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The next meeting of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 5:30 PM

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO JOIN BY 5:30 PM AGENDA

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Introductions 2 min.
 If needed, alternates named

2. Announcements 3 min. CCPD staff / Board

3. Approval of November 10 Minutes 2 min. CCPD Board See page 4 of agenda packet

4. Public Works Update 45 min. Public Works Staff
Annual Presentation on Snow Removal Operations
See page 7 of agenda packet

Chair's Report
 Executive Director's Report
 Old Business
 New Business
 Public Input
 Min. Avril dePagter
 Rachel Tanenhaus
 CCPD staff / Board
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 Public Input
 min. General public

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 - After you have spoken or once your 3 minutes are up, your microphone will be muted by the host

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Thank you for your patience as we work together to make virtual meetings accessible for everyone!

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, November 10, 2022 CCPD Meeting

Online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Present:

Members: Loring Brinckerhoff, Avril dePagter (Chair), Mary Devlin (Secretary), Gary Dmytryk, Jerry Friedman, Robert Goss, Stelios Gragoudas, Keisha Greaves, Valerie Hammond, and Dan Stubbs

Absent: Nicole Horton-Stimpson

Staff: Rachel Tanenhaus

Guest speakers: Crystal Rosa, Language Access Manager; and Deputy Superintendent John Boyle, Cambridge Police Department

Board Announcements:

- Robert Goss and Keisha Greaves were welcomed as new CCPD members
- The members thanked outgoing member Gary Dmytryk for his many years of service

Minutes:

The October 13, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

Language Access & Justice Updates:

Crystal Rosa, the City's new Language Access Manager working out of the newly formed Language Justice Division of the Human Rights Commission, provided an update on the City's Language Justice Initiative

- The purpose of the Initiative is to improve access to government services and communications for underserved populations.
- Goal is to move from access to justice
 - Planning is not just about compliance but building supports in the departmental workflows to ensure equity and inclusion.
 - Need to build community and build rapport
 - Currently have 400 participants consisting of City employees and community partners
 - Now building the infrastructure to ensure language access for people living in Cambridge
- The initial work has been on developing plain language guidelines
- Using SmartCat, a computer platform used for translation which catches some of the mistakes that can occur with human-powered translation
 - Provides quality assurance in ensuring correct translations
- A presentation is being developed for principals to see how the Language Justice Initiative can be worked into the public schools. Additionally, the Center for Families (a division of the Department of Human Service Programs) has developed a presentation for the School Family Liaisons.

- A member asked about using a specific font that has been developed for dyslexic readers. Crystal will look into this.
- The Language Justice Working Group has been working with an outside contractor on developing guidelines for creating accessible digital content.
- A member asked about the role of the Commission in meeting the mission of the Language Justice Initiative.
 - o CCPD can help destigmatize language for, and about, people
 - Working with the Community Engagement Team in revising the Making Connections Program for Cambridge employees. Making Connections offers training on meaningful community outreach.
 - Reviewing training modules for employees to help ensure that they are compassionate and welcoming and do not make people feel "othered"
- The Language Justice Working Group has done some work with the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) graphic design students. Crystal would like to pursue this further to engage young people in making sure written and digital communications are designed for everyone.

Chair's Report:

- Avril spoke about planning the member retreat
 - o Rachel has reached out to Ora Grodsky, who will be facilitating the retreat
 - The last CCPD retreat was held five years ago and was focused on the retirement of the former Executive Director and hiring of a new one, as well as the transition in leadership. It was a full-day retreat held at the Main Library
 - This next retreat will be a half-day. Robert offered the Brickbottom Artist's Building in Somerville as a venue
 - A small group of members will meet to prioritize goals that were raised at the October CCPD meeting and plan the retreat. Avril, Mary, Dan, and Loring offered to work on this
 - This group will then meet with Ora to discuss retreat planning
 - The group will develop "stated intentions" prior to the retreat to help the Commission develop a roadmap
 - They will engage all members during the pre-retreat planning
 - o Discussion on Commission goals was tabled to be addressed during the retreat process

