



Welcome to the Cambridge Bicycle Committee

**CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Department of
Transportation

July 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Today's Agenda

5:30 PM	Welcome and note taking
5:35	Discussion: Louisa Gag
5:50	Q&A: Meetings, announcements, and project updates
6:05	Officer elections
6:35	Discussion: Bow Tie Bike Ride Planning
6:55	Discussion: August meeting
7:10	Discussion: Open discussion and call for future agenda items
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

Members

- Philip Allen
- Martha Birnbaum
- Mark A. Boswell
- Gregory Carey-Medlock
- Kaili Chen
- Guido Cuperus
- John P. Ellersick
- Muna El Taha
- Amy Flax
- Richard Freierman
- Brett Gallagher
- Martin Gao
- Alison Harris
- Scott Kilcoyne
- Eli Miller
- Vanessa Nwankwo
- Nathaniel Ryan
- Aman Shankardass
- Randy Stern

- Jane Tangen
- Carola Voelker
- David Yarmolinsky

City Departmental Representatives

- Nick Schmidt, *Transportation, Facilitator*
- Marcella Cannatti, *Transportation*
- Mus Lamia, *Transportation*
- Stephen Meuse substituting for Jessica Horne, *Transportation*
- Jerry Friedman, *Public Works*
- Steven Magalhaes, *Police*

Code of Conduct

Adopted
June 2026

- Members are encouraged to speak and dynamic conversation is encouraged:
 - Members will make space for others and share the air.
 - Members disagree with ideas, not people.
 - Facilitator should ensure all members who wish to can speak and request raised hands, if necessary.
 - Facilitator will enforce the code of conduct and communication agreement.
- Plain language is encouraged, jargon is defined, and context is provided for new topics.
- Members acknowledge that there are multiple ways to express agreement or disagreement in verbal and non-verbal methods.
- Virtual attendees are encouraged to be on video, especially when speaking.
- All members are encouraged to propose items for future meeting agendas.
- Members may take breaks, as needed, and eat during meetings.

**This meeting needs a
volunteer notetaker**

Bicycle Committee minutes

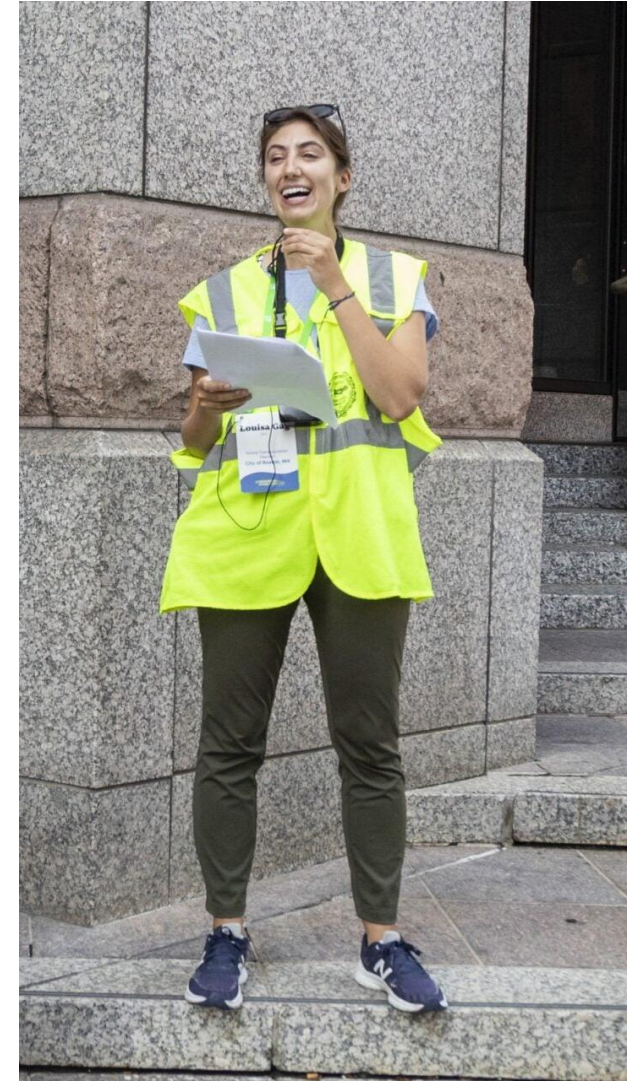
June 10, 2026

Discussion: Louisa Gag

5:35-5:50 PM

Louisa Gag (1990-2026)

