# The Cambridge Pedestrian Committee

# **Kendall Square Walking Tour**

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Start: 11:30 AM

**Tatte Bakery** 

Third St. & Linskey Way

Distance: Approximately 2 miles

End: Volpe Center

Loughrey Walkway

# (1) Broad Canal



Explore outdoor activities along the Broad Canal. **Kendall Square Association** at 510 Kendall St. in the Genzyme building is open 9-5, Monday - Friday to answer

questions, give out maps, and connect you to all things Kendall Square.

#### (2) Kendall/MIT T Stop



Stuart Dash, Director of
Community Planning,
CDD will give an overview
of Community
Development
Department work and

discuss Kendall Square development over the past 20 years.

## (3) Clover Food Lab



Meet and greet with Clover Food Lab to hear about how this Cambridge-based company approaches fast food in a new way,

with a focus on quality ingredients and taste. Learn about why Clover chose to move into Kendall Square and what their vision is for the area.

# (4) Rooftop Garden

Built in 1983 and maintained as a public urban space, this rooftop "eden" was the topic of public debate when Boston Properties proposed cutting the space in half to accommodate Google in 2012. The park was protected by an open-space covenant but the Cambridge City Council approved the plans to cut off 18,000 square feet in order to make way for 300,000 square feet of office space for Google's growing workforce. In exchange, Boston Properties pledged to build more residential housing in Kendall, while Google brings more tech acclaim to Kendall Square.

# 5) Broad Institute



The Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT works to transform medicine by using systematic and collaborative approaches in the biological sciences to improve the understanding and treatment of disease.

#### (6) Koch Institute



The mission of the Koch Institute (KI) is to apply the tools of science and technology to improve the way cancer is detected, monitored, treated and prevented.

Koch brings together scientists and engineers – in collaboration with clinicians and industry partners – to solve the most intractable problems in cancer. The Koch community grew out of the MIT Center for Cancer Research (CCR), which was founded in 1974

by Nobel Laureate and MIT Professor Salvador Luria, and is one of seven National Cancer Institute-designated basic (non-clinical) research centers in the U.S. Five current and former faculty have been awarded the Nobel Prize, while 17 current faculty members have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. This esteemed faculty is part of a team of more than 1,000 individuals. The KI comprises more than 50 laboratories, located at its purpose-designed facility in Kendall Square and across the MIT campus. Strategic research at the KI is focused on five target areas viewed as critical for rapid progress toward controlling cancer.

## (7) The Grand Junction Railroad



The approximately 8.5 miles of the **Grand Junction Railroad** was constructed in the mid-18th century to connect railroad lines entering

Boston from the west and

north to wharves in East Boston. Running right through the heart of Cambridge, it is still an active train line, the only north-south rail link, allowing trains from the south to move to maintenance facilities north. The Barnum and Bailey circus also uses the tracks when in town, as do daily trains heading to the Chelsea Produce Market. Cambridge is hoping to create a multi-use path alongside the tracks, connecting the paths along the Charles River with those north of the city, including the soon-to-be-completed Somerville Community Path.

#### (8) Catalyst Restaurant



Catalyst Restaurant is a reflection of Chef/Owner William Kovel's passion for simple, delicious food delivered with warm service in a comfortable, modern environment. The modern American cuisine begins with

exceptional products centered on locally grown organic produce and wild and farm raised food from sustainable practices. With an ever-changing menu, Catalyst celebrates each season by featuring the best ingredients from a wide range of farms and food

producers in the region. Reclaimed barn board, hand-blown glass light fixtures and a two-way fireplace give the large restaurant a comfortable cozy feel. The Chef's dining area gives diners a glimpse behind the scenes of the restaurant while the atrium takes full advantage of the sweeping floor to ceiling 30 foot windows. In the spring, summer and fall months the covered and heated outdoor patio offers a beautifully landscaped spot for al fresco dining.

#### (9) ECKOS Open Space



Eastern Cambridge/Kendall Square Open Space (ECKOS) Study

In creating five acres of new and renovated public open space, the Eastern Cambridge/Kendall Square

Open Space (ECKOS) study is a unique opportunity to plan and implement a comprehensive vision for the open space network in and around Kendall Square. The City of Cambridge, through its Community Development Department, is overseeing a public process to explore creative and innovative ideas for connecting, managing, and programming the parks and open spaces in the area. A major component of the process is a planning and design competition. For more information, visit

http://www.cambridgema.gov/kendallopenspace

# (10) Volpe Center



The Volpe National Transportation
Systems Center is a federal research facility that is part of the US Department of Transportation. The campus was originally

built as the NASA Electronics Research Center. It became part of DOT in 1970 and in 1990 it was renamed for John Volpe, a former governor of Massachusetts and Secretary of Transportation. The Volpe Center has about 500 federal employees and works across all areas of transportation, including air traffic control, maritime vessel tracking, and automotive fuel economy.

