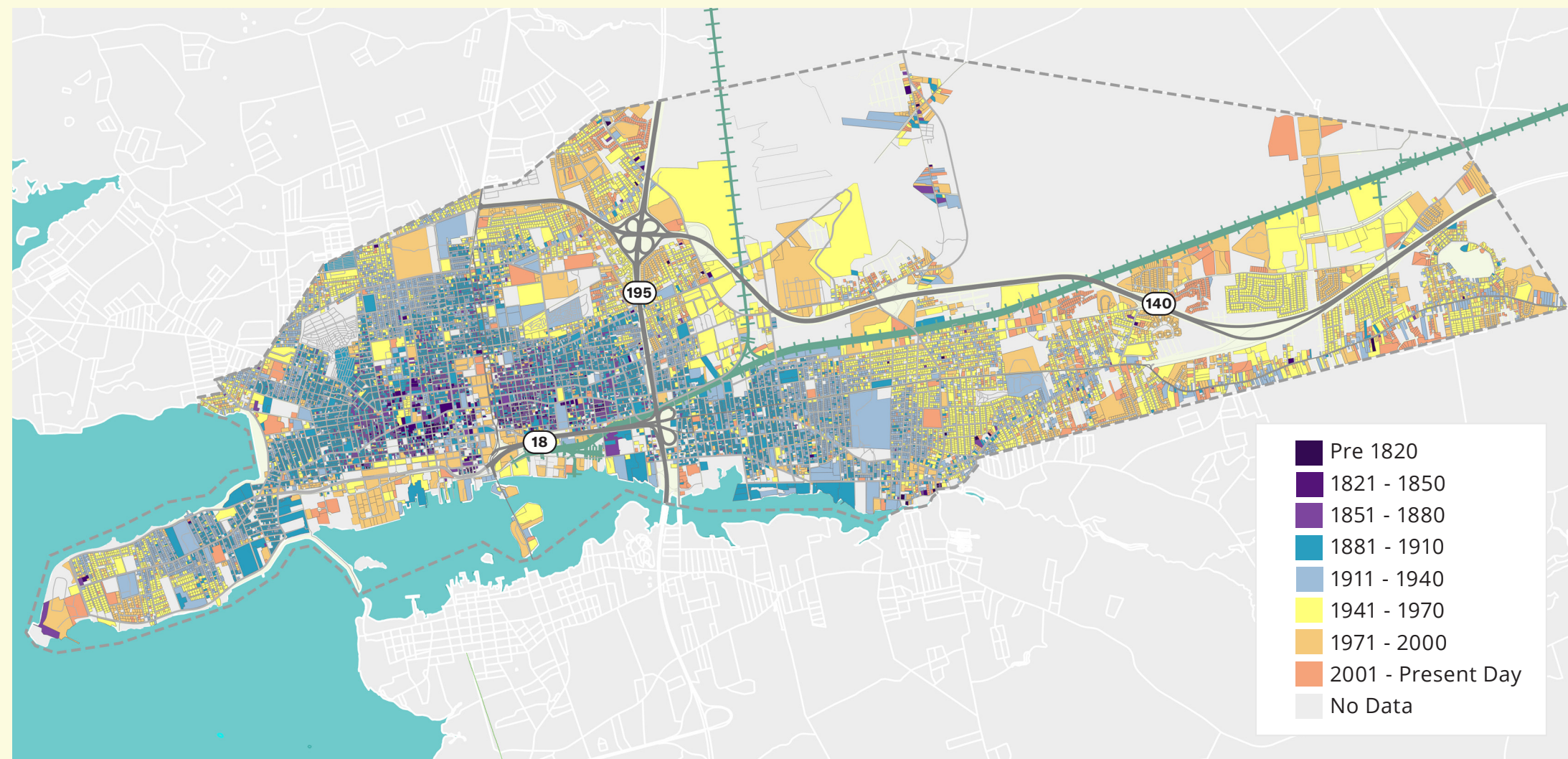


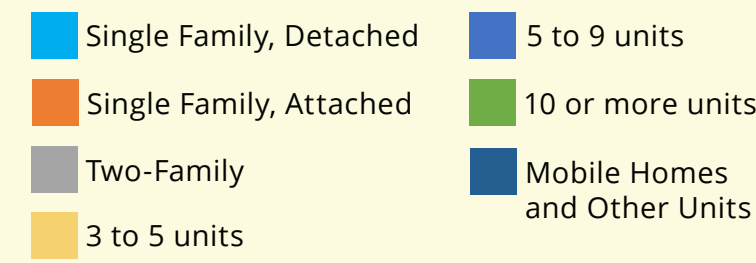


HOUSING

OLDER HOUSING STOCK AND A MIX OF MID-SIZE BUILDINGS



HOUSING UNITS BY BUILDING TYPE



Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, HOME Group Presentation

HOUSING CHALLENGES

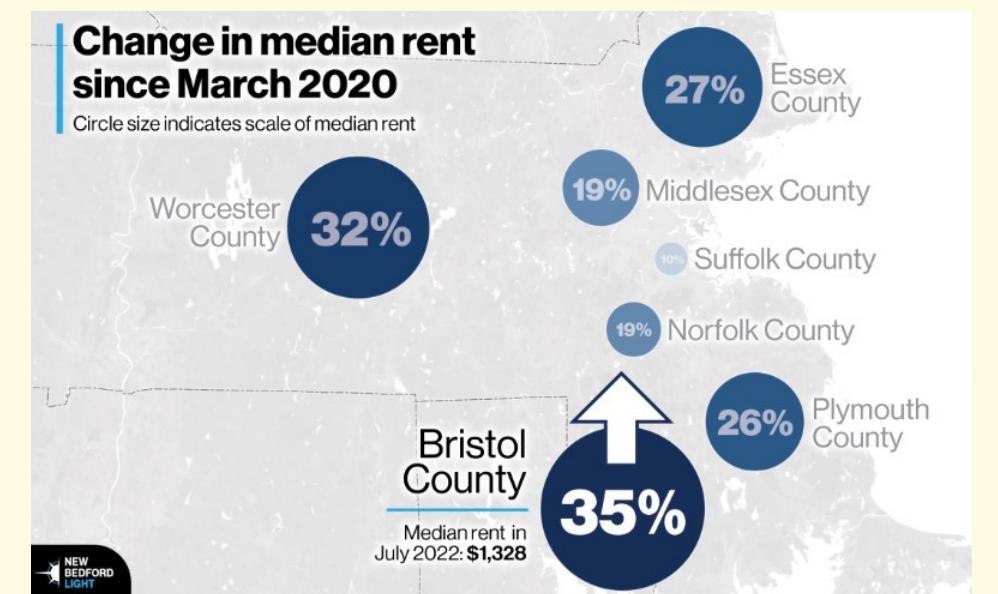
