## rockland master plan 2030 SECOND PUBLIC WORKSHOP transportation, economic development & public facilities 16 DECEMBER 2019





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INTRODUCTIONS & AGENDA 6:30pm intros	
6:40pm	WHY MASTER PLAN?
6:50pm	process & outreach, background & context
7:00pm	MICRO-TRANSIT & PUBLIC INVESTMENT in civic facilities, amenitized streetscapes & pocket plazas to attract desired businesses
7:15pm	tonight's participation exercises
8:30pm	adjourned – please share survey link



#### WHY MASTER PLAN? YOUR INPUT CAN INFORM RECOMMENDATIONS

# **SHAPE SPECIFIC PARTS OF TOWN:** growth, improvement and/or preservation

#### **INFORM DECISIONS**

future zoning, investment and development

# PROVIDE MUTUAL CERTAINTY

for residents and businesses alike

**LEAVE A LEGACY** for the next generation





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## WHY MASTER PLAN?





goals & recommendations SPECIFIC & ACTIONABLE



vision statement





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# **PROCESS & OUTREACH**

committee meetings 3 thus far

outreach flyers posted, social media

**ONLINE SURVEY** 

Oct 4 to Jan/Feb 2020 – also translated mapc.org/rmp2030

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS 1background, key issues,sep 30exercises to tease out goals & vision

- 2 economic development, public facilities, transportation
- 3 housing, sustainability/energy, ~feb 2020 natural/historic/cultural resources
- 4 draft plan, vision, analysis, recommendations

tbd 2020

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#### **BACKGROUND & CONTEXT LET'S BUILD UPON OUR CHANGE HAS HAPPENED RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS COMMUNITY ASSETS**

continue creating favorable conditions

artists, unique businesses, stewards

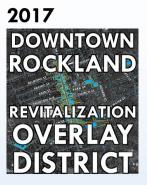




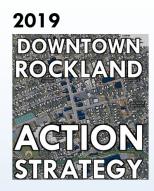
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## **BACKGROUND & CONTEXT**









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Rockland Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

> Rockland Local Hazard Mitigation Team Public Meeting Board of Selectmen May 21, 2019

> > Anne Herbst Metropolitan Area Planning Council



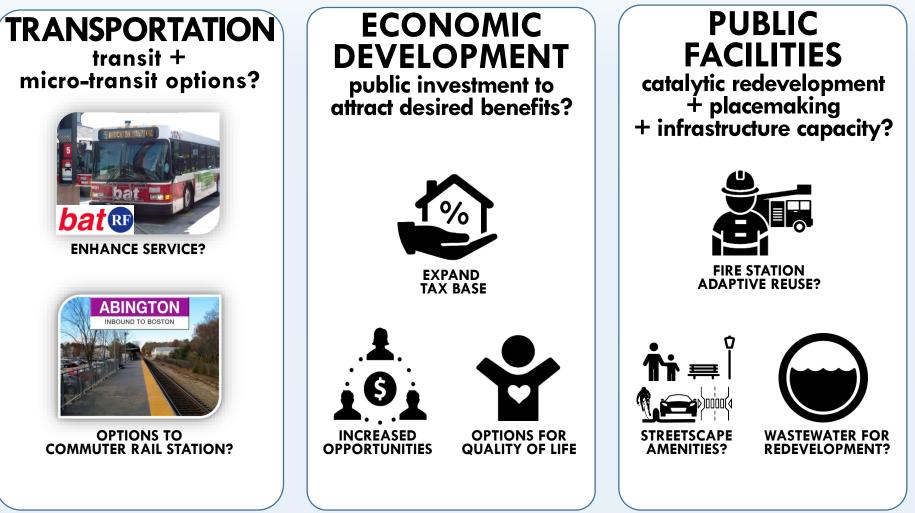
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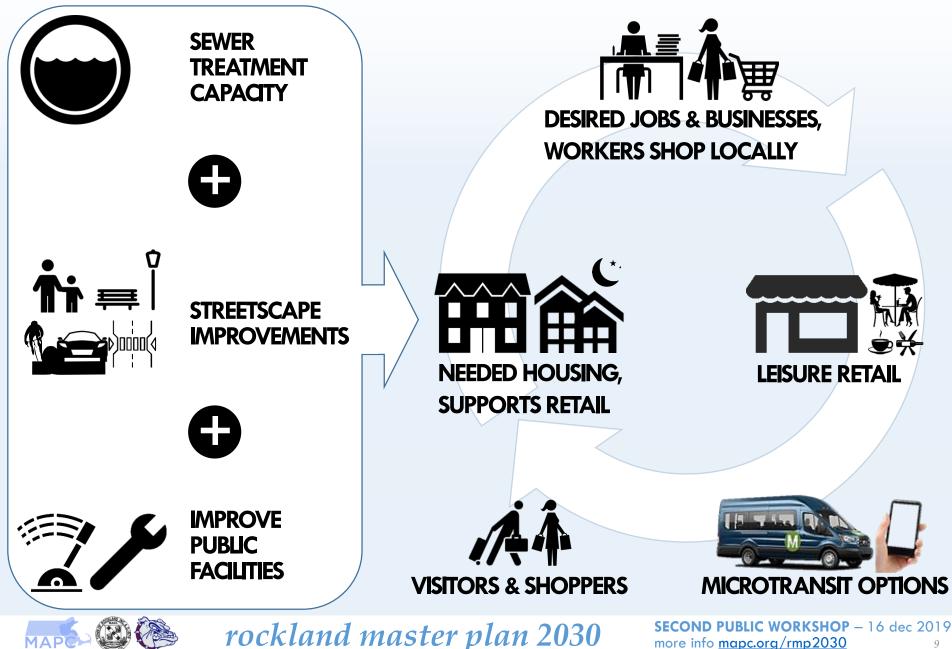
### **TONIGHT'S TOPICS** *putting the pieces together* MICRO-TRANSIT + PUBLIC INVESTMENT

