

An aerial photograph of Boston, Massachusetts, showing the city skyline and the harbor. The harbor is filled with water and several sailboats. The city buildings are visible in the background, with a mix of modern and older architecture. The text "KENDALL SQUARE MOBILITY TASK FORCE" is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, black font.

# KENDALL SQUARE MOBILITY TASK FORCE

Meeting #1  
April 28, 2015



# AGENDA

- Introductions
- Task Force Logistics
- Task Force Purpose & Study Basics
- Discussion of Survey Results
- Public Comment



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# **TASK FORCE LOGISTICS**



- YOUR Task Force – YOUR Recommendations
- Task Force Co-Chairs:
  - Brian Dacey – Kendall Square Association VP
  - Susanne Rasmussen – City of Cambridge, Community Development Department
- Task Force Staff / Facilitation:
  - Matthew Ciborowski – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning
  - Consultant Support – McMahon Associates, IBI Group, Regina Villa Associates





# TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

- Biogen
- Boston Properties
- Cambridge Redevelopment Authority
- City of Cambridge
- Charles River TMA
- East Cambridge Business Association
- East Cambridge Planning Team
- Friends of the Grand Junction
- Kendall Square Association
- MassDOT
- MBTA
- MIT
- Newtown Court/Washington Elms Tenant Council
- Volpe National Systems Center

# TASK FORCE MEETINGS

- Every two months – final Tuesday, 4-6pm
- Cambridge Innovation Center

## Proposed Meeting Dates

April 28, 2015

June 30, 2015

August 25, 2015

October 27, 2015

January 5, 2016

February 23, 2016



# PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Three larger, public meetings – night
- Key junctures in the Study
- Community rooms or schools

Proposed Meeting Dates
September 2015
January 2016
February 2016



# COMMUNICATIONS

- Website:  
<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/planning/Main/CurrentStudies/KendallSquareMobility.aspx>
- Email List
  - Sharing information only
  - No formal discussion
- Potential for more detailed meetings with staff
- All questions / concerns - Matt



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# **TASK FORCE PURPOSE & STUDY BASICS**



# HOW WE GOT HERE

- Kendall Square plays a critical role in the MA economy
- The location adjacent to downtown affects connections to regional transportation networks
- Kendall has been celebrated for having unprecedented levels of development while automobile usage has declined
- Transportation should not be a barrier to growth in the district
- Growth must also occur with surroundings in mind
- Major planning work concurrent and recently in key adjacent corridors, and South Boston Waterfront





# TASK FORCE CHARGE

- The time is right to study transportation needs in Kendall Square
- Promote the continued success and growth of Kendall Square
- Focus on the transportation policies and projects (all modes) necessary to allow Kendall Square's continued contribution to the Commonwealth's economy



# STUDY GOALS & OUTCOMES

- Examine the current conditions of Kendall Square transportation
- Estimate future needs
- Set performance-based goals for transportation initiatives
- Recommend policies and projects to meet goals
  - Multiple timeframes
  - Financially prudent



# PERFORMANCE GOALS

- How the Kendall Square transportation system will perform in the future
- Can take multiple forms and perspectives
- Must be measurable – use the data expertise of Kendall Square

