

# North Square

## Public Works Department

*Public Meeting*

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Martin J. Walsh,  
Mayor



Michael D. Dennehy,  
Interim Commissioner

# Project Location



North Square



# Purpose/Opportunities

- Recognize North Square as one of Boston's oldest occupied neighborhoods
- Reinforce the significant place in history that the North End played in the formation of the Country
- Provide an open space that accommodates multiple uses
- Improve accessibility
- Opportunity for public art

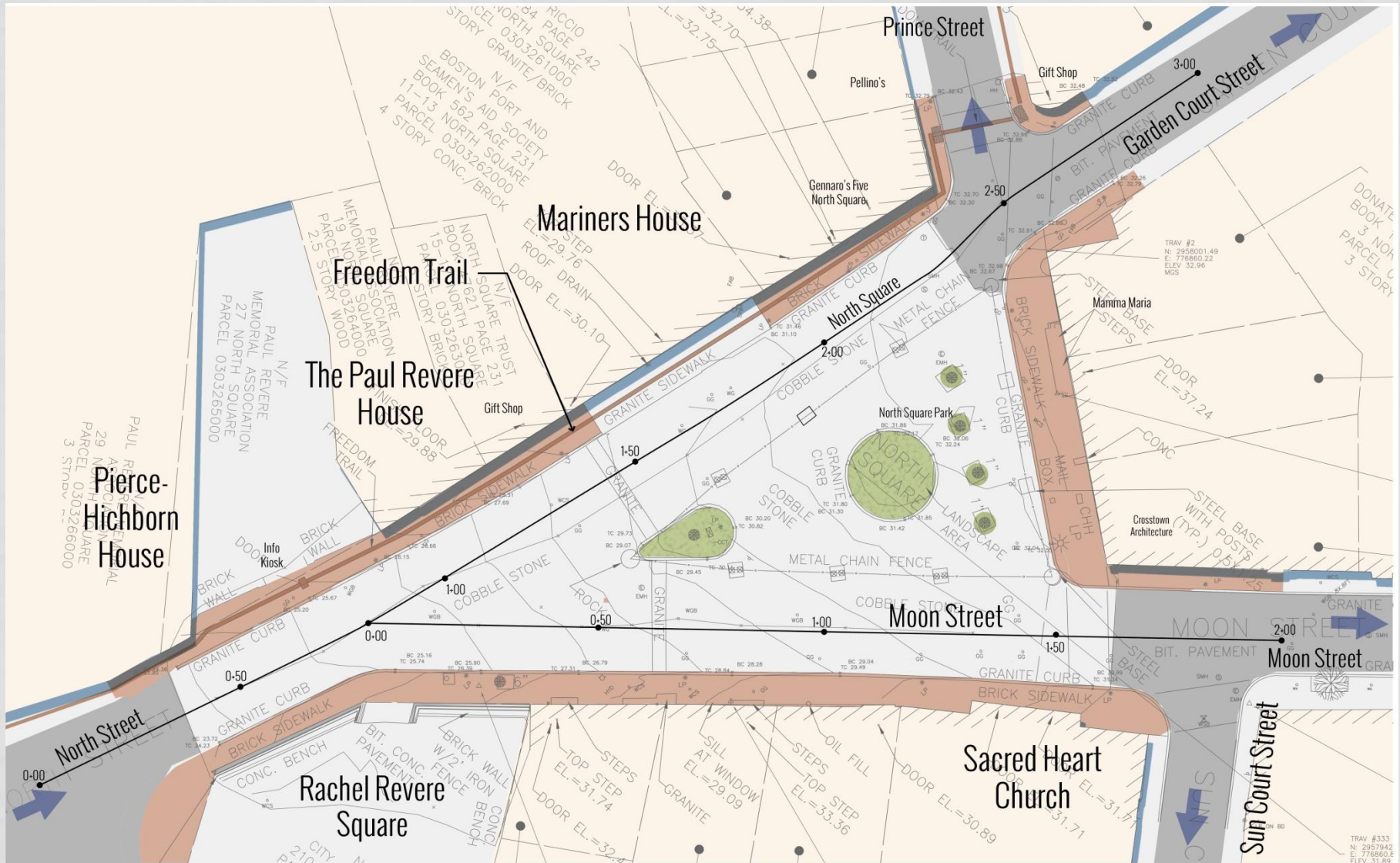


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# Existing Conditions

# Project Area

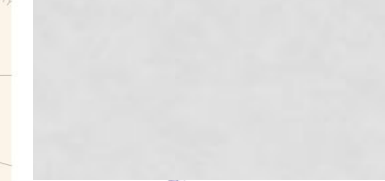
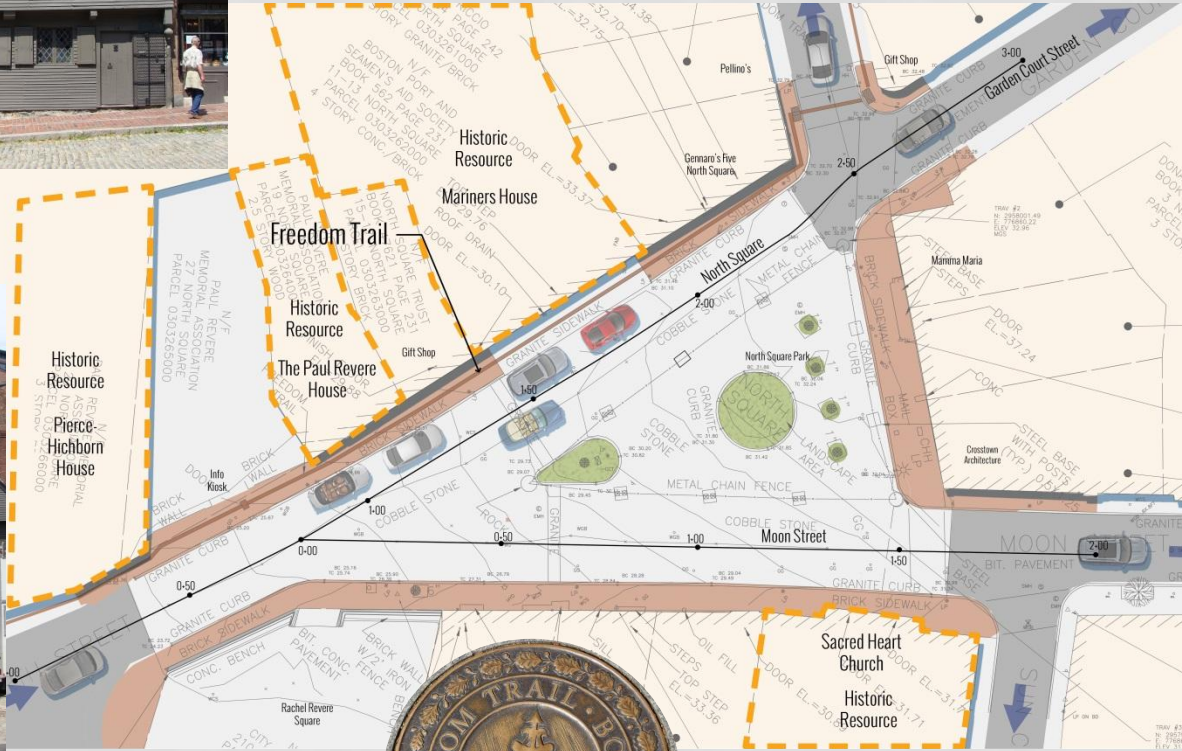