Housing is increasingly unaffordable to broad swaths of New Bedford's population.

What can and should New Bedford and the region be doing to support housing needs?

53% Over half of New Bedford's housing was built before 1939.

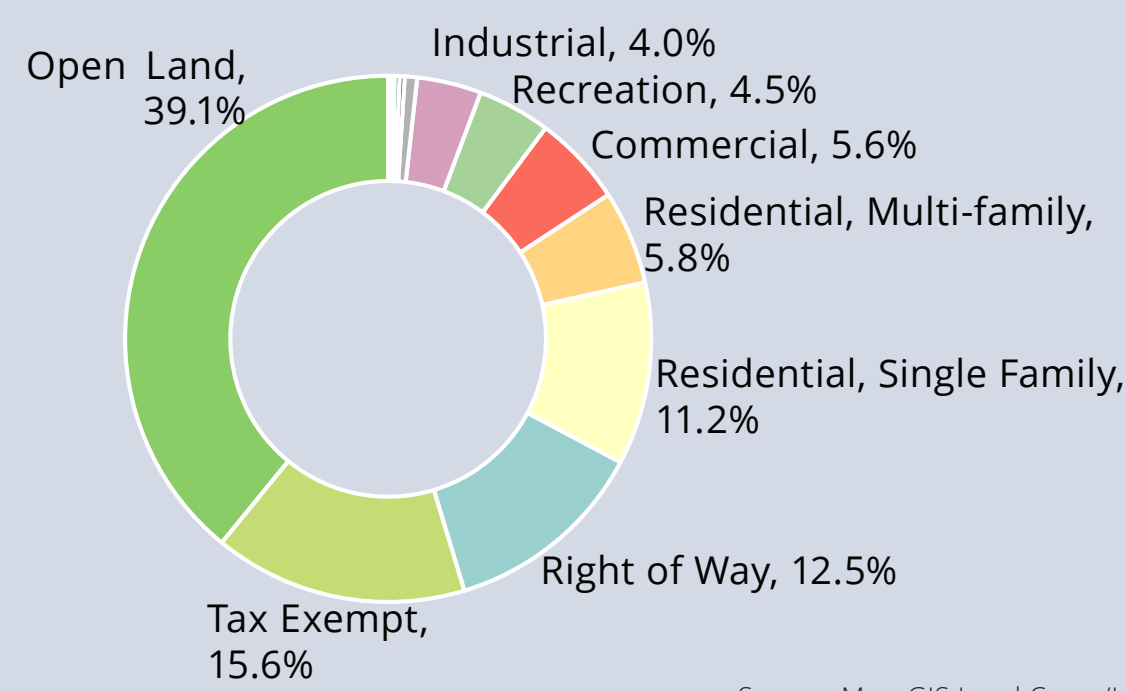
60% Renters make up 60% of New Bedford's occupied housing units.

