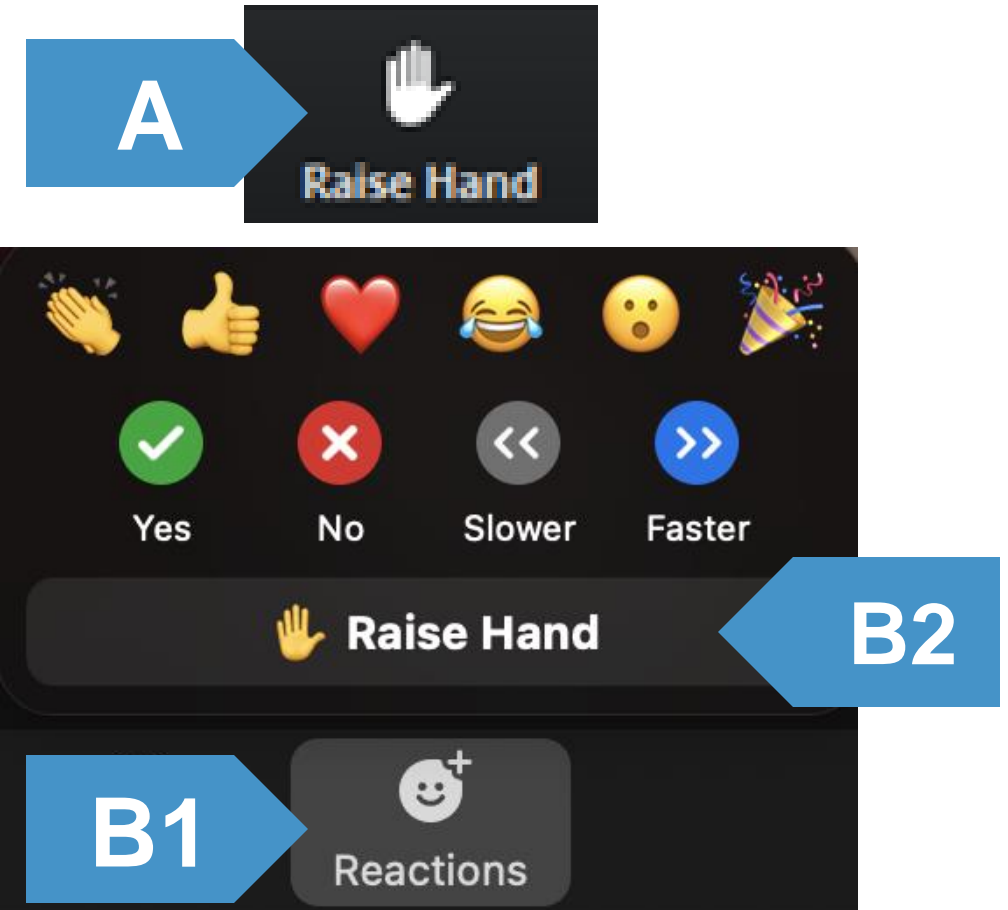


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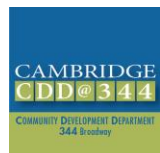
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City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee Meeting

March 6, 2025





Welcome

Purpose

Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City's "community experts"

Outcomes

TAC members learn about Red Line updates and elect officers

Process

TAC to 'raise hand' during presentations and discussions

Public to type in questions in zoom Q&A or speak verbal comments during public comment period

Instructions for the public



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Public comment period will use the “**raise hand**” feature. We will provide more instruction then.

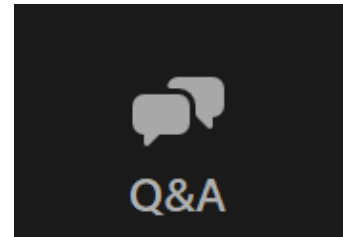


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Question**

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Tonight's agenda

- Roll call + Meeting Summary
- Presentation: Red Line Updates
- Discussion: TAC work plan and nominations of TAC Officers
- Presentation: City and State Project Updates
- Public comment



Roll Call

Nika Lea Tomicic, Community Development Department



Attendance

The TAC secretary must take a roll-call to confirm attendance by Transit Advisory Committee members when the meeting is held with remote participation.