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# Existing Conditions

# Historic



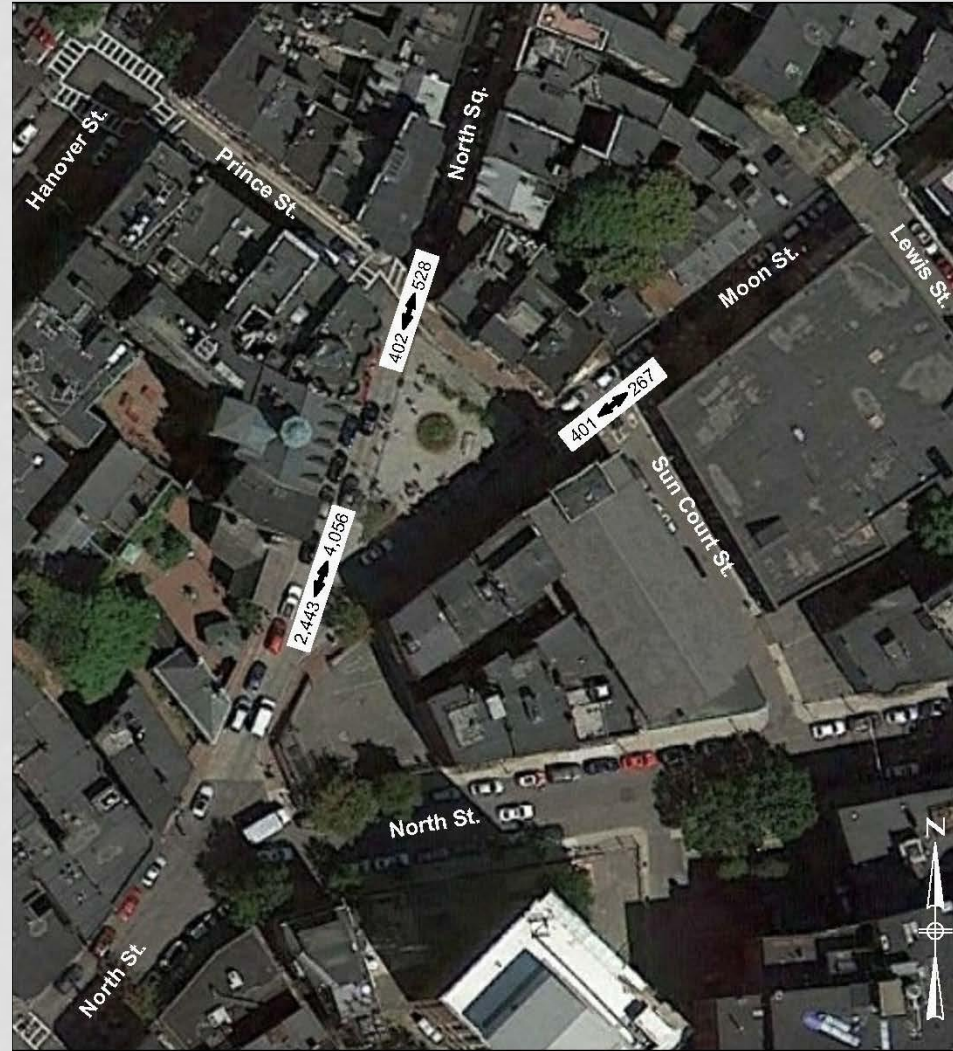
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# Existing Conditions

