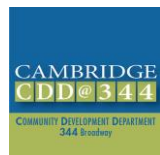




City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

November 2022





TAC and City Updates

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Upcoming meetings

- Next Transit Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thursday, December 3 - 5:30 p.m.
- Next Joint Meeting of Ped/Bike/Transit Advisory Committees
 - Wednesday, November 30 – 5:30 p.m.
 - Street reconstructions in The Port
- 2023 TAC Meeting Calendar
 - Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
 - April is an exception to avoid conflict with Passover (Meeting on 4/13)
 - Confirmed meeting with Zoom until March 2023
 - Meeting location to be determined based on City management guidance



Upcoming meetings

- Seeking Chair and Vice-Chair
- Will be seeking additional members in the winter



City Updates



Project information is listed in order

We have shown projects in order:

- Finished construction or recently installed
- Currently in construction or installation
- Creating a design plan
- Studying

Information is highlighted when there is:

- Shifted from one category to another – highlighted in green
- Updated information – highlighted in yellow

In progress

Inman Square Reconstruction - Cambridge Street and Hampshire Street

Reconfigured intersection with:

- new public plaza on the northern/eastern corner
- separate traffic signals instead of 1 single traffic signal

Street design changes:

- Separated bike lanes through intersection
- “Floating” bus stops
- Peak-hour queue jump on eastbound Cambridge Street

In progress

Inman Square Reconstruction - Cambridge Street and Hampshire Street

Return of two-way Cambridge Street expected later in November. This will result in:

- Route 69 returning to Cambridge Street in both directions serving bus stops on Cambridge Street at:
 - To Harvard: Prospect Street and Springfield Street
 - To Lechmere: Opposite Oak St and at Prospect Street
- Route 83 stops will return to existing locations

Being built

Project	Update	Next public event
Garden Street CSO	Mostly implemented	No events scheduled
Brattle Street CSO	Implementation delayed	TBA – Early 2023?
Belmont Street Project	Construction company mobilizing work for mid-November	No events scheduled
Huron Avenue – Glacken Field Project	Construction company mobilizing work for mid-November	No events scheduled
River Street Reconstruction Project	Tree hearing scheduled	TBD

In planning and design

Project	Update	Next public event
Grand Junction MUP Project	Continuing to work on final design plans	Public meeting expected in the fall (TBA)
Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority Project	Working with MBTA on procurement and design	No events scheduled
Real-time Transit Signage (PB 2017)	Working with MBTA on potential group procurement	TBD
Transit Signal Priority (PB 2016)	Working with MBTA on procurement w/Concord Ave	TBD



Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
Harvard Square Area (MassAve4 Harvard Bus Stops)	Held public meeting, survey is ongoing	TBA
MassAve4 (Harvard to Alewife Brook)	City staff to begin data collection, survey	None scheduled



In progress

MassAve4 Harvard Square Bus Stops

[Visit the project website to see presentation](#)

The Cycling Safety Ordinance requires that there be separated bike lanes on all of Mass Ave.

This project will build separated bike lanes throughout Harvard Square. The bike lanes at bus stops must be carefully designed to minimize conflict, provide enough waiting space for bus riders, and create comfortable facility for people walking and biking.

Looking at short sections of dedicated bus lanes.



Under Study

Project	Update	Next public event
Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led) Study	Ongoing	No events scheduled
Transportation Impact Study Update Study	Ongoing	No events scheduled



MBTA Updates



Online applications for reduced fares

The MBTA launched online applications for reduced fare programs in 2022. People can apply, renew, or replace their reduced fare cards. This includes the:

- Blind Access CharlieCard
- Transportation Access Pass
- Senior CharlieCard
- Youth Pass

Discounts include 50% off one-way trips or tickets, \$10 7-day LinkPass, and \$30 monthly LinkPass.

Commuter Rail Fare Gates

The MBTA added fare gates at North Station in October.

