



**CITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE**

Department of  
Transportation

# Welcome to the Cambridge Bicycle Committee

May 13, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

# Today's Agenda

- 5:30 PM** Welcome and note taking
- 5:35** Q&A: Meetings, announcements, and project updates
- 5:55** New Member Orientation and Onboarding
- 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

### Returning members:

- Richard Freierman
- Gregory Carey-Medlock
- Randy Stern
- Martha Birnbaum
- Mark A. Boswell
- Guido Cuperus
- John P. Ellersick
- Muna El Taha
- Amy Flax
- Brett Gallagher
- Alison Harris
- Scott Kilcoyne
- Vanessa Nwankwo
- Carola Voelker

### New members (Welcome!):

- Aman Shankardass
- David Yarmolinsky

- Eli Miller
- Jane Tangen
- Kaili Chen
- Martin Gao
- Nathaniel Ryan
- Philip Allen

## Dept. Representatives

- Nick Schmidt, *Transportation, Facilitator*
- Quinn Murphy, *Transportation, Coordinator*
- Jessica Horne, *Transportation*
- Jerry Friedman, *Public Works*
- Steven Magalhaes, *Police*

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

5:35-5:55 PM

# Announcements

- Thank you for joining the Bicycle Committee!
- Your term started April 13, 2026, and ends April 12, 2026
- Please complete these tasks as soon as possible:
  - **Be sworn in at the City Clerk's office.** You must schedule this with the City Clerk!
  - **Review required materials and complete any training** relating to:
    - Conflict of Interest Law (*check your email for your training*)
    - Communications Agreement (*you will receive the paper copy tonight*)



You must complete these tasks to become an official member!

You must schedule your appointment with the City Clerk's office! Please email [BTaylor@cambridgema.gov](mailto:BTaylor@cambridgema.gov) to schedule your appointment!

# Announcements

- **Transportation Monthly**
  - Monthly newsletter from the Cambridge Department of Transportation ([Click here to sign up](#))
- **Spring Bike Ride**
  - Saturday, May 16, at Joan Lorentz Park. Ride departs at 10 AM.
  - Please sign up for a volunteer role!
- **Upcoming event with Commissioner McKenna**

Sponsored by Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee, Cambridge Bike Safety, Somerville Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee, Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets (SASS)

Monthly speaker series focused on sharing wisdom along the path to Complete Streets

## Getting There Safely: The Work Behind Cambridge Street Design

Wed, 6 PM May 20, 2026	Brooke McKenna Transportation Commissioner, Cambridge	Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street Somerville
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# Join the Annual Spring Bike Ride!

Celebrate Cambridge's growing bike network on the Spring Bike Ride, hosted by the Cambridge Bicycle Committee and the Department of Transportation!

**May 16** 🕒 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

📍 **Meet at Joan Lorentz Park**  
Between Cambridge Rindge and Latin School & Cambridge Public Library

Join us on this relaxed, family-friendly ride on mostly level terrain. Our ride will use streets, bike lanes, and paths, celebrating Cambridge's growing bike network. We recommend that children younger than 10 ride tandem with an adult (trailers, bike seats, tag-alongs, etc.).

The ride will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

This is a rain-or-shine event. However, the ride will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

**9:30 a.m.**  
We will provide simple bike checks with on-site mechanics and a light lunch post-ride.

**10:00 a.m.**  
Ride starts from Joan Lorentz Park

**11:30 a.m.**  
Ride ends at Joan Lorentz Park



Visit Event Website

**No bike? No problem!** Request a free Bluebikes pass by Thursday, May 14  
Email [bluebikes@cambridgema.gov](mailto:bluebikes@cambridgema.gov)

# Upcoming Committee Meetings (by date)

- Joint Meeting of the Transportation Committees – May 20
  - Main Street Safety Improvement Project
- Pedestrian Committee – May 28
- Transit Advisory Committee – June 4
- Bicycle Committee – June 10