# Traffic - Pedestrian

- 6499 Pedestrians on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 6pm
- The Paul Revere House has over 250,000 visitors a year.



### Legend

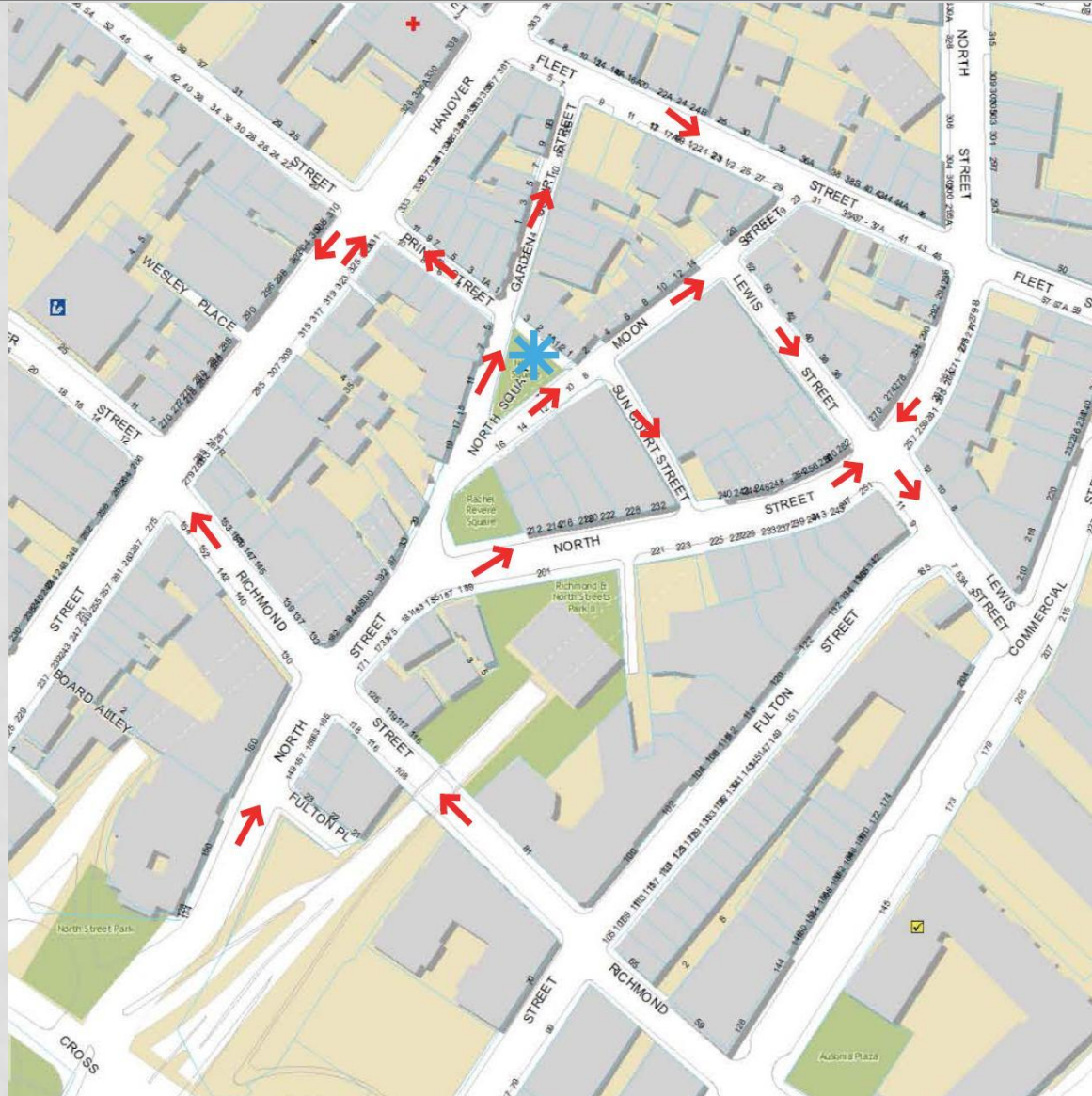
Pedestrian Volumes - Saturday (10:00 AM to 6:00 PM)

