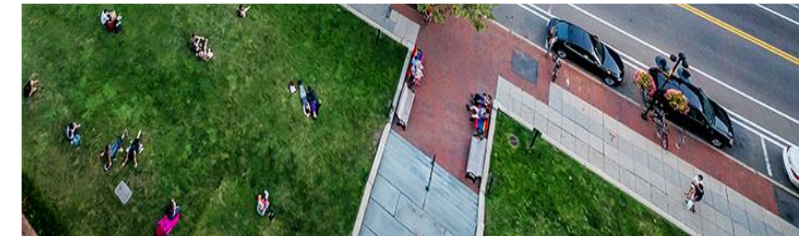


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City of Cambridge  
Community Development Department

# Transit Advisory Committee

February 2022





# Welcome

## Purpose

- Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City’s “community experts”, on City projects, MBTA initiatives, and development proposals

## Objective

- City staff to understand TAC’s consensus on priorities and reactions to city positions on state projects.

## Process

- Presentation from City or MBTA staff followed by discussion - questions from TAC members, public to type in questions in zoom Q&A, comments during public comment period



# Presentation: Upcoming TAC Development Review Topics

Andrew Reker, City of Cambridge

# Development Review

## Intensity of development

Floor area -  
square footage

Height

## Type of development

Housing

Work,  
Institutions

## Other characteristics

Overlay Districts

Historical  
designations

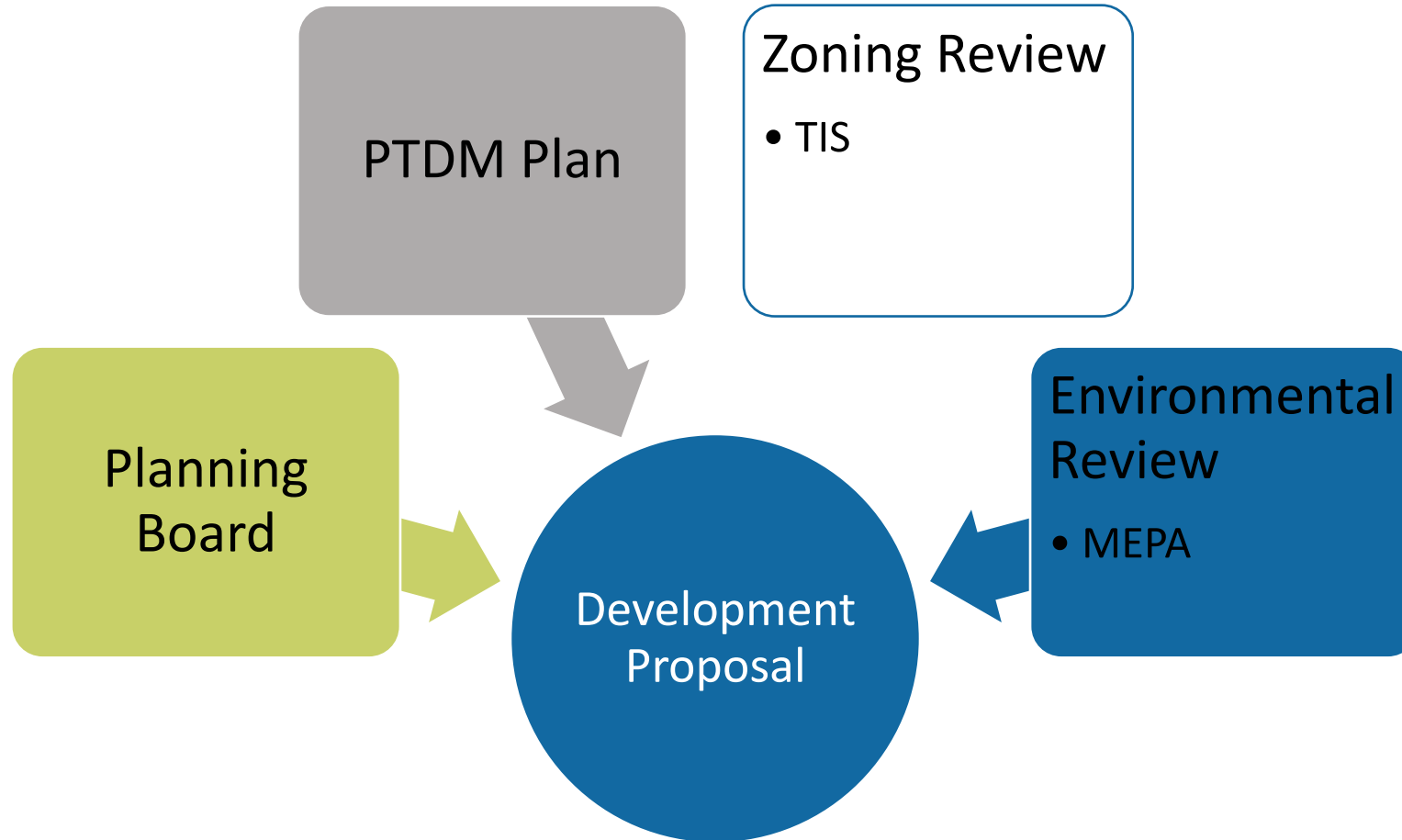
Required  
features

## Environmental factors

State property

Environmentally  
sensitive areas

# Development Review



# Zoning & Development Review

Zoning is the process of dividing up land in a city and setting rules on how land can be used

Special Permits are an approval for a use or building according to the Zoning Ordinance

Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Board are the group of volunteer residents who make decisions about zoning and development

TAC can provide comment to BZA and PB, but, we should know what they are and how zoning and development review work in Cambridge

- Presentation at March 3, 2022 TAC Meeting

# Transportation Impact Study

TIS are required by Cambridge Zoning for specific projects that meet specific floor area, parking, or land use type thresholds

TIS includes a documentation of the following

- Review of current transportation conditions
- Estimates of new trips to the proposed project area
- Evaluates what impacts would result from the new trips

Five specific indicators are used

The City is studying if or how to modify these specific indicators

- Presentation at March 3, 2022 TAC Meeting

