

Minutes Pedestrian Committee Meeting
February 23, 2023

Attending: Cara Seiderman, Walter Goldberg, Liza Paton, Sandy Goldberg, Robin Bonner, Debby Galef, Jeanine Powers, Brooke Williams

Visitors: Luke Smith

The committee will wait until March 2023 meeting to approve the meeting minutes of the January 2023 meeting.

Updates from CDD:

- There will be a Community Meeting for Hampshire Street work on March 7; there is a comment map for this meeting/project [link?].
- A working group is being formed for the Mass Ave 4 Project.
- Later this spring there will be an event for the Linear Park Project with opportunities for public comment.
- There is a website for all the projects in Kendall Square [link].
- Meeting for Alewife Brook Parkway Superstructure Replacement will be March 7.

DPW Updates:

- Boston Properties MDX Development (ongoing)
 - Broadway (Galileo Way–Ames Street): Utility work, requires lane reductions, may continue beyond June 2023.
 - Binney Street (Fulkerson Street–Sixth Street): work zone narrows traffic to one lane each direction through June 2023; sidewalk closures required for gut renovation at 300 Binney Street.
- Inman Square (ongoing): Construction of Velucci Plaza is ongoing; final road paving will be spring 2023.
- Gore Street (ongoing): Project is complete except for mixed-use path expected to happen spring 2023.
- North First Street (ongoing): Road construction ongoing. Connection from First Street to Cambridge Crossing to open summer 2023.
- Harvard Square Plaza (ongoing): Work has begun at new kiosk building; pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements at Mass. Ave., Dunster Street, JFK Street, Brattle Street.
- Port Infrastructure Project (ongoing): Water main replacement, drainage, electrical work ongoing on Harvard Street from Portland Street to Prospect Street; expected through end of 2023.
- River Street (ongoing): Utility work has begun on this overall 30-month project.
- Willard Street (ongoing): Construction for stormwater outfall has begun. Street work will begin spring/summer 2023.
- Binney Street Park (ongoing): Soil remediation and utility work continue. Project completion estimated for early 2024.

- Belmont Street (ongoing): Water main and drainage work will continue through summer 2023; overall project includes new water main, drainage, roadway, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bus priority lanes.
- Port Infrastructure (upcoming): Project design will begin and community engagement continues.
- Mass Ave 4 (upcoming): Harvard Square bus stops are in design phase. City is forming a working group with a target first-meeting date in March.
- Projects working to award contracts:
 - Park Avenue (Huron to Holworthy)
 - Walden Street (Sherman to Garden)
 - Webster Street (Lincoln to Hampshire)
 - Chestnut Street (Sidney to Pleasant)
 - Dodge Street (Western to Callendar)
 - Huron at Cushing Plaza
- Projects in design or community engagement phases:
 - Green Street (Pearl to Landsdowne)
 - Maple Avenue (Broadway to Cambridge)
 - Centre Street (Dana to Hancock)
 - Montgomery Street (Harvey to Rindge)
 - Sciarappa Street (Charles to Winter)

For the warm-weather walking meetings, the Committee prefers to do schedule the walks for May and June rather than July and August. For May, will consider walking the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway and may include the nearby Danehy Park Connection project. For June, will consider walking in Inman Square and will invite the ECBA representative(s)

Next Meetings:

Joint Transportation Committees meeting will be March 15, 5:30–7:30 pm.

Next Pedestrian Committee meeting is March 23, 6:00–8:00 pm.