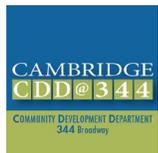




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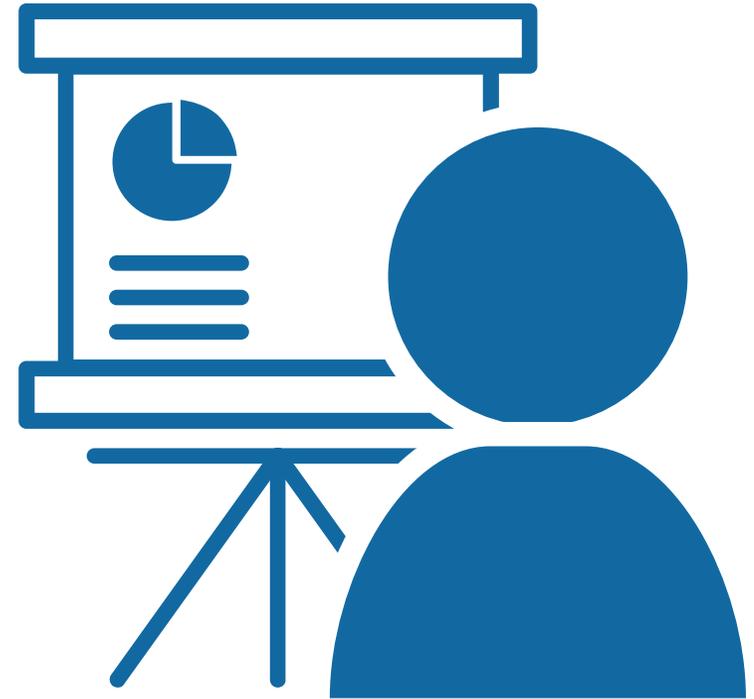
# Transit Advisory Committee

January 2021



# Meeting agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Presentation: MBTA Forging Ahead
4. Discussion: City updates
  - MBTA Route 47 Proposal
  - Other updates
5. Public comment



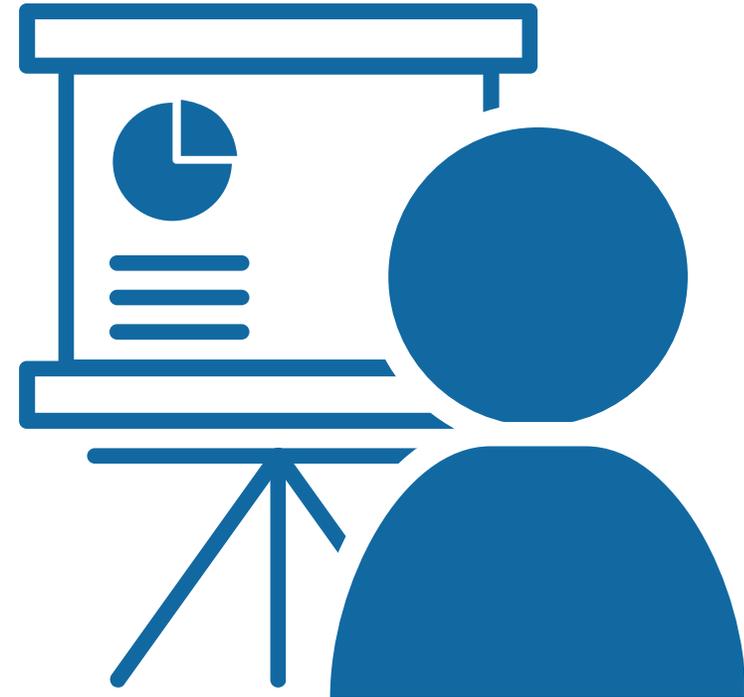


# Local Updates

Andrew Reker, Transit Planner, Community Development

# Cambridge updates

- TAC Updates
  - Route 47 proposal
  - Joint meeting calendar
  - 2021 Work
- City Updates
  - Development review
  - Street projects
- MBTA Updates

