

## Transportation Equity Survey - Narrative Responses (as of January 18, 2011)

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Boston	Comprehensive service for the elderly. The City, not the State or MBTA, should take care of its elderly citizens. The Rte. 48 bus is a joke.	Arborway Yard is kind of ugly. Just build a simple roof and walls around the existing fueling stations and call it a day.	Look at the Rte. 41 bus. Could this be extended to Forest Hills? Run more frequently? How about promoting this great bus a little?		Time for the MBTA to conduct a study of southwest bus operations.	Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning and MBTA Planning & Development, and consider during UPWP development.
Boston	No automobile rental agencies. Bus service is thin to top of Fort Hill area.		Car rentals, bus on Highland Avenue and Fort Avenue.			No Action Proposed.
Boston	Boston needs better bike infrastructure. This can best be accomplished not by painting more bike lanes, but by creating streets that we can all share (motorists, bikers, and pedestrians)	Columbus Avenue is too car-centric. The city needs to make better pedestrian crossings (bulbs, bridges, wider sidewalks, whatever), so it isn't like crossing a highway.	Extend the Silver Line into Roxbury and Dorchester!	Build another light rail line from Dorchester through Roxbury and Jamaica Plain towards Brookline & and Allston going over the river to Cambridge and even Somerville.		Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider the Silver Line extension, circumferential transit, and healthy transportation comments during the development of the LRTP.
Boston	Service from my address to 1010 Mass Ave can take about an hour on the bus. The distance is only 2.2 miles. On nice days I can walk in about a half hour, but we don't always have nice days.	No.	Lines 41, 10, CT3 and 15 could run with more frequency after 5 PM.	Roxbury is not well connected to other Boston neighborhoods.		Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning.
Dorchester	Living in the Polish Triangle, we are fortunate to be serviced by 2 stations on the Red Line (Andrew Sq.) and (JFK/UMASS) for easy access into downtown. However, walking and cycling around our neighborhood is treacherous. Boston Street is a very busy street, we constantly have heavy industrial trucks in our area (can they be re-routed to Mass Ave?), school buses and MBTA buses plus regular neighborhood traffic. We need traffic calming and safe ways to cross the street (perhaps a few speed bumps or light protected crosswalks, more needed than just the one at Harvest). Can the speed limit be reduced on Boston Street? I hope Dorchester Street will be improved with the bike lanes, but it is also not designed for pedestrians/cyclists.	I would say that the number of buses that run in our area make it quite congested (esp. Columbia Rd and Dorchester Ave) and I hope the new Fairmount Line will alleviate some of this congestion while providing a much needed service for the people in those parts of Dorchester. Buses are so inefficient though, esp. since they do not have dedicated lanes. Light rail would be much better, Columbia Road used to have street cars, those need to come back.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Add residential parking permits for Boston Street (that would remove all the commuters who park and ride from other areas).</li> <li>-Remove the on and off ramps for I-93 SB at Columbia Road and Morrissey Blvd I-93 NB (it is very dangerous crossing around the traffic circle). If not the removal, at least install traffic lights at the circle.</li> <li>-Reduce speed limits in neighborhoods to 15, 20 mph max</li> <li>-Columbia Rd at Edward Everett Sq. where meets Mass Ave needs to remove street parking for the lane that goes straight and also reduce the 2 turning lanes to 1.</li> <li>-There needs to be more light protected crosswalks on long streets like Columbia and Dorchester Ave. People jay walk all the time because crosswalks are not frequent enough, it is very dangerous.</li> <li>-Morrissey Blvd needs bike lanes and an easy connection to the Neponset River trail.</li> <li>-Need sidewalk improvements on Dorchester Ave-many not wide enough, I feel like a second class citizen walking.</li> </ul>	The T is great for getting downtown and Cambridge but not for traveling to the surrounding neighborhoods. You have to go into the city to go back out again, we need a better regional connection. I like the urban ring idea but not buses that can get stuck in traffic, better to have dedicated bus lanes or light rail. If the streets felt safer, more people would walk and cycle to the beach, Franklin Park, Southie, downtown, etc.	Yes, charge user fees for roads and make transit free or more heavily discounted. And/or, charge more for using the T during the peak hours and the distance traveled. This would be more equitable for riders in the inner city versus the wealthier suburbs. Congestion charging would also change driving behavior. Remove parking minimums, replace with parking maximums.	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider comments on circumferential transit, extending light rail into Dorchester, and healthy transportation during the development of the LRTP.
