



## Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) October Newsletter



### Grand Opening of Perros Paisas

On October 24th, city officials celebrated with owners Andres Jaramillo and Erica Acevedo as they opened their new business, Perros Paisas, at 657 Beach Street. Known for their popular food truck and restaurant in East Boston, they're now a welcome addition to the Shirley Avenue neighborhood!

DPCD proudly supported Perros Paisas through both the Sign & Façade and CDBG business loan programs.

To date, our business loan program has invested over \$300k in 13 local businesses. Learn more about the program [here](#). These efforts demonstrate our commitment to fostering a thriving vibrant business community for everyone.

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### **Northern Strand Community Trail Mural Project**

The Northern Strand Community Trail is a 10-mile shared-use path connecting Lynn, Saugus, Revere and Malden. To improve the trail's aesthetics, a mural is being installed at the Blodget Street underpass with funding from the Community Investment Trust and the Public Art Commission. We're thrilled to welcome muralist Blake Whitaker, an accomplished artist with an MFA from Cal Arts, to transform this space. Blake's work, which can be seen in Los Angeles murals and commercial projects, promises to add lasting beauty to our community trail.

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### **New Rubber Surfacing Being Installed at Oak Island Playground**

We are excited to announce that, with CDBG funding and a significant contribution from Ward 5's CIT, the long-awaited rubber surfacing at Oak Island Playground is now becoming a reality. As we eagerly await the completion of the project next week, we kindly remind all Oak Island residents to adhere to the posted signs and refrain from using the



### **Washington Avenue Sidewalk Project Completed**

Work was completed this month on the Washington Avenue sidewalk project. This work began with a \$500k Complete Streets grant secured by DPCD and reflected a collaborative effort between DPCD, Engineering, and the contractor at J Marchese & Sons. Approximately one mile of asphalt sidewalks has been thoughtfully replaced with durable concrete and granite curbing, seven new street trees, and the installation of ADA-accessible ramps at all crossings.

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### **Grants Secured for Riverside Drainage, Other Improvements in the City**

The DPCD has been on a roll this month, securing an impressive \$3.7 million in grants to improve Revere, which include:

- Riverside Drainage Improvements:** \$280,000 allocated for drainage improvements from the [Housing Choice](#) program.
- Shirley Avenue Parking Study:** A \$25,000 study on parking along Shirley Avenue will pave the way for smarter urban planning from the [Mass Downtown Initiative](#).
- Beachmont Flood Adaptation:** \$72,000 from the [CZM Coastal Resiliency Grant](#) will be used to create both immediate and long-term solutions to tackle flooding, particularly around the vulnerable Belle Isle Marsh.
- Suffolk Downs Off-Site Improvements:** \$3 million earmarked for off-site improvements linked to the Suffolk Downs project, enhancing critical areas like Bell Circle (pictured above), Route 1A, and Brown Circle.

We appreciate the support of our state delegation, who helped advocate on our behalf for these awards.

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### Sign and Façade Improvements Proceed On Schedule

It's an exciting time as we celebrate the nearly completed Phase One Sign and Façade Improvements. Phase Two is already underway, bringing even more vibrant enhancements to Shirley Avenue, as seen by Las Delicias (see photo above). The city-funded these enhancements to our business community along Shirley Avenue and Broadway through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), providing over \$500k in support to over 40 local businesses.

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**Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

## The first phase of Bus Network Redesign starts December 15.

Phase 1 changes will affect six bus routes in **Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Malden, Somerville, Cambridge, Allston, Brighton, and East Boston**, increasing service for these routes by 60%.

**86** Route 86 shortened to run between Reservoir and Harvard. Route 109 will replace service between Harvard and Sullivan.

**104** Instead of going to Sullivan, Route 104 will head east after Everett Square and go to Logan Airport via Bellingham Square. It will become a Frequent Bus Route.

**109** Route 109 will extend past Sullivan to Harvard. It will become a Frequent Bus Route.

**110** Route 110 will become a Frequent Bus Route. The routing will not change.

**116** Service will combine into single Route 116, which will be a Frequent Bus Route. Riders on Beach Street and Central Avenue can still take Route 110 and transfer to Route 116.