- Louisa was killed while biking on Tremont Street in Mission Hill on July 9. She was struck by a truck driver. The crash is under investigation.
- Louisa was an advocate for safe streets. She worked at the Boston Transportation Department in the Boston Bikes team since 2022. Her work focused on Bluebikes, bike parking, street projects, etc.
- Louisa was more than a wonderful transportation planner. Please take a moment to learn about her:
 - [Obituary](#)
 - [LivableStreets Alliance statement](#)
 - [NACTO statement](#)



Louisa Gag (via NACTO)

Q&A: Meetings, announcements, and project updates

5:50-6:05 PM

Announcements

- 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 received the paper copy last month*)

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 to schedule your appointment!

Your conflict-of-interest training email will arrive after being sworn in!

Announcements

- Boston MPO *Regional Bike, Walk, and Roll Plan Community Survey* open through July 30 ([click here to take survey](#))
- Volunteer-led Community Commuter Group Bike Rides will help people bike during the Red Line closure:
 - **When:** Weekday mornings (July 20-24 & 27-31) and depart between 8-8:30 a.m., depending on the day
 - **Where:** Alewife Bluebikes Station at Steel Place
 - More detailed information will be announced soon through typical City channels

Member requirement tracker

Committee Member	Sworn in by City Clerk?	Completed conflict-of-interest training?	Signed Communication Agreement?
Philip Allen			
Martha Birnbaum			
Mark A. Boswell			
Gregory Carey-Medlock			
Kaili Chen			
Guido Cuperus			
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Upcoming Committee Meetings (by date)

- Joint Meeting of the Transportation Committees – July 22
 - Healthpeak Planned Unit Development (PUD)
- Pedestrian Committee – July 30
- Transit Advisory Committee – August 6
- Bicycle Committee – August 12

Upcoming Public Meetings (by date)

- No public meetings scheduled

Transportation Planning Division Projects

- Summer Bluebikes Introduction Workshops
 - [July 16, 11:00 AM](#) (Bluebikes station at Green Rose Heritage Park, 155 Harvard Street)
 - [July 22, 11:00 AM](#) (Bluebikes station at Alewife Station at Russell Field)
 - [July 28, 5:00 PM](#) (Bluebikes station at MIT Carleton St at Amherst Street)
 - [August 4, 5:00 PM](#) (Main Library, 449 Broadway)
 - [August 11, 5:00 PM](#) (Main Library, 449 Broadway)
- [Bluebikes](#)
 - July 15: Center Plaza (new station)
 - July 20: Galileo Galilei Way at Main Street (replacement)

Street Management Division Projects

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

- Installation underway between Lee St and Columbia St
- Installation between Lee St and Quincy St in August
- New sidewalks and ramps ongoing

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

- Design complete for Sections A and C. Plans shared at project open house on June 23 – materials online
- Construction begins fall 2026

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

- Project open house was June 9 – materials online
- Design feedback accepted via email or by comment form on project website
- Median removed. Installation estimate August 2026

