

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

Public Meeting  
October 15, 2015



# AGENDA

- What is the Kendall Square Mobility Task Force?
- Study Details and Schedule
- Study Coordination
- Work to Date
- Next Steps





# WHY A TASK FORCE?

- Purpose of the Task Force: Think holistically about mobility issues in Kendall Square
- Regional importance of Kendall Square:
  - Plays a critical role in the MA economy
  - Adjacent to downtown
  - Connected to regional transportation networks
- This effort is occurring alongside planning studies in key adjacent corridors, and South Boston Waterfront



# WHY A TASK FORCE?

- Why is mobility a concern?
  - Transportation should support and not hinder growth in the district
- Cambridge has sustainability goals related to transportation:
  - High quality of life
  - Low environmental impact
  - Strong economy
  - Healthy communities



# TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

Biogen	East Cambridge Business Association	MBTA
Boston Properties	East Cambridge Planning Team	MIT
Cambridge Redevelopment Authority	Friends of the Grand Junction	MIT Investment Management Company
City of Cambridge	Kendall Square Association	Volpe National Systems Center
Charles River TMA	MassDOT	Area IV representative (pending)

# STUDY GOALS & OUTCOMES

- Examine the current conditions for mobility in Kendall Square
- Estimate future mobility needs
- Set performance-based goals to meet mobility needs
- Analyze scenarios for meeting goals
- Recommend policies and projects to meet goals
  - Multiple timeframes
  - Financially prudent

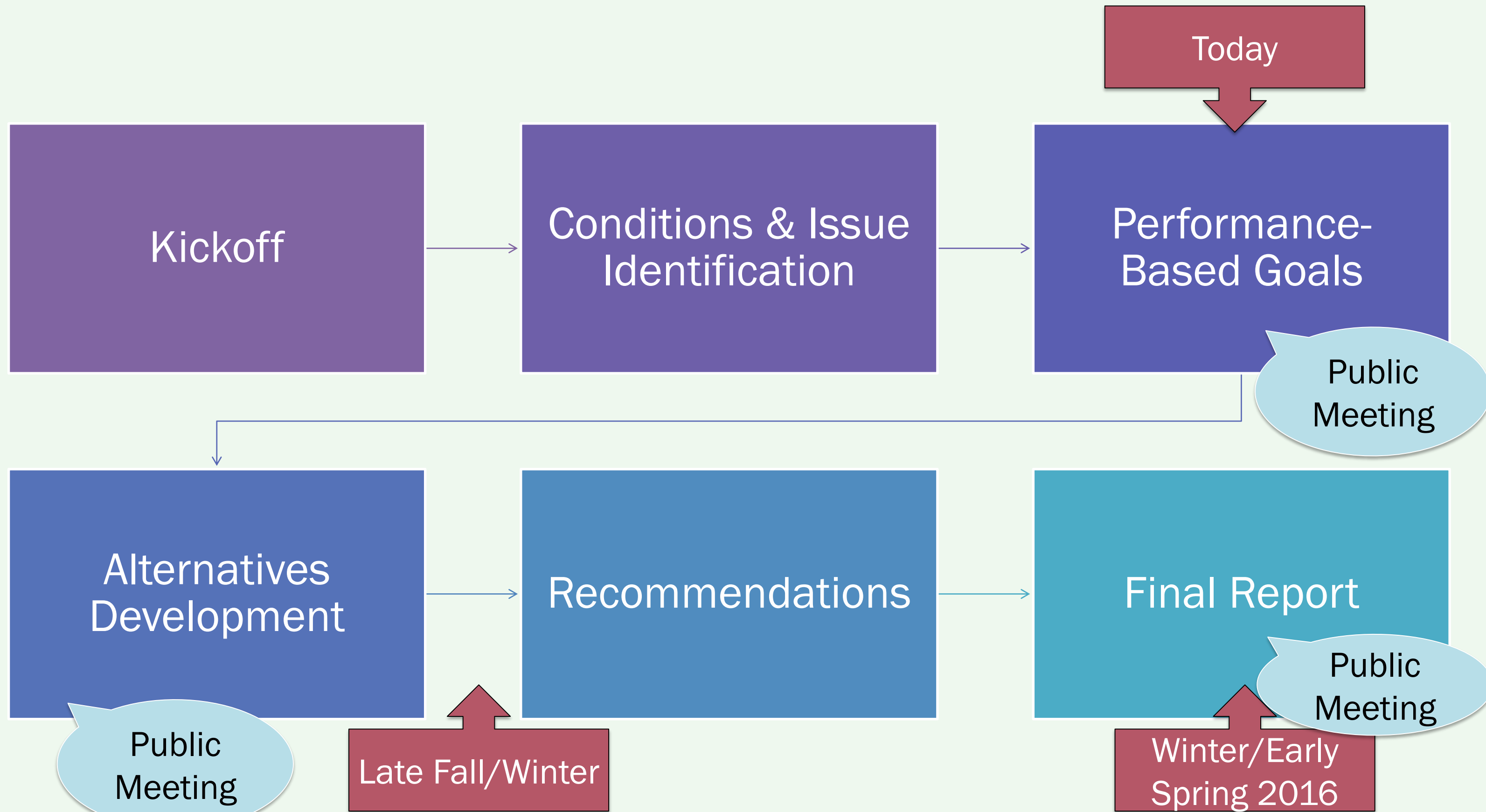


# TASK FORCE MEETINGS

- About every two months – 4-6pm
- Cambridge Innovation Center

April 28, 2015	June 23, 2015
September 8, 2015	November 16, 2015
January 5, 2016	February 23, 2016