# Upcoming Public Meetings (by date)

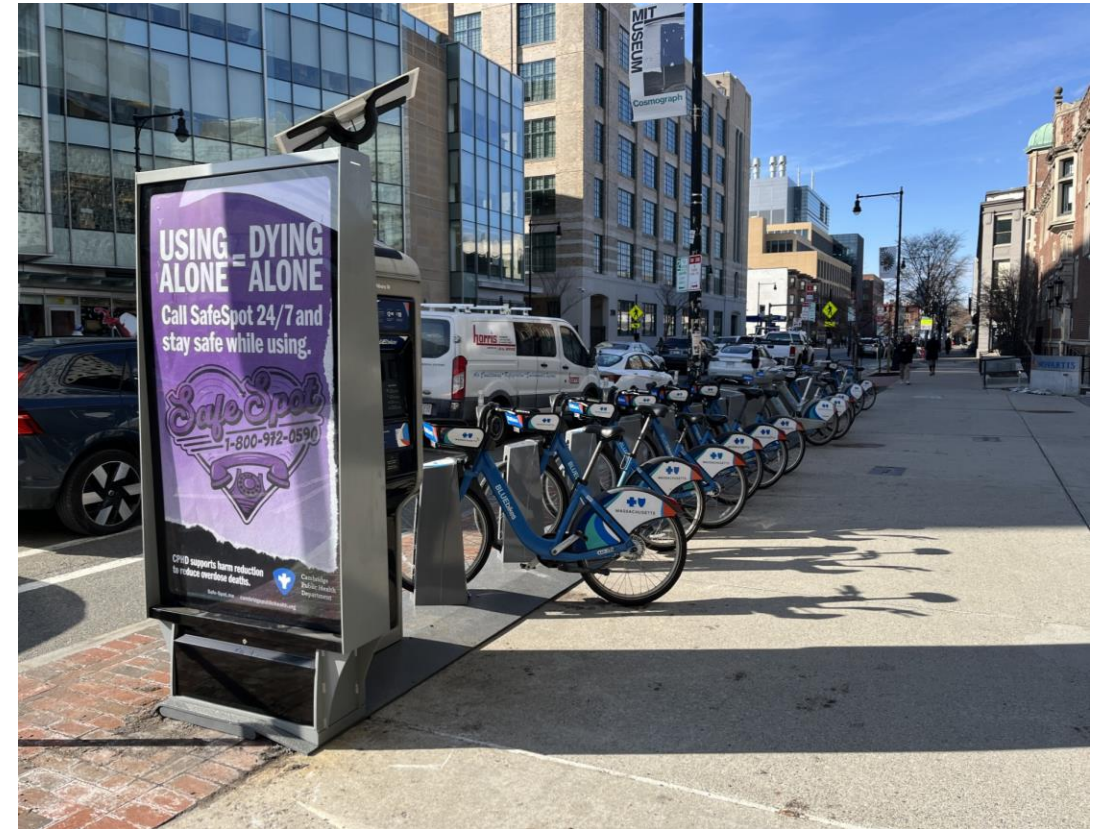
- [Spring Bike Ride](#) (Bicycle Committee)
  - May 16, 9:30 AM (Joan Lorentz Park)
- [Transportation Fair 2026](#) (City of Everett)
  - May 16 (Northern Strand Community Trail, 7-Acre Park)
- [Beech St at Elm St Pedestrian Safety Project](#) (CamDOT)
  - May 21, 5:00 - 6:30 PM – [Pop-up Community Meeting](#) (Beech St at Elm St)
- [Bluebikes Introduction Spring Workshop](#) (CamDOT)
  - June 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM (15 Springfield Street at Bluebikes station in Municipal Lot #14)

