



Welcome to the Cambridge Bicycle Committee

**CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Department of
Transportation

October 15, 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: Proposed 2026 committee meeting dates

6:00

Discussion: Next two-year member terms

6:15

Discussion: Chair updates

- Scope for a future discussion with the Cambridge Police Department
- State of ebike rules and regulations
- City of Boston “[Better Buffers](#)”
- Potential Bluebikes stations in Memorial Drive Phase III
- Bow Tie Ride recap
- Recurring casual get-togethers
- Future Agenda Item suggestions

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Public comment

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

September 10, 2025

Q&A: Meetings, Announcements, and Project Updates

5:35-5:55 PM

Upcoming Committee Meetings (by date)

- Joint Meeting of the Transportation Committees – October 22
 - Broadway Safety Improvement Project [draft Section C concept](#) review
- Pedestrian Committee – October 30
 - Mass Ave Partial Construction site walk
- Transit Advisory Committee – November 6
- Bicycle Committee – November 12

Upcoming Public Meetings (by date)

- No upcoming public meetings announced

Announcements

- [Speed hump pilot program](#) starting this fall:
 - Dover Street – 1 speed hump between City Line and Mass Ave
 - Lakeview Avenue – 2 speed humps between Malcolm Rd and Worthington St
 - Field Street and Garden Street (near Universal Playground) – 2 speed humps on Field St between Fern St and Alpine St and 1 speed hump on Garden Street near Alpine Street
 - Reservoir Street – 1 speed hump between Huron Ave and Vassal Lane
 - Walden Street – 2 speed humps between Vassal Lane and Concord Ave
 - [Click here to request speed humps](#)
- [Participatory Budgeting](#):
 - Idea collection for participatory budgeting concluded October 12
 - In the proposal development stage
 - Voting will occur in March 2026

Transportation Planning Division Projects

- [Linear Park](#) will begin construction soon:
 - Finalizing topics with the contractor schedule
 - Finalizing work plan approvals with the MBTA
- [Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge over the Fitchburg MBTA rail](#)
 - Received \$500,000 in additional design funding during the [10/9/2025 MPO meeting](#)
- Bluebikes
 - Station updates:
 - Vassal Lane Second VLUS station (new station installed!)
 - MIT at Mass Ave / Amherst St (returning imminently with +4 docks)
 - 125 Cambridgepark Drive (new station launching TBD)
 - Craigie St at Brattle St / Sparks St (new station proposal being considered by the Cambridge Historical Commission at the public hearing portion of the 11/6 meeting)
 - Mt Auburn (temporarily relocated; return TBD)

Street Management Division Projects

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

- Section A (Portland St to Columbia St) is mostly complete with green and bike symbol markings ongoing
- Section C (Quincy St to Ellery St) open house Dec 2025

2. **Aberdeen Ave**

- New lines have been installed
- Bike symbols, green, and flex posts over next few weeks

3. **Cambridge St (Prospect St to Second St)**

- Utility and pavement assessment ongoing to inform design
- Section A (Prospect St to Willow St) to begin in spring 2026 with open houses winter 2026
- Project Working Group Meeting held August 27, materials are on project webpage

