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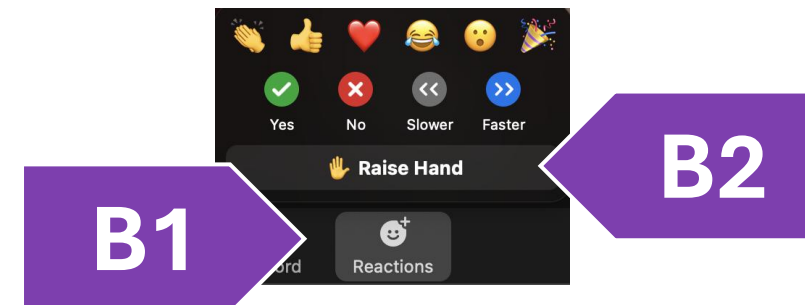
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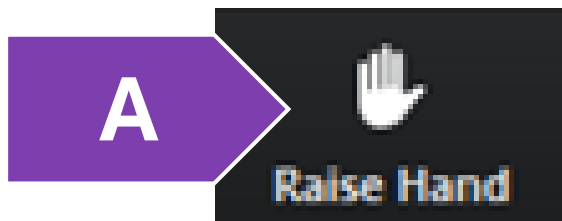
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B2 — Raise Hand

Welcome to the August 2025 Transit Advisory Committee Meeting

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE | Department of Transportation

August 7, 2025 | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Instructions for the public joining remotely

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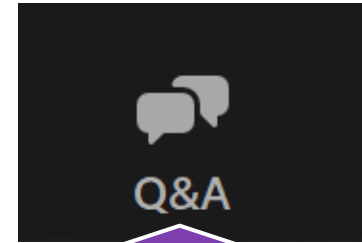You can type written questions or comments in the Zoom Q&A Panel

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

Please speak only for the amount of time available.

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Q&A

Ask a Question

Sometimes you may find this in the "More" or "..." menu

Why We're Here

The Transit Advisory Committee meets monthly.

- The **purpose** is to get feedback from appoint members of the TAC, the City's "community experts"

- The **outcomes** are for the Advisory Committee to:
  - Understand ways that the Advisory Committee provide advice to City and state agencies
  - Start to plan an Alewife-area walk for fall 2025

- The **process** will include a presentation and discussion about future meetings

Member Code of Conduct

- Respect and sharing the air
- Recognizing unique experiences and potential biases
- Advocating for you neighbors
- Navigating disagreements
- Maintaining a fun environment
- Using our names
- Being present
- Accessible language

Agenda

6:00 p.m. Welcome and meeting summary approval

6:10 p.m. Presentation: TAC Actions

6:25 p.m. Discussion: Planning an Alewife-area Walk

6:55 p.m. Discussion: City and State Project Updates

7:05 p.m. Public Comment

01. Welcome and meeting summary approval

Roll Call

The Advisory Committee 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 shared July 2025 meeting summaries with members and posted the document to the advisory committee webpage.

- Meeting summaries for several other meetings also need to be approved:
  - December 2024
  - January 2025
  - February 2025

02. TAC Actions

TAC has several ways to interact with city staff

- Request presentations or discussion on City projects
  - Street reconstruction
  - Quick-build
  - Plan updates
  - New or modified programs

- Review materials presented to City bodies, i.e. Planning Board
  - For larger developments, City staff encourage and often get developers to present to a joint meeting of the committees or specifically to each committee

- Write a letter to Planning Board with comments and suggestions

TAC has a couple of ways to interact with state agencies

- Request presentations or discussion on state agency projects (MBTA, DOT, DCR)

- Review materials presented during public meetings

- Send a comment letter to State agencies, i.e. project managers or relevant oversight body

Ways to advance recommendations and proposals

- Form a subcommittee on a topic
  - MBTA project subcommittee (regular)
  - City project subcommittee (regular)
  - Better Bus Project subcommittee (ad hoc, limited to a project)
  - Huron Ave Reconstruction subcommittee (ad hoc, limited to a project)

Writing a comment letter

During an official committee meeting (with quorum) any member can suggest that the TAC write a formal comment letter

- During the meeting, with quorum
  - A member must make a motion and get support as a second
  - Discussion would be on the outline of the letter
  - Committee would vote on: outline of letter, letter writer, expected completion
  - City staff can help with addressing the letter and assist with editing

Committee Rules of Order

To propose a vote:

- A member makes a **motion**

- Another member offers support as a **second**

- Members may discuss **the motion**
  - At this time, any member may make a motion to amend or substitute something that has already been written up

