

# Cambridge Pedestrian Report

## Meetings, Events, and News

### November 2, 2012

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#### MEETINGS

##### **Saturday, November 3: Upcoming Central Square Meeting, 9:00-12:00 PM**

*Location: TBD*

Topics: Built Form Workshop (including use, FAR, height, urban design)



The Advisory Committee meeting schedule beyond for November is as follows:

##### **Wednesday, November 7**

6:00 – 8:30 PM

**City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Sullivan Chamber**

Topics: Consolidate & Finalize Recommendations

##### **Wednesday, November 28**

6:00 – 8:30 PM

**Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue**

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The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM in conference rooms 2 and 3 of the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, in Boston. Members of the public are invited to attend. Comments on Draft Amendment Two, to the attention of Mr. David Mohler, Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, should be submitted by any of the means below before the close of the comment period. Comments will also be accepted at the meeting. A flyer about the comment period is attached.

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*Fourth floor meeting room, 344 Broadway*

NB: this is the THIRD Thursday of the month.

Please send agenda item suggestions by Monday, November 5.



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#### **Hubway Data Visualization Contest Extended!**

The deadline for submissions has been extended to midnight this Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> due to Hurricane Sandy.

All of the information about the challenge and links to download the data are here:

<http://hubwaydatachallenge.org/>

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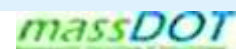
*51 Winthrop Street in Medford*

The Green Line Extension Project Team will hold a GLX Design Working Group meeting to introduce the new preliminary engineering and final design team, as well update the committee on progress on the FTA New Start application and the schedule moving forward.

<http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/>

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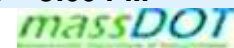
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*The Bocoup Loft, 355 Congress Street, Boston, MA*

For the past month, data enthusiasts and designers have been working hard to create unique visualizations using data from a half-million Hubway rides.

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### **Winning Over Women Could Spur Cycling Renaissance**

One way to raise the overall levels of daily cycling in American cities – a healthy, eco-friendly and convenient way to travel – is to get more women to take up biking.

<http://news.rutgers.edu/focus/issue.2012-11-01.3421334431/article.2012-11-12.5268617961>

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A final draft of the recommendations will be available by noon on Monday, November 26 at [www.cambridgema.gov/K2C2](http://www.cambridgema.gov/K2C2).

##### **Tuesday, November 29, 2012: Huron B Community Meeting, 6:30 PM**

*Tobin School Cafeteria*

*Subject: Alewife Sewer Separation Project Follow-up*

As part of on-going efforts to improve the water quality in the Alewife Brook, the City of Cambridge will be reconstructing the utilities, streets and sidewalks in your neighborhood. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2013.



Please contact [kfalise@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kfalise@cambridgema.gov)/ 617-349-4827 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB).

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**Thursday, November 29: Fulkerson Thorndike Streets Roadway Work Meeting, 6:30 PM**

*Kennedy-Longfellow School - Cafeteria 158 Spring Street - Cambridge*

Fulkerson Street between Cambridge Street and Charles Street and Thorndike Street between Sciarappa Street and Fulkerson Street are scheduled for sidewalk and roadway work in the 2013.



City staff would like to work with residents to discuss possible physical changes to the road that could be incorporated in this project to improve safety for all modes of travel.

The focus of this meeting will be to hear concerns and provide information about options for the street. At least one additional meeting will be held to discuss possible improvements.

Please attend the meeting or contact Juan Avendano with your questions or comments: Juan P. Avendano - (617) 349-4655 [javendano@cambridgema.gov](mailto:javendano@cambridgema.gov)

**Tuesday, December 4: Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**

*344 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

On the Agenda: Bicycle Parking Zoning Proposal

**Monday, December 10: Pedestrian Committee Subcommittee meeting, 6:00 PM**

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*Details to Follow*

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On the Agenda: **Please note the bike parking zoning discussion has been moved to January 8**

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/planningboard.aspx>

##### **December 4 and 12: Charles River Skate Park Meetings**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hosting two upcoming public meetings on the New Basin pedestrian bridges and parks project and on the Charles River Skate Park project, which is at 50% design.

##### **New Charles River Basin Citizens Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 - 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

EF Education

One Education Street

Cambridge, MA

##### **East Cambridge Planning Team**

Wednesday, December 12, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

East End House Basement Meeting Room

105 Spring Street, East Cambridge, MA

The presentations made will be viewable after the meeting on DCR's website at

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### **Monday, December 3: Rethinking Motor Vehicle Violence, 6:00 PM**

*MIT Building 10, Room 485*

*77 Massachusetts Avenue*

If you ever want to kill someone New York or just about any other American city, use a car as your weapon. As long as you are sober, licensed and do not flee the scene of what will inevitably be called an "accident," it is virtually guaranteed that you will get away with murder. Around the world, 1.3 million people die in road traffic crashes and 20 to 50 million more are injured each year. This is a massive global health crisis that, for the most part, we ignore. Join DUSP Visiting Scholar Aaron Naparstek, founder of <http://streetsblog.org>, for a discussion on emerging, new perspectives on motor vehicle violence and the critical role that urban planners and designers can play in solving the problem.

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