



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Commission On Disability

Meeting Date: November 14, 2022

MINUTES

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Time: 6:00PM

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Commission Members Present:

Eileen Sandberg, Co-Chair, participating remotely

Anne Marie Killilea, former Co-Chair, participating remotely

Jane Brown, Treasurer, participating remotely

Lucie Chansky, participating remotely

Petr Chovanec, participating remotely

Ima Jonsdottir, participating remotely

Nyree Kibarian, participating remotely

Sandra Lingley, participating remotely

Barbara Lischinsky, participating remotely

Matt Volpi, participating remotely

Members Absent:

Nancy Kritzman

Lakshmi Kadambi

Darby Leigh

Staff:

Jini Fairley, ADA/504 Coordinator, participating remotely

Sgt. Mike Wade, Police

Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Mayor's Office

Shaylyn Davis, Planning

Guests:

Mary Tornabene, on phone

Councilor Bowman

Councilor Downs

Robert Solomon

Representatives from MBTA GLT Team

Representatives from Barrett Consulting Group

1. Introductions (6:00-6:05)

At the start of the meeting, Eileen had not arrived yet, so Anne Marie, former Co-Chair began the meeting. There were 9 members present at the beginning.

2. Approval of the October 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes (6:05-6:10)

Anne Marie asked if everyone read the minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Jane made the motion to approve the October 17 meeting minutes. Matt

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Mayor

Barney Heath,
Director, Planning &
Development

Amanda Berman
Director, Housing &
Community Development

Nika Sandal
Planner
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seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1 (Lucie abstained as she was only present for the first hour).

3. CDBG Report (6:10-6:15)

Nika was unable to set up site visits for the FY24 CDBG potential projects, and unable to attend tonight. Anne Marie offered to read the CDBG report that all members received in advance, while Eileen settled in, who was having technical issues with her computer and Zoom. This report can be found on page 8.

4. Accessible Fines Reports (6:15-6:20)

Sgt. Wade gave the 2 Fines reports. These reports can be viewed on pages 9 & 10. He has changed the term “Reductions” to “Successful Appeals”, when tickets are voided out/dismissed due to successful appeals. He explained this means that the individual who received the ticket attended an Appeal Hearing with Parking Manager in DPW. Often the individual brings his valid placard in, which may have been displayed incorrectly or forgotten to be displayed or for some other reason. A member of the public, Robert Solomon doesn’t feel that if a person forgets to put up their valid placard or displays it incorrectly, that ticket should not be dismissed. Sgt. Wade explained this is not done through the Police department and he has no access to the decision or reports of these successful appeals.

5. Accessible Parking Space-372 Langley Rd (6:20-6:35)

Mary Tornabene, Newton resident at 372 Langley Road explained why she is requesting an accessible parking space near her home. Her driveway is a great distance from the front door, located around the corner. Also her street is all parked up during the day, when she is returning from grocery shopping and needs to carry bundles for several trips more than 200 feet or a block and a half to her front door. Mary is 94 and needs to park closer to her front entrance. Sgt. Wade went by there today and noticed that this resident’s home is near businesses, near Route 9, and it was parked up in front of 372 Langley Rd. He sees no issue if the COD wants to support this petition for an accessible parking space there. Mary added that she wouldn’t be staying in that accessible space all day, just when she returns home with bundles to carry. She would then move her car to her driveway and garage. Then that space would be available to anyone with a disability placard or plate to park there for a nearby business. She feels that many of the tenants in new apartment complexes near her have 2 cars, but only one parking space underground and can’t afford to pay for their second car space above ground, so they park on the street. Matt confirmed this and has noticed the increase of parking up and down Langley Road in this area, even construction vehicles are in these on-street parking spaces. Lucie made a motion to support/approve this accessible parking space request. Jane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0. This action will be conveyed to the Traffic Council and will be considered in their vote at the December 17 Traffic Council meeting, which Jini explained to Mary. Mary said that on her petition, she asked if this accessible parking space could be located on Langley at the corner of John Street, so that she would only need to pull in to that space rather than needing to parallel park, which is difficult on this crowded and busy street Jini said that she would include this location when she informs the Traffic Council of the COD’s supportive vote.

