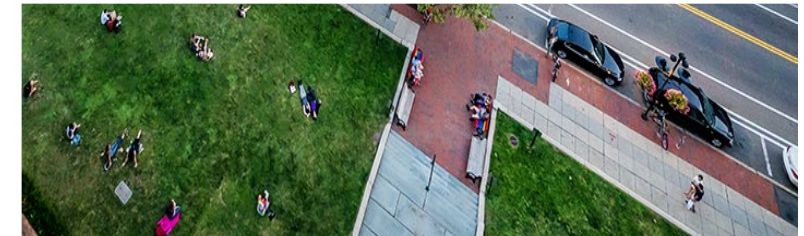
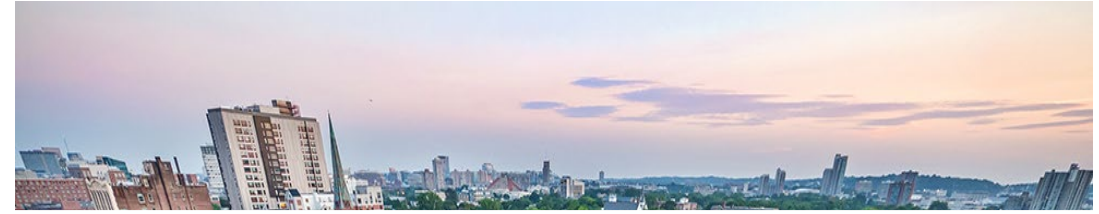
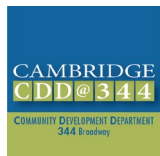

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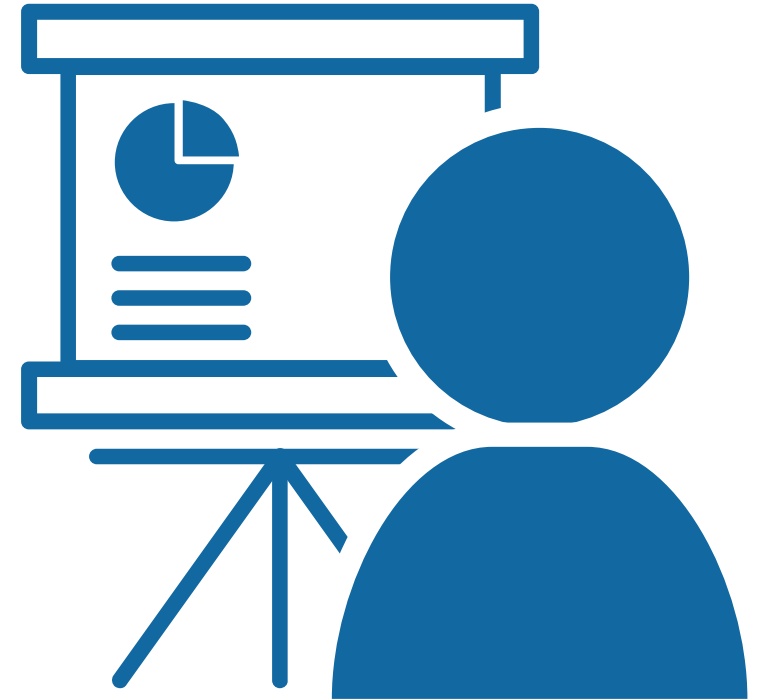
Transit Advisory Committee

June 2021



Meeting agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Presentation: Service Restoration + MBTA Bus Network Redesign
3. Public comment
4. Discussion: City & TAC updates
5. Public comment





Welcome + Roll Call

Transit Advisory Committee



Presentation: Service Restoration + MBTA Bus Network Redesign

Caroline Vanasse, MassDOT, Office of Transportation Planning

Melissa Dullea, MBTA, Service Planning



MBTA Service Restorations

- MBTA restored ferry services on May 22
 - Charlestown – Rowes Wharf – Weekdays + weekends
 - Hingham-Hull-Boston – Weekdays + weekends
 - Hingham-Boston (Direct) – Weekdays-only
- MBTA will restore all weekend commuter rail service on Saturday July 3
 - Schedules are not yet published



