

City of Cambridge
Community Development Department

Bicycle Committee Meeting

April 9, 2025





Welcome

Purpose

Get feedback from appointed members of the committee, the City's "community experts" on bicycle transportation issues

Objective

City staff to understand the Bicycle Committee's consensus on priorities and reactions to city projects and development proposals

Process

Presentation from City staff followed by discussion – questions from committee members, public to type in questions in Zoom Q&A, comments during public comment period

Meeting Agenda

1. Agenda Review, Zoom Protocol, Minutes (5 minutes)

2. Project Updates (15 minutes)

1. Cambridge Department of Transportation (Jeff Parenti & Nick Schmidt)
2. Cambridge Department of Public Works (Jerry Friedman)
3. Bicycle Committee (Richard Freierman)

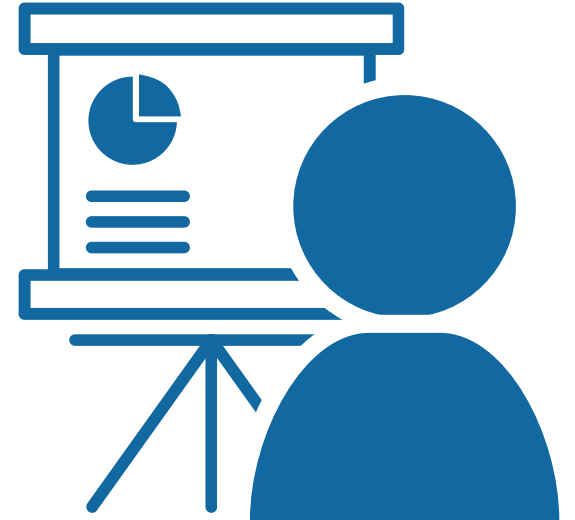
3. 2025 Spring Bike Ride Preparation (20 minutes) (Nick Schmidt, CDD)