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6. MBTA Newton Highlands Station-Accessibility (6:35-7:00)

Representatives from the Green Line Transformation Team gave a presentation as to the changes they have made in the design to make this station fully accessible, since the last update. This presentation can be found on pages 11-13. Basically, the new design provides a newly designed ramp from the Walnut Street entrance which does not encroach on the conservation restricted land, placed by the city, next to the station building (owned privately, not by the MBTA). The placement of the canopies over this ramp and 2 other ramp entrances have been shifted to be located on only one side of the ramps. Also, there is now only one accessible track crossing, at the bottom of the Walnut St. ramp, instead of the 2 previously designed. There was much support by the COD members and the public for the canopies, especially to protect the surfaces of these ramps in inclement weather, especially freezing rain and snow. Project Manager, Leo Murphy described all these improvements. There is a 4th entrance to the station with stairs up at Hyde Street on the outbound side of the tracks. These stairs will have improved railings and accessible pavement leading to and along the tracks to the track crossing. Barbara expressed her frustration she often experiences that the driver doesn't wait until she make is down the platform to the accessible car which is always at the end. The MBTA heard her and said that the Type 10 train cars will be much more accessible throughout and yet, that will be several years before that type is in service. She also asked about the steepness of the Walnut St. ramp and length, and the answer that it will be under 8% to code, which the temporary is a little steeper, but the length will be a little longer in order to provide this less steep slope of the ramp. Ima wanted to know why the number of track crossings was reduced to only one. The answer was due to the curvature of the track, when the rails are at a different height, not parallel to each other, it was difficult to provide another accessible track crossing and locate the Walnut St. ramp off the conservation restricted land. Anne Marie asked if there will be improvements to the announcements within the train car as to the next stop. She is a late-deafened adult with Cochlea Implants, and when the train is crowded and one cannot see the signs at the stations, she has much difficulty hearing these announcements. The answer was that there will be improvements in the announcements, especially with the newer train cars. Councilor Downs would be interested in the COD's position regarding the canopies and if a letter of support of this design would be helpful. Answer from the MBTA said they welcome letters from this commission and others supporting this new design. Robert Solomon, Newton resident and wheelchair user, voiced his full support for the location and use of canopies for these 3 ramps. He said these canopies are not dinosaurs and do not detract from the historical train station building. These canopies are necessary in order to prevent accidents of riders using mobility aids, strollers, luggage, etc. from slipping all the way down to the tracks and into a possible oncoming train. He has been advocating for this station becoming accessible since 2010, and he would be happy to write a support letter, especially for the upcoming Newton Historical Commission meeting on November 29, for which the MBTA team expressed appreciation. Eileen said that she would be willing to write a letter of support if the COD votes to support the project and for her to send a letter to the Newton Historical Commission before their 11/29/22 meeting. Jane made this motion to support the project and delegate Eileen to write and submit this support letter from the COD. Anne Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1 (Petr abstained).

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7. West Metro Home Consortium (7:00-7:25)

Shaylyn introduced Alexis from the Barrett Planning Group, brought on to assist the West Metro Home Consortium (13 communities where Newton is the lead) to develop an allocation plan for one time Home ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds dedicated to those currently homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless. A very detailed presentation can be viewed on pages 14-21. The potential allocation to the West Metro Home Consortium will be \$5.4M. Steps to develop this plan involves consultation with key stakeholders, public participation meetings (in December), a needs assessment, and a gap analysis of current services/facilities for those who are homeless (such as number of shelter beds in the consortium's communities).

