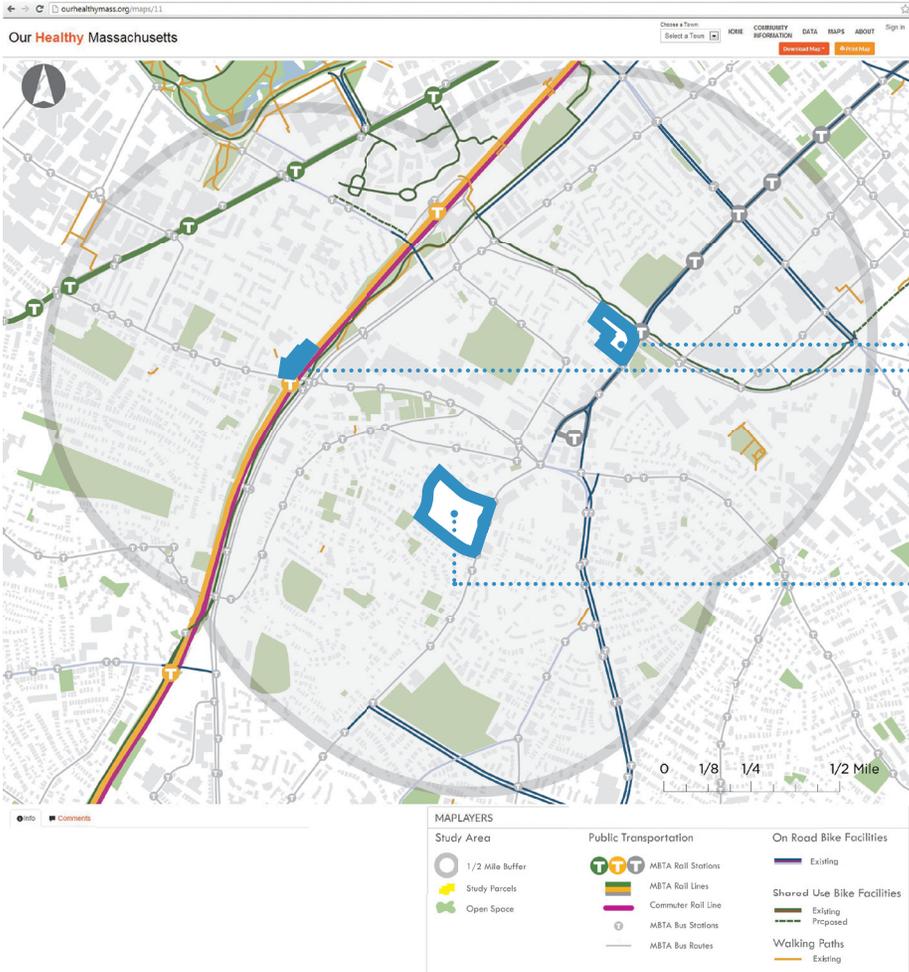


HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

MEASURING OUTCOMES



TROPICAL FOODS PARCEL



ROXBURY CROSSING PARCEL



BARTLETT YARDS PARCEL



Health Impact Assessment shows that Roxbury and Mission Hill would likely have greater access to green and open spaces and more physical activity opportunities with the construction of three transit-oriented development projects.

The way we design our neighborhoods affects our health. From providing opportunities to access healthy, affordable foods to supporting strong connections with friends and neighbors, the fabric of our neighborhoods—homes and businesses, sidewalks and streets, community programs and public safety—deeply affects our health and quality of life.

Living in a dense, mixed-use area with streets that are designed not only for cars, but also for walking, biking, or taking transit, makes it possible for people to integrate more physical activity into their daily lives. Similarly, parks and open spaces provide space for physical activity and promote more social interactions among neighbors, strengthening community ties and mutual trust. By strategically locating developments where walking, biking, and taking transit are an easy choice, we can promote the overall well-being of residents and neighborhoods. The maximum benefits of such Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) are achieved when reuse or growth includes a mix of uses, higher densities, minimal parking, and pedestrian-scale urban design.

This map shows three TODs proposed for Boston's Roxbury and Mission Hill neighborhoods. The map also shows the diversity of transportation options and parks surrounding them. The underlying data presented in the map is available on [OurHealthyMass.org](https://ourhealthymass.org), an interactive website created by MAPC and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) to provide information and high-quality data to Massachusetts residents and decision makers. Using this data, MAPC, MDPH, and the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) conducted a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) that investigates the connection between transit oriented development (TOD) and health in the Roxbury/Mission Hill area. The results inform the development of the Healthy Neighborhoods Equity Fund, a \$30 million private equity fund dedicated to encouraging TOD and raising awareness of the meaningful connection between TOD and public health.