MBTA Service Restoration - Buses

- MBTA planning to restore some bus service on June 20
 - **Restore** – Route 68 – all day service
 - **Restore separated routes** – None
 - **Increase peak frequencies** – Added trips on the following routes
 - Route 47 – Weekday trips, including peak
 - Route 62/76 – Weekday trips, including peak
 - Route 70 – Saturday and Sunday trips
 - Route 91 – Weekday midday trips, Saturday and Sunday trips
 - **Increased frequencies and route diversions**
 - Route 71/73 – Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday trips; temporary terminal on Mount Auburn
 - Route 77 – Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday; temporary terminal on Brattle
 - Route 78 – Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday; temporary terminal on Brattle
 - Other routes have minor changes to trips

MBTA Service Restorations - Details

Route	Status	Hub	Terminal	Destination/Notes
68	Suspended - 3.14.2021 Returning in Summer	Kendall	Harvard	CRLS; The Port
72	Suspended - 12.20.2021	Harvard	Aberdeen Ave.	Huron Village (AM) Mount Auburn Hospital (PM)
79	Suspended - 3.14.2021	Alewife	Arlington Heights	(Alternate to Route 77)
351	Suspended - 3.17.2020	Alewife	Burlington	Express to Route 3 businesses
62	Combined w/76 since 8.31.2020 Additional weekday trips in Summer	Alewife	Bedford/VA Hospital	Hanscom Airport, Lex. Center
76	Combined w/62 since 8.31.2020	Alewife	Lincoln Lab	Hanscom Airport, Lex. Center

MBTA Service Restorations - Details

Route	Status	Hub	Terminal	Destination/Notes
78	Combined w/84 - since 3.17.2020 Additional weekday trips in Summer	Harvard	Arlmont Village	Cambridge Highlands
84	Combined w/78 - since 3.17.2020	Alewife	Arlmont Village	[Peak-only] via Route 2
47	Reduced frequency since 8.31.2020 Additional weekday trips in Summer	Central	Broadway	Longwood Medical Area, Boston Medical Center (City Hospital)
64	Reduced frequency since 8.31.2020	Kendall	Oak Square	Cambridgeport, Allston
67	Reduced frequency since 8.31.2020	Alewife	Turkey Hill	Arlington Heights

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71/73	Reduced frequency since 8.31.2020 Additional weekday trips in Summer	Harvard	Watertown Square Waverley/Belmont	Mount Auburn Hospital
77	Reduced frequency since 8.31.2020 Additional weekday trips in Summer	Harvard	Arlington Heights	Porter Square, North Cambridge, Arlington Center
85	No midday service since 8.31.2020	Kendall	Spring Hill	
91	Reduced frequency since 8.31.2020 Additional weekday trips in Summer	Central	Sullivan	Inman Square

MBTA Service Restorations - Details

Route	Status	Hub	Terminal	Destination/Notes
96	Reduced frequency since 8.31.2020	Harvard	Medford Square	Porter Square
1	Additional trips	Harvard	Nubian	Via Mass Ave
66	Additional trips	Harvard	Nubian	Via Brookline Center
70	Additional trips	Central Sq.	Waltham	Allston, Watertown
80	Additional trips	Lechmere	Arlington Center	East Somerville, Magoun Sq., Tufts
86	Additional trips	Sullivan	Reservoir	Harvard, Allston, Brighton, Cleveland Circle
350	Additional trips	Alewife	Burlington	Arlington Center



MBTA Service Restorations

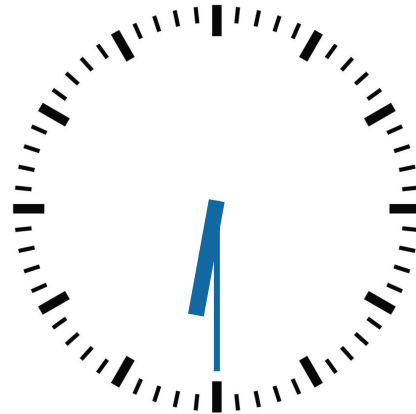
- Public meeting with remote participation
 - Thursday, June 10, 2021
 - 6:00 PM
 - Register at website linked below
- Additional information:
<https://www.mbta.com/customer-support/summer-2021-service-changes>

Comments from the public

Members of the public may make a comment on the Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Study.