TAC secretary will call roll.



Meeting summaries

City staff posted the January 2025 meeting summary online.

Propose a vote to approve meeting summaries.



Presentation: Red Line Updates

MBTA staff to present on Red Line initiatives in 2025: State of Good Repair work, new
Red Line manager



Discussion: TAC work plan and nominations of TAC Officers



TAC to update work plan each year

Advisory committee has begun a process to update the TAC-endorsed Transit Strategic Plan Implementation Plan...

- **Hear additional suggestions** this month
- **Finalize update** next month



Members of the TAC can suggest that the implementation plan be modified

- **Remove** – This item is now complete, may be “stale” or “old”, and not a priority
- **Add** – This is a new item for the TAC
- **Modify** – This item has changed or the TAC is interested in a different aspect of this item



Seeking officers

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 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.



Electing officers

Nominations

- Nominations of other members or self-nominations are accepted

Voting

- To take place during a scheduled meeting, where voting is listed on the agenda
- A quorum is necessary for Committee votes. A simple majority of members constitute a quorum.
- A simple majority vote is necessary for decisions. (This includes elections)



Presentation: City and State Project Updates

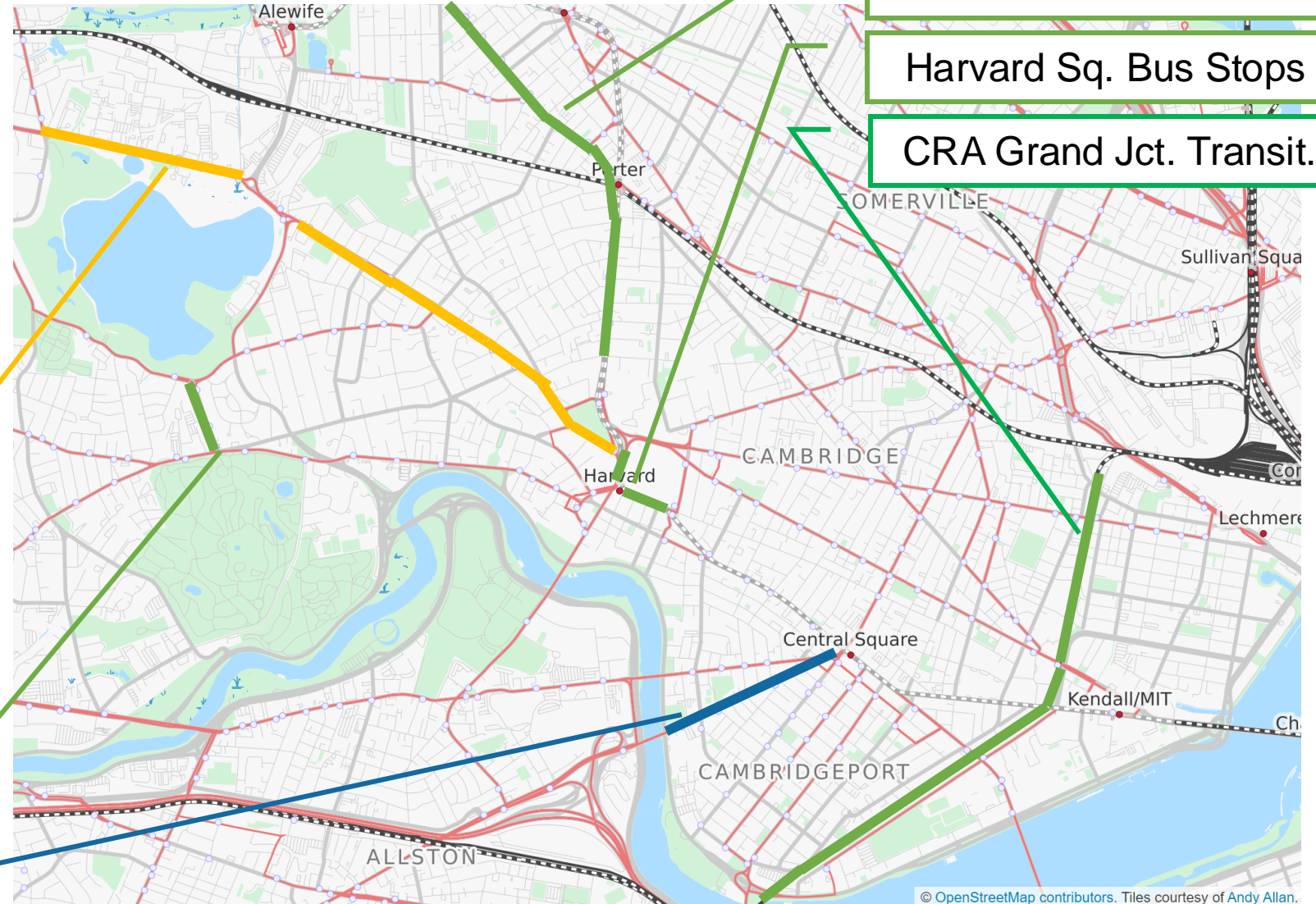
Nika Lea Tomicic, City Staff

Selected City projects

Concord Transit Signal Priority

Aberdeen Improvements

River Street Reconstr.



Mass Ave Partial Const.

Harvard Sq. Bus Stops

CRA Grand Jct. Transit.

