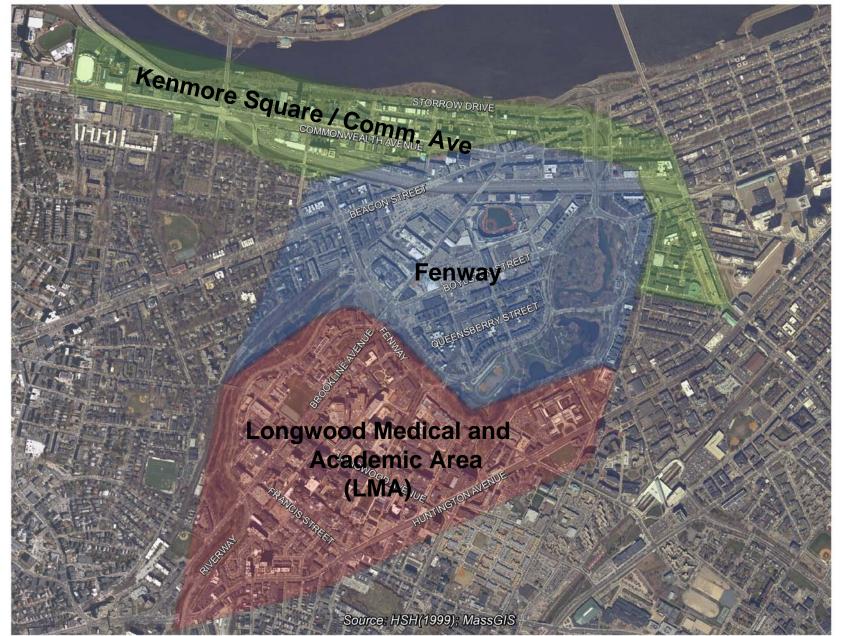
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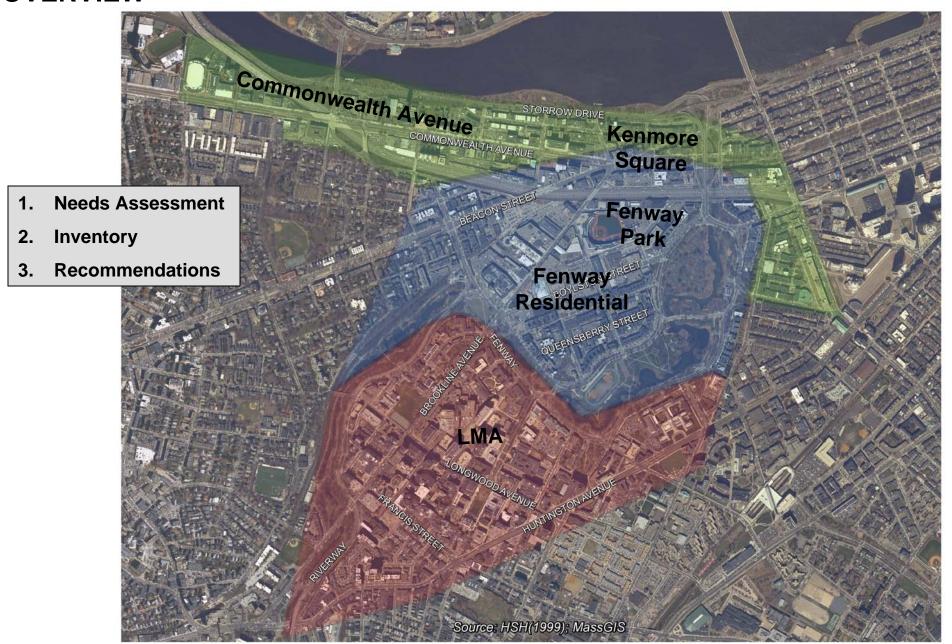
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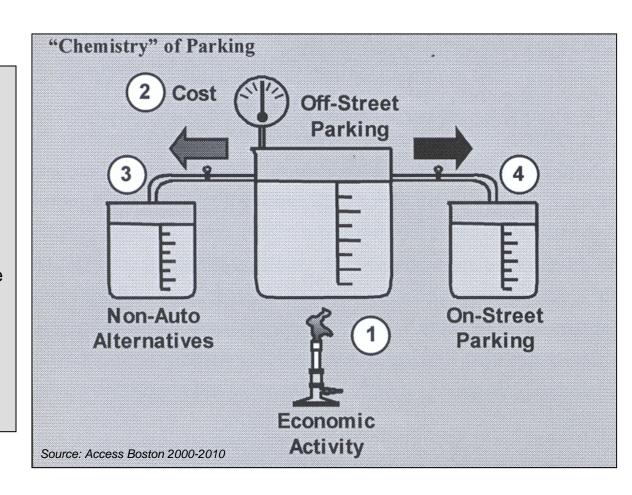


