



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY, FITZGERALD AND FLYNN

## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WHITE STADIUM GAME DAYS

**WHEREAS:** White Stadium, formerly a Boston Public Schools facility located in Franklin Park, has been demolished and is now undergoing redevelopment into an 11,000-seat stadium that will host Boston Legacy FC, a new National Women's Soccer League team, in addition to school and community events; and

**WHEREAS:** The stadium is projected to host approximately 20 professional games and 20 team practices per year, with game-day attendance expected to reach up to 10,000 visitors; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Boston released a draft Traffic and Parking Management Plan in April 2025, which proposes a residential permit parking district with seven-hour restrictions, limited guest passes, vehicle towing policies, designated rideshare drop zones, bike valet services, shuttle routes from MBTA stations and satellite parking lots, and expanded coordination with the MBTA; and

**WHEREAS:** The public comment period for the draft plan closed on May 23, 2025, yet many residents, civic organizations, and institutional stakeholders across Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain remain concerned that the proposed measures are vague, unrealistic, or insufficiently protective of neighborhood access; and

**WHEREAS:** According to current plans, approximately 40% of fans are expected to arrive via ticketed shuttle services from satellite lots and MBTA stations, another 40% via public transit, and 5–10% by bike, with designated rideshare drop zones established to reduce congestion; and

**WHEREAS:** However, many residents and neighborhood organizations have expressed deep skepticism that thousands of attendees will choose to bike, take the T to JFK/UMass—which has no on-site parking—or rely on shuttle buses rather than drive directly to the Franklin Park area, raising serious doubts about the feasibility and enforcement of the City's transportation strategy; and

**WHEREAS:** Nearby schools, places of worship, and small businesses have raised valid concerns that the proposed plan may conflict with long-standing community activities and access needs—particularly during weekends or overlapping event hours; and

**WHEREAS:** A final, detailed, and enforceable traffic and parking plan—developed with transparency, rooted in realistic assumptions, and shaped by

ongoing community input—is critical to avoid disruptions and uphold safety, access, and equity in the surrounding neighborhoods;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to review the finalized Traffic and Parking Management Plan for White Stadium game days. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, Boston EMS, MBTA, Boston Public Schools, Boston Unity Soccer Partners, and community stakeholders shall be invited to testify. The hearing will assess the implementation timeline, enforcement strategy, community safeguards, public transit coordination, and the City's commitment to post-launch monitoring and responsiveness.

**Filed in Council:** June 11, 2025