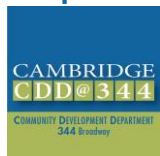


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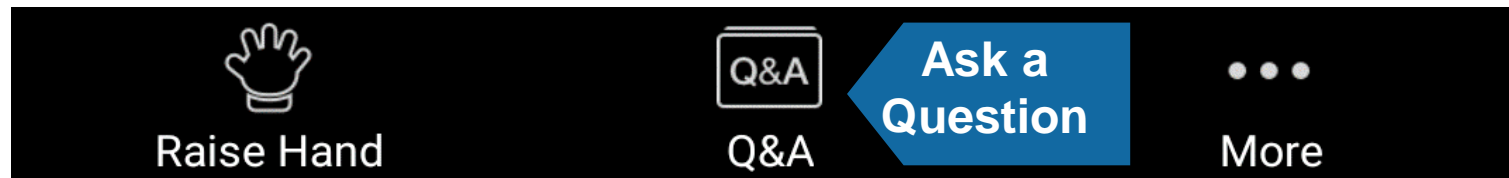
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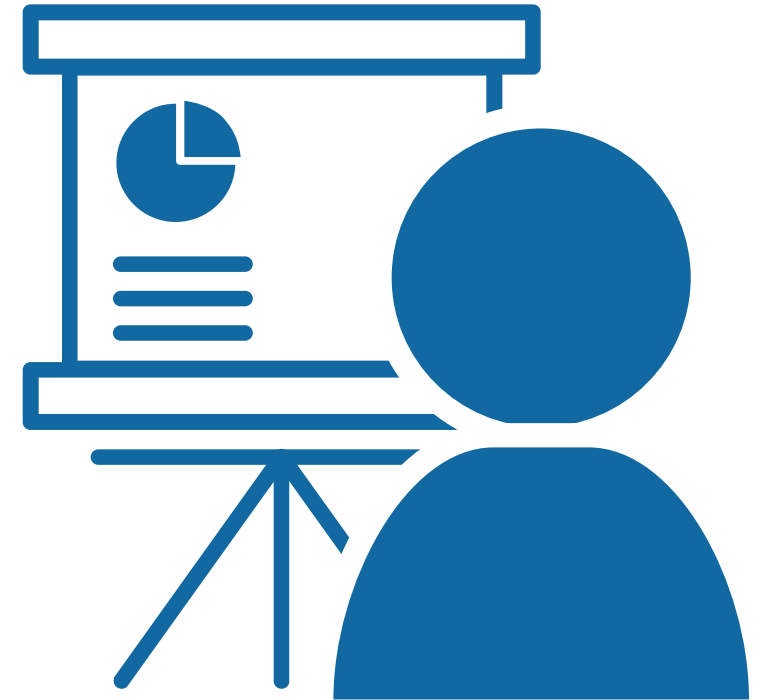
- **Prioritize** TAC member discussion; members of the public can participate during defined comment periods
- **Questions** can be submitted using the Q&A button at any time
- **Public comment** period will use the “**raise hand**” feature, more instruction at the public comment period
- **Tech support** Andrew Reker | [areker@cambridgema.gov](mailto:areker@cambridgema.gov) | 617-349-6959

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# Meeting agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Presentation: South Massachusetts Avenue Bus Priority Project
3. Public comment
4. Discussion: City & TAC updates
5. Public comment





# Notes: MBTA Updates



# MBTA Service Restoration - Buses

- MBTA restored additional bus service on August 29
  - **Restored**
    - Route 67 – Midday service to resume
    - Route 72 – New trips will be part of Route 75
    - Route 351 – New peak-hour local for Burlington to North Burlington
  - **Restored separated routes** – None
  - **Increased frequencies**
    - Subway
  - **Route diversions for the Harvard Bus Tunnel closure ended**
  - Other routes have minor changes to trips



# 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.
- **Through December:** **Fitchburg Line *weekend* closures** for safety systems – rail-replacement bus shuttle service
- **Upcoming:** **Red Line weekend closures** for signals, tunnel repairs, floating slabs – bus shuttles



# In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Red Line Transformation</b>	Weekend shutdowns for floating slab, signals, and systems upgrades in 2021	TBA
<b>Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)</b>	Held public hearings on proof-of-payment	TBA
<b>Harvard Busway</b>	<b>Complete</b>	TBA



# In design

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Route 2 Alewife Off-ramp</b>	MassDOT Highway Division completing bridge rehabilitation – new striping, including bus lane, expected in Fall	<b>None scheduled</b>



