

# Transit Advisory Committee

## December 2020

### Abbreviated meeting summary

#### Attendance

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b> (11) John Attanucci (Chair), Kelly Brown, Devin Chausse, Mathew Coogan, Jim Gascoigne, Jackie Jones, Bill McAvinney, Sylvia Parsons, Katherine Rafferty, Arthur Strang, Saul Tannenbaum
	<b>Absent</b> (6) Joseph Beggan, Kristiana Lachiusa, Margaret McKenna, Robert Ricchi, Alexander Taylor, Melissa Zampitella
<b>City staff</b> (4)	Cliff Cook, Bailey Werner, Andrew Reker (CDD); Adam Shulman (TPT);
<b>Others</b> (3)	3 members of the public

#### Welcome and committee introductions

Andy Reker (AR) began the virtual meeting at 5:35 PM by welcoming members of the TAC, members of the public and presenters. AR gave a tour of the virtual space for people joining by application and telephone and shared some ground rules for virtual meeting participation. AR then welcomed the members of the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) and public and conducted a roll call – 11 members were present, 6 were absent. TAC members introduced themselves.

#### Review: 2021 TAC meeting dates

AR presented the proposed list of 2021 TAC meeting dates for review. No comments were received.

#### Presentation: Moving Forward

AR introduced Bailey Warner and Cliff Cook from the Community Development Department. Cliff and Bailey are the Department's experts on demographic data and are compiling a report on recent demographic data on mobility and transportation in Cambridge.

BW and CC presented from a set of slides that covered the following points:

- Data from the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Longitudinal Employer-Housing Dynamics Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES)
- The surveys focus on commuter travel and represent some of the transportation happening in Cambridge
- Travel trends for the Cambridge workforce, i.e. everyone who works in Cambridge
- Travel trends for the Cambridge labor force, i.e. every Cambridge resident who works
- Travel trends for the Cambridge resident workforce, every Cambridge resident who works in Cambridge

- Travel trends for Cambridge employment districts – focusing primarily on Alewife

During the presentation members of the TAC asked to clarify the different populations being shown here, discussed what encouragement could be used to modify people's mode choice.

## Discussion: City Updates

The TAC discussed a proposal from John Attanucci to send a comment letter to the MBTA on the Forging Ahead initiative. This initiative would result in indefinite suspension of some transit services in Cambridge. The TAC agreed to the letter and selected John Attanucci to draft a complete letter based on the following points:

- Understanding the challenges of planning for service with reduced revenues from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Desire to not make substantial changes when the situation with vaccines and federal aid is unclear
- Opaque nature of MBTA's communications about proposed service changes and lack of transparency on how MBTA will make future decisions
- Request to postpone decisions while waiting to hear about federal aid and other public health measures

## Public comment

A member of the public made comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM

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