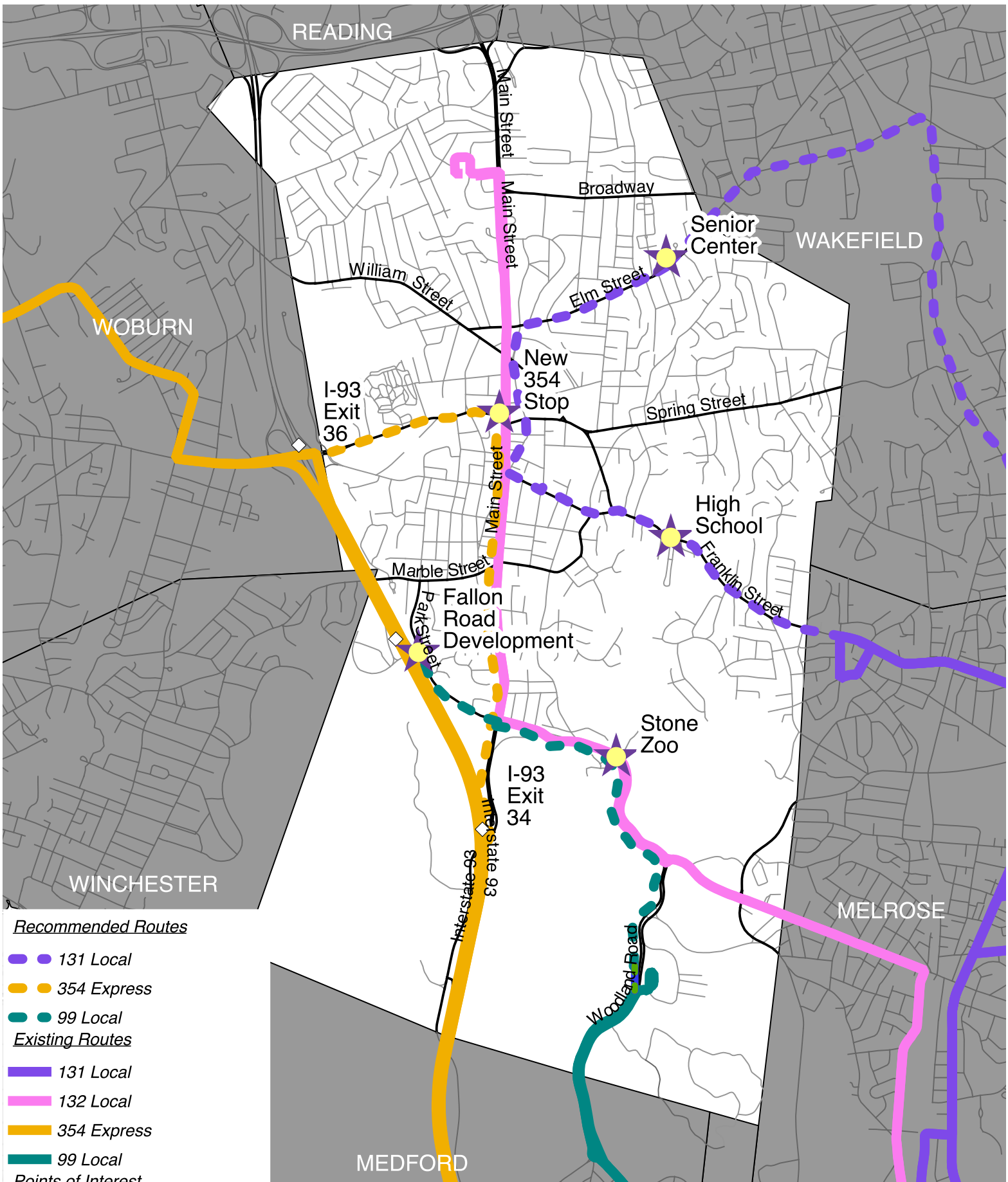


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Bus Opportunities

## **THE SHORT LIST**

1. **Fix 132 Online Schedule** to reflect current location of bus stops in Stoneham.
2. **Add a Stop at the Stone Zoo** on the 132.
3. **Extend 132 Service** to 11pm on Thurs, Fri and Sat.
4. **Add 132 Buses** during peak commutes and on weekends.
5. **Shift Existing 354 Route** from exiting I-93 at Exit 36 to Exit 34, allowing the bus to run along Rt 28 and Montvale Avenue. Add an express stop on Montvale Avenue.
6. **Add a Stop at the Stone Zoo** on the 99.
7. **Extend 99 Route** along South Border Road to 300 unit, Fallon Road housing development.
8. **Add a 131 Loop** to serve Stoneham.
9. **Include 131 Stops** at Stoneham High School and Senior Center.



