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Transit Network and Service (NS)										
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NS1	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. Majority of changes to network in Cambridge have been implemented. MBTA reopened public comment on select parts of BNR map, and TAC submitted a comment letter.	Moving Forward	TAC to collect impressions from public	Assessment of ridership levels before and after route changes		Early 2027	Final route updates in Cambridge still to come (42/47/91 consolidation)
NS2	New CT4 Service (Sullivan-Lechmere-Kendall-Kenmore)	4 - Expand service	City/CRA		Revisit	Fund outside of service planning process, if required			Unclear	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation
NS3	Grand Junction Path & Transit Conceptual Design	4 - Expand service	City/CRA		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; Multi-use path design has reached 75% design. CRA presented on their study.
NS4	Increase EZRide Shuttle Service	4 - Expand service	City/CRA	EZRide launched fare free service in April 2026.	Moving Forward	TAC to support expanded service			Unclear	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation
NS5	MASCO/EZride Access	5 - Improve usability, access, service	Operators		Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Coordinate with AFC2.0 rollout (expected 2025-2026)			As opportunities occur	
NS6	Update Transit Delay and Unreliability Dataset	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City-DOT	Updated report was submitted in June 2026. City is working on reviewing and will share with TAC.	Moving Forward	Review results of study			Summer or Fall 2026	
NS7	Coordinate with other stakeholders on delays that happen across boundaries, particularly on bridges across the Charles River	Other	City	TAC submitted advocacy letter to MBTA pushing for bus priority on bridges.	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Advocate/coordinate with DCR and MassDOT processes			As opportunities occur	
Wayfinding and Signage (WS)										
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WS1	Real-time Transit Displays (elink)	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA and City	MBTA has installed signs at +4 locations in Cambridge. City is rolling out a PB real-time signage later this year.	Moving Forward	Review new signage locations - conduct site visits	Prepare survey - conduct outreach and engagement	Participation in regional municipal group procurement of real-time signage	Winter 2026 - City program	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	Transit Wayfinding Strategy	5 - Improve usability, access, service	MBTA or City	MBTA has rolled out in-station busway maps and improvements to wayfinding through Bus Network Redesign.	Revisit	TAC research on on-street wayfinding	Invite MBTA Wayfinding to present on recent efforts		Unclear	
Transit Priority Lanes/Signals (TP)										
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TP1	First/Second Street, Part 2	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	MBTA/MassDOT completed SL study and final recommendation does not impact these roads.	Revisit	Participate in any further engagement			Unclear	
TP2	Mass Ave, Partial Construction	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	Prep work and construction along Mass Ave South of Porter Square is ongoing.	Moving Forward	Participate in engagement events	Request briefing from city staff		Summer or Fall 2026	Mass Ave (Waterhouse to Alewife Brook Parkway)
TP3	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		Unclear	Harvard Square bus stops
TP4	Mass Ave, Central Square	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	Redesign process is in early stages. Quick build project will begin soon.	Moving Forward	TAC to participate in engagement.	Potential for extensions of bus lanes		Fall 2026	
TP5	Harvard Bridge Bus Priority	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MassDOT/MBTA		Revisit	Request update from DOT/DCR/MBTA			Unclear	Related to NS8: MassDOT/MBTA Project
TP6	Alewife Bus Priority	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City and Developer	IQHQ (developer) study confirmed feasibility of queue jump lane construction along Alewife station access road, project is at 25% design stage.	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.		Unclear	Related to NS8: TAC requests that the City advocate for implementing bus priority on non-City-owned roadways
TP7	Kendall Square to/from North Station Bus Priority	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City, MassDOT, MBTA		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/confirm)	Public and stakeholder engagement	Unclear	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation Related to TP1; Ongoing coordination with design of relevant streets (e.g., Binney, Third, Main, First -- included below)
TP8	Route 85 - Wellington Harrington to Kendall Bus Priority Lane	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City		Revisit	Identified some potential bus priority measures in CRA study	Public, stakeholder, and MBTA engagement		Unclear	Kendall Square Mobility Task Force (KSMTF) recommendation; KSMTF included plan for stop consolidation, TSP, and other improvements
TP9	Concord Ave Transit Signal Priority Corridor	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City and MBTA	Project team has finished programming signal controllers and begun operating TSP at city-owned intersections between Harvard and Blanchard Road/Belmont	Moving Forward	TAC to receive update from TPT and CDD			Winter 2027	Locations: 7-8 intersections between Harvard and Belmont municipal boundary
TP10	Transit Signal Priority Systems	3 - Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MBTA	Development of plans for transit signal priority long term throughout city	Moving Forward	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	Alewife Bike-Ped bridge (from the Quadrangle toward Cambridge Park Dr.) and Alewife CR station	5 - Improve usability, access, service	City	MBTA presented on CR feasibility study to TAC.	Moving Forward	Advance design based on developer contributions (no current mechanism to fund construction of station but Healthpeak will construct the bridge)			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	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			Winter 2027	

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Stations, Stops and Shelters (SSS)									
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SSS1	Station Brightening and Maintenance	5- Improve usability, access, service	MBTA / TAC Visits	TAC visited Central and Lechmere in 2023; MBTA Red Line Manager presented to TAC in 2025.	Revisit / Revisit	TAC to have update on this initiative	TAC subcommittee to conduct assessments	Unclear	
SSS2	Bus Stop Design - Separated Bus Lanes and Bus Stops	5- Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	MBTA published updated stop design guide - removed from consideration one type of stop design	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	TAC to inquire about MassDOT study for bus rider-cyclist conflicts	TAC to request presentation on updated bus stop design guide	Later 2026 to 2027	
SSS3	Ames Street Bus Stops	5- Improve usability, access, service	City		Revisit	Review and present on City Bus Stop Census data	TAC to generate new ideas for improving Kendall bus stops	Unclear	Ames NB at Broadway - Installed by developer Ames SB at Main St - KSTEP
SSS4	Brattle/Aberdeen Bus Stop	3- Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	Mt Auburn Homer-Brattle Project installed in 2025. No bus stop improvements.	Revisit	TAC to observe operations	TAC to review previous design work- request presentation from city	Unclear	Desire to relocate Brattle St stops closer to Aberdeen Ave.
