Meeting agenda

1. Welcome
2. Meeting note approval for November
3. Review: 2021 TAC meeting dates
4. Presentation: Moving Forward
5. Discussion: City updates
   • TAC Comments
   • Other Updates
6. Public comment
Meeting notes and 2021 meeting calendar

• **Vote to approve:** November 2020 Meeting Summary

• **Review:** 2021 TAC Meeting Calendar
2021 TAC Meeting Calendar

• Continue with first Wednesdays except January 2021
  • January 13
  • February 3
  • March 3
  • April 7
  • May 5
  • June 2
Cambridge updates

• TAC updates
  • Proposed letter to Planning Board on MIT Volpe development permit proposal
  • Proposed comment letter on MBTA’s Forging Ahead process

• Other Updates
TAC comment letters

• Advisory Committees have written letters to:
  • State agencies advocating for specific items during project planning, design, and construction or in response to a planning initiative
  • Planning Board with comments on development proposals

• Letters are signed by the chair on behalf of the advisory committee but do not represent City’s position

• Consensus is desired, but a simple majority vote by a quorum of TAC members empowers a selected/volunteered member to:
  • Draft and finalize a comment letter from an approved outline
  • Update and edit a draft letter
TAC comment letters for consideration

• Letter to Planning Board on MIT Volpe zoning proposal
  • Bill McAvinney
  • Comments from joint TAC/BC/PC meeting on 11/18

• Letter to MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board on MBTA Forging Ahead initiative
  • John Attanucci
  • Fiscal Management and Control Board requests all comments by Friday 12/4 to hear summary of feedback at Mon 12/7 meeting; to vote on Mon 12/14
MBTA Forging Ahead

• December 2020
  • Eliminate Route 72

• March 2021 Ferry suspension

• Spring 2021 Rapid transit service reductions
  • No service at midnight
  • Reduce frequency by 20%

• May 2021 Commuter rail service reductions
  • No weekend service (as early as January 2021)
  • No service after 9 PM
  • Eliminate 6 stations
MBTA Forging Ahead

- **Summer 2021** Bus service reductions
  - End all service at midnight
  - Eliminate Routes 68, 79, 351
  - Eliminate Routes 80 and 88 after GLX opens
  - Consolidate Route 62/76, 78/84, and 88/90
  - **Reduce frequency by 5% on Routes 1, 47, 64, 66, 69, 83, 85, 91, and CT2**
  - **Reduce frequency by 20% on Routes 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 87, 96, and 350**
  - For certain trips, THE RIDE will be in the “premium” rate – mostly outer suburban trips

- **Notes:**
  - **Highlighted** = Included in options to reinstate service
  - **Highlighted + italics** = Included in options but “significant” amount of time required
  - **Italics** = “Significant” amount of time to reinstate service but excluded from options
Other Updates
Cambridgeside 2.0 Planned Unit Development

- Two hearings at Planning Board – **Next 12/22**
  - Developer to fund transportation study of First-Second Streets
  - Developer and city to negotiate transportation impact mitigation program
- Potential TAC actions
  - Pedestrian Cmte Meeting
  - Review initial application and communicate comments to city staff
MBTA Green Line Extension

• To provide update on project progress
  • Wednesday December 9, 5:30 PM
  • Zoom webinar

• Updates provided to Community Working Group on 12/1
  • Lechmere-North Station bus bridge tracking to end in June 2021
  • GLX tracking to open in fall 2021
  • Developer-funded elevator from Prospect Street to Union Square station delayed - opening in 2022
**Ongoing MBTA Initiatives**

- Bus Network Redesign ongoing
  - Summer 2021 – outreach on network alternatives
  - Winter 2022 – outreach on final alternative and phased implementation
- MBTA/MassDOT Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis to begin in earnest in 2021
- MBTA proposal to renovate North Cambridge facility in order to replace electric trackless trolleys with battery-electric buses in 2021
Thank you for participating in this Transit Advisory Committee meeting with remote participation.

Have a safe holiday season!

Thank You