

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Focus40

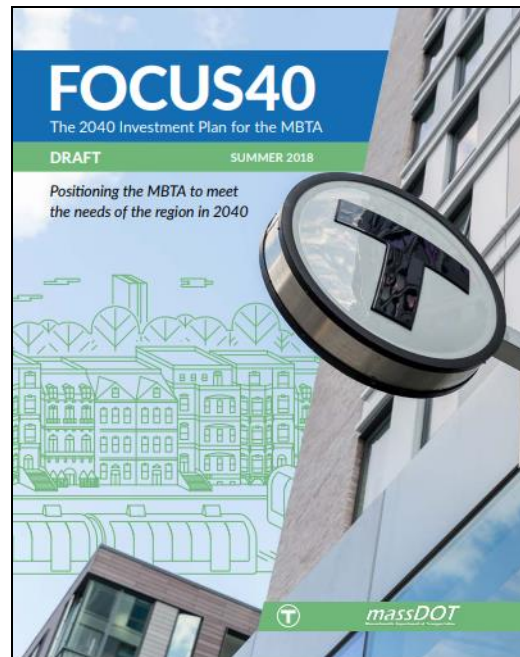
Final Document

Fiscal and Management Control Board

February 4, 2019

Purpose

- Share feedback received on the draft plan
- Present proposed updates
- Propose policy topics to be addressed in implementation
- Establish whether FMCB agrees we are ready by the end of February to finalize and publicly release plan



Outreach for the Draft Report

- Draft Plan posted on project website for three months
- Over 8,000 unique visitors to www.mbtafocus40.com
- 705 survey respondents
- 90 letters/emails (including stakeholder groups)



Response Feedback

- Policies
- Programs
- Priority Places
- Implementation

Major Themes Heard During Outreach

Policies

- Establish role and priorities for bus street infrastructure
- Identify path forward for expansion ideas
- Resiliency investment needs to be more ambitious and holistic

Programs/Investments

- Red-Blue Connection
- Zero-Emissions Buses
- Green Line Extension to Mystic Valley Parkway, Somerville/Medford

Priority Places

- Expand list of Priority Places to additional areas
- Focus on areas where roadway network is congested

Implementation

- Request for more information on project universe, costs, prioritization process, and implementation

Proposed Changes: Policy Needs

Develop policy statements to be applied in implementation phase:

Bus Street Infrastructure

MassDOT / MBTA will work closely with communities to help establish roles and identify investment priorities for street-level bus infrastructure improvements (accessibility, amenities, transit priority, and new transit service).

Funding Expansion Projects

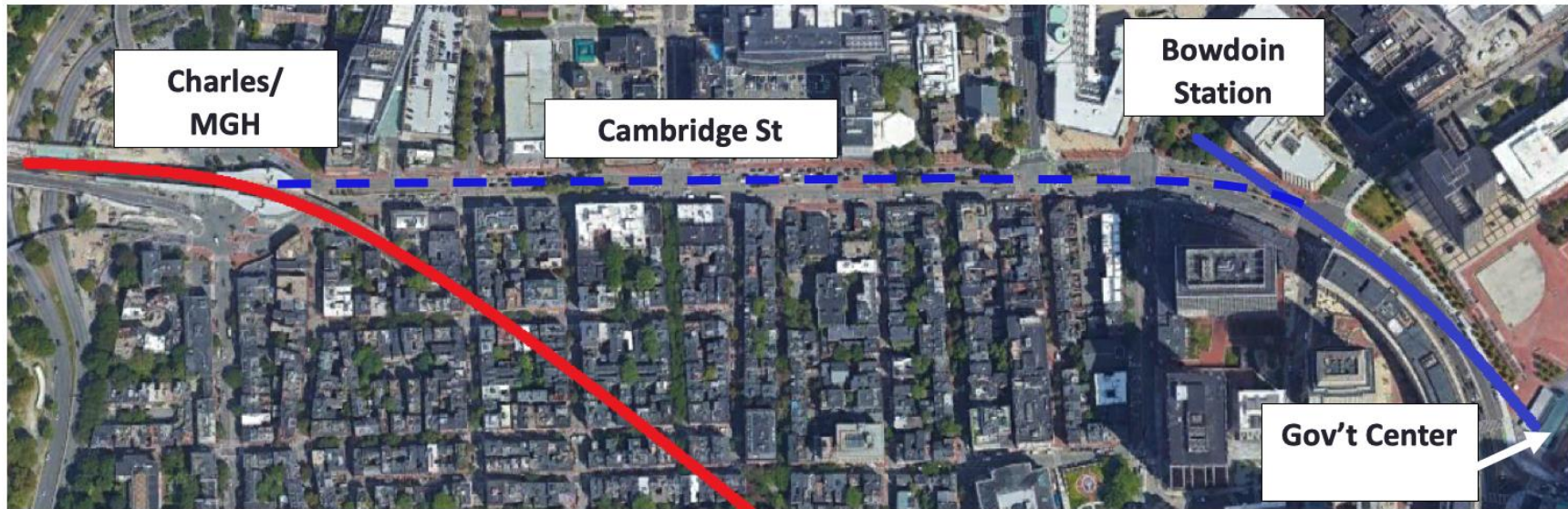
MassDOT/MBTA will not advance future expansion projects beyond a conceptual study until a finance plan has been developed and they have been included in a financially constrained programming document (CIP, Boston Region MPO Regional Transportation Plan).