All riders must tap, swipe, or scan a ticket to enter the waiting area, food stands, and platforms.

People exiting trains will also need to tap, swipe, or scan a ticket in order to exit.





North Cambridge Carhouse

The MBTA will be converting the North Cambridge Carhouse (2375 Mass Ave.) from an electric trolleybus carhouse to a battery electric bus facility.

MBTA is preparing engineering plans and designs this year. In 2023, the MBTA plans to build and install equipment.

Diesel buses currently run on Routes 71 and 73

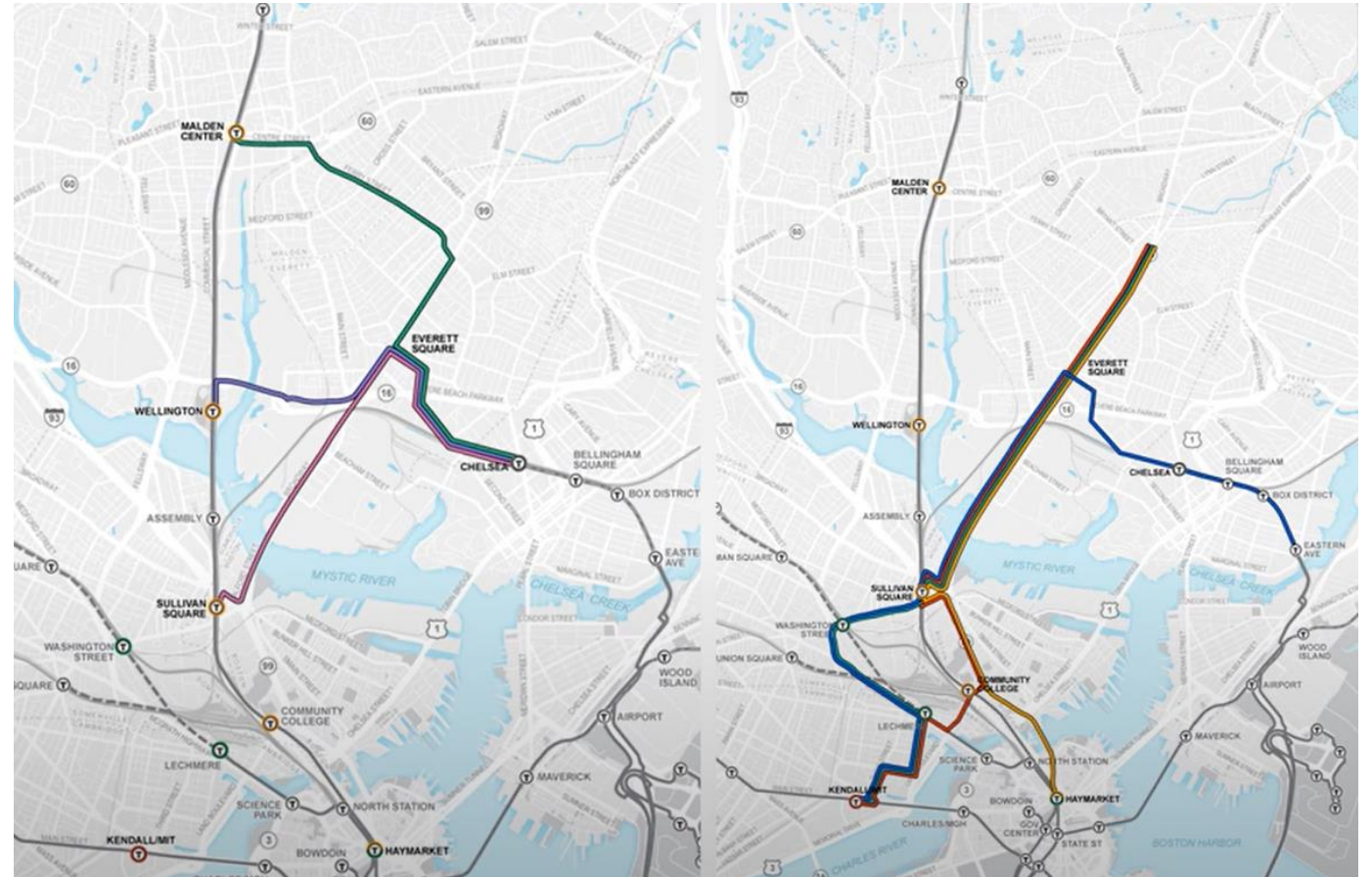
Trolleybuses had their last day of service in March 2022.