Qualified populations include currently homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, fleeing domestic or dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking, and households with severe housing instability. Eligible activities the funds can be used for: 1-creation /improvement of existing rental housing, which can include acquisition, renovation, new construction, etc., 2 Tenant based rental assistance, which can include monthly rent and utilities, 3. Supportive services, such as counseling, financial assistance, other homeless prevention services, 4. Non-congregate shelters, acquisition, renovation, construction, where an individual or a family has their own bedroom with shared living spaces, for emergencies, 5. Operating assistance and capacity building for non-profit providers, 6. Administration and planning- to develop this plan and administer the grant over several years (until September 2030) by the Consortium.

Lucie asked how a non-profit who serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities could receive funds to either set aside some new apartments coming onto the market for their clients or for tenant base rental assistance. Alexis advised that this organization should watch for the RFP from this Consortium and the state, once the funds have been granted. Barbara commented that some Housing Authorities, including Newton, are not helping their housing voucher holders but hurting them, her rent was raised by \$150/month and she might have to leave Newton, after living here for 15 years. Alexis said that one of the questions she wants to pose to the COD is if they have experienced housing discrimination, on the basis of the Fair Housing protected classes, such as disability, voucher holders, race, etc. Hearing Barbara's experience, where utilities are not affordable, either. Alexis said that 2 of the eligible activities, TBRA and the financial assistance for utilities under Supportive Services might be chosen by the consortium to allocate funds. Then Alexis asked, from the COD members' perspective, what activity (ies) would be most appropriate for these ARP funds? Eileen replied that she thinks the TBRA and the supportive services/financial assistance would be most appropriate. Jini agreed but worries about when those funds are depleted in 7 years, will other resources for TBRA and financial assistance to prevent homelessness be found. As for other gaps, Newton does not have enough affordable housing for households earning 30% AMI, nor does Newton have enough accessible apartments, especially at the 30% AMI affordability. Barbara asked about outreach to the public, and Shaylyn said that the survey will be announced in the Mayor's newsletter and will go out shortly, meetings in December will also be announced via the Mayor's newsletter and also be sent to Jini, as well as the draft of the plan, etc. .

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8. Treasurer's Report (7:25-7:30)

Jane gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that there were no changes to the balances of the COD accounts since the last meeting. This report can be viewed on page 22.

9. ADA Coordinator's Report (7:30-7:35)

In the interest of time, Jini asked if any of the members had any questions regarding her ADA activities this past month. Hearing none, she reminded all to email or call her if a question comes up between meetings. Her report can be found on page 23. She did announce that the Planning & Development Board approved the 2022 ADA/504 Transition Plan at their November 7, 2022 meeting. Jini will inform the COD members when and where it is online in the coming month.

10. COD Membership Update (7:35-8:10)

- **Ima Jonsdottir- New Member Intro-** Ima shared that she is the mother of a 13 year old who drives a power chair, and that she has been advocating for his rights, within the school system (help design the playground at NECP) and his access to recreation facilities in Newton, such as Crystal Lake and the Gath Pool. She is a professional Violinist and volunteers for Understanding Our Differences as a School Coordinator and speaker at their recent benefit. She wants to help make Newton more accessible for children with disabilities, such as more accessible playgrounds and citywide events like the family fun festival to be more accessible to children with mobility disabilities.
- **Nyree Kibarian- New Member Intro-** Nyree just moved to Newton and wants to be involved in improving the accessibility of Newton, as she is a wheelchair user, in the areas of housing, and getting around the city. She works full time for an insurance company. Nyree said that she thinks it is more difficult to advocate as an adult for herself and others with disabilities. There is no blueprint and she would like to help advocate and make an impact on Newton and society, to increase disability awareness and change attitudes to see people with disabilities very able and can do just about everything, just in a different way.
- **Petr Chovanec- new member Intro-** Petr's interest in the COD comes from his advocacy with his brother who is disabled. He is a Mathematician and is on a workplace committee for improving the access for employees with disabilities. He wants to see Newton become more disability-friendly and more accessible.
- **Current Members Intros** Due to the late hour, this will be tabled until the December meeting. Eileen asked current members to prepare 1-2 minutes about who they are and the areas of advocacy they are most interested in as COD members.