Public Works Update:

- Jerry reported that DPW has reached the end of the construction season
- He said there was good attendance at The Port community meeting
 - One challenge is the pilot of shared streets; some streets are hard to make accessible due to size, so
 they are looking at making them shared streets but that may remove some of the cues people use to
 orient themselves
 - The next public meeting on The Port reconstruction plans will be held at the Cambridge Health Alliance in a few weeks. They will be providing real time translation in multiple languages.
- River Street reconstruction, which will be a multi-year project, is going into construction, with an open house on December 8
- Cambridge Street in Inman Square will be returning to two-way traffic soon. It was made one-way during construction

Executive Director's Report

Rachel reported that Stel has completed his two terms as a Commission member. Due to term limits, there is
another vacancy, so the application process will be opened up again. Stel has agreed to stay until a successor is
appointed.

- Five members are up for reappointment to their second terms: Mary, Avril, Loring, Dan, and Valerie. Rachel will submit the required paperwork.
- Rachel assured members that the Commission is engaged in Cambridge initiatives happening throughout the city.
- Rachel' recent activities include:
 - Participating in a panel on the processes of addressing the needs of vulnerable road users during the
 Orange Line shutdown at the Moving Together conference Participating in the Cambridge Election Day
 planning meetings to ensure people had access to voting. In general, things went well on Tuesday,
 November 8
 - o Being Interviewed by GBH about accessible voting
 - o Participating in the emergency evacuation drill for the MBTA Red Line
- Rachel offered to invite MBTA staff working on the Better Bus Route Design Project to one of our meetings
- DPW will give their annual Snow Removal presentation at the December CCPD meeting.

Old Business:

• Loring asked about continued plans for discussing the need for older adult PCA parking. Rachel will continue to bring the issue up at meetings with Elder Services and Traffic and Parking. Loring would like the Commission to continue to pursue this as a need area in which we should have a voice.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Devlin, Secretary



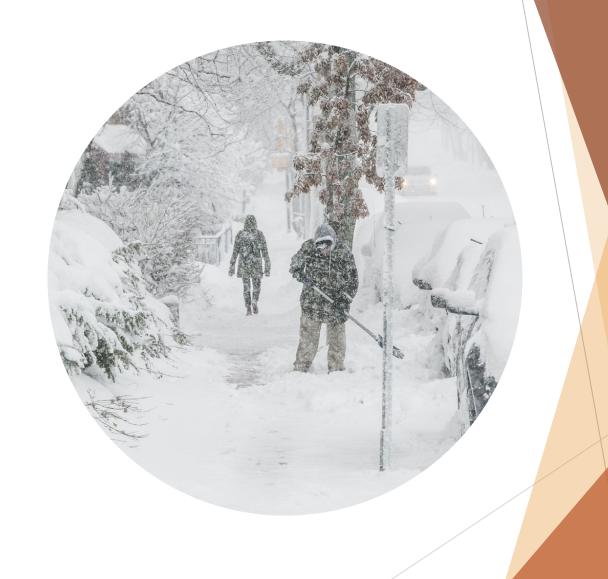
City of Cambridge Winter Operations

Agenda



Historical Data

Year	Snowfall (inches)	Salt Tons	Number of Parking Bans
2000	25		
2001	46		
2002	15		
2003	68	6027	
2004	35	4744	
*2005	87	8004	
2006	40	5180	
2007	17	3162	
2008	51	8623	
2009	66	10,000	6
2010	36	5,140	2
*2011	81	7,889	3
2012	9	1,774	0
*2013	63	5,197	1
2014	59	9,075	4
*2015	110	9,081	4
2016	27	4,756	2
2017	45	7,241	3
*2018	67	6,500	2
2019	41	5,500	2
2020	22	6,500	0
*2021	55	5,596	1
AVERAGE	48	6,315	



^{*} Indicates a year where we have had at least one blizzard



Preparing for Winter - Weather Outlook

Precipitation Outlook

HFS 2022-2023 Winter precipitation outlook



Temperature Outlook





Winter Summary

HFS Winter Forecast

- Near normal to slightly below normal temperatures for most of New England.
- Near normal to slightly above normal snowfall for most of New England.
- Mild start to November, may turn colder 2nd half of the month. No snow threats through at least mid month.
- Winter doesn't look like an extreme one but it does look a little colder and snowier than the previous two winters.



