

## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Department of Transportation

# Welcome to the Cambridge Bicycle Committee

September 10, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## Today's Agenda

5:30 PM	Welcome and meeting summary approval
5:35	Q&A: Meetings, announcements, and project updates
5:55	Presentation: Aberdeen Avenue Safety Improvement Project
6:15	<ul> <li>Discussion: Chair updates</li> <li>Bow Tie Ride planning, volunteers, and communications</li> <li>August 20, 2025, Joint Meeting of the Transportation Committees recap</li> <li>Member participation in City project working groups</li> <li>Scope for a future discussion with the Cambridge Police Department</li> </ul>
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## Why We're Here

"The Bicycle Committee works to improve conditions for bicycling in the City of Cambridge, to promote bicycling as a means of transportation, and to improve safety conditions for bicyclists."

Bicycle Committee Bylaws, Updated 2009

#### The Bicycle Committee meets monthly.

- The **purpose** is to get feedback from appointed members of the Committee, the City's "community experts" on bicycle transportation issues
- The **outcome** is an understanding by City staff of the Committee's consensus on priorities and reactions to street projects and development proposals
- The process to achieve that outcome includes presentations by Committee members and City staff, discussion following presentations, and a public comment period

## Who We Are

#### **Citizen Representatives**

- · Richard Freierman, Chair
- Gregory Carey-Medlock, Vice Chair
- Randy Stern, Secretary
- Martha Birnbaum
- Mark A. Boswell
- Michael Burke
- Guido Cuperus
- John P. Ellersick
- Muna El Taha
- Amy Flax
- Diane Gray
- Alison Harris
- Denise Haynes
- Camille Jonlin
- Scott Kilcoyne
- Eitan Normand
- Vanessa Nwankwo
- Leah Pickett
- Carola Voelker
- Ling Zeng

#### **Dept. Representatives**

- Nick Schmidt, Transportation, Facilitator
- Quinn Murphy, Transportation
- Stephen Meuse, Transportation
- · Jerry Friedman, Public Works
- Steven Magalhaes, Police

## Minutes July 16, 2025

## Q&A: Meetings, Announcements, and Project Updates

5:35-5:55 PM

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings (by date)**

- Transit Advisory Committee September 11
  - Alewife Walking Tour (5:30 PM at Alewife Dunkin')
  - Reach out to Andy Reker (<u>areker@cambridgema.gov</u>) and Marcella Cannatti (<u>mcannatti@cambridgema.gov</u>) if you'd like to attend
- Commercial Parking Control Committee September 17
  - Inaugural meeting
- Pedestrian Committee September 25
- Transit Advisory Committee October 9
- Bicycle Committee October 15

## **Upcoming Public Meetings (by date)**

- Bow Tie Ride
  - October 5, time and location TBD

#### **Announcements**

- Bicycle Committee member terms
  - Next 2-year member terms begin January 2026
  - Application process will begin this fall
  - Discuss application process and membership scope at the October 15 Bicycle Committee meeting
- World Car-free Day (September 22)
  - Pledge to take transit, walk, bike, carpool, shuttle, ferry, or work from home
  - Take the pledge (<u>click here</u>) and be entered to win:
    - \$25 gift card,
    - · Owala Water Bottle, or
    - Bose Quiet Comfort Headphones



#### **Transportation Planning Division Projects**

- Broadway Eco-totem bike counter
  - Battery issues holding up reactivation
  - Investigating solutions with manufacturer
- Bluebikes
  - Regional "suggest-a-station" tool launching this month and will replace the <u>Cambridge Bluebikes</u> <u>Station Suggestion Map</u>
  - Station updates:
    - Alpine Path at Concord Ave (temporarily removed; back now)
    - Mt Auburn (temporarily relocated; return TBD)
    - MIT at Mass Ave / Amherst St (temporarily relocated; return TBD; returning with +4 docks)
    - Vassal Lane Second VLUS station (new station launching September 12)
    - 125 Cambridgepark Drive (new station launching September 17)

### **Street Management Division Projects**

#### 1. Broadway (Portland St to Quincy St)

- Section A (Portland St to Columbia St) is mostly complete with final flex-posts and green/bike markings ongoing
- Fall community meetings to be posted soon

#### 2. Aberdeen Ave

- · Repaved and temporary lines in place
- Goal is for final markings by end of September

#### 3. Cambridge St (Oak St to Second St)

- Oak St to Prospect St green/bike markings ongoing
- · Prospect St to Willow St construction this fall
- Fall community meetings to be posted soon