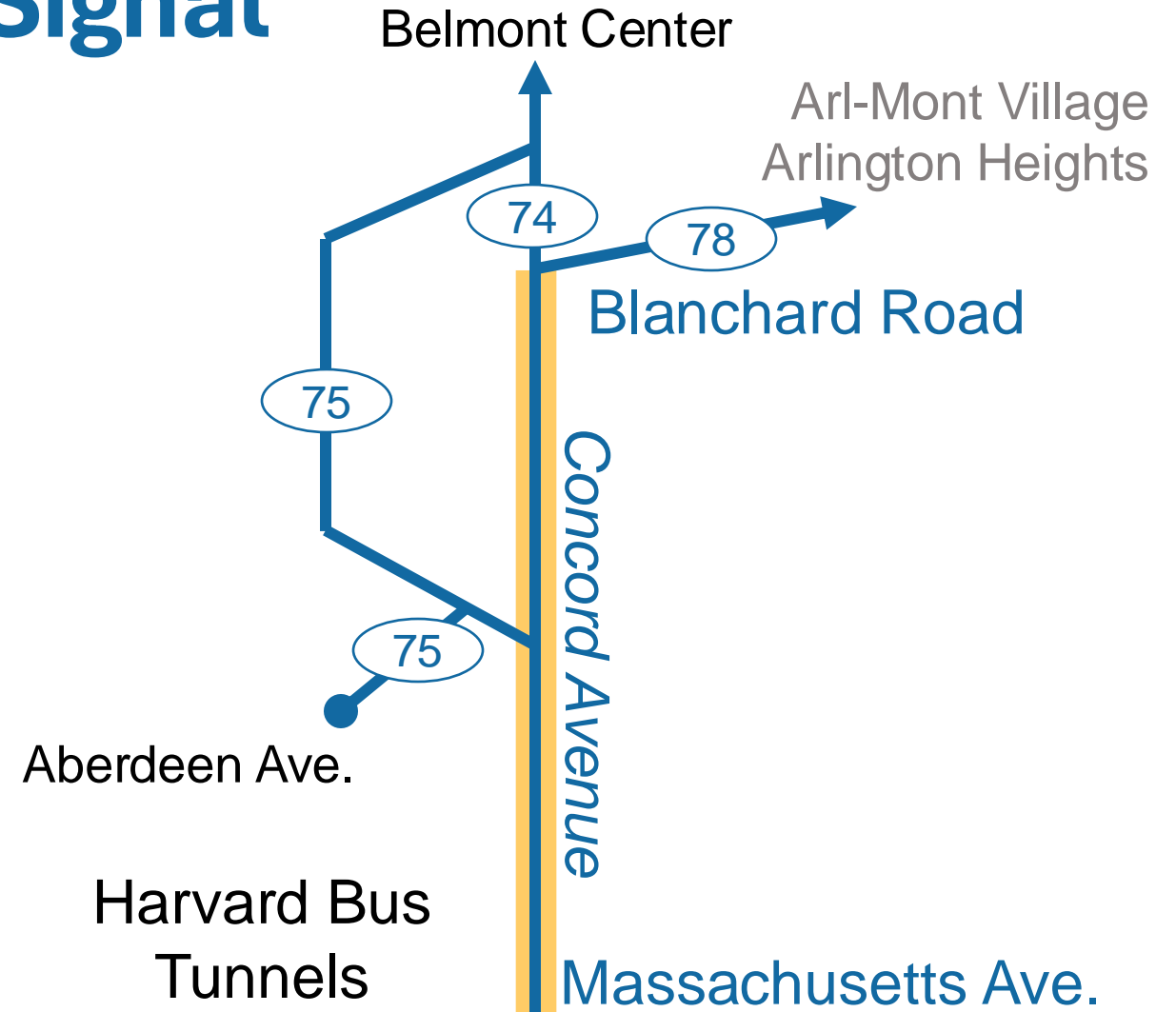
Concord Ave Transit Signal Priority

Work is in progress

MBTA and City has mostly completed installation of:

- TSP request generators
- Upgraded signal controllers

Project is developing programming and signal controller logic

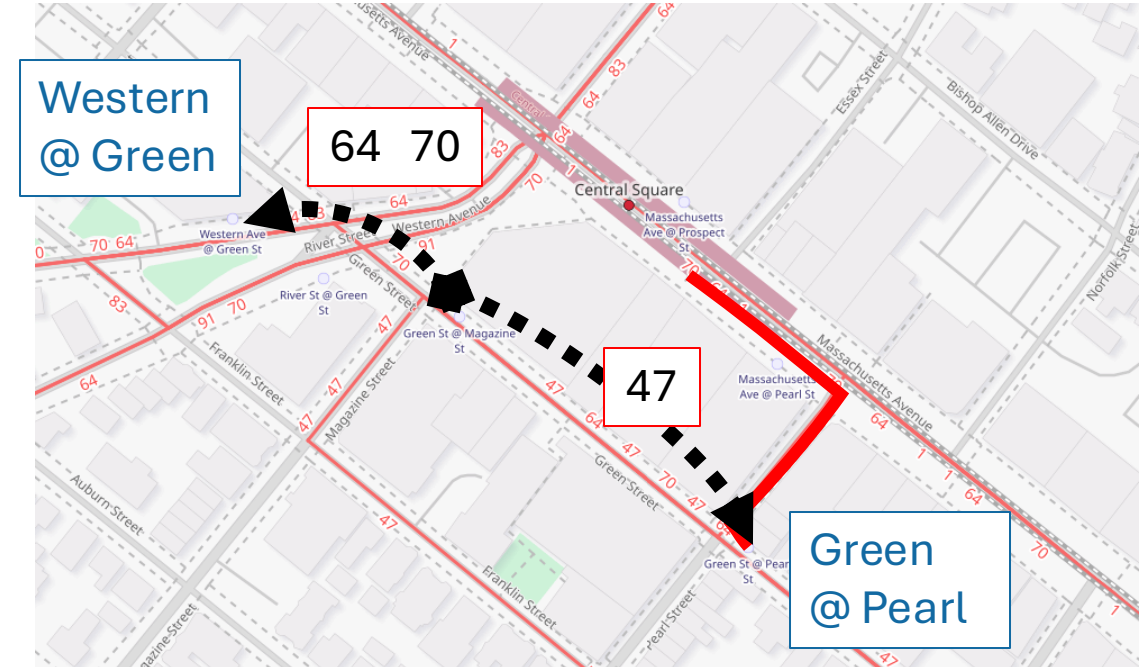


Bus stops moving at Central Sq. Bus Terminal

Work is in progress at Carl Barron Plaza

Bus stop at Green St at Magazine St will be closed beginning Monday, March 10 and last approx 2 months.

Construction work will include sidewalk repairs, replacement of bus shelters, and new rider amenities.



Riders on Routes 64 and 70 should board at Western Ave at Green St. Riders for Route 47 should board on Green St at Pearl St.

Aberdeen Avenue

Addition of separated bike lanes on road next to median (i.e. left side)

Flexposts and markings to be installed in spring