Storm Coordination

- Public Works
- City Managers Office
- ► Traffic Parking & Transportation
- Police
- School Department
- Human Services
- Water
- Fire/Emergency Management
- Electrical
- Inspectional Services
- Emergency Communications

Parking Ban

- Notification
- Tow Truck Supervision/Coordination
- Follow up
- Lifting the Ban









Access to Public Transportation

Pedestrian Operations

- 23 miles of City-Cleared Sidewalks/ Curb Ramps
- Abutting schools, public buildings, public open space
- City-owned parking lots and garages
- Residential exemption program

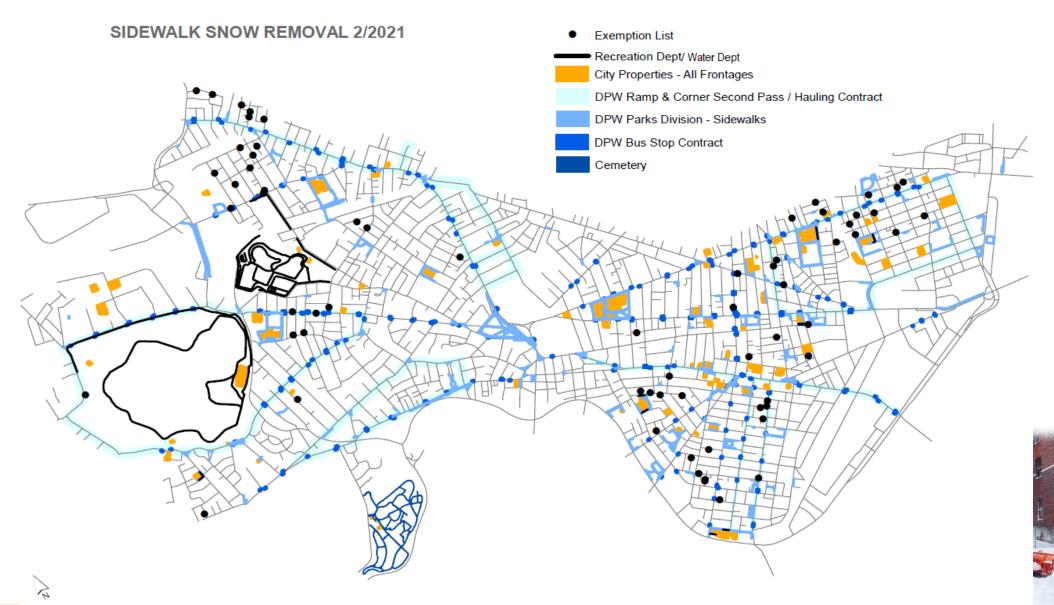


Bus Stops/Ramps

- Cambridge Street
- Massachusetts Avenue
- Concord Avenue
- Mount Auburn
 Street
- Western Avenue
- River Street
- Huron Avenue
- Rindge Avenue
- Broadway
- Prospect Street
- Pearl Street
- Brookline Street
- ► Green Street
- Granite Street
- Aberdeen Ave

- Magazine Street
- Putnam Ave -Western to Brookline
- Bigelow Street
- Inman Street
- Webster Street
- Windsor Street
- Garden Street
- Main Street
- Kirkland Street
- Quincy Street
- Columbia Street
- Hampshire Street