# Transportation Planning Division Projects

- [Bike facilities map](#)
  - Updated annually
- **Bike level of comfort**
  - Updating methodology to align with latest guidance
- [Bike parking](#)
  - Updating inventory with City staff and Bicycle Committee members
  - Updating Bicycle Parking Guidelines (last updated in 2013)
- [Bike count program](#)
  - Next biennial counts September 2026
  - Investigating replacement Eco Totem for Broadway
- **Biking in Cambridge Data Report**
  - Most recently released [December 2025](#)
  - Next report in 2027

# Transportation Planning Division Projects

- [Healthy Aging: Cycling Series for 55+](#)
  - Events May-June ([click here to register](#))
- [Bicycle Workshops](#)
- [Safe Routes to School](#)
- [Bluebikes](#)
  - New operator contract (April 2026)
  - New stations coming soon:
    - 125 Cambridgepark Drive (Alewife)
    - Broad Canal Way North (Kendall)
    - Center Plaza (Kendall)
  - Replacing 30+ existing stations through 2027
  - Electrifying stations over next 5 years
  - Increasing e-bike fleet this year



New Mass Ave at Albany St

# Street Management Division Projects

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

- Section B Open House was 4/16
- Sidewalk repairs underway in Section B
- Section B [design survey](#) open through May 22

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

- [Slides](#) from 4/29 virtual information session

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

- Joint Meeting presentation being scheduled
- Median removal underway
- First Open House early June
- Installation after Eversource work is complete

## 4. Quincy St / Western Kirkland St

- Sign and meter work to start soon
- Installation to follow in late spring

## 5. Outer Huron Ave

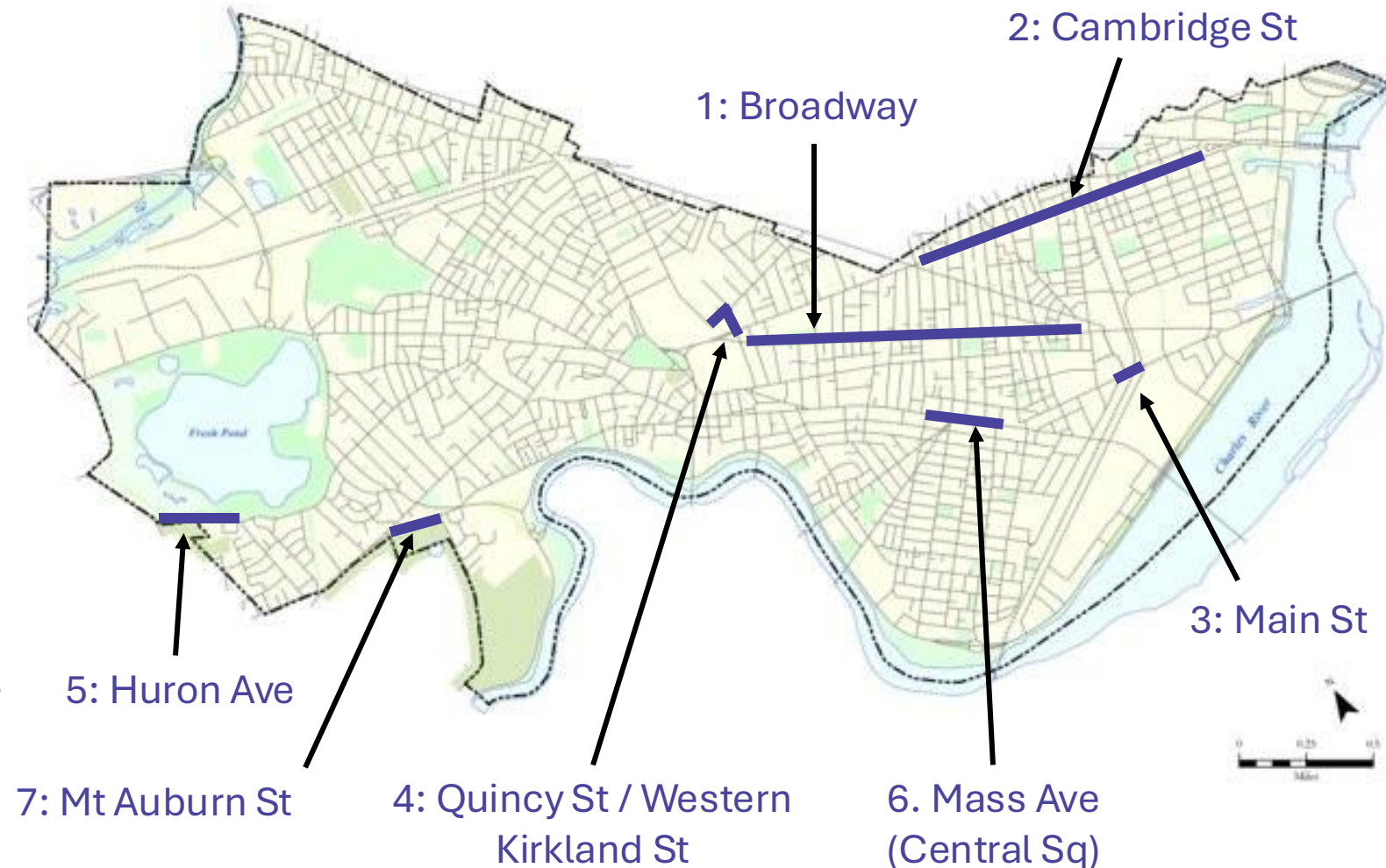
- Next public engagement virtual, likely early summer 2026
- Installation to begin summer 2026, depending on paving schedule

