Opportunities

Eastside Unites envisions futures with communities. The project will study what transformations are possible. Transformations could come in the form of a “cap” or a “stitch” or “bury”.

Community engagement, engineering studies and coordination with institutions will be a part of understanding what transformations are possible.

All transformations aim to reclaim land and create community connectivity.

Connectivity is about how easily and safely you can reach the places and people that matter to you: your home, school, work, church, parks, grocery stores, and neighbors.

It’s also about the connections that make the Eastside feel like home, including its history, culture, and community ties. Reconnecting the Eastside means addressing past harms while celebrating what makes the Eastside special so it can thrive for generations to come.

Transformational Opportunities

Below are examples from other cities...

Stitching At Underpasses



Transforming existing underpasses with brighter lighting, public art, wider sidewalks, and landscaping so they feel welcoming instead of dark or unsafe.

Stitching Over Highways



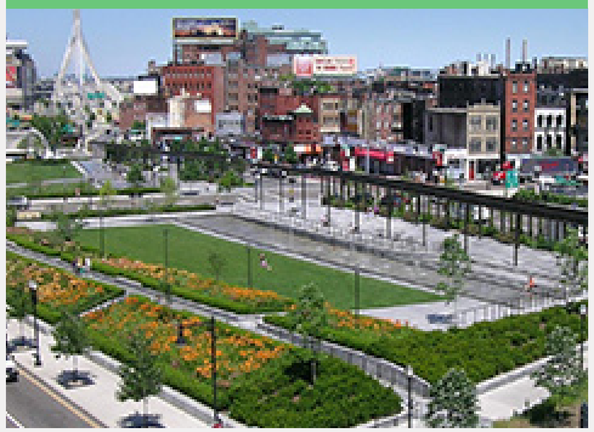
Upgrading existing bridges or adding new bridges over the highway with wide sidewalks, protected bike lanes, shade trees, and barriers that separate people from traffic, so it’s safer and more comfortable to get across.

Capping



Building a deck over the highway to create new parks, plazas, or community space on top, while traffic continues underneath.

Burying



Lowering the highway below street level or into a tunnel, freeing up land above to reconnect streets and neighborhoods.

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