



Welcome to the Cambridge Bicycle Committee

**CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Department of
Transportation

February 11, 2026, 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** Training: Bike parking inventory
- 6:15** Presentation: Bike level of comfort thesis research
- 6:35** Discussion: Next steps for Committee terms
- 6:45** Discussion: Chair updates
- March 7, 2026, Winter Community Bike Ride planning and next steps
 - Review of draft joint letter from the Transportation Committees concerning MassDOT's Reid Overpass Project
 - Bike lane snow removal
- 7:25** 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
- Brett Gallagher
- 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, Coordinator*
- Jessica Horne, *Transportation*
- Jerry Friedman, *Public Works*
- Steven Magalhaes, *Police*

Additional Presenters

- Tenzin Choephel, *Transportation*
- Marcella Cannatti, *Transportation*

Bicycle Committee minutes

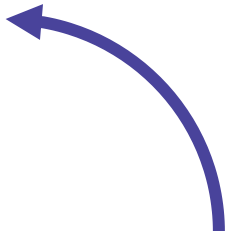
January 14, 2026

**Q&A: Meetings,
announcements, and project
updates**

5:35-5:55 PM

Upcoming Committee Meetings (by date)

- Joint Meeting of the Transportation Committees – February 18
 - Topic TBD
- Pedestrian Committee – February 26
- Transit Advisory Committee – March 5
- Bicycle Committee – **April 15**



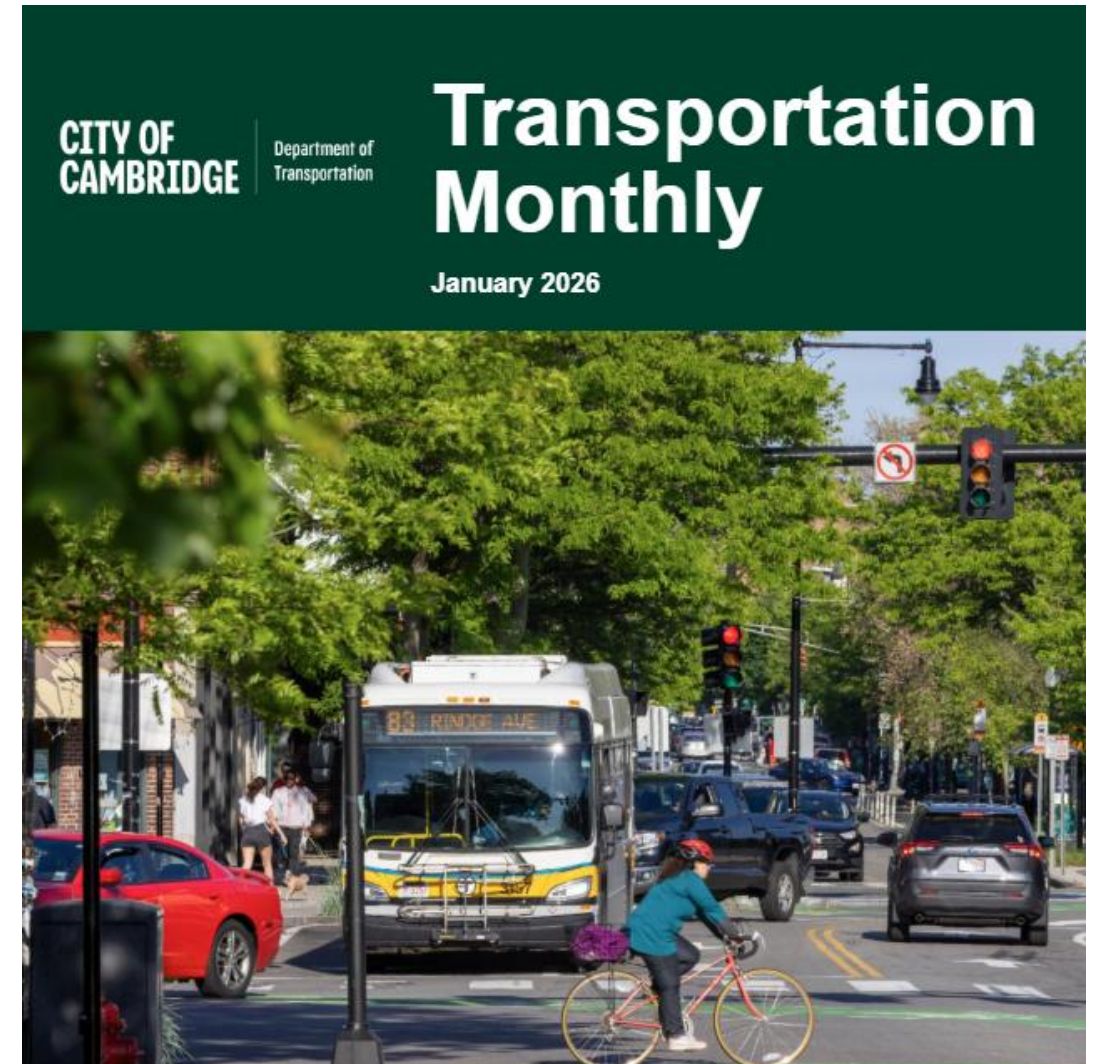
No Bicycle Committee or Pedestrian Committee meetings in March due to application and interview process for next two-year term