35% With a 35% increase in median rent since March 2020, Bristol County is experiencing some of the largest proportional rent increases in MA.



LAND USE

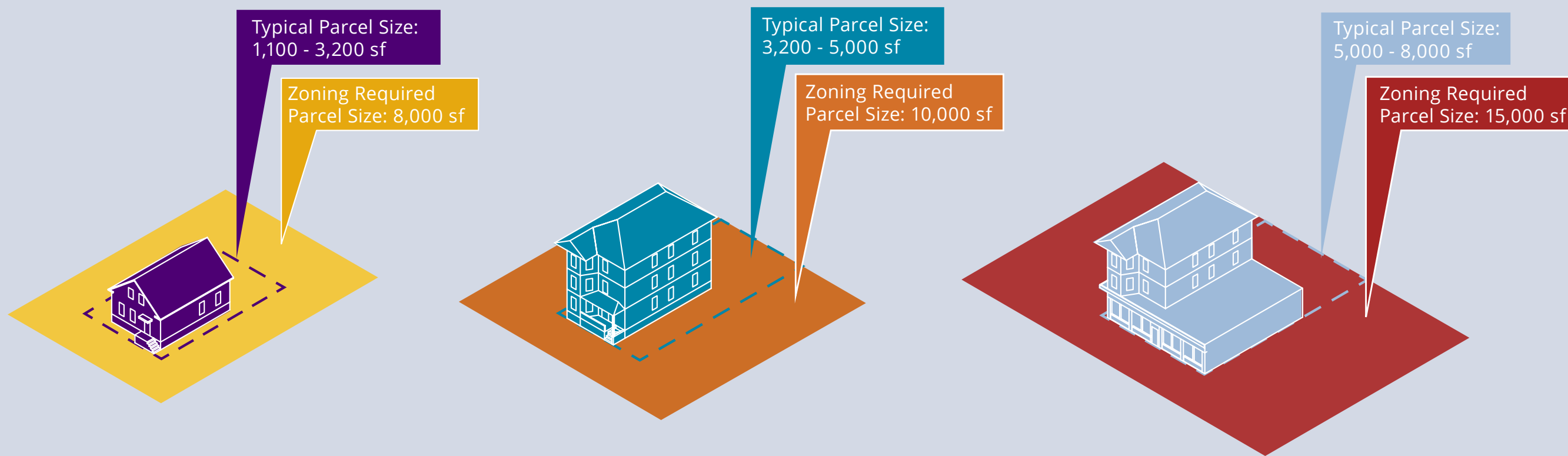
A MIX OF LAND USES



Source: MassGIS Land Cover/Land Use Data