Resiliency

Resiliency will be incorporated into all activities and resiliency design guidelines will be developed and applied to future capital projects.

Proposed Changes: Red-Blue

- Move implementation of a rail Red-Blue Connector into Next Priorities.
- Eliminate pedestrian connection from Next Priorities.



Proposed Changes: Zero-Emissions Buses

- Clarify that the MBTA will no longer procure new diesel-only buses.
- Underscore that all maintenance facility upgrades and expansions will be designed to accommodate zero emission vehicles.
- Once successful electric bus pilots are complete and capital plan for the facilities has been developed, commit to a target date for transitioning the fleet.



Proposed Changes: GLX to Mystic Valley Parkway, Somerville/Medford

- Include Final Environmental Impact Report in Commitments.
- Keep implementation in Big Ideas.
- Complete the MEPA process that was initiated as part of the commitment of MPO funding to GLX.

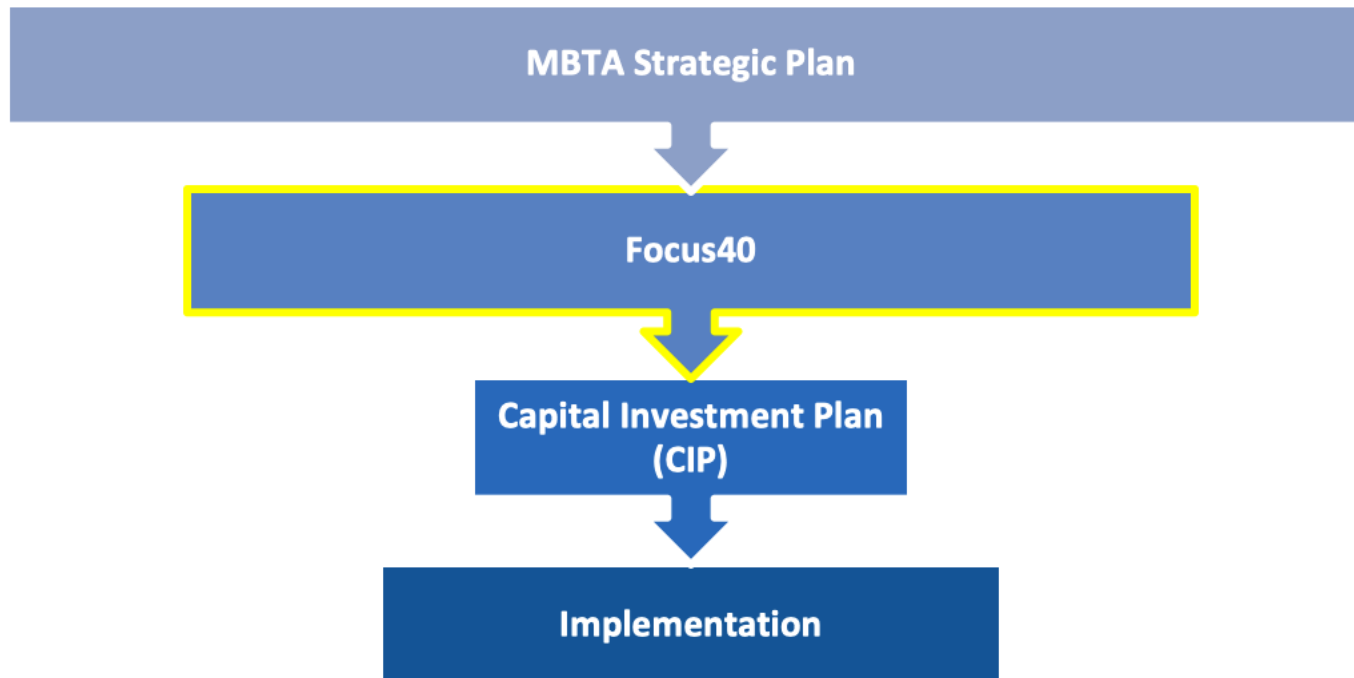


Proposed Changes: Places

- Highlight additional places that meet the criteria (density, transit dependent population)
- Call out Urban Gateways that do not have MBTA bus service (Brockton, Lawrence, Lowell, Framingham)
- Identify other Inner Core locations without rapid transit (e.g. parts of Allston/Brighton)
- Add areas where roadway network is congested as a criterion
- Reassess Priority Places periodically in response to shifting regional development patterns

Addressing Comments: Implementation

- Integrate Focus40 into Capital Investment Program development
- Complete identification of clear next steps for each “Next Priority”
- Clarify pathways for Priority Places and “Big Ideas”
- Develop and have FMCB adopt relevant policies



Appendix

Focus40 Investment Priorities

