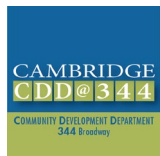


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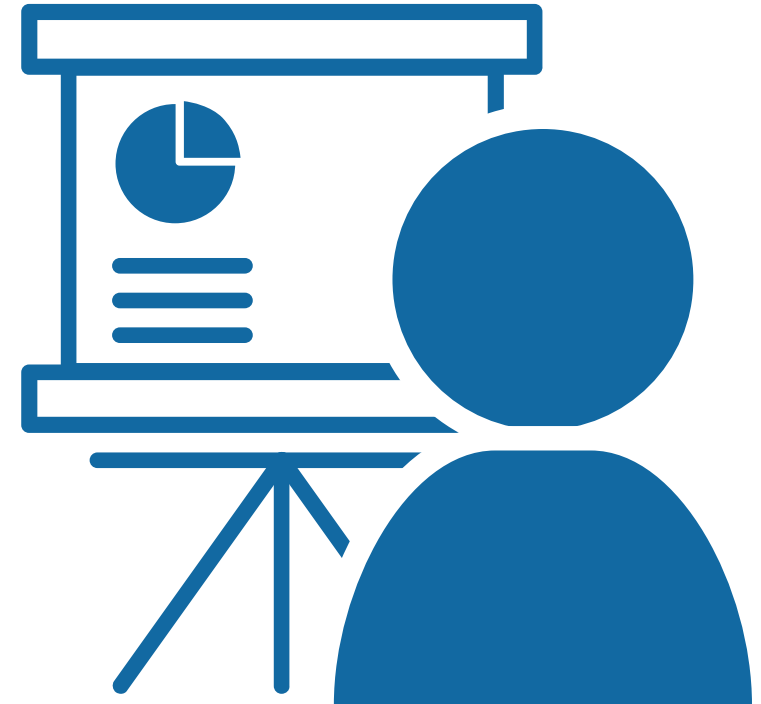
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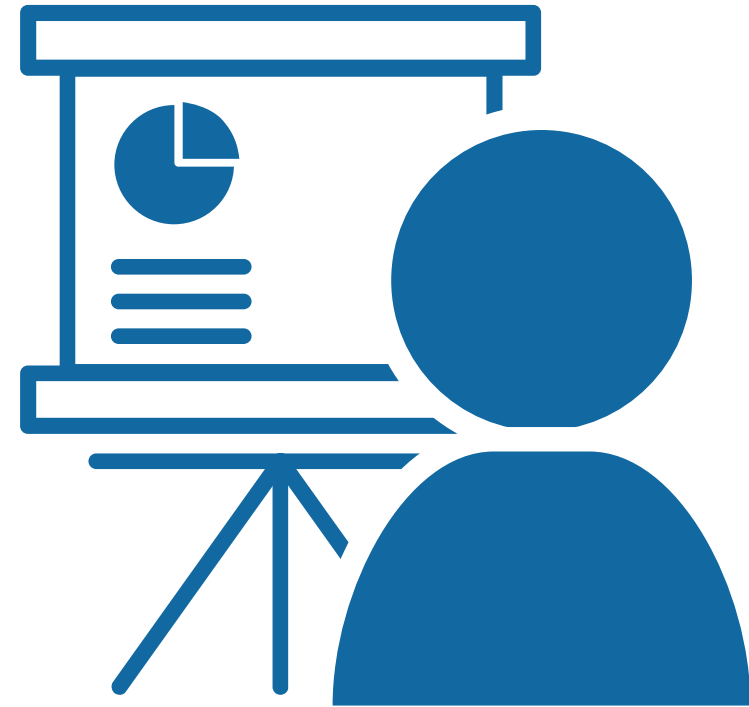
Meeting agenda

1. Welcome
2. Meeting note approval for November
3. Review: 2021 TAC meeting dates
4. Presentation: Moving Forward
5. Discussion: City updates
 - TAC Comments
 - Other Updates
6. Public comment



Meeting notes and 2021 meeting calendar

- **Vote to approve:** November 2020 Meeting Summary
- **Review:** 2021 TAC Meeting Calendar



2021 TAC Meeting Calendar

- Continue with first Wednesdays except January 2021
- January 13
- February 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2



