

## Pedestrian Committee

### Meeting on March 27, 2025

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

- Members in attendance: Sandy Goldberg (Chair), Debby Galef, Thomas Marsh, Xander Mitchell, Sean Peirce, Maryann Quinn, Janet Stein, Jenine Turner-Trauring
- Members not in attendance: Robin Bonner (Vice Chair), Alexandra Hallowell, Michael McGowan, Bernhard Nickel, Jeannine Powers, Logan Read, John Leo, Kevin Leckey
- City staff: Nick Schmidt (CDD), Quinn Murphy (CDD), Moe Hammad (TPT), Melissa Miguel (DPW)
- Visitors: Catiana JP, Nahid Chowdhury, Kasey Owen, Harrison Gill

### Announcements

- Minutes from February 27 Pedestrian Committee discussed for addition information. Janet will update February 27 minutes.

### Project Updates:

- From Moe Hammad on behalf of the **Traffic, Parking, & Transportation (TPT) Department**:
  - [Broadway Section A](#) – separated bike lanes, Portland Street to Quincy Street – adding back a few parking spaces, which would have been lost
- From Melissa Miguel on behalf of the **Department of Public Works (DPW)**:
  - [River Street](#): ongoing construction, detours around Carl Barron Plaza
  - [Harvard Square Plaza](#): 10 years in the works – regrading of plaza, new utilities, estimated completion November 2026
    - Kiosk almost done, CDD will eventually take over and program activities
  - Various Chapter 90 projects including on [Huron Avenue](#), [Park Avenue Chestnut Street](#), [Elm Street](#), [Webster Avenue](#), and [Dodge Street](#)
  - Lots of work will be starting up as of April 7<sup>th</sup> with new season of construction starting
  - The [Port Infrastructure Improvements Project](#) to begin in late summer
  - [Mass Ave](#) project contract awarded to Newport Construction – will begin this spring, median to be removed, allowing for more space in the roadway to accommodate protected bike lanes
- From Nick Schmidt on behalf of the **Community Development Department (CDD)**:
  - Traffic, Parking, & Transportation renamed the Cambridge Department of Transportation (DOT). CDD's Transportation Planning Division, which includes all three transportation committees, will be moving to the DOT.
  - [Linear Park](#) redesign – bids anticipated in April
  - [Grand Junction Connector](#) design study beginning this spring

- 745 Concord Ave ([PB-407](#)) – developer seeking special permit, going before the Planning Board on April 15. Proposed streetscape includes wider sidewalks, new plantings, new public realm, separated bike lanes, and a floating bus stop.
- Maybe Pedestrian Committee should have a development review subcommittee?
- Motor vehicles obstructing Green Street sidewalks behind Senior Center and in front of the Post Office parking lot
- [Citywide Urban Design Guidelines](#) exhibit on view in the Main Library through April 9

### **Pedestrian Committee Work Planning**

- Three committees established, members can be involved in one or more
  - [“Study the City”](#) – Identify and inventory sidewalk/walking issues in the city. Could include more crosswalks where we think they’re needed – situations beyond what can easily be reported via SeeClickFix
  - [Open Streets](#) – other cities have them, why can’t we? Start by inventorying “Camberville” events that close streets to motor vehicles
  - [Net Zero Transportation Plan](#) – Review proposed actions identified by the Net Zero Advisory Committee and choose one, or some, to work on – Janet's daughter is member and Stephanie Groll is City’s Net Zero Transportation Plan project manager
- Committee participated in an exercise to identify purpose of project, outcome, and process. This will help bring clarity to subcommittee tasks, process, and deliverables.

### **Public Comment**

- None