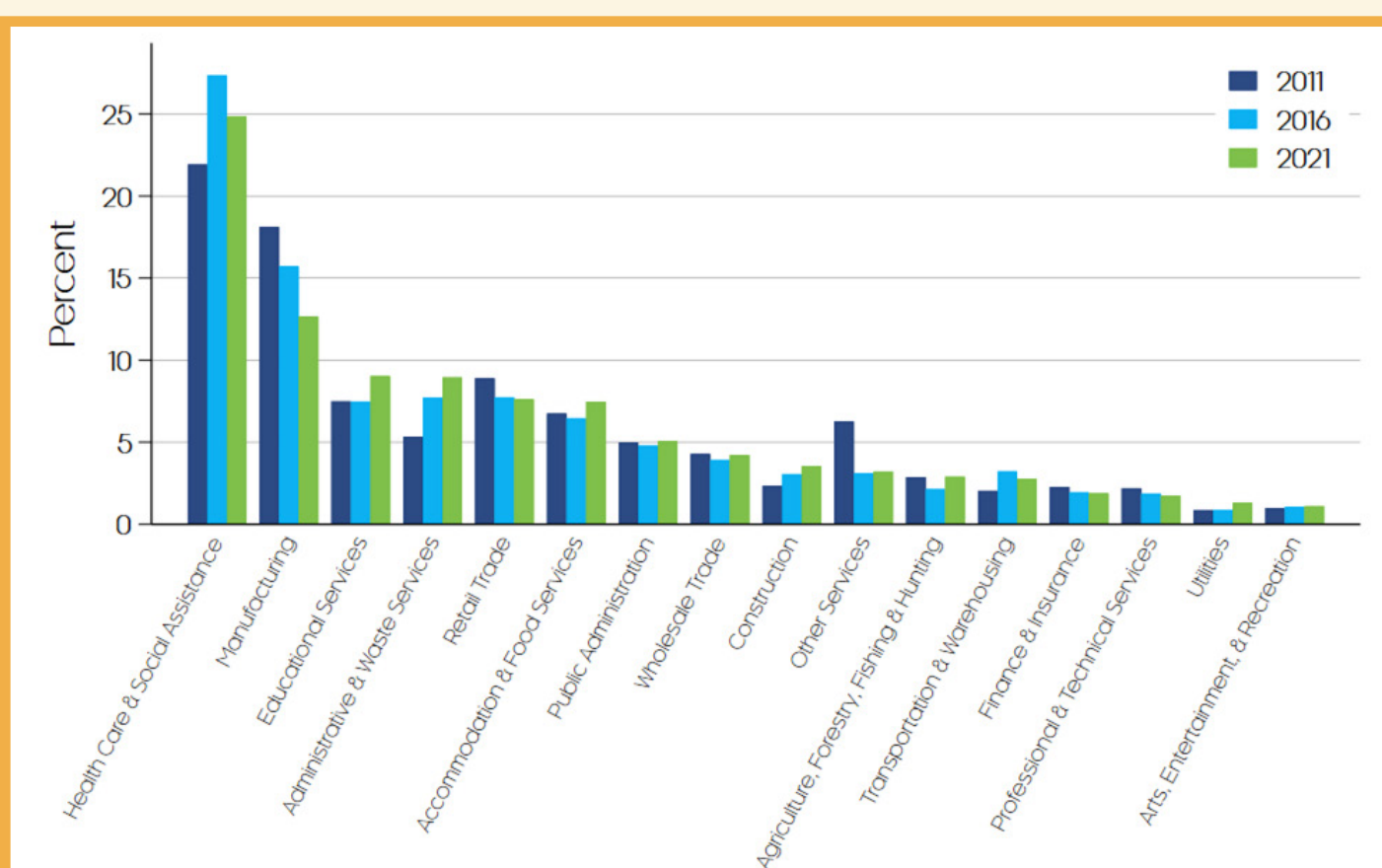
ZONING

As is the case in many New England communities, there can be a mismatch between what is required under zoning and what has been built in the past. This means that many of the areas you love couldn't be built today!