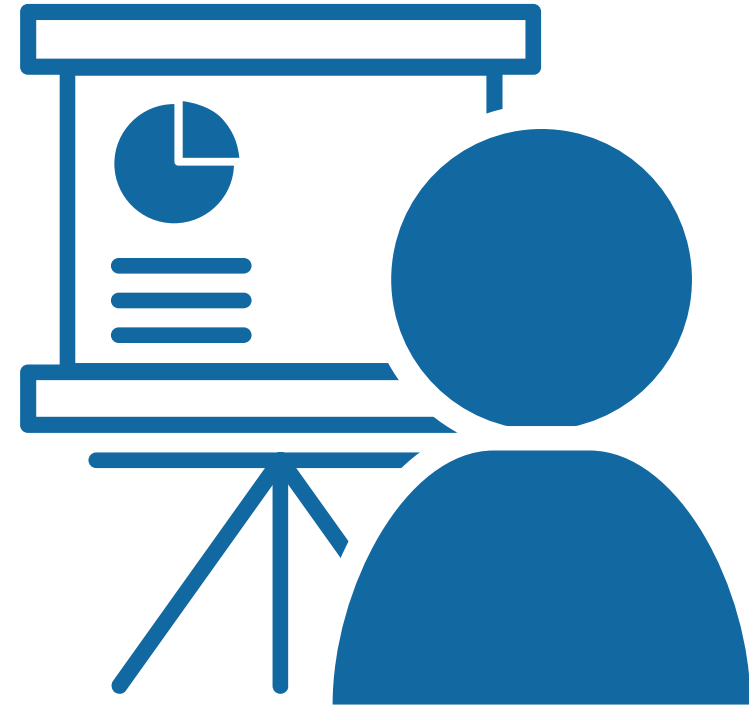


Local Updates

Andrew Reker, Transit Planner, Community Development

Cambridge updates

- TAC updates
 - Proposed letter to Planning Board on MIT Volpe development permit proposal
 - Proposed comment letter on MBTA's Forging Ahead process
- Other Updates





TAC Updates



TAC comment letters

- Advisory Committees have written letters to :
 - State agencies advocating for specific items during project planning, design, and construction or in response to a planning initiative
 - Planning Board with comments on development proposals
- Letters are signed by the chair on behalf of the advisory committee but do not represent City's position
- Consensus is desired, but a simple majority vote by a quorum of TAC members empowers a selected/volunteered member to:
 - Draft and finalize a comment letter from an approved outline
 - Update and edit a draft letter



TAC comment letters for consideration

- Letter to Planning Board on MIT Volpe zoning proposal
 - Bill McAvinney
 - Comments from joint TAC/BC/PC meeting on 11/18
- Letter to MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board on MBTA Forging Ahead initiative
 - John Attanucci
 - Fiscal Management and Control Board requests all comments by Friday 12/4 to hear summary of feedback at Mon 12/7 meeting; to vote on Mon 12/14



MBTA Forging Ahead

- **December 2020**
 - *Eliminate Route 72*
- **March 2021** Ferry suspension
- **Spring 2021** Rapid transit service reductions
 - *No service at midnight*
 - *Reduce frequency by 20%*
- **May 2021** Commuter rail service reductions
 - *No weekend service (as early as January 2021)*
 - *No service after 9 PM*
 - *Eliminate 6 stations*

