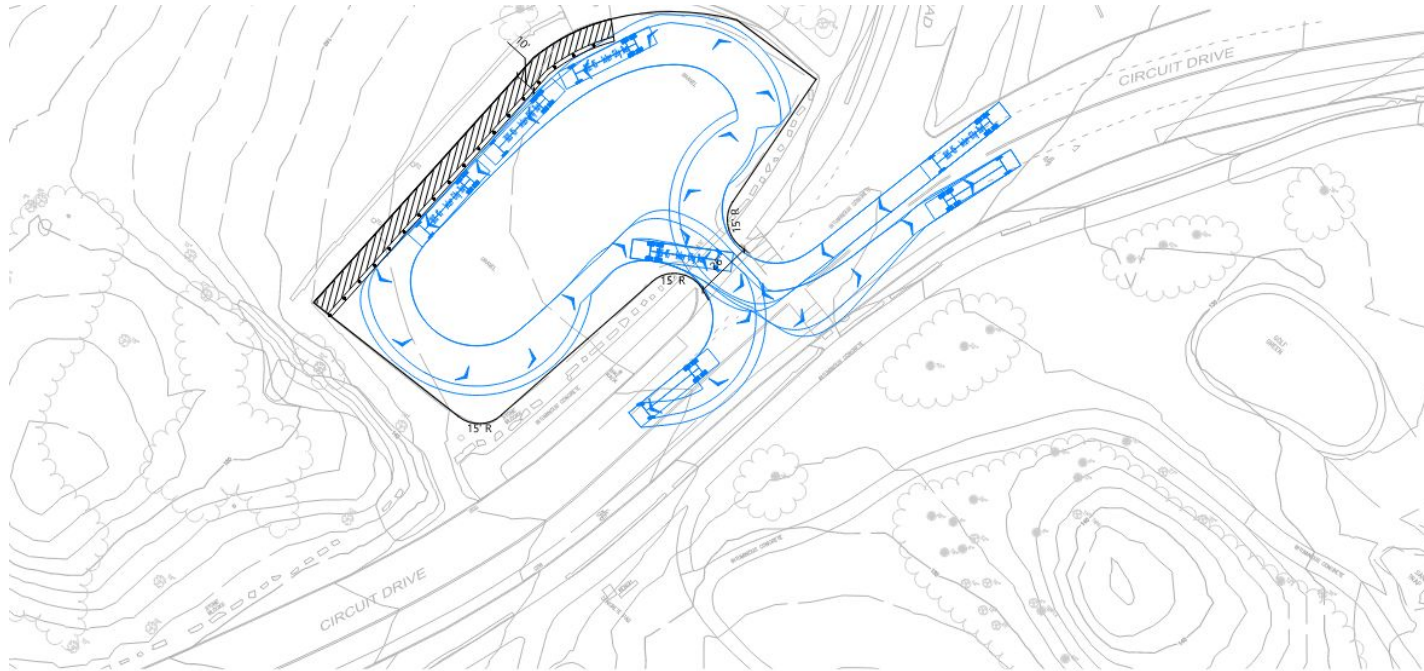
Shuttle Routes (north loop pick-up/drop-off)



3. PROVIDE SHUTTLES FROM PUBLIC TRANSIT AND SATELLITE PARKING



Detail: Valley Gates Lot turnaround



MULTI-MODAL PLAN



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6 different transportation experiences with a game at 6 PM on Sunday



Veronica



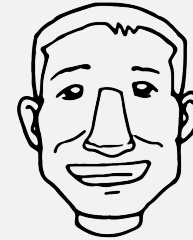
Rachel



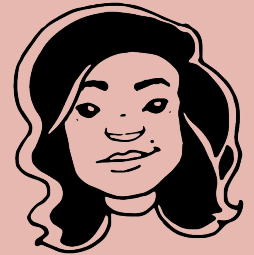
Rob



Liz



Jeff



Kem

GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY



Veronica
75 yrs



Franklin Park Apartments, Seaver Street

10 AM



Dorchester Berea Seventh-day
Adventist Church

No noticeable event-related impacts

6 PM



Stop & Shop @ Grove Hall

*Traffic detail at Walnut Ave and additional parking enforcement on
Seaver Street*

GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY



Rachel
15 yrs



School Street, Egleston Square

2 PM



Takes her brother to El Parquesito

No noticeable event-related impacts

8 PM



Walks her dog in Franklin Park

*Safety ambassador at School Street and Walnut Ave,
fans are beginning to leave the stadium*

GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY



Rob

55 yrs



Hyde Park

2 PM



Driving to family BBQ on Crawford Street, Roxbury

Traffic detail at _____ and needs guest parking pass to park on Crawford Street

8 PM



Driving home to Hyde Park

Moderate traffic on Seaver Street and Blue Hill Ave

GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY



Liz
35 yrs



Cambridge

2 PM



Visits Franklin Park Zoo with her 4 year-old, taking the Red Line, Orange Line, and Route 22 bus

No noticeable event-related impacts

5 PM



Walks from Zoo to the Grove for dinner

Fans are beginning to arrive to the stadium

6 PM



Takes a shuttle from White Stadium to Jackson Square for their trip home

GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY



Jeff
45 yrs



Watertown

4 PM



Drives 3 youth soccer players to offsite parking lot in Boston

Parking attendees ensure smooth and efficient parking

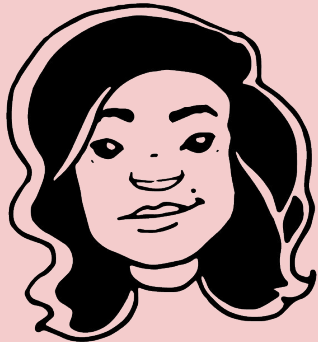
5 PM



Shuttle from off-site parking lot to stadium

Bus uses center-running bus lane on Columbus Ave which reduces the trip duration and does not add traffic to the regular travel lane

GETTING AROUND ON GAME DAY



Kem

22 yrs



Roslindale

5 PM



Rides on the Southwest Corridor
to White Stadium

Leaves their bike at the Bike Valet