### **OVERVIEW**



#### "CHEMISTRY" OF PARKING

- New housing, visitation, and employment increases parking demand
- Pressure to increase parking supply has to be managed to reduce congestion and stabilize costs
- Opportunities to use transit, shuttles, and bicycles have to be expanded to accommodate new growth
- Motorists may seek cheaper onstreet parking due to limited availability and high cost of offstreet spaces



# **NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Growth Trends & Corresponding Needs**

#### FENWAY PARK / LANSDOWNE ST

**Trend**: Increased visitation and year round attraction

**Need**: Maintain existing event related public parking spaces within walking distance

#### **BROOKLINE AVE / BOYLSTON ST**

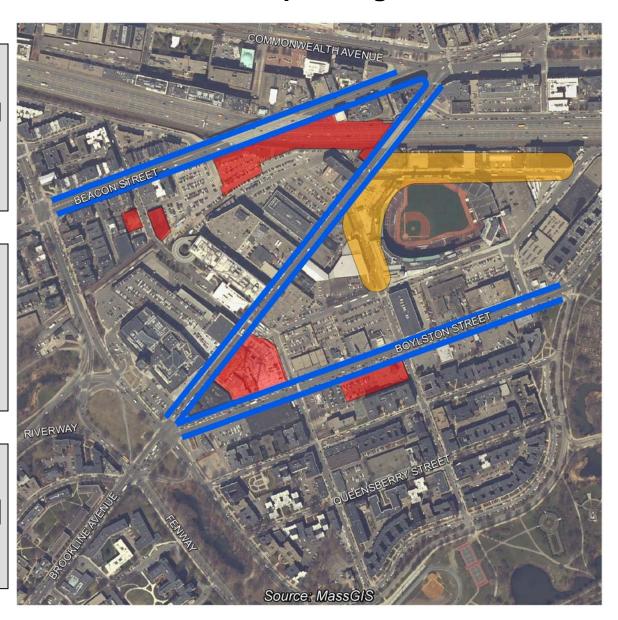
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**Need**: Opportunities for short-term parking and service needs such as loading

