

# Cambridge Pedestrian Report Meetings, Events, and News April 5, 2013

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## MEETINGS

### **Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>: Planning Board Meeting**

*Second floor meeting room, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway*

Click here for the agenda: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/planningboard.aspx>

### **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Longfellow Bridge Rehabilitation Project, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

*Shriners Hospitals for Children, Auditorium, 51 Blossom Street, Boston*

The purpose of this meeting is to present details on the Longfellow Bridge Rehabilitation design/build (D/B) project, including the traffic management plans and schedule, and introduce the project team. To be added to the project email or US Mail distribution lists, please contact Stephanie Boundy, Public Outreach Coordinator for MassDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program, at 857-368-8904 or [stephanie.boundy@state.ma.us](mailto:stephanie.boundy@state.ma.us).

### **Wednesday, April 10: River Street Bridge/Western Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project, 5:30-7:30PM**

*Honan-Allston Library, Community Room, 300 North Harvard Street, Boston*

The purpose of this meeting is to present the River Street Bridge and Western Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project, alternatives being evaluated as part of the design process, and information presented within the Environmental Notification Form (ENF). The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the structurally deficient arch and overpass bridges to continue to efficiently and safely meet the needs of the traveling public, while maintaining the structural integrity, rehabilitating their historic and cultural resources, and improving the conditions for all users including motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Copies of the ENF may be obtained on the project website at [www.mass.gov/massdot/charlesriverbridges](http://www.mass.gov/massdot/charlesriverbridges) or by contacting Michael Trepanier at [Michael.Trepanier@state.ma.us](mailto:Michael.Trepanier@state.ma.us).

### **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>: Alewife Sewer Separation Project - Concord Avenue Meetings, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

*Tobin School Cafeteria (197 Vassal Lane)*

Please join us on April 11th to learn more about the Concord Ave Neighborhood Project and to provide your input on the design. As part of the Alewife Sewer Separation Project, streets and sidewalks in the Concord Avenue neighborhood will be replaced. The project will include subsurface utility upgrades to separate stormwater and sewer infrastructure to reduce discharges to the Alewife Brook, and streetscape improvements along Concord Ave and the surrounding residential streets.

To learn more, visit:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects/detail.aspx?path=%2fsitecore%2fcontent%2fhome%2ftheworks%2fcityprojects%2f2013%2falewifesewerseparationconcordavenueneighborhood>

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*Please send agenda suggestions by April 11 – NOTE EARLY DEADLINE*

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**Monday, April 8: WalkBoston Event NEW CONNECTIONS TO THE CHARLES, 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

*Meet: North Station/Subway Head House*

Where the Charles River meets the sea and land, rail bridges span the water and industry once crowded the riverbanks, now exists a new park and new connections to transit and between neighborhoods now exist. At the heart of the park is the stunning North Bank Bridge ped/bike bridge, opened in 2012, creating an essential link in riverfront pathways. The bridge curves under the Zakim Bridge and over the MBTA commuter rail tracks.

Walk with us from North Station to Charlestown and Cambridge over the dam and locks separating the Charles River from the Harbor, to the hill where Paul Revere waited for a signal, past 21st-century sculpture and skatepark, over the North Bank Bridge, the rail tracks and Millers' River, and into Cambridge's sparkling North Point district.

Please RSVP at <http://annualwalk.eventbrite.com/#>

**Thursday, April 11: Bike/WalkSummit on Beacon Hill, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

*Beacon Hill - Nurses Hall*

<http://walkboston.org/what-we-do/event/bikewalk-summit-beacon-hill>

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*Central Square Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue*

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### **Chicago Commits to Put Pedestrians First**

<http://www.theatlanticcities.com/commute/2013/04/chicago-commits-put-pedestrians-first-transportation-planning/5256/>

### **If You Build It, They Will Walk**

“The results of a decade-long study bear out the common-sense idea that walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods with recreational destinations encourage residents to walk more.” Click to read more: <http://greensource.construction.com/news/2013/04/130410-if-you-build-it-they-will-walk.asp>

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### **Tuesday, April 23: Public Hearing on Arlington Center Safe Travel Project, 7:00 PM**

*Arlington Town Hall, Arlington, MA*

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed safety and mobility improvements at Massachusetts Avenue, Pleasant Street, and Mystic Street in Arlington. The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed intersection modifications. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. The proposed project will consist of reconstructing the intersection and providing a connection for the Minuteman Bikeway through the intersection. The project will incorporate designated roadway facilities for cyclists as well as traffic signal and pavement marking improvements for vehicles and pedestrians.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: David Shedd, Project Management Project File No. 606885. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

[Full Public Hearing Notice from MassDOT](#)

[Public Hearing Pamphlet](#)

[Conceptual Plan and Features](#) (at a glance)

[Functional Design Report](#) (traffic impact study)

[25% Design Plans Submitted to MassDOT](#) (technical plans, 36.MBs PDF)

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MIT Building 10-485

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AECO. Moderated by MIT DUSP Visiting Scholar and Streetsblog founder Aaron Naparstek.

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*WilmerHale - Sixty State St., Boston, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor – Smith Room*

At this meeting, to which the public is invited, updates will be provided on: Somerville Community Path, EF Education First, Lovejoy Wharf, South Bank Bridge, Charles River Skate Park Design.

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

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

### **Thursday, May 9: Green Line Extension Open House, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

*GLX Project Office on the 2nd floor of 100 Summer Street, Boston, MA*

The Green Line Extension (GLX) Project and GLX Design Working Group would like to invite you to their Green Line Extension "Open House" in the new GLX Project Office in downtown Boston. This Open House will be an excellent opportunity to tour the new office, get updates on the project's progress, meet the GLX project team and ask questions and provide feedback on the current state of the project. There will also be a brief Project Update Presentation at 6:00 pm. Please contact [info@glxinfo.com](mailto:info@glxinfo.com) with questions.

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Holmes Plaza, the park-like area on the southeast corner of Mass. Ave. and Prospect St., near the Central Square T station and #1 Bus. End at the Tavern in the Square, where those who wish may continue conversation and purchase lunch.

Led by Charles Sullivan, Cambridge Historical Commission

<http://www.janejacobswalk.org/central-square-beyond-layers-of-history-and-cultures-part-ii-2013>

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For more information contact Dick Bauer at [dick.bauer@alum.mit.edu](mailto:dick.bauer@alum.mit.edu) or [857-540-6293](tel:857-540-6293)

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