School/Public Safety Access



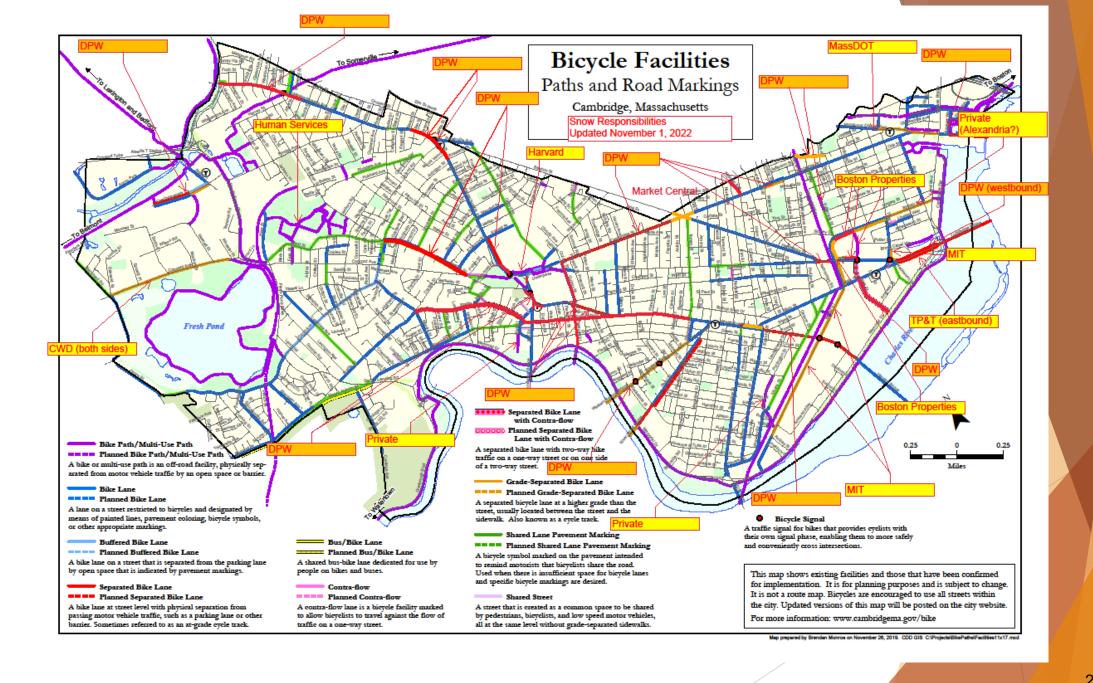


Protected and Raised Bike Lanes



- Challenges
- Timing
- Messaging
- Responsibility

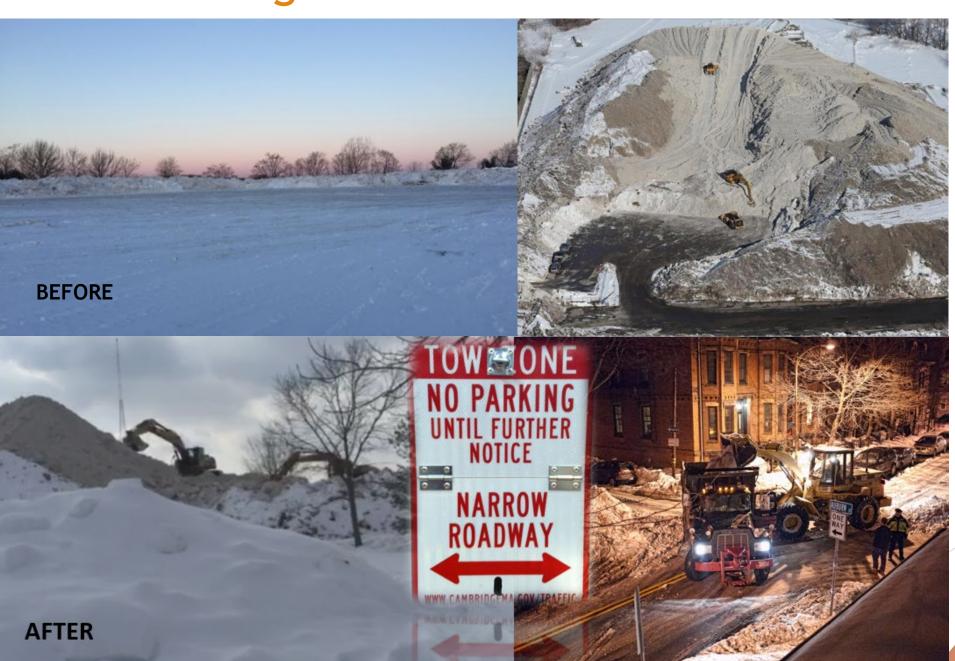


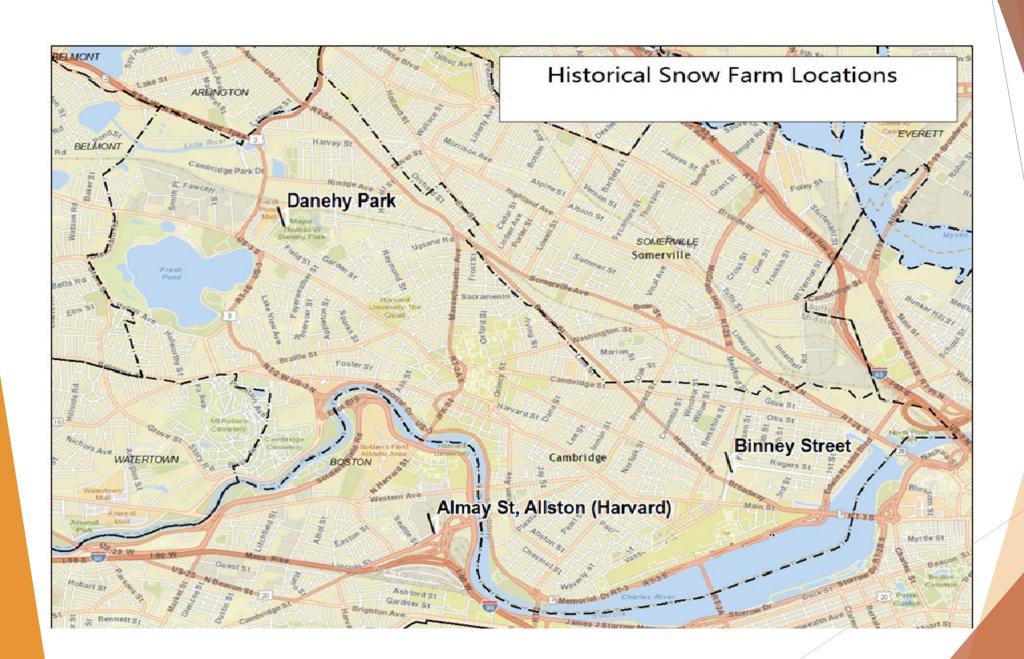


Bike Facilities and Snow Removal

- The number of bike facilities are increasing every year
- Each has different needs in terms of snow removal
- In some cases, these facilities are part of "quick build" projects and present challenges in terms of maintenance during snow season
- Snow removal in bike facilities is a shared responsibility between
 - DPW
 - DHSP
 - ► TP&T
 - Private Developments
 - Universities

Snow Hauling







Ticketing/Fines

Snow Season	# of Complaints Received
2016-2017	1068
2017-2018	933
2018-2019	591
2019-2020	695
2020-2021	757
2021-2022	970
Total	5074

Snow Season	# of Citations Issued
2016-2017	546
2017-2018	166
2018-2019	210
2019-2020	326
2020-2021*	223
2021-2022	274
Total	1745

Payments made on tickets within 6 months of issuance over the past 4 years, is approximately 50%



Challenges

- Continuity of Services
- Dead Ends
- One-way Streets
- Accessible Parking
- Space savers







