

**Boston Climate Action Plan – Leadership Committee Work Group on
Transportation**

August 12th Meeting at City Hall

Attendees

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Recommendations, Goals, and Next Steps

Scale up bike programs

- Facility retrofit requirements for installing/enhancing bike facilities, tied to Institutional Master Plans and TAPAs where relevant
- Educational campaign
 - For schools (children)
 - For commuters
- Improved bike facilities and infrastructure in open spaces/park spaces
- Acknowledge/promote/educate on existing (1st generation) bike programs
- Improve enforcement of rules

Next steps

- Look at what Cambridge and Chicago are doing around cycling rule enforcement
- Look into bike parking at Boston Public Schools (Does it exist at all? To what extent?)

Commuter mode reporting requirement for businesses over X employees

- Tiered structure for mode tracking and mandating improvements
 - Small biz: web-based survey only, including employer poll of employee commuting modes
 - Medium biz: survey plus requirement to pick from a list of transportation improvements to implement
 - Large biz: collaborate with Mass RideShare require a Transportation Demand Management Strategy (i.e. reduce the number of single occupancy trips)
- Get X% of employers to join TMAs by 2020

Next steps

- Review EPA Best Workplaces for Commuters guidelines
- Develop a list of transportation improvements and concept of Transportation Demand Management Strategy
- Get BRA data to determine biz size thresholds and where to make best impact

Enhance parking freeze policies and programs

- Strengthen downtown parking freeze
- Annualize parking freeze permitting and attach a fee
- Inventory and explain parking freeze exemptions (but not politically practical to eliminate exemptions)

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- Raise parking rates and reinvest the money that is over and above the existing rates into transit and pedestrian improvements
- Potential goals:
 - No more than 1 car per household
 - No cars for college/university students
 - Change the parking ratio at institutions over time as part of the Master Plan update process

Next Steps

- Develop more thorough background information on TAPAs, TMAs, and Institutional Master Plans for those with less knowledge of transportation issues/programs
- Need to clarify issue of “codifying” the many existing parking programs that are currently making a positive impact in the city

Develop car/riding sharing, van pooling, and park and ride programs

- Develop car sharing options for less dense areas of the city
- Create a Boston-based ride sharing system (e.g. mobile technology tool/application)

Next Steps

- David to work on these issues for the next work group meeting

Develop transit first strategy & smart growth policies

- Require employers to provide pre-tax transit benefits to employees
- Make better use of existing transit (e.g. improve signage and access)
- Increase transit infrastructure on the 2050 time frame

Next Steps

- Look into existing transit oriented development efforts in Boston (Tad Reid at the BRA is a good resource)

Electric Cars

- New parking garages will have charging stations
- City to release an RFI for an electric charging pilot in the next few months

Outside agenda category

- Develop better tools for tracking and modeling city VMTs and emissions

Next Steps Summary

Tasks for the City and Consulting Team

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Tasks for others

- David to look into car sharing programs/recommendations

***** Next Transportation Work Group Meeting is September 9th from 2-4pm *****