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

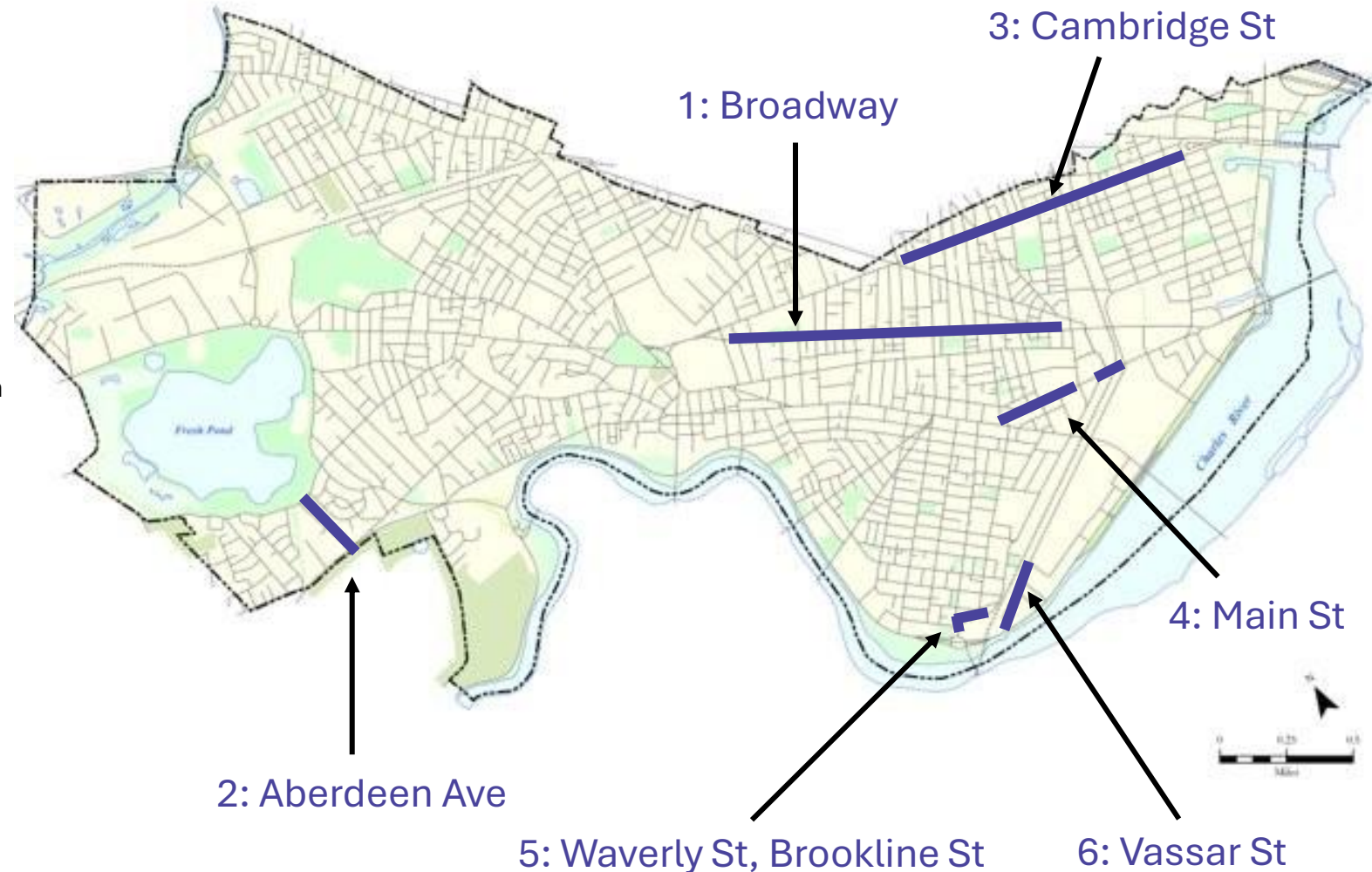
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5. **Waverly St, Brookline St**

- Complete except for some bike and arrow markings

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

- New lines have been installed
- Flex posts installed
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Map of all upcoming Cycling Safety Ordinance projects at
www.cambridgema.gov/cyclingsafetyordinance

Street Management Division Projects (cont.)

Photos from Aberdeen Ave



Public Works Projects

1. Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza

- No major update

2. River St (Memorial Dr to Mass Ave)

- Binder paved Kinnaird to Mass Ave in September
- New signal equipment at Mass / Prospect

