
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



TAC Updates

City and State Project Updates

Andrew Reker, City of Cambridge



TAC Updates



TAC Member Opportunities

Several initiatives are requesting TAC member attendance including:

Focus Group for Board and Commission Members for City Manager search

- February 8, 2022 – 6PM

Cycling Safety Ordinance advisory group

- Hosted by City staff
- Potentially meet monthly for some time



TAC Member Opportunities

Several initiatives are requesting TAC member attendance including:

Fare Free Bus Pilot Working Group

- Hosted by City Council and chaired by Councillor Azeem
- Meet every 2nd week over 3 months

Please send an e-mail to Andrew Reker if you are interested in any of these activities



TAC Election

- Election will take place during the March TAC Meeting
 - Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
 - Officer descriptions can also be found in the Bylaws
- Please let us know if you are interested in running for one of these positions by: **Wednesday, February 16**



TAC Officers: Roles + Descriptions

Chair

- The Chair will be responsible for setting the agenda in coordination with City staff, for facilitating meetings, for organizing the Committee work program and subcommittees in coordination with City staff, and for signing Committee correspondence.

Vice-Chair

- The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in his/her/their duties and fill in for the Chair in his/her absence.

Secretary

- The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that meeting minutes and attendance records are kept.



Upcoming TAC Meetings

Joint Meeting of Ped, Bike, and Transit Advisory Committees

- Wednesday, February 16
- MassAve4 Update, Porter Square CSO Update

TAC Meeting

- Thursday, March 3
- Zoning 101 and TIS Update Study
- TAC Officer Election

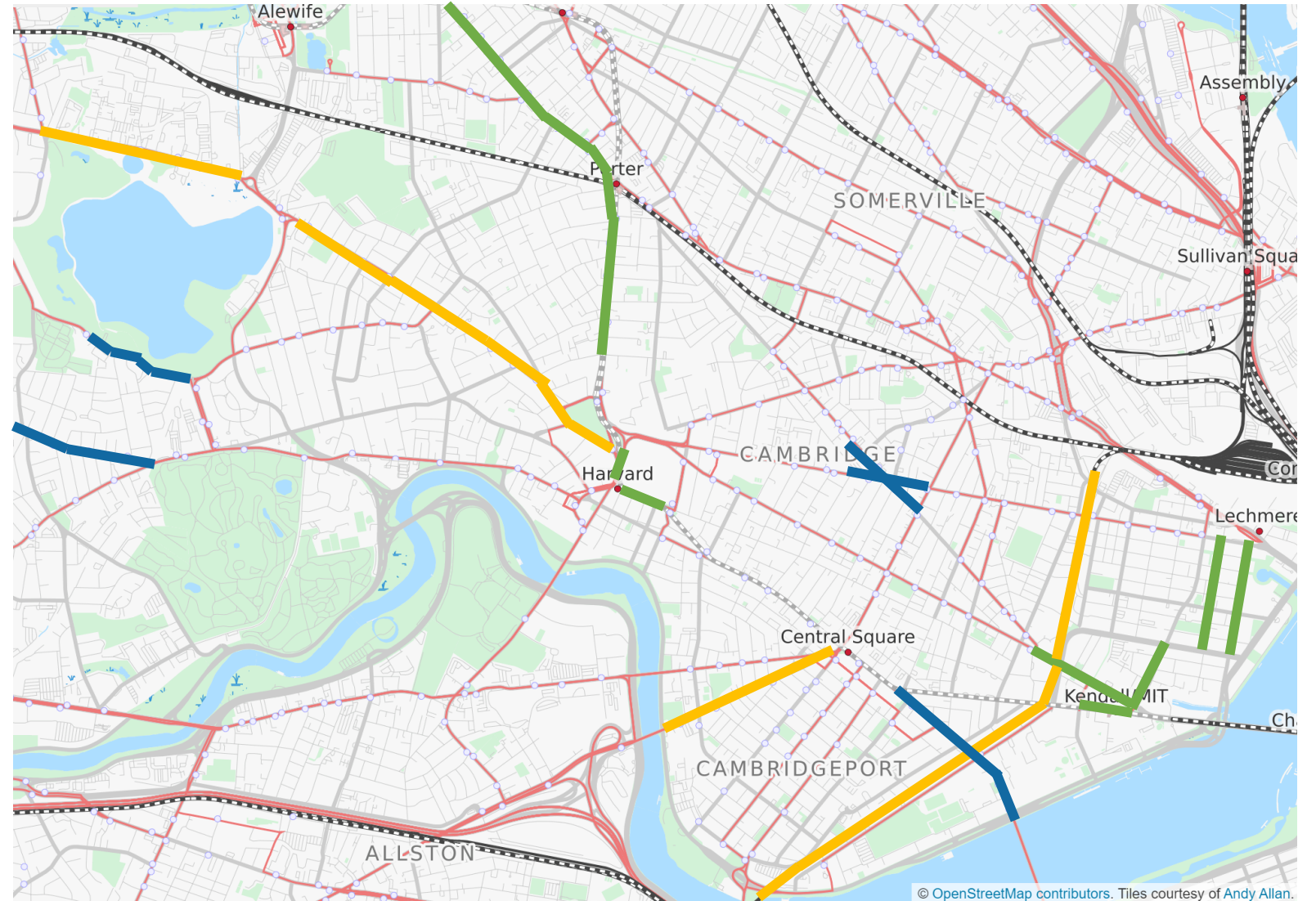
Joint Meeting of Ped, Bike, and Transit Advisory Committees