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**Bus Network Redesign: Phase 1 Changes**  
Beginning December 15, 2024

**Frequent Bus Route**  
Every 15 minutes or better, 5 AM to 1 AM  
(Sundays may start as late as 6 AM)

**Future Route**     **Discontinued Route Segment**

- Route 86 → Route 86
- Route 104 → Route 104
- Route 109 → Route 109
- Route 110 → Route 110
- Route 116 → Route 116
- Route 117 → Route 117

Route 104 will turn east toward the airport. Route 109 will still run between Everett Square and Sullivan Square.

Route 109 will be extended from Sullivan Square to Harvard Station, replacing this part of Route 86.

Routes 116 and 110 will continue to serve these streets. Route 117 will be discontinued.

Learn more at [MBTA.com/BNRPhase1](https://www.mbta.com/BNRPhase1)  
Contact us at [BetterBusProject@MBTA.com](mailto:BetterBusProject@MBTA.com)

Better Bus Project

## Bus Network Redesign Slated to Begin this December

Exciting changes are on the horizon for Routes 110 and 116/117 this winter, as part of the MBTA's ambitious Better Bus Network Redesign set to launch in December. Route 110 is set to transform into a Frequent Bus Route, servicing every 15 minutes, doubling the time on Sundays to better accommodate riders. All Park & Broadway trips will now extend to Wonderland, providing greater accessibility. Routes 116 and 117 will be streamlined into a single Frequent Bus Route. While Route 117 will be discontinued, riders along Beach St can transition to the upgraded Route 110.

To support this redesign, [the MBTA](#) is set to partner with the City of Revere over the next two months to implement a series of transformative improvements. This initiative will include new, fully accessible stop pairs as well as updated bus signs and maps with new enhanced technology to provide clear information.

For more details, you can visit the Route 110 webpage at [mbta.com/110](https://www.mbta.com/110), and Route 116/117 webpage at [mbta.com/116](https://www.mbta.com/116) to stay informed.

Further information is available [here](#).



## Design Public Hearing Held for the Beachmont Connector

On October 15th, a Design Public Hearing took place concerning the Beachmont Connector, an important [MassDOT](#) initiative with a budget exceeding \$7 million. The focus of the [meeting](#) was to present and discuss the 25% project designs, as well as to outline the next steps in the planning process. This project is designed to connect Beachmont Square with Eliot Circle and Revere Beach. The design will advance towards 100% completion over the next few years, with a targeted start for construction set for Spring 2027.

You can learn more about the project on the [project website](#).

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## Traffic Calming Approval Process Approved by Traffic Commission

During the [October meeting of the Traffic Commission](#), a new Traffic Calming Process was presented to create a streamlined and data-informed approach to implementing Traffic Calming strategies. This newly-approved policy establishes a clear framework for

the evaluation, design, and approval of various Traffic Calming devices, including Speed Humps and Road Diets. Interested residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this policy and submit a Traffic Calming Petition in partnership with their Ward Councillor.

More information about the process can be found on the [City's dedicated Traffic Calming page](#).

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## MEPA Route 1A Roundabout Project: MEPA Notification

Please be advised: the City of Revere is filing a Single Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office (MEPA) for a phased infrastructure improvement project adjacent to 22 Whitin and Gibson Park. Phase 1: Route 1A Southbound Ramps and Roundabout and Phase 2: Gibson Park Access Road. The SEIR filing will be available for public review on or before 12/02/2024.

An Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) was submitted for Phase 1 and Phase 2 by the City of Revere to the MEPA in May 2024 and included a Phase 1 waiver request. The Phase 1 waiver request was denied; however, MEPA granted the EENF certificate with permission for Single Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) submission to cover both project phases: the roundabout (Phase One) and the Gibson Park access road (Phase Two). The designs are unchanged from the May 2024 submission.

The MEPA Public Notice will be published in the Revere Journal publication date 10/30/2024 and the Revere Advocate, publication date 11/1/2024.

The MEPA Public Notice can be accessed [here](#).

The MEPA Public Notice will be translated in additional languages and be viewed on the [City of Revere's Department of Planning and Community Development webpage](#).

The SEIR will be available for viewing on this page on or before December 2nd, 2024.

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