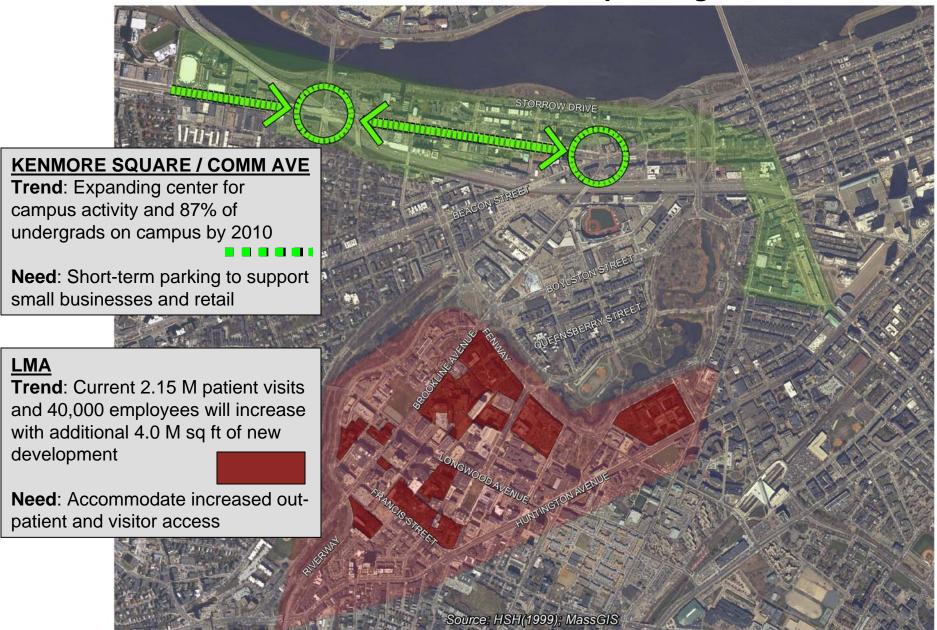
#### **FENWAY RESIDENTIAL**

**Trend**: New mixed-use housing and supporting retail

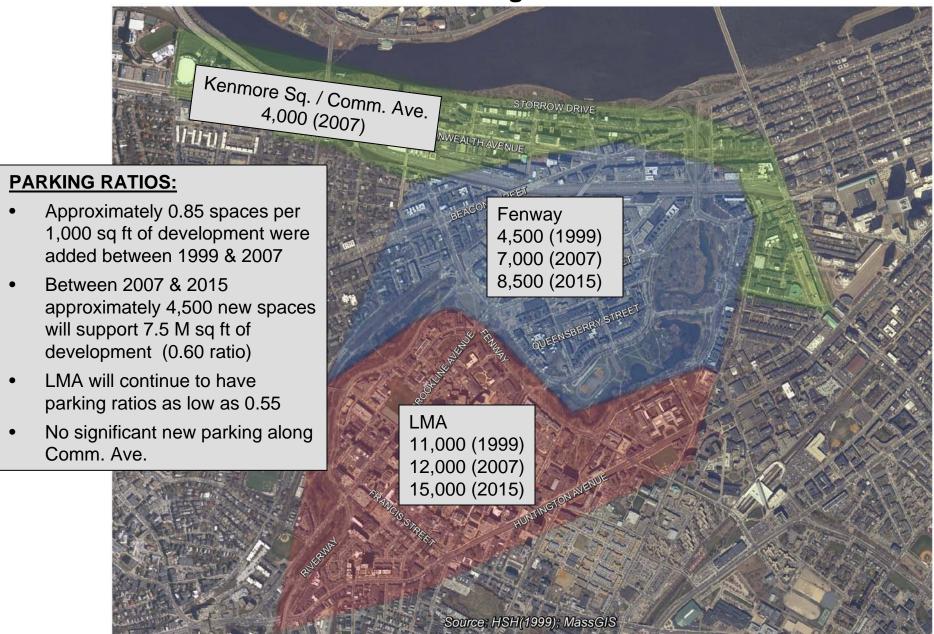
**Need**: Adequate parking for new residents on-site and on-street