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

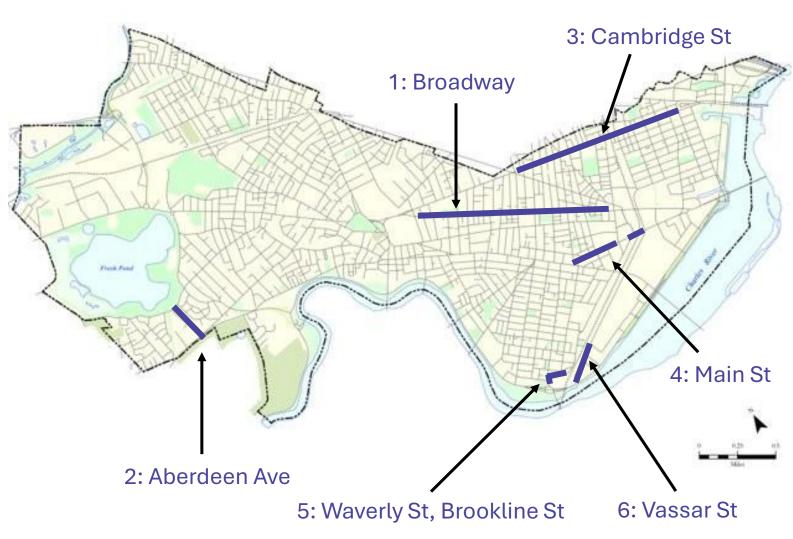
- Flex-posts installed last week
- Green and other stencils soon

#### 5. Waverly St, Brookline St

- Markings complete
- Flex-posts, green, and bike stencils ongoing

#### 6. Vassar St (Memorial Drive to Amherst Alley)

- Existing lines removed and new temporary lines marked
- Goal is for final markings this week



### Street Management Division Projects (cont.)

Flex-post installation started last week on Main St from Portland St to Lafayette Sq (photo below) and will begin for other projects over the next few weeks. Bike stencils and green are also being installed.



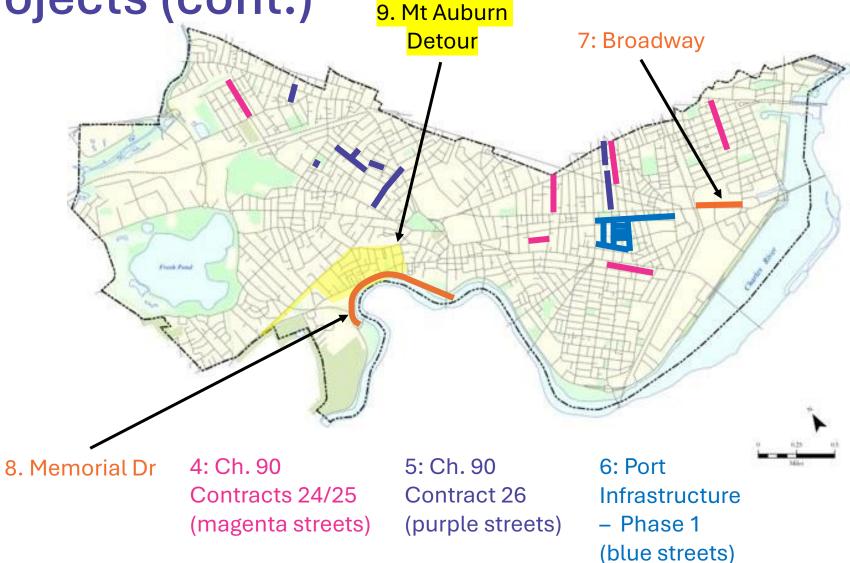
**Public Works Projects** 

- 1. Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza
- No major update
- 2. River St (Memorial Dr to Mass Ave)
- Paving Kinnaird St to Green St (9/4-9/5)
- 3. Mass Ave Partial Construction
- No major update



Public Works Projects (cont.)

- 4. Chapter 90 Contracts 24 & 25
- · Projects are wrapping up
- 5. Chapter 90 Contract 26
- No major update
- **6. Port Infrastructure Improvements**
- No major update
- 7. Broadway (Galileo Galilei to Third St)
- No major update
- 8. Memorial Drive Phase 3 (DCR)
- Mobilization expected in September
- 9. 221 Mt. Auburn St Detours
- No major update



## Presentation: Aberdeen Avenue Safety Improvement Project

5:55-6:15 PM

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- Project plans
- August 19, 2025, <u>In-person information open house boards</u>

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