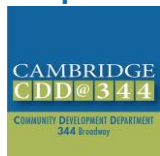

City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

September 2022





Welcome

Purpose

Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City's "community experts"

Outcomes

TAC to know the most recent information on City and MBTA projects

Process

TAC to 'raise hand' during presentations and discussions
Public to type in questions in zoom Q&A or speak verbal comments during public comment period



TAC and City Updates

Andy Reker, City of Cambridge



Upcoming Meetings

- Next Transit Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thursday, October 6 - 5:30 p.m.
 - Potential topics
 - MBTA Bus Network Redesign
 - In-person meetings TBD
- Next joint meeting of Transit Advisory, Bicycle, Pedestrian Committee
 - Confirmed – Wednesday, September 28 – 5:30 p.m.



City Updates



In progress

Inman Square Reconstruction - Cambridge Street and Hampshire Street

Reconfigured intersection with:

- new public plaza on the northern/eastern corner
- separate traffic signals instead of 1 single traffic signal

Street design changes:

- Separated bike lanes through intersection
- “Floating” bus stops
- Peak-hour queue jump on eastbound Cambridge Street

Photos on next slide





In progress

Inman Square Reconstruction - Cambridge Street and
Hampshire Street

Expected completion of street construction by November with
additional work on new public plaza to continue afterward

Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
Garden Street CSO	Final designs underway	Next week 9/21
Brattle Street CSO	Final designs underway	TBA
Belmont Street Project	Construction company brought on	No events scheduled
Huron Avenue – Glacken Field Project	Construction company brought on	No events scheduled
River Street Reconstruction Project	Construction company brought on	TBD
Porter Square CSO	Implemented	



In planning and design

Project	Update	Next public event
Grand Junction MUP Project	Continuing to work on final design plans	Public meeting expected in the fall (TBA)
Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority Project	Working with MBTA on procurement and design Additional work required to sign a Memorandum of Agreement	No events scheduled



Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
Harvard Square Area Bus Stops (MassAve4 C&D Bus Stops)	City staff to begin data collection and conceptual design	<u>Tentative</u> Public Meeting 10/12 Joint meeting 9/28
MassAve4 A&B (Mass Ave Harvard to Alewife Brook)	City staff to begin data collection, survey	None scheduled



In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led) Study	Ongoing	No events scheduled
Transportation Impact Study Update Study	Ongoing	No events scheduled



MBTA Updates



Green and Orange Line closures

The MBTA closed the Green and Orange Lines in mid-August.

City staff have been participating in coordination activities with MBTA, MassDOT and other cities.

MBTA closed Green Line to “tie-in” the new Medford branch

MBTA closed Orange Line to have unhindered, free access for maintenance and repair

**Orange and
Green Lines
will reopen on
Monday,
September 19**



Green and Orange Line closures

The MBTA announced that the Green Line to Medford will open by late November 2022.

**Green Line to
Medford will
reopen in late
November
2022**



Subway service reductions

Because of insufficient staffing at the MBTA operations center, the MBTA has increased the time between trains on the Red, Blue, and Orange Lines on weekdays. Operations center staff are critical to safe and smooth subway operations.

The Green Line and buses are not affected by these reductions.

The MBTA will run this temporary schedule indefinitely.

**In Cambridge,
Somerville,
and
Downtown
Boston, Red
Line trains
arrive**

**Every 7 to 8
minutes**



Service reductions

The Green Line trains and bus routes had their schedules changed in late August.

The MBTA **reduced how often buses come** on these routes: 1, 47, 70, 71, 73, 91, and 350.

The MBTA **changed trip times** on routes: 62/76, 77, 86, and 88.

In Cambridge, Somerville, and Downtown Boston, Green Line trains arrive

Every 3 to 6 minutes



Bus Network Redesign

City staff received an update on the MBTA Bus Network Redesign from the new project manager. Current timeline is as follows:

September 22 Update to the MBTA Board

October 17 Publish an update on BNRD and revised network map

October 24 Public meeting to present the revised network map

October 27 MBTA Board of Directors vote on the revised network map

During the last phase of outreach and engagement, Cambridge staff and TAC sent comment letters

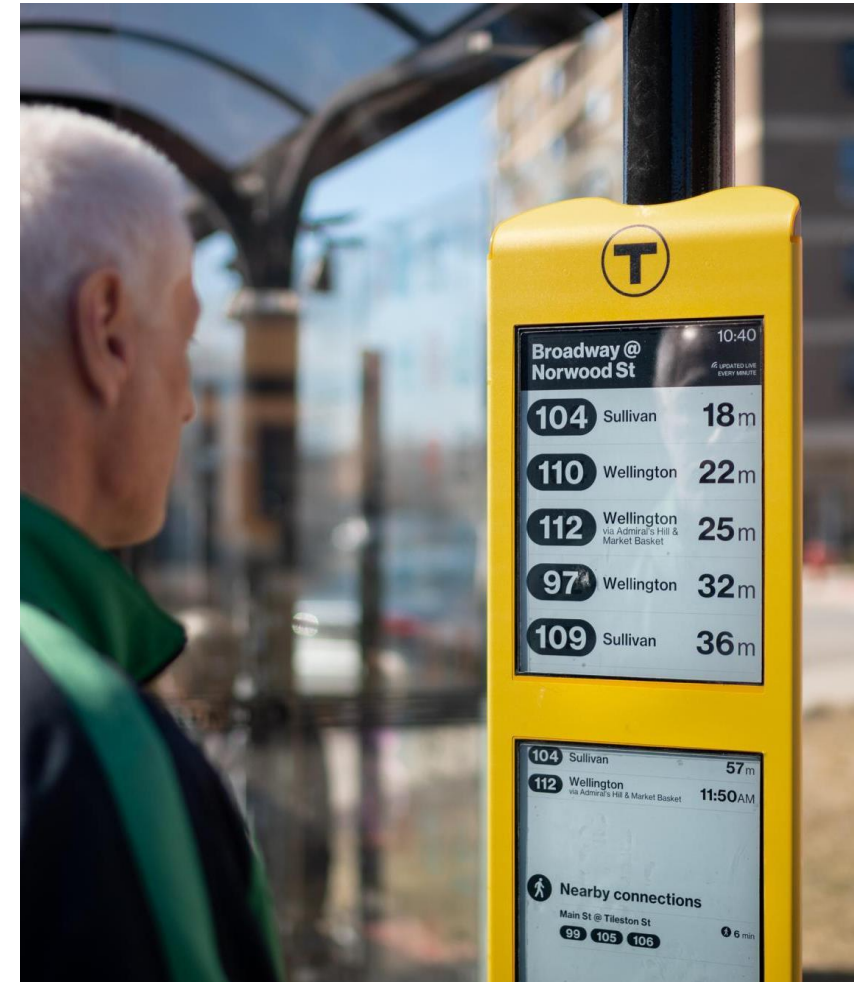
Realtime signage

The MBTA communicated that they are working on implementing a municipal program to install eInk signs through the MBTA.

These will be very similar to their pilot signs.

We have had challenges with sign vendors in our own pilot.

- Providing support for city
- Working with MBTA real-time software



Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You