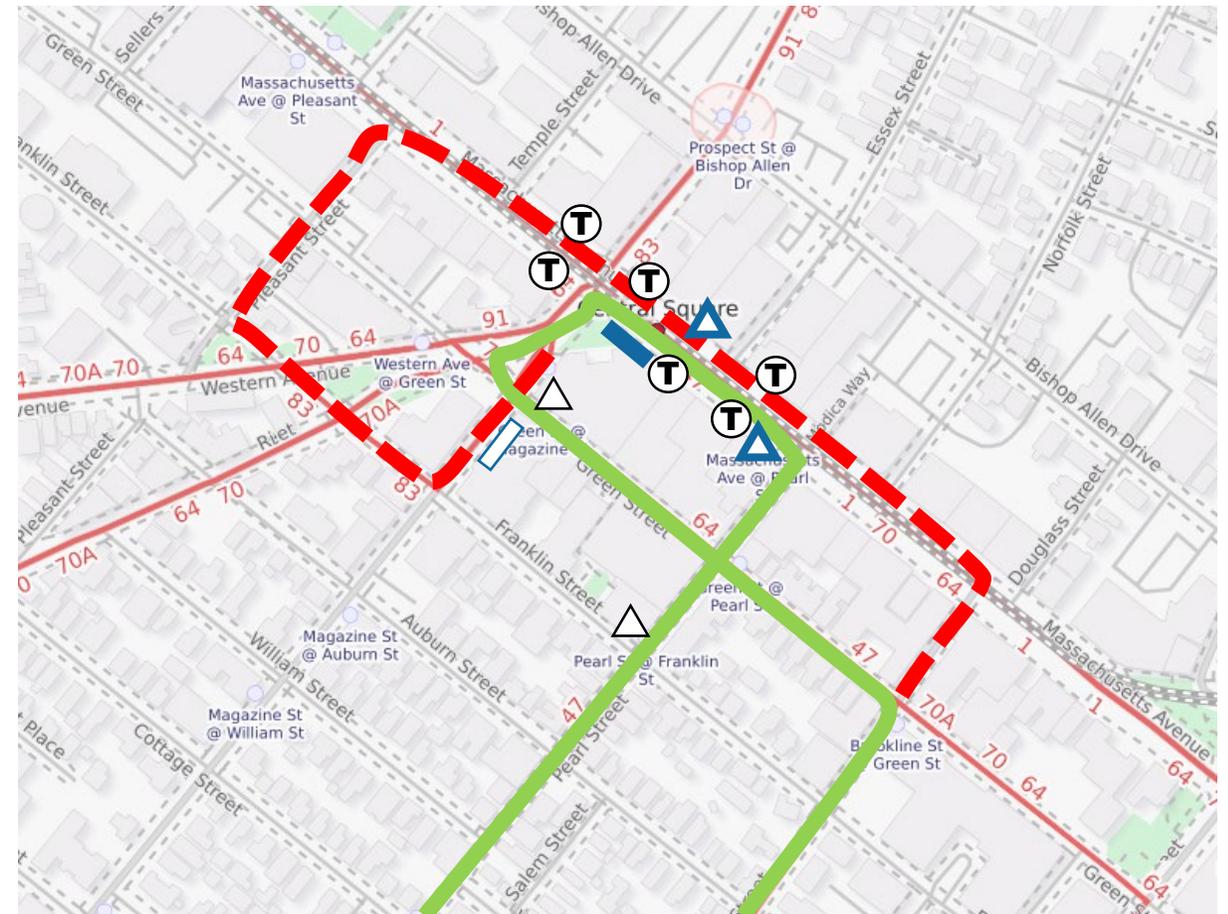




# TAC Updates

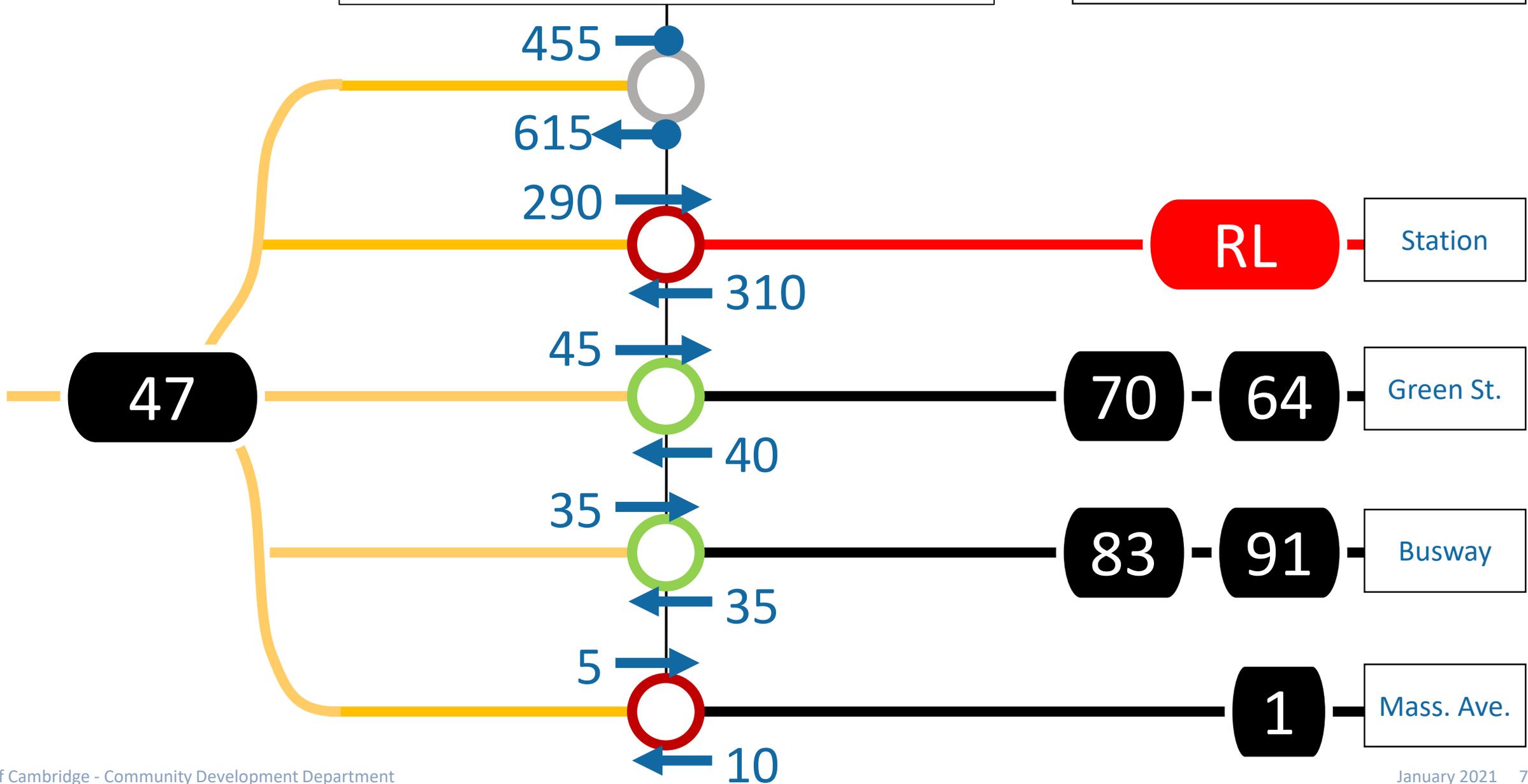
# TAC Proposal for Route 47

- Review: TAC developed proposal for changing Route 47
- Motivations:
  - Shorter transfers and connections on Mass Ave, i.e. to Route 1 and Red Line



# Central Square

# Weekday



# Joint Meeting Proposal

Month	Meeting Date	Month	Meeting Date
January 2021	Wed 20th	July 2021	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>
February 2021	Wed 17th	August 2021	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>
March 2021	Wed 17th	September 2021	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>
April 2021	Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	October 2021	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>
May 2021	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> (1 day after TAC) Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	November 2021	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> (2 weeks after previous)
June 2021	Wed 16th	December 2021	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> “Holiday Meeting”



