



Cambridge Bicycle Report

Meetings, Events, and News

November 15, 2018



About the BICYCLE REPORT

The Bicycle Report is an e-newsletter intended to provide information about upcoming meetings and events as well as items of general interest to bicycling and/or Cambridge. **Please note** that posting of the web version of this report may vary in frequency; to sign up to receive the report when it is released weekly via email, please send your **name, mailing address, and email address** to: cbikeannounce@gmail.com. For more information about Cambridge bicycle programs, see <http://www.cambridgema.gov/bike>.



MEETINGS

Monday, November 19: Improved Soldiers Field Road Crossings at Telford Street and Everett Street in Allston, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center, Charlesview Inc., 123 Antwerp Street Extension, Brighton

At this public meeting, DCR will present an update on a project to provide improved pedestrian and bicycle access between the Charles River Reservation and adjacent residential neighborhoods at crossings on Soldiers Field Road at Telford Street and Everett Street in Allston. DCR, along with the project team, will present and solicit public comments on design concepts for at-grade crossings at the two locations. The presentation made will be viewable after the public meeting on DCR's website at www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings. The public will be invited to submit comments after the meeting, with a deadline for receipt by DCR of Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Comments may be submitted online at www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment or by writing to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114. If you have questions or concerns or would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR general or project-specific announcements, please email Mass.Parks@state.ma.us or call 617-626-4973. [More information](#).

***NEW* Tuesday, November 27: Planning Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

City Hall Annex, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 344 Broadway

- Envision Cambridge

See [here](#) for background on the Envision Cambridge proposals.

***NEW* Thursday, November 29: Envision Cambridge Update to the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Pearl K Library, 459 Broadway

[Presentation](#). For more information about Envision Cambridge, visit envision.cambridgema.gov and sign up for the [Envision Cambridge mailing list](#).

***NEW* Thursday, November 29: Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force Meeting, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Media Café, 459 Broadway

The City is developing an Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) that will guide the development of the urban forest into the future. The UFMP will include a strategic plan to evaluate, maintain and expand the urban forest canopy enabling it to be more resilient to climate change, reduce the urban heat island effect, mitigate stormwater runoff, reduce nutrient runoff, and contribute to the community well-being. The UFMP will coordinate with the efforts of the citywide comprehensive plan (Envision Cambridge) and the Climate Change Preparedness & Resilience Plan. At this meeting, The consultant team will present a summary of the soils testing results and discuss correlations between soils conditions and tree health. The team will also discuss current climate modeling efforts and also present an initial set of potential strategies to decrease canopy loss and increase canopy cover. [More information](#).

***NEW* Tuesday, December 4: Planning Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

City Hall Annex, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 344 Broadway

- Continued Hearing - PB-315, MXD District Infill Development Concept Plan Amendment - [Notice](#) - [Materials](#)
- Design Update - PB-315, 145 Broadway - Application Materials

***NEW* Wednesday, December 5: Transit Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

Citywide Senior Center, 1st Floor Ballroom, 806 Massachusetts Avenue

Regular meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee.

***NEW* Thursday, December 13: Envision Cambridge Update to the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

LBJ Apartments, 150 Erie Street

[Presentation](#). For more information about Envision Cambridge, visit envision.cambridgema.gov and sign up for the [Envision Cambridge mailing list](#).



EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

***NEW* Sunday, November 18: World Day of Remembrance 2018, 1:45 PM – 3:30 PM**

Steps of Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon Street, Boston

Stand in solidarity to honor those who have been injured or killed by a road traffic crash. In preparation, members of the [Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition](#) will be placing silhouettes at crash sites throughout the Boston area, as well as statewide, for its **#CrashNotAccident** awareness campaign. World Day of Remembrance is an annual, international event during which we gather as a community to reflect upon those we've lost and commit ourselves to improving our roads. Please wear yellow (and make sure to dress warmly!) [More information](#).

