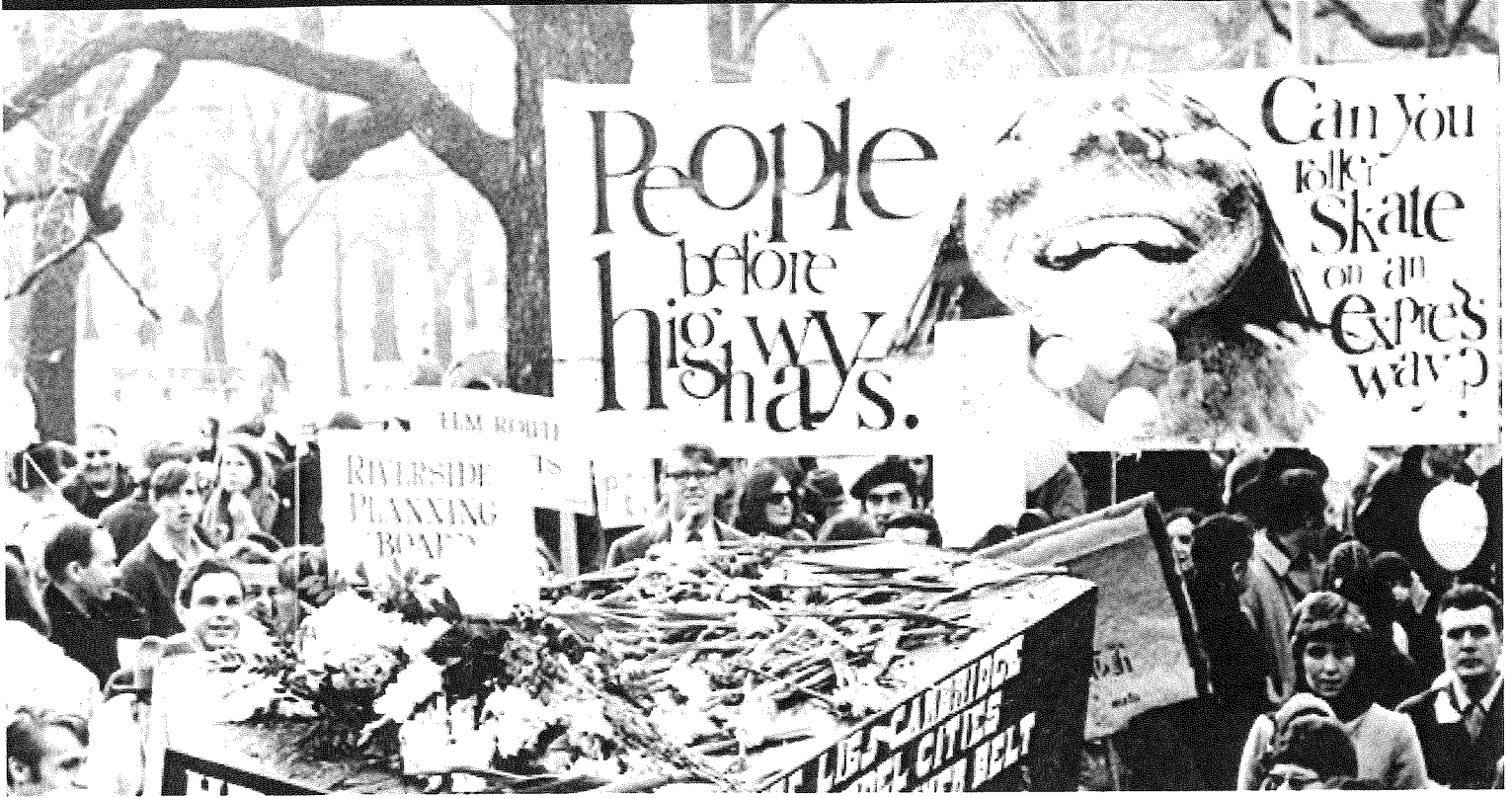
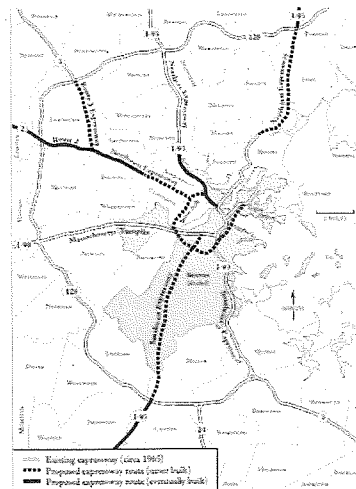


