

LOCATION:

Boston, MA

CLIENT:

Boston Redevelopment Authority

PROJECT TYPE:

Transportation Planning

PROJECT SUMMARY:

- Transportation Planning
- Master Planning
- Public Outreach

The Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) in conjunction with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) hired Traffic Solutions to create a transportation master-plan for Forest Hills that responded to community needs. Several objectives were identified through the community visioning process. The objectives included improving safety, reducing congestion, and making Forest Hills a “Place”.

Traffic Solutions developed a number of concepts for the community that addressed their objectives. Through an extensive data collection effort, a number of congestion “hot spots” were identified, solutions were generated, and long term plans were developed. The progressive designs included measures that ensured a truly safe and efficient multi-modal environment.

Another critical objective for the Authority was analyzing the potential traffic impacts from several “surplus” parcels of property that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) was disposing of. Traffic Solutions analyzed the various development sizes and types from a transportation perspective and advised the BRA as to the impact of each.

In addition to the Master Plan, Traffic Solutions worked with the City to develop a number of short and mid-term solutions for all travel modes. Peak-hour congestion, inefficient operations, and pedestrian safety were some of the key concerns for the citizens and the City. Through site visits, collaborative meetings with key stakeholders (MBTA, DCR), and analyses, a number of easily-implemented, financially reasonable solutions were developed for the area.