Dorchester	The transit (bus mainly, some red line) is terrible. Late, overcrowded and expensive. No safe spaces for bikes either.	Absolutely. The T fares are so expensive people have to make choices between passes and other basic needs. And the buses are so crowded that people are treated like animals, herded and packed in.	More buses, more spaces for bikes, faster buses. Less travel time.	To places across town and downtown. The only buses go to Dudley and Forest Hills, which is ok. What about to Grove Hall and Egleston? Also, more connections to downtown and a red/blue line connection station would be nice.		Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning and Planning & Development. Consider comments on healthy transportation and the Red-Blue Connector during development of the LRTP.
East Boston	Lack of bicycle transport across harbor during rush hours and lack of ferry service.	Airport noise.	Resume ferry service and provide for bicycle transport across harbor.	Urgently need Urban Ring to connect workers to employment centers in greater Boston and reduce congestion in the downtown hub.	Thanks you for asking for the survey.	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider comments on circumferential transit and healthy transportation during the development of the LRTP.

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Jamaica Plain	No.	Traffic around the Forest Hills T stop is horrible. The Casey overpass should be taken down and the roads around the T - from Ukraine to Washington, the Arborway, and Hyde Park Ave to South Street - reconfigured to work more effectively as a feeder for the T station and as a node in the neighborhood.	More commercial offerings at the subway stops.			Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department.
Jamaica Plain	Yes. There are no efficient crosstown bus routes connecting Jamaica Plain to Brookline, Landmark Center, Kenmore Square, and Cambridge.	Yes. Drives routinely speed through red lights at the crossing of Pond Street and the Jamaica way near the Boathouse. Many pedestrians and bikers cross at this intersection. I have NEVER seen a car ticketed for this infraction, which occurs constantly.	Better crosstown bus routes. Better scheduling of buses to avoid gaps and bunching, which leads to crowding and delays. More bike lanes and bike paths. ANY law enforcement of auto traffic laws.	We need direct service to Brookline, Landmark Center, Kenmore Square, and Cambridge. Existing bus connections are too unpredictable or time consuming.		Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on healthy transportation and circumferential transit during development of the LRTP.
Jamaica Plain	I work in Franklin Park and it is hard to access by T - either a long walk from the Orange Line stations in JP or buses that do not run often enough during leisure (park) hours. Looking at the Boston subway map, the only stretch from downtown without a train line is the swath that goes down Blue Hill Ave into Dorchester.  The #16 bus that runs through the park is particularly infrequent.	The articulated double buses along South Huntington, Centre and South Sts in Jamaica Plain are so noisy! None of the buses run regularly outside of rush hour. Many times I have waited 45 minutes for a #39 bus and ended up walking home from Brigham Circle to Moraine St in JP. Likewise the #16 bus involves as long as a 45 minute wait at Forest Hills to get into Franklin Park.	It is frustrating that cars and commuters seem to take precedence over public transit in Boston. I would like to see Centre/South St in JP closed and a trolley line restored. The same would be great from Jackson Square to Mattapan Square - along Columbus and Blue Hill Ave	To Franklin Park  From JP across to Dorchester		Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider transit expansion comments during the development of the LRTP.
Jamaica Plain	There are dead ends & gaps in the bike path along the Emerald Necklace: e.g., the well-known Route 9 crossing, and the Jamaica way path dead ends right after Jamaica Pond, but the Emerald Necklace continues to Franklin Park. It would be great to connect to Forest Hills T station. Also, there's a dead end sidewalk/path at Casey Overpass (Arborway Hillside).	These gaps prevent a safely useable network that could accommodate bicycle commuters and recreational users. The current highway design is confusing and dangerous - with sudden lane drops, redundant U-turns etc.	Completion of these gaps in the bike path to create a safely useable network. For example, there is consensus for a plan to improve the crosswalk at Francis Parkman Drive/Kelley Circle in JP. Funding is needed for this piece, and then continue along the Emerald Necklace until it is safe for all users.	"Beyond the Pond" - The Emerald Necklace parks & Forest Hills T Station - access could be improved by bike or on foot. Also, the area between Franklin Park & Casey Overpass & Forest Hills T Station: sidewalks in bad shape (no ramps), tough crossings, faded crosswalks. Small gaps that prevent the residents (many of whom are elderly and not affluent) from safe access to the park, the bus stop, and Forest Hills T. Small changes would make a big difference.	Thank you!  Sarah Freeman 617-524-0602	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department. Consider comments on healthy transportation during development of the LRTP.