11. NWH Subcommittee Meeting Update (8:10-8:15)

Sandra, Chair of the NWH subcommittee, reported that a quarterly meeting with several staff from NWH met at the end of October. No other COD members were able to attend, although Nancy was hoping to but was delayed at a medical appointment. Jini was there and we talked about getting more information on their website for patients/visitors,

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especially not just about valet flat fee for anyone with a disability placard or plate but much more, such as where are all the accessible parking places in all the lots and garages, update the language to reflect acceptable terms, such as eliminating the term ‘handicap’, a more robust section about accessibility and disability. Also discussed was wayfinding, as many of the permanent rooms do not have compliant signs with high contrast, raised letters and Braille, as Sandra related her recent experience trying to find the pulmonary testing department. The NWH staff said they were in the process of improving signage at the entrances, to begin with. Sandra asked more about their inventory of accessible exam tables, X-ray/CT Scan and mammogram testing machines, and promised to review webinars Jini has recommended to them. It is a slow process but need to keep plugging along. There was no update about facilities improvements since the Facilities Manager was not in attendance. Next year the committee hopes to find out more about the physician offices/suites that are not owned by the hospital to remind them of their Title III obligations to make as accessible as is readily achievable. Sandra encouraged members to attend one of the committees meetings to see if they would be interested and even possibly chair this subcommittee. The meetings are in the day time, quarterly, since that is when the most NWH staff are available. Ima mentioned that there was an online thread that the valet service at NWH was parking vehicles in the accessible parking spaces without displaying a placard or plate. Members haven’t seen this practice but it is good to bring it to the attention of the subcommittee and NWH staff. Petr expressed interest in attending the next meeting and possibly joining this NWH Subcommittee. The next meeting will be at the end of January. Lucie suggested bringing some of these issues to Mass General/Brigham, as well, perhaps in a letter. However, many of the members have been pleased, overall, with the NWH medical services and staff, and don’t seem to be discouraging people with disabilities.

12. Funding Subcommittee (8:15-8:20)

Jini said it was up to the COD members as to whether a subcommittee continues/suspended as there is only 2 members currently part of this committee. In that case those 2 members can discuss and work on topics and speakers and bring back to the whole commission for approval, and 2 members would not constitute a subcommittee. Lucie asked if Rob could continue to be the Chair and be on the subcommittee. Hattie said no, Rob cannot continue to be the Chair, as any Chair or Co-Chair must be a current COD member. However he could be a member of the subcommittee, but not have voting rights, confirmed by Hattie. At the moment we do not have anyone willing to be Chair of this subcommittee and only have 2 COD members, Lucie and Nancy. There was consensus to table this discussion and revisit at the December meeting.

13. Reminder: January COD Officer Elections (8:20-8:30)

Eileen asked for everyone to consider officer positions, especially it is very helpful to have Co-Chairs to help each other at meetings, especially if one Co-Chair is sick or unable to be in attendance or leading the meeting. Eileen is willing to continue as Co-Chair but she cannot do it alone. Matt, Chair of the Nominating Committee encouraged members to consider themselves or other members for officer positions, 2 Co-Chairs and Treasurer, and

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email him in advance. There will also be the opportunity to nominate at the January 9 meeting before the election of officers takes place at that meeting.

14. Adjournment (8:30)

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

These DRAFT minutes were prepared and respectfully submitted by Jini Fairley.

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 12, 2022

The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities requiring assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA/Sec.504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service, please dial 711 or call City Hall's TTY/TDD line at 617-796-1089.

