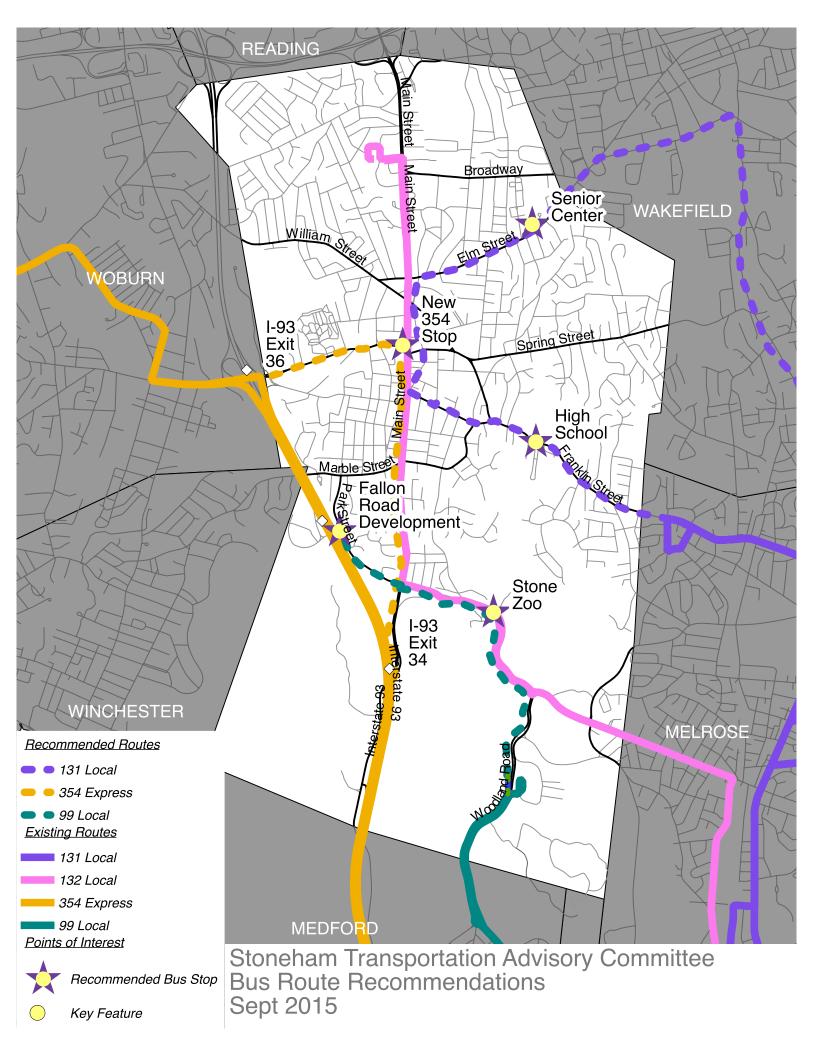
Stoneham Transportation Advisory Committee Bus Opportunities THE SHORT LIST

- 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.



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By the Numbers

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

	Population	Paymnt	FY2014	FY2013	FY2012	FY2011	Services
	_	per					
		Capita					
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:

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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 118th in terms of weekday boardings and 112th 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...."

Stoneham Transportation Advisory Committee Bus Opportunities: The Detailed List

	5:30am to 7pm weekday, 8am to 7pm on Saturday, No service on Sunday
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- 1. Fix online schedule to reflect current location of 132 bus stops in Stoneham. Right now, riders are misdirected to old Franklin St stop.
- 2. Add a stop at the Stone Zoo. This is a major destination and our local bus doesn't stop there. Our selectmen have opened conversation with DCR to make this stop accessible and feasible.
- Extend service to 11pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. People go into Boston for work and fun; they come from Boston to Stoneham Theatre (32 weeks of shows annually), restaurants and Stone Zoo. Millennials do not want to drive. Choosing to live here means severing their social connection to Boston.
- 4. Add buses during peak commutes and on weekends. We know that evening peak buses are over-crowded and sometimes riders are left behind. When the last bus departs Oak Grove and is past capacity, people are stranded. Further, Stoneham Theatre performances end at night after the last bus runs. They cannot attract and retain professional staff and performers from Boston. Their patrons can get to shows, but they can't get home afterward.

354	4 Express	Burlington via Woburn &	5:35am – 8:15pm
		State Street Station	weekday,
			No weekend service
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 Shift existing 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 at Main Street. An incremental shift here would open up express service to Boston for Stoneham.

99 Local	BR Medical Center Stoneham &			
	Wellington Station			

6am to 1am weekday, 6:30am to 1am Saturday, 8:30am to 1am Sunday

- 6. Add a stop at the Stone Zoo. The Stone Zoo is a regional destination. Every day, this bus ends at the Boston Region Medical Center, which is two minutes (one mile) away on the same road.
- 7. Extend route along South Border Road to impending 300 unit, Fallon Road housing development. This would mitigate increased pressure on the existing intersection of South Border Road and Route 28, which already has high frequency of car crashes. There have been 25 motor vehicle incidents there since 2012.

131 Local	Franklin Street at Melrose/ Stoneham border &	6:25am to 6:55pm weekday,
	Malden Center Station	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.