Jamaica Plain	Not enough cross town buses such as Watertown to JP. Need more late night public transportation	Not enough bike racks and designated bike sharing lanes; also gutters need to be cleaned for bikes to ride safely in them.	Buses are irregular and run at long intervals making them useless for commuting to work	Cross town buses and very late night transportation	There need to be incentives for people to ride their bikes to work and school and leave their cars behind. Also need to have free or very low cost access to bikes and bike repair, especially for low income residents. How about some big outlying parking lots, where people could safely leave their bikes, for commuters to use the car part way and bike into the city from low cost parking lots.	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on healthy transportation and circumferential transit during development of LRTP.
Roxbury	Buses that go directly downtown without the change necessary at Ruggles Station Better service on the 41 bus line. I have waited in Jamaica Plain for the 41 bus in the cold and counted thirteen 39 buses before one lone 41 bus came along.		See #1 Also the 48 bus is extremely slow. It might get more service if it ran just a little more often. One more bus added to that service would change things a lot for the better.	Need connections to the Green Line. It seems to be a maze at present  The Commuter and Amtrak stops at Ruggles are not in use. Need to be.		Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning.

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Roxbury				There should be a more direct way to go to the Longwood medical community from Fort Hill that does not require walking all the way to Tremont. Given it is so close to the neighborhood, it would be great to have fewer cars around and more options to get to the medical community and other parts of downtown more easily. For example, there are several shuttles from other popular areas. Maybe we should have a shuttle as well.		Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning.
Roxbury	<p>Road Repair at this intersection (Centre &amp; Cedar Streets) through 141 Centre St. There many tiny potholes in this section causing a major concern for off-street parking and general driving conditions. The road disrepair provides a rumble strip effect for buses and commuter traffic.</p> <p>Also provide working pedestrian crossing lamps at major intersections and minor intersections with heavy traffic. Primarily focusing on community and shopping centers, bus routes, and high traffic areas.</p> <p>Traffic cameras have also been a concern. I was a victim of a hit and run accident. My car was parked on a heavily traveled route near a traffic light. Having these devices in neighborhoods not only deters violators from running red lights, but can also act as Boston's 2nd pair of eyes.</p> <p>Making sidewalks handicap accessible, especially after road and sidewalk work is done. I know I primarily focus on my residential locale Centre St. I know that there are many areas that need this type of access.</p>	I am unaware of any transportation problems that negatively affect the neighborhood.	Provide road repair plans and repairs for heavily traveled routes like Centre St, Walnut, and Humboldt. The points I made in the 1st question can also apply here.		Thank you for providing this survey so that I may voice my opinion and concerns.	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department. Consider comments on healthy transportation during LRTP development.
Roxbury	Dudley Square lacks a one-seat RAIL connection into the subway, as was originally promised when the plans were formulated to move the Orange Line from Washington Street to the Southwest Corridor. The "Silver Line" bus is so slow, jerky and unreliable that I avoid it whenever I'm traveling between Downtown and Dudley--if I walk from Roxbury Crossing, I'll invariably beat that bus by 10 minutes. It is, at best, second class public transportation for a community the authorities deem to be second class citizens.	While Cedar Street on Fort Hill has become a major cut-through route between Dorchester and the Hospitals, one that is especially congested during rush hours, the neighborhood lacks any crosstown public transportation linking it to these areas. The intersections along Columbus Avenue abutting the neighborhood are dangerous, and the excessive width of the street encourages speeding. The corner with Cedar has been the scene of repeated high-speed accidents and is particularly hazardous for pedestrians. Traffic calming needed!	Extend the Mission Link to Fort Hill, perhaps also combining it with the 48-JP Loop bus.	Brigham Circle and the Longwood Medical Area		Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on healthy transportation, and extending rapid transit rail service to Dudley Square during LRTP development.