3. Mass Ave Partial Construction

- Anticipate public process re-start before end of 2025



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

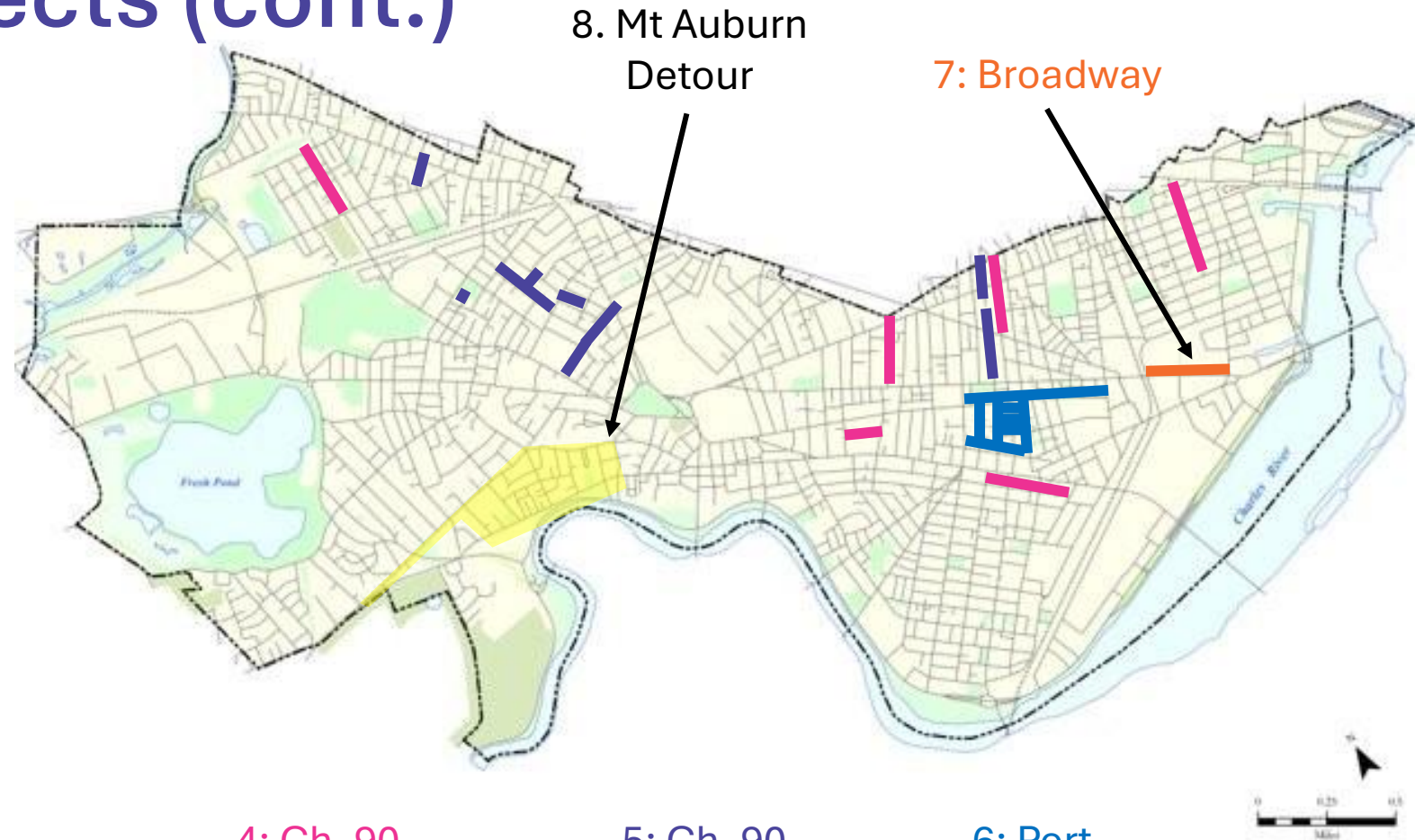
- Clement Morgan Park out to bid in October

7. **Broadway (Galileo Galilei to Third St)**

- No major update

8. 221 Mt. Auburn St Detours

- No major update



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

5: Ch. 90
Contract 26
(purple streets)