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

- Installation postponed until after July Eversource paving

5. **Outer Huron Ave**

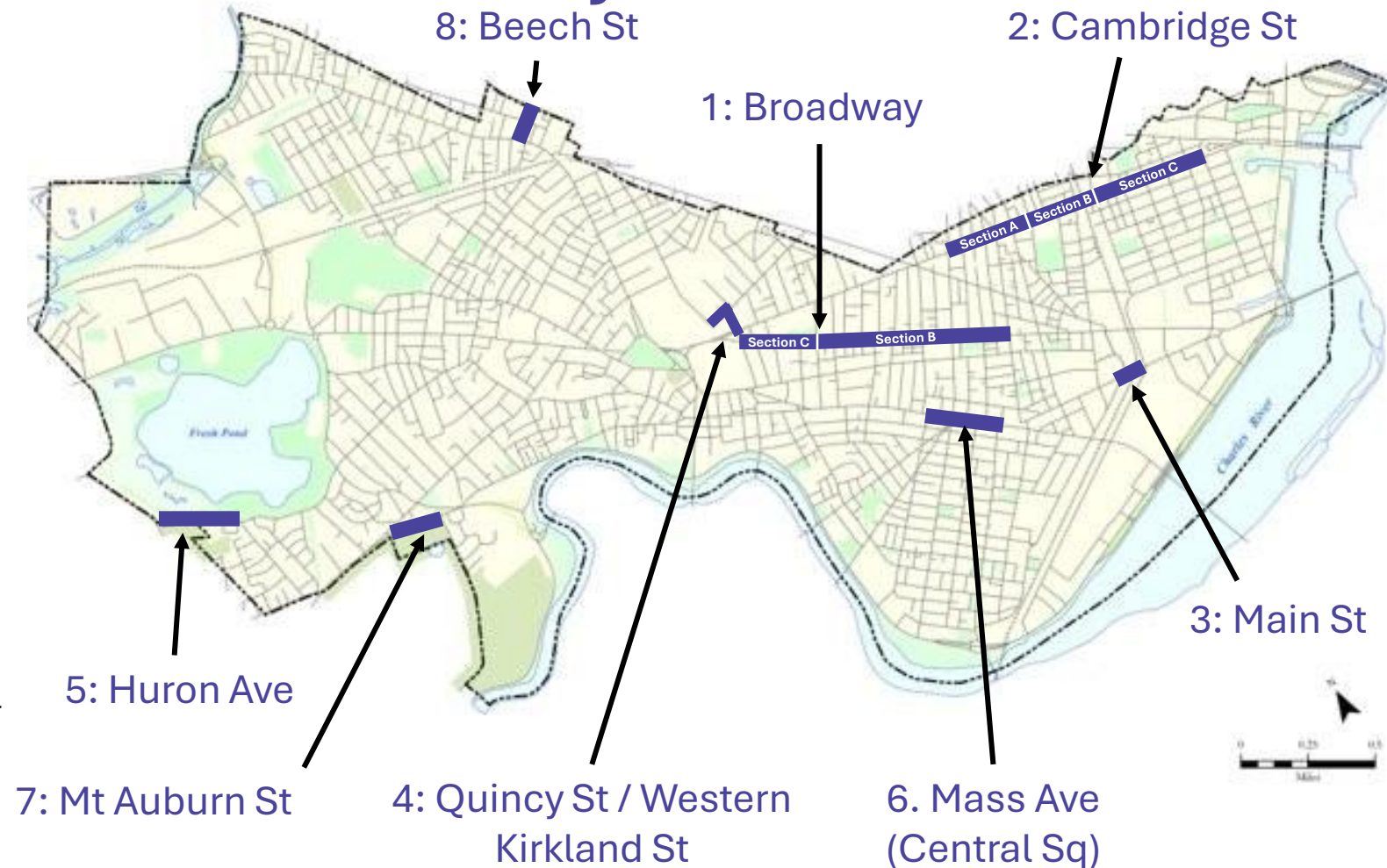
- Next public engagement, virtual, likely August/September
- Installation to begin late 2026, depending on paving

6. **Mass Ave (Central Square) and 7. Mt Auburn St**

- Updates coming at future meeting

8. **Beech St**

- Project pop up event was May 21 – materials online
- Somerville project estimated construction July-November



