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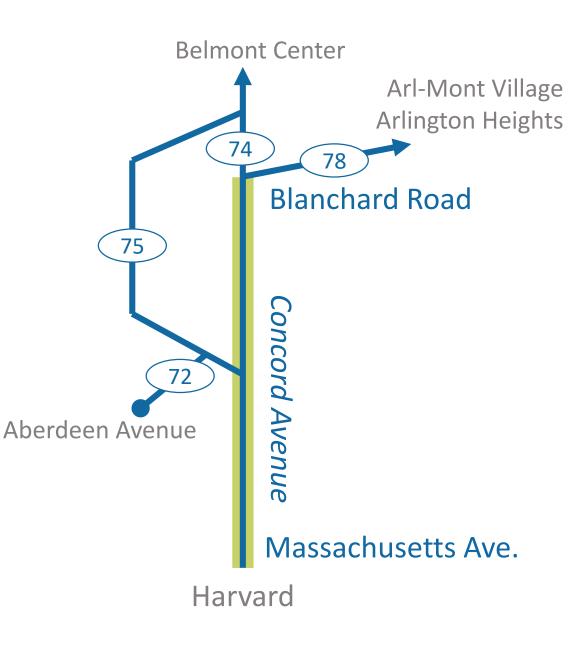




Local Project Updates

City of Cambridge project updates

- In December, city staff submitted a proposal to the Boston Region MPO for bus signal priority on Concord Avenue
 - Upgrade signal equipment at 12 locations
 - Envision Cambridge action item
 - MPO scoring/ranking to be completed by February 2020



- Inner Mount Auburn Corridor Safety Improvements
 - Public Meeting 12/12/2019
- Proposed street features
 - Separated bike lanes on Dewolfe/Bow/Quincy and on Mount Auburn between JFK Street and Putnam Avenue
 - Shared bus-bike lane approaching Putnam Avenue
 - Potential change in bus stop location at Putnam Avenue

- Belmont Street Reconstruction
 - Public Meeting 10/15/2019
 - Follow-up with Watertown, local businesses
 - Additional public meeting(s) until spring

- River Street Reconstruction
 - Project working group meeting #8 12/17/2019
 - More updates at February TAC meeting
 - Bus terminal area conceptual design
 - Bus route changes
 - TAC representative: Saul Tannenbaum
 - Website: www.cambridgema.gov/riverstreet

- Grand Junction Multi-use Path Design Project
 - TAC representative: Rob Ricchi
 - TBA: Next Working Group and Community/Public meetings

Regional/MBTA Updates

Updates for MBTA and regional projects

MBTA Bus Projects

- Better Bus Project
 - Implemented changes: CT1, 64, 70, 70A, 72, 74, 75, 78
 - Remaining changes: Route 1 on Dunster March 2020
 - Evaluation reports in May 2020, January 2021
- •New Bus Priority "Challenge Fund"
 - \$50 million to "challenge" municipalities for bus priority
 - Spring 2020 launch information TBA

MBTA Bus Projects

- Pilot project to increase bus service on weekend and evenings
 - MBTA evaluating strategies currently, will present proposal later this month
 - Approximately \$2 million/year additional operating cost
 - Implementation after July 2020

MBTA Bus Projects

- Network Redesign Demonstration Projects
 - 3 sample projects to showcase how the MBTA could:
 - Create a new route Mattapan to LMA (Boston)
 - Improve frequencies on "trunk" corridors Broadway in Somerville (Route 89/101), Broadway in Everett (Route 104/109)
 - Simplify a current route Chelsea-Everett Route 112

MBTA Infrastructure Projects

- MBTA Green Line Extension
 - Lechmere station to close May 2020-April 2021
 - Lechmere station to reopen ~May 2021 at the same time as service to Union station
- Harvard Bus Tunnel
 - Reopened December 22 with reconstructed upper level
 - Will close in spring 2020 for lower-level reconstruction

MBTA Updates

- AFC 2.0 rebranded as "Fare Transformation"
 - New fare collection system to be implemented over 5 years, from 2020 to 2024
 - MBTA to start installing new fare collection equipment in late 2021-2022
 - December 2019: FMCB approved \$79 million in changes, additional costs to come

Regional Projects

- •Allston I-90 Multimodal Project
- Memorial Drive Greenway, Phase 3
 - No scheduled upcoming activities