

Cambridge Pedestrian Report

Meetings, Events, and News

January 3, 2013

MEETINGS

Tuesday January 8: Planning Board, 7:00 PM

Second Floor Meeting Room, 344 Broadway

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

Bike parking zoning is on the agenda

Tuesday, January 8: New Charles River Basin Advisory Committee, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

WilmerHale, Sixty State Street, Boston, MA

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

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/charlesRiver/charlesBasin.htm>.

If you have questions about the public meeting, please call 617-626-4974 or email

DCR.Updates@state.ma.us.

Wednesday, January 16: 12:00PM - 2:00PM and 5:00PM – 7:00PM

State Transportation Building,

Suite 2150, MPO Conference Room

10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116

Start the New Year well informed. Attend the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) Be Informed, Be Involved Sessions on January 16, 2013, to learn about some current events at the MPO. These sessions are an opportunity for members of the public to hear briefings and give feedback on MPO work currently underway, planned, or recently completed.

Planning Schedule

- Overview of the MPO's federal fiscal year (FFY) 2013 Schedule of Certification Activities *Noon and 5:00 PM*
- UPWP and TIP Development – Presentation of the development process for the FFY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and the FFYs 2014–17 Transportation Improvement Program *12:15 PM and 5:15 PM*
- Looking at Transportation Needs around the Region – Presentation and discussion of two recently completed MPO studies:
 - Community Transportation Technical Assistance Program *1:00 PM and 6:00 PM*
 - Safe Access to Transit Project *1:30 PM and 6:30 PM*

The currently active UPWP and TIP documents can be reviewed at www.bostonmpo.org.

Thursday January 24: Pedestrian Committee Meeting, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

344 Broadway, 2nd Floor

Please send proposed agenda items to Cara by Friday, January 11.

EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

Thursday, January 17: Made for Walking

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provides new ideas about the role of density and the importance of diverse land uses. On January 17, she will give a presentation on her new book.

This event, co-sponsored by the [BSA Urban Design Committee](#) and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, is free and open to the public; RSVP to rsvp@architects.org with "Urban Design 1/17" in the subject line. Light refreshments will be provided, and copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. For more information on Campoli's work and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, visit www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/2150_Made-for-Walking.

Friday January 25: Walk-Ride Day

www.gogreenstreets.org

ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS

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Tuesday January 15: Planning Board, 7:00 PM

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

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From DCR:

Pedestrian Traffic Advisory: Charles River Dam Walkway

- WHAT:** The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close access to the walkway over the Charles River Dam from 7:00AM on Monday, January 14 through 4:00PM on Wednesday, January 16. This closure will facilitate repairs to the Charles River Dam locks. Pedestrians should seek alternate routes such as the North Washington Street Bridge during this time.
- WHERE:** Charles River Dam Walkway
- WHEN:** The Charles River Dam Walkway will be closed from 7:00Am on January 14, 2013 to as late as 4:00PM Wednesday January 16, 2013.

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Tuesday, February 5: Planning Board, 7:00 PM

Cambridge Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue

Town Gown reports are submitted annually by Cambridge's educational institutions. The reports include information about student, staff and faculty populations, parking and transportation, and current and future development plans. Presentations to occur in the order below:

- Lesley University
- Cambridge College
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

For more information: Cliff Cook at 617-349-4656 or ccook@cambridgema.gov

Town Gown Reports can be viewed online on the Community Development website:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/towngown>

Copies are also available for review at the Main Library or contact Tracey Joyce at 617-349-4651 or tjoyce@cambridgma.gov

Thursday, February 28: Pedestrian Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

344 Broadway, 4th Floor

Please send agenda items by February 15

EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

Tuesday, January 29: MAPC Annual Open House, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Metropolitan Area Planning Council 50th anniversary Celebration and Open House

Please refer to the link for more details and to RSVP.

<http://www.mapc.org/mapc-open-house-2013>

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City Council Letter Regarding Grand Junction – City Council Agenda Monday, January 28

Councillor Tim Toomey has transmitted a letter regarding advancing the Grand Junction Rail-with-Trail Project to the City Council. It can also be seen here:

<http://www2.cambridgema.gov/cityClerk/CommsAndReports.cfm>

If you would like to communicate your support of the notion of advancing the project, you can do so in writing to the city council by Monday: council@cambridgema.gov

You may also speak at the public comment period at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 28.

Grand Junction Pathway



The City has completed a feasibility study to determine whether it is possible to create a Rail-With-Trail (RWT) along this corridor. A RWT would enable the railroad to continue its services, with a separated trail functioning parallel to the rail. The proposed Grand Junction RWT would serve pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, and others as a recreational and transportation route, linking various Cambridge neighborhoods and other recreational facilities and serving major employment and university centers. The final study is available by clicking on the Documents tab (on website as linked below).

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/grandjunctionpathway.aspx>

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