Theme, speakers, route, date, and schedule

4. Bicycle Committee Work Plan (75 minutes) (Richard Freierman)

5. Public Comment (5 minutes)

1. Public comments on topics on the Agenda





Minutes



Cambridge Department of Public Works Updates

Department of Public Works – Project Updates

These projects are managed by DPW staff

1. Harvard Square Kiosk Plaza

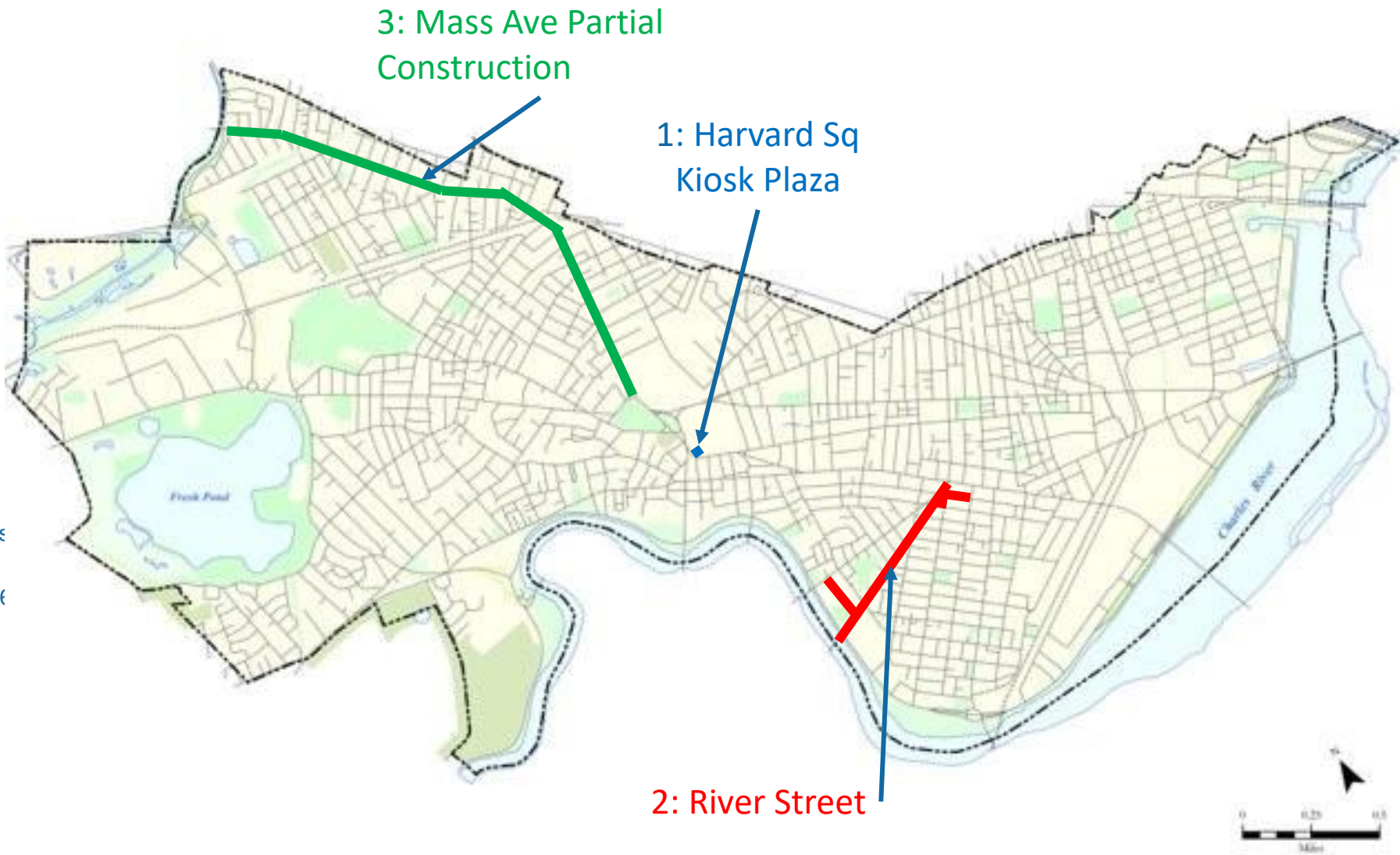
- Continue with plaza re-grading, granite seating and walls, brick replacement, bicycle improvements thru November 2026.

2. River Street

- Utility work continues thru winter/spring
- Begin curb/sidewalk/roadway work in Spring 2025
- Carl Barron Plaza: new bus shelters and “Ribbon” feature begin March 2025

3. Mass Ave Partial Construction

- Linnaean-Waterhouse Median Removal begins Spring 2025
 - Pre-construction Open House March 26 – 5:30-7:30 at Lesley University
- Separated bike lane installation will follow; beginning around mid-2026.
- Concept development for Linnaean-Rindge; and Rindge-Alewife Brook Parkway continues. Public events to occur in 2025 for both segments.



Department of Public Works – Project Updates Continued

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4. Chapter 90 Contracts 24 & 25

- Elm Street (Webster-Hampshire) final paving this spring
- Utility work starts on Maple and Montgomery
- Other streets to follow (Green, Centre, Sciarappa)

5. Chapter 90 Contract 26

- Second round of community meetings: March-May 2025. Bid late Summer 2025
- Streets are Chetwynd, Gray, Haskell, Norfolk, Shepard, Avon Hill, Hillside

6. Port Infrastructure Improvements

- Phase I Utilities/Streets/Sidewalks to begin construction Fall 2025 (Multi-year project – more details to come)
- Clement Morgan Park Reconstruction to begin Fall 2025

