City of Cambridge
Transit Advisory Committee

Updates

January 8, 2020
Local Project Updates

City of Cambridge project updates
Local Projects

• In December, city staff submitted a proposal to the Boston Region MPO for **bus signal priority on Concord Avenue**
  • Upgrade signal equipment at 12 locations
  • Envision Cambridge action item
  • MPO scoring/ranking to be completed by February 2020
Local Projects

• Inner Mount Auburn Corridor Safety Improvements
  • Public Meeting – 12/12/2019

• Proposed street features
  • Separated bike lanes on Dewolfe/Bow/Quincy and on Mount Auburn between JFK Street and Putnam Avenue
  • Shared bus-bike lane approaching Putnam Avenue
  • Potential change in bus stop location at Putnam Avenue
Local Projects

• Belmont Street Reconstruction
  • Public Meeting – 10/15/2019
  • Follow-up with Watertown, local businesses
  • Additional public meeting(s) until spring
Local Projects

• River Street Reconstruction
  • Project working group meeting #8 - 12/17/2019
  • More updates at February TAC meeting
    • Bus terminal area conceptual design
    • Bus route changes
  • TAC representative: Saul Tannenbaum
  • Website: www.cambridgema.gov/riverstreet
Local Projects

- Grand Junction Multi-use Path Design Project
  - TAC representative: Rob Ricchi
  - TBA: Next Working Group and Community/Public meetings
Regional/MBTA Updates

Updates for MBTA and regional projects
MBTA Bus Projects

• Better Bus Project
  • Implemented changes: CT1, 64, 70, 70A, 72, 74, 75, 78
  • Remaining changes: Route 1 on Dunster – March 2020
  • Evaluation reports in May 2020, January 2021

• New Bus Priority “Challenge Fund”
  • $50 million to “challenge” municipalities for bus priority
  • Spring 2020 launch – information TBA
MBTA Bus Projects

• Pilot project to increase bus service on weekend and evenings
  • MBTA evaluating strategies currently, will present proposal later this month
  • Approximately $2 million/year additional operating cost
  • Implementation after July 2020
MBTA Bus Projects

• Network Redesign Demonstration Projects
  • 3 sample projects to showcase how the MBTA could:
    • Create a new route – Mattapan to LMA (Boston)
    • Improve frequencies on “trunk” corridors – Broadway in Somerville (Route 89/101), Broadway in Everett (Route 104/109)
    • Simplify a current route – Chelsea-Everett Route 112
MBTA Infrastructure Projects

• MBTA Green Line Extension
  • Lechmere station to close May 2020-April 2021
  • Lechmere station to reopen ~May 2021 at the same
time as service to Union station

• Harvard Bus Tunnel
  • Reopened December 22 with reconstructed upper level
  • Will close in spring 2020 for lower-level reconstruction
MBTA Updates

• AFC 2.0 rebranded as “Fare Transformation”
  • New fare collection system to be implemented over 5 years, from 2020 to 2024
  • MBTA to start installing new fare collection equipment in late 2021-2022
• December 2019: FMCB approved $79 million in changes, additional costs to come
Regional Projects

• Allston I-90 Multimodal Project
• Memorial Drive Greenway, Phase 3
  • No scheduled upcoming activities