Revival of Dudley Square
Dudley Square

-Situated in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston

-In the 1920’s known as Boston’s “other Downtown”

-Collection of retail department stores, hotels, restaurants and theaters

-By the mid 20th century Roxbury become the center of Boston’s African-American community

-Service by the Boston Elevated Railway.
1920’s Ferdinand Building- The largest home furnishing store in the US.
Dudley Square Station
Figure X.6. Plan for Regional Expressways.
The Southwest Corridor Project

In the 1970’s, a proposed Inner Belt highway project known as the Southwest Corridor was abandoned.

In the 1980s, the elevated Orange Line of the MBTA was dismantled and the line was relocated from Washington St to the Southwest Corridor parcels.

The removal of public transit had a significant impact on Dudley Square.
Southwest Corridor Park
Post Orange Line Dudley Square
Dudley’s Transportation Today

**MBTA Bus Service**
Serves 13,000 passengers daily

**MBTA BRT Silver Line**
Provides direct service to Downtown Boston, South Station, and Logan International Airport.
BRT to Dudley Square

- BRT service to Dudley Square began in 2002.
- SL5 connects to Downtown Boston in 20 minutes.
- In 2009 the SL4 service began connecting to South Station in 15-20 minutes.
- At South Station, Silver Line connects to service to Logan airport.
- 35,000 daily riders at Dudley Square.
With transit comes development
New Development since the Silver Line

**Completed**

- **Central Boston Elder Services**: 57 low income residential units for the elderly.
- **The Dartmouth Hotel**: Historic hotel renovated to become 45 studio and one-bedroom affordable units.
- **Hibernia Hall**: $7M renovation of the Roxbury Center of Arts.
- **Boston Police Station B-2**: Replacement of B-2 station with 34,000 sf LEED Silver certified building.

**Planning**

- **Bartlett Yard**: Former MBTA bus garage located one block south of the station, to be development in 313 affordable housing units and 34,000 square feet of retail space.
- **Washington Street Gateway**: Developers have been designated to develop two parcels located two blocks from station. Plans include a 150 room hotel, grocery store, retail, and residential uses.
The New Ferdinand

- 200,000 square foot mixed use building (retail\office)
- Adjacent to MBTA Dudley Station
- The new headquarters for the Boston Public School System
- 550 employees
- Limited parking
- MBTA is also under construction of upgrades to the station.
Ferdinand old vs. new
Attracting new businesses to the square

Boston’s first hydroponic and organic gardening center. National retailers
Feeding new life to the community