



**CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Department of
Transportation

Welcome to the Cambridge Pedestrian Committee

June 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Today's Agenda

June 26
2025

6:00 PM

Agenda, Welcome, Zoom, minutes (5/22)

6:05

City and Committee project updates

- Department of Transportation, Transportation Planning (Nick Schmidt)
- Department of Transportation, Streets Management (Mohamed Hammad)
- Department of Public Works (Melissa Miguel)

6:25

Topics for Future Meetings

6:40

Subcommittee Updates

7:55

Public Comment

Why We're Here

“The Committee is organized to work to improve conditions for walking in the City of Cambridge, to promote walking as a means of transportation, and to improve safety conditions for pedestrians.”

Pedestrian Committee Bylaws, updated 2021

The Pedestrian Committee meets monthly.

- The **purpose** is to get feedback from appointed members of the Committee, the City’s “community experts” on pedestrian 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

Citizen Representatives

- *Chair (vacant)*
- Robin Bonner, *Vice Chair*
- *Secretary (vacant)*
- Alexandra Hallowell
- Bernhard Nickel
- Debby Galef
- Janet Stein
- Jeannine Powers
- Jenine Turner-Trauring
- Kevin Leckey
- Logan Read
- Maryann Quinn
- Michael McGowan
- Sean Peirce
- Xander Mitchell

Dept. Representatives

- Nick Schmidt, *Transportation, Facilitator*
- Quinn Murphy, *Transportation*
- Mohamed Hammad, *Transportation*
- Melissa Miguel, *Public Works*

Taking Notes

The Pedestrian Committee lacks a Secretary. Thank you Committee members for volunteering to take notes.

2025 Meeting Date	Notetaker
January 30	Alex Hallowell
February 27	Janet Stein
March 27	Debby Galef
April 24	Cancelled
May 22	Maryann Quinn
June 26	Volunteer needed
July 31	Volunteer needed
August 28	Volunteer needed
September 25	Jenny Turner-Trauring
October 30	Sean Peirce
November 20	Volunteer needed
December 18	Volunteer needed

Minutes

May 22, 2025, meeting

Transportation Meetings and Announcements

Upcoming Committee Meetings (by date)

- Transit Advisory Committee – July 10
- Bicycle Committee – July 16
- *Tentative* Joint Meeting of the Transportation Committees – July 23
- Pedestrian Committee – July 31

Upcoming Public Meetings (by date)

- [Broadway Safety Improvement Project](#) (DOT)
 - July 29, 5:30-8:00 PM – Working Group Meeting #4 (Section C: Ellery to Quincy)

Announcements

- Pedestrian Committee resignation:
 - Thomas Marsh
- Mystic River Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge (MassDOT)
 - Revised project schedule: design / permitting through 2026 and construction through 2029
 - Widened 18' bridge deck



Source: MassDOT

Cambridge Department of Transportation Project Updates

Transportation Planning Division Projects

- Linear Park construction anticipated for August
 - Temporary park and path closure from Russell Fieldhouse to the city boundary behind the bus yard. Park will re-open in mid November 2025.
 - Additional temporary closure anticipated for early spring 2026. We'll share more information in early 2026 through the Linear Park newsletter.
- Fitchburg Railroad Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge
 - City awarded [\\$2 million in design pilot grant funds](#) from the Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - Funds were appropriated at the [June 23, 2025, City Council meeting](#)

Street Management Division Projects

1. Broadway (Portland St to Quincy St)

- Paving work is complete (Portland to Columbia).
- Section A Installation begins Monday, June 30th ([installation updates](#))
- Working Group Meeting 4 on July 29, 2025, focusing on two potential plans for Section C (Ellery to Quincy)

