



**Massachusetts Bay  
Transportation Authority**

**Report from the Deputy  
General Manager**

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Fiscal and Management Control Board

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# Rapid Response Bus Lane Program

## Construct up to 14 miles of Bus Lanes through Spring 2021

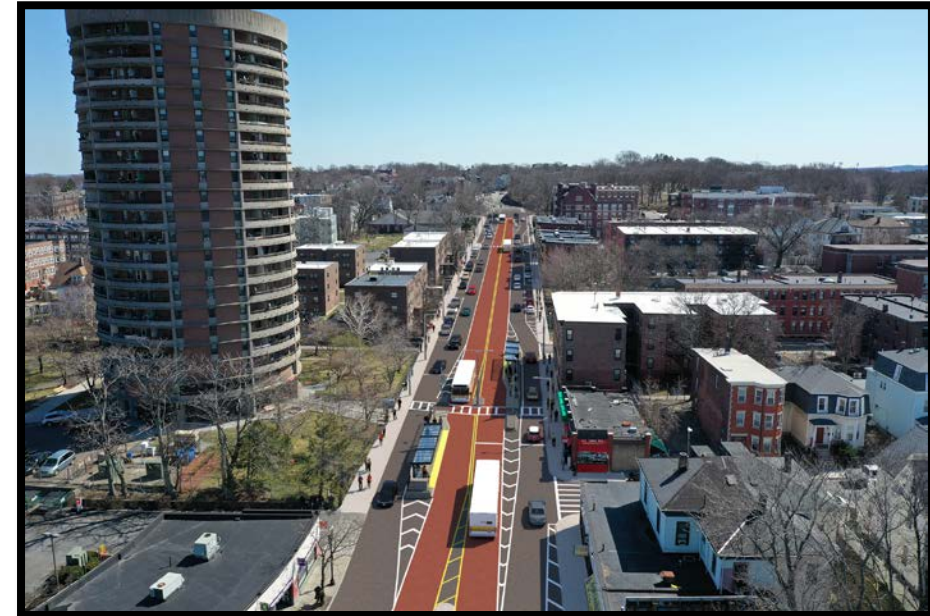
- Partnering with Chelsea, Everett, Somerville, Boston, and Revere
- Includes **Columbus Avenue**, first center-running Bus Lane in MBTA service area

### Program Rationale:

- Accelerated & reprioritized implementation to address service needs
- Improve service and maintain better physical distancing
- Maintain access for essential workers and at-need populations as the region re-opens

### Focused on routes/corridors with:

- Durable ridership during pandemic
- Crowding during pandemic
- Chronic delay pre-pandemic



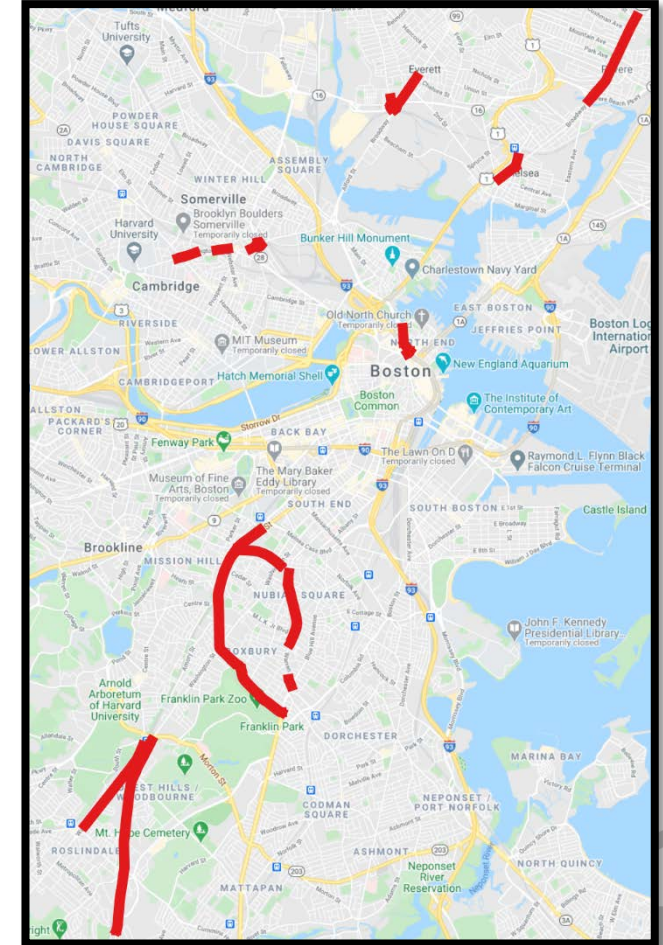
# Detail of Rapid Response Bus Lanes

## Projects that will be implemented this fall and spring include:

- Columbus Ave, Boston (between Walnut Ave and Jackson Sq Station)
- North Washington St, Boston (from Cross St to Causeway St)
- Broadway, Chelsea (from City Hall Plaza to 3rd St)
- Washington St, Somerville (queue jumps at select intersections between Crescent St and Line St)
- Sweetser Circle, Main St (near Sweetser Circle), and Broadway (from Sweetser Circle to Chelsea St), Everett
- Washington St, Boston - Roslindale (from Forest Hills Station to Roslindale Village)

## Projects to undergo further public process over the fall, for potential spring implementation, include:

- Warren St, Boston (between Grove Hall and Nubian Sq)
- Malcolm X Blvd, Boston (between Nubian Sq and Tremont St)
- Columbus Ave and Tremont St, Boston (from Jackson Sq Station to Ruggles Station, extending the bus lanes currently under construction)
- Hyde Park Ave, Boston (between Metropolitan Pkwy and Forest Hills Station)



# Bus Lane Paint Joint Procurement

## MBTA, MAPC, MassDOT, MassPort, and 13 Cities and Towns

- Collective purchasing agreement to purchase red, green, and white roadway materials for building bus, bike, and pedestrian treatments
- New agreement provides a lower and reliable price across all participating agencies saving 30% to 60% of roadway marking costs on red bus lanes
- This will save taxpayers \$2 million a year to implement bus lanes, and reduces the Rapid Response Bus Lane program costs by 10%

