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## Squares + Streets Plans

# What is Comprehensive Planning?

Comprehensive Planning is **planning that works to achieve city wide goals in partnership with other city departments** i.e. mayor's office of housing, department of transportation, and parks and environment



# How do comprehensive planning processes and zoning reform work together?

Updated zoning options that align with **what already exists that we want to maintain and grow** as well **the goals we have for future generations** becomes a **helpful tool** to implement what we learn from comprehensive planning processes!



# Squares + Streets Planning Process



**SMALL AND SPECIFIC  
AREAS**



**FOCUSED 6-9 MONTH  
PROCESS**



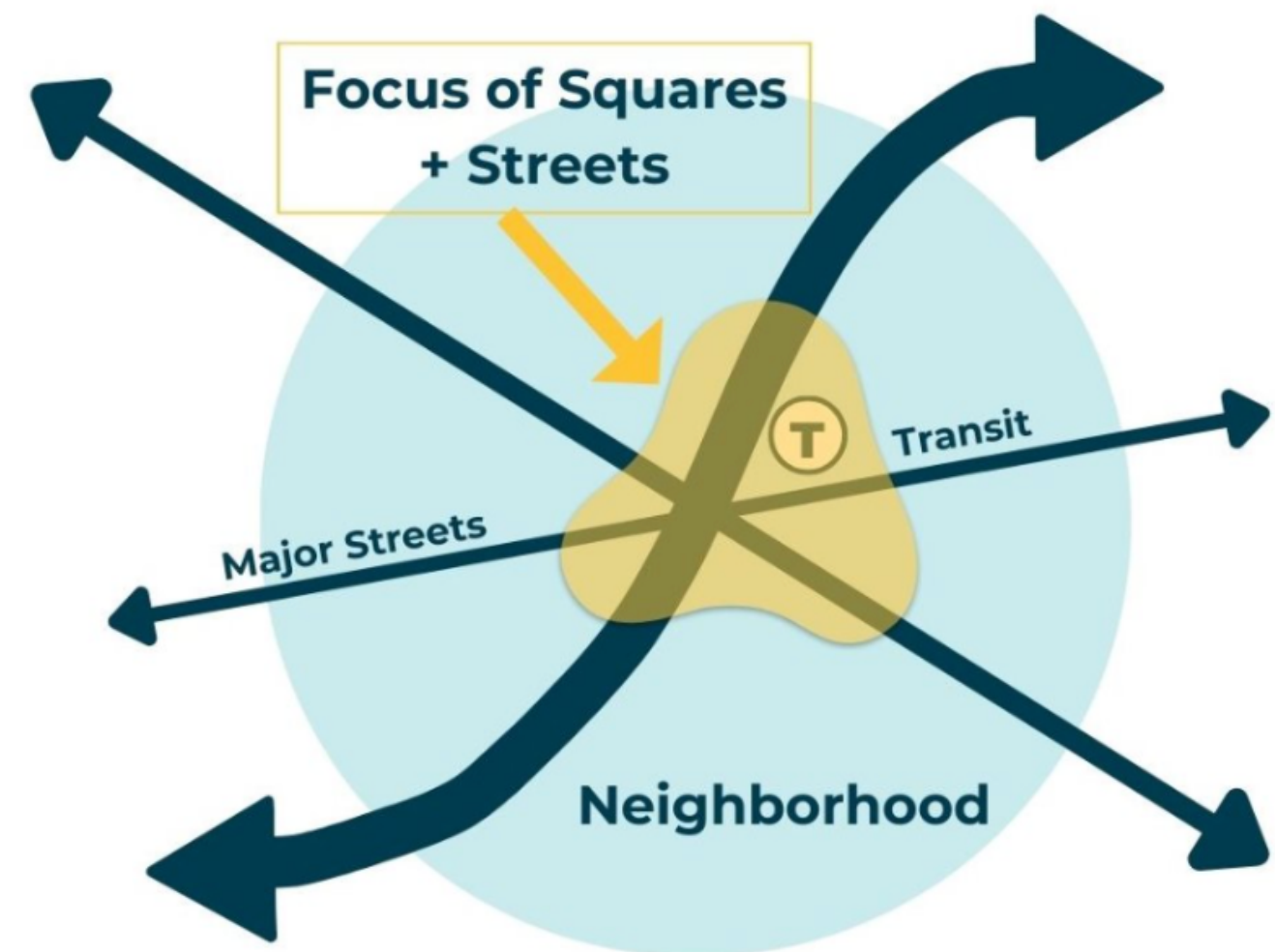
**ACTION-ORIENTED  
PLANS**

# Small and Specific Areas



## Boston's Neighborhood Commercial Centers

- Areas within 5-10 min walk of major transportation assets
- Existing activity hubs
  - Main Streets districts
  - Major civic anchors
  - Streets with clusters of existing commercial uses



# Focused 6-9 Month Process





# Action Oriented Plans



- **Partnerships** with other **City of Boston departments** to align planning with implementation pathways **that are achievable within 10 years:**
  - Programs and funding to promote and preserve small businesses, affordable housing, and arts and culture
  - Public space projects to address transportation, climate change, etc.
  - Plans for city-owned parcels
- **Updated zoning** to support housing, healthy business districts, and access to community resources



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## Design Vision



# Boston Design Vision



# Next Steps

1. Share your thoughts on the draft Squares + Streets zoning updates on our **Public Comment Form** at [bostonplans.org/squares!](https://bostonplans.org/squares)
2. Attend Upcoming [Zoning Reform Office Hours/Public Meetings](#)
3. Ask Us About Attending Your Neighborhood Association Meeting
4. Email to Contact if Questions: [squaresandstreets@boston.gov](mailto:squaresandstreets@boston.gov)
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