



City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

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Welcome

Purpose

- Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City’s “community experts”, on City projects, MBTA initiatives, and development proposals

Objective

- City staff to understand TAC’s consensus on priorities and reactions to city positions on state projects.

Process

- Presentation from City or MBTA staff followed by discussion - questions from TAC members, public to type in questions in zoom Q&A, comments during public comment period



Discussion: TAC Work Plan

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Tonight's objectives

- Develop a work plan for 2022 to 2023
- Discuss if subcommittees would fit with the work plan
- Identify people who can take on manageable “homework” tasks

Interrelated plans and documents

Transit Strategic Plan

- Identifies broad direction, goals
- Identifies objectives and strategies

Implementation Plan

- Identifies and prioritizes specific initiatives
- Limited by available resources

Project Work Plan

- Highlights actions, partnerships, timelines, etc.
- Addresses actions taken to implement objective or strategy



Review

- TAC's role is to provide advice to City staff
- Subcommittees are one way for TAC members to dive deeper into specific topic areas to develop suggestions and give more detailed advice

Defining questions

Streets and infrastructure

- What do people want to know about street and infrastructure projects?
- What are new/novel ways the city can look to improve streets?

Bus service planning

- What bus routes should we be looking at redesigning?
- Where should we be thinking about bus priority?

Policy development

- Who are Cambridge's peers?
- What are the policies we should be studying?

Ideas

Streets and infrastructure

- **Develop communications materials** about upcoming transit projects
- **Volunteer** to do additional outreach on a city project
- **Become a member of a project's working group**, representing the TAC
- **Help develop tools** for accountability and transparency
- **Research and do a peer presentation**

Ideas

Bus service planning

- **Develop and present on** bus service planning ideas
 - Post GLX
 - Bus Network Redesign
 - Citywide bus service charette
 - Bus priority
- **Draft comment letters** for the various MBTA service planning processes, DCR Greenways, MassDOT highway projects
- **Research and present on** free-fares for people in Cambridge

Ideas

Policy development

- Research and **present case studies** on policies from other cities that may be useful for Cambridge for parking, development review, etc.
 - Suggest improvements or changes to the PTDM ordinance
 - Provide feedback on existing development process
 - Research regulations on TNCs to improve safety, curb uses, and revenues from fees/taxes
 - Fare-free bus service
- **Draft a memo** in the development review process
- **Create and do a peer presentation** on Envision Cambridge for transit related goals/objectives

Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You