



# MBTA Updates



# MBTA Better Bus Project

- MBTA held a virtual open house about the following projects
  - Silver Line extension
  - Bus electrification + facility modernization
  - Bus network redesign
  - Transit priority
  - Stop accessibility improvements
  - Stop eInk signs
  - Operations management
- Presentation materials can be seen at the event page. URL: <https://www.mbta.com/events/2021-08-26/public-meeting-better-bus-project-open-house-virtual>



# MBTA Service Restorations

- A schedule change took effect on Sunday, August 29, 2021
- The next planned schedule change is in December 2021



# MBTA Green Line Extension

- Project is an estimated ~70~75% complete
- Partial opening planned for March 2022
  - 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
  - Rail-replacement shuttles to remain until service to Lechmere begins
- Service to Medford/Tufts is planned to open in May 2022
- Elevator access for Union station delayed until mid 2022
- 24 new trolleys purchased to accommodate increased ridership





# MBTA “Building Back” – In progress

- 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.
- Through December: **Fitchburg Line *weekend* closures** for safety systems – rail-replacement bus shuttle service
- **Upcoming: Red Line weekend closures** for signals, tunnel repairs, floating slabs – bus shuttles



# Completed

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Route 2 Alewife Off-ramp</b>	MassDOT installed bus queue jump lane at the off-ramp to Alewife	None scheduled



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# In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Red Line Transformation</b>	Red line signal upgrades, new trains, Alewife crossover	TBA
<b>Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)</b>	Sales Network Public Input Survey open	TBA



# In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Alewife Garage Repairs</b>	Significant acceleration of the repair work during pandemic. Scheduled completion Fall 2023	None planned
<b>Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation (Green Line Transformation)</b>	Work to rehabilitate viaduct 98% complete. Expect completion in December 2021	None planned

# Under study

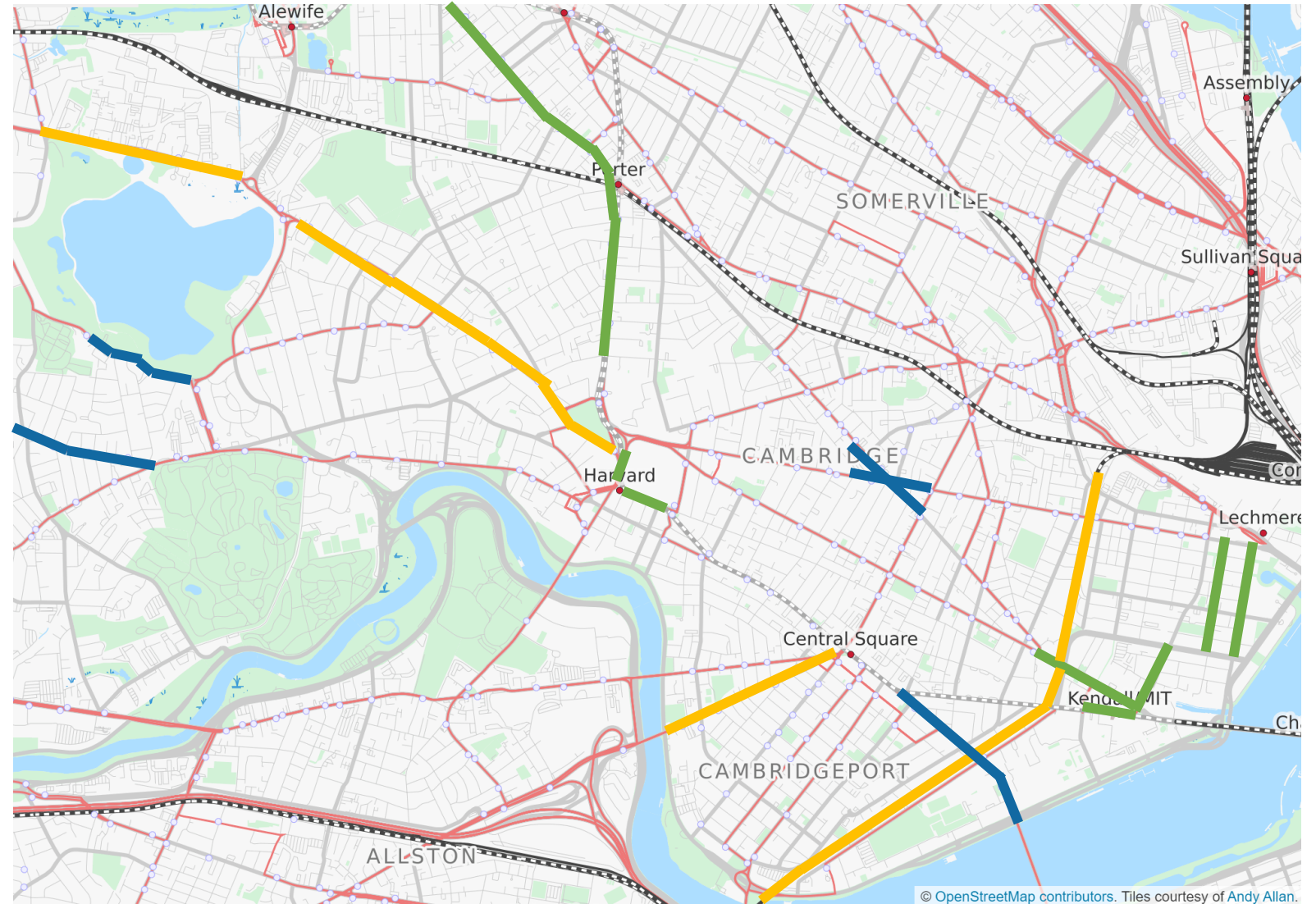
Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Bus Network Redesign</b>	Public meeting took place 10/27 to discuss approach + principals	TBA
<b>Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis</b>	Draft alternatives under review	TBA
<b>Facility modernization &amp; Bus electrification</b>	North Cambridge Carhouse – Conversion to BEB facility (Potentially FY2023-24)	<b>December 9 Public Meeting (Virtual) – Arborway Bus Maintenance Facility</b>