2. Aberdeen Ave

- Paving delayed; installation TBD

3. Cambridge St (Oak St to Second St)

- Prospect St to Willow St open house TBD

4. Main St (Central Sq to Portland St, Tech Sq to Albany St)

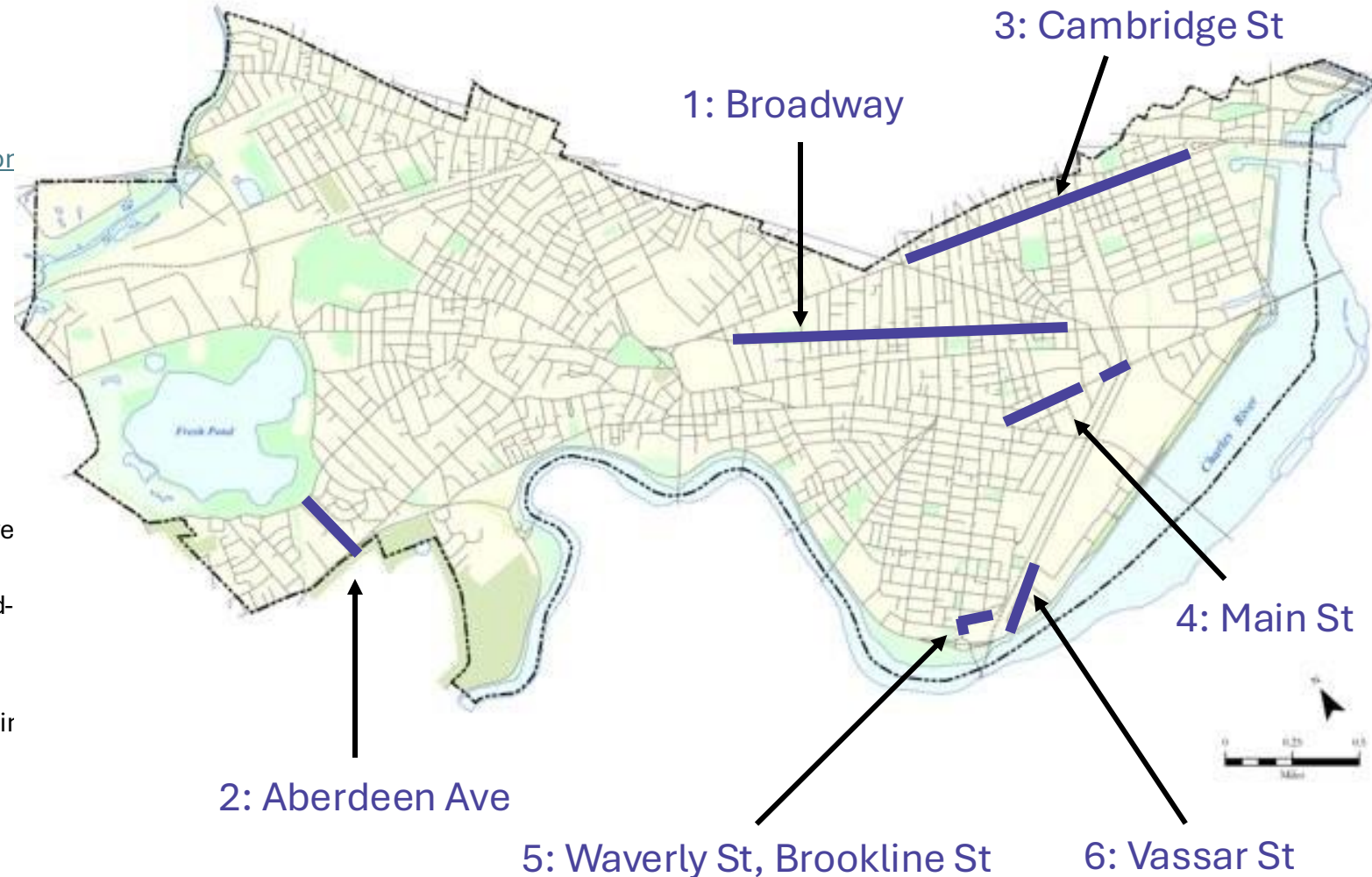
- Paving work is complete. Installation tentatively to begin we July 7th ([installation updates](#))
- Final community meeting and open houses took place mid-to-late April. Materials posted to the website.