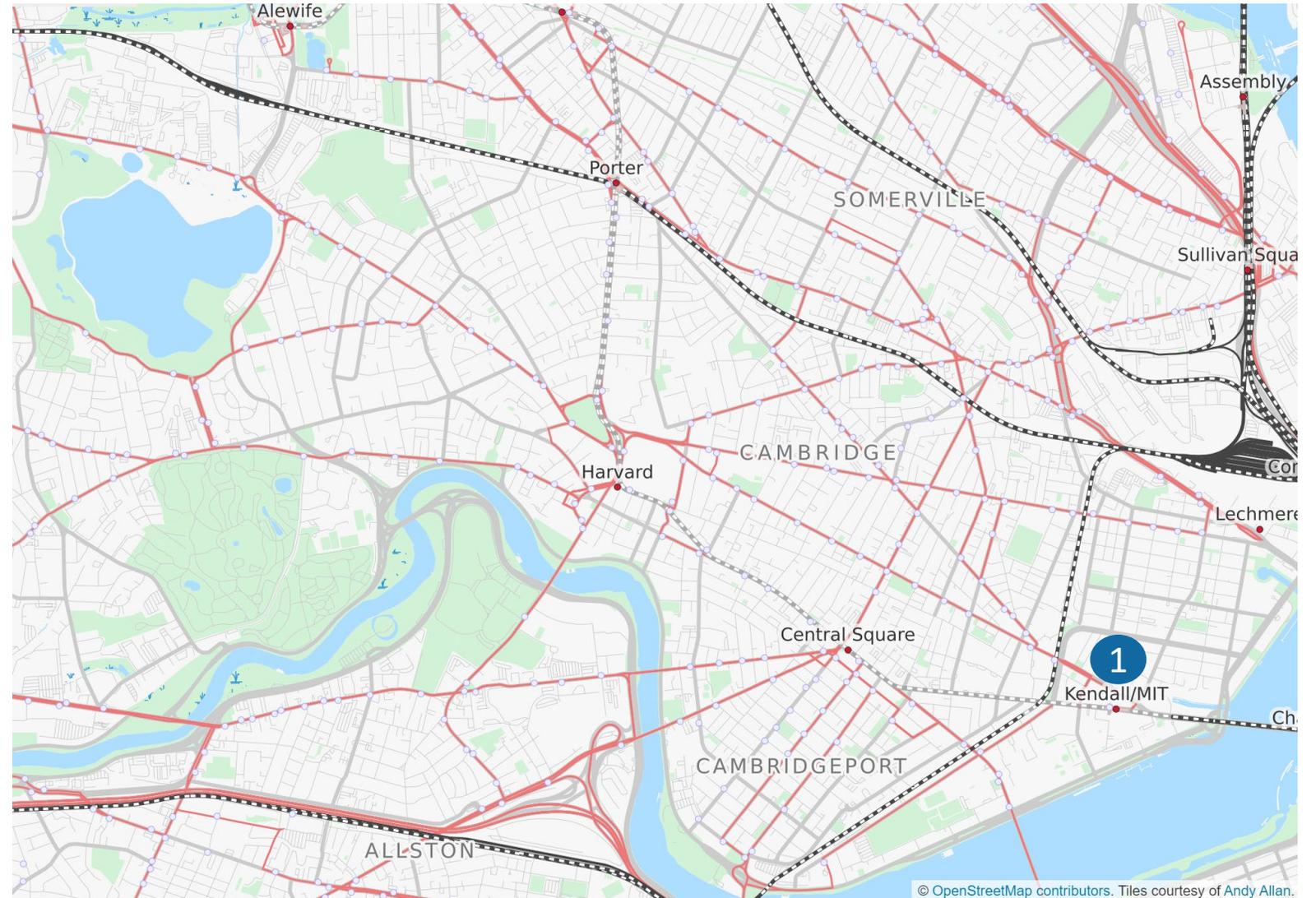
# Looking at 2021 for TAC

- January to June
  - Expect meetings with remote participation through June 2021
  - Options: restart process to develop subcommittees
- July to December
  - Recruitment for new members – new members to start in December 2021/January 2022