## 6. Mass Ave (Central Square)

- Design underway
- Public engagement to kickoff fall 2026

## 7. Mt Auburn St

- Update coming at future meeting



Map of all upcoming Cycling Safety Ordinance projects at [www.cambridgema.gov/cyclingsafetyordinance](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cyclingsafetyordinance)

# Cycling Safety Ordinance Overview (as of 5/2026)

## The Special4

7.49 miles required

3.41 miles installed

**4.08 miles remaining**

## Other Locations

11.60 miles required

10.42 miles installed

**1.21 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.08</b>	

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.28</b>	

No change since February 11, 2026, Bicycle Committee meeting

# Public Works Projects

## 1. Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza

- Kiosk completed
- Continued construction on the plaza

## 2. River St (Memorial Dr to Mass Ave)

- Continue with construction of sidewalk and separated bike lane
- Top paving between Mass Ave and Kinnaird St in summer 2026
- Full roadway reconstruction from Kinnaird St to Blackstone St this season

## 3. Mass Ave Partial Construction

- Continued utility work between Waterhouse St and Linnaean St
- Resurfacing project between Waterhouse St and Roseland St projected to bid late summer/early fall 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

- Bids opened April 23

## 6. Port Infrastructure Improvements

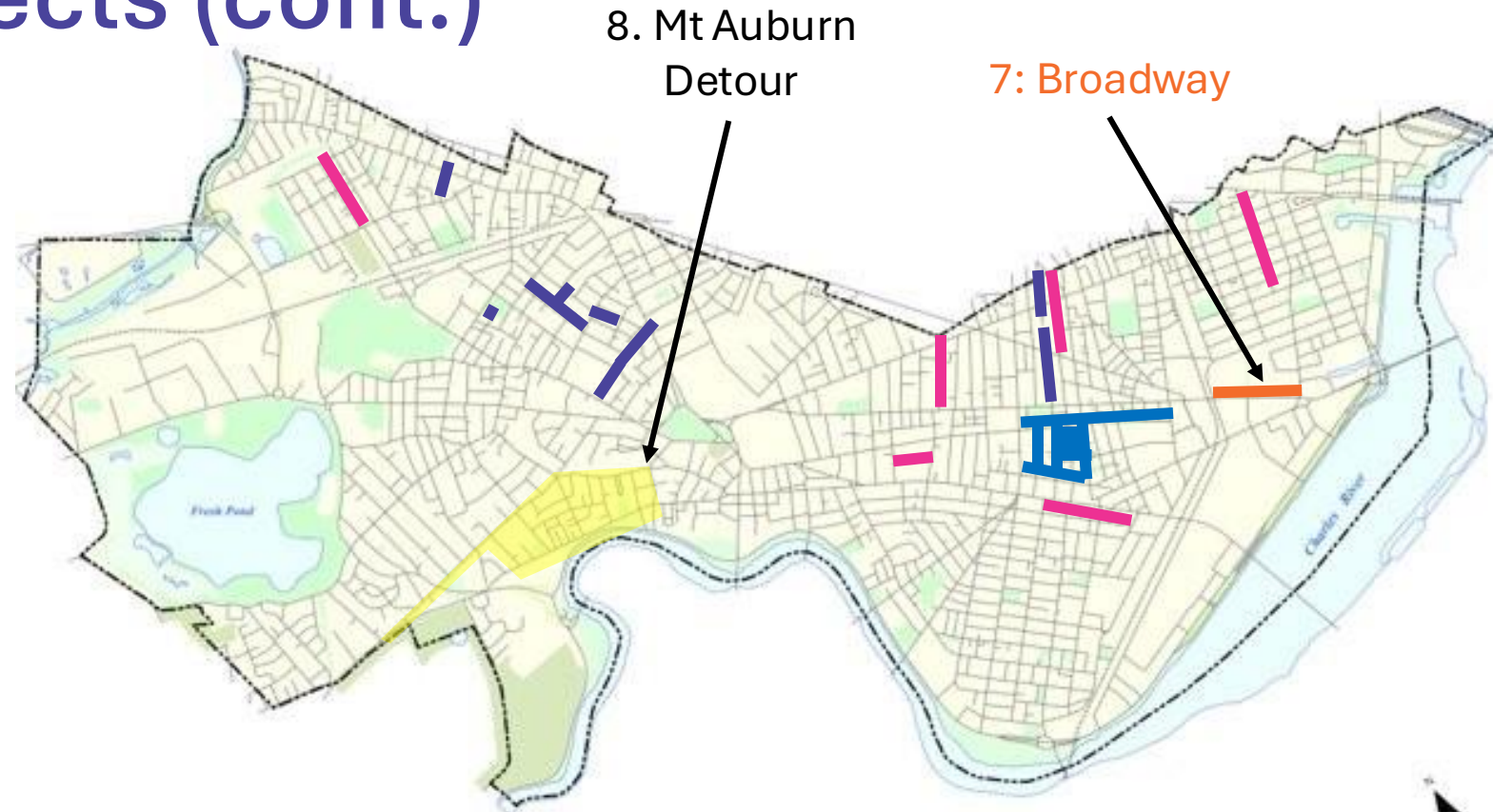
- Streets Phase 1 – Bids opened February 5
- Test pits to start in May

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

- No major update

## 8. 221 Mt. Auburn St Detours

- Demolition complete
- Mt Auburn and Sparks St reopened April 17



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

5: Ch. 90  
Contract 26  
(purple streets)

6: Port  
Infrastructure  
– Phase 1  
(blue streets)

# **New member orientation and onboarding**

**5:55-7:25 PM**

# Introductions

# Introduce yourself

- Your name
- Your pronouns
- Favorite place to bike/place you frequently bike

**Committee background**

# Purpose of the Bicycle Committee

- Established in 1991
- Open to people who live or work in Cambridge
- Includes representatives from City departments
- Works to improve conditions for bicyclists in the city and promote biking as a means of transportation.
- Activities of the Committee include:
  - Reviewing City plans for road construction
  - Commenting on pending bicycle-related ordinances
  - Organizing and participating in public events
  - Creating materials to encourage bicycling in the city
  - Working with other bicycling organizations at the local, state, and national level