# STUDY ELEMENTS AND SCHEDULE







# COORDINATION

- Kendall Square Central Square (K2C2) Planning Study
- Ongoing/upcoming developments (MIT, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, Volpe, Alexandria)
- Cambridge Advisory Committees: Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian
- Transit Strategic Plan, Bicycle Plan, Pedestrian Plan
- MassDOT Capital Conversations (spending plan)
- Program for Mass Transportation – Focus40 (long-range MBTA plan)



# WORK TO DATE

- Task Force creation
- Existing Conditions research
  - Travel choices and times
  - Roadway network: bus, bike, automobiles
  - Transit conditions: travel time, delay and capacity
  - Projections
- Discussion and prioritization of issues



# FOCUS AREAS

- Five major focus areas:
  - Increasing direct transit access (fewer transfers)
  - MBTA service reliability and capacity
  - Local street network challenges for all modes
  - Policy and outreach
  - Financing
- At the September Task Force meeting, members debated and discussed multiple topics to arrive at these five areas of focus

# TASK FORCE KEY ISSUES

- Ensuring transportation network continues to support Kendall Square's growth
- Reducing “driving alone” automobile trips to Kendall from:
  - Urban residential areas
  - Suburban communities
  - Urban commercial and transportation nodes
- Improving MBTA service: more reliable, better able to serve demand, more options for non-work trips
- Understanding needs for transportation investments in Kendall Square

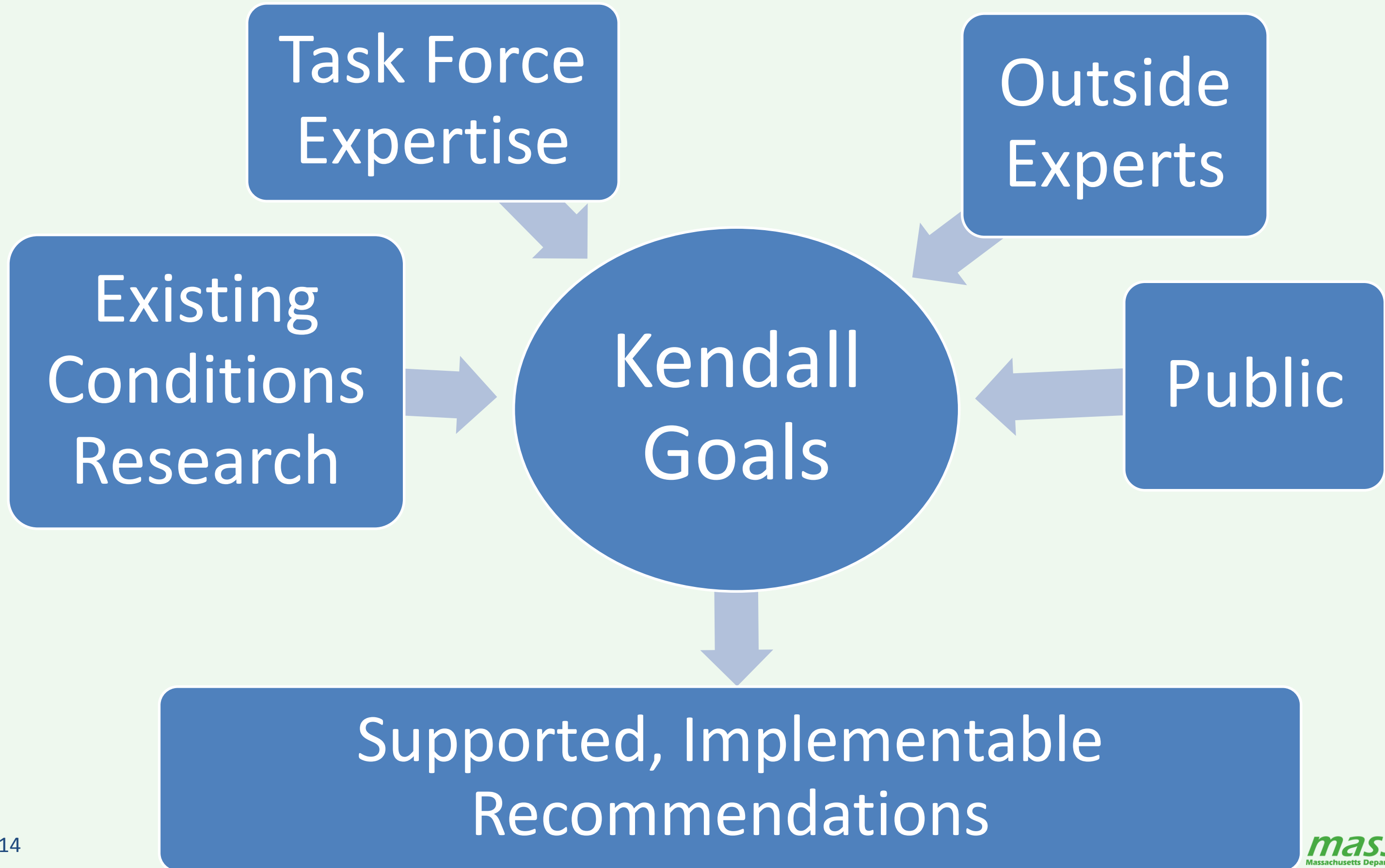


# KEY NEXT STEPS

- Refine understanding of future Kendall Square mobility needs
- Gain a more detailed understanding of Red Line capacity and reliability issues
- Understand the impact of new development on transit service and capacity
- Imagine new or modified bus corridors connecting to Kendall
- Study alternatives for better use of underutilized corridors
- Look at the role of transportation demand management and parking management



# NEXT STEPS





# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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- Next Task Force Meeting: Monday, November 16, 4pm –  
CIC, One Broadway
- Next Public Meeting – December/January