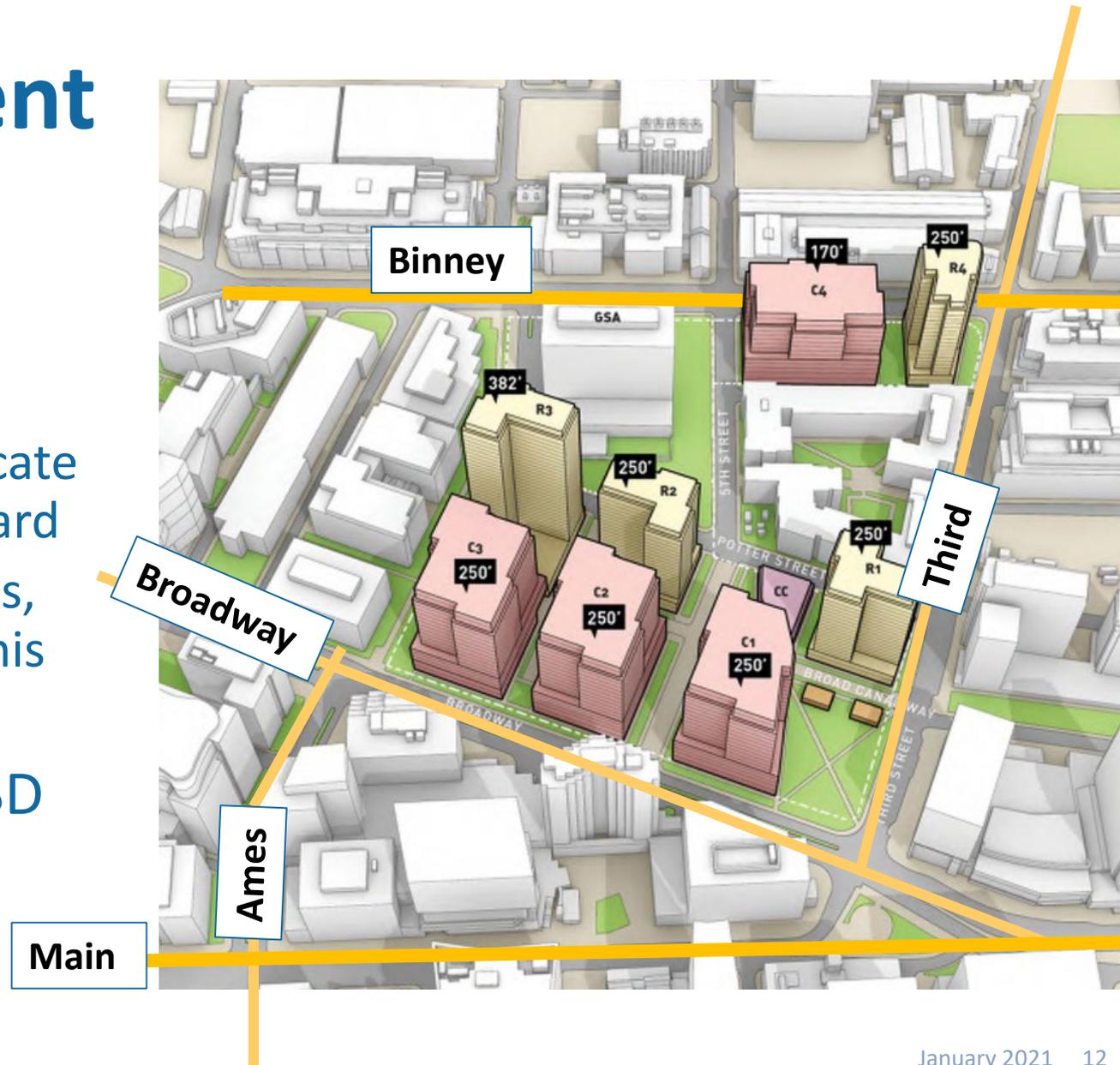
# Development Project Updates

# Overview



# Volpe MIT Development

- Planning Board presentation on October 27
- Potential TAC actions
  - Review application and communicate comments to staff or planning board
  - Brainstorm transit issues, concerns, recommendations in relation to this site
- Next Planning Board meeting TBD





# Additional project reviews

- Propose to use Joint Pedestrian, Bicycle, Transit Advisory Committee meetings as times to discuss projects, review materials from planning board meetings, etc. to provide comments
- Potential recommend that large projects like Volpe come to Joint Meeting for development review as part of process
- Thoughts?



# City Updates



# City Projects

- Looking at following bus priority corridors and will be coming to upcoming meetings to share more information
  - **South Mass. Ave** – Harvard to Memorial Drive, focused on Central to Mem. Drive
  - **Concord Avenue** – Transit signal priority Harvard to Belmont Line
- **River Street Reconstruction** – Continuing work on Carl Barron Plaza design options with urban design staff, processing feedback



# MBTA & Commonwealth Updates



# MBTA Green Line Extension

- Provided update on project progress in December 2020
- Union Square station access from Cambridge will not be finished until 2022 as a result of US2 developer delays in constructing elevator
- Lechmere station trending to reopen summer 2021
  - North Station-Lechmere bus bridge would end
  - Route 80 would be consolidated with Route 88
  - Route 88 would be diverted to serve Sullivan Station
  - Routes 69 and 87 would remain serving
  - EZRide to serve station area



# Ongoing MBTA Initiatives

- Bus Network Redesign ongoing
  - Summer 2021 – outreach on network alternatives
  - Winter 2022 – outreach on final alternative and phased implementation
- MBTA/MassDOT Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis to begin in earnest in February
- MBTA proposal to renovate North Cambridge facility in order to replace electric trackless trolleys with battery-electric buses
- New Red Line vehicles – first trainset entered service on December 30, 2020



# Commonwealth Bond Bill

- Legislative authorizations, but not a requirement to spend on projects
- Waiting on Governor's signature
- Transit line items
  - Planning for Inner Belt Bridge
  - Planning, design, and construction of new Alewife Station garage
  - Planning, design, and implementation of bus priority in/out of station
  - Planning, design for Route 2 highway BRT pilot (Acton-Cambridge)
  - Planning, design, and construction of new CambridgePark Drive/Rindge Avenue intersections
  - Planning study of Red Line extension to Arlington Heights



# Public comment

Members of the public will have up to 3 minutes to make a comment

Thank you for participating in this Transit Advisory Committee meeting with remote participation.

**Be well during these next winter weeks!**

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**Thank You**