Upcoming Public Meetings (by date)

- [Broadway Safety Improvement Project](#) (CamDOT)
 - February 25, 5:30 PM – [Working Group Meeting](#) (Virtual / 344 Broadway, Second Floor)
- [Winter Bike Ride](#) (Bicycle Committee)
 - March 7, 9:30 AM (Sennott Park)

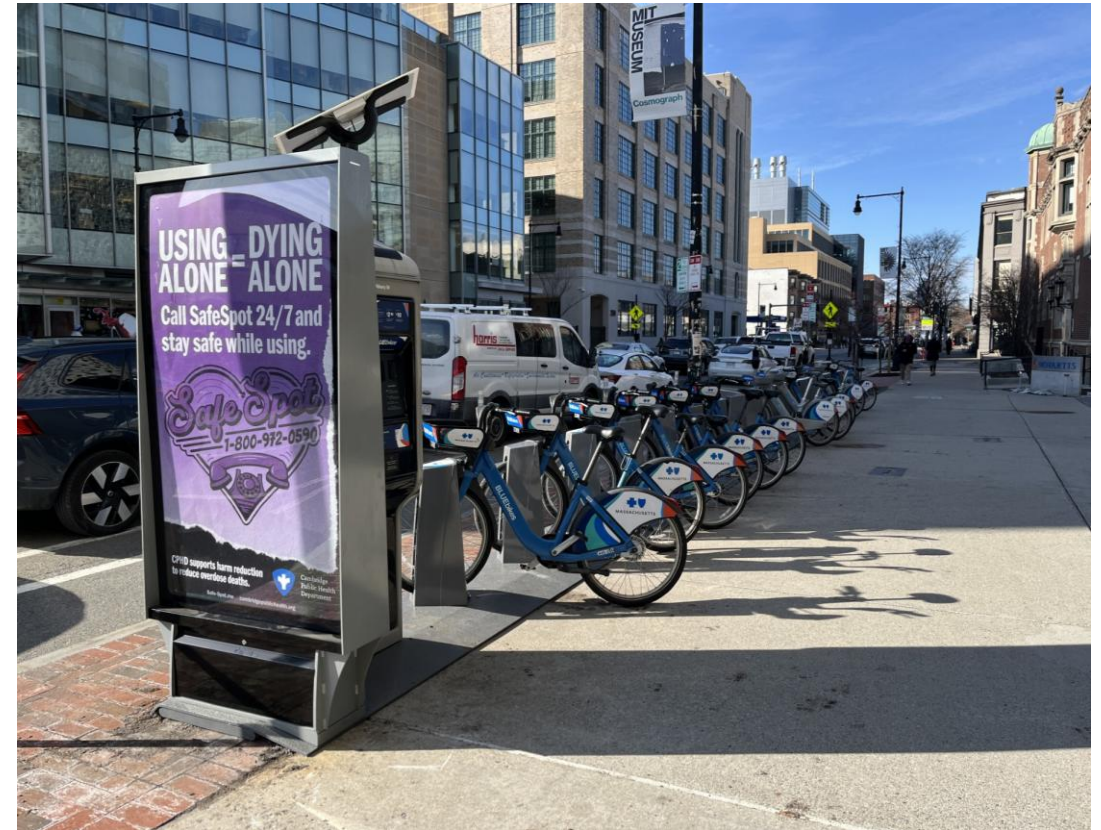
Announcements

- Transportation Monthly launched:
 - Monthly newsletter from the Cambridge Department of Transportation
 - Includes information on upcoming meetings, events, projects, and getting around Cambridge by walking, biking, taking transit, and more
 - Replaces Active Transportation Report and Transit Bulletin
 - [Click here to sign up](#)
- Bike to Work Day celebration in Boston on Thursday, May 7
 - [Click here for more information](#) and to register as a volunteer



Transportation Planning Division Projects

- Bike facilities map:
 - Updating map with routine edits, projects completed in 2025, and planned projects
 - [Current map](#) (updated June 2025)
- Bike level of comfort:
 - Updating methodology to align with latest guidance
 - Analyzing streets and creating new BLC map with updated methodology
 - Anticipating completion in May
- Bluebikes:
 - Replaced Mass Ave at Albany St (January 22)
 - 125 Cambridgepark Drive (February TBD)
 - Expanded station plus new station at 585 Third St (winter TBD)



New Mass Ave at Albany St equipment

Street Management Division Projects

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

- Scheduled for 2/25 Working Group Meeting
- Tentatively scheduling Section B for 3/18 Joint Meeting
- Section C [design feedback survey](#) open through 3/2

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

- Utility and pavement assessment completed to inform design
- Section A (Prospect St to Willow St) Open House (TBD April)
- Section C Working Group Meeting (TBD March / April)