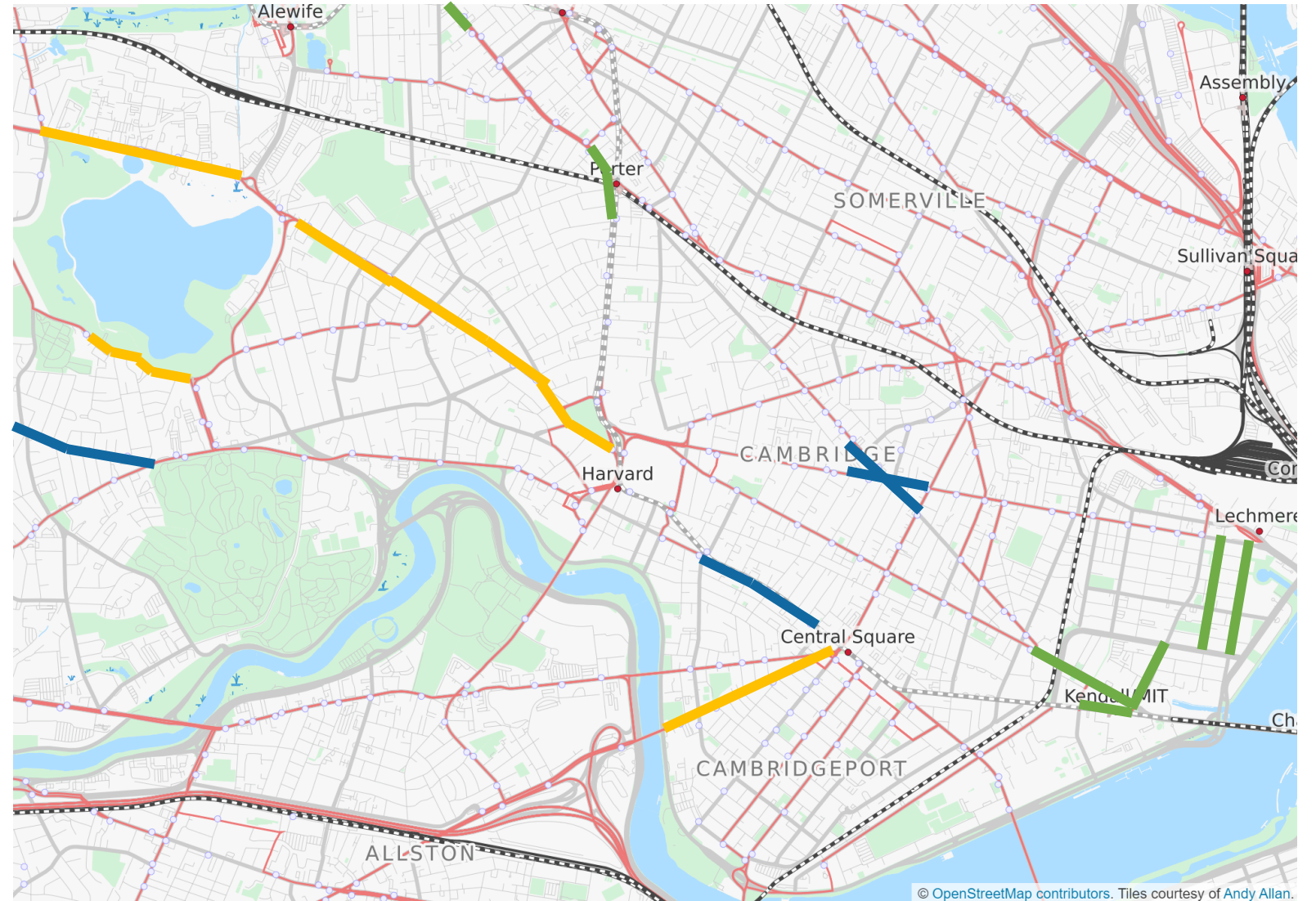
# Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Bus Network Redesign</b>	Outreach to municipalities	TBA
<b>Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis</b>	Survey to community	Stakeholder meeting – Alternatives Analysis 9.14.2021
<b>Facility modernization &amp; Bus electrification</b>	North Cambridge Carhouse – Conversion to BEB facility (Potentially FY2023-24)	TBA



# Notes: City Updates

# Selected street projects





# In Progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Inman Square</b>	Installing curbs, new sidewalks, signal mast arms and equipment	E-mail updates sent out as construction work zones change, about every 2 weeks

# Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Mid-Mass Ave</b>	Implementation ongoing since 8/30, weather permitting CSO-related project	None planned
<b>Belmont Street</b>	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
<b>River Street Reconstruction</b>	Updating plaza designs	TBA
<b>Huron Avenue – Glacken Field</b>	Traffic analysis complete - review at Oct. meeting.	TBA
<b>Grand Junction MUP</b>	Ongoing review with state agencies	TBD
<b>Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority</b>	Working with MBTA on procurement	None scheduled

# In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>South Mass Ave Transit Priority Follow-up</b>	Finalizing designs with MBTA CSO-related project	Public engagement activities in September
<b>Porter Square Corridor Safety Improvements</b>	Ongoing study CSO-related project	TBA
<b>North Mass. Ave (Dudley to Alewife Brook Parkway) Corridor Safety Improvements</b>	Ongoing study CSO-related project	Event with remote participation on 9.14

# In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>First Street &amp; Second Street Corridor</b>	Ongoing study	None currently scheduled
<b>Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led)</b>	Ongoing study of bus queue jump facility and signal priority on Broadway and Third	None currently scheduled
<b>Transportation Impact Study Update Study</b>	Study has begun	None currently scheduled





# Next TAC and Joint meetings of TAC/BC/PC

## **Upcoming TAC Meetings**

- Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021

## **Joint meetings with Bicycle and Pedestrian committees**

- *Planned:* Wednesday, September 29, 2021
- Planned: Wednesday, October 29, 2021
- Planned: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

## **Application period to begin soon**