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# Existing Conditions

# Circulation

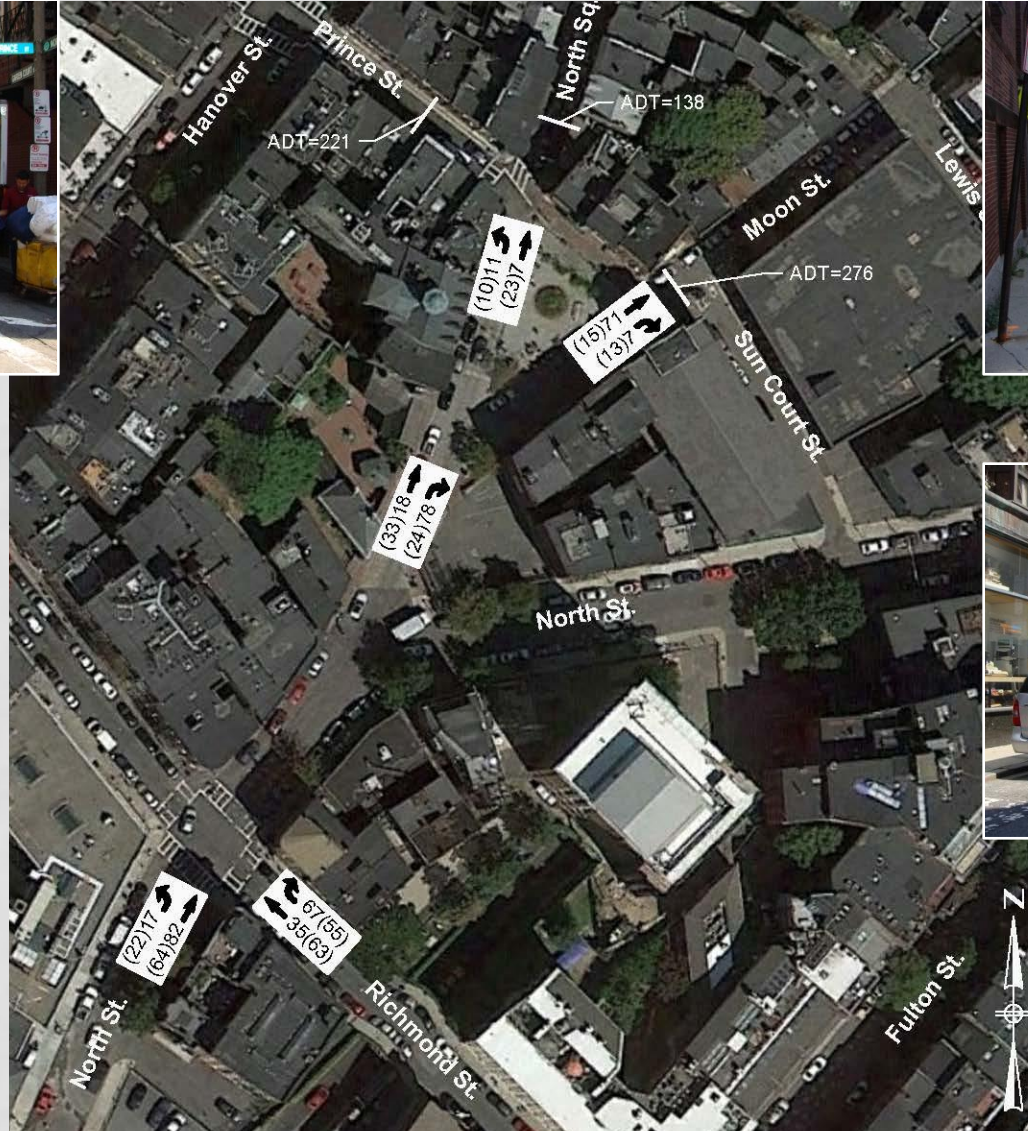


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# Existing Conditions

