









City of Cambridge Transit Advisory Committee



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Local Project Updates

City of Cambridge project updates

CharlieCard Distribution Initiative

- MBTA launched a program in 2019 to distribute free no-balance CharlieCards with municipal partners
- Council requested City participate through policy order in summer 2019
- City staff responded in July
 - CDD selected as first implementing location
 - Additional locations to be implemented afterward

CharlieCard Distribution Initiative

- CDD looking to expand distribution to the following City locations:
 - City Hall Cashier's Desk
 - 51 Inman Street Human Services Programs
 - 5 Western Ave CLC + Multi-service Center
 - 147 Hampshire Public Works Reception
 - Windsor Street Health Center Reception areas
 - Libraries Main & branches

River Street Reconstruction

- •Ninth working group meeting February 25
 - Urban design options for Carl Barron Plaza
 - Traffic circulation
- 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

Other projects

- Glacken Field & Fresh Pond Reservation paths
 - Project to update/renovate Glacken Field includes creation of a sidewalk/shared path on the Fresh Pond Reservation side of Huron Avenue
 - Establish 2 bus stops on Huron Avenue
 - At Holworthy Street
 - At Aberdeen Avenue or Larchwood Road

Other projects

- Inner Mount Auburn Corridor Safety Improvements
 - Processing feedback from open house and written comments
 - TBA: Next working group or Public meetings
- Belmont Street Reconstruction
 - Additional consultant design work

Regional/MBTA Updates

Updates for MBTA and regional projects

MBTA Service Pilot Projects

- Proposal from *end of 2019*: Increase weekend + evening bus service on some routes
- •Aligns with:
 - 2015 Transit Strategic Plan Goal 4/Expand transit service
 - Feedback in 2018 Cambridge Better Bus Outreach Initiative
 - Late-night/early-morning pilot projects from 2017-2019

MBTA Service Pilot Projects

- MBTA appears to be rethinking additional service with the purchase of 60 new buses, delivered by November
 - Additional service, but labor model unclear
- Updates to come in February or March
- TAC advocacy re: additional service?

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MBTA Network Redesign

•Next FMCB presentation: February 2020

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MBTA Infrastructure Projects

- MBTA Green Line Extension
 - Washington Street, Medford Street, and Broadway bridge/underpass reopening is delayed
 - MBTA & DOT considering bus priority on Charles River Dam Road for rail-replacement bus shuttles

Other MBTA Updates

- Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)
 - No major updates

Other Regional Projects

- DCR Mount Auburn Street
 - Meeting on February 4, presented interim changes to intersection of Fresh Pond Parkway at Mount Auburn Street
 - Intersection will not include many of the previously planned pedestrian & cycling improvements but appears to have no major impact to transit operations

Other Regional Projects

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