7. Broadway

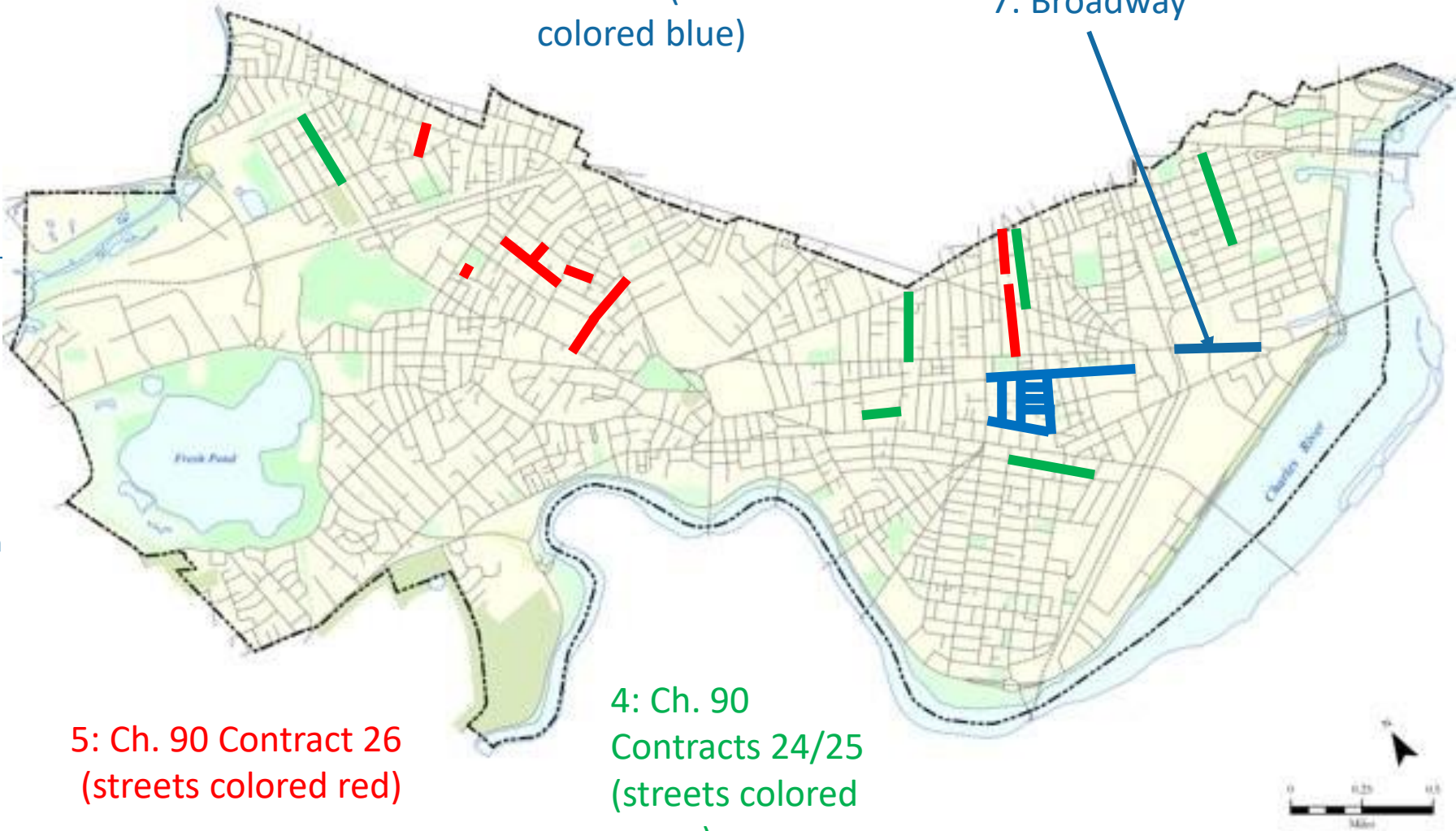
- Broadway is eastbound only for vehicles between Galileo Way and Ames, with a 2-way bike facility on the south edge.
- This condition will extend to Third Street starting early Spring 2025, and last for around 1 year.
- This supports major utility work associated with the Volpe and Eversource energy projects

6: Port Infrastructure –
Phase 1 (streets
colored blue)

7: Broadway

5: Ch. 90 Contract 26
(streets colored red)

4: Ch. 90
Contracts 24/25
(streets colored
green)