# Traffic - Vehicular



### Legend

XX - AM Peak Volumes (7:00 to 8:00)

(XX) - PM Peak Volumes (5:00 to 6:00)

ADT - Average Daily Traffic

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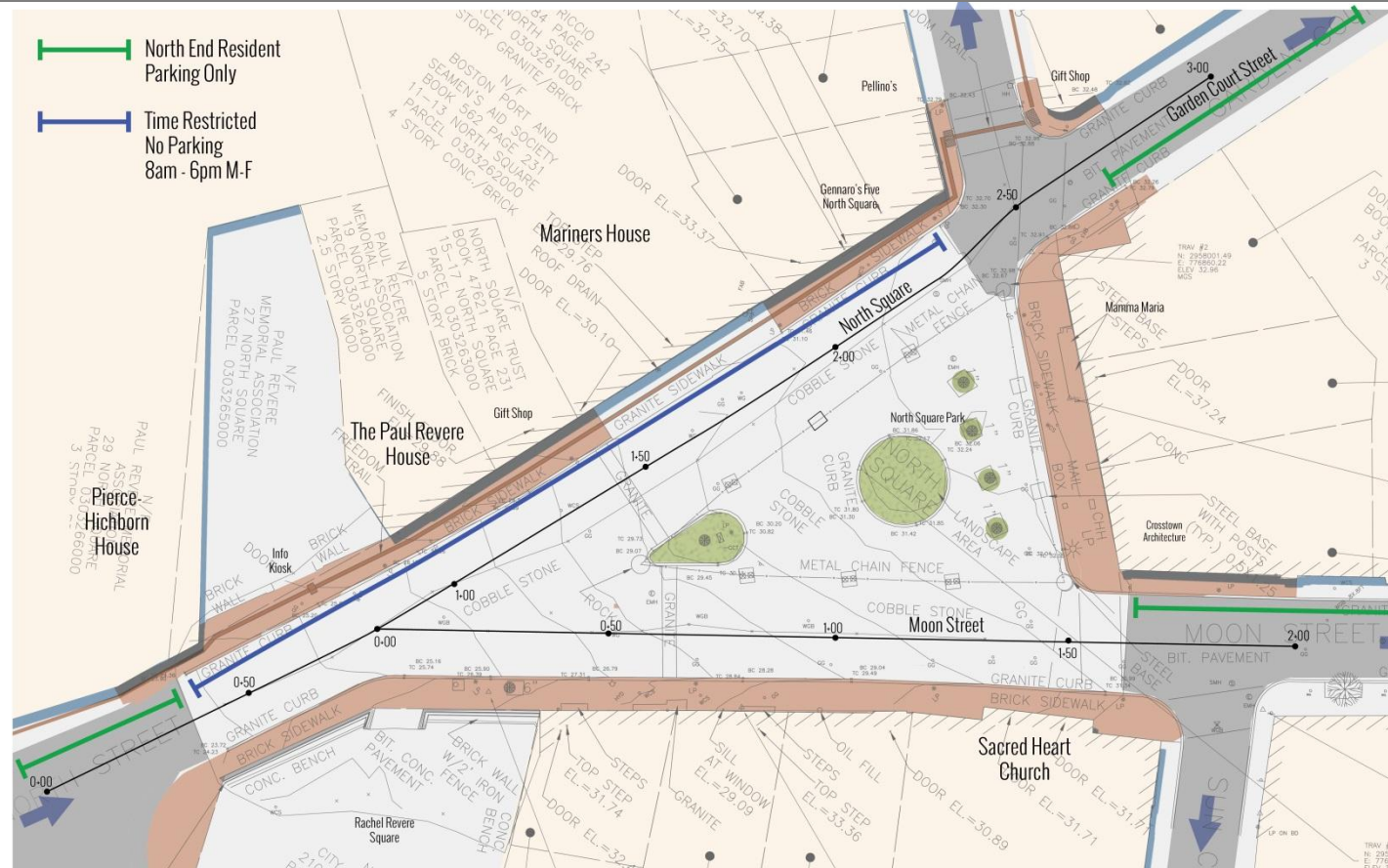




