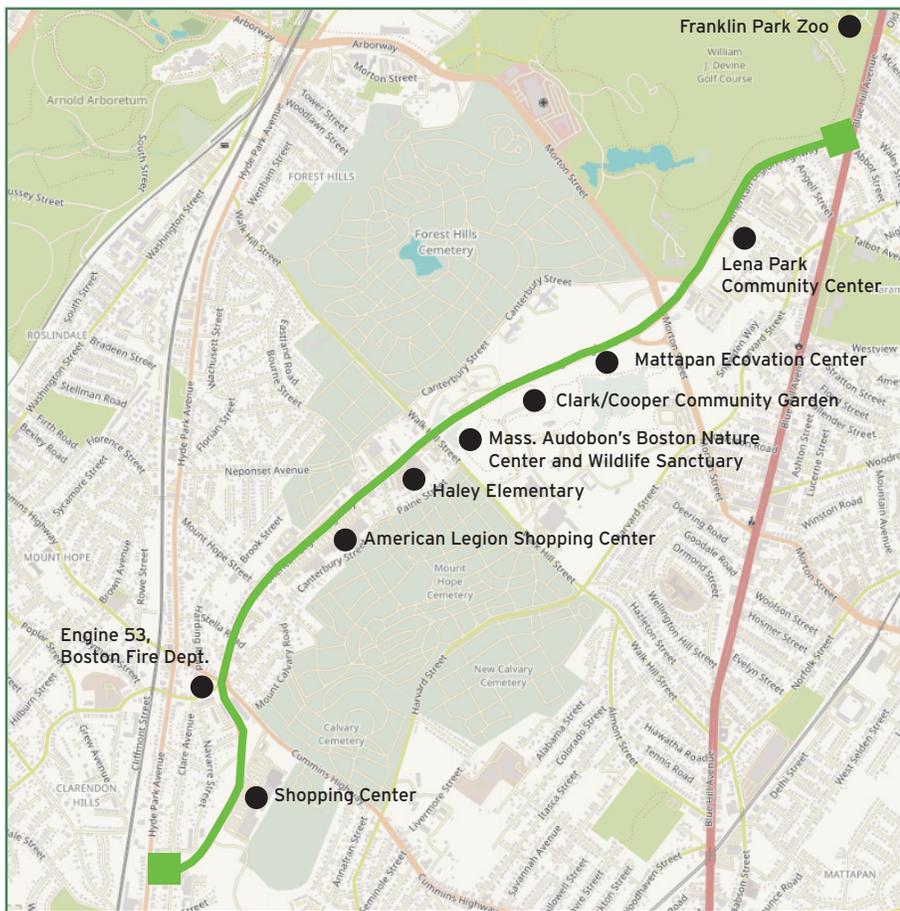


AMERICAN LEGION PARKWAY



Imagine an American Legion Highway that allows people to easily and safely walk, bike, or drive to destinations along the corridor: two shopping centers, a community garden, school, community center, and multiple green spaces, including a wildlife sanctuary and zoo in less than a three mile stretch!

Transforming this highway into a parkway with an adjacent multi-use greenway path between Blue Hill Avenue and Hyde Park Avenue will benefit families, businesses, commuters, the community, and YOU!

American Legion: the Highway

- Encourages speeding with travel lanes that vary from 15'-20'. Average rush hour speeds of 50mph discourage any mode but driving.*
- Limits safe crossing with 75'-100' road widths.
- Includes limited infrastructure (protected bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks) for people who want to bike or walk.
- Never reaches maximum capacity for even a single-lane road.

*Federal Highway Administration recommends 10'-12' lanes on this type of road.



American Legion: the Parkway



Proposed re-design of a 75' wide stretch of American Legion.



Proposed re-design of a 90' wide stretch of American Legion.

- Reduces speeding and intersection widths by reducing the roadway to a single travel lane in each direction.
- Improves access to open space with safe and convenient passage for people walking, bicycling, and driving.
- Eliminates two dangerous left hand turn-lanes to reduce traffic backup and create safer conditions for people walking and biking.

Project Background

In spring 2017, LivableStreets Alliance, the American Legion Corridor Coalition, and students from Northeastern University teamed up to complete a study of the corridor and generate a design for a greenway along the entirety of American Legion Highway. This study included an analysis of existing conditions and design considerations. The purpose of this study was to design a functional and safe roadway for all ages, modes, and abilities.