# Notes: City Updates



# Selected street projects



# In Progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Inman Square</b>	Installing curbs, new sidewalks, signal mast arms and equipment Transitioned to Cambridge Street	E-mail updates sent out as construction work zones change, about every 2 weeks
<b>North Mass. Ave (Dudley to Alewife Brook Parkway) Corridor Safety Improvements</b>	Bike + bus lane installation began – outbound complete / inbound depends on weather and temp.	April 2022 deadline to install project



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements



Dudley + Mass Ave (NB)



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Between Cameron + Cedar (NB)



Linear Park path (NB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before



After



Shea Rd + Mass Ave (NB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before



After



Cedar + Linear Park path (NB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before



After



Between Cedar + Gold Star (NB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before



After



Churchill Ave (NB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before



After



Newman St (NB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before

After



Magoun St (SB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before



After



Edmunds St (SB)



# North Mass. Ave Corridor Safety Improvements

Before



After



Alberta Terrace (SB)

# Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Belmont Street</b>	On hold pending coordination with MBTA. Potential start Mar 2022	None planned
<b>Huron Avenue – Glacken Field</b>	Traffic analysis complete Continuing with existing design	TBA
<b>South Mass Ave Transit Priority Follow-up</b>	Designs are finalized. Implementation delayed by MBTA due to administrative and implementation compl.	TBA



# In Planning and Design

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>River Street Reconstruction</b>	Updating plaza designs Working Group Meeting #12 held Nov. 17	TBA
<b>Grand Junction MUP</b>	Ongoing review with state agencies Working Group Meeting #7 was held Nov. 9	Winter 2022 (TBA) – Public Meeting
<b>Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority</b>	Working with MBTA on procurement	None scheduled

# In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Porter Square Corridor Safety Improvements</b>	Ongoing study CSO-related project. Completion scheduled	<b>TBA</b>
<b>MassAve4 Outreach (Waterhouse-Roseland + Beech-Dudley)</b>	<b>Pop-up community meetings held in Nov.</b> <b>Overview video available to view.</b> <b>Survey open.</b>	None currently scheduled



# In Study

<b>Project</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Next public event</b>
<b>First Street &amp; Second Street Corridor</b>	Comment period closed	None currently scheduled
<b>Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led)</b>	Ongoing study of bus queue jump facility and signal priority on Broadway and Third	None currently scheduled
<b>Transportation Impact Study Update Study</b>	Study has begun	None currently scheduled





# TAC Updates



# Survey Results

- Strong preference to meet on **Wednesdays**, with Thursday as a close 2nd
- Preferred duration is **90 minutes**
- No clear response for start time
- No clear response for meeting in-person vs. virtual



# 2022 Meeting Calendar

- No conflicts on 1st Wednesday + 1st Thursday of each month
- TAC Membership Orientation: Tentative **December 15-16**