Welcome!

- Introductions and welcome (10 min)
- Recap meetings held to date (20 min)
  - Working Group Meeting #1
  - Public Meeting #1
  - Other updates
- Group input session: Visual photo tour (55 min)
- Group feedback and homework (15 min)
  - Stakeholder outreach through Working Group
  - Members visit Grand Junction Park before next meeting
- Public comment (10 min)
- Upcoming meetings schedule (5 min)
- Next steps (5 min)
INTRODUCTIONS
AND
WELCOME
Working groups assist the City and project teams to understand the sentiment of Cambridge residents, workers, and visitors.

Note: members of the public will have opportunities at the end of each working group meeting to raise issues and comment on the discussion.
General working group meeting guidelines:

- Prepare before each meeting: read agenda and materials
- Start meeting on time & end on time
- Help us stay on schedule

Working Group “Ground Rules”:

- Have only one person speak at a time
- Members should not repeat topics (an “air knock” was suggested to signal agreement with comments said)
- Be aware of your air time
- If you want to speak, turn your tent card on its end (a version of hand raise)
- Limit use of cell phones/distraction – Silencing phones is ideal, however if members need to take a phone call or text/email, that is OK with the members.
- Use restroom as needed (don’t have to ask)
Working Group “Ground Rules” (cont.):

- Respect others
- Assume good intentions
  - Have an expectation that everyone speaks
- Step up to be heard and step back if talking too much
- Don’t criticize other members – listen even if you don’t agree
- What ways can be created to have everyone be more comfortable to speak within group? Perhaps use map tools to put comments (WIKIMAPS)
- Send out notes to the members
- If members have comments after the meeting, staff send comments out to everyone and add into notes before posting

NOTE: Members of the public are welcome to listen and comment. As a rule, we ask members of the public that your comments be related to topics on the agenda and be made during the public comment period, so that the focus of the meeting is on facilitating input from working group members.

NOTE: If a Design Working Group member cannot attend, they are welcome to ask someone to attend as a member of the public and report back. Working group members cannot be substituted and alternates are not allowed.
RECAP OF MEETINGS HELD TO DATE
Recap of Meetings Held to Date

REVIEW OF APRIL 30 WORKING GROUP MEETING

Project Purpose

Fully design and create construction documents for a multi-use path adjacent to the existing rail tracks in the Grand Junction corridor from the Boston University Bridge to Somerville.
Visions for Grand Junction Path

- Commuting corridor
- Recreational/exercise resource for students, residents, and families
- Infrastructure to support Vision Zero policy
- Active transportation connection between neighborhoods
Recap of Meetings Held to Date

REVIEW OF APRIL 30 WORKING GROUP MEETING

Likes and Dislikes from Urban “Rail with Trail”

Case Studies

Case Studies that Received the Most Comments:
• Duwamish, Waterfront, Burke-Gilman Trails (Washington State)
• Burlington Greenway (Vermont)
• Springwater on the Willamette Trail (Oregon)
• Libba Cotton Bikepath (North Carolina)
• East Boston Greenway (Massachusetts)

Liked Element of the Case Studies: Wayfinding/Signage; Separation of railroad from trail/path with mid-height fencing; separation of bicycles and pedestrians on paved path

Disliked Elements of the Case Studies: Poor lighting under highway overpasses and bridges (feels unsafe); path crossings over railroad tracks; no barrier between path and rail
Recap of Meetings Held to Date

JUNE 4 PUBLIC MEETING

Public Input Exercise - Visual Preference Survey

Likes: Barrier/Separation from Rail and Trail, Wayfinding signage not like roadway signage, well designed path crossings over railroad tracks, using landscaping to create destinations (parklets), well designed lighting

Dislikes: Overuse of public art; high chain link fencing, rubberized railroad crossings; path paving differ from road

Needs: Benches, trash bins and water stations
OUTREACH WITH MAYOR’S SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS

Door-to-door Flyering

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
This project involves the design of a multi-use path along the existing Grand Junction railroad tracks. The path is proposed to be 14’ wide, connecting from Memorial Drive at the Boston University Bridge, traveling through MIT, crossing Massachusetts Ave, Main Street, Broadway and Cambridge Street, and joining the proposed extension of the Somerville Community Path. It will provide a continuous pathway for residents, workers and visitors to stroll, jog, or bike between neighborhoods, commercial areas, and the Charles River. The path will maintain current rail operations while not precluding potential future use of the corridor for passenger service, and providing a safe active transportation corridor.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?
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COMMUNITY PROCESS: GET INVOLVED!
Upcoming Events:
• Working Group Meeting - July 2019
• Grand Junction (Self-Guided Bingo) - Summer 2019
• Community Meeting #2 - Fall 2019
• Working Group Meeting #3 - Fall 2019

Working Group Meeting #2
Other Updates

ONGOING COORDINATION

- Continuing coordination with MassDOT, MBTA and MIT
- Completed MAPC Pathway Benefits study – summary to be shared soon
- Kendall Square Association distribution of Transport Kendall report distribution (advocating for Grand Junction multi-use path and future passenger transit)
- RailVision in process of analyzing alternatives
- Cambridge Bike Plan Update – in community outreach stage
- GLX team working with advocates to not preclude a future regional path connection
- Allston I90 Interchange Project MEPA process updates:
  - Final Notice of Project Change (NPC) in late 2020
  - Final EIR in 2021
GROUP INPUT SESSION
History & Policies