Cambridge Department of Transportation Updates



Announcements

- **Cambridge Transportation Department launched April 1**
 - Traffic, Parking + Transportation renamed Cambridge Department of Transportation (DOT)
 - The Transportation Planning Division at Community Development moved to the DOT as a division alongside the existing Street Management and Parking Management Divisions.
 - More information will be available soon.
- Boston Bike to Work Day Festival (May 16) ride leaders needed!
 - [Routes and sign-ups available here](#)



Project Updates Since March 12

- [Cambridge Resident Bike Lottery Program](#)
 - Application process closed with 285 applicants
- [Grand Junction Connector](#) (website launched)
 - TBD: May 1, 4:00-5:30 PM – Public site walk (Gold Star Mothers Park, Sixth St / Gore St)
 - TBD: 100% design by spring 2026
- [McGrath Boulevard](#) (MassDOT)
 - [Slides](#) from March 25 Public Information Meeting
- Reminder: Boston Bike to Work Day Festival (May 16) ride leaders needed!
 - [Routes and sign-ups available here](#)

Department of Transportation – Project Updates

These projects are managed by DOT Street Management Division staff

1. Broadway (Portland St to Quincy St)

- Section A (Portland to Columbia) first
- Second project working group meeting was April 1
- In-person Community Meeting on May 1 at the Community Art Center

2. Aberdeen Ave

- Design and outreach complete
- Curb work ongoing
- Paving and linework to begin in Spring 2025

3. Cambridge St (Oak St to Second St)

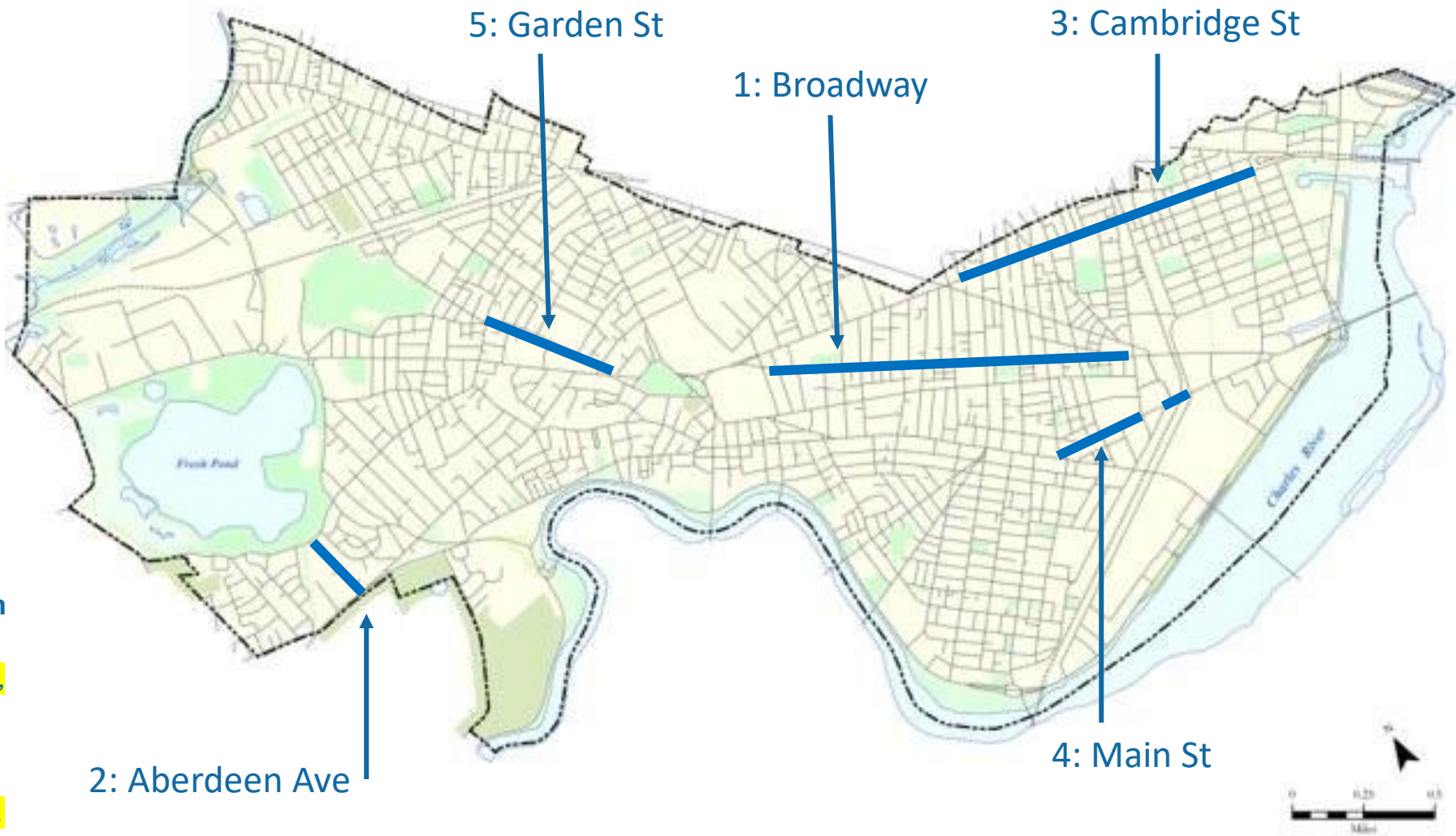
- Section A (Oak to Willow) first
 - Feedback survey closed January 31st
- Oak St to Prospect St to be installed mid/late April, weather dependent