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This agenda item is planned to end at 6:30 PM.



Each member of the public will have up to **2 minutes** to make a comment or ask a question.



Presentation: City & TAC Updates



MBTA Green Line Extension

- Project is an estimated ~70~75% complete
- Public meeting confirmed for **June 30, 2021**
- Partial opening planned for October 2021
 - Reopening with service to Lechmere and Union
 - No fare gate line at GLX stations, including Lechmere; stations will have a “fare paid” area
 - Fare vending machines to also serve as fare validation machines
- Service to Medford/Tufts is planned to open in December 2021
- Elevator access for Union station delayed until 2022



MBTA “Building Back” – In progress

- Many new construction projects through December will involve route/line, busway, and station closures resulting in alternate bus stop locations, bus shuttling, or alternate travel.
 - June-August: **Harvard Busway closed** – alternate surface bus stops
 - August – October: **Fitchburg Line weekend closures** for safety systems – bus shuttles
 - September to December: **Red Line weekend closures** for signals, tunnel repairs, floating slabs – bus shuttles



In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Red Line Transformation	Weekend and evening shutdowns for floating slab, signals, and systems upgrades in 2021	TBA
Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)	Held public hearings on proof-of-payment	TBA
Harvard Busway	Construction to begin June-September 2021	TBA



In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Porter Square Retaining Wall Repairs	Projected completion in late June 2021	None planned
Alewife Garage Repairs	Significant acceleration of the repair work during pandemic	None planned



In design

Project	Update	Next public event
Route 2 Alewife Off-ramp	MassDOT Highway Division rehabilitating bridge over Little River	None scheduled

Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
Bus Network Redesign	Restarting public engagement process later this month	Public meeting on Tuesday, June 8
Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis	Requesting feedback on goals & objectives, route choices	Stakeholder meeting
Facility modernization & Bus electrification	North Cambridge Carhouse – Conversion to BEB facility (Potentially FY2023-24)	TBA



Notes: City Updates

Selected street projects





In Progress

Project	Update	Next public event
Inman Square	Street construction is beginning in earnest	Community newsletter sent in early April by e-mail and postal service



Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
Mid-Mass Ave	Implementation expected in late June CSO-related project	None scheduled
Belmont Street	Moving to construction later this calendar year Shared bus-bike lanes to become bus-only lanes	None planned



In Planning and Design

Project	Update	Next public event
River Street Reconstruction	Advancing Carl Barron Plaza design	TBA
Huron Avenue – Glacken Field	Presented design plans at March joint meeting	TBA
Grand Junction MUP	Ongoing review with state agencies	TBD
Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority	Selected HDR to provide signal timing plans	None scheduled



In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
South Mass Ave Transit Priority Follow-up	Ongoing study – to improve bus travel on corridor – small part related to CSO	None currently scheduled
Porter Square Corridor Safety Improvements	Ongoing study – CSO-related project	TBA
North Mass. Ave (Dudley to Alewife Brook Parkway) Corridor Safety Improvements	Ongoing study – CSO-related project	TBA



In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
First Street & Second Street Corridor	Ongoing study	None currently scheduled
Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led)	Ongoing study of bus queue jump facility and signal priority on Broadway and Third	None currently scheduled