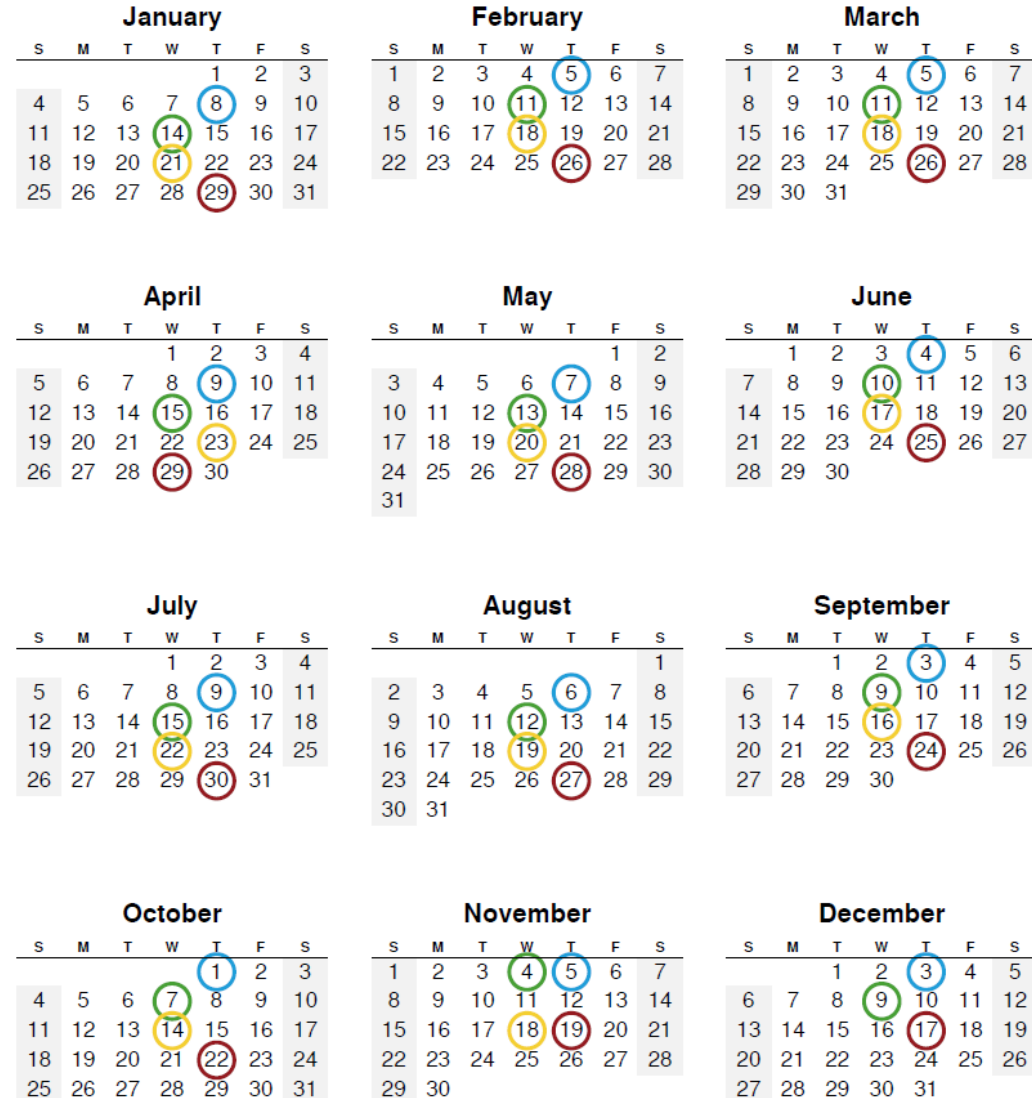
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Infrastructure
– Phase 1
(blue streets)

Presentation: Proposed 2026 Committee meeting dates

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Proposed 2026 Committee Meeting Dates

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- Bicycle Committee
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- Pedestrian Committee

