

Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)-Endorsed Transit Strategic Plan Implementation Plan - Active Projects / July 2025

Original April 2017. Amended and restructured June 2025. Updated June 2025.

Notes: Resources not yet identified unless indicated. Resources could come from state, local, and/or private source.

Legend: Blue = new; Yellow = update; Orange = Moved categories; Bold = has TAC role; * = Expected but not confirmed

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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 plan, 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)
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
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	
Wayfaring and Signage (WS)										
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Transit Priority Lanes/Signals (TP)										
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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	
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
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
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	
Stations, Stops and Shelters (SSS)										
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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 Canopy data.	TAC to generate new ideas for innovative 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; Nearing 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
Policy and Finances (PF)										
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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	