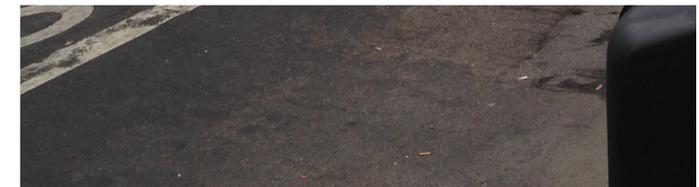


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# Transit Strategic Plan

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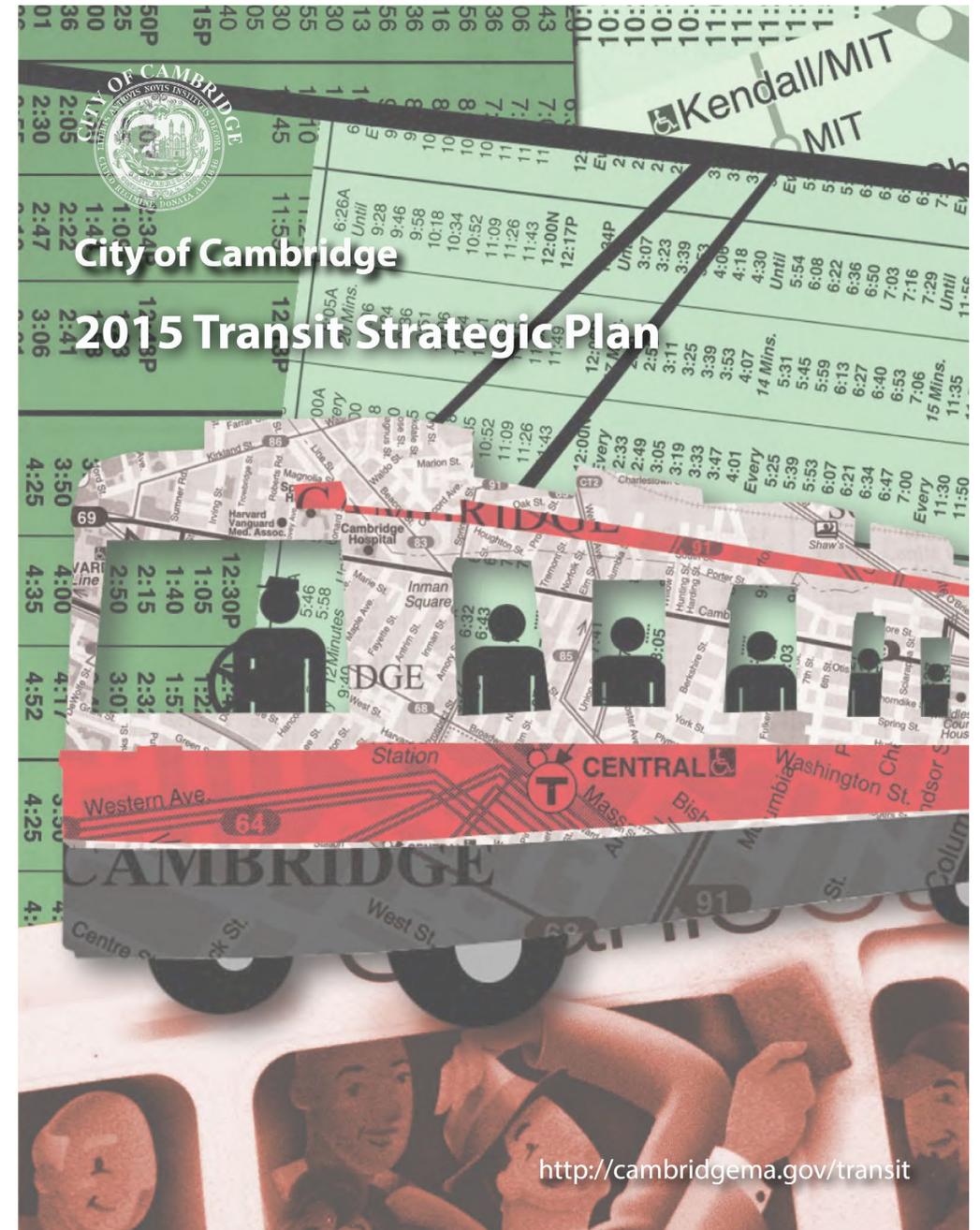


# Tonight's objectives

- 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



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# Interrelated plans and documents



# 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 Reconstruction

## Attending meetings for quick-build projects

- South Mass Ave Corridor Safety Improvements
- Inner Mount Auburn Corridor Safety Improvements

## Other ideas