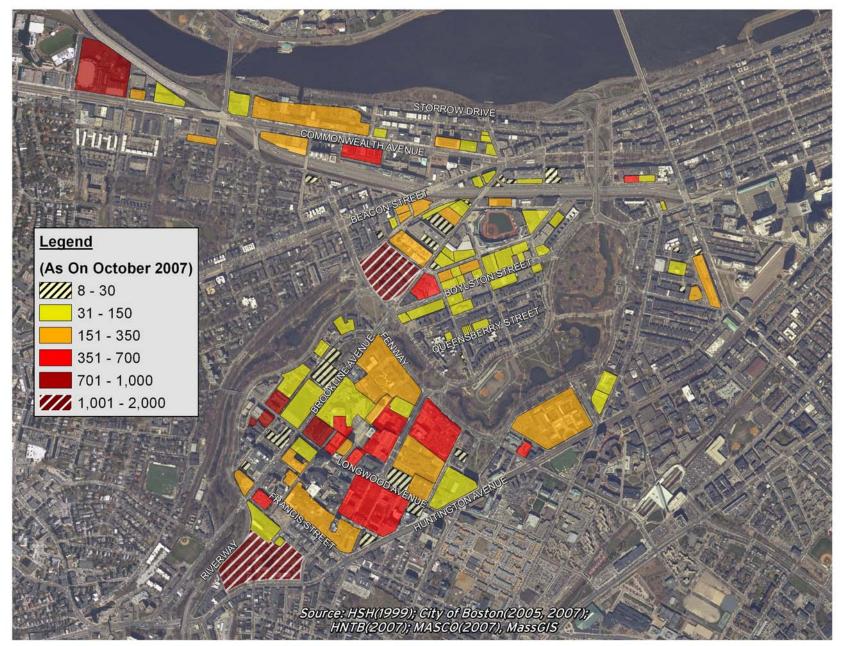
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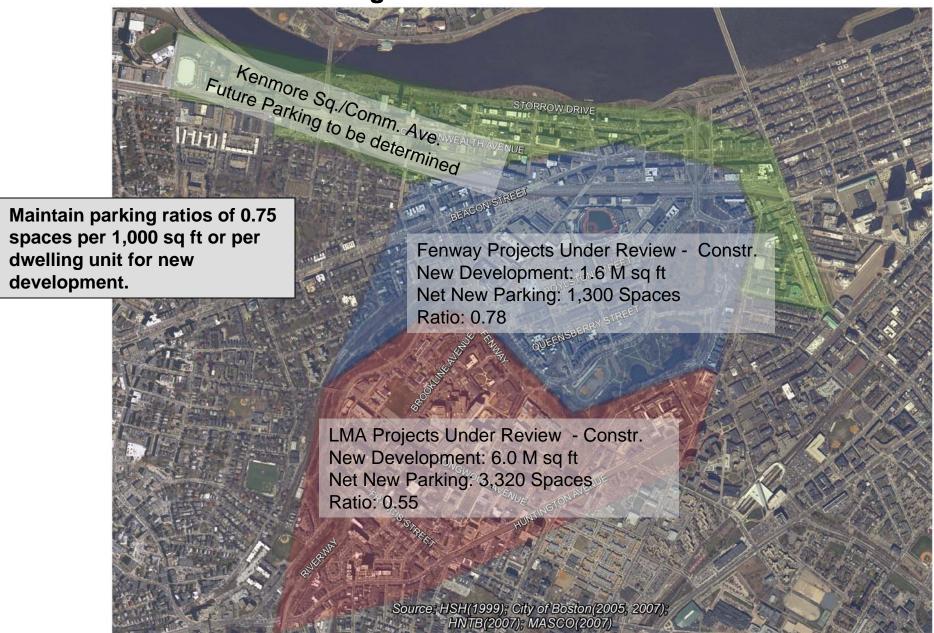
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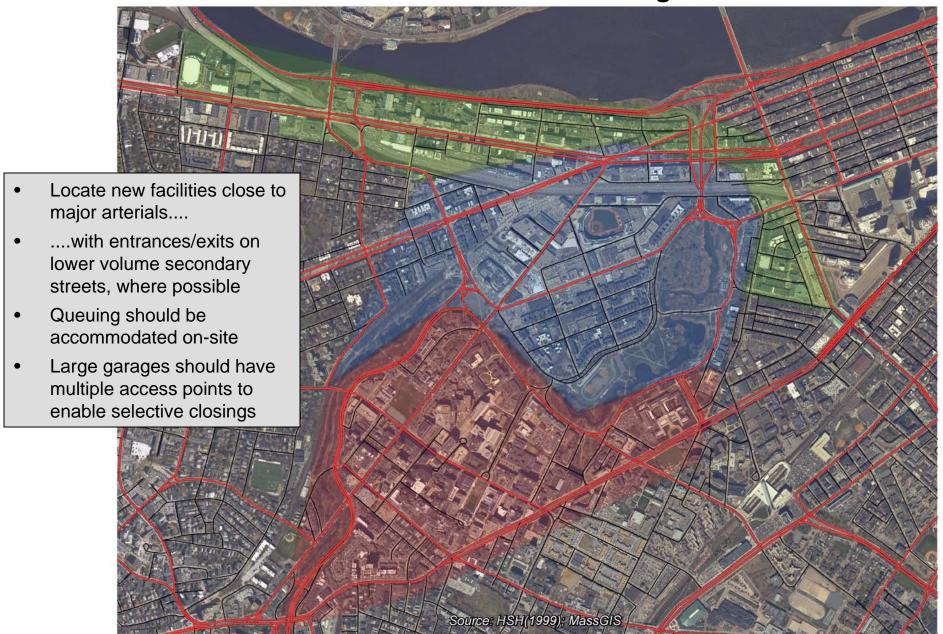
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### **RECOMMENDATIONS: Parking Rates and Loading**

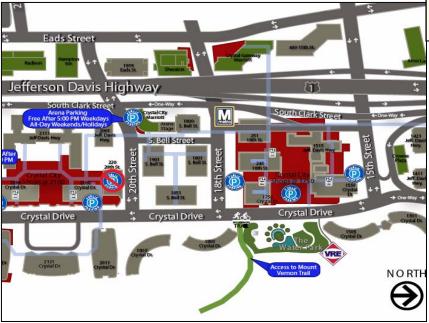
- Off-street parking rates should be consistent within the district to reduce "cruising"
- City should raise meter rates on major arterials and garages should lower their short-term rates
- All loading and delivery should be accommodated on site
- Access to loading docks should not impact major arterials and be off-peak