**Requirements and rules**

# Requirements and rules

- Open Meeting Law
  - Quorum
  - Subcommittees
  - Email discussion
- Conflict of Interest Law
  - **Complete an online training.** Look to your inbox.
- Communication Agreement
  - For any group managed by City staff
  - **Take home and review.** Please sign and return by June 10 Bicycle Committee meeting.
- Participating in Other City Events
- Codes of Conduct
  - We will draft and finalize this today with an activity

# Open Meeting Law

- Committee member questions and discussion can only happen during meetings that are scheduled and have appropriate notification to the public
  - Meeting agendas must be posted at least 48 hours in advance
- The Committee can authorize a committee to do further work; subcommittee meetings must also be advertised and scheduled.
- Six or fewer members on a subcommittee ensures there's no quorum
- Outside of official meetings, Committee members must limit their communications to one-on-one dialogue.

# Conflict of Interest

- Massachusetts requires that all municipal employees, including volunteer committee members, take a training on conflict of interests
  - **Let Nick know if you did not receive a training notice email**
- A conflict of interest is when a personal, private interest may be in conflict with public duty or service

# Communication Agreement

## **Signed agreement for all members of the Bicycle Committee**

We as members of this community hold the Bicycle Committee as important to progress and change in the city. The beauty of our group lies in the diversity of opinion, beliefs, and backgrounds that contribute to the democratic process.

Therefore, just as important as being in the group as concerned citizens is the respect and humanity that we show our fellow members. We agree that the Bicycle Committee will be dedicated to respect and civility and will not allow hatred and division to separate us from making our city a better place for all.

# Communication Agreement

- As a Committee, we agree to follow these communication norms:
  - Show respect to all that participate
  - Embrace diverse points of view
  - Everyone gets a chance to share their views
  - Avoid debates and interruptions
  - Listen to understand, not to respond
  - Strong forms of reaction are limited/not allowed
  - Do not engage in personal attacks
  - Take a break when necessary
  - All stereotyping and hateful comments are not tolerated

# Participating in other City events

By participating as a Bicycle Committee, your participation does not end at the conclusion of each meeting:

- When speaking at public meetings, clarify that you are not representing the Bicycle Committee, unless you are authorized to do so.
- Follow the Communications Agreement even when participating in other City events. The Communications Agreement applies to you and your membership, not just when you're in a Committee meeting.

# **Code of conduct activity**

About 30 minutes

# Code of conduct activity

- **What is this?** Code of Conduct defines the rules that the group wants to use to express the intention of the communication agreements.
- **Everyone will think and chat** about what group agreements:
  - Do you need to feel like this space is civil?
  - Do you need to make it so that you want to come back to each meeting?
  - Would make the meeting interesting, conducive to group participation, and an important experience for you?

## Group Drafting Process

Individual  
brainstorm  
*(2-3 minutes)*

Small group  
share out  
*(7 minutes)*

Collect &  
combine ideas  
*(10 minutes)*

Refining rules  
*(10 minutes)*

# Codes of conduct round robin

- Snacks are important and eating in general at the meetings is ok
- Making sure everyone is engaged in the meetings
  - For bigger topics, facilitator should make sure everyone has had the chance to speak
  - Virtual attendance is a great option, but videos should be on when possible
- Short breaks during meeting to allow people to refocus
- Do a better job when online to use the “raise hands” function
- Follow up on open items/action items in order to maintain momentum
- Jargon use—use language that is understandable or explain the jargon you use, have replacements for technical terms
- Ways to silently agree/disagree in a respectful manner, avoids interruption but allows participation

