City of Cambridge
Community Development Department

Transit Advisory Committee

February 2022
Welcome

Purpose
• Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City’s “community experts”, on City projects, MBTA initiatives, and development proposals

Objective
• City staff to understand TAC’s consensus on priorities and reactions to city positions on state projects.

Process
• Presentation from City or MBTA staff followed by discussion - questions from TAC members, public to type in questions in zoom Q&A, comments during public comment period
Discussion: TAC Work Plan

Andrew Reker, City of Cambridge
Process to date

• Welcomed new members
• Reviewed and modified TAC-endorsed Implementation Plan
• Reviewed and discussed previous ideas for work plans, subcommittees
• City staff have processed what we’ve heard from you all
Tonight’s objectives

• Review proposal for work plan and subcommittees for 2022
• Finalize draft work plans, sub-committees, and sub-committee coordinators
What we heard

Over the past few months, we’ve heard that the TAC wants to dig in and spend a bit more time on these two topics:

1. Outreach and engagement to bring people “into” the conversation about public transit
2. Provide meaningful feedback to MBTA and City for different plans and projects
What we heard

Propose two subcommittees and some schedule/calendar modifications for TAC meetings

Some more information to support the why and the how moving forward
Outreach and engagement

TAC’s original task was to assist and advise the development of the Transit Strategic Plan. Included City departmental leadership, institutional stakeholders, advocates, and residents.

Engagement and outreach were primarily “traditional” meeting formats.
Outreach and engagement

Tasks, purpose, and activities have changed as Transit Strategic Plan was finalized and focus shifted to implementation and bringing new voices.

Current composition is neighborhood representatives, advocates, and institutional stakeholders.
Outreach and engagement

City has also shifted from “join our meeting” to “Let’s meet, tell us, or can we meet you?”

Previously, focused on meetings and hosting events

Changing to meetings with other engagement activities – tabling, attending community events, scheduled for non-traditional times
Infrastructure and planning

TAC’s task remains to provide advice on the implementation of the Transit Strategic Plan.

TAC can request presentations from City and state project staff.

TAC may also want to have some further study to make recommendations.
MBTA and City plans and projects

State Agencies
MBTA Bus Network Redesign
Silver Line Extension
Grand Junction rail transit
West Station & Harvard-Allston transit service
Bus priority projects

City projects
Cycling Safety Ordinance projects
Bus priority projects
DPW 5-year Plan projects
Some modifications would be needed

Some months may have no regular meeting because some subcommittee work may need some time to prepare or an outreach event may involve the entire TAC
## Calendars

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Outreach subcommittee

Questions: Who is going to process the input and feedback?
How many events would be good?
What are some expected outcomes
Questions for infrastructure and planning

What are the short term projects that are of interest? Longer-term projects?

How to incorporate public engagement feedback for things like the MBTA Bus Network Redesign?
Thank you for participating in this Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You