Existing Parking Rates			
	Fenway	Longwood	Kenmore Sq. <i>I</i> Comm. Ave.
	Median Price	Median Price	Median Price
1/2 Hour	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.50
1 Hour	\$8.50	\$8.00	\$7.50
5 Hour	\$15.00	\$24.00	N/A
MAX	\$20.00	\$29.00	\$24.50
Night/ Weekend	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$10.00
Event Rate	\$35.00	N/A	\$30.00

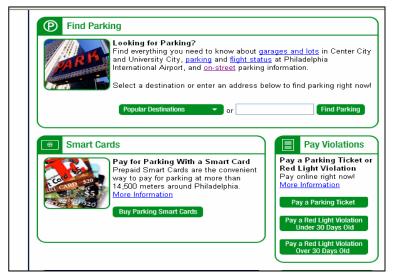


### **RECOMMENDATIONS: "Smart" Management of Parking**

- Website showing alternative mode choices to access in area and parking availability
- Variable Message Signs (VMS) at gateway locations
- City should explore technology that integrates access to on and off street parking and also integrates with "Charlie" card







### **RECOMMENDATIONS: Neighborhood Specific**

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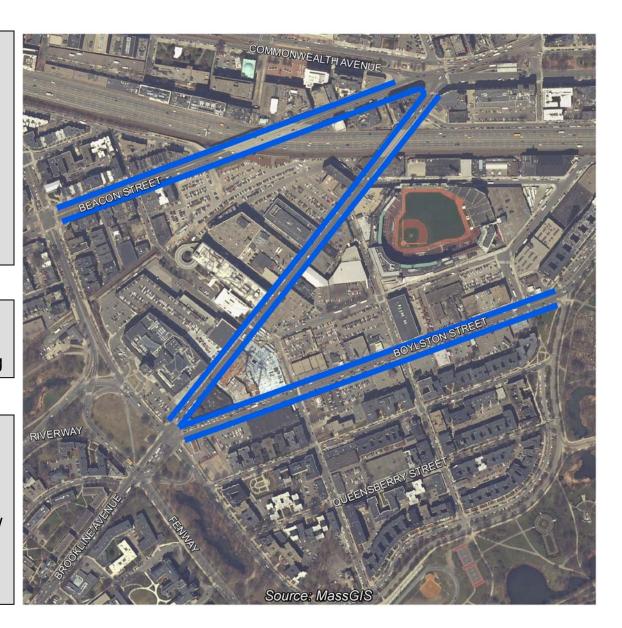
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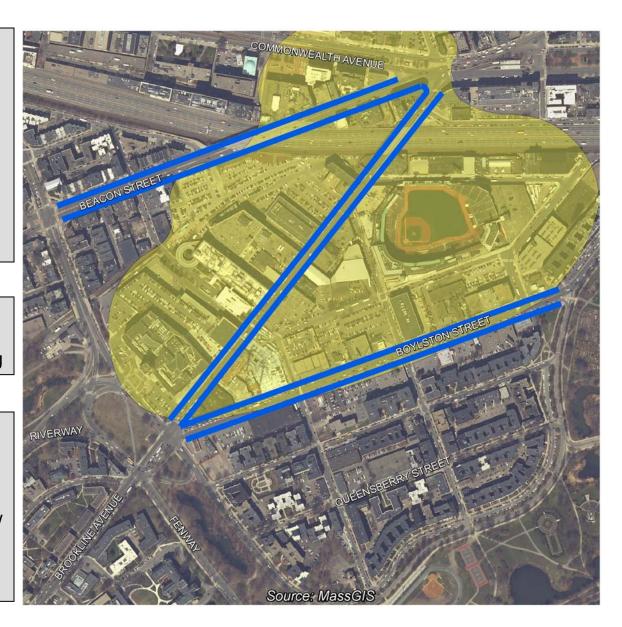
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#### **KENMORE SQUARE / COMM AVE**

- Provide short-term parking for small business customers
- Accommodation for potential future development and associated parking
- Provide extensive bicycle rack program for BU students

#### **LMA**

- Improved transit and ped access
- New parking should prioritize patient and visitor needs
- Aggressive TDM programs including shuttles for employees should continue
- Access to garages should be on minor streets



## **RECOMMENDATIONS: Bicycle Parking**