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Supplemental Materials and Reports:

November 2022 CDBG Report.pdf
Newton Commission on Disability
CDBG Access Projects Report
November 14, 2022

FY22 McGrath Park Perimeter Path Installation – (CD22-03A; Budget: \$91,300.00; Expended: \$0; Balance: \$91,300.00)
Constructing an accessible perimeter path around Richard McGrath Park. PRC has finalized a contract with CDM Smith Inc., to be the designer architect for this project. Project has been presented to the Parks Commission. Planning staff waiting on final design plan and are expected to meet with Parks mid-November.

FY23 Langley/Warren/Chase Crossing – (CD23-03A; Budget: \$100,000.00; Expended: \$0; Balance: \$100,000.00)
Installation of accessible crossings at Langley Rd. and Warren St. This includes a bump out on the northeast corner of the intersection to create the space needed to install a curb cut to cross Warren St. Planning staff has collected demographic information at this location for the FY23 Annual Action Plan.
Planning staff to meet with DPW mid-November to discuss next steps.

FY24 Potential Projects –

Planning staff will meet with DPW to discuss future scoping plans for these potential projects.

1. Chapel St. / Watertown St. Reconstruction of existing curb cuts at three of the four corners of this intersection to give them the correct orientation.

The curb cut at the northeast corner (Bridal Alterations) would remain as is due to the presence of an existing utility pole, traffic signal, traffic signal cabinet, and potentially a protruding basement underneath the sidewalk at the back of sidewalk that make it too complex to change the configuration of this corner.

list end

2. City Hall Campus Two curb cuts should be added to connect folks to the accessible elevator entrance near the Department Head parking lot.

list end

list of 1 items

3. An RRFB system crossing Washington Street at 1860 Washington Street at Temple Reyim.

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

OCTOBER 2022

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	20
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$ 6,000.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 2,800.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	22
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 4,400.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 1,800.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 400.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 2,200.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	8
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 1,600.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 200.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 800.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 600.00

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023

As of October 31st, 2022

FY 2023 Year-to-date Parking Ticket Totals

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	144
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$ 28,800.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 11,400.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 11,000.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 6,400.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	124
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 24,800.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 11,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 9,000.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 4,800.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	20
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 4,000.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 400.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 1,600.00

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Newton Highlands Station Accessibility Improvements

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Capital Transformation | A Holistic Approach

To improve the quality of service for MBTA riders and neighboring communities through strategic capital investments

Orange Line Transformation - photo of trains in Wellington Yard

Red Line Transformation - photo of new signal cables being installed

Green Line Transformation - photo of riders boarding a Green Line train

Capital Transformation logo

Future Transformation Programs

Levels of Transformation

Achieving Multiple Goals

Levels of Transformation: Safety and State of Good Repair, Accessible Stations, Legacy Car Replacement, Increased Capacity

Level 0

Safety & State of

Good Repair (SGR)

Transformative Outcomes • Minimize risk of service disruptions • Reduce speed restrictions • Bring assets to state of good repair

Level 1

Accessible Stations

Transformative Outcomes Make 35 stations accessible with: • New or upgraded platforms • Compliant height, width & slope • Barrier-free pathways & wayfinding • Detectable warning panels

Level 2

Legacy Car

Replacement

Transformative Outcomes Operate and maintain single Type 10s • More efficient O&M • 100% of Green Line trains accessible • More equitable across the Green Line

Level 3

Increased Capacity

Transformative Outcomes Additional vehicles and infrastructure for two-car Type 10 operation • Increase core capacity of subway • Reduce headways and journey time • Expand yards and facilities

Newton Highlands Station | Project Background

Project timeline from 2014-2023, 0-bid: meeting with Newton Historic Commission - May 2021; second meeting with Newton Historic Commission - July 2021;

updated concept design - July 2021-April 2022; progress update meeting with City of Newton - October 2022; Newton Historic Commission - November 2022;

