



City of Cambridge
Transit Advisory Committee

Work Plan 2020

January 8, 2020





Tonight's objectives

- Review subcommittee proposal
- Define vision and discuss specific actions for 2020
- Identify coordinator/co-coordinators for each group



Subcommittees will help the TAC do more work

- In 2019, TAC summarized the following desires:
 - Advocate for **short-term action** to support transit (especially bus priority)
 - Help the city be **accountable and transparent** for city projects
 - Engage with **bus service planning** at the MBTA
 - Research and discuss **policy changes** for the city



The first few TAC meetings of 2020 will be structured to launch these subcommittees

- In the first few TAC meetings, the time for subcommittee work would be to:
 - Define a set of tasks that subcommittees can work on throughout 2020
 - Identify who will help coordinate/report on work
- After “launch”, subcommittees would have time each month to report on progress for tasks

Interest areas

Streets and infrastructure

- River Street Reconstruction
- Grand Junction MUP Design + Transit Conceptual Design
- Corridor safety projects
- Etc.

Bus service evaluation and prioritization

- MBTA Bus Network Redesign Proposals
- MBTA Better Bus Project
- Kendall Square?
- Advocacy with MBTA

Policy development for parking and development review

- Parking and transportation demand management ordinance review
- Curb-use and parking policy review
- Development review

Potential actions/tasks

Streets and infrastructure

- Become a member of a project's working group, representing the TAC
- Attend working group and/or public meetings and report back to TAC
- Help City staff develop tools for accountability and transparency

Bus service evaluation and prioritization

- Develop a prioritization for bus service planning ideas from previous City work
- Draft comment letter for the various MBTA service planning processes – Bus Network Redesign, Better Bus Project, etc.

Policy development for parking and development review

- Research and present case studies on policies from other cities that may be useful for Cambridge for parking, development review, etc.
- Draft a memo in the development review process
- Review Envision for transit related items to focus on



Questions for breakout groups

- Brainstorm specific tasks that your subcommittee can work on
- Things to keep in mind:
 - The TAC regular meeting may have 20-30 minutes each month for reports from subcommittees but not much time for discussion
 - Other work in subcommittee to be done as “homework”

Members' preferences from survey

Streets and infrastructure

- Jackie Jones

Bus service evaluation and prioritization

- John Attanucci
- Sylvia Parsons
- Bill McAvinney

Policy development for parking and development review

- Matthew Coogan
- Devin Chausse
- Margaret McKenna



Now

- Breakout groups until 7:00 PM
 - Tonight, each TAC member should participate in one subcommittee
 - Identify someone who will take notes to report back
 - Brainstorm tasks/actions that the subcommittee can do in 2020
- Report back begins at 7:00 PM



Wrap-up

- Report back
 - What tasks did your subcommittee think would be best on a work plan for 2020?
- Next steps
 - Next month – further discuss and finalize tasks, identify subcommittee coordinator