Roxbury	No. This is an excellent transportation hub.	Unfortunately my neighborhood a few blocks away is a steep hill and it is had for people to negotiate even though buses are near by. The cross town bus system from here to 1010 Mass. Avenue is non-existent.	The major problem is the timing of the buses -- they are awful when you rely on them to be on time. I have waited from 10 minutes to over 45 minutes! Not a dependable source of transportation at all.	The top part of the hill, Highland Park/Fort Hill, needs greater access to both Jackson Square and Dudley Square if it is going to attract residents who do not depend on cars.	Make sure you get a copy of our report. We put a lot of time and thought into our transportation assessment and it should not sit on the shelf.	Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning.

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Roxbury	<p>Bicycle lanes. Bicycle lanes. Bicycle lanes.</p> <p>Running Owl Service buses and trains.</p> <p>Tunnel crossings for pedestrians and for bicycles. There are three harbor crossings (four if the Tobin is included) for motorized vehicles and not a single sensible way for a pedestrian or a bicyclist to get across the harbor.</p> <p>A cheap way to get to Lynn and the North Shore without having to change at Wonderland: either more and cheaper buses from Haymarket or extending the Blue Line to Lynn or Salem.</p>	<p>There is too much idling of school buses waiting to begin or to continue their routes.</p> <p>Too many school buses occupy MBTA bus stops impeding boarding. The school buses also obscure waiting passengers to MBTA bus drivers.</p>	<p>Intra-city express buses.</p> <p>Routes such as 22, 23, 28 (and Roxbury/Dorchester routes) provide commuters with slow service home. Rather than ridiculous plans to tear up the recently planted median along Blue Hill Avenue (try suggesting that for Commonwealth Avenue), rapid access to Jackson Square and Ruggles Station could better be provided by running express buses from principle stops (say Columbia Road, Talbot, etc.).</p> <p>More innovative thinking about A/B service, where designated A buses stop at every other bus stop and B buses stop at the ones the A buses do not. Both A &amp; B buses stop at the principle stops.</p> <p>Both of these idea are better than the anti-rider solution of eliminating buses stops.</p>	<p>Better &amp; cheaper ways to get to the North Shore, Lynn and Salem.</p> <p>It is agony to get from Roxbury to Cambridge.</p> <p>It is annoying to have to read it as it is to have to write it, but: Replacement Service on Washington Street from Chinatown to Forest Hills. We were promised it. It was denied us. Buses, painted silver or no, are not a replacement for fixed rail rapid transit.</p>		<p>Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department, MBTA Planning &amp; Development, and MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on extending the Blue Line to the North Shore, circumferential transit, rapid transit service on Washington Street from Chinatown to Forest Hills, and healthy transportation during the development of the LRTP.</p>
Roxbury	<p>We need more bike lanes and more car sharing. We need traffic calming measures on Columbus Ave (big time) and Washington Streets.</p>	<p>Air pollution and noise pollution due to traffic are big problems due to lack of bike lanes and too many cars.</p>	<p>More bike lanes. Less emphasis on cars in both transportation and development. When a house is built, the emphasis should be on housing and any parking requirements should include car sharing parking requirements and bike parking requirements.</p>	<p>Hard to get to Cambridge from here. Be nice to have that T Ring service.</p>	<p>There is so much going on in this community that requires vigilance and organizing that it would be hard to add another meeting/organization to the mix. The hard part is that everything is connected (development, transportation, jobs, environment) and most people still don't get that. You can't and shouldn't divorce transportation from development - even in old neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Planning &amp; Development. Consider comments on circumferential transit and healthy transportation during the development of the LRTP.</p>
Not Known	<p>High speed transit to replace the old Orange Line (Egleston, Dudley, Northampton, Dover, et al.)</p>	<p>Buses are crowded, service is poor, buses add to congestion on major roads. The people who can least afford to spend an hour or more transporting to work and spend the most money on buses and trains. The rapid (and direct) transit that was taken away without community input has placed a heavy burden on those in my community who relied on it.</p>	<p>See #1.</p>	<p>The old Orange Line provided rapid transit for communities of color to the downtown area for jobs, recreation, and commerce. The community most effected was promised service as good as or better. That promise has never been met.</p>	<p>See #1.</p>	<p>Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning &amp; MBTA Planning &amp; Development. Consider comments on rapid transit service on Washington Street from Chinatown to Forest Hills during the development of the LRTP.</p>