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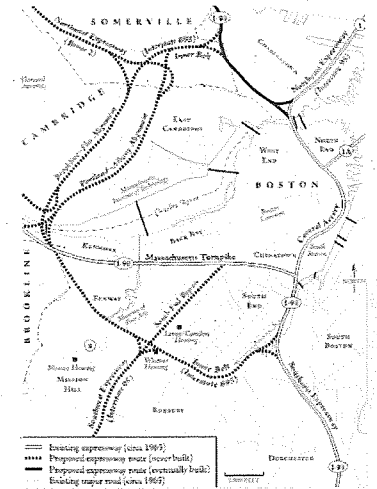
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50 years ago today People Before Highways Day boldly proclaimed the possibility of what seemed impossible: the defeat of I-95's extension through greater Boston. On January 25, 1969, many residents gathered on the steps of the Massachusetts State House to demand that Governor Sargent reconsider his pro-highway position. We gather today to celebrate the powerful legacy of this successful movement that stands as an inheritance that the people of the Boston metropolitan region will share forever.



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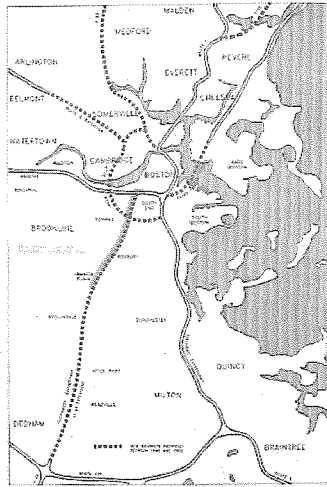


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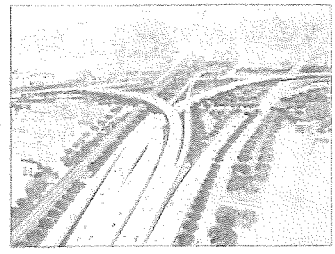
A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS: Historic Boston Inc., The Mel King Institute for Community Building/ Massachusetts Association of CDCs, Massachusetts Historical Society, Northeastern University Archives & Special Collections, MIT CoLab, Haymarket People's Fund, Massachusetts Communities Action Network

These are a few of the many people who gave their time and energy to the success of the Southwest Corridor. There are many more names listed on the plaque...

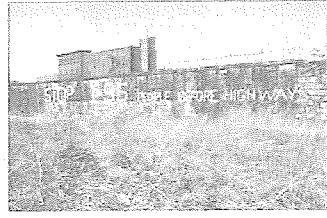
THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR



YOU ARE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR. IT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS THE TWELVE-LANE HIGHWAY SHOWN IN THE DRAWING BELOW. THE EFFORTS OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS BANDING TOGETHER TO SAVE THEIR HOMES, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND OPEN SPACES CREATED THE ORANGE LINE RAPID TRANSIT, THE RAILROAD, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PARK YOU ARE ENJOYING TODAY.



Top of major highway proposed between 1950 and 1960 for downtown and its south end. Most of the area shown here was developed in the 1950s and 1960s. The area shown here is the site of the Southwest Corridor Park today.



Photograph of street along highway site, during the former railroad, approximately in 1900. The street was used for the railroad and the streetcar line. The building on the right is the former site of the Southwest Corridor Park today.

A FEW PEOPLE MEETING IN AN APARTMENT IN JAMAICA PLAIN GREW INTO A MOVEMENT INVOLVING THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS FROM NEIGHBORHOODS IN BOSTON AND SURROUNDING TOWNS. THEY ORGANIZED AND WORKED TOGETHER FOR THE YEARS TO CONTACT PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO STOP THE HIGHWAY, TO SAVE HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOODS, AND TO PROTECT PUBLIC PARKLANDS. THESE PEOPLE CONTINUED TO WORK TOGETHER TO TURN THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR INTO THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND PARK PROJECT YOU SEE TODAY.