100% Design Review - December 2022; advertise for construction - February 2023

□ May 27, 2021: Initial Newton Historic Commission presentation □ July 22, 2021: Follow up to Newton Historic Commission □ April 1, 2022: Updated Concept Design □ October

14, 2022: Progress update meeting with City of Newton

Newton Highlands Station Overview | Project Benefits

An accessible Station for the D Branch □ Goal to have all D Branch Stations be accessible

Enhance safety □ Accessible emergency exits and points of safety □ Call box for customer assistance □ Adequate lighting on platform

Improve access to station □ Walnut Street ramp □ Station Avenue ramp □ Hyde Street ramp

Provide a more predictable experience □ Consistency in design □ Consistency in material □ Consistency in wayfinding

Redesigned Walnut St ramp entrance

Leo Murphy, Project Manager Newton Highlands Station Accessibility Improvements

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Project Status: □ Final Design – Winter 2022 □ 100% - Design Review – December 2022 □ Advertisement for Construction – February 2023 □ Construction – Completion Fall 2025

Newton Highlands | Existing Conditions

Existing conditions at Newton Highlands station with arrows pointing to the inaccessible paths from Walnut Street and Station Avenue, and inaccessible stairway at Hyde Street

Existing Walnut Street ramp, with signal bungalows on the southwest side of the ramp, and restricted private property northeast of the ramp

Before 2019: The station did not meet accessibility code • Steep paved path from Walnut Street (west) • Steep, irregular paved path from Station Avenue (north) • Stairway

from Hyde Street (east) In 2019: A temporary, uncovered wooden ramp was built over the Walnut Street path to provide access and support bus diversions

Original Design Concept | Project Elements Required to Achieve Accessibility

General Improvements • Raised platforms – 8' x 300 ft • Accessible ramps from: □ Walnut Street □ Station Avenue □ Hyde Street • Proposed ramps include canopies per MBTA

standards 75% Design presented to Newton Historic Commission: • Two accessible track crossings • Walkway required around signal and power bungalows to access crossing • Took

comments back for design changes

Original design concept of Newton Highlands station upgrades from 2018 – 2021

Newton Historical Commission | 2021 Walnut Street Track Crossing & East Platform

Comments Received • Newton Historical Commission offered aesthetic concerns about the proposed canopies on the restricted property • Concerned that sight lines

obstructed historic depot building • Requested photo-realistic images of station improvements • Requested landscaping plan • Design Revisions • Revised station layouts

developed to remove the ramp from the restricted property • Eliminated path around bungalow • Returned eastbound platform to current position • Avoided property

taking at Walnut Street • Adjusted track crossing closer to current location near historic building

Diagram of the Walnut Street ramp in the 2018 – 2021 design, with the ramp extending onto the restricted property

Revised Walnut Street Ramp | 100% Off Restricted Property

Ramp layout in relation to restricted property

Diagram of the Walnut Street ramp in the revised design, with the ramp completely outside of the restricted property; proposed bicycle rack location on

Walnut St, and with a callout to denote the location of the most narrow point of the Walnut St ramp along the restricted property

Proposed Walnut Street Ramp | 100% Off Restricted Property

Ramp section at track

MBTA train envelope diagram located at the narrowest portion of the ramp is 6 feet 4.5 inches wide

MBTA Train Envelope Constraints Design supports Emergency Train Evacuation

Newton Highlands | Accessible Pathways

Diagram of the revised Newton Highlands station accessibility improvements with accessible pathways marked

□ Two accessible means of egress from each platform □ Customer call boxes located on each platform

Newton Highlands Platform | Sight Lines of Walnut Street Ramp

Rendering of the Walnut St ramp from track level

Newton Highlands | Sight Lines of Walnut Street Ramp

Rendering of the view into the station from Station Ave showing Walnut St canopy and historic depot building after proposed upgrades

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View from Station Avenue

Rendering of the Walnut Street entrance after proposed upgrades

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View from Walnut Street

Newton Highlands Station sign

Green Line Transformation logo

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Proposed Landscape Restoration Plan

