City of Cambridge
Community Development Department

Transit Strategic Plan

November 6, 2019
Tonight’s objectives

• Bring new members up to speed on Transit Advisory Committee work
• Share update on Transit Strategic Plan, Implementation Plan, and Work Plan
• Discuss Transit Advisory Committee organization and work for 2020
Transit Strategic Plan

• Created in 2015, started update in 2019
  • Update primarily on incorporating new data, new studies, and providing progress update
• Supported by TAC-endorsed Implementation Plan
• In the progress of developing project work plans
Interrelated plans and documents

Transit Strategic Plan
- Identifies broad direction, goals
- Identifies objectives and strategies

Implementation Plan
- Prioritizes objectives
- Addresses resource limits

Project Work Plan
- Highlights actions, partnerships, timelines, etc.
- Addresses actions taken to implement objective or strategy
Discussion: How to address TAC interest areas?

• Initial conversation indicated that there is interest in developing additional subcommittees
  • Meet outside of regular meeting times
  • Subcommittee must define scope
  • Make an annual work plan
  • Identify advisory committee coordinator, city staff as support

• TAC meeting agendas would change
  • Agenda would focus on coordinator reports on subcommittee work as regular feature of meetings

• Holistically, does it make sense for TAC members to focus on these interest areas?
  • One way to align interest areas would be to look at developing programs in the implementation plans
Progress on Transit Strategic Plan Update

**Started**
- Reviewed goals and objectives and progress report
- Identified TAC focus areas
- Work plan and template development

**To do**
- Discuss creating TAC subcommittees with high-level work plans
- Updated data analysis and graphics
- Formalize documentation
Reviewed
Goals and Objectives, Progress Report

Reviewed in January and April

Suggestions for new goals and objectives

• Equity – race, gender, and income

Suggestions for process

• Regular progress updates – semi-annually
• TAC subcommittees focused on advancing particular interest
• City staff need tools and process to maintain focus on strategic plan items

Follow-up

• Workshop to identify focus areas - Done
• Development of work plans - Drafted
TAC Focus Areas

Reviewed Implementation Plan in May

Suggestions for new implementation plan ideas

- Revive First Street transit priority strategy
- Advocate for new bus facilities and BEB facilities
- Advocate for bus priority strategy on Route 2 ramps
- Multimodal bridges over Fitchburg Main Line

TAC interest areas

- Short-term action plan development
- Accountability and transparency for city projects
- Policy development for parking and development review
- Early engagement in service planning and infrastructure design
Examples of TAC interest areas

**Short-term action plan development**
- Bus priority on Alewife-area Route 2 ramps
- Watertown bus maintenance/storage facility

**Accountability and transparency for city projects**
- Follow-up bus priority improvements to SMACSI project
- Realtime bus signage development
- Grand Junction transit conceptual design

**Policy development for parking and development review**
- Transportation demand management ordinance review and expansion
- Parking policy review

**Early engagement in service planning and infrastructure design**
- Green Line Extension temporary diversions and final bus routings
- Mass Ave in Central Square
Accountability and transparency for city projects

**Working group** for infrastructure projects
- Grand Junction MUP Design – Rob Ricchi
- River Street Reconstruction – Saul Tannenbaum
- Belmont Street Street Reconstruction

**Attending meetings** for quick-build projects
- South Mass Ave Corridor Safety Improvements
- Inner Mount Auburn Corridor Safety Improvements

**Other ideas**