

**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES**

Date, Time & Place: May 7, 2014, 5:30-7:30 PM
Cambridge Citywide Senior Center

Attendance - City of Cambridge

Adam Shulman (Traffic, Parking and Transportation); Jeff Rosenblum (Community Development Department)

Committee Updates

General Comments

Discussion: Review of transit funding history 2013-2014

Handouts:

- *"CEOs, civic group urge action on transit in Mass.", Boston Globe, January 13, 2013*
- *"Patrick pushes for tax hikes to overhaul transit system: Legislative leaders open to call for new funding", Boston Globe, January 14, 2013*
- *"Mass. Department of Transportation budget gap", Boston Globe, January 15, 2013*
- *"DeLeo calls for scaled back transit plan", Boston Globe, March 7, 2013*
- *"Mass. gets scaled-back transportation plan: Top lawmakers offer \$500m finance program with narrower aims than Patrick's \$1.9b agenda", Boston Globe, April 2, 2013*
- *"Patrick rips rival transit package", Boston Globe, April 5, 2014*
- *"\$800m transportation bill passed", Boston Globe, July 24, 2013*
- *"Patrick to unveil funds for Pike, T: Red, Orange lines to get new cars; Governor to detail a \$1.3b project", Boston Globe, October 22, 2013*
- *"Casino, gas tax increase repeals may make ballot", Boston Globe, November 29, 2013*
- *"New Green Line trains planned for 2021", Boston Globe, January 10, 2014*
- *"MassDOT OK's \$75m for buses by '18", Boston Globe, February 13, 2014*
- *"The Toll of 'No New Taxes'", New York Times, May 4, 2014*
- *"Maxed Out: Massachusetts Transportation at a Financing Crossroad" T4MA, October 2011*
- *"The End Of the Road? The Looming Fiscal Disaster for Transportation" Transportation for America, May 2014*

Workshop: Developing planning objectives for Goal 2: Funding

Handout: Excerpt from Cambridge Strategic Plan Interim Report

Comments

- Mobilize voters (e.g., university students). Use tools like the Sustainability Compact to get people to vote
 - Form coalitions among municipalities
 - Find outside organizations to partner with
 - The city should spend more money on transportation
 - The city didn't support transit linkage funding in K2C2 report
 - What have other cities done to advertize transit? Look at D.C., Chicago, etc.
 - Tolls for cars to access Alewife
 - City to look at new income streams for transit
 - Poll city residents on what revenue source they would support for improved transit
 - Develop a list – what does the city spend on transportation now?
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