Hyde Park	<p>I am not aware of any unmet needs except to have more scheduled stops for the Fairmount Commuter Train to and from downtown.</p>	<p>Hyde Park residents pay a greater fee for the commuter rail than others in the city limits.</p>	<p>Reduce the fees for the commuter lines to be comparable to other city neighborhoods.</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning.</p>

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Roslindale	I see two problems: In Rozzie square the cars go too fast right at the spots where the pedestrian crosswalks are. The cars are a difficulty because they feel they don't need to slow down anywhere, really. Not a good thing. The other problem is parking. People seem to stop walking when they have driven to the square. It would be good if there were a large secondary parking lot (a little further away from the square-- maybe there are space that aren't being used. At this point Bank of American has a largely empty parking lot. They could make the people who want to park in some BofA empty spaces donate money to ... the bicycles and help getting kids to ride bikes. We don't really need much. Cars are a problem, a nuisance. Some cars are OK, but mostly there is a significant amount of being obnoxious on the part of the car people.	There are places where cars just plain speed up and it's scary at times. Very few are driving at safe speeds--more like 40-45 in Rozzie square. We need some significant changes with that.	Maybe a few more bicycle stands in the Square--near the parking lot for the grocery store, near the library, a bike stand behind the drugstore, and a few other serious places to be able to leave the bike. Somehow we have to slow down the traffic that zooms through the village--they are really dangerous drivers.	We should have an extension built to get Rozzie folks to the JP train station without having to drive alone. How could we do that?	We need a little less speeding and a lot more walking.	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department. Consider comments on healthy transportation during the development of the LRTP.
Boston	I am concerned about conditions in the vicinity of my job in the Newmarket area of South Bay between Roxbury, Dorchester and the Southeast Expressway ramps. 1) Bus stops are not conveniently located not well marked and completely skipped by the CT3 "express" bus. (no stop here 3 at the Boston medical centre --- Why?) Busses going toward the Orange Line are on opposite sides of the street from each other because of their snaked routes. 2) Sidewalks are terrible, even life threatening. Four inch vertical discontinuities at both ends of the bridge over the Old Colony on Southampton St, on one side of Mass Ave near Albany St 6 foot wide sidewalk with 3 feet useless due to obstructions --- can the lighting control boxes be moved to the other side of the street where the buildings have a 20 foot setback? 3) I would like to bicycle to work and find the traffic to heavy, too fast, and too threatening (even in daylight!). Fix the streetlights especially on the bridges. Crosswalks are long and traffic is threatening to pedestrians there are no provisions at some of the expressway ramps at all.	I want better bus connections to the South Bay area.	Make the CT3 available in the South Bay area at Atkinson St on Southampton St.	In Jamaica Plain a community circulator bus is needed to make connections throughout the community between residential streets in the middle where the Orange Line is and stores on Centre Street, South Street, Washington Street and Columbus Avenue. This service using a small agile handicapped accessible jitney bus should be useful to shoppers with packages, families with small children, and the elderly who can no longer walk long distances. The MBTA #48 Jamaica plain loop is trying to do jitney service with too large of a vehicle to get to where it should offer service.		Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on healthy transportation during development of the LRTP.
East Boston	No pedestrian access to downtown Boston (no bridge over harbor). No bicycle access to downtown during rush hour (not allowed on subway). No safe bicycle route through Chelsea connecting East Boston to the West. Rails to trails path is very short and should continue along MBTA Blue Line to the north.	There are loud planes taking off and landing over the neighborhood and new runway construction has increased their frequency. Taxis cut through residential areas to avoid paying tunnel toll to get to Boston. Visitors have to pay a toll just to come to our neighborhood.	Remove tolls on tunnels to Boston. Allow bikes on Blue Line Subway at all hours. Finish East Boston Greenway path to the north, connecting to Revere. Build a pedestrian bridge over the harbor or suspend a pedestrian bridge from the Tobin Bridge.	Pedestrian/Bike access to our own city center, downtown Boston. Bike paths linking northern and western towns.		Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on healthy transportation, pedestrian and bicycle connection between East Boston and Boston proper, and extending the East Boston Greenway to Revere during development of the LRTP.