4. Main St (Central Sq to Portland St, Tech Sq to Albany St)

- Virtual Community Meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2024 via Zoom
- Open House at Pisani Center, Thursday, April 17 from 5:30-7:30pm
- Open House at Main St/Bishop Allen Dr plaza, Tuesday, April 22 from 4:30-6:00pm

5. Garden St (Concord Ave to Huron Ave)

- Discussion of council outcome



Map of all upcoming Cycling Safety Ordinance projects at
www.cambridgema.gov/cyclingsafetyordinance



Upcoming Public Meetings

- Main Street Safety Improvement Project
 - April 15, 5:30-6:30 PM – Informational Meeting (Virtual)
 - April 17, 5:30-6:00 PM – Open House (Pisani Center)
 - April 22, 4:30-6:00 PM – On-street Pop Up (Bishop Allen Dr / Main St)
- Broadway Safety Improvement Project
 - May 1, 6:00-8:00 PM – Open House (Community Art Center)
- Grand Junction Connector
 - TBD: May 1, 4:00-5:30 PM – Public site walk (Gold Star Mothers Park, Sixth St / Gore St)
- Planning Board
 - April 15, 6:30 p.m. – 729, 735-737, 745, and 755 Concord Avenue ([PB-407](#))
 - April 29, 6:30 p.m.



Upcoming Committee Meetings

- Joint Meeting of Committees – April 16 (Jerry's Pond + Zoning 101)
- *Canceled: Pedestrian Committee – April 24*
- Transit Advisory Committee – May 1
- Bicycle Committee – May 7



Bicycle Committee Chair Updates



Discussion Topics

- Garden Street vote
- Streetwise at Aeronaut



Spring Bike Ride Preparations



Spring Bike Ride Recap

- What the Bicycle Committee decided during the March 12 meeting:
 - **Date:** Saturday, May 17
 - Confirmed by Cambridge Police Department for Saturday, May 17, at 10 AM
 - **Theme:** Dog parks, animals, etc. of Cambridge
 - **Subcommittee members:** Diane, Greg, Martha, and Randy
 - **Subcommittee assignment** for April 9 meeting:
 - Identify potential sites
 - Identify potential route, including start and end
 - Identify potential speakers



Spring Bike Ride Next Steps

- Need to advertise in the April 25 *Active Transportation Report*
- What needs to happen before April 25?
 - Confirm final theme, sites, and speakers today
 - Confirm start and end (ideally at the Main Library) today
 - Confirm and test route by Tuesday, April 22
- What can happen at the May 7 Bicycle Committee?
 - Confirm ride volunteers



Bicycle Committee Work Plan



Public Comment



Thank You