No planned modifications to bus stops locations



Photo rendering of changes to intersection of Aberdeen Avenue at Mount Auburn Street

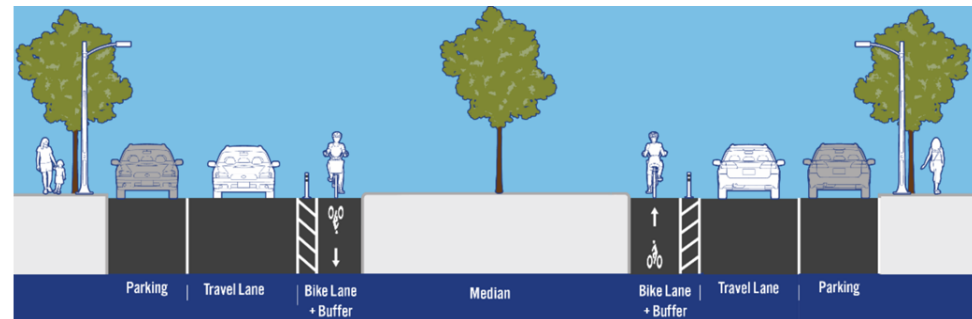


Illustration of separated bike lanes on Aberdeen Ave, planned for Spring of 2025



Mass Ave Partial Construction

- Will create separated bike lanes, in accordance with the requirements of the Cycling Safety Ordinance and make modifications to street design
- Using a mix of quick-build and “full” construction process
- Early action items are in Phase 1 and include median removal and some utility work

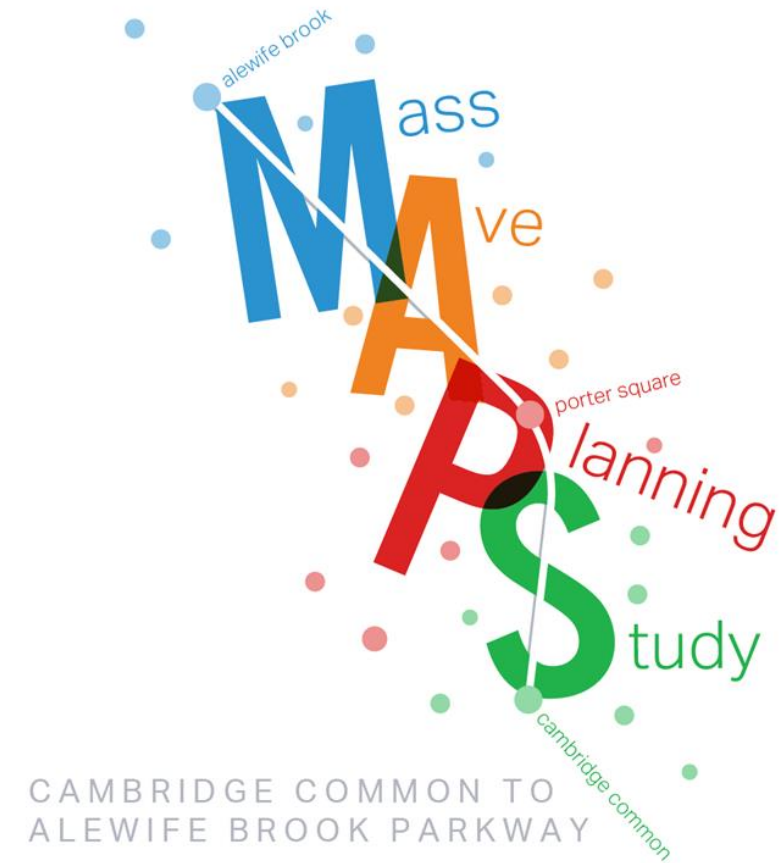
Pre-construction Open House for early action Phase 1

