The MBTA and City of Boston are working together to redesign Blue Hill Avenue between Warren Street in Grove Hall and River Street in Mattapan Square. In February, the City of Boston and the MBTA announced a historic investment to redesign Blue Hill Avenue to better serve bus riders, create safer conditions for pedestrians and drivers, add trees, and install new amenities for a more vibrant small business corridor. A new multimodal design will add a center-running bus lane for the more than 40,000 bus riders who travel on Blue Hill Ave every weekday, and better define spaces for drivers and pedestrians creating a safer, calmer experience for everyone.
Blue Hill Ave today is a critical connector for over 40,000 bus riders. Photo credit: MBTA

A multimodal redesign that includes all road-users.

Features that will be included in the Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan:

- Defined spaces for all street users which will allow traffic to flow more smoothly, reducing conflict between people driving, walking, taking transit, and biking
- Center-running bus lanes that feature raised platforms and new and enhanced bus shelters for an improved rider experience
- Traffic signal upgrades that will prioritize buses and minimize traffic related delays
- Improved pedestrian safety, including better visibility at crossings, new and enhanced crosswalks, and shortened crossing distances
- Significantly more trees along the corridor
- New amenities such as better street lighting, benches, bike parking, and public art

Coming Soon

The City of Boston is making a series of short-term improvements starting this spring and continuing through the rest of 2024 to improve safety, accessibility, and resiliency on Blue Hill Avenue. Over the next few months, you can expect the following along the corridor:

- Refreshing crosswalk and pavement markings
- Repaving damaged sections of roadway
- Continued pothole maintenance
- Reinstallation of the RISE Gateway statue (completed in early May!)
- Sidewalk repairs
- Installation of speed humps on neighborhood streets
- Installation of bus-shelter green roofs
- Improvements to street lighting
- Traffic signal changes to increase crossing times for pedestrians and reduce conflicts with vehicles

Participate in the Design Process

The MBTA and City of Boston will continue to collect input from residents and local business owners block by block. These conversations will help determine bus platform locations, space allocation, expanded and improved pedestrian crossings, and parking regulations, among other improvements.

Keep an eye out along the corridor for our Pop-Up Workshops in May and June. Join us for a Community Open House on June 25 and 27 (details on reverse), where we will roll up our sleeves and mark up maps with your ideas. Find dates, locations, and an online feedback form (Coming soon!) at www.mbta.com/BlueHillAve.

Listening to the Community

Through years of community engagement (learn more at boston.gov/blue-hill-ave), your feedback has been clear: Blue Hill Avenue cannot remain in its current state. Double-parked cars, buses stuck in traffic, high rates of traffic crashes, unsafe pedestrian crossings—these are some issues the MBTA and the City of Boston have heard from users of Blue Hill Ave. As the project advances, the project team is asking for your feedback to help inform the design, especially on the following components:

- BUS PLATFORM LOCATIONS
- PARKING
- BIking
- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

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In early May, the City of Boston re-installed the “Rise” sculpture by Fern Cunningham and Karen Eutemey in Mattapan Square. Photo credit: City of Boston