# Codes of conduct round robin

- Mutual respect: not speaking over people, not speaking for other people
- Air time: everyone should get an opportunity to speak. How do we navigate this (raised hands, popcorn), how do we encourage participation?
  - Deciding beforehand what kind of conversation is needed given context
- Opportunity to bring up general questions, place to bring up topics outside of agenda (hearing things from community, other topics that come up independently)
- Seeking to include viewpoints of people that use all modes of transportation, not slicing up modes into different groups, no “us vs. them”

# Codes of conduct round robin

- Not interrupting others
- Project updates from staff: members should ask questions about projects before the meeting to give staff a heads up, help with agenda setting, prioritize topics
- Sharing resources between new vs. returning members, expanding background knowledge
- Being aware of people's time constraints—if people aren't able to volunteer for projects that is ok
- Moderator should enforce the code of conduct in the moment
- Showing respect during serious times—collisions, important events in the bike community

# Codes of conduct round robin

- Focus on people's ideas, not necessarily their intent

# Code of conduct – refining the rules

- We will go over our draft Code of Conduct again
- Indicate your stance on a rule by:
  - Moving to the designated corner of the room
  - Typing your answer into the Zoom chat
  - Changing stance is welcome!
- There will be time to discuss thoughts on each rule and edit them as we go
- Result is final version of the Bicycle Committee Code of Conduct

Strongly  
Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

# Code of conduct – second draft

- Snacks are important and eating in general at the meetings is ok
- Facilitator should make sure everyone has had the chance to speak
- Virtual attendance is a great option, and videos on are encouraged when possible
- Check ins at meeting midpoint about if a short break (a few minutes) is needed during meeting to allow people to refocus
  - Culture of movement during meetings
  - People can always ask for a break
  - Time the break
  - Led by facilitator: Norm is to not take a break unless someone needs it during meeting midpoint
- Utilize hand raising when online and in person (when the context requires it)
  - Flexibility for dynamic conversations

# Code of conduct – second draft

- Jargon use—use language that is understandable or explain the jargon you use, have replacements for technical terms
- Ways to silently agree/disagree in a respectful manner, avoids interruption but allows participation
  - Moderators can prompt for reactions from committee members
- Mutual respect: not speaking over people, not speaking for other people
- Air time: everyone should get an opportunity to speak. How do we navigate this (raised hands, popcorn), how do we encourage participation?
  - Deciding beforehand what kind of conversation is needed given context
  - Moderator/facilitator should keep tabs on this -> ensures everyone has a chance to speak
  - Not interrupting others (moderator can respectfully cut people off)

# Code of conduct – second draft

- Opportunity to bring up general questions, place to bring up topics outside of agenda (hearing things from community, other topics that come up independently)
  - Chair can ask for agenda items ahead of the meeting (in addition to open time at the meeting)
- ~~• Acknowledge viewpoints of people that use all modes of transportation, not slicing up modes into different groups, no “us vs. them”~~
  - ~~• Limiting “us vs. them” language given the variety of modes of transportatio~~
- ~~• Project updates from staff: members should ask questions about projects before the meeting to give staff a heads up, help with agenda setting, prioritize topics~~

# Code of conduct – second draft

- Sharing resources between new vs. returning members, expanding background knowledge
  - Putting this knowledge in one place that can be accessed (Drive? Using meeting minutes as a way to share information?)
  - With new topics: checking in that everyone has the background information they need
- Being aware of people's time constraints—~~if people aren't able to volunteer for projects that is ok~~
  - Utilizing meeting times for work?
- Moderator should enforce the code of conduct in the moment
- Showing respect during serious times—collisions, important events in the bike community
- Focus on people's ideas, not necessarily your assumptions of their intent
  - Disagree with ideas not people

**Bicycle Committee officers**

# Officers

- Officers help with administrative committee tasks and keep projects/work moving. **Officers are required in the bylaws.**
- **Chair:**
  - Runs the meeting
  - Discusses agenda with City staff and keeps track of agendas and subcommittees
  - Signs any letter from the Committee
- **Vice Chair:**
  - Discusses agenda with City staff and keeps track of agendas and subcommittees
- **Secretary:**
  - Takes meeting notes

