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Dudley Square Complete Streets Design Project

Public Meeting #1

October 22, 2012

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Boys & Girls Club of Boston

Yawkey Club of Roxbury

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Agenda

- ” Welcome and introductions
 - ” Study overview
 - ” A little history
 - ” Future outreach
 - ” Coordination
 - ” Building on a strong foundation
 - ” Small group discussions
 - ” Wrap up and next steps
- 6:15-7:00 (includes Q&A)
- 7:00-7:40
- 7:40-8:00



Meeting “Ground Rules”

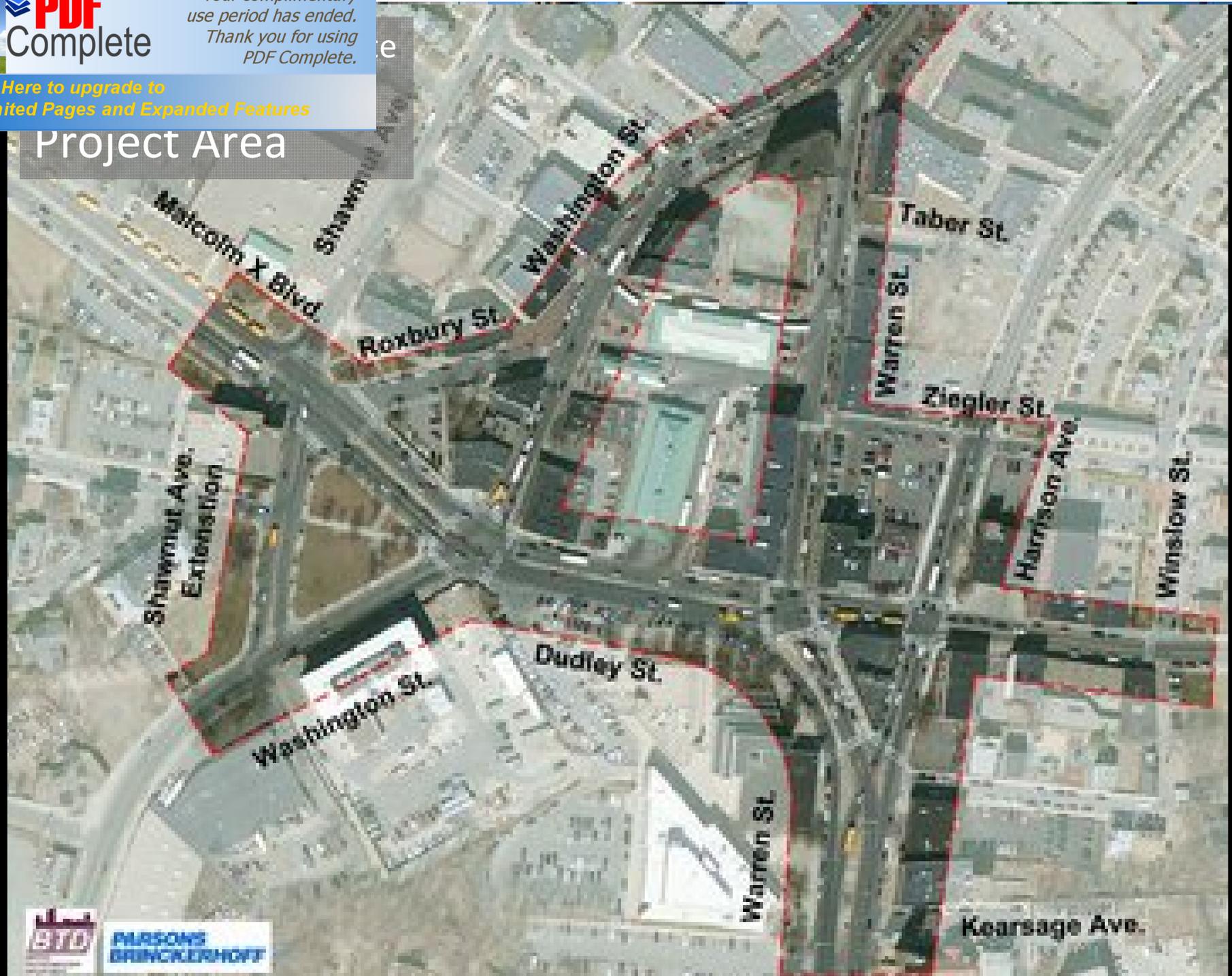
- ” Keep time in mind
- ” Be respectful of your neighbors
- ” Listen to the moderator
- ” Focus on design issues
- ” Use the parking lot