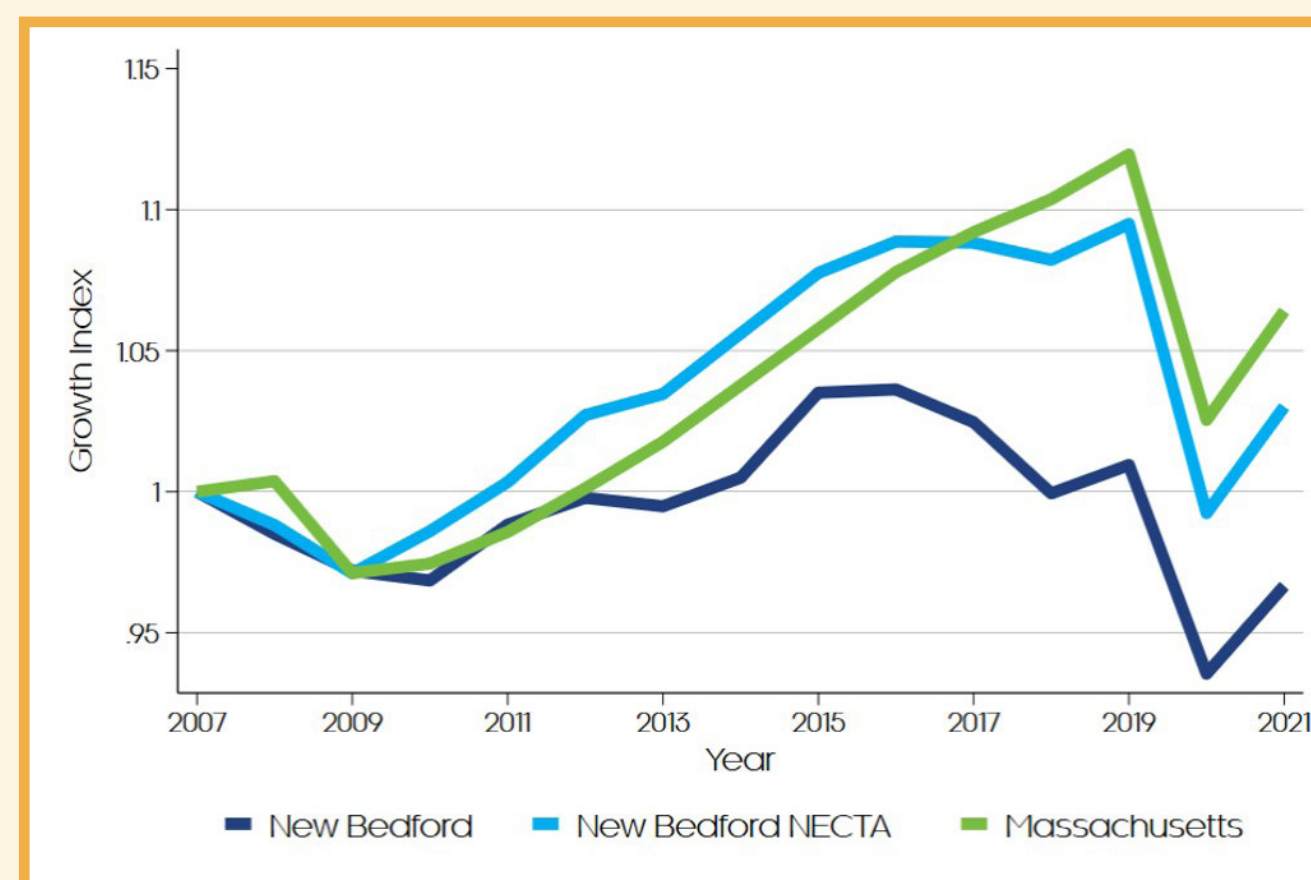
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jobs by Industry Over Time in New Bedford



Source: Massachusetts Department of Economic Research, Employment and Wages (ES-202)

Employment Growth Over Time in New Bedford, Metro, and State



Source: Massachusetts Department of Economic Research, Employment and Wages (ES-202)

#1 New Bedford's port ranks highest nationally based on dollar value and landings.