What's New

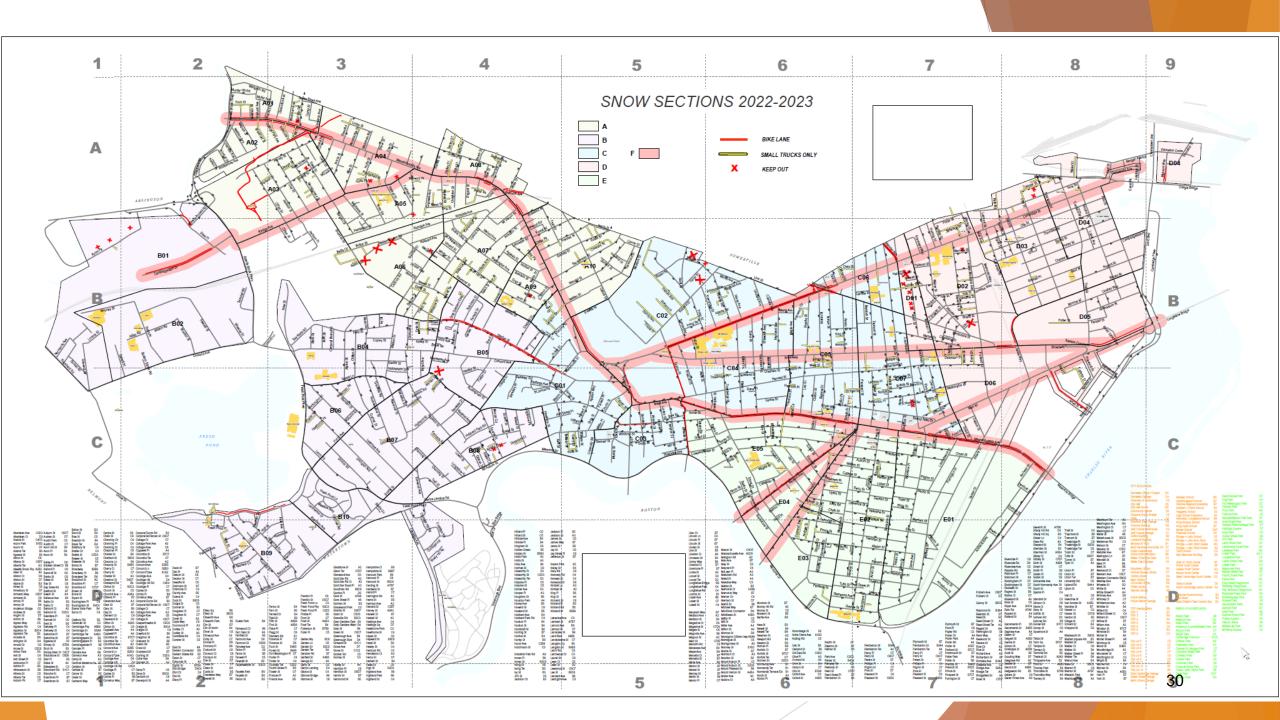
Brine Farm

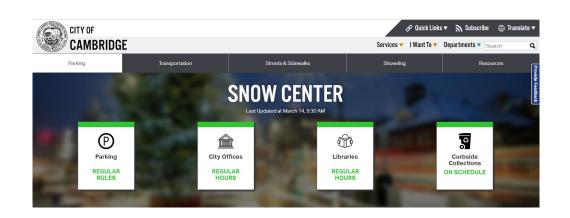


Truck application



The brine solution is applied in liquid form to the roadway before anticipated snow or ice and prevents snow and ice from bonding with the street surfaces. Unlike granular salts which can bounce off roadways or get stuck on top of snow and ice, brine begins working immediately once it comes into contact with precipitation.

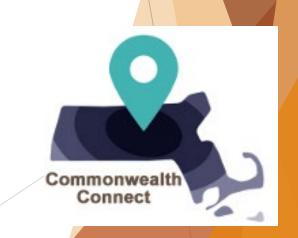














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