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

Cycling Safety Ordinance Overview (as of 7/2026)

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 June 10, 2026, Bicycle
Committee meeting

Public Works Projects

1. Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza

- Kiosk complete
- Continued construction on the plaza – beginning curb and roadway work at the “Point”

2. River St (Memorial Dr to Mass Ave)

- Continue with construction of sidewalk and separated bike lane
- Full depth roadway construction and base/binder paving: Kinnaird to Fairmont complete; Fairmont to Memorial Drive in late July
- Top course roadway paving: Mass Ave to Auburn: early August (overnight operation)
- Carl Barron Plaza: Opening in August

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 2026



Public Works Projects (cont.)

4. Chapter 90 Contracts 24 & 25

- Contract 24 – landscape plantings
- Contract 25 –
 - Sciarappa St: utility work and construction of sidewalks
 - Dana St: construction of sidewalks and raised crosswalks

5. Chapter 90 Contract 26

- Bids opened - no work yet

6. Port Infrastructure Improvements

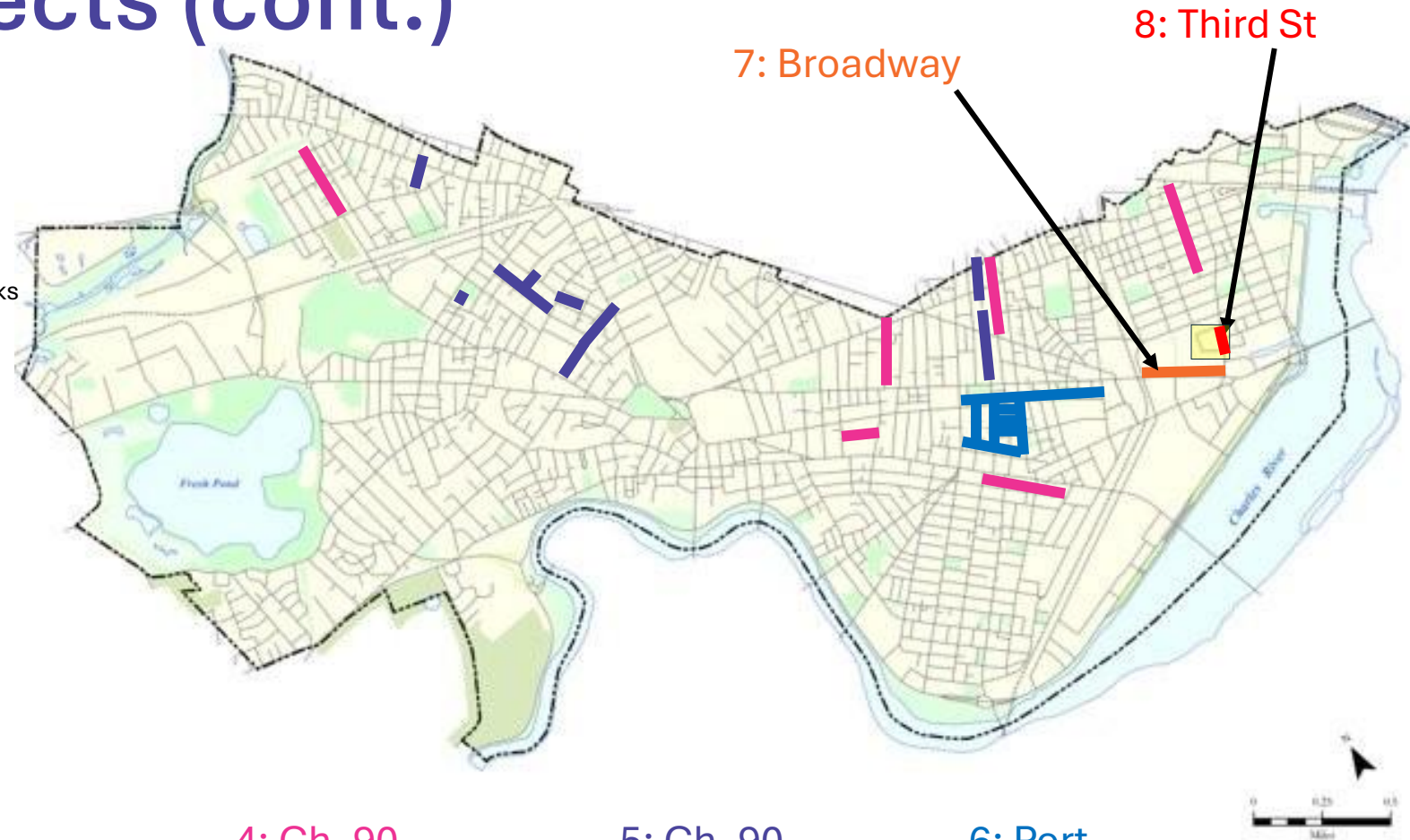
- Water main on Pine Street to start mid-July