Silver Line Extension

The project team identified 7 alternative routings to evaluate.

- SL3 Extensions (Group 1)
- SL6 New Route (Group 2)

City staff expect a working group meeting in Nov/Dec and a public meeting in the winter.



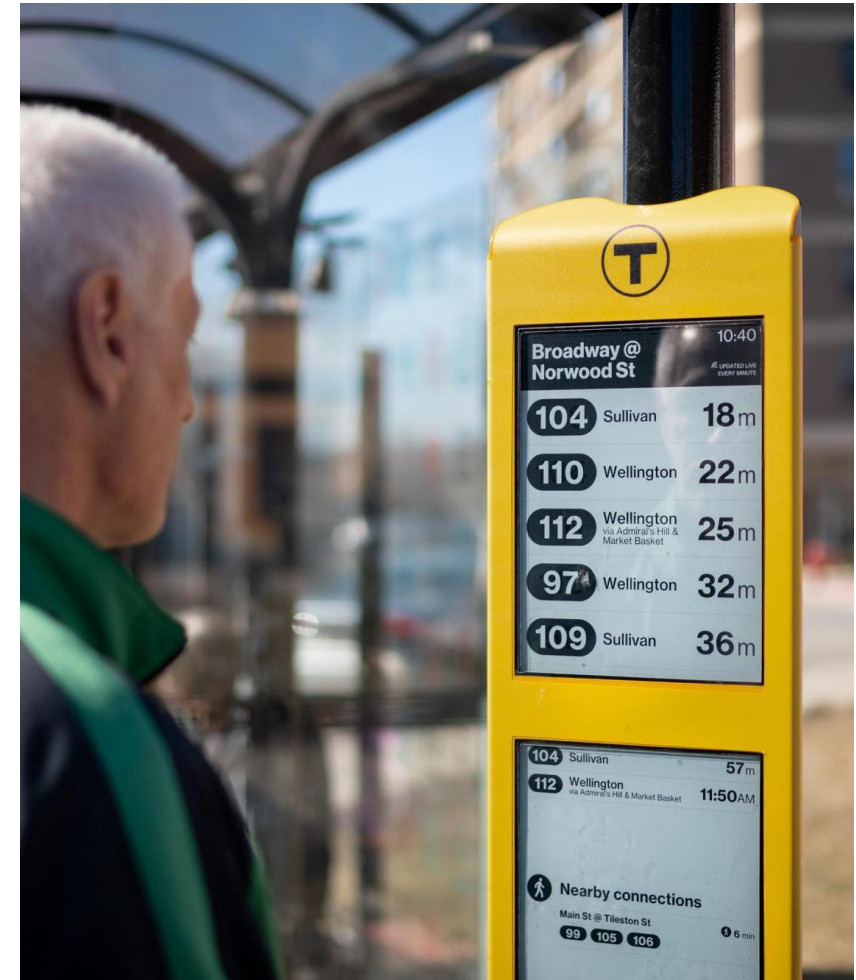
Realtime signage

The MBTA communicated that they are working on implementing a municipal program to install eInk signs through the MBTA.

These will be very similar to their pilot signs.

We have had challenges with sign vendors in our own pilot.

- Providing support for city
- Working with MBTA real-time software



Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You