3. **Main St (Tech Sq to Albany St)**

- Tentatively scheduling for April 22 Joint Meeting

4. **Quincy St / Western Kirkland St**

- Construction start planned for April 2026

5. **Outer Huron Ave**

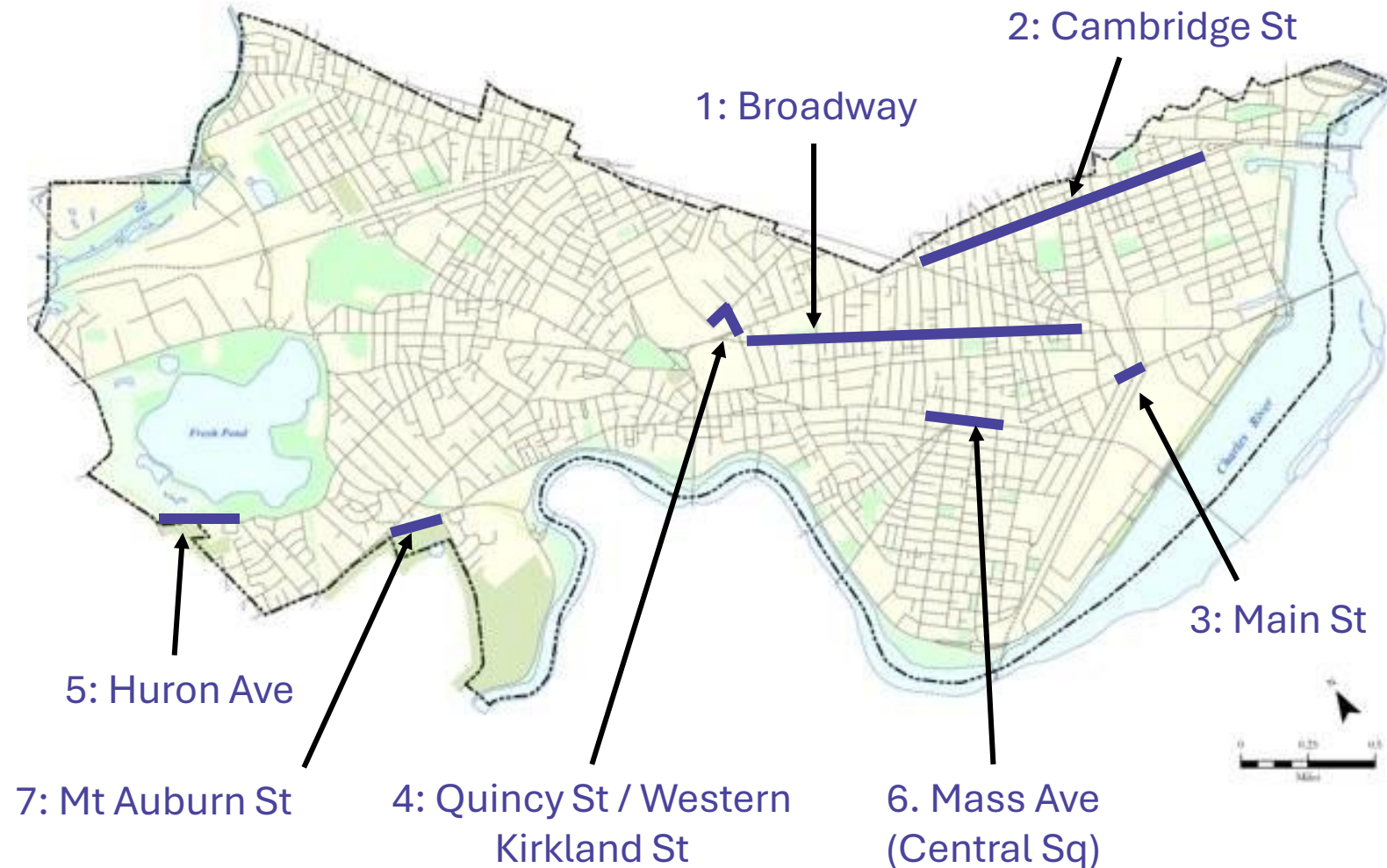
- Design feedback survey closed
- Next public engagement scheduled for spring 2026
- Comments can still be submitted by email to Leah Grodstein: lgrodstein@Cambridgema.gov

6. **Mass Ave (Central Square)**

- Update coming at future meeting

7. **Mt Auburn St**

- Update coming at future meeting



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

CSO Overview (as of February 11, 2026)

The Special4

7.49 miles required

3.41 miles installed

4.08 miles remaining

Project	Type	Mileage	Schedule
Cambridge St (A)	Partial construction	2.08	2026 start
Cambridge St (B+C)	Partial construction		TBD
Broadway (B)	Quick-build	2.00	2026
Broadway (C)	Partial construction		2026 start
Total		4.08	

Other Locations

11.60 miles required

10.42 miles installed

1.21 miles remaining

Project	Mileage	Schedule
Outer Huron Ave	0.51	2026
Main St	0.33	2026
Quincy St / Kirkland St	0.25	2026
Mt Auburn St	0.19	2026
Total	1.28	

No change since January 14, 2026, Bicycle
Committee meeting

Public Works Projects

1. Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza

- No major update

2. River St (Memorial Dr to Mass Ave)

- Began construction of sidewalk and separated bike lane underground infrastructure

3. Mass Ave Partial Construction

- Anticipate public process re-start early 2026



Public Works Projects (cont.)