Dudley Square Complete Streets Design Project

- “ Recognize the history of the square
- “ Build on foundation of work done to date
- “ Coordinate with ongoing and future projects
- “ Develop solutions that address identified transportation problems
- “ Integrate Boston Complete Streets guidelines
- “ Design for improvements that will get built

Project Area





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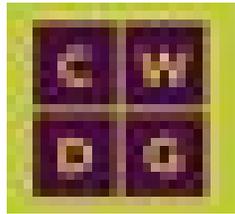
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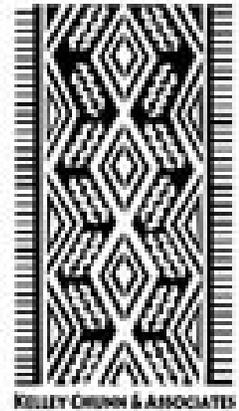
Project Team



BOSTON
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Dudley Square Planning History

- “ 1972: Boston Transportation Planning Review results in the cancellation of Southwest Expressway and the Inner Belt
- “ 1985: Dudley Square Merchants’ Association started
- “ 1995: Dudley Square Main Streets started
- “ 2001: Dudley Square Transportation & Air Quality Study
- “ 2004: Roxbury Strategic Master Plan
- “ 2009: Dudley Square Vision Initiative Transportation Action Plan
- “ 2011: Redevelopment of Ferdinand Building into Dudley Municipal Center



Dudley Square Transportation History

- “ 1901: Washington Street Elevated opens with Dudley Square as southern terminal
- “ 1909: Washington Street Elevated extended south to Forest Hills
- “ 1987: Orange Line relocated to Southwest Corridor Park
- “ 1989: Dudley Square Bus Station opens
- “ 2002: Silver Line opens





Outreach Will Be Ongoing



- Meeting #1: Intro/Problem ID/History
- Meeting #2: Improvement Ideas
- Meeting #3: Concept Design

Multiple Public Meetings

Ongoing Coordination



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Coordination with Other Projects



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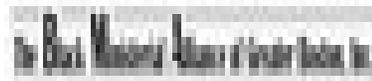


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Coordination with Stakeholders