Let's take a moment for folks to self-nominate or "friend-nominate"

Officer elections will take place at the June 10 meeting

**City policies, plans, and  
ordinances**

# City policies, plans, and ordinances

- **Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance:**
  - Cambridge commits to increasing the use of commuting alternatives and reducing trips in single-occupancy vehicles
- **Climate Protection:**
  - Promote energy efficiency, Cambridge Energy Alliance, goal of 80% emissions reduction by 2050
- **Vision Zero:**
  - City Policy (also a national and international initiative) focused on strategies to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries
- **Complete Streets:**
  - Streets that provide safe and accessible options for all modes – walking, biking, transit, personal vehicles, etc.
  - City Policy that guides projects in Cambridge

# City policies, plans, and ordinances (cont.)

- **Envision Cambridge:**
  - Current citywide plan
  - Published after three-year planning and public engagement process
  - Provides a blueprint for the city's growth and change through 2030
- **2000 Pedestrian Plan:**
  - Provides policies and guidelines for improved walking facilities
  - Provides design standards for physical improvements
  - Outlines steps to encourage walking
  - Provides an action plan to create an economical and efficient non-automobile transportation network
- **Urban Design Guidelines (2025)**
- **Accessibility Requirements (Federal, State)**

# City policies, plans, and ordinances (cont.)

- **Cycling Safety Ordinance:**

- Provides that improvements made to City-owned streets should comply with the Bicycle Plan; the amendment creates a timeline for the implementation of quick-build facilities on certain streets

- **2020 Bicycle Plan:**

- Vision: Cambridge will be a place where bicycling is equally available to everyone, all destinations can be reached by bike, and streets are designed to accommodate bicycling for people of all ages, abilities and identities.
- Lays out a framework for developing a network of bicycle-friendly streets and the policies and programs that can help the city meet this goal

# **Committee actions and work plan**

# How does the Committee get work done?

- Interactions with City staff and projects
- Interactions with State agencies
- Advancing recommendations and proposals
- Bicycle Committee Work Plan

# Interacting with the City

- Request presentations or discussion on City projects:
  - Street reconstruction
  - Quick-build
  - Plan updates
  - New or modified programs
- Review materials presented to City bodies (i.e., Planning Board)
- Write a letter to the Planning Board with comments and suggestions

# Interacting with State agencies

- Request presentations or discussion on State agency projects (MassDOT, MBTA, DCR)
- Review materials presented during public meetings
- Send a comment letter to State agencies (i.e., project managers or relevant oversight bodies)

# Advancing recommendations and proposals

- Form a subcommittee on the topic (e.g., Community Bike Rides, etc.)
- Bicycle Committee recommendations/proposals are heard and responded to. Responses are communicated in various ways:
  - City staff report back at Committee meetings through presentations/discussion
  - City staff report back through Nick Schmidt as City staff representative
  - State agencies report back

# Work plan

- Work plan should be updated every year
- Current work plan is mostly undocumented, focusing on helping plan and run community bike rides

**Next steps**

# Next steps

- What to look forward to in future meetings:
  - Elect officers (**June 10**)
  - Update the Bicycle Committee work plan
  - Bow Tie Bike Ride planning (fall)
- In the meantime, please make sure you have completed the following actions:
  - Swearing in ceremony (**email [BTaylor@cambridgema.gov](mailto:BTaylor@cambridgema.gov) to schedule your appointment**)
  - Conflict of interest training (**check your inbox for online training**)
  - Communications agreement (**review and sign sheet**)
  - **Send updated contact info** to Quinn if you have not already done so ([qmurphy@cambridgema.gov](mailto:qmurphy@cambridgema.gov))
  - **Nominate yourself or a friend for an officer role** by no later than **June 2**

**Public comment**

7:25-7:30 PM