# Existing Conditions

# Parking

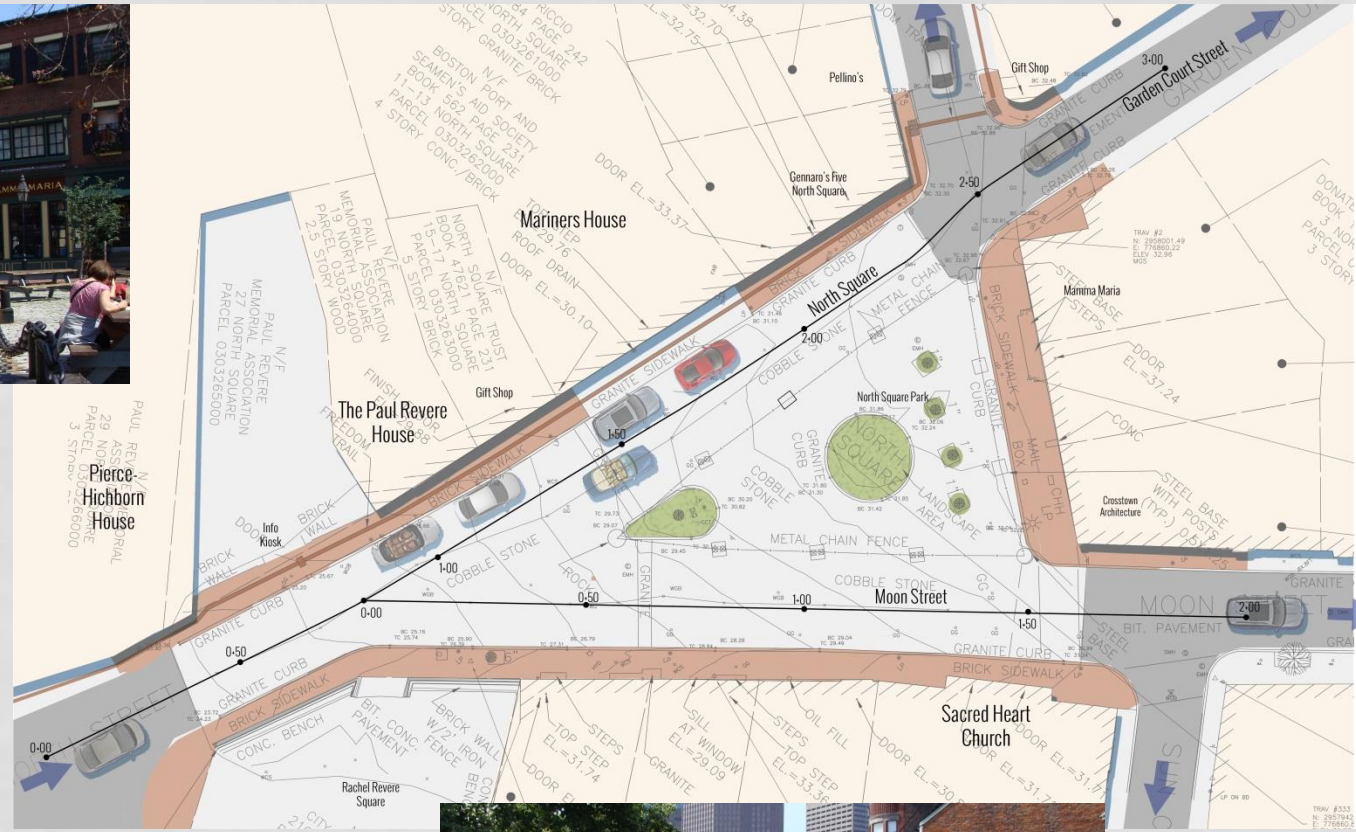
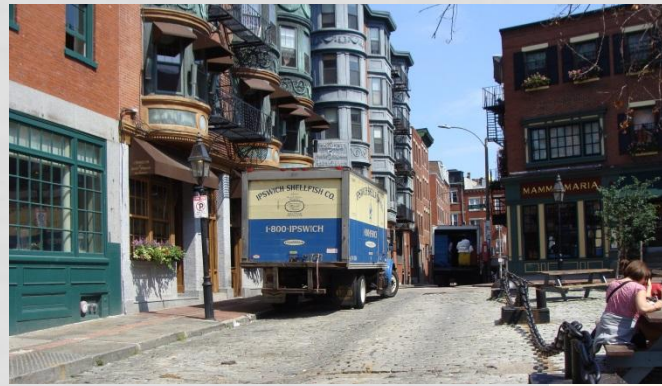
-  North End Resident Parking Only
-  Time Restricted No Parking 8am - 6pm M-F