MBTA Forging Ahead

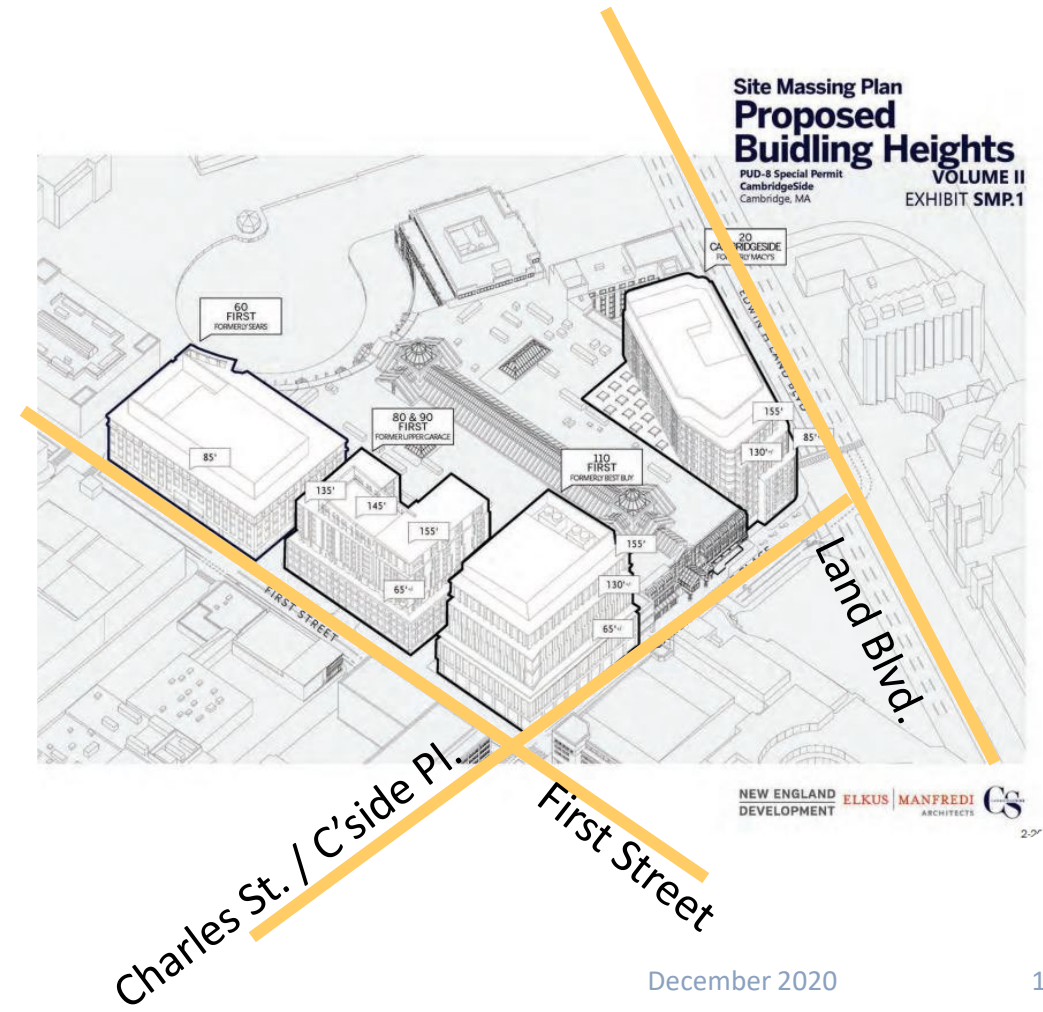
- **Summer 2021** Bus service reductions
 - End all service at midnight
 - *Eliminate Routes 68, 79, 351*
 - *Eliminate Routes 80 and 88 after GLX opens*
 - Consolidate Route 62/76, 78/84, and 88/90
 - Reduce frequency by 5% on Routes **1**, 47, 64, **66**, 69, 83, 85, 91, and CT2
 - Reduce frequency by 20% on Routes 70, **71**, **73**, 74, 75, **77**, 78, 87, 96, and 350
 - For certain trips, THE RIDE will be in the “premium” rate – mostly outer suburban trips
- **Notes:**
 - **Highlighted** = Included in options to reinstate service
 - **Highlighted + italics** = Included in options but “significant” amount of time required
 - *Italics* = “Significant” amount of time to reinstate service but excluded from options



Other Updates

Cambridgeside 2.0 Planned Unit Development

- Two hearings at Planning Board – **Next 12/22**
 - Developer to fund transportation study of First-Second Streets
 - Developer and city to negotiate transportation impact mitigation program
- Potential TAC actions
 - Pedestrian Cmte Meeting
 - Review initial application and communicate comments to city staff





MBTA Green Line Extension

- To provide update on project progress
 - Wednesday December 9, 5:30 PM
 - Zoom webinar
- Updates provided to Community Working Group on 12/1
 - Lechmere-North Station bus bridge tracking to end in June 2021
 - GLX tracking to open in fall 2021
 - Developer-funded elevator from Prospect Street to Union Square station delayed - opening in 2022



Ongoing MBTA Initiatives

- Bus Network Redesign ongoing
 - Summer 2021 –outreach on network alternatives
 - Winter 2022 – outreach on final alternative and phased implementation
- MBTA/MassDOT Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis to begin in earnest in 2021
- MBTA proposal to renovate North Cambridge facility in order to replace electric trackless trolleys with battery-electric buses in 2021

Thank you for participating in this Transit Advisory Committee meeting with remote participation.

Have a safe holiday season!

Thank You