in civic facilities, amenitized streetscapes & pocket plazas to attract desired businesses





# **KEY PLANNING CHALLENGES FACING TOWN**



# **TONIGHT'S ACTIVITIES**



#### YOUR IDEAS + WHERE IN TOWN?

focus growth where? targeted improvements where?

#### TRANSPORTATION



#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT + PUBLIC FACILITIES**





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**POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration

# TRANSPORTATION

**OPTIONS FOR** 

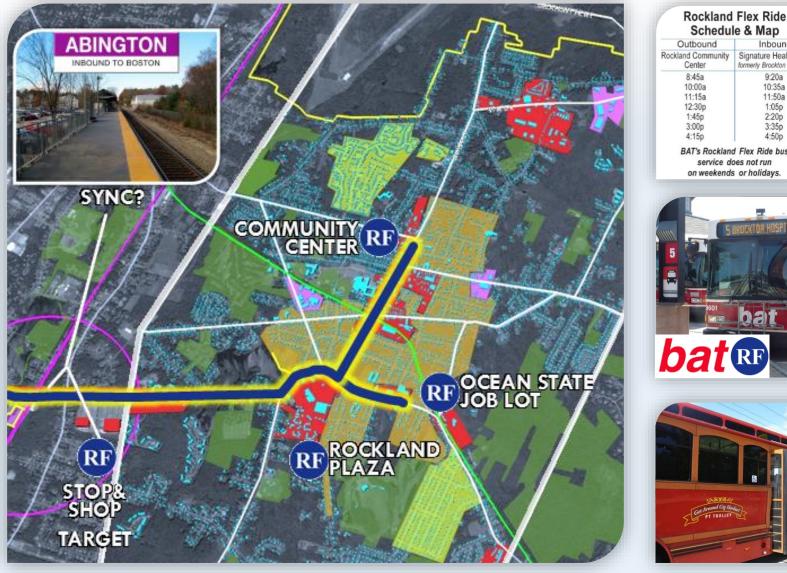
### AGING POPULATION YOUTH MOBILITY RESIDENTS & COMMUTERS

CONNECT

WORKERS TO LOCAL SHOPS



#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration **"GROW" DOWNTOWN VIA ENHANCED TRANSIT?**



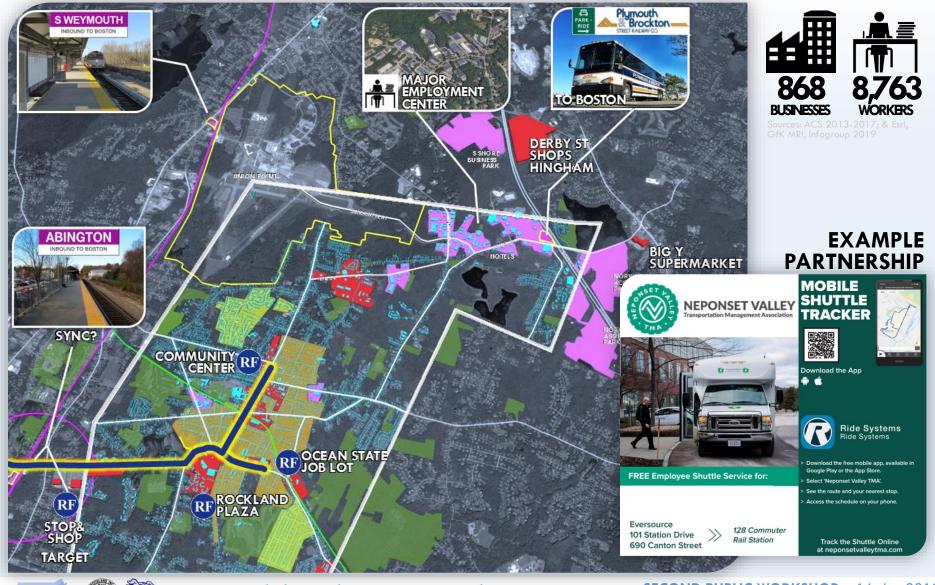






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#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration **EXTEND TRANSIT + CONNECT WORKERS TO DOWNTOWN?**





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#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** *for your consideration* EXTEND TRANSIT + CONNECT WORKERS TO DOWNTOWN?