Existing policy priorities

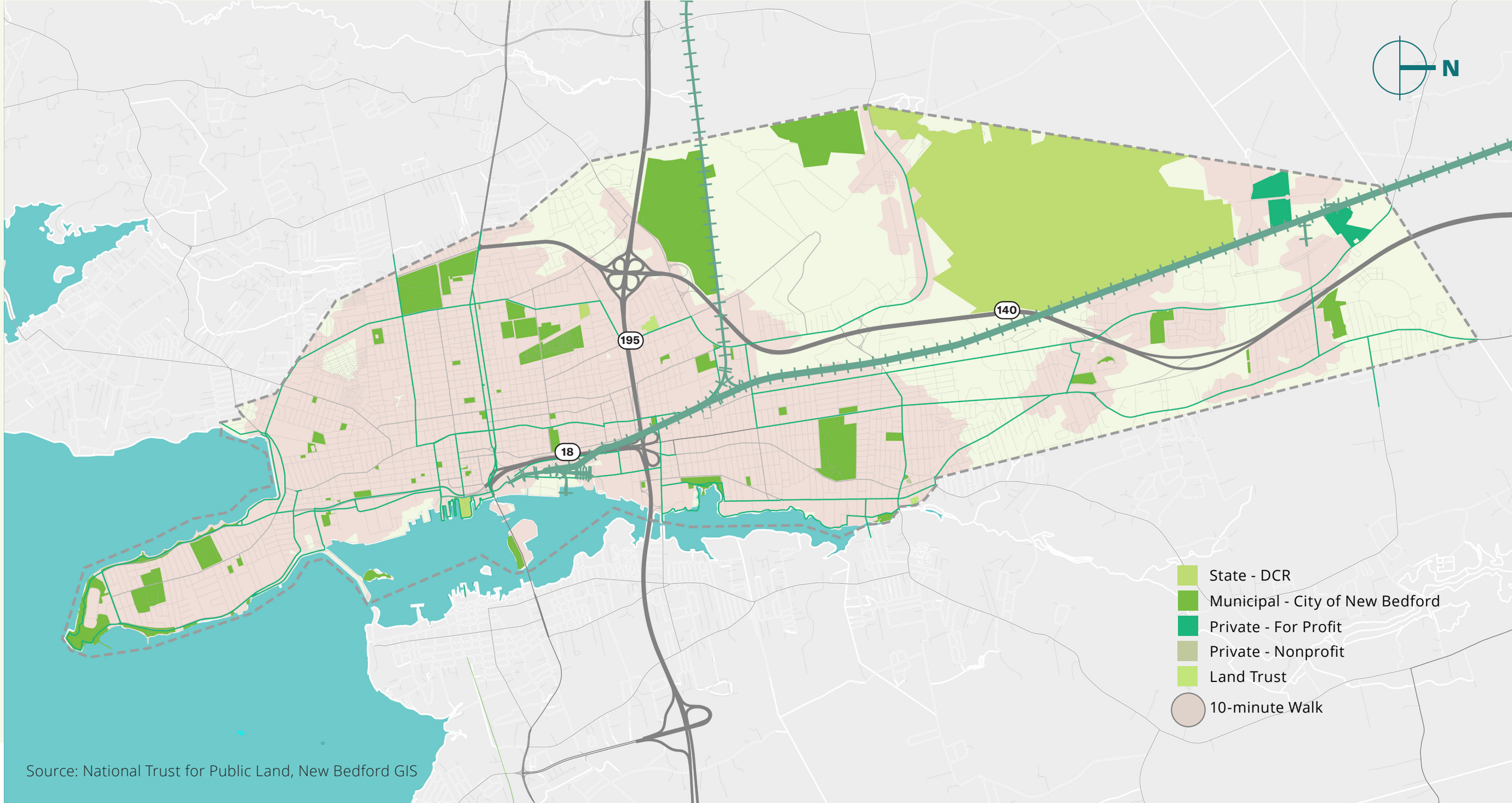
- Develop ocean cluster, research, entrepreneurship
- Support **robust recovery** from COVID-19
- Strengthen **small business** and entrepreneurship
- Encourage **cross-sector collaboration** and local leadership
- Inspire citizens and visitors with **art, design, and architecture**
- Embed **diversity, equity, and inclusion** in all development efforts



OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

AN ABUNDANCE OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

80% OF NEW BEDFORD RESIDENTS LIVE WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK OF A PARK



Recreational opportunities include:

- 6 major parks
 - 26 acres of beaches
 - 23 neighborhood parks
 - 12+ miles of trails
- and more!

47% According to New Bedford's Open Space & Recreation Plan, almost half of New Bedford is made up of open space of one type or another!

1,100 New Bedford is home to the 1,100 acre Acushnet Cedar Swamp State Reservation, a National Natural Landmark

5.5 Harbor Walk + Cove Walk + Saulnier Trail provide 5.5 miles of Blue Lane along the waterfront



A VIBRANT COASTAL CULTURAL CENTER

100s New Bedford's **hundreds of cultural assets** range from performing and visual arts facilities to museums and heritage attractions, city parks, and public art installations.

Assets today are largely concentrated Downtown and in neighborhoods south and north of Downtown.

2016-2017 New Bedford creates the Commonwealth's first-ever **special revenue fund for the Promotion of Arts, Culture, and Tourism**.

300 Festivals and events bring **more than 300 days of activity** to New Bedford.



NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES



NATURAL RESOURCES

2.5-5.8 An increase in air temperature of 2.5-5.8 degrees Fahrenheit is expected by 2050 (NB Resilient)

1.6 1.6 feet of sea level rise is possible by 2050 (NB Resilient)

4 New Bedford is home to all four broad Massachusetts ecosystem types: **aquatic, coastal, forested and wetland**.

As a former manufacturing hub, many of the city's natural resources were impacted by past activities. **Protection of these rebounding ecosystems** is a priority (NB Resilient).