5. Waverly St, Brookline St

- Adding buffers and flex posts to sections of the street leading from BU Rotary ([final plans](#))
- Installation began this week

6. Vassar St (Memorial Drive to Amherst Alley)

- Installation late summer 2025



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

Cambridge Department of Public Works Project Updates

Public Works Projects

1. Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza

- No change since May update
- Ongoing plaza work through November 2026

2. River St (Memorial Dr to Mass Ave)

- No change since May update
- Ongoing utility work
- Full-depth roadway reconstruction begins June:

- River St: Mass Ave to Franklin St
- Green St: River St to Pearl St
- Magazine St: Green St to Franklin St

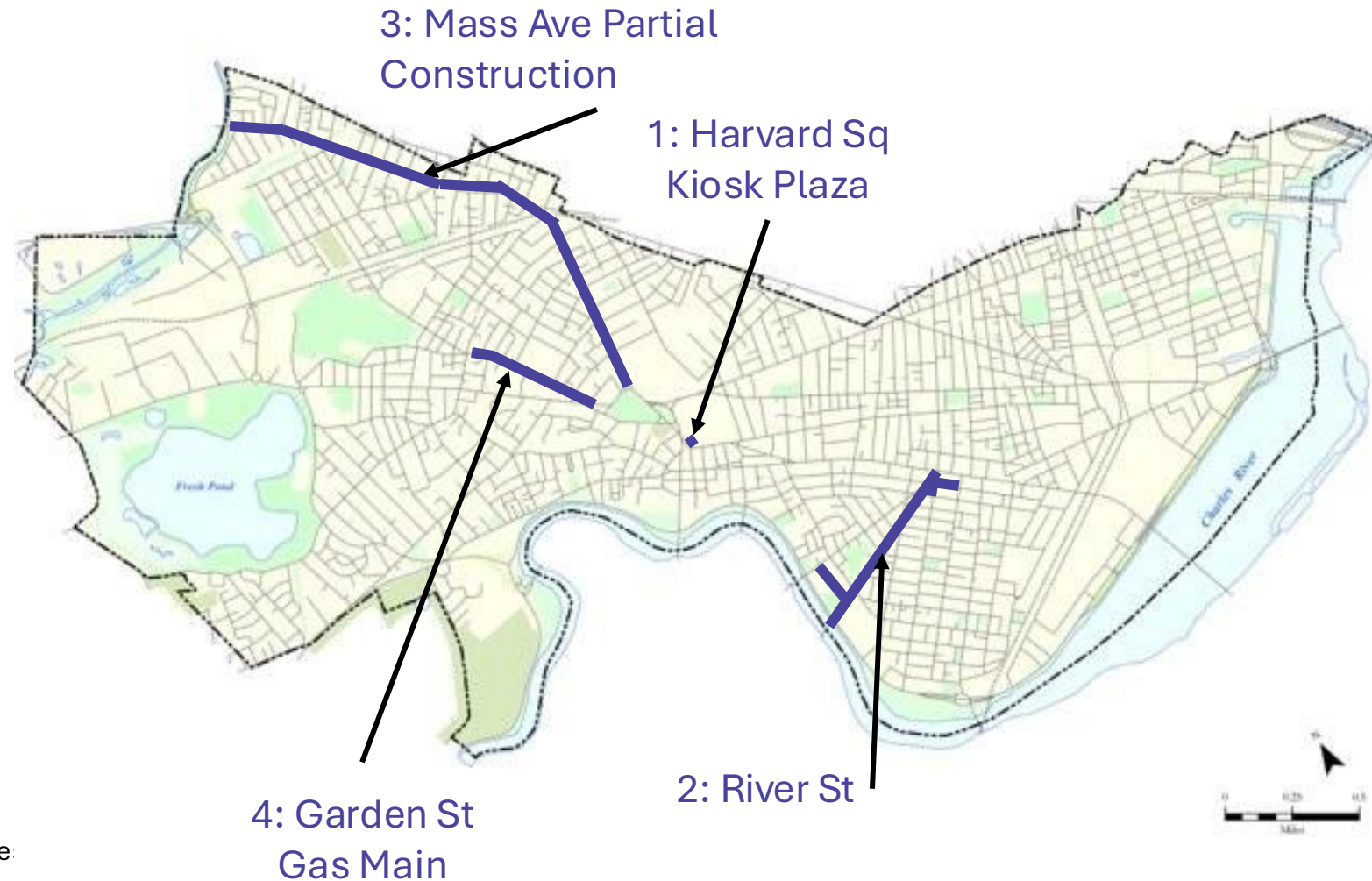
- Carl Barron Plaza: installation of subsurface tree irrigation and aeration continues

3. Mass Ave Partial Construction

- Began sawcutting and median removal from Shepard St to Waterhouse St

4. Garden St Gas Main Replacement

- Gas work wrapping up in 4-5 weeks
- Paving to be coordinated with any Garden St design change



Public Works Projects, cont.