Bicycle Workshop Schedule

The City of Cambridge is proud to offer bicycle education workshops throughout the year, free to those who work or live in Cambridge. All classes are lecture-style workshops unless otherwise noted. To register for classes, please email jlawrence@cambridgema.gov or call 617/349-4671. All classes are paid for by the City of Cambridge and every participant receives one free helmet each year. See below for current class schedule. To learn more about the classes, click [here](#). To join the mailing list and be updated about future workshops, click [here](#).

Urban Cycling & Winter Biking Basics

- Monday, November 19, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway

- Monday, December 3, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway

- Monday, December 10, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Community Learning Center, 5 Western Avenue

Urban Cycling & Winter Biking Basics Drop-In Session for Seniors

- Wednesday, December 5, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue

Bicycle Maintenance Basics

- Monday, January 14, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway

- Saturday, January 26, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Main Library, 449 Broadway



ACTION and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***NEW* South Massachusetts Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements Project Update**

Installation of the [South Mass. Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements project](#) continues; the bus lane and separated bicycle lane markings are in! (See photo below.) Signal changes are underway, and the installation of green and other final markings will continue as long as weather permits; pavement markings will not stick if pavement is too cold or wet, but temperatures are expected rise a bit into the weekend. Flex post installation will also begin soon. All elements planned for this fall are scheduled to be completed by the end of next week (weather dependent). Changes will be monitored and adjustments made as needed. If you have questions about the installation of elements or operations in the corridor, please contact Patrick Baxter, pbaxter@cambridgema.gov or 617-349-4715.



***NEW* Kittie Knox Bike Path Project Update (Sixth Street Bike Path)**

The new Sixth Street Bike Path, officially the [Kittie Knox Bike Path](#) was opened on Friday, November 2 (photo below). The bike path located along the Sixth Street Walkway (Officer Loughrey Walkway) was a new addition of the Sixth Street Connector Improvement Project. In addition to the new dedicated bike path, other improvements to the Sixth Street Walkway include upgraded benches and picnic tables, new LED lighting, and fixtures, improved draining and concrete along the walkway and enhanced landscaping. The official dedication ceremony for the Kittie Knox Bike Path will be held in the Spring of 2019. The section of Ames Street that will complement the new path is currently under construction and should be completed in the coming weeks.



***NEW* Traffic Impacts: CambridgeSide 10K Race – Sunday, November 10**

Please be advised of traffic impacts from the CambridgeSide 10K on Sunday, November 18, from 8-11 a.m. First Street, from Cambridge Street to CambridgeSide Place will be closed from 7-11 a.m. There will be a number of other rolling road closures. [More information](#).

***NEW* City Seeking Public Comment on Draft Strategic Plan for Open Data – Deadline December 14**

The City of Cambridge has made great progress with its open data program, and we have big plans for the future! We invite you to review and comment on our Draft Strategic Plan for the Open Data Program. Public comments will be collected and reviewed between November 13 and December 14, 2018. [Review plan and submit comments](#).

***NEW* MassDOT Seeking Comments on Draft Bikeability Guide**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has posted online the draft [Massachusetts Municipal Resource Guide for Bikeability](#), so the public may comment on the Commonwealth's effort to provide cities and towns the tools and information needed to provide safe, comfortable, and convenient bike networks. The guide includes several featured

items from Cambridge. Comments can be sent to Pete Sutton, MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator, at peter.sutton@state.ma.us. [More information](#).

Current Board Vacancies

The City is currently looking to fill the following [board vacancies](#). Applications to serve on these committees can be submitted to City Manager Louis A. DePasquale using the City's online application system at cambridgema.gov/apply. A cover letter and resume or applicable experience can be submitted during the online application process. Paper applications are available in the City Manager's Office at Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue.

- [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus \(LGBTQ+\) Commission](#)



***NEW* Study finds improving bike, pedestrian infrastructure cuts driving, CO2 emissions** – *State Smart Transportation Initiative*, November 12, 2018

According to a [new study](#) from New Zealand, investing in bike and pedestrian infrastructure reduces driving-related CO2 emissions. The authors found that systematic improvements to walking and biking networks in two New Zealand cities led to a 30 percent increase in active travel, which in turn reduced distance traveled per vehicle by 1 percent and CO2 emissions by 1.6 percent. [Read more](#).

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