

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
BICYCLE- PEDESTRIAN-TRANSIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTES

Date, Time & Place:  
January 30, 2017, 5:45-7:45  
344 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Attendance

*Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Committee Members*

John Attanucci, Amy Flax, Debby Galef, Magda McCormick, Katherine Rafferty, Helen Rose, Ruthann Rudel, Simon Shapiro, and Saul Tannenbaum

*City of Cambridge*

Tegin Teich Bennett, Cara Seiderman, and Cleo Stoughton (Community Development); Kathy Watkins (Public Works); Patrick Baxter and Adam Shulman (Traffic, Parking, and Transportation)

Five Year Plan for Street and Sidewalk Reconstruction

Kathy Watkins from the Department of Public Works presented the process for developing the five year plan for street reconstruction as well as which streets are in the plan. Please look at the [DPW website](#) for a presentation on the plan as well as an interactive construction map. Members of the three committees discussed the process and provided feedback.

*Discussion:*

- The committees discussed the inputs to the five year plan and how projects are selected.
- Pilot projects (such as recently implemented protected bike lanes on segments of Mass Ave) are not included in the five year plan, only permanent projects.
- Harvard St: a committee member asked about implementing contraflow bike lanes on the one-way portion of Harvard St; the possibility of a planning effort for the entirety of Harvard St was discussed.
- Street trees: need a 6' wide sidewalk at a minimum (consisting of 4' sidewalk and 2' tree pit); discussed back of sidewalk tree program and the use of curb extensions to accommodate trees.
- Central Square: some members wanted to see a comprehensive solution for the square, rather than reconstructing individual side streets without addressing other streets. The solution should take into account plans for bus routing through the square and bicycle facilities outlined in the Bicycle Plan.
- River Street: the River Street project will include the reconstruction of Carl Barron Plaza.
- Crossings and ramps: most standard intersections are redesigned to have four pedestrian crossings and ramps. Intersections with nonstandard geometry may have a different number of crossings and ramps.
- City staff described a new budget proposal format for constructing new and reconstructing existing off-street paths.
- A member of the public raised concerns about proposed changes to restricted/allowed turns and signal phasing in Porter Square.