City of Cambridge
Transit Advisory Committee

Work Plan 2020

January 8, 2020
Tonight’s objectives

• Review subcommittee proposal
• Define vision and discuss specific actions for 2020
• Identify coordinator/co-coordinators for each group
Subcommittees will help the TAC do more work

• In 2019, TAC summarized the following desires:
  • Advocate for short-term action to support transit (especially bus priority)
  • Help the city be accountable and transparent for city projects
  • Engage with bus service planning at the MBTA
  • Research and discuss policy changes for the city
The first few TAC meetings of 2020 will be structured to launch these subcommittees

• In the first few TAC meetings, the time for subcommittee work would be to:
  • Define a set of tasks that subcommittees can work on throughout 2020
  • Identify who will help coordinate/report on work
• After “launch”, subcommittees would have time each month to report on progress for tasks
Interest areas

Streets and infrastructure
- River Street Reconstruction
- Grand Junction MUP Design + Transit Conceptual Design
- Corridor safety projects
- Etc.

Bus service evaluation and prioritization
- MBTA Bus Network Redesign Proposals
- MBTA Better Bus Project
- Kendall Square?
- Advocacy with MBTA

Policy development for parking and development review
- Parking and transportation demand management ordinance review
- Curb-use and parking policy review
- Development review
Potential actions/tasks

**Streets and infrastructure**
- Become a member of a project’s working group, representing the TAC
- Attend working group and/or public meetings and report back to TAC
- Help City staff develop tools for accountability and transparency

**Bus service evaluation and prioritization**
- Develop a prioritization for bus service planning ideas from previous City work
- Draft comment letter for the various MBTA service planning processes – Bus Network Redesign, Better Bus Project, etc.

**Policy development for parking and development review**
- Research and present case studies on policies from other cities that may be useful for Cambridge for parking, development review, etc.
- Draft a memo in the development review process
- Review Envision for transit related items to focus on
Questions for breakout groups

• Brainstorm specific tasks that your subcommittee can work on

• Things to keep in mind:
  • The TAC regular meeting may have 20-30 minutes each month for reports from subcommittees but not much time for discussion
  • Other work in subcommittee to be done as “homework”
Members’ preferences from survey

Streets and infrastructure
- Jackie Jones

Bus service evaluation and prioritization
- John Attanucci
- Sylvia Parsons
- Bill McAvinney

Policy development for parking and development review
- Matthew Coogan
- Devin Chausse
- Margaret McKenna
Now

• Breakout groups until 7:00 PM
  • Tonight, each TAC member should participate in one subcommittee
  • Identify someone who will take notes to report back
  • Brainstorm tasks/actions that the subcommittee can do in 2020
• Report back begins at 7:00 PM
Wrap-up

• Report back
  • What tasks did your subcommittee think would be best on a work plan for 2020?

• Next steps
  • Next month – further discuss and finalize tasks, identify subcommittee coordinator