7. Broadway (Galileo Galilei to Third St)

- No major update

8. Third Street (Linskey Way to Kendall St) ****New Item****

- Southbound detour via Munroe-Fifth-Potter
- July 6 through early fall



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

5: Ch. 90
Contract 26
(purple streets)

6: Port
Infrastructure
– Phase 1
(blue streets)

Public Works Projects (cont.)

Chapter 90 Contract 24

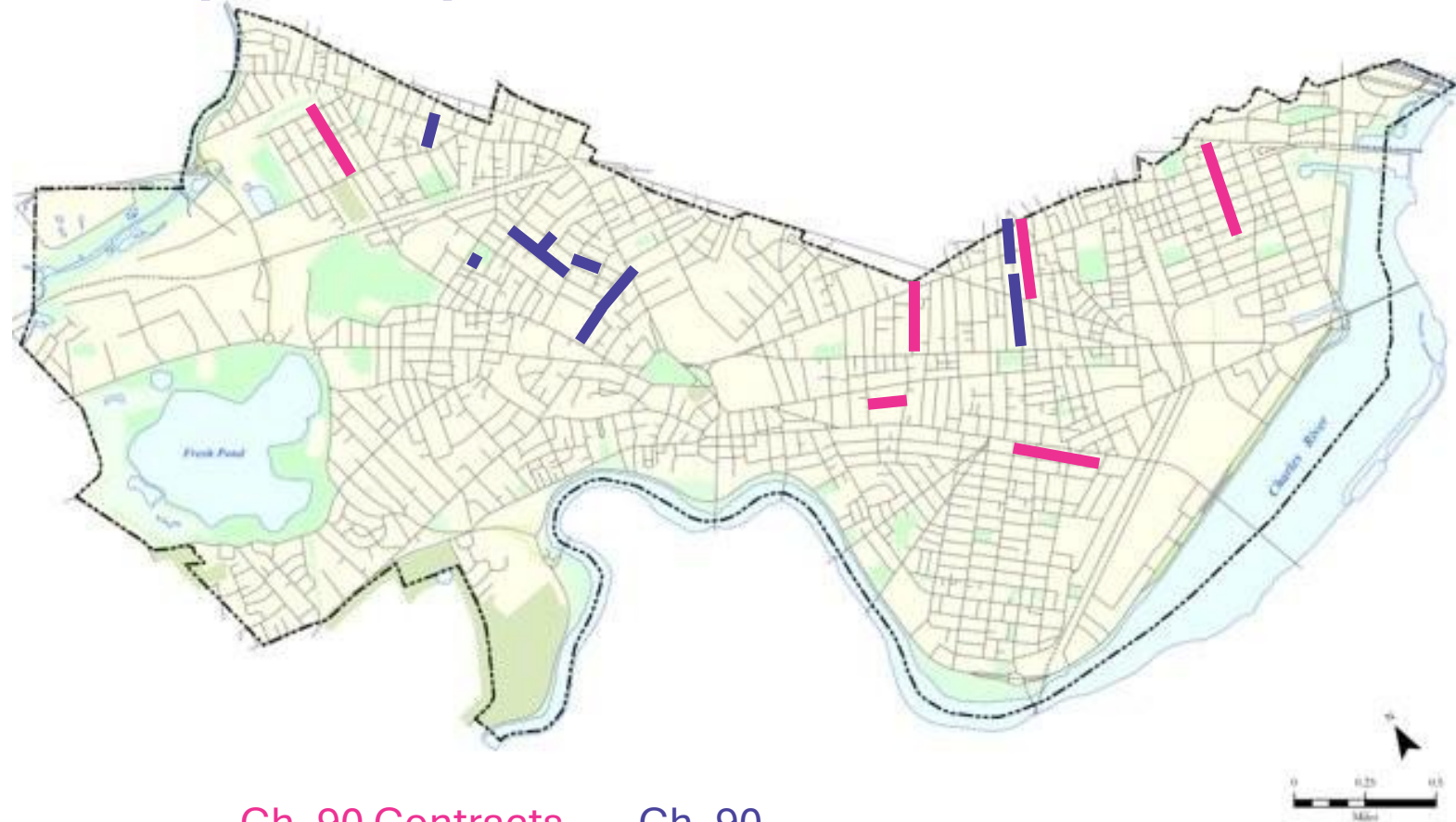
- [Chestnut Street](#)
- [Dodge Street](#)
- [Huron Avenue/Cushing Plaza](#)
- [Webster Avenue](#)
- [Park Avenue](#)