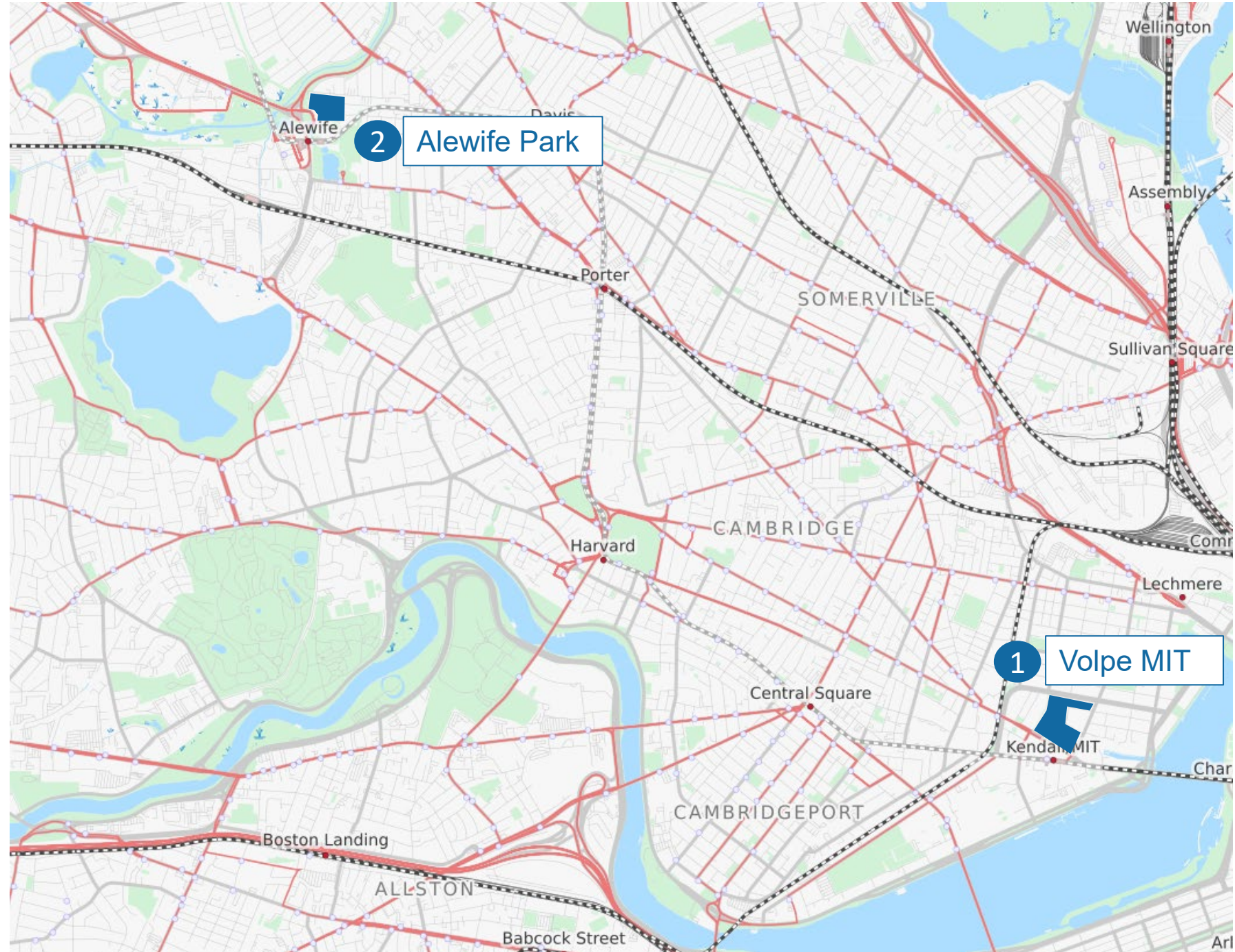
Cycling Safety Ordinance

- Traffic Parking + Transportation staff would like to present + have a discussion with the TAC in July
- The presentation and discussion would provide TAC members information on the Cycling Safety Ordinance and its implementation