March 26 5:30 p.m.

Lesley University
1815 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140

Mass Ave Planning Study

- MAPS creates a vision plan for what Massachusetts Avenue will look like in 2040 between Alewife Brook Parkway and Cambridge Common.
- Status: Starting to prepare final reports
- Upcoming Meeting
 - MAPS Working Group Meeting - Zoning Recommendations - March 13, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.





Real Time Transit Screens

- City staff requested proposals for up to 10 locations
 - Existing city owned bus shelters with no advertising panels
- City staff working out a new strategy
- Funded by Participatory Budgeting grant and bus stop improvement capital funds

Target locations

Focused on neighborhood centers: Inman Square, Porter Square, Riverside/Cambridgeport Neighborhoods

New bus shelter installation

- Kendall Square Transit Enhancement Program approved a bus stop improvement project in June
- Install bus shelter on Ames Street at Main Street
- Work began this summer and expect installation in Spring

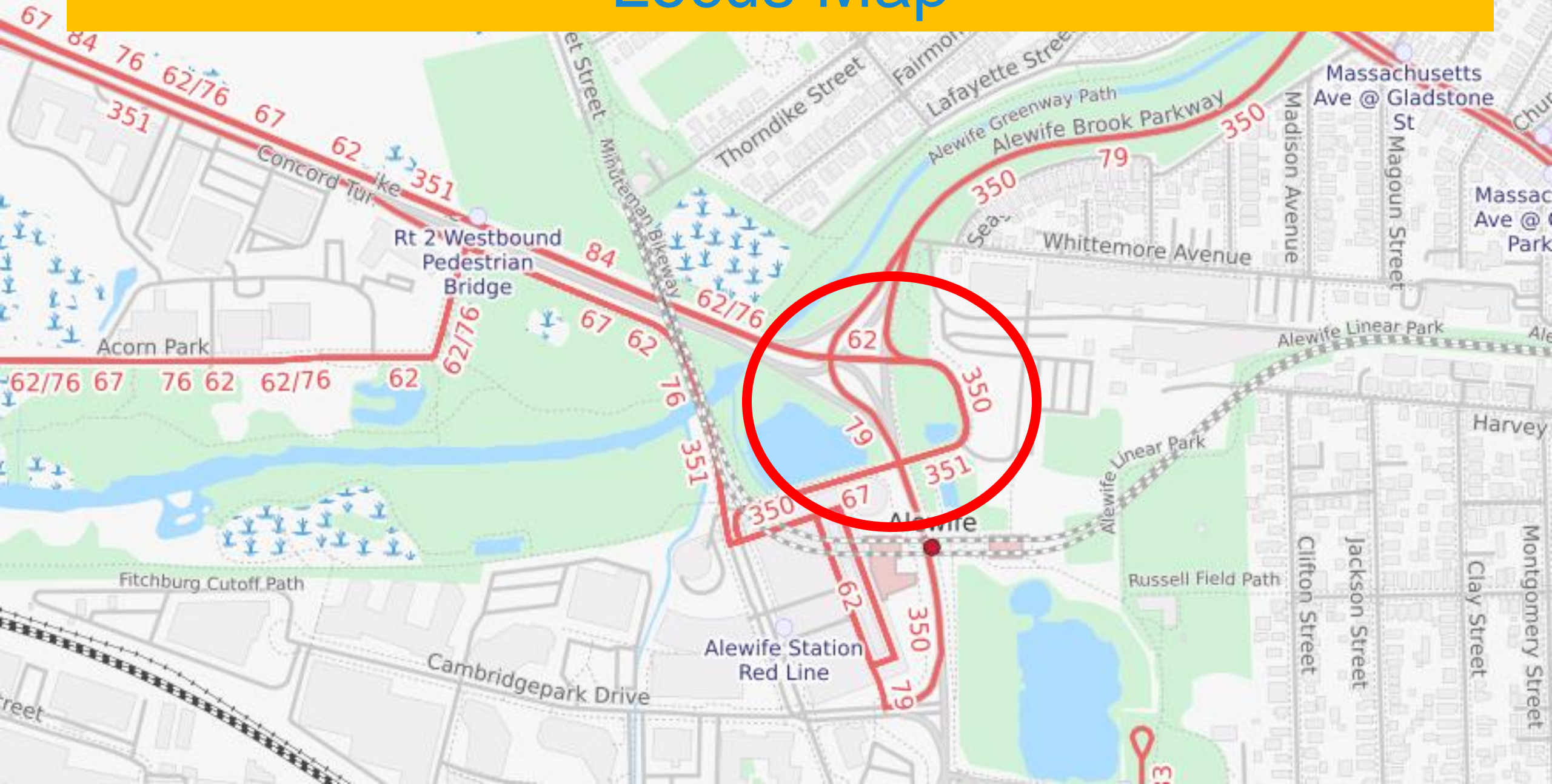




Alewife Station Access Road

- IQHQ was required to evaluate the feasibility of adding a bus lane to the Alewife Station Access Road
- Evaluation is complete and further conversations are going on with MassDOT, DCR, and MBTA
- Update on evaluation and potential for design in future meetings

