

**Commuter Rail Corridor Visioning**  
**April 23, 2013**  
**7:00 – 9:00 PM**  
**Memorial Hall – GAR Room**  
**590 Main Street, Melrose, MA**

## MEETING AGENDA

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Who</b>
7:00PM	Introductory Remarks	Mayor Dolan Denise Gaffey
7:10PM	Introductory Presentation	Eric Halvorsen, MAPC
7:30PM	Facilitated Table Discussions	All Participants
8:35PM	Report Outs from Table Discussions	Table Representative
8:50PM	Evaluation of meeting, next steps	Eric Halvorsen, MAPC
9:00PM	Adjourn	

The goals of this meeting are to:

- Provide information on the project and create an understanding of the geography and character of the Corridor
- Identify and understand the issues and opportunities in the Corridor
- Discuss and uncover common themes that will help inform the vision for this Corridor



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## **Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you value most about this Corridor and the adjacent neighborhoods?
2. Given the housing needs of the community, where are the best opportunities for adding housing along the Corridor?
3. What types of businesses could be supported through improved access by walking, biking and transit in and around the Corridor?
  - a. Where might these businesses be located?
4. What improvements could be made to better connect the surrounding neighborhoods to the Corridor and the Downtown?
  - a. Specifically, what improvements could be made for pedestrians, cyclists and/or transit users?

## **Suggested Ground Rules:**

1. Listen as an ally with respect and without interruptions or personal attacks.
2. One person speaks at a time. Avoid dominating the discussion so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute. Try to defer to an existing conversation thread.
3. Express your own views and do not attempt to speak for others.
4. Share information to help inform MAPC recommendations and City of Melrose decisions. Ask questions of others to understand what they are saying and why.
5. It is perfectly OK to disagree, but remember, this is a discussion...not a debate. It is more important to help MAPC understand different perspectives than persuade someone else to agree with you.
6. Raise your hand to signal the facilitator(s) you wish to be recognized. Facilitators will do their best to take note of order in which members asked to be recognized.

## **Keeping Informed:**

In order to keep the public informed, MAPC has a dedicated website for this process [www.mapc.org/melrosetod](http://www.mapc.org/melrosetod). Here, the public can view meeting agendas, presentations and summaries as well as public comments and suggestions.



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