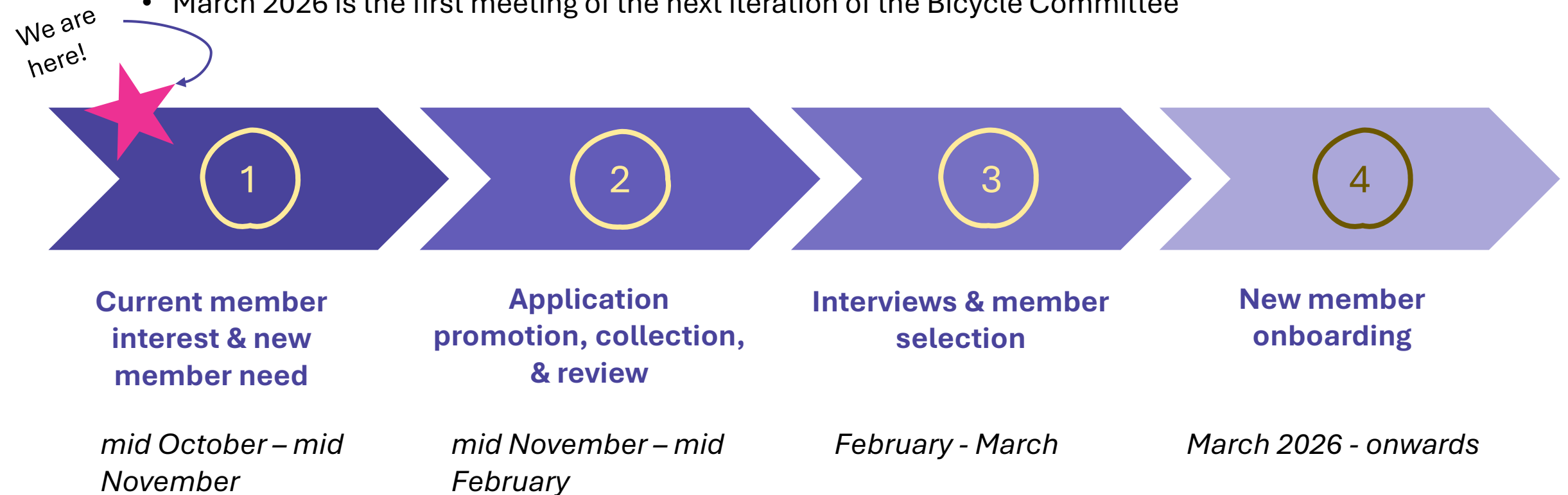


Discussion: Next two-year member terms

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Timeline and considerations

- Current terms expire February 26, 2026
- Terms start and end in February
 - March 2026 is the first meeting of the next iteration of the Bicycle Committee



Next steps

- Determine the need for a call for new members:
 - Who is eligible?
 - Any existing member who has not served 5 consecutive 2-year terms (10 years)
 - What other considerations?
 - Regular attendance is required to maintain membership
 - Members must have an approved leave of absence if absent more than three consecutive meetings