Locus Map



Recent aerial photography



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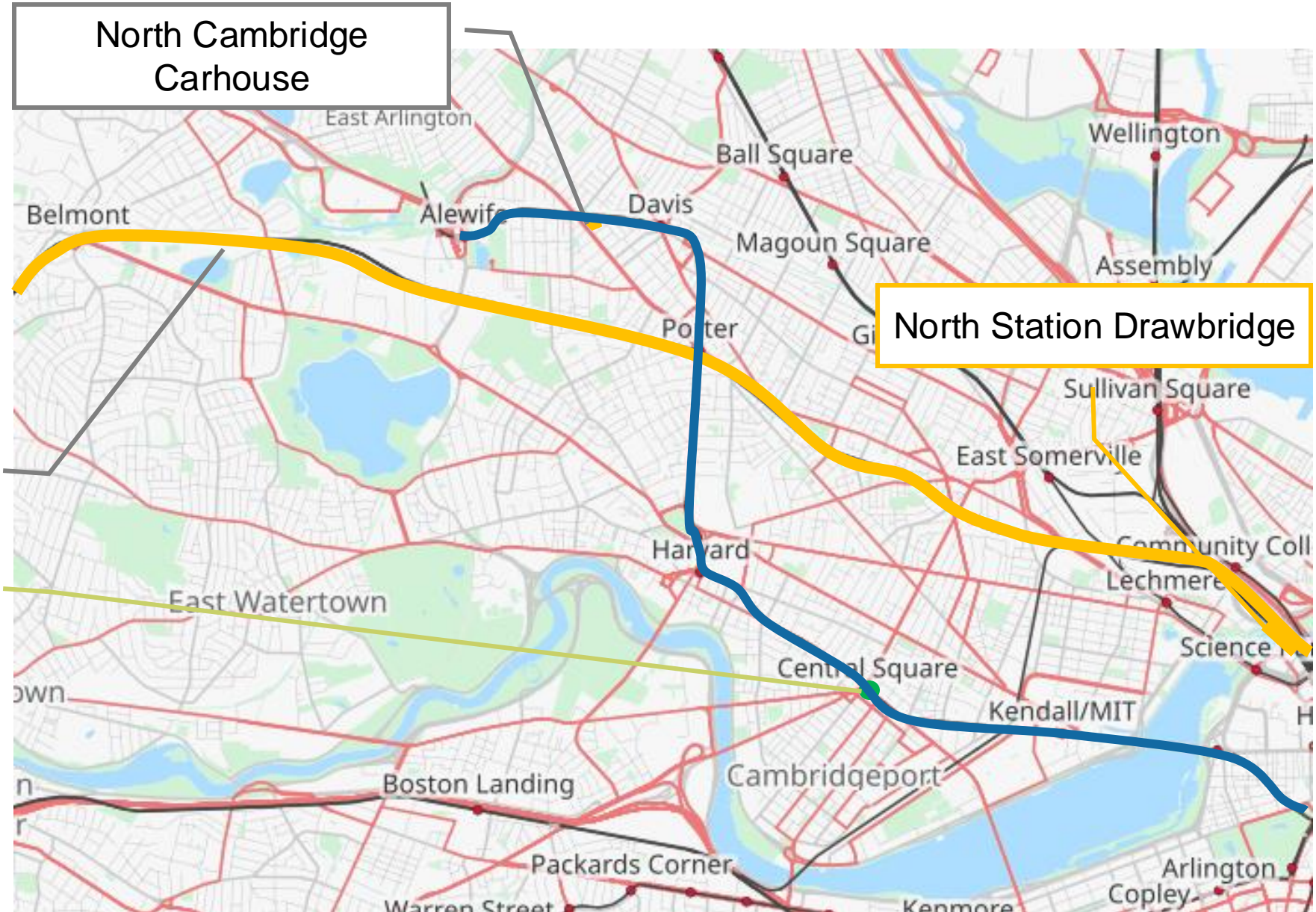
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Selected MBTA projects

Fitchburg Line CIP project

Central Square Accessibility Improvements





North Station Draw One project

- MBTA published a draft environmental analysis in December 2024
- City Manager commented on the draft EA the long-standing state commitments for a bike-ped crossing



Alewife Commuter Rail Station Ridership Assessment

- MBTA has begun a study to evaluate the potential for ridership at a proposed infill station on the Fitchburg Line
- Study will provide information that will give decision-making support for Railroad Operations, Planning, Strategy
 - Balancing between new riders and delay for current riders



Announcements



TAC Meetings

- Next meeting
 - Thursday, April 3 - 6 p.m. – TAC Meeting



Public comment

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

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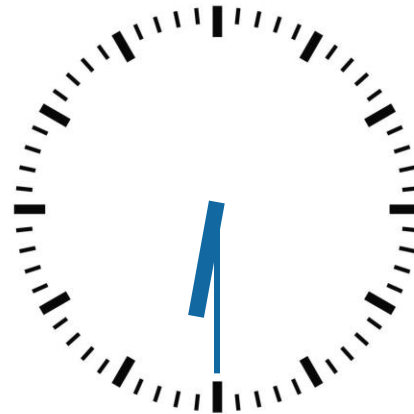


Comments from the public

Members of the public may make a comment on the Transit Advisory Committee.



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This agenda item is planned to end at 7:30 PM.



Each member of the public will have up to **3 minutes** to make a comment or ask a question.

Thank you for coming to tonight's meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You