- When discussion is complete the secretary conduct a **vote by roll call** for remote or hybrid meetings or **vote by acclamation**

- Members can vote: **yes, abstain** (for conflict of interest)**, no, present** (not voting)

TAC recommendations and proposals are heard and responded to

- Process to receive feedback:
  - City staff report back at TAC meetings, through presentations or discussion,
  - City staff to report back through Andy Reker as City staff representative
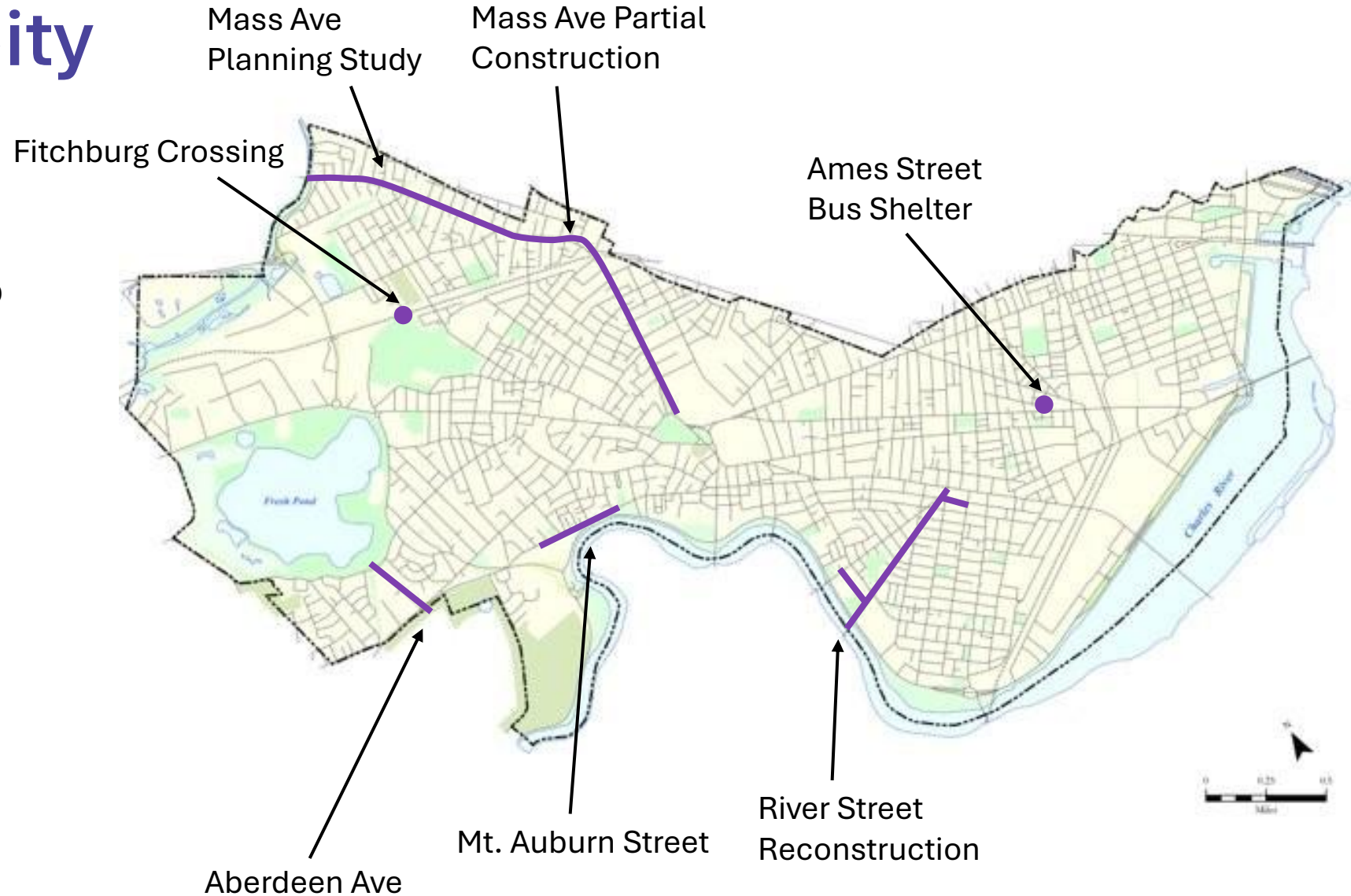 - MBTA or state agency report back