Landscaping plan to restore site with plants and trees around the Walnut Street ramp

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WestMetro HOME-ARP Presentation.pdf

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WestMetro HOME Consortium
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

A plan for funding
HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
Agenda
HOME-ARP Program Overview

Needs Assessment Highlights

Q&A

Project Timeline

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WESTMETRO HOME CONSORTIUM
HOME-ARP Overview

- HOME-ARP: \$5 billion for housing and homeless assistance awarded to HOME participating jurisdictions (PJs)

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PJs must submit an Allocation Plan to HUD to receive funds. Allocation Plan must include:

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Consultation and public participation process

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Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis

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Proposed allocation of funds across eligible activities

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And more!

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WestMetro HOME Consortium: \$5,406,962

Qualifying populations (eligible beneficiaries), defined in HUD guidelines:

1.

Homeless

2.

At risk of homelessness

Qualifying

3.

Fleeing domestic/dating violence, sexual assault,

Populations

human trafficking

4.

Households with severe housing instability (limitations apply)

5.

Veterans if eligible under 1-4 above

Eligible Activities

(some funding caps apply)

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Rental Housing: Acquisition, Construction, and Rehab

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TBRA

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- Supportive Services: McKinney-Vento; Homelessness Prevention; Housing Counseling
 - Non-Congregate Shelters: Acquisition, Construction, Rehab
 - Operating Assistance & Capacity Building
 - Administration & Planning: To develop the HOMEARP Plan and administer grant
 - Planning Considerations
 - Small, one-time allocation
 - Need far surpasses what available funds can address
 - Timely expenditure requirements o Sept 30, 2030
 - State HOME-ARP Plan underway
 - Fair housing and equity
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- ### WESTMETRO HOME CONSORTIUM
- Qualifying Population: Homeless
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- ### DEFINITION OVERVIEW
- (See CPD 21-10 for more detail)
- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, OR
 - An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, OR
 - Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition but are defined as homeless under other federal programs AND meet other program requirements.
- Qualifying Population: Homeless
- PRIMARY DATA SOURCE: Continuum of Care
- Continuum of Care: regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.
 - There are 12 CoCs in MA eligible to apply for money from HUD.
 - Each CoC serves a unique geographic area and reports homelessness statistics annually.
 - The WestMetro HOME Consortium is within the Balance of State CoC
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- Qualifying Population: Homeless
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- PIT counts include:
 - unsheltered homeless
 - emergency shelters (family, Status

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Number of Homeless Individuals
individual, and domestic

Emergency Shelter

2,652

violence shelters)

Transitional Housing

281

- emergency shelter motel

Unsheltered

302

voucher

TOTAL

3,235

- transitional housing

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Qualifying Population: Homeless

DATA SOURCE: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education/ McKinney-Vento Data

District Number of Homeless Students

Brookline 35 Framingham 922 Lexington 16 Natick 35 Needham 23 Newton 67

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Waltham 130 Watertown 13

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Qualifying Population: At Risk of Homelessness

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DEFINITION OVERVIEW

(See CPD 21-10 for more detail)

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An individual or family who has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD AND

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Has limited support systems, AND

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Meets other program requirements

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A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as “homeless” under other federal programs.

Households with Incomes <30% AMI. Source: 2019 CHAS

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Community Bedford Belmont Brookline Concord Framingham Lexington Natick Needham Newton Sudbury Waltham
Watertown Wayland

Households with Incomes <30% AMI

All Households Total Owners Renters 5,310 7.7% 3.6% 4.1% 9,820
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Qualifying Population: Fleeing, or Attempting to
Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual
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Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

DEFINITION OVERVIEW

(See CPD 21-10 for more detail)

- Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 (HUD program requirements relating to protection of these vulnerable populations).