HISTORIC RESOURCES

3,087 The MA Historical Commission identifies more than 3,000 historic buildings, structures & objects in New Bedford

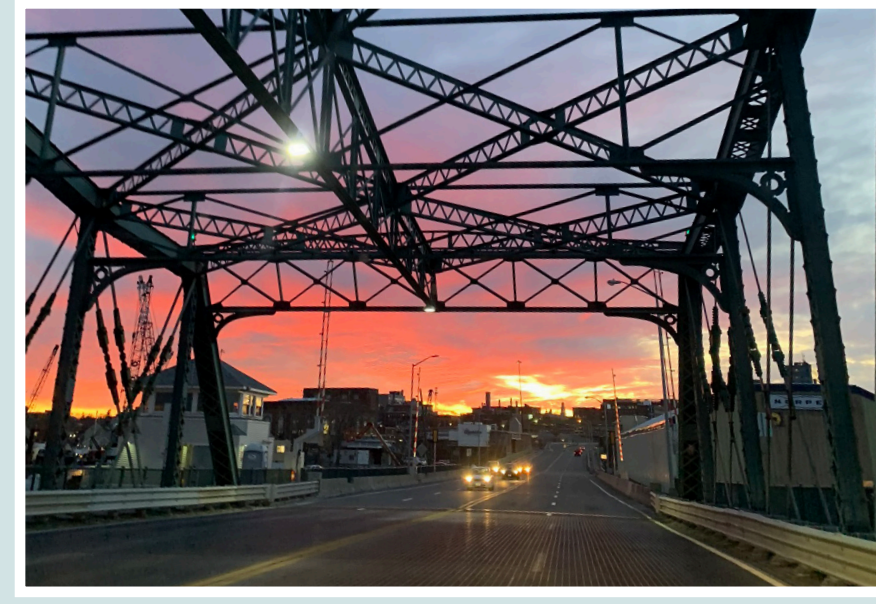
15 New Bedford is home to 15 historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places

1+ New Bedford is home to one local historic district, the Bedford Landing Waterfront district; and two pending districts Abolition Row and Mechanics Lane



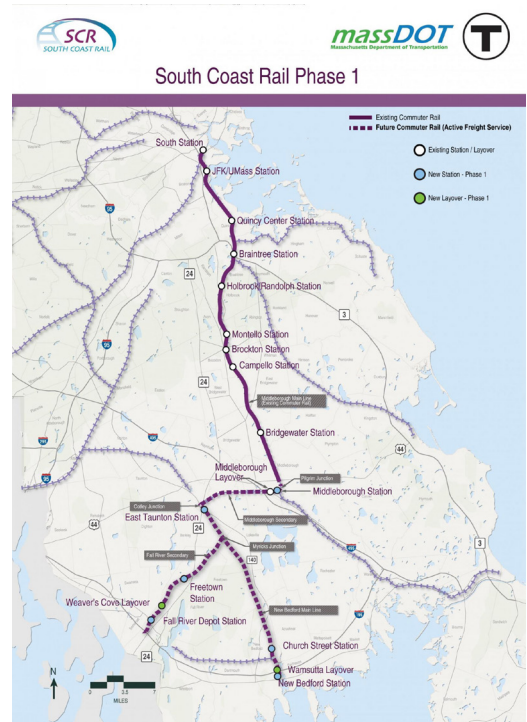
TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Getting to/from and around New Bedford:



2023

Phase 1 of South Coast Rail broke ground in July 2019 with construction expected to be completed in late 2023.

