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Transit Network and Service (NS)											
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NS1	A7 / B3 / D11	Bus Network Redesign Implementation	4 - Expand service	MBTA	City staff are participating in regular meetings with MBTA staff who are implementing the Bus Network Redesign. First changes implemented in Dec 2024. Includes "Forging Ahead"	Moving Forward	Review BNR final map for connectivity	TAC to collect impressions from public		MBTA rolling updates for Phase 2	
NS2	D1 / D5	New CT4 Service (Sullivan- Lechmere- Kendall- Kenmore)	4 - Expand service	City/CRA	Lechmere to Sullivan Sq --> SLX Lechmere to Kendall --> SLX and T101	Revisit	Advocate for early action on New 101	Fund outside of service planning process, if required		Unclear	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation
NS3	A6 / E2	Grand Junction Path & Transit Conceptual Design	4 - Expand service	City/CRA	Multi-use path design has reached 75% design. CRA presented on their study.	Moving Forward	Continue to advocate for future Grand Junction two- track service.	Engage with Rail Transformation group as opportunities arise	PMT advocacy opportunity	CRA potential update in 2025	KSMTF recommendation; Advocate for 2-track
NS4	A19	Increase EZRide Shuttle Service	4 - Expand service	City/CRA	CRTMA sought and was awarded grants to expand service	Moving Forward	TAC to support expanded service			EZRide potential update in 2025	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation
NS5	E5	MASCO/EZRide Access	5 - Improve usability, access, service	Operators	MASCO LMA Shuttle M2 tickets now available at City Hall for purchase; EZRide is currently fare free	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Coordinate with AFC2.0 rollout (expected 2025-2026)			As opportunities occur	
NS6	B5	Update Transit Delay and Unreliability Dataset	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City-DOT	Expected to update in early FY25-26	Moving Forward	Review results of study			Late 2025	
NS7	E1	Coordinate with other stakeholders on delays that happen across boundaries, particularly on bridges across the Charles River	Other	City	GoBoston 2030 identified the need to improve #1 bus service. Coordinating with DOT and DCR on Charles River crossings. Working with MBTA on an initative to support bus priority on Mass Ave.	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Advocate/coordinate with DCR and MassDOT processes			As opportunities occur	
Wayfaring and Signage (WS)											
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WS1	A3 / E8	Real-time Transit Displays (elnk)	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	MBTA reported additional signage installed at Harvard Square's Dawes Island and Eliot Street stops.	Revisit	Participatory Budgeting "Solar-Powered Real-Time Bus Tracker Displays" project using a city procurement.	Coordinate with MBTA on their elnk-based realtime signage pilot and bus shelter contract bidding process.	Participation in regional municipal group procurement of real-time signage- ON HOLD	Unclear	TAC suggested creating a target for a certain percentage of stops by a fixed year. TAC requests to include larger screens in the Participatory Budget project, to be assessed
WS2	C1 / E9	Transit Wayfinding Strategy	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA or City	Central Square Bus Access and Circulation Study (2014) includes some routing and wayfinding recommendations. River Street scope has localized signage and wayfinding tasks to support in Central Square	Revisit				Unclear	
Transit Priority Lanes/Signals (TP)											
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TP1	A11	First/Second Street, Part 2	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	City will study Second Street as low- speed/low-volume bicycle priority street after MBTA/MassDOT complete SL study	Revisit	Participate in any further engagement			Unclear	
TP2	A12	Mass Ave, Partial Construction	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	City will begin outreach again in 2025	Moving Forward	Participate in engagement events	Request briefing from city staff		Summer or Fall 2025	Mass Ave (Waterhouse to Alewife Brook Parkway)
TP3	A13	Mass Ave, Plympton to Dunster	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	"Mass Ave Harvard Square Bus Stops" project - design in review	Moving Forward	Participate in engagement events	Request briefing from city staff		*Fall or Winter 2025	Harvard Square bus stops
TP4	A15	Mass Ave, Central Square	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	Upcoming redesign process to begin in 2025	Revisit	TAC to participate in engagement.	Potential for extensions of bus lanes		2025	
TP5	A14 / B2	Harvard Bridge Bus Priority	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MassDOT/MBTA	MassDOT/MBTA completed installation in 2023 - MBTA reviewing implementation	Revisit	Request update from DOT/DCR/MBTA			Unclear	Related to NS8: MassDOT/MBTA Project
TP6	A17	Alewife Bus Priority	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City and Developer	IQHQ (developer) committed to studying (and building, if approved) a queue jump lane approaching the Alewife intersection.	Moving Forward	City to follow-up with MBTA/MassDOT on design process.	TAC to continue to advocate to DOT and MBTA for the importance of this project.		*Fall or Winter 2025	Related to NS8: TAC requests that the City advocate for implementing bus priority on non-City-owned roadways
TP7	B1	Kendall Square to/from North Station Bus Priority	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City, MassDOT, MBTA	Ongoing coordination with design of relevant streets (e.g., Binney, Third, Main, First -- included below)	Resources Not Yet Identified	Coordinate with major ongoing development projects as they progress (e.g. Volpe site)	Identify resources to engage consultant to analyze tradeoffs, make the case for benefits, and more fully design if appropriate (TAC to review/comment)	Public and stakeholder engagement	Unclear	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation Related to TP1
TP8	D4	Route 85 - Wellington Harrington to Kendall Bus Priority Lane	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	KSMTF included plan for stop consolidation, TSP, and other improvements	Revisit	Identified some potential bus priority measures in CRA study	Public, stakeholder, and MBTA engagement		Unclear	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation
TP9	A5	Concord Ave Transit Signal Priority Corridor	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City and MBTA	MBTA working on installation with City of Cambridge	Moving Forward	TAC to receive update from TPT and CDD			Unclear	Locations: 7-8 intersections between Harvard and Belmont municipal boundary

