

THE WALK BOSTON MANIFESTO
A Framework for Action.

Whereas:

- The Boston region is at risk of drowning due to climate change.
- The Boston region struggles with health care costs.
- The Boston region struggles with housing affordability.
- The Boston region struggles with economic inequity.
- The Boston region struggles with traffic congestion and traffic deaths.
- The Boston region struggles with transit underfunding; and
- The Boston region wishes to maintain its competitive edge.

And acknowledging that:

- Transit, cycling, and walking produce much less CO₂ than driving.
- Transit riders, cyclists, and pedestrians are healthier than drivers.
- Driving is the single greatest cause of death and serious injury in the US.
- People with lower incomes are less likely to drive, and more reliant on transit.
- People with lower incomes are more likely to bike and walk for transportation.
- People with lower incomes, and people of color, are more likely to be killed in traffic.
- Ride hailing undermines transit and biking, and exacerbates congestion.
- Traffic enforcement cameras save lives.
- The only solution to traffic congestion is (de)congestion pricing of tolls.
- Decongestion pricing also benefits transit and air quality.
- Much congestion and unnecessary driving results from underpriced parking; and
- The most competitive cities globally are the least car-dependent.

And confirming that:

Boston and its surrounding cities and towns wish to align their policies, practices, and funding with those choices that will make them:

- more sustainable;
- healthier;
- more equitable;
- less congested; and
- more competitive.

Be it resolved that: Boston and its surrounding cities shall implement a robust policy of

- Decongestion pricing;
- Demand-based parking pricing;
- Surcharge on ride hailing; and
- Traffic enforcement cameras.

With the revenue collected rededicated to:

- Transit upgrades;
- Pedestrian and cycling facilities, and
- Affordable housing.

We understand that failure to pursue these actions would confirm what many fear: that our policies, practices, and funding are working at cross purposes to our goals.