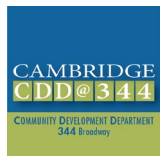


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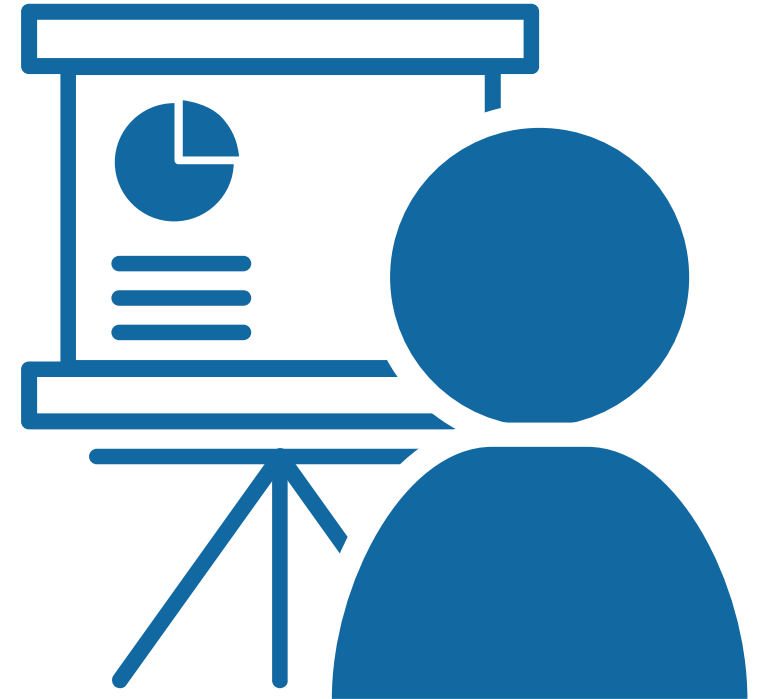
# Transit Advisory Committee

April 2021



# Meeting agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Presentation: Broadway Main & Third Streetscape Project
4. Presentation: City project updates
5. Public comment





# Introductions



# **Presentation: Broadway Main & Third Streetscape Project**



# Conceptual streetscape design project in K2

- **Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA)** is leading design project for the following streets:
  - Broadway (Ames to Third)
  - Third Street (Binney to Broadway)
  - Main Street (Galillei to Broadway)
- **Kendall Square Transit Enhancement Program (KSTEP)** is also funding work to advance the conceptual design and engineering of transit priority recommendations from the Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) – transit priority for CT2/85 corridor with signal priority and lanes
- **Tonight:** Inform the TAC of the current design processes and the strategies being evaluated in the twin initiatives



# Presentation: MBTA + City Updates



# MBTA Service Planning

- Response to TAC suggestion for Route 47 in Central Square



# MBTA Forging Ahead

- MBTA implemented bus and subway schedule changes on March 14  
commuter rail schedule changes for April 5
  - **Service suspensions** – Routes 68, 72, 79, 351
  - **Note:** MBTA retained 1 AM and 1 PM trip on Route 68 for school trips
  - **Consolidations** – 62/76 (Lexington to Alewife/Harvard), 84/78 (Arlmont to Alewife/Harvard)
- MBTA has stated a new objective of returning to 100% of service, as soon as possible
  - Will not be implementing the remainder of the Forging Ahead proposals
  - Nearly 100% of subway and some bus services to resume in June
  - More bus services to resume in September





# MBTA Green Line Extension

- Public meeting planned for June 2021
- Partial opening planned for **October 2021**
  - Reopening with service to Lechmere and Union
  - No fare gate line at GLX stations, including Lechmere; stations will have a “fare paid” area
  - Fare vending machines to also serve as fare validation machines
- Service to Medford/Tufts is trending open in December 2021
- Elevator access for Union station delayed until 2022



# MBTA “Building Back”

- Many new construction projects through December will involve route/line, busway, and station closures resulting in alternate bus stop locations, bus shuttling, or alternate travel.
  - Now to May: **Fitchburg Line closed** – bus shuttles from Alewife to Littleton/495
  - June-August: **Harvard Busway closed** – alternate surface bus stops
  - June-October: **Kendall/MIT station Alewife platform headhouse closed** – no replacement buses planned
  - August – October: **Fitchburg Line weekend closures** for safety systems – bus shuttles
  - September to December: **Red Line weekend closures** for signals, tunnel repairs, floating slabs – bus shuttles



# MBTA projects

| Project  | Update  | Next public event  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Bus Network Redesign</b>                        | Restarting public engagement process later this spring                                  | TBD – As early as May  |
| <b>Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis</b> | Analyzed existing conditions;<br><u>Developing a universe of alignments to evaluate</u> | Public Meeting #1<br>April 27, 2021 6:00 PM                        |
| <b>Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)</b>               | Hosting virtual public meetings on retail sales, fare evasion, proof-of-payment systems | April 15 – Fare evasion<br>April 20/29 – Fare payment verification |



# MBTA projects

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|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>Bus Transformation</b>      | Facility modernization projects are included in MBTA's 1-year capital program  | TBA               |
| <b>Red Line Transformation</b> | Receiving new RL vehicles<br>Planning for floating slab, signals, and other systems upgrades later in 2021<br>Planning for Alewife crossover replacement in 2022 | TBA               |



# MBTA projects

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|--|---|-------------------|
| <b><u>Porter Square Retaining Wall Repairs</u></b> | Much needed repairs of the retaining wall under Somerville Avenue have been underway since late 2020<br>Projected completion in June 2021 | TBA               |
| <b>Alewife Garage Repairs</b>                      | Significant acceleration of the repair work during pandemic   | None planned      |



# City projects

| Project                             | Update   | Next public event |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>Belmont Street</b>               | Moving to construction later this calendar year                          | None planned      |
| <b>Grand Junction MUP</b>           | Ongoing review with state agencies                                       | TBD               |
| <b>River Street Reconstruction</b>  | Advancing plaza designs, planning for public engagement in spring/summer | TBD               |
| <b>Huron Avenue – Glacken Field</b> | Presented design plans at March joint meeting                            | TBD               |



# City projects

| Project             | Update  | Next public event |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Inman Square</b> | Work on Vellucci Plazas, roadway reconstruction, sidewalks, and separated bike lanes to begin in earnest this year<br>Delay for work on Cambridge St between Springfield and Oak Sts. | TBD               |
| <b>Mid-Mass Ave</b> | Thank you for your comments; project staff are creating design plans  | TBA               |



# City projects

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| <b>South Mass Ave Follow-up</b>                 | Studying with MBTA, expanding and improving existing bus lanes – collecting and analyzing data                          | None currently scheduled |
| <b>Concord Avenue – Transit signal priority</b> | Administration transferred to MBTA transit priority team; City working on finding an engineering team for signal timing | None currently scheduled |





# Next TAC and Joint meeting of TAC/BC/PC

## Upcoming TAC Meetings

- Wednesday, May 5, 2021
  - Potential: MBTA/MassDOT Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis
  - Potential: Outreach Exercises with Livable Streets Alliance

## Joint meetings with Bicycle and Pedestrian committees

- Wednesday, April 21, 2021
  - Review of Mid-Mass Ave
  - Review of DPW 5-year Plan

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

**Get a COVID vaccine, as soon as you can!**

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**Thank You**