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TP10	A4	Transit Signal Priority Systems	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MBTA	Development of plans for transit signal priority long term throughout cit	Resources Not Yet Identified	TAC to participate in future outreach for projects.	TAC to receive update from MBTA and TPT		Unclear	Intersections with equipment installed: 1. Mass Ave @ Brookline 2. Mass Ave @ Vassar 3. Mass Ave @ Albany 4. Mount Auburn @ Homer 5. Mount Auburn @ Coolidge (DCR)
TP11	D6	Alewife Bike-Ped bridge (from the Quadrangle toward Cambridge Park Dr.) and Alewife CR station	5 - Improve usability, access, service	City	City staff presented to this group in November on Alewife area	Revisit	Advance design based on developer contributions (no current mechanism to fund construction)			Unclear	TAC asks whether building another bridge on the east side of Alewife Brook Parkway would provide more equitable access. TAC interested in exploring idea of at-grade crossing.
TP12	E13	Advocate for changes to improve O'Brien Highway as part of McGrath Boulevard design development	3 - Goal 3: Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MassDOT		Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	TAC to participate in future outreach for this project			Fall 2025	

Stations, Stops and Shelters (SSS)

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SSS1	D9 / E11	Station Brightening and Maintenance	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	Visited Central and Lechmere in 2023; MBTA focused on making some minor station improvements during track improvement program	Revisit	TAC to have update on this initiative	TAC subcommittee to conduct assessments		Unclear	
SSS2	C3	Bus Stop Design - Separated Bus Lanes and Bus Stops	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	MassDOT to study several types of bus stop designs to examine bus rider- bicyclist conflicts	Not Yet Started	TAC subcommittee to further discuss this idea			Summer 2025	
SSS3	A2	Ames Street Bus Stops	5 - Improve usability, access, service	City	KSTEP funded shelter proposal - Shelter construction to bid in Q1 2025	Moving Forward	Collect information on stop amenities			Summer 2025	Ames NB at Broadway - Installed by developer Ames SB at Main St - KSTEP
SSS4	A16	Brattle/Aberdeen Bus Stop	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	Design completed in 2024 - Installation scheduled for early 2025	Moving Forward	TAC to observe operations			Summer 2025	
SSS5	A18	Cambridge Street	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	Safety Improvement Project on Cambridge Street - Launched Advisory Group	Moving Forward	Participate in engagement events	Request briefing from city staff		Fall 2025	Few opportunities when not considering more signif
SSS6	New	Broadway CSO Bus Stops	5 - Improve usability, access, service	City	Safety Improvement Project on Broadway - Advisory Group meetings	Moving Forward	TAC to participate in engagement.			Fall 2025	

