



Rozzie Arboretum Gateway Path

The Arnold Arboretum is not only Roslindale's greatest park, but among the most beautiful urban open spaces anywhere. In 1880 Frederick Law Olmsted wrote: "On (these) acres much the best arboretum in the world can be formed." Today, some of Olmsted's "emerald necklace" has been realized, but much remains to be done.

We envision a new entrance to the Arboretum close to Roslindale Square, to make the park more visible and accessible to residents and visitors. The Rozzie Gateway Path would start adjacent to the commuter rail platform, and continue at grade into the park, allowing access to the open space without the need to surmount the large hill that lead to the Mendum Street gate.

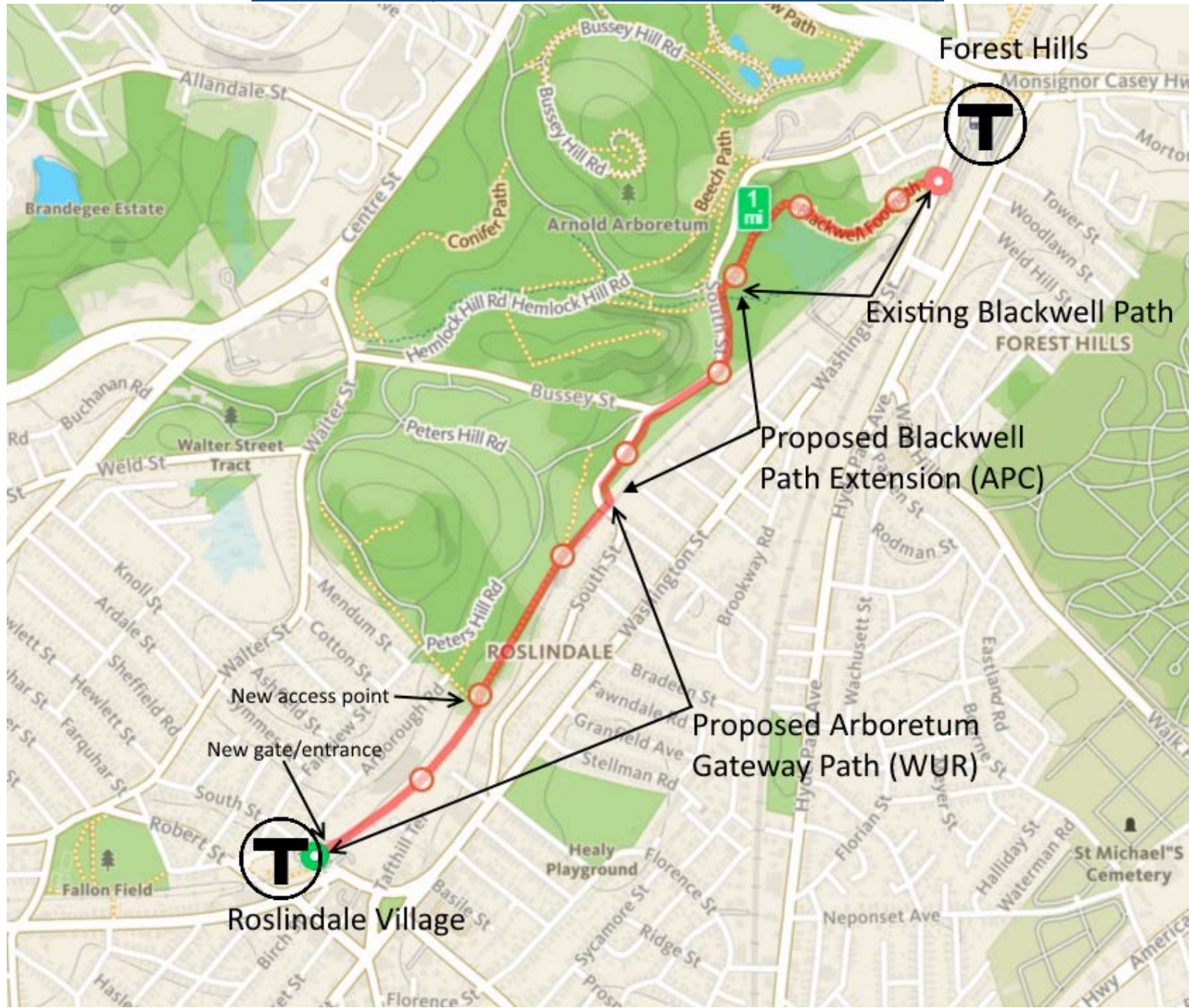
The Path will continue straight parallel to the commuter rail tracks toward Bussey Street, and then connect up with the Bussey Brook Meadow path and on to Forest Hills.

Key benefits from the Gateway Path

- Better access to the Arboretum from Roslindale Square
- Washington Street is unpleasant for pedestrians and unsafe for bicyclists; the Gateway Path will provide a better alternative to reach Forest Hills, where walkers and cyclists can continue on to the Southwest Corridor Park or board the Orange Line
- Current routes from Roslindale to Forest Hills through the Arboretum have steep hills and are more than twice as much distance as the proposed path
- Hubway Bike-Share stations could be available at both ends, providing a quick, easy, low-stress route to connect Rozzie with JP and the Orange Line

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Combined Concepts: Blackwell Path + Rozzie/Arboretum Gateway



Rendering of Proposed Gate to Arboretum at Roslindale Village MBTA (Image Courtesy Halvorson Design)



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