4. Chapter 90 Contracts 24 & 25

- Contract 24 – Punch list items only
- Contract 25 – utility work on Sciarappa St

5. Chapter 90 Contract 26

- No major update

6. Port Infrastructure Improvements

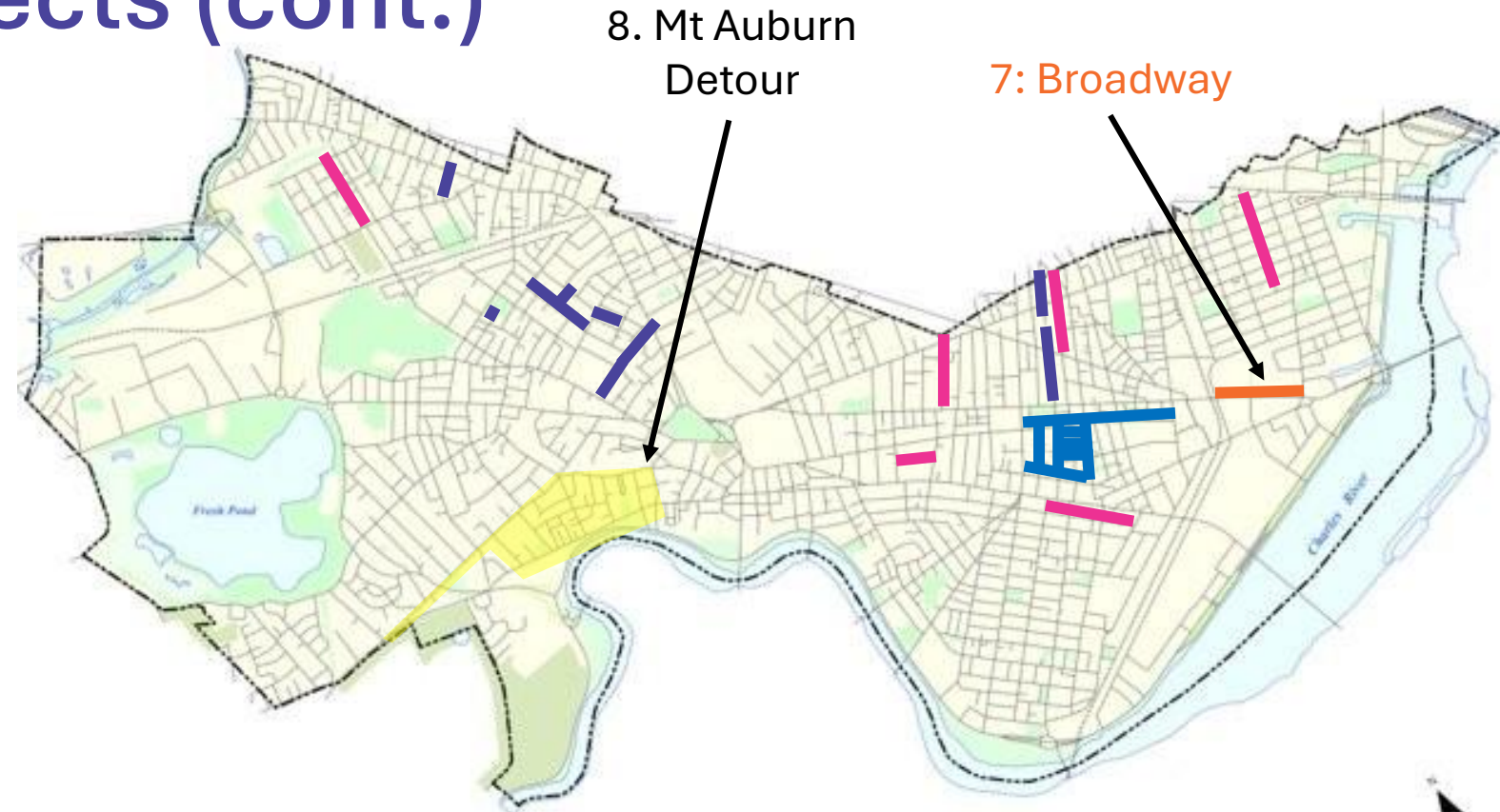
- Streets Phase 1 – Bids opened February 5