Chapter 90 Contract 25

- [Centre Street and Dana Street](#)
- [Maple Avenue](#)
- [Montgomery Street](#)
- [Sciarappa Street](#)

Chapter 90 Contract 26 A

- [Chetwynd Road](#)
- [Gray Street](#)
- [Norfolk Street](#)
- [Kirkland Road](#)
- [Haskell Street](#)



Ch. 90 Contracts
24/25
(magenta streets)

Ch. 90
Contract 26
(purple streets)

Officer elections

6:05-6:35 PM

About the officer roles

- What are officers?
 - Officers help with administrative tasks and keep work moving.
 - Officers serve a one-year term.
- What are the three officer roles?
 - **Chair:** Sets the agenda with City staff, facilitates meetings, organizes the Committee work program and subcommittees with City staff, and signs Committee correspondence.
 - **Vice Chair:** Assists the Chair in their duties and fills in for the Chair in their absence.
 - **Secretary:** Ensures that meeting minutes and attendance records are kept.
- Does the Committee need officers?
 - Yes, Committee bylaws require filled officer roles. There is no Bicycle Committee without officers.

How are officers elected?

- Nominee
 - Nominees will each have one minute to share a brief statement.
- Voting
 - To take place with electronic ballots, as all attendees are remote.
 - A quorum (at least 7 members) is necessary for Committee votes.

Chair election

Chair: Sets the agenda with City staff, facilitates meetings, organizes the Committee work program and subcommittees with City staff, and signs Committee correspondence.

1. Nominees share brief statement (about 1 minute) in alphabetical order.
 - Aman Shankardass
 - Randy Stern
 - Jane Tangen
2. Members complete an electronic ballot **after** all statements are made. City staff provide the ballot in the Zoom chat window.
3. Staff count votes and announce winner.

Vice Chair election

Vice Chair: Assists the Chair in their duties and fills in for the Chair in their absence.

1. Members self- or friend-nominate candidates
2. Nominees share brief statement (about 1 minute) in alphabetical order.
3. Members complete an electronic ballot **after** all statements are made. City staff provide the ballot in the Zoom chat window.
4. Staff count votes and announce winner.

Secretary election

Secretary: Ensures that meeting minutes and attendance records are kept.