VISUAL PHOTO TOUR OF CORRIDOR

Future connections to Community Path and Minuteman bikeway

City funded design and construction - $10 m

The Binney Street Park and path design is complete; Project will be out to bid this year

Grand Junction Park with path (Opened 2016)

MIT funded design and construction - $8.5m

Two Existing Tracks

Single Existing Track

Future Regional Connections

Path Not Funded

City Borders
IDEAL CROSS-SECTION DESIGN OF GRAND JUNCTION MULTI-USE PATH

Double Track with Multi-Use Path (45’ - 55’ Total)

31’ - 35’ Double Track on Tangent

Total ROW Width without Platforms
Preferred: 55’
Minimum: 45’
- Near Henry and Waverly
- Likely furthest west possible terminus in near-term
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- Likely furthest west possible terminus in near-term
- Near Fort Washington Park
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- Approximate boundary of MassDOT and MIT sections
- Pacific Street crossing is another access point
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- Pacific Street crossing is another access point
- Pacific Street crossing
- Pacific Street crossing
- Between Pacific Street crossing and Mass Ave
Between Pacific Street crossing and Mass Ave
Approaching Mass Ave, adjacent to NW12 and Metropolitan Storage Warehouse
Approaching Mass Ave, adjacent to NW12 and Metropolitan Storage Warehouse
- Crossing the Massachusetts Avenue intersection
Between Mass Ave and Main Street
Between Mass Ave and Main Street
- Adjacent to N16 Co-generation Plant, viewing Co-gen Plant Addition
Adjacent to N16 Co-generation Plant, viewing Co-gen Plant Addition
- Albany/Vassar Street crossing
- Albany/Vassar Street crossing
• Approaching Brain and Cognitive Sciences Complex
Approaching Brain and Cognitive Sciences Complex
- Underneath Brain and Cognitive Sciences Complex
Underneath Brain and Cognitive Sciences Complex
Underneath Brain and Cognitive Sciences Complex
- Intersection at Main Street
- Intersection at Main Street
- Intersection at Main Street
At Main Street facing North, where multi-use path constructed adjacent to roadway
- At Main Street facing North, where multi-use path constructed adjacent to roadway
At Main Street facing North, where multi-use path has been constructed adjacent to roadway
- Just north of Broadway
- Will be new Binney Park
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- Will be new Binney Park
Crossing "Little" Binney
 Crossing "Little" Binney
North of "Little" Binney, adjacent to 399 Broadway/garage and "Met Pipe" site
- Between Wellington-Harrington and East Cambridge neighborhoods
• Between Wellington-Harrington and East Cambridge neighborhoods
- Crossing Cambridge St, facing Miller's River Property
Crossing Cambridge St, facing Miller's River Property
- North of Cambridge street
- Adjacent to Miller's River parking lot
Bicycle Network Vision with Key Destinations

Infrastructure recommendations in the Bicycle Network Vision take the form of a “level-of-accommodation” for each street or path. These recommendations do not propose specific facility types, rather they provide infrastructure goals for each street or path which may be reached through a variety of design treatments. Specific bicycle facility types will be determined through a design process for each street or path, including public outreach and informed by the latest best practices in bicycle infrastructural design at that time.
Grand Junction Path

Bus Routes Intersecting with Grand Junction

**MBTA Routes**
- 1
- 64
- 68
- 69
- 85
- CT1
- CT2

**Other Routes**
- EZRide Shuttle (Main St & Mass Ave)
- MASCO M2 Shuttle (Mass Ave)
- MIT Boston Daytime Shuttle (Mass Ave)
- MIT Tech Shuttle (adjacent to Grand Junction Path on Vassar St)
- MIT Safe Ride Shuttle (Main St, Mass Ave, Gore St)
GROUP FEEDBACK AND HOMEWORK
Which organizations should the team should reach out to...

- for group presentations?
- to get the word out?
Group Feedback and Homework

FIELD VISIT

- Visit Grand Junction Park
- Examine design elements
- Rate likes and dislikes
- Complete by next Working Group meeting on October 1, 2019
PUBLIC COMMENT
Schedule Overview

- **Conceptual Design (Summer to Fall 2019)**
- **Agency Review (Fall 2019 to Spring 2020)**
- **Final Design (Fall 2020 to Spring 2021)**

- **Working Group Meeting #2 (July 2019)**
- **Community Meeting #2 (Fall 2019)**
- **25% Design and approval (Spring to Fall 2020)**
- **Commence Construction (Spring 2021)**
Public Comment

MEETING DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

• First Working Group, Tuesday 4/30/2019
• First Public Meeting, Tuesday, June 4, 2019
• Second Working Group, Tuesday 7/22/2019
• Third Working Group, October 1, 2019
• Second Public Meeting, October 29, 2019
• Fourth Working Group, December 3, 2019
• Fifth Working Group, February 2020
• 25% Design Public Meeting, March 2020
• Sixth Working Group, April 2020
• 75% Design Public Meeting, February 2021
Next Steps

PROJECT WEBSITE

The online website will be one important venue for providing input:

- Most recent updates
- Much historical information
- Will document this Design Working Group Process
- Opportunity to comment
- What is most useful for you?

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THANK YOU

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