*Recommended Routes*

- 131 Local
- 354 Express
- 99 Local

*Existing Routes*

- 131 Local
- 132 Local
- 354 Express
- 99 Local

*Points of Interest*

- ★ Recommended Bus Stop
- Key Feature

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### By the Numbers

Payment Into MBTA System in FY16: Assessment (from 2014 Blue Book)

	Population	Paymnt per Capita	FY2014	FY2013	FY2012	FY2011	Services
Stoneham	21,414	\$21	457,833	452,921	433,156	437,939	Bus
Wakefield	25,118	\$21	532,485	526,774	506,225	501,025	Bus, Commuter Rail
Reading	24,753	\$21	528,555	522,885	472,315	470,185	Bus, Commuter Rail
Woburn	38,231	\$21	814,186	805,452	783,102	752,048	Bus, Commuter Rail
Melrose	27,043	\$21	576,382	570,200	544,237	544,756	Bus, Commuter Rail

Ridership: From 2014 Blue Book:

Weekday inbound boardings:	507
Weekday outbound boardings:	451
Total weekday boardings:	958
Saturday inbound boardings:	154
Saturday outbound boardings:	160
Total Saturday boardings:	314

Translates to the following:

Annual weekday inbound boardings:	26,364
Annual weekday outbound boardings:	23,452
Total annual weekday boardings:	49,816
Annual Saturday inbound boardings:	8,008
Annual Saturday outbound boardings:	8,320
Total annual Saturday boardings:	16,328

This route is ranked 118<sup>th</sup> in terms of weekday boardings and 112<sup>th</sup> in terms of Saturday boardings

## **Local Vision**

*Excerpted from Stoneham Square 2015 Strategic Action Plan:*

“...A strong, efficient and reliable transportation network, including auto, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit amenities, is essential to the success of Stoneham Square and its economic opportunities. Transportation not only provides access to jobs, it also provides access to customers needed to support area businesses.

## **Scope of Problem**

There are few public transit options. One MBTA local bus serves Stoneham Square and connects area residents to the Orange Line terminus in Melrose. There is no Express Bus service to Boston. MBTA commuter rail stations are located approximately one mile from Town Square in Wakefield and Melrose.

Stoneham Square is currently serviced by MBTA bus route 132, which runs between Redstone Shopping Center and Malden Center Station, which connects to the Orange Line via Oak Grove Station. The bus makes several stops along Main Street / Route 28. Current inbound service begins at 6AM and ends at 7PM, which is a significant challenge for commuters and visitors, particularly those traveling outside of the 9 to 5 workday. Saturday inbound service is 8am to 7:30pm and there is no Sunday service.

## **From Our Business Community**

A majority of local merchants have expressed the need to relocate existing bus stops that are obstructing storefronts and adding stops near job centers, as well as create an express bus service between Stoneham and Downtown Boston (Haymarket). More specifically, some businesses even stated that the unpredictable service and lack of a later transit option limits the potential to attract employees, in particular city dwellers who do not own a car. Further, bus service does not connect residents or consumers to other amenities in Town, most notably there is no public transportation link to the Stone Zoo or other nearby recreational amenities....”



**131 Local**      Franklin Street at Melrose/  
Stoneham border &  
**Malden Center Station**      6:25am to 6:55pm  
weekday,  
No weekend service

8. Add a loop to serve Stoneham. The bus stops at the Melrose Stoneham border right now.
9. Include stops at Stoneham High School and Senior Center. Adding a loop on the eastern side of town would enable people to get into Boston for medical appointments.