1. Members self- or friend-nominate candidates
2. Nominees share brief statement (about 1 minute) in alphabetical order.
3. Members complete an electronic ballot **after** all statements are made. City staff provide the ballot in the Zoom chat window.
4. Staff count votes and announce winner.

Discussion: Bow Tie Bike Ride planning

6:35-6:55 PM

About community bike rides

- The Bicycle Committee and City staff host [community bike rides](#) each year.
 - March: Winter bike Ride
 - May: Spring Bike Ride
 - October: Bow Tie Ride
- Members and staff share the work. Tasks are outlined and progress tracked.
 - Committee members vote to form a subcommittee of volunteers.
 - City staff primarily lead coordination with other departments, logistics, and purchasing food and giveaways.
- By August 12, the subcommittee must:
 - Propose a ride date and rain date.
 - Propose, test, and confirm a route, including turn-by-turn directions.
 - Propose ideas to help communicate the ride.
- Completing these tasks enable City staff to work with Police, Public Works, vendors, and secure necessary permits

About the Bow Tie Ride

- Named after Cambridge's bow tie shape
- Typically, the longest ride of the year and has high attendance
- Route starts and ends at Joan Lorentz Park by the Main Library
- Ride departs at 10 AM
- Light lunch provided at 12 PM



 **Join the Annual Bow Tie Bike Ride!**

Trace the city's bow-tie shape on the **Bow Tie Community Bike Ride**, hosted by the Cambridge Bicycle Committee and Department of Transportation!

Oct 05 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

 **Meet at Joan Lorentz Park / Main Library**

Follow the path from Broadway and Trowbridge Street

Join us on this relaxed, family-friendly ride on mostly level terrain. Our ride will span Cambridge end-to-end, celebrating its unique bow-tie shape. We recommend that children younger than 10 ride tandem with an adult (trailers, bike seats, tag-alongs, etc.). Don't forget your bow tie!

The ride will begin at 10:00 a.m. and include a mid-ride break

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 pre-ride light refreshments. Simple bike checks with on-site mechanics will be available.

10:00 a.m.
Ride departs promptly.

11:00 a.m.
Mid-ride break at Riverside Park.

12:00 p.m.
Stay for sandwiches and wraps, including vegetarian and vegan options.

No bike? No problem!
Request a free Bluebikes pass by Thursday, October 2:
 bluebikes@cambridgema.gov

2025 Bow Tie Ride route



Discussion: August meeting

6:55-7:10 PM

Discussion: Open discussion and future agenda items

7:10-7:25 PM

Member suggestions from June 10 meeting

- Operational addendum/resource for the Bicycle Committee
- Understanding opportunities for bike infrastructure on smaller Public Works projects, for example the Chapter 90 projects
- Calendar planning: identifying meeting dates/times that do not conflict with other important events
- Getting involved in the upcoming Cambridge Access and Mobility Plan (CAMP)
- Status of CAMP
- Bike Level of Comfort update
- Focus / spotlight on areas of Cambridge not represented by Bicycle Committee members

Remember!

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- All members must complete the following actions:
 - Swearing in ceremony (email BTaylor@cambridgema.gov to schedule your appointment)
 - Conflict of interest training (check your inbox for online training after you are sworn in)
 - Communications Agreement (review and sign sheet)

Public comment

7:25-7:30 PM

Zoom Webinar Instructions

- Computer and mobile devices: Use the “Raise Hand” button to signal you have a question/comment
- Phone only: enter *9 to raise hand
- A staff member will then enable you to speak and you will have to unmute before speaking

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Zoom Screen**



Comments from the Public

Members of the public may make a comment on the Bicycle Committee



Use the “Raise Hand” feature in the Zoom application.

By phone, use * 9 on the dial-pad to “raise hand”



This agenda item is planned to end at 7:30 PM



Each member of the public will have up to **3 minutes** to make a comment or ask a question