

Parking Benefits District Background

- Arlington Center Parking Study – 2014
- Single-space meters in Arlington Center installed in fall 2016
- Parking Benefits District for Arlington Center approved by Town Meeting in 2017
- Parking Implementation & Governance Committee (now Parking Advisory Committee – PAC) created in 2017 to oversee meter implementation and administer PBD funds

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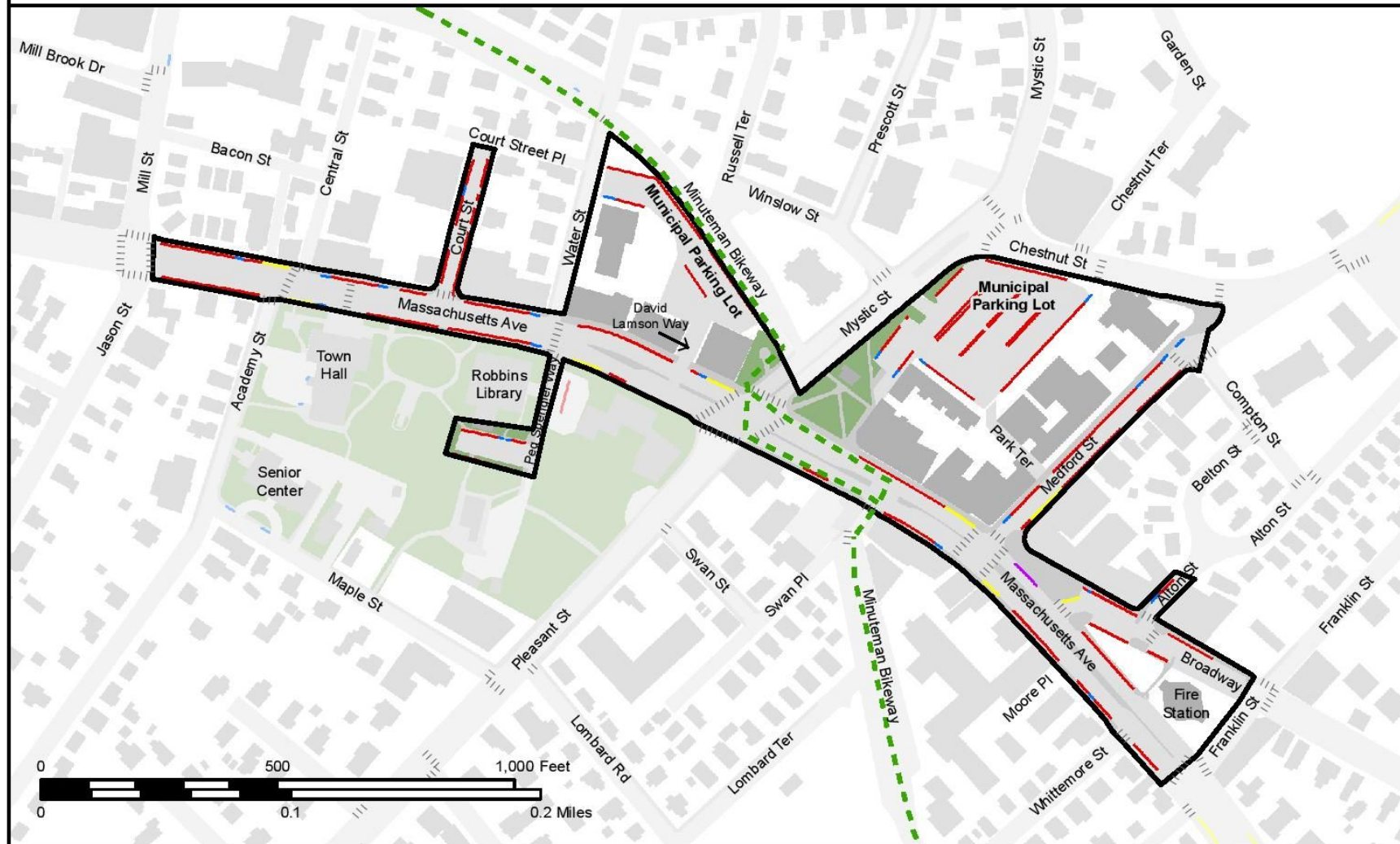
Town of Arlington, MA

	Parking Benefit District		Accessible Parking Space		Minuteman Bikeway
	Metered Parking		MBTA Bus Stop		Crosswalk
	Taxi Stand		Building		



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Parking Benefits District Uses

MGL:

- Section 22A1/2. A city or town may establish 1 or more parking benefit districts, as a geographically defined area, in which parking revenue collected therein may be designated in whole or in part for use in that district through a dedicated fund in accordance with the purposes and uses listed in section 22A. A parking benefit district may be managed by a body designated by the municipality, including, but not limited to, a business improvement district or main streets organization.
- Section 22A. [Selection] ...The revenue therefrom may be used for acquisition, installation, maintenance and operation of parking meters and other parking payment and enforcement technology, the regulation of parking, salaries of parking management personnel, improvements to the public realm, and transportation improvements, including, but not limited to, the operations of mass transit and facilities for biking and walking...

Parking Benefits District Uses

Parking revenues have been used for...

- General parking administration, collection, and enforcement
- Meter lease payments, upgrades, repairs and meter parts
- Supporting funding the Arlington Center Sidewalk Project last year – sidewalk repairs and replacement for accessibility
- Study improvements to the Russell Common Parking Lot
- Implementation of mobile parking payment (PayByPhone)
- Public space improvements – seasonal plantings

Parking Benefits District for FY2023

Budgeted funds

- Although parking revenues have fluctuated significantly in last two years due to COVID-19, **\$200,000** is available for programming for Town FY2023 (above and beyond fixed expenses)
- Existing projects expected to continue
 - Seasonal plantings - \$20,000
 - Sidewalk snow clearance and around meters - \$10,000
- Thus **\$170,000** can still be programmed

Some initial ideas for other projects

- Additional public space improvements (i.e., beautification, landscaping, decorations)
- Advance Chestnut Street pedestrian safety improvements (requires map change by Select Board)
- Parking lot improvements (lighting, repairs)
- Begin planning for sidewalk repairs on Mass Ave west of Mystic/Pleasant, and/or reboot Mass Ave Phase 2

Discussion