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Jamaica Plain	We need buses to run more frequently, especially #39. (Or we need the trolley or subway reinstated on Centre.)I've seen the #39 so crowded that the driver stops taking passes. And then the T misses out on money and on the very data showing how overcrowded the #39 is. Also, we need dedicated bus lanes/bus traffic lights and dedicated bike lanes, especially down through Dorchester. "Walk/Don't Walk" timers need to be re-tweaked to come on sooner and last longer. Sometimes I'm lucky if I get 20 seconds after two cycles of cars going through! This is especially bad at Centre and Green and near the Green Street station. On the other hand, the timers at the Catholic church near South and St. Joseph's are incredibly responsive! They should all be like that.	All along the Arborway, people drive too fast, way above posted speed limits (ex: 40 in 25 mph zone). Centre/South is often jammed, and when it's not, people drive too fast and run red lights, etc. All of this spills into the neighborhood streets. And yes, I have even seen some bicyclists run red lights, etc. I think we need greater enforcement of traffic laws, especially speeding. Similarly, traffic calming measures (speed bumps, stop signs, traffic lights, what does it take?) on neighborhood streets would help. A while back, there was a "pedestrian crossing" sign in the middle of Centre Street, and a vehicle knocked it over. Similarly, a vehicle hit the "walk/don't walk" sign at the Green Street T stop. Those are bad indicators of the relationship between drivers and pedestrians! The "pedestrian crossing" sign has yet to be replaced!	See #1,2,4.	Despite how close Brookline is, it easily takes an hour to get there by bus or subway from JP. Dorchester is also hard to get to, in part because the Dorchester buses (8, 16, 41) are so slow and infrequent. Similarly, more cross-neighborhood transit would be great.		Submit comments to Boston Transportation Department, MBTA Service Planning, and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider comments on healthy transportation and circumferential transit during development of the LRTP.
Somerville	We need more bike lanes. Union Square is horrendously dangerous. Bikers either avoid it or put themselves in perilous situations. There aren't even properly marked car lanes. Somerville Ave could similarly use marked bike lanes.		It would be nice if there was a closer T stop, maybe in or around Union Square.			Submit comments to the City of Somerville's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. Consider comment on healthy transportation and adding an MBTA station at Union Square during the development of the LRTP.
Roxbury	Roxbury is divided by the Dudley-Ruggles axis. In order to get to Cambridge, Brookline, the South End (Tremont St), the LMA, or the Fenway without using the train, passengers from areas further south of Malcolm X and Melnea Cass Blvds have to transfer at Dudley or Ruggles to keep moving north. It would be useful to have more buses that go to Cambridge, Brookline, Tremont St, or the Fenway that start and end at Jackson Square so that more people can reach those areas in one ride rather than 2. For example: - Extend #1 bus to Jackson Sq. - Extend #14 bus to Brookline Village - Extend #43 bus to Jackson Sq.	Most of my neighborhood is only served by buses. They are slower, have less capacity, and generate more particulates than trains. Roxbury has one of the highest rates of asthma in the city and I believe the number of buses is one of the reasons.	Build and extend rail lines throughout Roxbury, both into downtown and across from Dorchester to Brookline. Also, run some buses (esp. 41 and 42) on time and more frequently.	Tremont St in the South End. Later service on the #42 bus. Direct connections from Jackson Sq. to the LMA.	Bring rail back to central Roxbury!	Submit comments to MBTA Service Planning and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider comments on circumferential transit and extending rapid transit service to Roxbury during the development of the LRTP.
Mattapan	Yes, there are very few safe paths for bicyclists in our community: Blue Hill Ave is an overused speedway; drivers hostile to bicyclists and little to provide a counter narrative; few side streets offer safe alternative routes; streets are not well maintained so surface conditions in general don't favor bicycling; etc.	Mattapan is a "transportation hub" so, yes, it's "negatively affected"--everything from air quality to traffic congestion--makes it a hostile environment for walking, let alone biking.	Some of the auto traffic could be redirected through Milton and the T parking lot should go 'public' to encourage more drivers to take the T, for one... environmental laws could be enforced (trucks violate the 5-minute idling rule, for example all the time with impunity), for another.	Getting to a job in Allston or Watertown, for example, would take half a work day; so many job options are foreclosed on that basis alone.	Care about the quality of life for the people who live, work, and play here.	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider comments on healthy transportation, and poor transit connectivity between Mattapan and areas north and west during development of the LRTP.