- Wednesday, March 16
- DPW 5-year Streets and Sidewalks Plan



City Updates

Selected street projects





In Progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Inman Square	Installing new storm drain connection from Inman St. to Hampshire St.	E-mail updates sent out as construction work zones change, about every 2 weeks

Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
Belmont Street	To start in Spring 2022	None planned
Huron Avenue – Glacken Field	To start in Spring 2022	None planned
South Mass Ave Transit Priority Follow- up	Implementation in spring 2022 – update when implementation timeline set	None planned



In Planning and Design

Project	Update	Next public event
River Street Reconstruction	Updating plaza designs	TBA
Grand Junction MUP	Ongoing review with state agencies	Winter 2022 (TBA) – Public Meeting
Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority	Working with MBTA on procurement and design	None scheduled



Completed

Project	Update	Next public event
North Mass. Ave (Dudley to Alewife Brook Parkway) Corridor Safety Improvements	Bike + bus lane installation completed.	None planned

In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
Porter Square Corridor Safety Improvements	1 st Community Meeting held 1/25. Feedback survey open	TBD – Feb/March 2022
MassAve4 Outreach (Waterhouse-Roseland + Beech-Dudley)	Project team studying utilities and conceptual traffic designs	TBD – Feb/March 2022

In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
First Street & Second Street Corridor	Comment period closed	None currently scheduled
Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led)	Ongoing study.	None currently scheduled
Transportation Impact Study Update Study	Study has begun. TAC presentation scheduled for March 2022	None currently scheduled



MBTA Updates



MBTA Green Line Extension

- Project is an estimated ~75~80% complete
- Partial opening planned for March 2022
 - Reopening with service to Lechmere and Union
 - Rail-replacement shuttles to remain until service to Lechmere begins
- Service to Medford/Tufts is planned to open in May 2022, remains TBD
- Elevator access for Union station delayed until mid 2022
- 24 new trolleys purchased to accommodate increased ridership
- Out-of-service train testing has begun between North Station and Union Square

In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Red Line Transformation	New weekly updates on website – signal system replacement testing Davis + Harvard-Alewife	TBA
Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)	Released 2022 fare changes: permanent 5-day Flex Pass, \$11 for 1-day LinkPass, 7-day LinkPass for reduced fare riders	Feb 10 th @6pm: Public Meeting MBTA Fare Tariff Changes Feb 17 th @6pm: Public Hearing MBTA Fare Tariff Changes

In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Alewife Garage Repairs	Acceleration of repair work. Scheduled completion Fall 2023	None planned
Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation (Green Line Transformation)	99% complete. Expect completion in February 2022	None planned
System-Wide Accessibility Improvements	Update on Plan for Accessible Transit Infrastructure (PATI). Released in December	None planned



In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Development-related Diversions in Boston	Green Line weekend shuttles on 2/19-20 and 3/12-13 Lechmere to Government Center	None

Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
Bus Network Redesign	Planning to share a proposal this upcoming spring	TBA
Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis	Draft alternatives under review	TBA
Facility modernization & Bus electrification	North Cambridge Carhouse – Conversion to BEB facility (Potentially FY2023-24)	Feb 15 @ 6pm: Public Meeting MBTA BEB Update + Carhouse Design

Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You