Mode Split

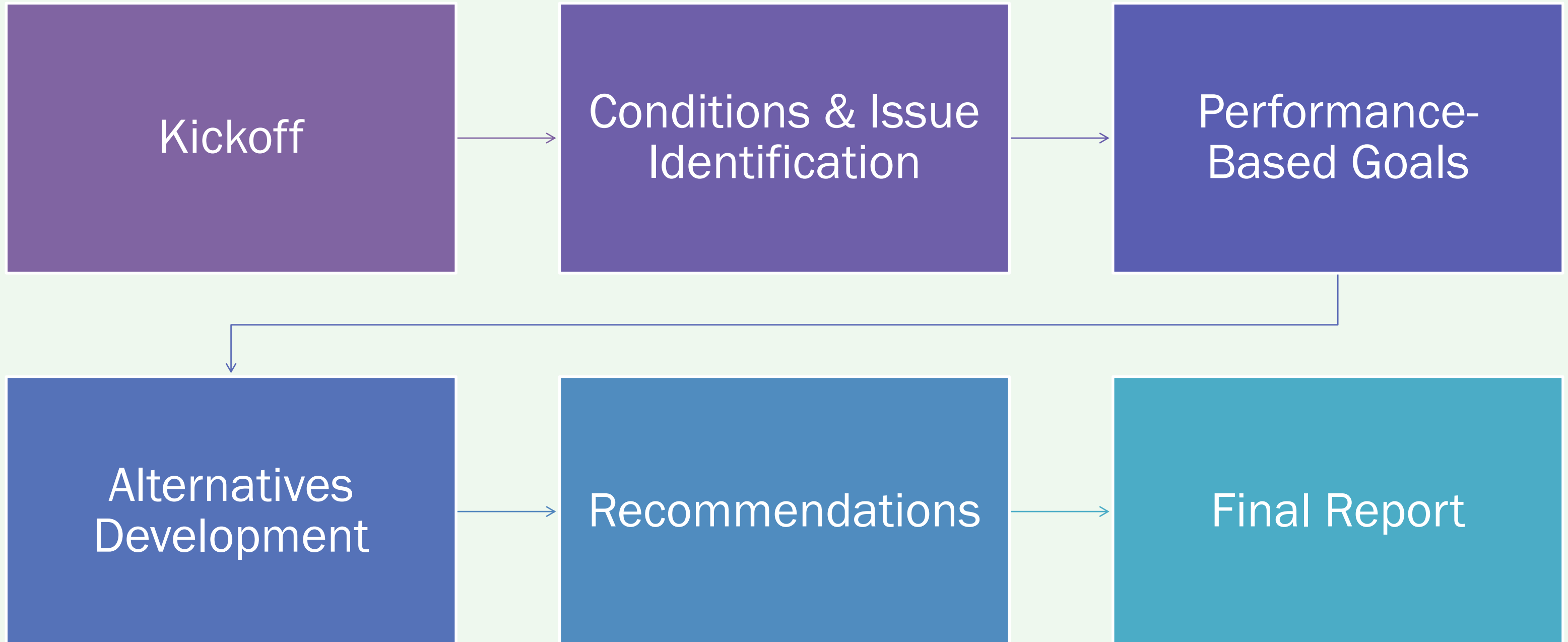
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Emissions /  
Air Quality