7. Broadway (Galileo Galilei to Third St)

- No major update

8. 221 Mt. Auburn St Detours

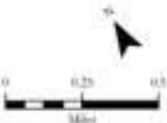
- Building demolition under way



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

5: Ch. 90
Contract 26
(purple streets)

6: Port
Infrastructure
– Phase 1
(blue streets)



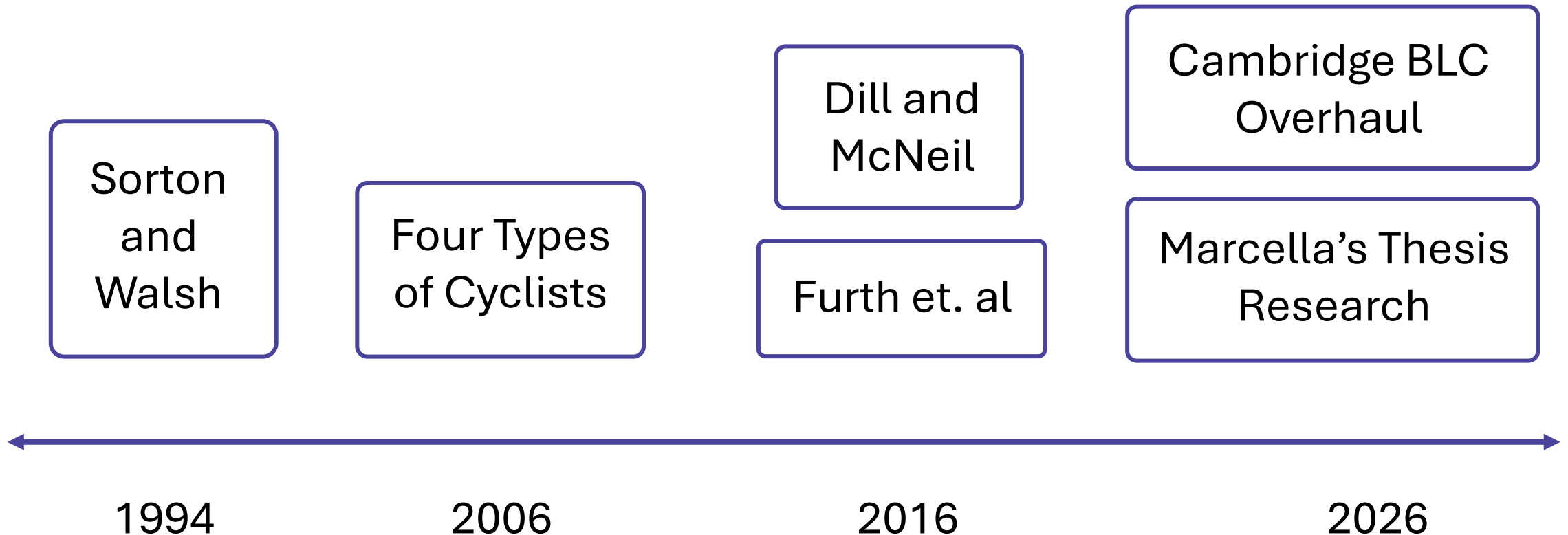
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Timeline of existing research



Cambridge BLC overhaul

Table 2: Bicycle Level of Comfort for Shared-use Paths and Streets with Physical Separation

Shared-use paths and streets with separated bike lanes (e.g. Linear Park, Western Avenue, Hampshire Street, Brattle Street)	Daily Motor Vehicles	Prevailing Motor Vehicle Speed		
		≤ 20 mph	21-25 mph	> 25 mph
	Any	BLC 1	BLC 1	BLC 1