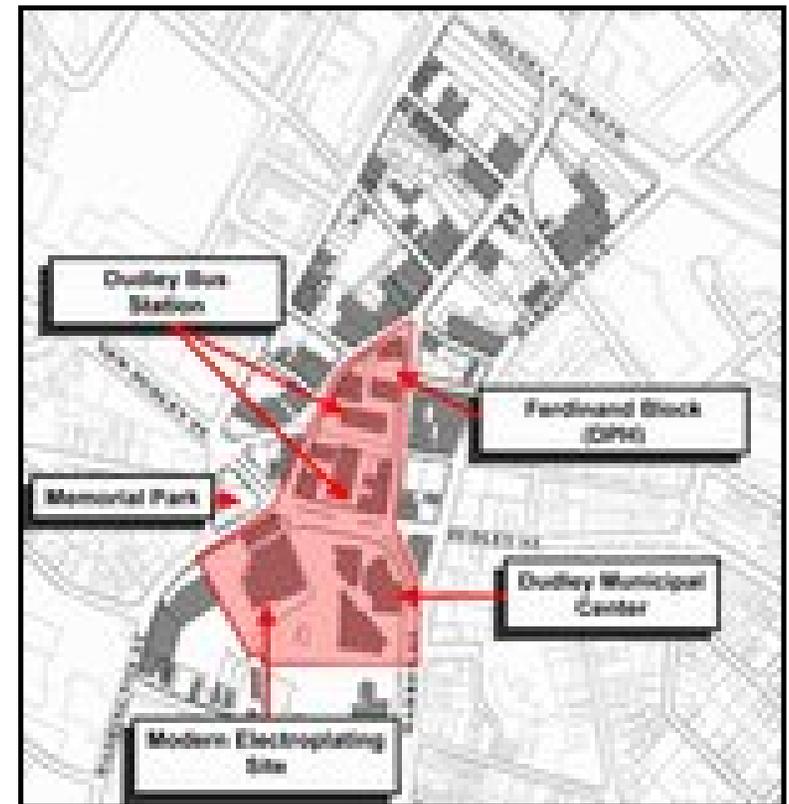
Building on a Strong Foundation

- “ Dudley Square Vision Initiative Transportation Action Plan
- “ Nuestra Comunidad Work
 - . Placemaking in the Warren Street Corridor
 - . Complete Streets Workshop (with EPA)
- “ Dudley Square Transportation and Air Quality Study
- “ Roxbury/Dorchester/Mattapan Transit Needs Study
- “ Madison Park Development Corporation Neighborhood Walk & Bike Audits
- “ MBTA Projects
 - . Key Routes Study on #15, #23, and #28 buses
 - . MBTA Dudley Station Improvements
- “ CTPS Dudley Bus Station Circulation Analysis



Dudley Square Transportation and Air Quality Study (Nov '01)

- “ Pedestrian and Bike
 - Improved Amenities
 - Modify Cross-section on Dudley Street
- “ Parking and Loading
 - Develop Parking Plan
- “ Public Transportation
 - Minimize Circuitous Bus Movements
 - TDM Measures
 - Convert buses from Diesel to Low Emission Fuel Sources
 - Silver Line Extension
- “ Traffic Management
 - Signal Coordination, Turn Lanes, Equipment





DSVI Transportation Action Plan (Dec '09)

“ Short-Term:

- Accessible ramps & crosswalks
- Modify signal timing & phasing

“ Long Term:

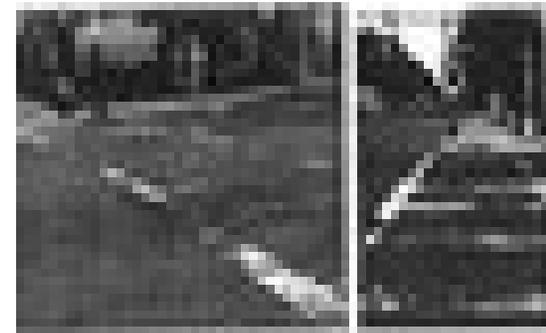
- Modify traffic flow at Warren & Dudley
- Narrow cross-section of Dudley Street
- Improve bike & ped circulation
- Improve streetscape & amenities





Madison Park Complete Streets Walk Recommendations (May '12)

- ” Create/repaint crosswalks
- ” Improved poorly functioning WALK lights
- ” Install speed limit signs
- ” Improve amenities
- ” Narrow the Dudley & Washington intersection
- ” Review pavement conditions & improve lane markings for bicyclists





Placemaking in the Warren Street Transit Corridor (Jun '12)

“ Five Sites

- 1) Veteran’s Park
- 2) Old Police Station
- 3) Library Plaza
- 4) Courthouse Plaza
- 5) Bus Station

“ Recommendations

- Activate outdoor space
- Improve amenities
- Improve crosswalks
- Traffic calming





Nuestra Comunidad Complete Streets Workshop (Aug '12)

- ” Spot Improvements
 - Signage & pavement markings
 - Traffic signal heads
- ” Multimodal Circulation
 - Crosswalks & ped crossing times
 - Improved amenities
- ” Placement Concepts
 - Expand Dudley Station across Dudley Street with raised crosswalk
- ” Policy Initiatives
 - Fare collection & bus transit priority





ROXBURY-DORCHESTER-MATTAPAN Transit Needs Study (Sep '12)

” Recommendations for Dudley Square Area:

- Traffic signal coordination on Dudley Street
- Minimize circuitous bus movements in Dudley Square
- Improve amenities at Dudley Station
- Improve fare collection
- Exclusive bus lanes
- Expand Silver Line service



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Questions

Until 7:00pm



Group Discussions

Purpose: Discuss existing problems/issues and ideas for potential solutions.

- 1.Count off
- 2.Move to your table
- 3.Moderator will describe what we are going to be talking about
- 4.Volunteer to take notes and report back
- 5.DISCUSS!!
- 6.Report back



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Group Discussions

Until 7:40pm



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Report Back





Next Steps

- “ Continue to gather information on existing deficiencies, problems, and issues
- “ Continue coordination with related projects
- “ Work with the community to explore potential design solutions



Future Outreach



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