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Boston (Jamaica Plain)	I feel my commute is dangerous, especially in the vicinity of its end in the Newmarket section of Dorchester/South end/Roxbury(?). By bicycle this area is scary due to the fast traffic and the large number of heavy-duty vehicles in the area. Also the area is subject to frequent pavement defects due to the large number of heavily loaded vehicles. When I commute by public transportation I frequently have to walk to/from either Andrew Station with poorly designed pedestrian crossings at highway ramps, pavement discontinuities at highway/railway overpasses and highway infrastructure arbitrarily placed in the middle of the sidewalk. From the city hospital end I encounter sidewalks restricted to under 4 feet at heavily used bus stops on both sides of Massachusetts Avenue near Albany Street. Also across Albany Street where the street continues as Southampton Street along the yaakey building(former EMS headquarters) there are irregular surface and several unplanned constrictions including a 3 foot!!! space between a lighting control box and a lamppost base. THE CONTROL BOX IS COMPLETELY UNEXCEPTABLE IN SO NAROW A DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK! Crosswalks and sidewalks at the intersection with the highway ramps are poor. the bus stops and routes through South Bay are not well located and the service too infrequent to not walk completely out of the area for frequent service.	Jamaica Plain needs a light bus system designed to circulate mothers with small children, people carrying their shopping and the elderly from residential areas to stores, transportation, city services and health facilities.	Get a small bus, and improve bicycle facilities.	Better circulation between residential areas and stores.	Wider sidewalks on Massachusetts Avenue	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on healthy transportation during development of the LRTP.
Hyde Park	1. Train service every half hour to downtown 2. Bike lanes here there and everywhere 3. Sidewalks of decent width, no cross slope or poles in the middle of them 4. A REAL physical commitment to traffic calming rather than hot air and claims of "we'll step up enforcement". Folks fly down our street and it's a wonder no one is run over.	Traffic...little bike/ped accommodation = fat kids and bad air. Politicians representing the neighborhoods need to personally use the transit and bike/ped infrastructure to understand the need for improvements.	1. Train service every half hour to downtown 2. Bike lanes here there and everywhere 3. Sidewalks of decent width, no cross slope or poles in the middle of them 4. A REAL physical commitment to traffic calming rather than hot air and claims of "we'll step up enforcement".	DOWNTOWN - S. STA Express 32 service to Forest Hills	Bring MPO into compliance with Title VI and document how each project complies with the Green Transportation initiatives.	Submit comments to the Boston Transportation Department and MBTA Service Planning. Consider comments on healthy transportation and on evaluating projects for their consistency with green transportation initiatives during development of LRTP and TIP.
Quincy	Quincy does not have much of a cycling infrastructure. Comments I have made to that effect at planning/information meetings have been met with lukewarm reception at best. For example, Quincy is in the middle of a large road project connecting Burgin Parkway with 3A and no bike lanes are planned. Also, the proposed designs I have seen for the new downtown development do not seem to include any bike lanes or bike parking facilities. Aside from cycling infrastructure, Quincy's bus service leaves a bit to be desired. Routes seem more or less adequate (at least where I live), but times between busses are much longer than nearby communities.	None in my part of Quincy, but I can't speak for the rest of the city.	More frequent bus service. Maybe bring back the street cars that used to run throughout the city?		We need to start somewhere. Let's start with better public transit.	Submit comments to the City of Quincy, MBTA Service Planning, and MBTA Planning & Development. Consider comments on green transportation and restoring streetcars in Quincy during development of LRTP.

