

SOUTH BOSTON

Historically, South Boston was a peninsula separated by a bay from Boston. In the 20th century, the bay was filled and the piers were extended in what is now the South Boston Waterfront. South Boston today includes two distinct areas: a 19th century residential district and a 20th century industrial area dominated by transportation uses. The South Boston Waterfront industrial area is in an historic time of growth. A Federal Courthouse, the Seaport Hotel, and several other projects were recently built. Boston's new Convention and Exhibition Center is under construction. The Central Artery/Tunnel will extend I-90 from its current terminus south of downtown Boston beneath South Station to Logan Airport. The MBTA is constructing the "Silver Line", a bus-only tunnel to connect South Station to the World Trade Center. The line will also provide service to Logan Airport via the Ted Williams Tunnel.

The Fort Point Channel separates the South Boston Waterfront from Downtown. Bridges over Summer Street, Congress Street, and New Northern Avenue provide access for vehicular traffic. The old Northern Avenue Bridge is now closed to motor vehicles but provides convenient access to the Fan Pier Courthouse for large volumes of pedestrian traffic. Day Boulevard, on the southern edge of the neighborhood, is an MDC roadway which connects Morrissey Boulevard and Columbia Road to Castle Island, a popular recreational spot.

Roadway Volumes in South Boston*

East Broadway	3,000
Dorchester Avenue	34,000
Summer Street	24,000
D Street	4,000
Northern Avenue	9,000
Day Boulevard	5,000
First Street	3,000
Old Colony Avenue	27,000

Source: CTPS

*Estimated daily traffic at a representative point

The major retail area in South Boston runs along West and East Broadway. Gillette's world headquarters is located along A Street in the Fort Point Channel district, and is a major employer. Older warehouse buildings along the Fort Point Channel have been converted to other uses, including studio space for artists.

Employment Areas in South Boston

Broadway	6,600
Convention Center	2,500
Dorchester Ave./Railyard	7,300
Boston Marine Industrial Park (BMIP)	4,200
Reserve Channel	2,200
Andrew Square	1,000
Fort Point Channel	9,800
New Seaport Neighborhood	7,000
TOTAL JOBS	40,600

Source: 1996 CTPS site-level employment database

ROADWAY SYSTEM



TRANSIT NETWORK



There are 29,938 residents living in South Boston, an increase of 9% from 1990. Three deckers and rowhouses are common. Fifteen percent of housing units are single-family dwellings, similar to the city-wide average. More than 40% of households did not have a motor vehicle in 1990.

Municipal Off-Street Parking Lots (spaces)
 450 West Broadway (60)
 650-652 East Broadway (22)

Almost 75% of trips made entirely within South Boston are walk trips, and these account for one-third of all trips. Walking is also a relatively popular way to reach Downtown. Overall, transit use is slightly less than the citywide average. Perhaps reflective of its significantly distinct areas, South Boston has a nearly equal distribution of trips by activity, with about one-third each home, work and other based trips.

Distribution of Trips and Mode Shares in South Boston

	Auto	Transit	Walk
All destinations and purposes	55%	15%	31%
City Average	51%	19%	30%

("walk" mode includes bicycle)

Geographic Distribution of Trips

% of Trips	Origin or Destination	Auto	Transit	Walk
34%	Within Neighborhood	25%	3%	73%
10%	Core Neighborhoods	33%	42%	25%
25%	Rest of Boston	67%	19%	14%
18%	Inner Communities	82%	18%	0%
13%	Outer Communities	88%	12%	0%

Activity Distribution of Trips

% of Trips	Activity in Neighborhood	Auto	Transit	Walk
34%	Home	48%	20%	32%
35%	Work	63%	17%	20%
31%	Other	52%	6%	42%

The Red Line runs along the edge of South Boston, stopping at Broadway and Andrew stations. Routes 7, 9, 10, and 11 serve the residential neighborhood. Routes 9 and 10 terminate in Copley Square; the 7 at South Station, and route 11 in Downtown Crossing. Routes 3 and 6 serve the World Trade Center and Boston Marine Industrial Park (BMIP) during peak hours.

Daily MBTA Use by Station or Route*

Route	Boarding Count
Rapid Transit	
Broadway	3,750
Andrew Square	4,650
Bus Routes	
3 BMIP – Chinatown	350
5 City Point – McCormack Housing	175
6 BMIP- Haymarket	400
7 City Point – Downtown	2,200
9 City Point – Copley Square	4,600
10 City Point – Copley Square	3,550
11 City Point – Downtown	3,700
CT-3 Andrew to Longwood or Logan Airport	1,300

*Boarding counts only. Source: MBTA and CTPS