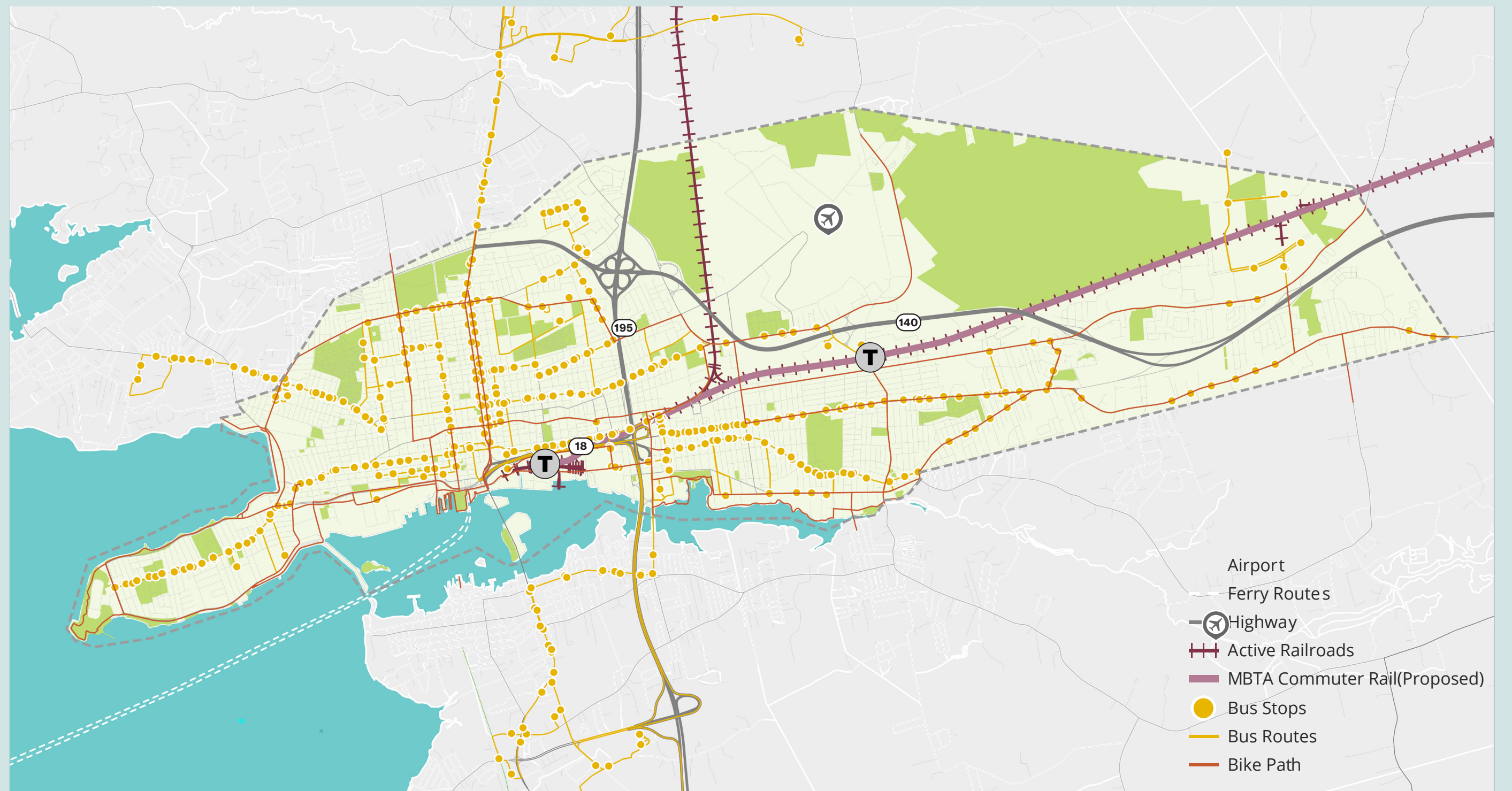


74%

Approximately 74% of commuters drive alone to work rather than carpool or use alternate modes of transportation.

New Bedford is an active representative in regional mobility planning, such as the SouthCoast bikeway which seeks to connect on and off-road bicycles facilities from Swansea to Wareham.

EXISTING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK



Source: MassGIS, MassDOT Open Data, New Bedford GIS

FACILITIES & SERVICES



CITY FACILITIES

1 city halls, 3 police stations, 5 libraries, 4 courthouses, 7 fire stations



HEALTHCARE

1 acute-care hospital, 1 non-acute care hospital, 1 community health center



ROAD AND BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

367 miles of local, private roads and bridges



WATER AND SEWER

9 miles of waterfront, 2 dams, 0.15 square mile of detention ponds, 614 miles of sewer lines, 447 manholes, 20 inlets, 6833 catch basins



EDUCATION

38 schools, 3 colleges

50,000

There are approximately 50,000 airport operations (takeoffs and landings) per year at the New Bedford Regional Airport.

12,522

For the 2022-2023 school year, there are 12,522 students enrolled in 25 New Bedford Public Schools.

Source: City of New Bedford GIS