# PTDM Plans

Parking and Transportation Demand Management is one of the City's ordinances to improve mobility and access, reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, and increase safety

Certain projects that create new non-residential parking or change which groups (customers, employees, etc) use parking may need to develop a PTDM plan

Depends on amount of parking provided in the development

For your review, presentation from February 2022 TAC meeting



# Example TDM Measures

	Highly Effective Measures	Good Supporting Measures	
Employee Programs	Market-rate parking charge, with carpool discount	Pre-tax transit purchase	On-Site Features
	Daily parking rate, no monthly pass available	Transportation Management Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Ride Home Program</li> <li>• Carpool/vanpool ride-matching</li> </ul>	
	Something-for-everyone benefit or parking cash-out	Bike buddy matching and bike repair service	
	Transit subsidy up to 100%	Transportation Coordinator	
	Vanpool subsidy or park-and-ride reimbursement	New employee transportation information packet	
	Employees paid for days they carpool, walk, or bike	Annual transportation event	
	Flexible work hours or telecommuting	Transportation information (real-time screen or bulletin board)	
	Bluebikes membership	Shower/lockers	
	Free EZ Ride or Alewife TMA shuttle	Parking for carpools, carsharing vehicles	
	Bluebikes station location site and/or funding	Electric vehicle charging station (Level 2 or higher)	

# Other types of development review

## Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act review

- Certain projects require the state to provide a permit or other action, like financial assistance or a real estate transaction
  - The state must review the proposal for any potential environmental impacts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any environmental negative impact, as much as possible
- These projects will have a formal public comment process for state agencies, municipalities, organizations, and members of the public to review available information

Thank you for participating in this Transit  
Advisory Committee meeting.

**Stay healthy and well.**

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**Thank You**