### Roslindale Gateway Path 10% Concept Design



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#### **Presentation Outline**

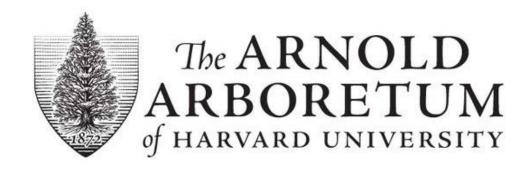
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#### **Project Partners**



Livable**Streets** 

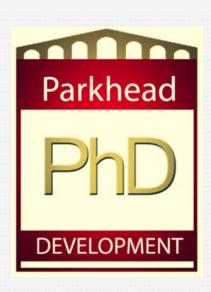
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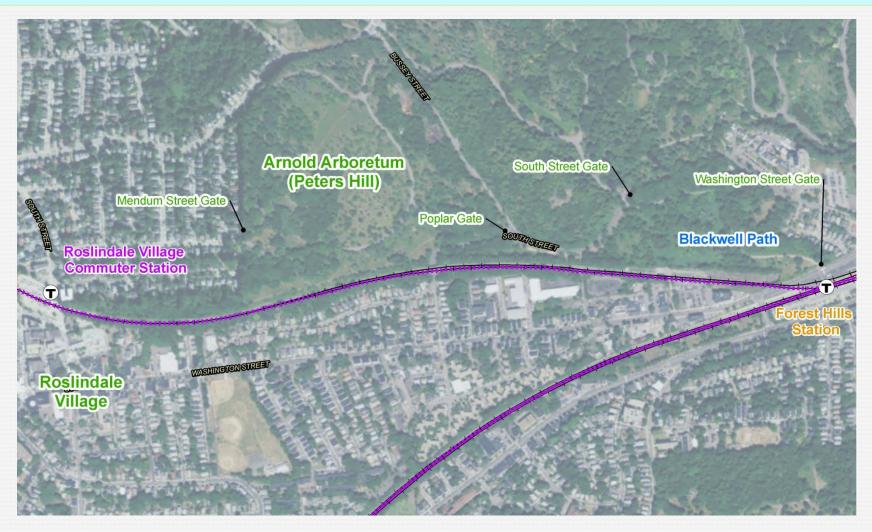


#### **Project Funders**





#### **Project Orientation**



#### **Project Goals**

- A safer connection for cyclists and pedestrians from Roslindale Village to the Arboretum
- A link for underserved portions of Roslindale to the Arboretum and the Village
- A connection to the Blackwell Path Extension (and the Southwest Corridor)
- An opportunity to connect to the Arboretum

#### Path Safety

- Several studies completed evaluated crime on major paths in US
- No increases on crime due to paths
- Crime present along paths is often correlated with the amount of crime in neighboring area

Figure 1, Comparison of Major Crime Rates between Rail Trails and the Nation (rates per 100,000 population), Source: Rails To Trails Conservancy.

	URBAN		SUBURBAN		RURAL	
CRIME	1995	Rails-	1995	Rails-	1995	Rails-
	National <sup>1</sup>	Trails <sup>2</sup>	National <sup>1</sup>	Trails <sup>2</sup>	National <sup>1</sup>	Trails <sup>2</sup>
Mugging	335	0.53	102	0.00	19	0.0
Assault	531	0.58	293	0.02	203	0.01
Forcible Rape	43	.04	29	0.00	26	0.01
Murder	11	.04	4	0.01	5	9.01

- 1. Rates per 100,000 Population. FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 1995
- 2. Rates per 100,000 users, RTC survey results 1995

#### **Project Timeline**

- 2015: Idea of Roslindale Gateway Path starts to take shape
- Early 2016: WalkUP partners with the LivableStreets Alliance, the Emerald Network and Tufts Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning program
- June 2016: HW teams with WalkUP Roslindale and LivableStreets

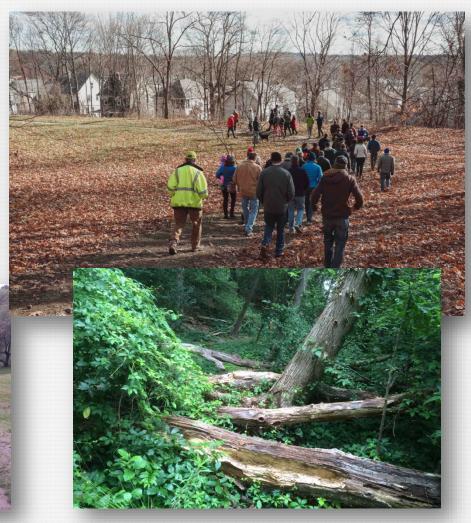
## Study Area



#### Site Walks







## Survey of MBTA parcel



#### Summary of Concept

- Provide 10 foot wide accessible shared pathway
- Connect Roslindale Village Commuter Rail Station to the South St/ Archdale St underpass (Blackwell Path Extension)
- Add gateways and signage for way finding and education
- Encourage a slightly sinuous path, but generally follow existing desire lines (footpaths)

#### Section 1 – MBTA Parcel



#### Section 2 - Arboretum Parcel



# Path Rendering



### **Gateway Options**







Rendering developed by Halvorson Design Partnership

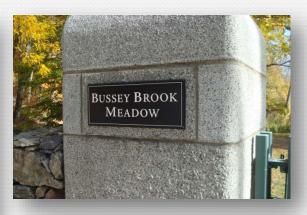




## Signage Options













#### **Material Options**



**Crushed Stone Dust** 

Other Options: Dense Graded Stone, Stabilized Soil

#### **Lighting Options**



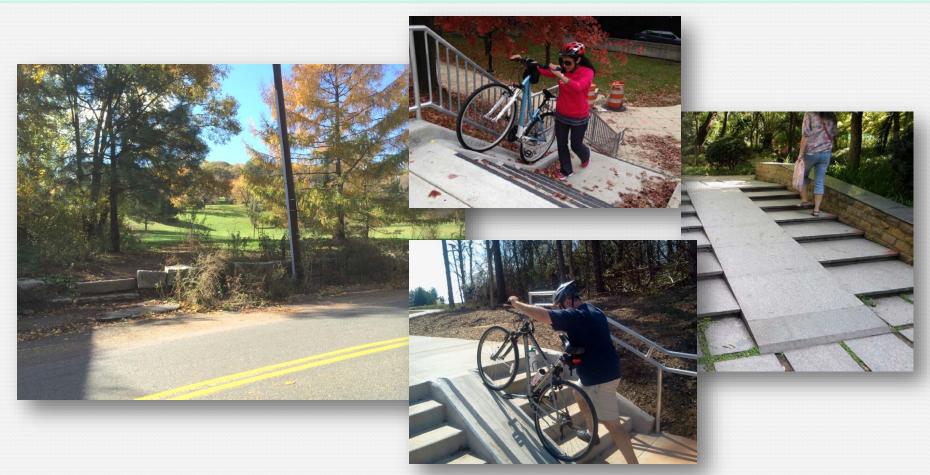
Solar LED Bollards



Photoluminescent Stones

Other Options: Bollards (with conduit), In Grade Solar

#### South St. Connection Options



Other Options: Grade to street elevation (i.e., no stairs)

#### **Next Steps**

- Funding for Design Development
- Discussions with stakeholders on key issues
  - MBTA parcel
  - Drainage swale crossing (BWSC, MWRA)
  - South Street crossing (BTD)
  - Long-term maintenance (Parks)
- Gathering support!

