

Gateway Project

The site visit should preferably be conducted prior to the second class meeting, to support class discussion, but in any event the team visit must be completed, written up and submitted by the third week of the semester. By way of example, the Kenmore Square gateway would include Storrow Drive (west of Charlesgate), Beacon Street, the bus terminal at Kenmore, the subway (both directions) at Kenmore, the Turnpike at Brookline Avenue (including Turnpike buses, both directions), and commuter rail. To observe this gateway will require an inter-disciplinary team of 10 people. The Copley Square gateway would include the back bay transit and commuter rail station, Mass Pike and commuter rail at Clarendon, and Copley Station/Green Line (both directions), and would require six people. Each person on the team would be required to contribute two paragraphs concerning their observations during peak and off-peak of the particular element they monitor, as well as contribute to the overall report. We will assign as many teams to as many gateways as we have student interest to support.

A. Instruction:

- Count traffic at Allston Landing, Kenmore Square or Copley Square (depending on which group you were assigned to)
- Try to use planning method step 1 & 2
- Observe and count gateway traffic
- Research history
- What data needs do you see?
- How would you project future continuity?
- What existing and emerging problems do you identify?

B. Method:

- Observe and Count
 - AM Peak (8:00-9:00)
 - PM Off-peak (9:00pm)
 - Sunday 2:00 pm
- Define Method to Assess History
- Map resources: <http://www.mapjunction.com>

C. Gateways:

1) Allston Landing

- River / Cambridge St. / Western Ave.
- Turnpike ramps
- Storrow Drive
- BU Bridge
- Commonwealth Ave
- “C” Line

- Commuter Rail
- Bus Services
- Bicycles
- Pedestrians
- BU; Harvard; Rail / Truck Freight interface
(Harvard has purchased the entire area from the Turnpike.)

2) Kenmore Square

- Commonwealth Ave
- Brookline Ave
- Beacon Street
- Turnpike
- Storrow Drive
- Commuter Rail
- Turnpike Buses
- Brookline & Commonwealth Ave Buses
- Pedestrians
- Bicycles
- Green Line
- BU; Red Sox; [Medical Complex to West]; Back Bay; Fens

3) Back Bay Station/Copley Square

- Huntington Ave / Stuart Street; Boylston Street
- Turnpike Ramps; Turnpike
- Commuter Rail
- Orange Line
- Green Line
- Intercity Rail
- Pedestrians (included pedestrian over pass)
- Bicycles
- South End; Back Bay; Copley Place; Prudential