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# Existing Conditions Deliveries & Functions



- Restaurant deliveries
- St. John School
  - 2 Buses
  - Parent drop-off
- Sacred Heart Church
  - Funeral
  - Mass

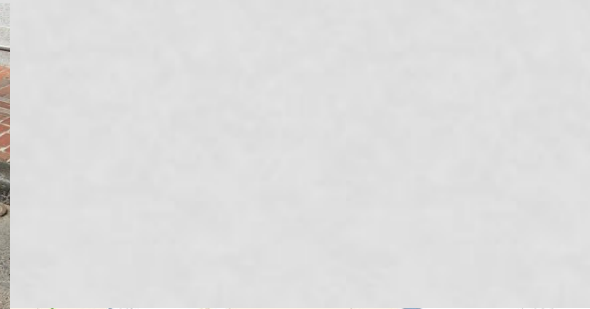


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# Existing Conditions

# Utilities



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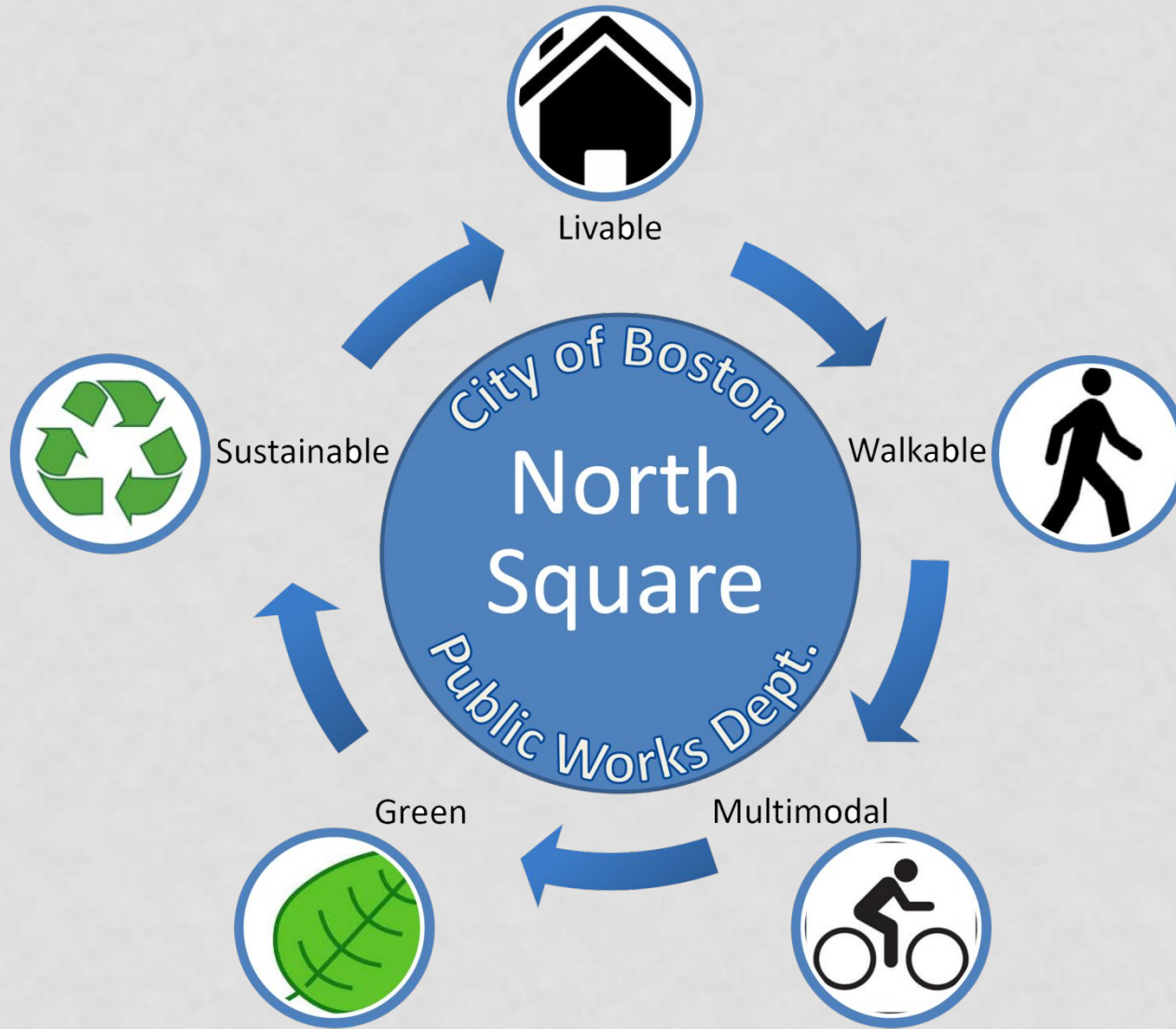
# Areaways