Table 3: Bicycle Level of Comfort for Streets with Mixed-traffic* Conditions

Streets where people biking and driving share lanes and...	Daily Motor Vehicles	Prevailing Motor Vehicle Speed		
		≤ 20 mph	21-25 mph	> 25 mph
Where drivers cannot give 4-foot safe passing distance, like one-way, one-lane streets (e.g. Inman Street) or two-way streets with a centerline (e.g. Putnam Street)	≤ 500	BLC 1	BLC 2	BLC 4
	501-2,000	BLC 2	BLC 3	BLC 4
	> 2,000	BLC 4	BLC 4	BLC 4
Where drivers can give 4-foot safe passing distance, like two-way streets with no centerline (e.g. 6th Street)	≤ 2,000	BLC 1	BLC 2	BLC 4
	2,001-3,000	BLC 2	BLC 3	BLC 4
	> 3,000	BLC 4	BLC 4	BLC 4
With 2+ through-lanes per direction (e.g. Fresh Pond Pkwy)	Any	BLC 4	BLC 4	BLC 4

*Mixed-traffic conditions include shared travel lanes and advisory bike lanes

Research on buffered bike lanes

- McNeil et. al (2015)
 - Resident and intercept surveys
 - Photos of existing bike lanes
 - Depended on recognition of bike facilities
- Foster et. al (2015)
 - Video footage survey
 - Surveyed at farmers markets

What now?

- Recruiting online
- Somerville Winter Farmers Market:
 - February 21
- Bike Shops
- Other ideas?

**FILL OUT A QUICK
BIKE LANE SURVEY**

**FILL OUT FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN
A \$5 GIFT CARD!**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL
MARCELLA.CANNATTI@TUFTS.EDU**

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Discussion: Next steps for current Committee term

6:35-6:45 PM

What's happened since we last met?

- Applications are coming in
- Application period closes on Friday, February 13
- City staff are:
 - Confirming eligibility of existing members seeking reappointment
 - Raising awareness (social media, flyers, newsletters, outreach to CRLS)
 - Creating group interview schedule
- We will not hold a March Bicycle Committee meeting



Help Improve Walking and Biking in Cambridge

We're looking for **new members** for the **Bicycle Committee** and **Pedestrian Committee**. Members must live or work in Cambridge and have an active interest in walking or biking.

What to Expect:

- 1 to 2 hybrid monthly meetings (up to 2 hours per meeting)
- Optional activities such as participating in walking or biking tours, subcommittees projects, project reviews, and others.