Facilities Infrastructure and Technology (FIT)

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FIT1	A9 / E10	Bus Facility Modernization (North Cambridge)	4 - Expand service	MBTA	MBTA PM presented on North Cambridge in spring 2024	Moving Forward	Engage in public process	TAC to request presentation		Fall 2025	
FIT2	E3	Improving Red Line Track, Switches, and Signaling	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MBTA	KSMTF recommendations and ongoing coordination with MassDOT and MBTA	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Advocate with MBTA/MassDOT	Invite Red Line Transformation representatives		As opportunities occur	KSMTF recommendation; follow-up
FIT3	E4	MBTA Climate Vulnerability Assessment	7 - Resiliency and adaptation to climate change	MBTA	MBTA completed a study of prioritizing efforts to mitigate harms of climate change	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Request update on report	Advocate to prioritize Cambridge infrastructure as appropriate		As opportunities occur	
FIT4	E7	MBTA AFC 2.0	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	New readers installed on vehicles; new fare vending machines being installed; fare engagement/enforcement to be rolled out.	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Advocate with MBTA/MassDOT			Unclear	
FIT5	New	Review CIP/PMT	2 - Prioritize Funding	MBTA	Capital Improvement Plan was just approved and Program for Mass Transportation is expected to begin soon		Advocate with MBTA/MassDOT			To be determined	

Policy and Finances (PF)

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PF1	D10	MBTA Integrated Service Planning	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	Feb 2024: TAC recommended	Revisit	Request info from MBTA	Engage with future Program for Mass Transp planning		Unclear	Envisioning a system where modal choice is less im
PF2	A1	Participatory Budget Projects	2 - Prioritize Funding	TAC	No 2024 PB projects	Moving Forward	Request report on previous projects			To be determined	"Winning Participatory Budgeting Ideas: (Cycle - Year: Idea) PB 2 - 2016: TSP for MBTA Route 1 PB 3 - 2017: Solar-powered real-time bus tracker"
PF3	D8	KSTEP Participation	2 - Prioritize Funding	City	Received update from CRA on status of this.	Revisit				Unclear	
PF4	D3	Long-term Financial Contributions to Transit	2 - Prioritize Funding	City and CRA	KSTEP has begun to evaluate project ideas.	Revisit	Best practices review (may require engaging consultant, students, etc.)	Work with Envision process or other policy initiatives		Unclear	
PF5	E6	Improve regulations for bus stops and bus facilities	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	City updated regulations in 2018 to define bus lane - Legislature passed law to allow automated enforcement	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Advocate with MassDOT	Advocate with legislature for automated enforcement		Unclear	

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PF6	A10	Updates to City's Transportation Impact Study Guidelines	Other	City	Ongoing study; considering addition of a "transit" criteria to determine a developmentimpact	Revisit	Receive update from city staff			Unclear	
PF7	C2	Development of transit analysis in neighborhood plans	6 - Improve outreach and participation	City		Not Yet Started	TAC subcommittee to further discuss this idea			To be determined	
PF8	B4	Update of Transit Strategic Plan	Other	City	Identify implementable outcomes	Resources Not Yet Identified	TAC to support budget requests			To be determined	
PF9	D2 / D7	PTDM Updates	Other	City	No current plans for PTDM update.	Revisit	Work with Envision process or other policy initiatives	Work with Bike and Ped Committees and other transportation working groups	Best practices review (may require engaging	Unclear	TAC interested in reform of PTDM policy/ordinance. FHWA will release report on parking cash out in July (looked at Boston and Cambridge)
PF10	E14	Fare-Free Pilot	5 - Improve usability, access, service	City	Request presentation on MBTA: fare- free, affordable fares, interactions b/w fare-free/BNR/low-income fare program	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Participate in engagement events			As opportunities occur	
PF11	E12	Local Transactions for the CharlieCard Store	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	Desire for Harvard Square charlie card transactions	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	TAC to send a letter to MBTA requesting			Unclear	
PF12	New	Citywide Study of Shuttles + Transit Gaps	Other	City	Launching in summer 2025	Moving Forward	Participate in public engagement			Late 2025	