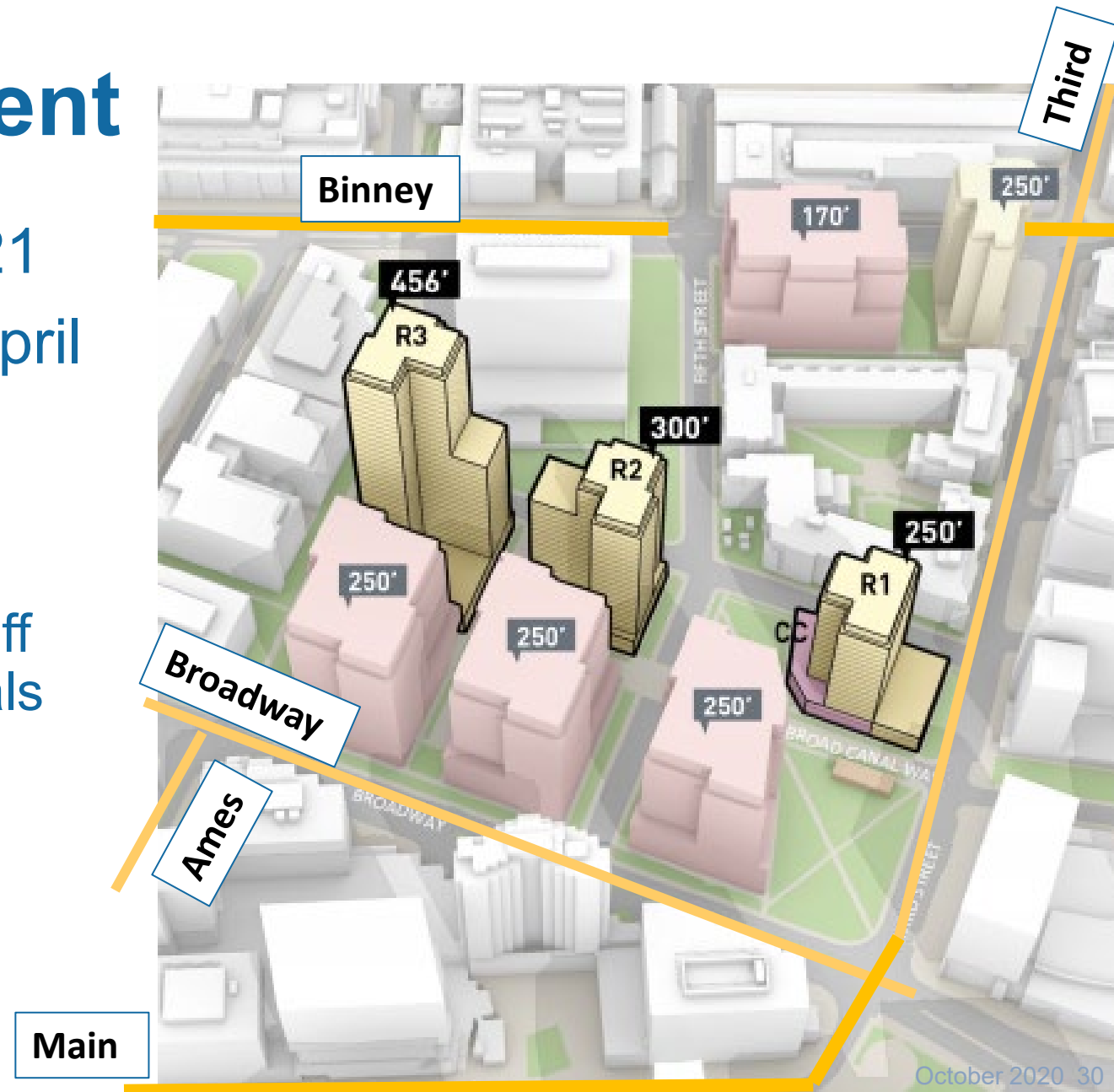
Notes: Development Updates

Overview



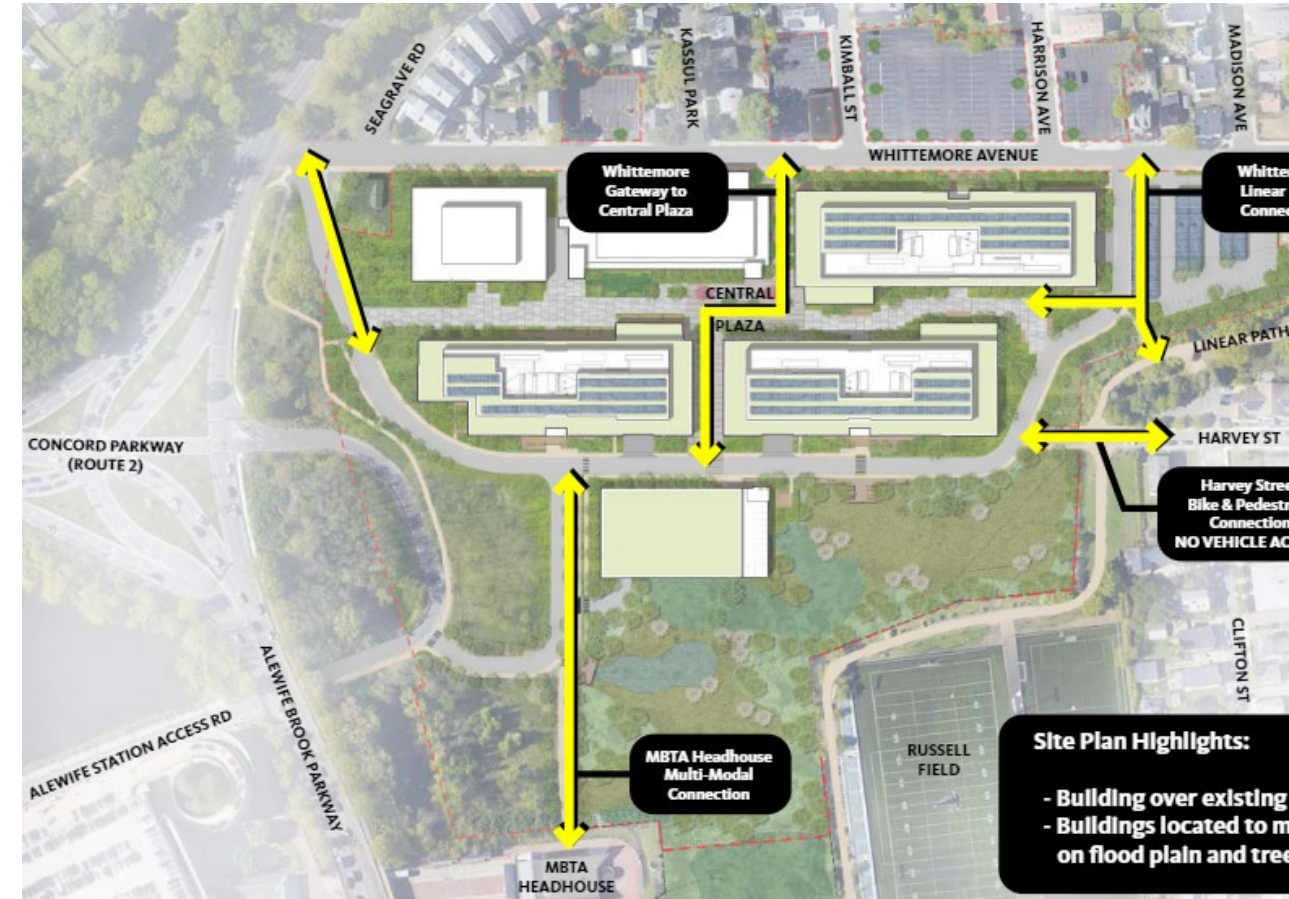
Volpe MIT Development

- Next hearing on June 8, 2021
- Previously: October 2020, April 2021
- Potential TAC actions
 - Review application and communicate comments to staff or planning board, as individuals



Alewife Park (IQHQ) (#2)

