Meeting Agenda

1. Zoom meeting protocols
2. Alewife Park
3. Public Comment
4. Walden Square II
5. Public Comment
6. Other Updates and Announcements
Committee Member Instructions

• Committee members may speak and show webcam video

• Use "Raise Hand" button to help manage discussion
  • Located at the bottom of the Participants panel (See A1-2 below) OR at the bottom of the screen (see B below)
  • *9 to Raise Hand by phone

• Please stay muted unless speaking
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• Members of the public are muted and cannot show webcam video
• Public can write questions or ask for assistance in Q&A window at any time
  • Questions may be submitted at any time and will be addressed as time allows, during discussion/comment periods
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Bicycle Committee Minutes
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Currently the buildings act as a barrier to the neighborhood and provide no connectivity or access.

Goal of the project is to break down the barrier at Whittemore Avenue and Harvey Street.
Site Plan Highlights:
- Building over existing developed areas
- Buildings located to minimize impact on flood plain and trees
UPDATED SITE PLAN | CONNECTIONS & PATHS

- **Whittemore Gateway to Central Plaza**
- **MBTA Headhouse Multi-Modal Connection**
- **PARKING GARAGE**
- **Harvey Street Bike & Pedestrian Connection**
- **Whittemore Linear Path Connection**
- **Ex. Bldg. 1**
- **Ex. Bldg. 2**
- **Bldg. 3**
- **Bldg. 4**
- **Bldg. 5**

**LEGEND**
- **PEDESTRIAN**
- **BICYCLE OR MULTI-MODAL**

- **SHARED BIKE/SERVICE VEHICLE ROADWAY**
- **PROTECTED TWO-WAY BIKE PATH**
- **SEPARATE PEDESTRIAN PATH**
- **EAST-BOUND LEGAL BIKE CIRCULATION**

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**MBTA PLAZA - PLAZA & HEADHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS**

- Tree Planters for Shade
- Example Mural
- MBTA Plaza & Headhouse Plan
  - Widen path to create multi-modal path
  - Mural at North Elevation
  - Replace Plaza Paving
  - Replace Entry Doors
  - Repaint West, South and East Facades of the Headhouse
  - New Plantings and Exterior Lighting

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**Diagram Description:***
- *Afternoon Peak Egress and Neighborhood Access Restriction* supplemented by police officer control.
- *Proposed Gate*.
- *Service Vehicles, Bicycles and Pedestrians Only*.
- *Vehicular Access*, *Vehicle Egress*, and *Service Vehicles*.

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3. Mass Ave at Magoun St
4. Columbus Ave at Madison Ave
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7. Whittemore Ave at East Site Driveway
8. Whittemore Ave at Seagrave St
9. Whittemore Ave at West Site Driveway
10. Alewife Brook Pkwy at Whittemore Ave
11. Route 2/Route 16 Interchange
12. Steel Pl at Alewife Station Access Rd
13. Alewife Station Access Rd at Site Driveway
14. Alewife Brook Pkwy at Cambridgepark Dr
15. Alewife Brook Pkwy at Rindge Ave

Entering Vehicle Distribution

North 25%
South 48%
West 50%
East 6%
Exit Vehicle Distribution

- West: 50%
- South: 23%
- East: 8%
- North: 19%

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6/9/2021
The two (2) acre natural habitat will:

- Provide meaningful habitat
- Engage the open space with both the community and the campus plan through overlooks and vistas through the site
The two (2) acre natural habitat will contain the following:

- Woodland Preserves (Existing)
- Proposed Woodland (New)
- Native Wildflower Meadow with Pollinator & Butterfly Species (New)
- Bioswale
- Overlooks and seating capacity of 60
Community Garden:
- Working closely with Green Cambridge
- Located on a raised platform
- ADA accessible ramp
- Small shed for gardening supplies
- Raised garden beds
- Green Cambridge distributes extra food produced to food pantries
Jerry’s Pond Public Access Plan will provide:

- Overall Seating Capacity of **114**
- Pedestrian Only Boardwalk Connection from Rindge Avenue north to the MBTA Headhouse
- Expanded Paths along Rindge Avenue
- Improved Signalized Crosswalks Across Rindge Avenue
- Improved Path Along Rte 16
Rindge Avenue Crosswalk, Gateway Entrance and Overlook

• Signalized Crossing at Rindge Avenue
• Gateway Entrance
• Pond Overlook
• Picnic Area for 24
• Boardwalk access North and West
Jerry’s Pond - Crosswalk & Gateway

- 10’ Wide Boardwalk
- Seating for 6
- Picnic Area with 24 Seats
- Park Entrance
- Improve Existing Signalized Crosswalk

Crosswalk & Jerry’s Pond Park Entrance

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Overlook at the Historic Bath House

- Seating for 20
- Interpretive Signage Program
Jerry's Pond - Overlook at Historic Bath House

- 10' Wide Boardwalk
- Seating for 20
- Access to Linear Path and Recreation Area
- Historic Marker
- 10' Wide Boardwalk