SSS5	Cambridge Street	3- Improve efficiency and reliability of service	City	Cambridge Street CSO project has 3 improved bus stops, several relocations	Moving Forward	Participate in engagement events	Request briefing from city staff	Fall 2026	Few opportunities when not considering more signif
SSS6	Broadway CSO Bus Stops	5- Improve usability, access, service	City	Broadway CSO project to relocate bus stops	Moving Forward	TAC to participate in engagement.		Fall 2026	
Facilities Infrastructure and Technology (FIT)									
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FIT1	Bus Facility Modernization (North Cambridge)	4- Expand service	MBTA	MBTA PM presented on North Cambridge in spring 2026. Nearline completion in Fall 2026.	Moving Forward	Engage in public process		Winter 2027	
FIT2	Improving Red Line Track, Switches, and Signaling	3- Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MBTA		Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Advocate with MBTA/MassDOT	Invite Red Line Transformation representatives	As opportunities occur	KSMTF recommendation; follow-up
FIT3	MBTA Climate Vulnerability Assessment	7- Resiliency and adaptation to climate change	MBTA		Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Request update on report	Advocate to prioritize Cambridge infrastructure as appropriate	As opportunities occur	
FIT4	MBTA AFC 2.0	5- Improve usability, access, service	MBTA		Revisit	Advocate with MBTA/MassDOT		Unclear	
FIT5	Review CIP/PMT	2- Prioritize Funding	MBTA	MBTA approved CIP (5-year funding plan) already. MBTA presented PMT (Focus 2050) to TAC.	Revisit	Advocate with MBTA/MassDOT		To be determined	
Policy and Finances (PF)									
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PF1	MBTA Integrated Service Planning	5- Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	MBTA published "Integrated Mobility Plan" in 2025	Revisit	Request info from MBTA	Engage with future Program for Mass Transp planning	Unclear	MBTA webpage
PF2	Participatory Budget Projects	2- Prioritize Funding	TAC		Revisit	Request report on previous projects		Unclear	"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	KSTEP Participation	2- Prioritize Funding	City		Revisit			Unclear	
PF4	Long-term Financial Contributions to Transit	2- Prioritize Funding	City and CRA	KSTEP has begun to evaluate project ideas. Capital projects are bus shelters and operating projects is EZRide expansion.	Moving Forward	Best practices review (may require engaging consultant, students, etc.)	Work with Envision process or other policy initiatives	Unclear	
PF5	Improve regulations for bus stops and bus facilities	3- Improve efficiency and reliability of service	MBTA	MBTA presented on Automated Bus Stop/Bus Lane Enforcement in October 2025	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Advocate with MassDOT	Advocate with legislature for automated enforcement	Late 2026	
PF6	Updates to City's Transportation Impact Study Guidelines	Other	City	No advancement on this effort	Revisit	Receive update from city staff		Unclear	
PF7	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	Update of Transit Strategic Plan	Other	City	City will be doing a Cambridge Access and Mobility Plan (CAMP) to engage in a citywide mobility study	Resources Not Yet Identified	TAC to participate or offer suggestions on outcomes		Later in fiscal year 2026-2027	
PF9	PTDM Updates	Other	City	City published 2024 PTDM report - 2025 update coming soon	Moving Forward			Annually with PTDM report	PTDM Report 2024 Click here.
PF10	Fare-Free Pilot	5- Improve usability, access, service	MBTA	MBTA reported on Reduced Fares program in July 2025.	Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	Participate in engagement events		As opportunities occur	See report
PF11	Local Transactions for the CharlieCard Store	5- Improve usability, access, service	MBTA		Ongoing Advocacy and Coordination	TAC to send a letter to MBTA requesting		Unclear	Desire for Harvard Square charlie card transactions
PF12	Citywide Study of Shuttles + Transit Gaps	Other	City	Consultant identified, study expected to launch in summer 2026	Moving Forward	Participate in public engagement		Fall or winter 2026	