5. Chapter 90 Contracts 24 & 25

- [Chestnut St](#) – Raised intersection at Magazine St. Detour in |
- [Maple Ave](#) – curb and sidewalk work
- [Dana St](#) – water main work

6. Chapter 90 Contract 26

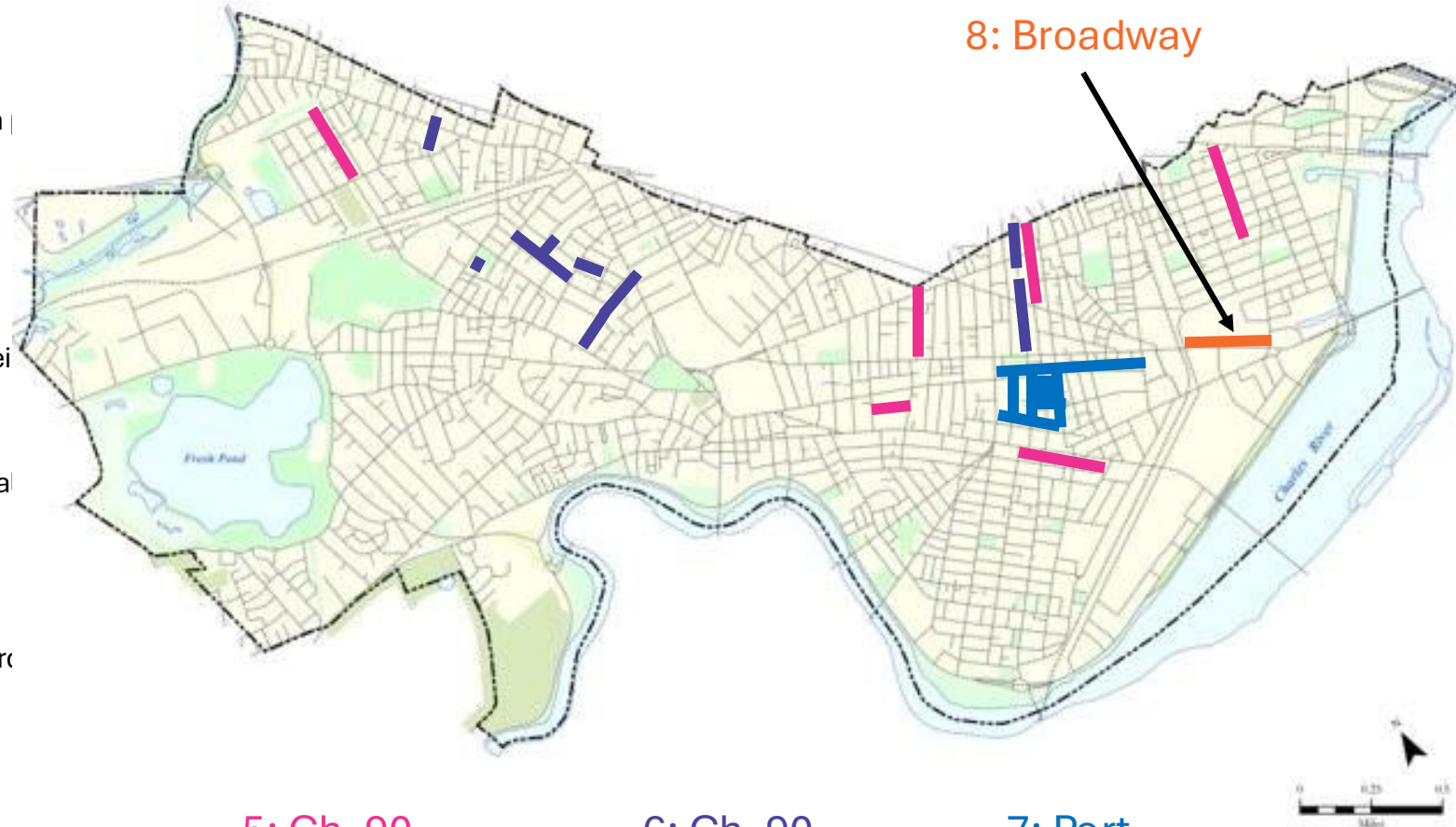
- Community meetings are complete
- Phasing of the eight streets between 2025 and 2026 still being discussed