#### **MICRO-TRANSIT:**

dynamically generated routes – from software – anticipates common pick-up points – does not require advance scheduling





#### PURSUE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION?

public-private – employers, towns, & bus companies – solutions for commuters – reduce traffic congestion





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**POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**CREATE FAVORABLE & ATTRACTIVE CONDITIONS** *investment, infrastructure, zoning* 

EXPAND LOCAL ECONOMY, TAX BASE, REVENUES

ALLOW MORE CHOICES FOR JOBS, HOUSING & MOBILITY OPTIONS



#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration SEWER CAPACITY INCREASE for DESIRED REVITALIZATION



**SEWER COMMISSION** 



**RESTAURANTS & MIXED-USE/RESIDENTIAL REQUIRE MORE TREATED GALLONS PER DAY** 





#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration STREETSCAPE AMENITIES for ACTIVITY & SHOPPERS









- MORE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PEDESTRIANS?
- ADD VALUE TO STOREFRONTS?
- SERIES OF POCKET PARKS?
- HISTORIC TROLLEY?



**POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration

# PUBLIC FACILITIES

MAINTAIN CONDITIONS OF EXISTING & IMPROVE

CONSIDER CONSOLIDATION OF SOME

TOWN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTIES for CATALYTIC DOWTOWN REVITALIZATION MIXED-USE PROJECT?



### **MAINTENANCE** *existing public facilities* & *assets*







## **IMPROVEMENTS** existing public facilities



# Elementary school building project passes through ballot vote

Posted Dec 9, 2019 at 11:22 AM Updated Dec 9, 2019 at 11:22 AM

The new school will combine all Rockland elementary students in the first through fourth grade from the Memorial Park, Jefferson and R. Stewart Esten Elementary schools in one, new 760 student elementary school.

The new facility will cost Rockland taxpayers about \$50.7 million, and the Massachusetts School Building Authority awarded the district a \$35.8 million grant for eligible costs as well. The total project is expected to cost about \$86.6 million.

# Rockland pushing plan for townwide elementary school

By Johanna Seltz Globe Correspondent, August 21, 2019, 7:50 p.m.

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A rendering of the proposed Rockland Elementary School. SMMA



#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration **TOWN HALL** into **COMMUNITY CENTER?**







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#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration **VACATED TOWN HALL SITE** *for* **REVITALIZATION PROJECT?**







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#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** for your consideration **ADAPTIVE RE-USE OF FIRE STATION?**



#### MARLBOROUGH EXAMPLE





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#### **POTENTIAL BIG IDEAS** *for your consideration* TOWN-WIDE WAYFINDING, SIGNAGE & BRANDING











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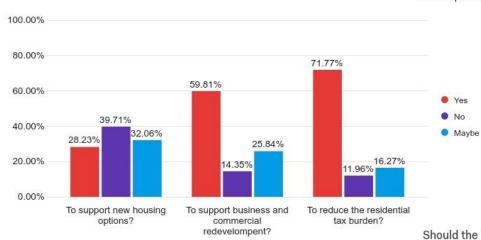




#### **ONLINE SURVEY FEEDBACK SO FAR** INTEREST IN SHAPING GROWTH & REVITALIZATION

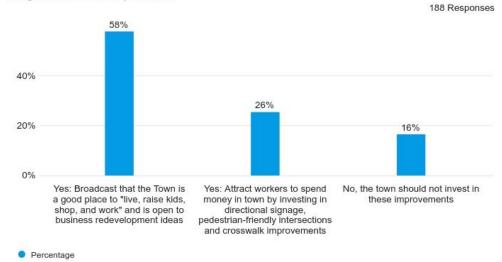
209 Responses

Would you be willing to invest in increased sewer capacity to support growth?



~200 responses

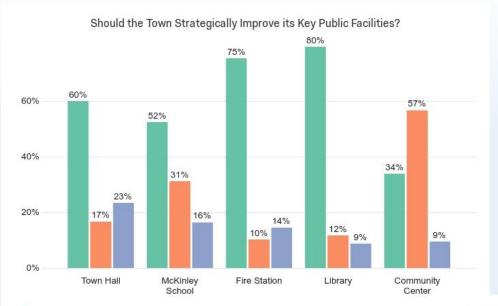
Should the Town expand its marketing and district branding efforts to promote Rockland and bring awareness to its potential?





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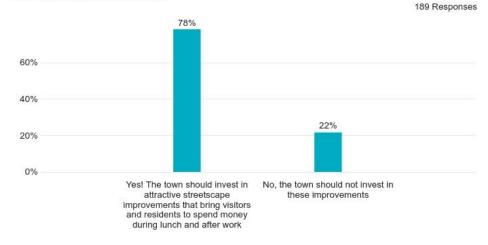


~200 responses

Yes: Town should keep and improve these existing public facilities

🔎 Yes: Town should leverage existing public facilities to create multi-use facility 🛛 🌒 No, the town should not do this

Should the Town prioritize streetscape improvements in business districts to attract business investment and redevelopment?





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# Hank you





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