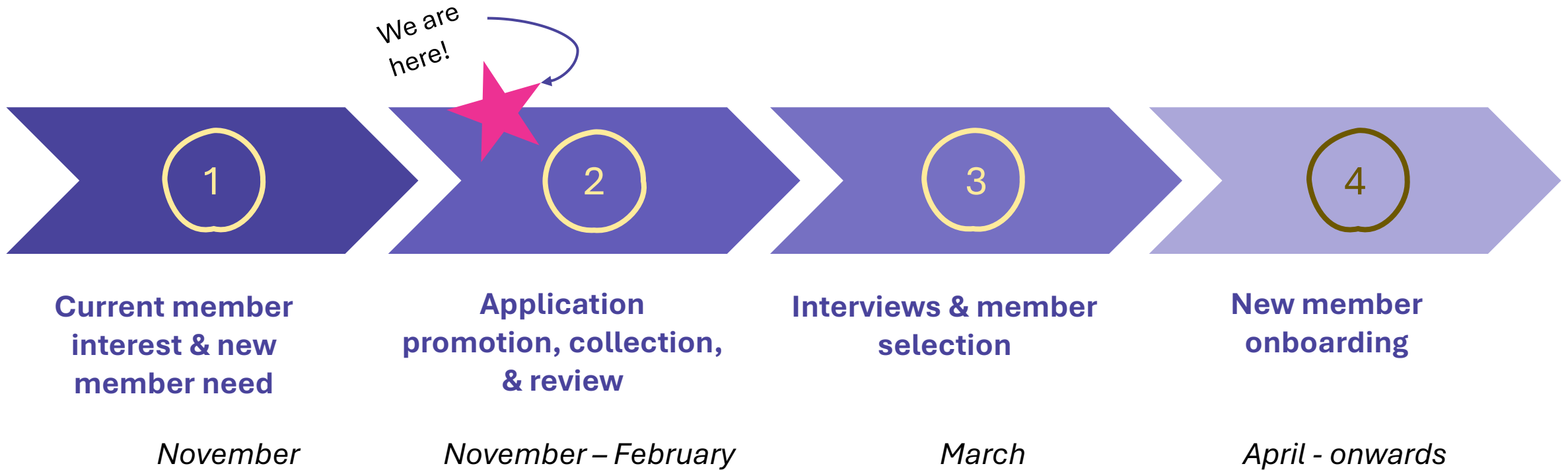


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What's next?



Discussion: Chair updates

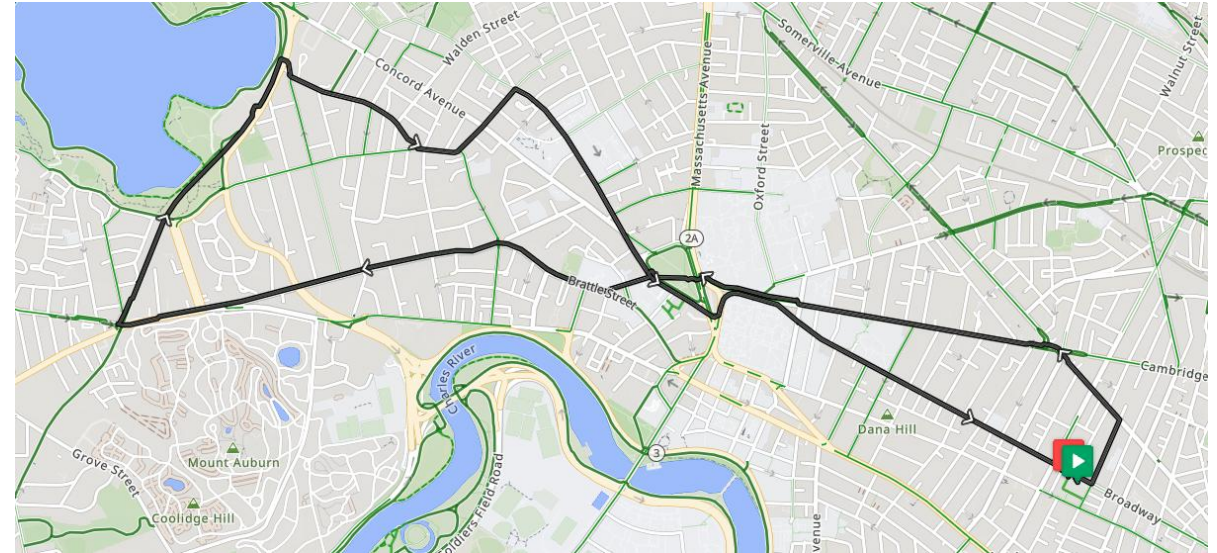
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March 7 Winter Bike Ride planning and next steps

- What has happened so far?
 - Key details confirmed: March 7 with 9:30 AM arrival and 10:00 AM start from Sennott Park
 - Route drafted, tested, and being confirmed by City staff
 - Confirmed that Richard will serve as day-of point person. No City staff will be present.
- What needs to happen today?
 - Volunteer for a role!
 - Volunteer to flyer your area!
- What happens before March 7?
 - City staff confirming route with CPD and DPW
 - City staff create flyers, update [website](#), etc.
 - Members / City staff post flyers
 - City staff coordinate with photographer



2026 Winter Bike Ride **DRAFT** Route

Draft comment letter for Reid Overpass Project

- [Click here](#) for preliminary text drafted by members of the Bicycle Committee, Pedestrian Committee, and Transit Advisory Committee

Bike lane snow removal

- [Click here](#) for snow operations overview from the January 30, 2025, Pedestrian Committee meeting

Public comment

7:25-7:30 PM