City of Cambridge
Community Development Department

Joint Meeting
Bicycle, Ped, Transit Committees

July 2020
Meeting Agenda

1. Zoom meeting protocols, minutes (5:30)
2. City project updates (5:35)
3. Development projects (6:05)
4. Public Comment (6:25)
5. Discussion: Street changes (6:32)
6. Public comment (7:02)
7. Other Announcements (7:10)
8. Bike Committee-specific: Letter on State legislation
Virtual Meeting Instructions

• Committee members may speak and show webcam video
  • Use "Raise Hand" button to help manage discussion
  • *9 to Raise Hand by phone

• Members of the public are muted and cannot show webcam video

• Public can write questions or ask for assistance in Q&A window
  • Questions may be submitted at any time and will be addressed, as time allows, during discussion/comment periods

• Participants will be removed for inappropriate behavior

• Tech support: Sara Fontanez – sfontanez@cambridgema.gov
Cambridge updates
Cambridge project updates

- River Street Reconstruction
- Inner Mount Auburn
- South Mass Ave
River Street Reconstruction
WG met in July to catch up on the project

- After pausing working group meetings as a result of COVID-19 response measures, WG met on 7/22
  - Reviewed the street and urban design goals
  - Design direction review
    - One general travel lane plus bus lane
    - Right-side sidewalk-level separated bike lane
    - Left-side flex zone for parking, loading, landscaping, and amenities
    - Park connections, BlueBikes, Lighting, Streetscape, Street Trees,
  - Reviewed “flex zone” curbside access – parking, loading, crosswalks, bus stops, curb extensions
  - Presented on public art
  - Reviewed Tubman Square design elements
Met in July to catch up on the project

• Invite public comments through website
  • Look at roll plan and presentation for WG #9

• Working Group members
  • Olivia Turner
  • Randy Stern
  • Saul Tannenbaum
Future events and meetings

• Next meeting
  • Vehicle circulation and transit elements in Central Square
  • Carl Barron Plaza urban design

• Working Group Meeting #10
  • Tuesday, August 18 – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
  • Remote participation on Zoom
Inner Mount Auburn Street
Project updates

- Working toward a public meeting soon
- Engineering and design work progressed toward 100% designs
- Implementation expected this year
Additional updates

• Post-implementation, bus lane did not meet expectations on travel time savings and improved reliability for bus riders
  • Working with the MBTA at evaluating additional changes

• Conceptual designs for floating bus stops
  • Albany Street
  • 84 Massachusetts Avenue
Other projects
# City projects

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<td>Concord Avenue transit signal priority grant</td>
<td>Grant application submitted, accepted, and ranked. MPO funding expected October 2020.</td>
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Major Roadway Projects Underway
July 2020

Watertown-Cambridge Greenway
Belmont Street
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Memorial Drive Phase III
Inner Mt. Auburn Street + Quincy/Bow/DeWolfe
Inman Square
River Street
Grand Junction
North Point/Cambridge Crossing
O’Brien Highway
Lechmere Station and Viaduct/Green Line Ext.
Binney Street/Galileo Galilei Way
Ames Street

For information on other Cambridge roadway projects, go to: www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/constructionmap
To see recently completed bicycle facility improvements projects, go to: www.cambridgema.gov/bikeprojects
Development Projects
## Upcoming projects - https://www.cambridgema.gov/specialpermits

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<td>MEPA certification received; PB review upcoming PB-364</td>
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<td>325 Binney St.</td>
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Tobin Montessori & Vassal Lane Upper School

Visit CambridgeMA.gov/TobinSchool
To view the presentation on YouTube
Public comment
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• Questions can also be submitted using the Q&A button.
Shared Streets Initiative
Street changes for COVID-19 response

The City is implementing a number of changes to streets in response to COVID-19. The changes focus on providing:

- Shared Streets for physical distancing
- Support for local businesses
- Efficient, reliable transit for physical distancing

Goals for these street changes:

- Address need for physical distancing
- Create space for people to comfortably walk and bike
- Encourage shared streets/lower speeds
- Mitigate impact of reduced capacity on transit
- Account for accessibility needs and consider equity impacts
- Pilot projects that can be modified or stopped if they’re not working as intended
Shared Streets & support for local businesses

The City has begun a “Shared Street” pilot, where through traffic on three streets is restricted. These streets are open for:

- Walking and biking
- Local residents and businesses
- Parking, delivery, waste pick-up, street cleaning
- Emergency vehicles

The following streets are designated as “Shared Streets”

- Garden St, Field St, Bay State Rd
- Harvard Street (Quincy to Prospect)
- Magazine Street
- Soon - Harvard Street (Prospect to Portland)

The City is also supporting businesses in Cambridge through changes with curb-side access.

- 15-minute pick-up zones
- Outdoor dining areas in Central Square, Harvard, Square, and Inman Square
Cambridge St.
Expanded sidewalk and one-way vehicles

Magazine St.
10 MPH Shared Street / bus #64 moved to River St.

Mass Ave.
Extended sidewalk
Visit CambridgeMA.gov/COVID19/streets
To add your comments to the “Street changes map”
Pick Up Zones

Photo Credit: Google Maps / Najah Casimir
Outdoor Dining

Photo Credit: Joseph Barr
Inman Square

Photo Credit: Joseph Barr
Next steps

The City is asking for feedback by e-mail, phone, and on our website.

- Additional shared streets, to create a network across the city
- Expanded sidewalks pace for physical distancing in key locations
- Additional space for local businesses including sidewalk/street dining, pick-up areas for restaurants and retail, sidewalk queuing, or other ideas

For transit, we are looking at:

- Ways to help buses run more frequently and reliably – bus lanes, signal priority
- Expanded sidewalks by removing parking, rearranging curbside access

Next webinar on shared streets
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 6:00 PM
http://camb.ma/covid19-streets
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Other Announcements
Thank You