

Pedestrian Committee
February 22, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Michael Mantello (CDD), Melissa Miguel (DPW), Robin Bonner, Debby Galef, Kevin Leckey, Thomas Marsh, Jenine Turner-Trauring, Jesus Armenta, Sandy Goldberg, Janet Stein, David de Chaves, Bernhard Nickel, Logan Read, Maryann Quinn, Evan Killion, Xander Mitchell, Alex Hallowell

Meeting attendees included proposed new committee members who are still their formal appointment letters.

Committee approved the January meeting minutes.

Project Updates, CDD

- Linear Park: There is a delay in the redesign as project team is waiting to meet with MBTA representatives.
- Danehy Park-New Street Connector: The design process continues.

Project Updates, TPT

- Main Street: The design survey is closed. The next meeting (community?) will be in the spring, date TBD.
- Cambridge Street, to include separated bike lanes from Inman Street to First Street, along with bus stop and pedestrian crossing improvements; project team is reviewing community feedback.
- Mount Auburn Street: There will be bike, pedestrian, transit improvements where Mount Auburn Street meets Brattle Street.
- Third Street at Broadway: City will install flex posts.

Project Updates, DPW

All sidewalk issues should be reported via [SeeClickFix](#). The city will install new drainage on Webster Avenue. On Huron Avenue from Aberdeen to Fresh Pond Parkway, work will recommence once winter moratorium is lifted. The city is in final discussion with MBTA to have the Overhead Catenary Wires (OCS) poles removed along Huron Avenue, Aberdeen, and Mount Auburn Street. Belmont Street Pilot project to test a priority bus lane is in the punch list phase.

Chapter 90 Contract 25 released for bid and includes Green Street, Maple Street, Centre Street, Dana Street, Montgomery Street, Sciarappa Street

Chapter 90, Contract 26: the community process will begin in the early spring to include: Chetwynd Road, Gray Street, Haskell Street, Norfolk Street, Shepard Street.

Harvard Square Kiosk Renovation is delayed due to need to coordinate with the MBTA. When renovated, the site will serve the Office of Tourism and Culture House, which provides a community gathering space. Plaza reconstruction will begin in the spring.

Committee Projects

Committee recapped that there was a suggestion to aid in establishing a walking alternative between stations during the upcoming closure of the Red Line train (July 8–23). Decals on the sidewalk could guide walkers from station to station. It would be helpful to provide water stations. Since closure is from Kendall to Alewife, it might be helpful to coordinate with Somerville pedestrian committee.

Orientation meeting for new committee members will be Monday, March 4, at 6:30 pm. An alternate date will be provided for those who cannot attend on March 4.

There will be a Joint Transportation Committees meeting in March. Topic: 5-Year Plan for Sidewalk and Street Reconstruction.

March meeting of the Pedestrian Committee will possibly be a site walk on Cambridge Street from Inman Street to First Street.

Websites are available for:

[DPW construction projects](https://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/publicworks/cityprojects)

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/publicworks/cityprojects>

[City street and transportation projects](https://www.cambridgema.gov/streetsandtransportation/projectsandprograms)

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