Hot Tub Parklet, Vancouver. Image credit: Paul Krueger on Flickr

Between 2010 and 2014, our population grew by six percent, outpacing national growth of three percent.

- U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
- U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census, 2014 1-Year American Community Survey
Shape the Go Boston 2030 Action Plan!

Help us build the best transportation future. Your ideas have given the City early actions (listed below). Your selections today will help decide what we do next.

Join a conversation about the future on June 6th!

Go Boston 2030 has created four possible futures, as well as projects and polices that have risen to the top, from the 3,700 ideas collected from the public last fall. Your choices will be used to combine the futures and create the final Action Plan.
This Boston Small Business Plan has three primary goals: to make the small business economy thrive, to enhance neighborhood vibrancy, and to foster economic and social inclusion and equity.
Boston Art Commission founded 1890

Office of Cultural Affairs separates from Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment

Julie Burros
Chief of Arts and Culture
First Chief in over 20 years.
A 10 year framework for Boston: planning, research, priorities, reconnecting with constituents:

- Member Steering Committee: 15
- Stakeholder 1-on-1 Meetings: 50
- People at First Town Hall Meeting: 500
- Volunteer & Youth Teams: 16
- Person Leadership Council: 60
- Meetings Participants: 1,300
- Focus Groups: 35
- Community Conversations: 118
- Survey Responses (In 4 Languages): 3,224
What do we need to sustain vibrant and creative communities?

**Infrastructure**
Spaces, institutions, programs, service organizations

**Equity & Inclusion**
Opportunity, strengthening bonds, bridging divides

**Leadership & Resources**
Culture shift, collaboration, collective action, public/private partnerships
Shaping policy direction, creating new relationships, exploring funding options.

**Goal 1**
Create fertile ground for a vibrant arts and culture ecosystem.

**Goal 2**
Keep artists in Boston, and attract new ones here, recognizing their essential contribution to a thriving, healthy, and innovative city.

**Goal 3**
Cultivate a city where all cultural expressions are respected and equitably resourced, and where arts and culture are accessible to all.

**Goal 4**
Integrate arts and culture into all aspects of civic life.

**Goal 5**
Mobilize likely and unlikely partners to generate excitement, demand, and resources for Boston’s arts and culture sector.
Pilots: cultural shift, setting an example, testing:

1. Boston AIR (Artist-In-Residence)

Partnering with the Office of Women’s Advancement and Office of Recovery Services.

Partnering with the Department of Neighborhood Development and Parks and Recreation Department.

Phase 2: Expand program into Boston Centers for Youth & Families, fund around 10 artists.
Pilots: cultural shift, setting an example, testing:

2. Funding

Mayor Walsh announces $1 million in arts funding

Top Places to Work in Massachusetts

$400,000 grants to individual artists

By Malcolm Gay | Globe Staff January 20, 2016

Taking action to increase arts funding in the city of Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh is unveiling three arts-related programs with a combined budget of $1 million.
Music as Medicine: Why a New Kind of Neuro-Rehab Is Taking Off

05/31/2016 10:00 am ET

Rebecca Strong
Boston-based M.F.A. student and freelance journalist.

Ancient Greek philosophers believed that music had a therapeutic purpose — including to treat depression, mania and even hangovers. In the Native American culture, music has played a similar role: In fact, the U.S. Indian Bureau contains 1,500 songs used for healing purposes. During the fallout of World Wars I and II, musicians traveled to hospitals to play for the thousands of veterans who were suffering both physical and emotional trauma. Their positive responses led medical facilities to begin hiring musicians, and before long, it became clear that these individuals would need some additional training to fully leverage the healing power of music.

3. Convening Across Sectors

- Berklee College of Music, Music Therapy program
- Boston Conservatory at Berklee
- Boston University Arts Lab @ Med Campus
- Arts and Humanities Initiatives @ Harvard Medical School
- Longwood Symphony Orchestra
- Lesley University Expressive Therapy program
- Perkins + Will, Culture of Health
- VSA Massachusetts and universal design
Pilots: cultural shift, setting an example, testing:

4. Playing with the Rules

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