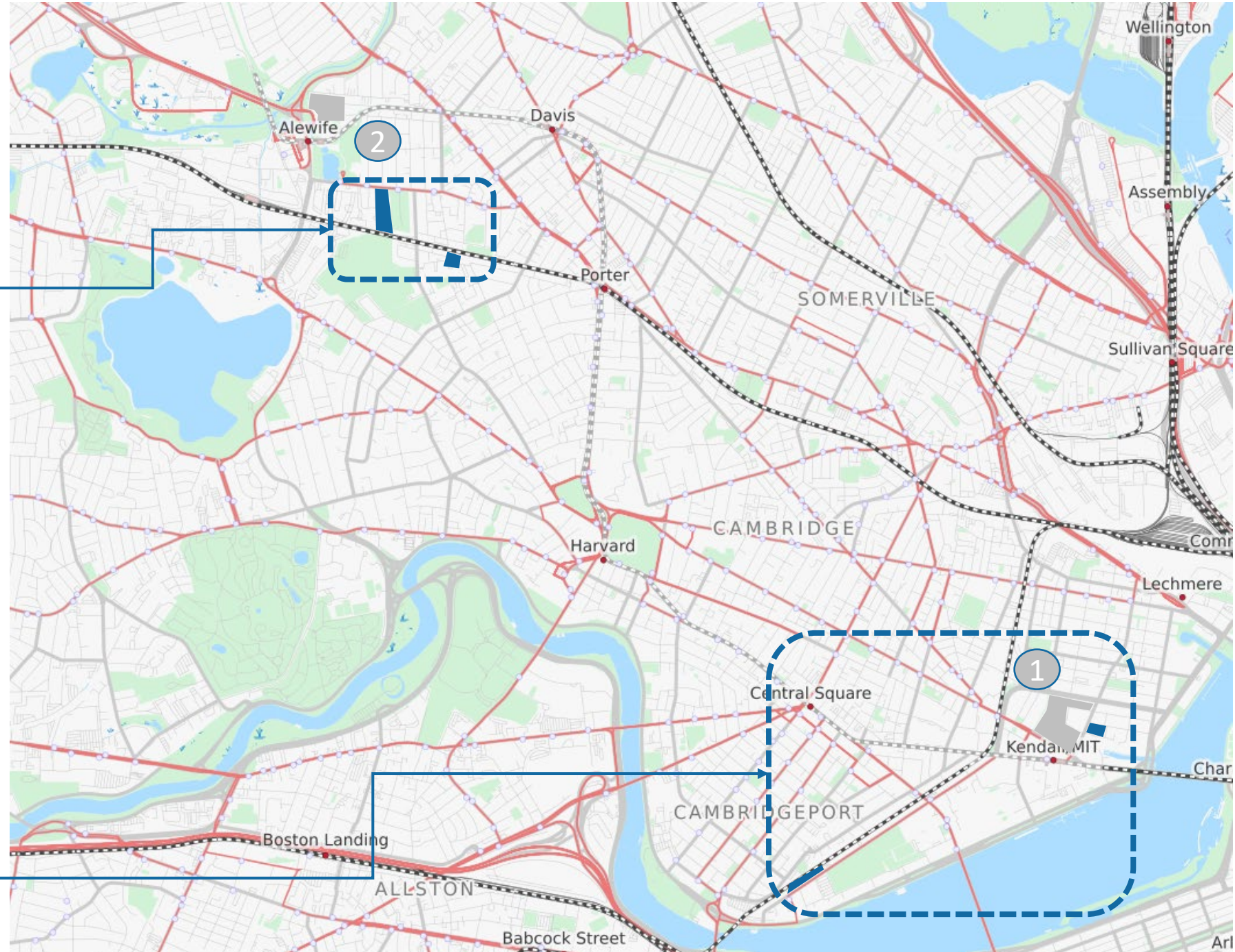
- IQHQ has hosted virtual meetings to talk to the neighborhood about their plans
 - Additional buildings at Alewife Center/Park
- No submission yet to Planning Board
- TIS has been scoped
- Potential individual actions:
 - Review website and provide comments to IQHQ at 6/9 Joint Meeting
 - Provide a comment letter for a future planning board meeting



Overview

North Cambridge

Kendall Square & MIT





Other upcoming project reviews

- **North Cambridge**

- **~280 Rindge Avenue**– Modernization and redevelopment of Jefferson Park Federal Housing –TIS not required
- **~102 Sherman St** – Additional housing units at Walden Square – TIS not required

- **Kendall Square & MIT**

- **546 Third St** – Parcel C/BioMed – new development – TIS Required – No TIS submitted; No Planning Board hearing scheduled



Public comment

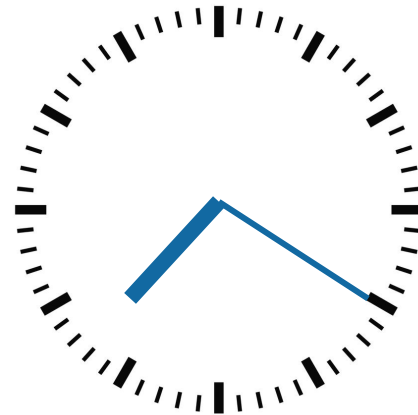
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Next TAC and Joint meeting of TAC/BC/PC

Upcoming TAC Meetings

- Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – Wednesday after Independence Day holiday observations
- Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Joint meetings with Bicycle and Pedestrian committees

- *Scheduled:* Wednesday, June 9, 2021
 - IQHQ Alewife Center
 - Walden Square II

Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay safe.

Thank You