Overlook at Location of Historic Bath House
Overlook at the Rindge Avenue Picnic Area

- Picnic Area for 24
Jerry’s Pond

Overlook at Rindge Avenue Picnic Area

Picnic Area for 24

10’ Wide Boardwalk
EcoCenter at SW corner of Jerry’s Pond

- Outdoor classrooms
- Microscopes and supplies in storage building
- Minimizes impacts to the sensitive Heron rookery area
JERRY’S POND - ECOCENTER PAVILION

Jerry’s Pond

Preserved Habitat Area

12’ Wide Multi-Modal Path

Perimeter Fence

Native Woodland Understory

Gated EcoCenter

Community Lawn

Existing Trees

Overlook at Rindge Avenue Picnic Area

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JERRY’S POND - BOARDWALK TO MBTA HEADHOUSE

Seating Area & Boardwalk to MBTA Headhouse
Seating for 8

Enlarged Plan at Improved Rte 16 Path

Widen path from 6’ to 12’

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Walden Square II
Overview

- Introduction to Project Team
- Project Overview
- Site Circulation
- Bike Parking
- Northern Pathway Basis of Design
Project Team

- WinnCompanies
  - Matthew Robayna, Project Director

- VHB Engineers/ Designers
  - Erik Bednarek, Landscape Architect
  - Phil Goff, Senior Active Transportation Planner
  - Jocelyn Gambone, Civil Engineer
Walden Square Phase II Overview
Walden Square – Project Goals

- Provide new affordable housing in Cambridge to meet extensive need in the City, including for families
- Make improvements to the existing Walden Square site which benefit existing Walden Square residents
- Improve circulation through the site for all modes of transportation, including community members accessing the site via the Yerxa underpass
- Improve site’s green spaces and enhance placemaking throughout the site
- Designing to high sustainability standards
Illustrative Site Plan
View from Raymond St
Proposed View from Richdale Ave
View After Yerxa Underpass
Proposed View from Bolton St
Site Context - Transportation
Enlarged Site Plan
Bike Parking

Bike Parking Summary Chart

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**AHD REQUIREMENTS:**
Required Long Term Bicycle Spaces - 80 Spaces
Required Short Term Bicycle Spaces - 11 Spaces

**Note:**
Potential location of 19 Bluebikes also shown on plan; Bluebikes not included in Bike Parking Summary.
Existing Site Circulation
Proposed Circulation

- Rindge Field/Pemberton Courts
- Danehy Park
- Bolton Street
- Railroad
- Richdale Street
- Raymond Street
- Sheridan Street
- PEDESTRIAN
- BICYCLE
- VEHICLE
Northern Path

- City property
- 14’/10’ paths
- Raymond & Bolton Street connections
- Enhance landscape/buffer
- Relocated light poles
- Enhanced gateway entrances
Northern Path
Existing View Before Yerxa Underpass
Proposed View Before Yerxa Underpass
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Other Announcements
MBTA Service Restorations

• MBTA restored ferry services on May 22
  • Charlestown – Rowes Wharf – Weekdays + weekends
  • Hingham-Hull-Boston – Weekdays + weekends
  • Hingham-Boston (Direct) – Weekdays-only

• MBTA to restore all weekend commuter rail service on Saturday July 3
  • Fitchburg Line currently does not have weekend service – Expected to begin service in July
  • Schedules not yet published
MBTA Service Restoration - Buses

• MBTA planning to restore some bus service on June 20
  • Restore
    • Route 68 – all day service to be restored
    • Route 72 – no restoration
  • Routes to remain combined
    • Route 62/76 – Alewife to Bedford
    • Route 78/84 – Harvard to Arlmont
    • Route 79 – Alewife to Arlington Heights
MBTA Service Restoration - Buses

• MBTA planning to restore some bus service on June 20
  • **Increase peak frequencies** – Added trips on the following routes
    • Route 47 – Weekday trips, including peak
    • Route 62/76 – Weekday trips, including peak
    • Route 70 – Saturday and Sunday trips
    • Route 91 – Weekday midday trips, Saturday and Sunday trips
  • **Increased frequencies and route diversions**
    • Route 71/73 – Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday trips; temporary terminal on Mount Auburn
    • Route 77 – Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday; temporary terminal on Brattle
    • Route 78 – Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday; temporary terminal on Brattle
  • Other routes have minor changes to trips
MBTA Service Restorations

• Public meeting to review schedule changes on June 20
  • Thursday, June 10, 2021 6:00 PM
  • Register at website linked below

• Additional information:
  https://www.mbta.com/customer-support/summer-2021-service-changes

• MBTA to schedule meeting in July/August to review expected schedule changes for September
Upcoming Meetings

• MXD Substation proposed bike valet
  • Interest in holding an additional meeting in June?

• Pedestrian Committee walk of Alewife Park project area
  • Thursday, June 24, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
  • Meet at wavy benches by Steel Place entrance to Alewife T Station and pickup/dropoff

• Bicycle Committee July meeting (July 14)
  • Ride?
Thank You