Cost /  
Equity

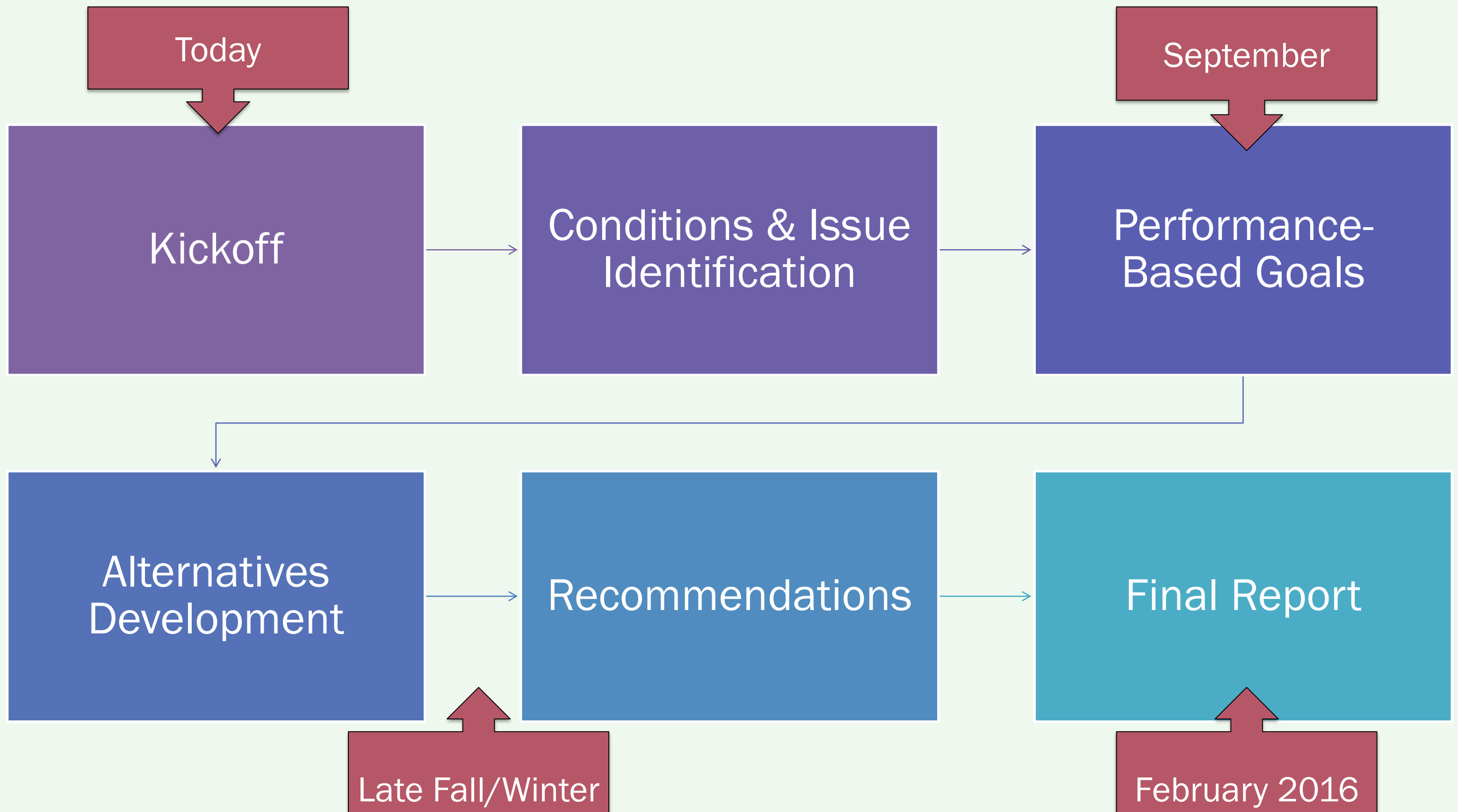
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# STUDY STRUCTURE