- Seek new member applications, if needed:
 - Open to anyone with an active interest in biking issues in Cambridge and must live or work in Cambridge
 - CamDOT staff work with Community Engagement Team to encourage applications. We strive for a diverse committee by demographics and home or workplace geography

Discussion: Chair updates

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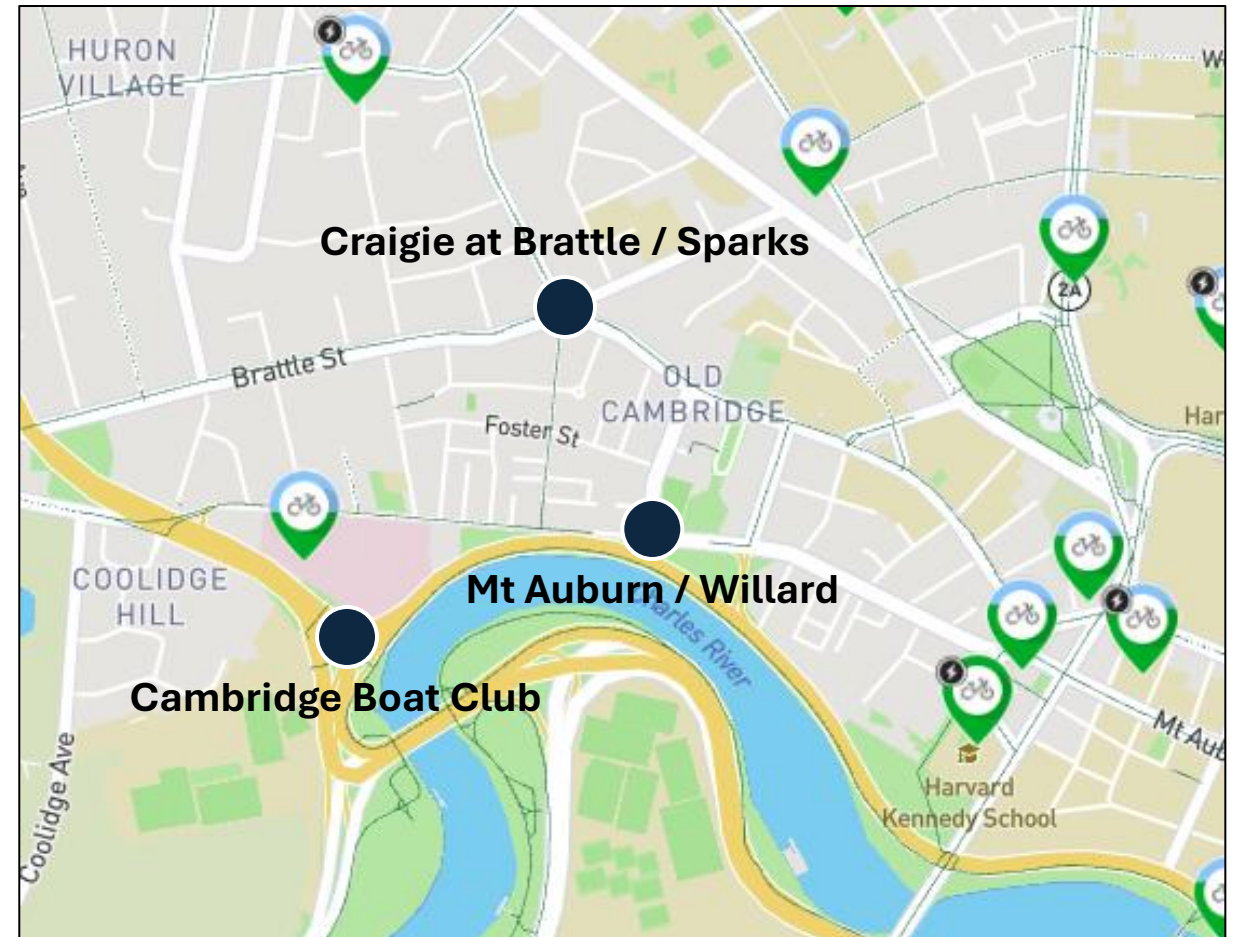
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 - CPD update
 - Outreach subcommittee update from Denise and Randy
 - Bike bus update from Amy and Mark