### North Square



# Guiding Principles



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## Livable

- Respect the cultural and historic context
- Reinforce the Square as a public space
- Let the space be defined by the surrounding buildings
- Improvements balance the needs of all users
- New ornamental lighting
- Add benches and tables to improve livability
- Parking is unchanged



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# Guiding Principles



## Walkable

- Improve accessibility
- Widen sidewalk along Paul Revere House
- Square and North Square-East flush
- Traffic allowed but not promoted on North Square-East
- ADA compliance



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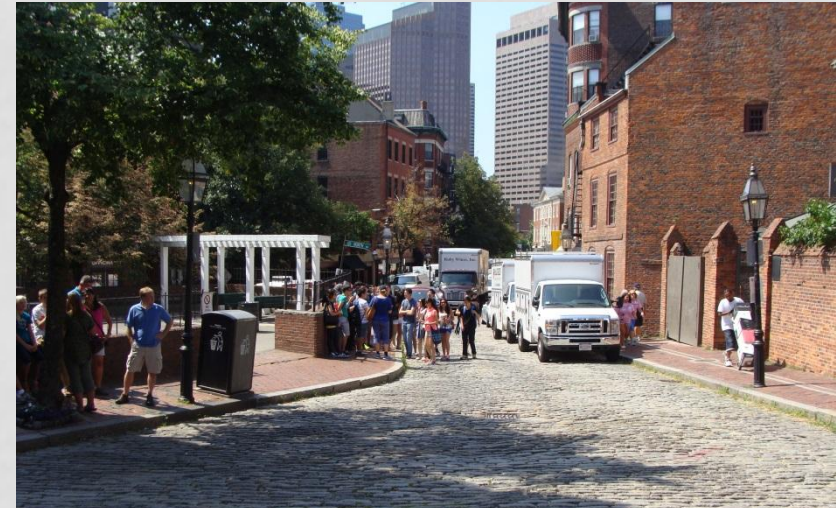


# Guiding Principles



## Multimodal

- Accommodate the needs of the community
  - Visitors to the Paul Revere House
  - Patrons of the numerous restaurants and shops
  - St. John School students and staff
  - Sacred Heart Church
  - Mariners House
  - Deliveries
  - Residents
  - Parking is unchanged



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# Guiding Principles



## Green

- Provide green space to reduce impervious areas
- New plantings similar in extent to what is currently maintained by the Parks Department



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# Guiding Principles



## Sustainable

- Incorporate green stormwater solutions
- Keep improvements and enhancements simple
- Utilize durable materials with a proven record of success
- Improve storm drainage in North Square



Existing Conditions



Potential

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# Potential Opportunities



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# Discussion



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