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East Boston	YES! East Boston is organizing to create a link through Massport property now so the community will have a bikepath/walking, etc. from one end of East Boston to the other, starting at Belle Isle Marsh to Piers Park. Strong resistance is coming from Massport and where by all accounts this is not well grounded. Airports throughout the country are encouraging bike paths, and most visibly at Reagan's National Airport where the bikepath is 200 feet from the end of the runway with a fence about 2 feet high. There seems to be unwarranted concerns coming from the agency. bikepath/walking, etc. from one end of East Boston to the other, starting at Belle Isle Marsh to Piers Park	Where do we begin? If we look at the 3,000 car parking garage that was just constructed in the North Service Area at Logan, we are going to have 3,000 cars exiting onto East Boston streets. This structure is less than 1/4 mile from Bennington Street and Neptune Road. Commuters looking for the path of least resistance will use East Boston streets.  To deny a bike path through East Boston, which could ultimately connect to the Town of Winthrop and City of Revere also, is a huge negative impact since riding city streets is very dangerous, especially for novice riders and families.	First, creating a bike path through East Boston would be huge, significant improvement on many fronts. Another plus for East Boston alone (not Chelsea) is the East Boston/Chelsea Bypass road which will take large trucks off the streets of East Boston that are going to Chelsea.	If we are to look at Rte. 1-A and it's connections, particularly at Boardman Street, we could realize some improvements solely at that location. This signalization is controlled during peak hours entirely by Massport.  Chelsea Street and Curtis Street needs improvement ultimately which may be enhanced with the EB/Chelsea Bypass road.	The increase of water shuttles would be a huge improvement for East Boston, Revere and Chelsea.	
Lynn	We have a good network of bus routes passing through, but evening and especially weekend service is sketchier; for example, i cannot get from Downtown Lynn to Home Depot in Salem on a weekend--i would have to take one bus to downtown Salem and another bus back down Rt107, & visa versa. The web of bus routes is confusing; the setup at the central downtown Lynn bus station isn't user-friendly either. And, with the high use of the central station, no restrooms--that's not good. Our Commuter Rail works well. The size and location of our community merits extension of the Blue Line subway to better serve the community. The idea of a Commuter Ferry from Lynn to Boston essentially duplicates--poorly--the existing CR service.	Houses along the commuter rail (i'm across the street from the rail line) may suffer noise and air pollution but the trains are few and far between, so i don't see it as a significant impact. All of the major roadways through Lynn, however, create polluted and unpleasant living conditions along them, from the plethora of cars. Would improved public transit ameliorate this? The Lynnway is a horror show for pedestrians and cyclists--although it doesn't have much direct impact on residential neighborhoods.	Extend subway to Lynn--to implement inexpensive and efficient transit to downtown Boston jobs. Better coordinate network of bus routes.	See #3.		
Jamaica Plain	Gaps in the bike paths (both directions) beyond Jamaica Pond to Arnold Arboretum, Forest Hills T station, Southwest Corridor Park, Franklin Park and beyond.	The same area (beyond Jamaica Pond) - speeding, aggressive driving, red light running etc. High speed/high volume traffic in front of houses while center lanes between medians are slower speed & lower volume.	Traffic calming, implementation of crosswalks that are designed (access to Jamaica Pond - DCR), completion of the bike paths i.e. address the gaps.	The bike paths (both directions) beyond Jamaica Pond to Arnold Arboretum, Forest Hills T station, Southwest Corridor Park, Franklin Park and beyond: complete the connections (there are gaps).		
Jamaica Plain	1. More bike lanes/bike protection. 2. More east-to-west busses 3. Repairs to the subway lines so that they can run at faster speeds/with more frequency. 4. Dedicated bus lanes. 5. More frequent busses. 6. There's a spot on the Jamaicaway where people cross to get to the Arboretum. There's a light and crosswalk for 3/4 of it. Then there's a spot with "yield to pedestrian" and "look both ways" signage. Perhaps a stop sign or light with crosswalk would be better there.	Centre/South streets are always jammed with cars.  The Jamaicaway is a death trap-cars go too fast and are too close together.  A number of residents on a number of streets want pedestrian calming measures to slow cars down. It seems some of them get them (e.g. Lochstead). I know when I looked into them for Elm Street and for Philbrick Street, I was told that they would interfere with the fire department. I find this response questionable in light of the fact that some streets do have such measures now.	See #1. Also more enforcement of the laws, especially speeding, not yielding to pedestrians, and running red lights (for cars and bicyclists).  Also, more needs to be done to educate/get drivers and pedestrians used to being aware of the new bike lanes.	More connections with Roslindale and points south, and with Brookline.		
West Roxbury/Roslindale	Need bike lane marked on Weld St.  Need bike crossing/pedestrian crossing across Walter St. near West entrance of the Arboretum	Major crossing at Weld and Centre Streets/Roslindale/West Roxbury--very dangerous, especially for pedestrians and for bicyclists	More patrols on Weld St., Busey St., and Walter St.		Why is it taking so long to have a crosswalk from Walter St. to the Arboretum?	