7. Port Infrastructure Improvements

- Phase I Utilities/Streets/Sidewalks to begin construction Fall 2025 (Multi-year project – more details to come)
- [Clement Morgan Park Reconstruction](#) to begin fall 2025

8. Broadway (Galileo Galilei to Third St)

- Broadway interim conditions between Galileo Way and Third St to utility work through 2026:
 - Walking: detour on south side
 - Biking: 2-way bikeway on the south side
 - Driving: one-way eastbound only on the south side



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

6: Ch. 90
Contract 26
(purple streets)

7: Port
Infrastructure
– Phase 1
(blue streets)

Topics for Future Pedestrian Committee Meetings

6:25-6:40 PM

Brainstorming Topics for Future Meetings

- Without a Chair to set the agenda, more direction is needed from Committee
- Past Pedestrian Committee topics:
 - Site walks (project-specific or general area)
 - “Show and Tell”
 - Reviews (plans, designs, materials, etc.)
 - Guest speakers (ADA, street lighting, signals, development, state projects, Safe Routes to School, etc.)
 - Wayfinding (MBTA stations, Danehy Park, etc.)
 - Information (Open Data Portal, updating City websites, etc.)
- Proposal for July 31 meeting: Grand Junction Connector site walk

Subcommittee Updates

6:40-7:55 PM

Here's Where the Committee Left Off

- Brainstormed “Safety Study of the City” next steps:
 - Compile a list of issues and opportunities by location:
 - Large scale changes that require projects
 - Small scale changes that can be completed under “Miscellaneous Sidewalk Requests
 - Align list with [City's Five-Year Plan](#); separate projects into short-, medium-, and long-term projects
 - Meet with City staff
- Brainstormed “Support [Net Zero Transportation Plan](#)” next steps:
 - Meet with Stephanie Groll, Project Manager
 - Additional members are desired for this subcommittee


Safety Study the City

Purpose <i>Why this topic?</i>	Walking in Cambridge is generally good, but many walks are negatively affected by a particular trouble spot
Outcome <i>What is the end goal / deliverable?</i>	An inventory of trouble spots to share with City staff to improve safety and efficiency of walking in the city
Process <i>How will the subcommittee get there?</i>	Solicit input from committee members on locations and challenges. Systematic review and improvement of trouble spots. Flag locations and challenges with City staff. Track outcomes.
Volunteers	Maryann Quinn, Jenny Turner-Trauring, Debby Galef, Sean Peirce, and Janet Stein

Support Net Zero Transportation Plan

Purpose <i>Why this topic?</i>	Combining forces on shared priorities stemming from the Net Zero Transportation Plan
Outcome <i>What is the end goal / deliverable?</i>	Letter from the Pedestrian Committee to the City Council in support specific actions / goals / objectives within the Net Zero Transportation Plan
Process <i>How will the subcommittee get there?</i>	Nick to coordinate with Stephanie to identify latest actions / goals / objectives for subcommittee, understand her perspective on how to be most helpful. Review and prioritize actions / goals / objectives.
Volunteers	Janet Stein

Next Steps

- Achieve full participation by entire Pedestrian Committee
 - Identify next steps for each subcommittee
 - Report back at next meeting
 - Discuss desired structure (meeting start, meeting length, project updates, etc.)
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Committee Members Who Have Volunteered
for a Subcommittee (thank you!)

Maryann Quinn, Jenny Turner-Trauring, Debby Galef, Sean Peirce, and
Janet Stein

Public Comment

7:55-8:00 PM