

Envisioning a Transit and Pedestrian Oriented Neighborhood in the Needham Street Corridor

Integrating
→ *Land Use with Transit Improvements*
while
→ *Using Design Guidelines*
to achieve a
→ *Sense of Community*

General Concepts:

- Re-establish rail transit link to Boston and rest of metropolitan area
- Infill development of underutilized parcels and former industrial uses
- Mixed use development with strong residential component
- Increased density to encourage economic development
- Coordinated approach to parking
- A pattern of interconnected streets
- Focus on green space and public access to natural resources
- Possibility for future use of city-owned land

Design Guidelines:

- Minimal front setbacks for buildings
- No parking in front setback
- Uniform street frontage, except for public plazas/parks
- No side setbacks between buildings
- Ground level > 50% transparent front
- No barrier fences in pedestrian zone
- Main pedestrian access on front façade
- No curb cuts on pedestrian-oriented streets
- Street trees and wide sidewalks
- Set maximum limits on parking (shared parking?)
- On street parking, where possible
- Commercial ground level preferred on main streets