Pedestrian Committee Meeting
May 26, 2022
6:00 – 8:00pm
Kendall Square: Walking Tour

Attendees: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Robin Bonner (Ped), Sandy Goldberg (Ped), Liza Paden (Ped), Ray Hayhurst (Ped), Sarah Willis (Ped), Jenine Turner Trauring (Ped), Debby Galef (Ped), Jeannine Powers (Ped), Dana Benjamin (TP&T)

Visitors: Alexandra Levering (CRA), Gary Chan (CDD), Erik Thorkildsen (CDD), Khalil Mogassabi (CDD)

Tour Route and Notable Sites:

1. Began tour at Kendall Square T-Station
   • Kendall Square Roof Garden
     o Open public access 24/7
     o Planned opening for Summer 2022
2. Traveled west down Main St
   • MIT/MITIMCo Projects
     o MIT Museum
     o Graduate Student Housing
3. Turned right onto Galileo Galilei Way
   • Grand Junction/Binney Street Park (under construction)
     o New pedestrian path and elevated cycle track
     o New dog off-leash park (future)
     o Double row of tree plantings
     o To include trash bins when complete
     o Adjacent to new Moderna building
     o Adjacent to rail corridor
4. Continued onto Binney St
5. Turned left onto Third St
   • Toomey Park
     o Sloped lawn – Ideal for events/shows to be used for spectator seating and in the winter has been used by local residents as a great spot for sledding
     o Looped walking path
     o New off-leash dog park
     o Covered seating areas/trellises – plans to include vines and greenery that provide shade
     o Park was part of development agreement with Alexandria Real Estate
     o Public restrooms available in adjacent commercial buildings (during office hours)
   • The Foundry
     o Community Space – includes space for performance art, crafts, technology, entrepreneurship, workforce education, and community activities
     o Open to public in Fall 2022
     o Link: https://www.cambridgefoundry.org/about
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- **Rogers St**
  - Section adjacent to the Lofts at Kendall Square
  - Paved to provide shared space between pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles (no curbing)

6. Turned back onto Third St (south)

- **Intersection of 3rd St and Binney St** – reviewed travel signal panel box and signal sequence
  - Adjustments to traffic signals need to be made at each box manually
  - Currently underway to upgrade to centralized system
  - A few intersections (6-7 city-wide) include traffic counters to help monitor traffic patterns and signal issues. This has been provided as part of development agreements in commercial areas with heavier traffic.

- **Volpe Site**
  - Multiple phases to include mixture of residential, commercial, and open space
  - Volpe building to be demolished – new building to be tallest in the City (~500 ft)
  - Some large trees to come down as part of development plans
  - Block to be broken down into smaller grid, making the area more accessible to pedestrians and provide better cross connections
  - Future site of the below grade Eversource Substation
    - Prep for cables already underway on adjacent streets

7. Turned right on Broadway where tour ended

Also:

April Minutes Approved

Committee members should identify areas of the city where they would like to tour for summer meetings. Neighborhood Nine tour being led by committee members.