City of Cambridge
Community Development Department

Transit Advisory Committee

May 2021
Meeting Instructions

- **Prioritize** TAC member discussion; members of the public can participate during defined comment periods
- **Questions** can be submitted using the Q&A button at any time
- **Public comment** period will use the “raise hand” feature, more instruction at the public comment period
- **Tech support** Andrew Reker | areker@cambridgema.gov | 617-349-6959
Meeting agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Presentation: Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Study
3. Workshop: Community Engagement
4. Discussion: City & TAC updates
5. Public comment
Presentation: Silver Line Ext. Alt. Analysis

Doug Johnson, Transportation Planner
Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Office of Transportation Planning
Workshop: Community Engagement
Kristiana Lachiusa, Director of Transit + Outreach
LivableStreets Alliance
Presentation: City & TAC Updates
Topic: Fare-free bus

- MBTA has promised to develop fare program for low-income households with significantly reduced fares
- Legislature has proposed:
  - Report on potential low-income fare program by March 2023
  - Report on potential fare-free bus program by January 2024
- Previous conversations with MBTA indicated desire for cities to fund bus priority rather than free fares
We are planning a full reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue from Inman Street to Sidney Street.
  • We need to maintain underground utilities and provide separated cycling facilities as defined in the Cycling Safety Ordinance (2020)

This project area includes the following public transit facilities:
  • MBTA subway station
  • Bus stops at Pearl and at Prospect

Existing conditions
  • Street user counts
  • MBTA ridership
  • Street sections
Mass. Ave. at Prospect St. Estimates

- Motorists: 25,000
- Pedestrians: 20,000
- Cyclists*: 0
- Bus Riders*: 7,000
- RL Riders*: 15,000

*Note: The asterisk indicates estimates or projections.
# Massachusetts Avenue – Bus riders

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## Green Street (one-way)
Massachusetts Avenue – Inman to Prospect
Massachusetts Avenue – Prospect to Pearl
Massachusetts Avenue – Pearl to Douglass
Massachusetts Avenue – Douglass to Sidney
Public comment

Members of the public will have up to 3 minutes to make a comment
Comments from the public

Members of the public may make a comment.

Use the “Raise Hand” feature in the Zoom application. By phone, use * 9 on the dial-pad to “raise hand”.

This agenda item is planned to end at 7:20 PM.

Each member of the public will have up to 2 minutes to speak.
Next TAC and Joint meeting of TAC/BC/PC

Upcoming TAC Meetings
• Wednesday, June 2, 2021
  • Potential: MBTA/MassDOT Bus Network Redesign

Joint meetings with Bicycle and Pedestrian committees
• Tentative: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Thank you for participating in this Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay safe. Go with joy and hope.