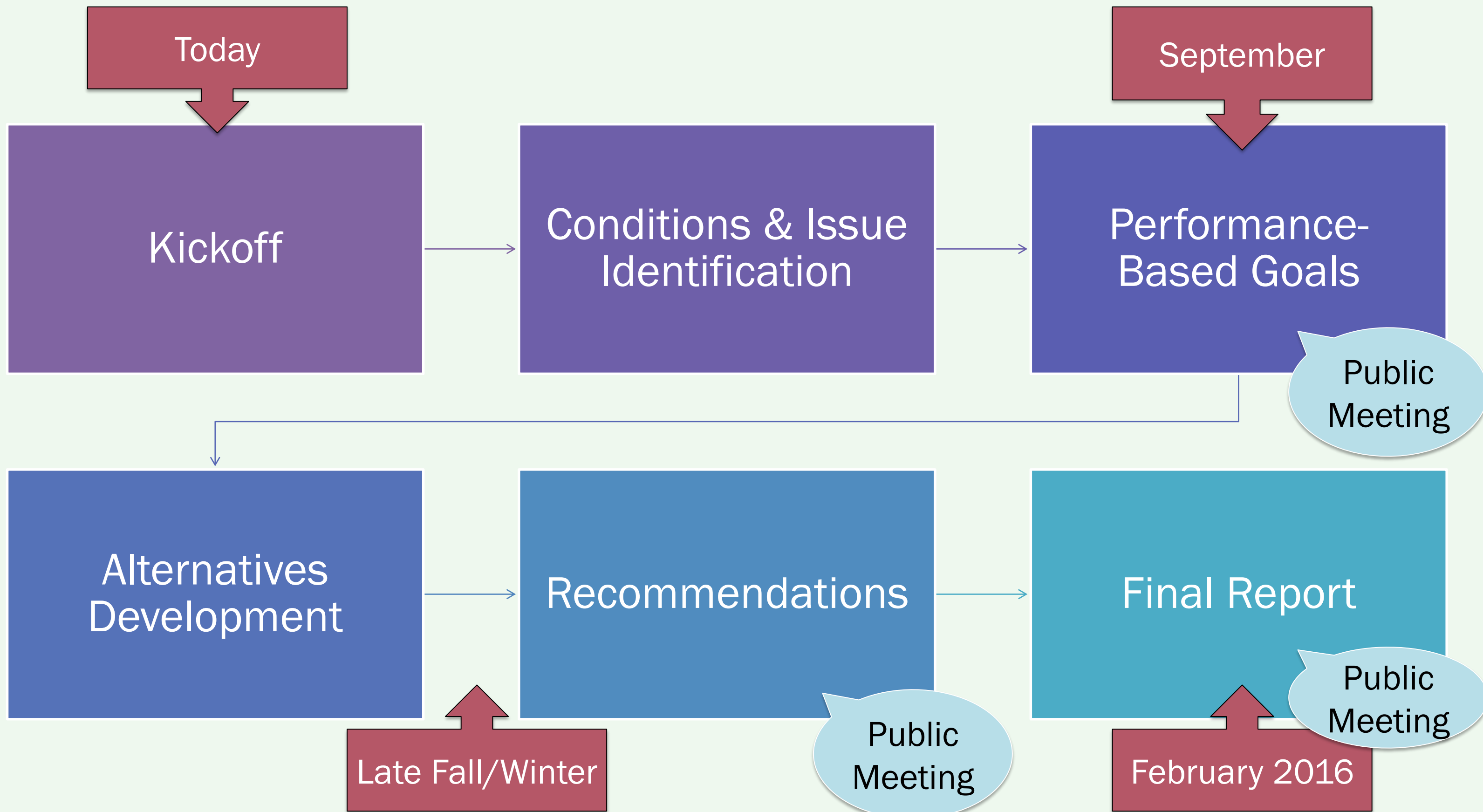




# STUDY SCHEDULE



# PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE



# STUDY DATA NEEDS

Type of Data	Provider
Resident and Employee O-D Data	City, MassDOT, employers, residents
Traffic counts / volumes	City, MassDOT, CRA
Bike/Ped counts	City, CRA
Transit ridership figures	MBTA, MassDOT, TMA
Development plans	Developers, MIT, City
Other plans/processes	K2C2, MIT proposal, Volpe site, etc.



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# **SURVEY RESULTS**



# SURVEY

- Attempt to tease out some of the already-established attitudes and opinions of the Task Force members
- Determine if there is broad agreement on particular topics
- Remind ourselves about the different perspectives we each bring to Kendall Square



# MOBILITY SUBJECTS

- Ability to have commuting/travel options
- Bicycle facilities
- Bicycle parking
- Bike sharing programs
- Car sharing/ ridesharing programs
- Financial programs (transit subsidies, pre-tax purchase options, etc.)
- Local roadway/intersection congestion
- New transportation connections
- Off-street parking facilities (garages)
- On-street parking facilities (meters)
- Pedestrian facilities
- Transit capacity
- Transit connections
- Transit reliability
- Other





# VISION FOR KENDALL

Category	Location
Within Cambridge	
	Alewife & Route 2 Access
	Central Square
	Harvard Square
	Lechmere/East Cambridge, NorthPoint Area
	MIT
Major Regional Destinations	
	Boston – Allston Harvard campus area
	Boston – Back Bay/Copley Square
	Boston – Financial District
	Boston – Logan Airport
	Boston – Longwood Medical Area
	Boston – North Station
	Boston – Seaport/Convention Center
	Boston – South Station
	Boston – Sullivan Square
	Brighton/Allston
	Somerville – established areas (Davis Square, etc.)
	Somerville – growing areas (Union Sq., Assembly Sq., etc.)

# CONNECTIONS

Category	Location
Urban Neighborhoods	
	Allston/Brighton
	Arlington
	Brookline
	Cambridge/Somerville residential neighborhoods
	Dorchester/Roxbury/Mattapan
	East Boston/Chelsea/Everett
	Jamaica Plain/Roslindale
	Medford
	Newton
	South Boston
Regional Connections	
	Metro-West (Hopkinton, Worcester, Weston, etc.)
	Northern MA (Lynn, Lowell, Newburyport)
	Route 128 corridor businesses (Waltham, Woburn, Needham)
	Southern MA (Plymouth, Mansfield, Milton, etc.)
	New Hampshire or Rhode Island
Other Destinations	



# OTHER COMMENTS



An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Boston, with a large body of water in the foreground. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the water, containing the text "MEETING & SURVEY SUMMARY" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The city features numerous high-rise buildings, a bridge, and a lighthouse in the distance. The water has several sailboats.

# MEETING & SURVEY SUMMARY



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# PUBLIC COMMENT



# UPCOMING

- Contact: Matthew Ciborowski  
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(857) 368-8845
- Website: on MassDOT main site  
<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/planning/Main/CurrentStudies/KendallSquareMobility.aspx>
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 30, 4pm