Scope for a future discussion with CPD

- General notes from last month's meeting:
 - Goal of random enforcement, red lights, bike lane blocking, etc.
 - Training officers about crashes involving bicyclists
- Request drafted during this meeting:
 - Request for recurring CPD presence in monthly Committee meetings, including recurring monitoring of select locations
 - Data request for how frequently officers are assigned for motor vehicle or bicycle enforcement
 - What more can be done about motor vehicles parked in bike lanes? For example, submitting photos, etc.
 - Response time and officers' role in responding to bike crashes, including assigning fault
 - Provide an overview of training materials and practices to guide enforcement

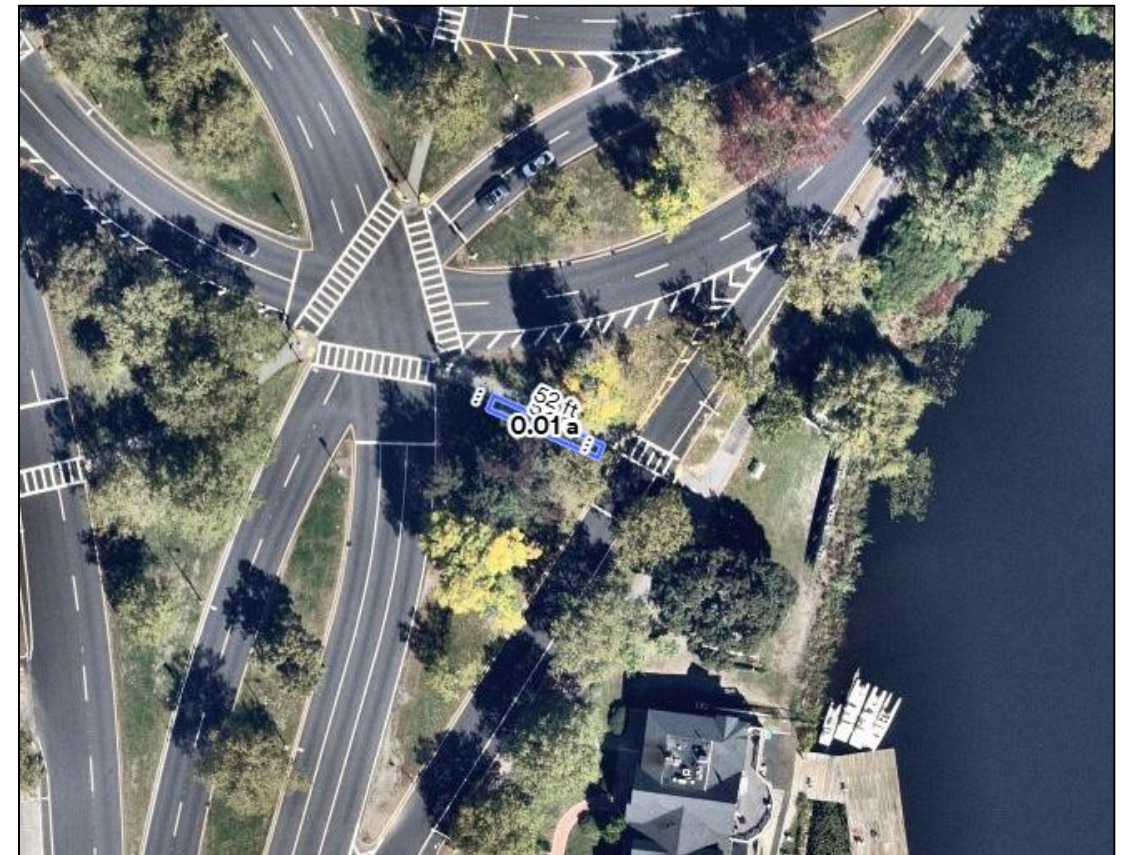
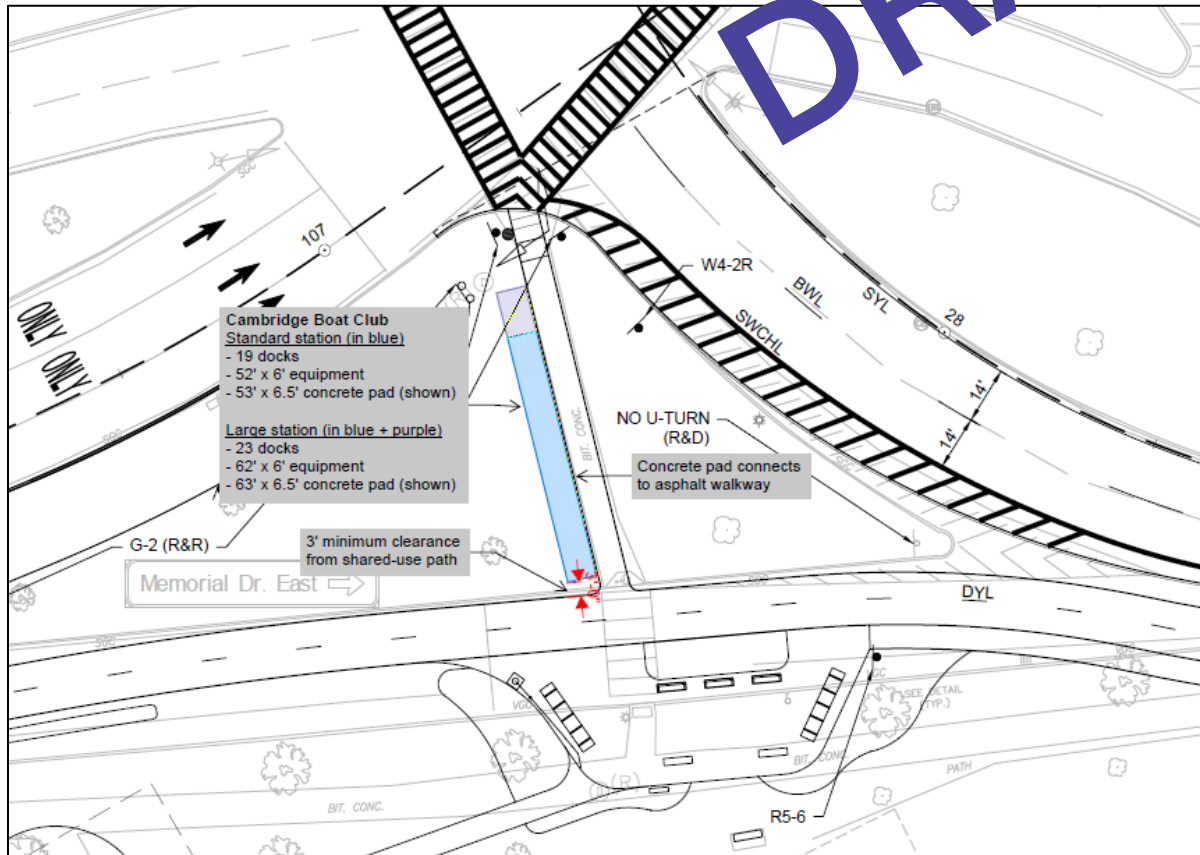
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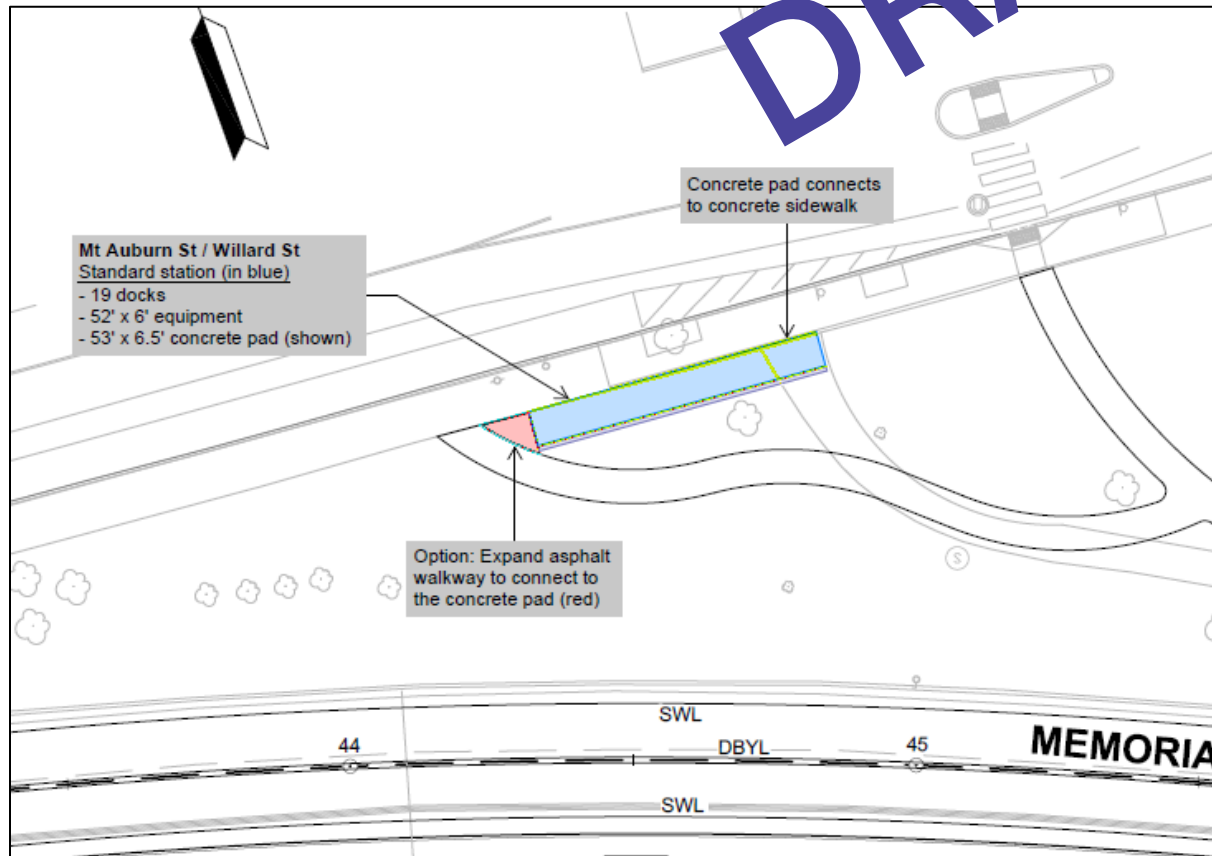
Potential Memorial Drive Phase III Bluebikes stations continued

Cambridge Boat Club



Potential Memorial Drive Phase III Bluebikes stations cont.

Mt Auburn St / Willard St



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