- 1964 Boston and Providence railroad tracks torn down. Park site set aside, and the city began to plan the Southwest Corridor.
1970 The South End of Boston, Roxbury and Dorchester Park area...
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[Southwest Corridor Plaque located outside of the Roxbury Crossing Orange Line Station]

Today, residents of greater Boston benefit from the historic, activist-led movement to stop I-95 and the Inner Belt. The subsequent public planning process initiated new blueprints for transit, open space and economic development projects along the highway's proposed path. The Southwest Corridor Park is one celebrated example.

Yet this work remains unfinished and the fight continues. Please join us for an Activist Hack in Spring 2019 (date TBA)! At this event we are asking community residents and activist leaders to share artifacts and historic stories of local activism in greater Boston and discuss what activist networks need today. Together, we will imagine new strategies for advancing movement building through creative tactical education.

To stay in contact with us and receive information about future events please fill out this brief google form <https://goo.gl/forms/3WwoY9eEaQaumATo2>

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[NAMES ON PLAQUE, LEFT TO RIGHT] Chuck Turner Barry Adams David Scott Ellen Gordon Anderson Louise Robinson Janet Hunkel Robert Fortes Elizabeth Houghton Byron Rushing Richard Taylor Ray Flynn Cynthia Wilson Betsy Johnson Keith Brown Ken Kruckemeyer Edna James Mel King Michael Reiskind Gloria Fox Elbert Bishop Fred Salvucci Barney Frank Ila Cooper Ann Hershfang John Bassett Clark Frazier Val Hyman Peter Metz Tom O'Malley Susan Straight Brad Yoneoka Richard Heath John Goodrich Winkie Cloherty Mike Lerner Tony Pangaro Dan Ocasio David Gilmore Marilyn Newman Curtis Davis Alan Altshuler John Lynch Irene Lee John Vitagliano Jackie Hall Jim O'Leary Elspeth Taylor Kevin White John Hinkley M. David Lee Jack Wofford Mukiya Baker-Gomez Jon Straight Tom Corrigan Sue Clipping Arthur Katz Kay Gibbs Carla Johnston Alan Lupo Polly Russell Alice Taylor Charlie Carpenter Herb Hershfang Martin Gopen Dee Primm Hattie Dudley Charlotte Herde Eben Kunz Charlotte Kahn Keith Killough Bill Davis Milton Cole Joyce Stanley Bette Woody Sima Osdoby Al Kramer Ruth Parker Irene Caldwell Rev. Thom Payne Fr. Bill Mullen Isaac Graves Bob McDonnell Bill Satterthwaite George Adams Ron Hafer Mike Ventresca Jose Perez Ralph Partan Joan Wood Evelyn Hannigan Vivienne Thompson Dan Kelly Don Hughes Jim Morey Guy Rosmarin Mike Price Margaret Laudato Bill Karg John Hannon Helene Leary Mary Plunkett Don Campbell Betsy Campbell Len Newcomb Dough Zook Cecil Brown Ralph Smith Herb Long Ken Guscott George Guscott Marianne Abrams Mary Tapelian Arthur Brookes Dan Richardson Mary Ann Hardenbergh Rev. Tony Bethel Jerrolyn Simpson John Ahern John Cunningham Stephen Farrell Mildred Hailey Dennis O'Brien David Cowles Femke Rosenbaum Leo Forge Jorge Hernandez Bill Huttner Mark Weiss Peter Calcaterra Rick Grey Mike Parham Mary Goode Paul d'Entremont Charlotte Gridiron John Cannonan Alice Fletcher Ken Campbell Nancy Mitchell Nathaniel Hailey Susan Stein Ann Kruckemeyer Hugh O'Brien Paul Parks Marvin Gilmore Rev. William Dwyer Robert Sams Barbara Ward Susan Long Goodrich Sally Perry Eleanor Strong Max Tregor Reese Fayde Tunney Lee Evelyn Herlihy Denis Blackett Duane Jackson Susan Scott Fatimah Payne Slug Rosenbaum Leonard Durant Frank McGinness Michael Hawkins Eleanor Peacock Tom Schocken Hugh Scott Dorothy Koerner

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