

Columbia Road Community Advisory Team

The Columbia Road Transportation Action Plan (CRTAP) is led by the City of Boston Transportation Department.

The City has hired a project consultant team led by Toole Design. The project's consultant team includes a community engagement team. The organizations on that team are LivableStreets Alliance, Dorchester Bay EDC, Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative, and artist Jaypix Belmer.

In addition to the project's formal consultant team, the project also has a Community Advisory Team (CAT). The CAT will play a vital role in the community engagement process. The City of Boston and the consultant team identified a diverse cross-section of local community organizations, most of which are based in Dorchester, to participate in CAT. The organizations represented on CAT are as follows:

- Dorchester Bike Kitchen
- Center for Teen Empowerment
- New England United 4 Justice
- Uphams Corner Main Streets
- VietAID
- Cape Verdean Association of Boston
- La Alianza Hispana
- DSNI
- Speak for the Trees

The CAT will offer feedback and help guide the project team through the community engagement and co-design process. While CAT members do not have decision-making power, they are co-empowered to act as ambassadors, disseminating project information and encouraging community participation in meetings, workshops, and other engagement activities. CAT members receive a stipend for their participation. The first CAT meeting was held on June 17, 2024, focusing on reviewing the CRTAP project and setting expectations for CAT's operations.



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