



Cambridge Bicycle Report

Meetings, Events, and News

February 8, 2018



About the BICYCLE REPORT

The Bicycle Report is an e-newsletter intended to provide information about upcoming meetings and events as well as items of general interest to bicycling and/or Cambridge. **Please note** that posting of the web version of this report may vary in frequency; to sign up to receive the report when it is released weekly via email, please send your **name, mailing address, and email address** to: cbikeannounce@gmail.com. For more information about Cambridge bicycle programs, see <http://www.cambridgema.gov/bike>.

HIGHLIGHTS

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MEETINGS

Public Meetings for the Proposed Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Over the Mystic River Connecting Everett, Somerville, and Charlestown

Monday, February 12: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, *Partners Health Care, Assembly Row Assembly Room - Room B, 1st Floor, 399 Revolution Drive, Somerville (Enter Through West Entrance)*

Wednesday, February 14: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, *Edward G. Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street, Everett*

At these public meetings, DCR will present and obtain input on a proposed 25% schematic design for a pedestrian and bicycle bridge to extend over the Mystic River, connecting Everett to Somerville and Charlestown at Draw Seven Park.

The presentation will be viewable after the meeting on DCR's website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/materials-from-past-meetings>. The public will be invited to submit comments after the public meetings, with a deadline for receipt by DCR of close-of-business on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Comments may be submitted online at <https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments> or by writing to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02114. If you have questions or concerns or would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR general or project-specific announcements, please email Mass.Parks@state.ma.us or call 617-626-4973.

Tuesday, February 13: Brewster/Riedesel Reconstruction Project Community Meeting, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Buckingham Browne & Nichols School, Lower School Gym, 10 Buckingham Street (Entrance on Parker Street)
Brewster St (Appleton to Sparks) and Riedesel Ave (Brattle to Brewster) are scheduled for street and sidewalk reconstruction in 2018. The focus of this meeting will be to hear neighbors' concerns and review preliminary design options for the street. [More information](#).

Wednesday, February 14: Bicycle Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

City Hall Annex, 4th Floor Conference Room, 344 Broadway
Regular meeting of the Bicycle Committee.

Wednesday, February 14: Cambridge Redevelopment Authority Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

Police Station, First Floor Conference Room, 125 Sixth Street
Regular board meeting. Check the [CRA website](#) for meeting updates and documents.

Tuesday, February 20: Planning Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

City Hall Annex, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 344 Broadway
• Hearing - PB-294, 88 Ames Street - [Notice](#) - [Application Materials](#)

Thursday, February 22: Pedestrian Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

City Hall Annex, 4th Floor Conference Room, 344 Broadway
Regular meeting of the Pedestrian Committee.

Wednesday, February 28: Vision Zero Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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For more information about Vision Zero, visit cambridgema.gov/visionzero.



EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

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March 5 – 7: League of American Bicyclists National Bike Summit

Washington, DC

A national bike advocacy conference, the theme of this year's Summit is *Grass Roots Grow*

Together, showcasing successes at the local level, learning how they happen, and exploring ways to expand their reach.

[Learn more and register.](#)

May 1 – 3: PlacesForBikes Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana

Attendees will experience the community benefits of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail — one of the most visionary urban bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the country. Building on the success of last year's conference, attendees will learn from prominent keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and panels centered around the four components of building great places to ride: plan, build, measure, engage. The focus is on developing leadership skills, building political will and accelerating bike improvements. Early bird registration opens January 15, 2018. [Learn more and register.](#)

Fresh Pond Programs, Walks, and Lectures

Various sites

Visit <http://friendsoffreshpond.org/upcomingprograms.htm> for a full list of upcoming programs and how to register!



ACTION and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MassDOT Releases Draft State Rail Plan for Public Comment

MassDOT is seeking public comment on its [newly released draft Massachusetts State Rail Plan](#), which articulates the Commonwealth's priorities and proposed plans for passenger and freight rail investment over the next 20 years. The public comment period on the Draft State Rail Plan will be open through February 16. Comments can be sent to Planning@dot.state.ma.us to the attention of Jen Slesinger. For more information on the Draft State Rail Plan visit the website: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rail-plan>.

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Envision Cambridge Seeks Community Feedback – Deadline Extended to Friday, February 16

[Envision Cambridge](#) is a community-wide process to develop a comprehensive plan for a more livable, sustainable, and equitable Cambridge. In addition to housing, mobility, economy, climate & environment, urban form and community wellbeing are focus areas of the citywide planning process. Urban form addresses the physical characteristics of the built environment. Community wellbeing includes recommendations that promote social inclusion and access to opportunity, create a sense of belonging, and strengthen the relationship between urban form and community. Weigh in on the draft

urban form and community wellbeing goals by visiting <https://envisioncambridge.consider.it/>. Your feedback will help shape the City's future policies and programs in these areas. Paper versions of the survey are available upon request.

Current Board Vacancies

The City is currently looking to fill the following [board vacancies](#). Applications to serve on these committees can be submitted to City Manager Louis A. DePasquale using the City's online application system at cambridgema.gov/apply. A cover letter and resume or applicable experience can be submitted during the online application process. Paper applications are available in the City Manager's Office at Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue.

- [Central Square Advisory Committee](#)
- [Climate Protection Action Committee](#)
- [Human Services Commission](#)

Hubway Job Openings

Hubway is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- [Operations Director](#)
- [Marketing Director](#)



As Commuters Opt for Uber and Lyft Over Public Transport, a New Solution in Chicago – *WBUR, February 7, 2018*

A [new report](#) says ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft are contributing to traffic congestion in the Boston area, as many young commuters opt out of taking public transit. The City of Chicago is trying a creative solution to a similar problem, with a 15-cent tax on Uber and Lyft to fund improvements to public transportation infrastructure. [Full story](#).

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