- Human Trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

Qualifying Population: Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

Providers within WestMetro HOME Consortium

Domestic Violence Services Network Family Promise MW REACH Beyond Domestic Violence The Second Step Voice Against Violence / SMOC RIA, Inc.

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Qualifying Population: Other Populations

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DEFINITION OVERVIEW

(See CPD 21-10 for more detail)

- Households who have previously been “homeless” and are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance.

- Households who either:

- have annual income \leq 30% of area median income AND are severely housing cost burdened, OR

- have annual income \leq 50% of area median income AND meet other program requirements for being at risk of homelessness.

Households with Incomes <30% AMI and Severe Cost Burden. Source: 2019 CHAS

8.8%

2.2%

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Households with Incomes <50% AMI. Source: 2019 CHAS

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Households with Incomes <50% AMI

Community

All Households

Total

Owners

Renters

Bedford

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5,310

15.4%

8.7%

6.8%

Belmont

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We are here.

Project Timeline

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Phase I

AUG-SEP 2022

Phase II

OCT-NOV 2022

Phase III

NOV-DEC 2022

Phase IV

JAN-FEB 2023

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Mobilization

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Gather data

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Draft engagement plan

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Finalize and share engagement plan

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Conduct interview sessions and outreach to QPs (with assistance from service providers)

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Consultation with WestMetro HOME Consortium

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Conduct survey

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Community Meetings

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Needs Assessment

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Gap Analysis

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Consultation with WestMetro HOME Consortium

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- Draft HOME-ARP Plan
 - Public hearing and comment period
 - Submission for HUD review
- Please contact us if you have further questions after this presentation.
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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!
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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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Treasurer's Report

Given by Jane Brown, Treasurer of the Newton Commission On Disability (COD)

Presented at the November 14, 2022 Newton COD Meeting

As of November 10, 2022, the balances have not changed since the report given at the October COD meeting, and are as follows:

Account # 5500-335518 H-P. Fines-Disability Commission

Type: Receipts Reserved for Appropriation (These funds have to go before the City Council to be appropriated before being used)

Balance: \$38,499.60

Account # 01C40128 Set up to pay for RRFB at Langley/Warren/Chase intersection

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$18,000.00

Account # 01C60211 Set up to purchase accessible equipment for Burr School playground.

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$1,537.00

Account # 01C10802-513010 Operation Access – Disability Commission

Set up to pay for targeted enforcement of accessible HP Fines violations by the Police

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$1,880.89

Account#C401083-586005 Set up to purchase and install Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) units at the Waverly/Tremont intersection

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: **\$50.50** (8 APS units installed in December 2018)

Account # 5064D103 Set up in Fall 2015 to receive Community Access Monitor Program fees and pay expenses)

Type: Revolving Account

Balance: \$29**0.00**

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ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Given by Jini Fairley, ADA/Section 504 Coordinator

Presented at the November 14, 2022, Newton Commission On Disability meeting for activities during the month of October 2022.

Site Visits:

- Mague Place with Engineering– tree obstructing sidewalk, curb,, road, and private property

Trainings:

- MOD Disability Summit- Lainy Feingold keynote speaker-terrific
- MOD: Disability Part of the Equity Equation-Apprenticeship
- HPOD Webinar- Rights of Voters with Intellectual Disabilities in the US
- White House Briefing on Disability & Economic Policies

Meeting/Events/Conference Calls:

- Disability Focus Group for Zoning Redesign Village Centers
- ADA/504 Transition Plan Public Meeting
- Harvest Fair COD table
- NWH Subcommittee meeting
- Snow Routes meetings
- NWH Community Forum
- Override focus on PRC for community
- NewCAL community meeting
- NewCAL-Attend bi-weekly Working Group meetings
- Fair Housing Committee (FHC)- attend monthly meetings
- FHC Lottery/Lease-up Subcommittee monthly meetings
- Complete Streets Committee & Road Paving- attend bi-weekly meetings
- Commissions On Disability Alliance Monthly Meetings