03. Discussion: Planning an Alewife-area Walk

04. Discussion: City & State Project Updates

Selected City projects

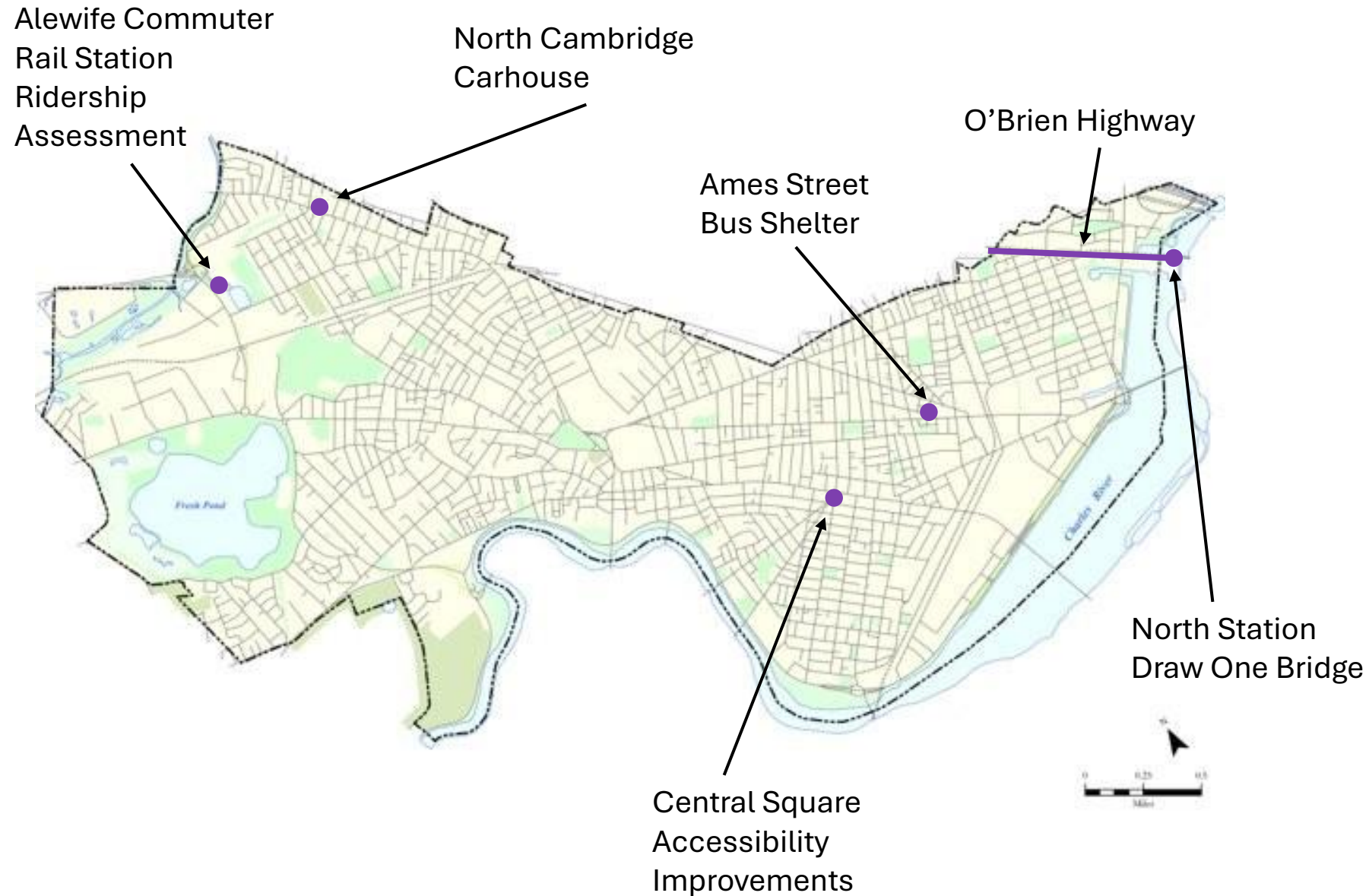All-city projects:
- Shuttle + Transit Gap Study
- Transit Delay and Reliability Study

Mass Ave Planning Study

Mass Ave Partial Construction

Fitchburg Crossing

Ames Street Bus Shelter

Aberdeen Ave

Mt. Auburn Street

River Street Reconstruction

Selected MBTA/State projects

MBTA System projects:
- Red Line Improvements
- Bus Network Redesign

Alewife Commuter Rail Station Ridership Assessment

North Cambridge Carhouse

O'Brien Highway

Ames Street Bus Shelter

North Station Draw One Bridge

Central Square Accessibility Improvements

05. Public Comment

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"Raise Hand"

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Comments from the public

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

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 7:30 PM.

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

Thank you!