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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



# Discussion: TAC Work Plan

Andrew Reker, City of Cambridge



# Process to date

- Welcomed new members
- Reviewed and modified TAC-endorsed Implementation Plan
- Reviewed and discussed previous ideas for work plans, subcommittees
- City staff have processed what we've heard from you all



# Tonight's objectives

- Review proposal for work plan and subcommittees for 2022
- Finalize draft work plans, sub-committees, and sub-committee coordinators



# What we heard

Over the past few months, we've heard that the TAC wants to dig in and spend a bit more time on these two topics:

1. Outreach and engagement to bring people “into” the conversation about public transit
2. Provide meaningful feedback to MBTA and City for different plans and projects



# What we heard

Propose two subcommittees and some schedule/calendar modifications for TAC meetings

Some more information to support the why and the how moving forward



# Outreach and engagement

TAC's original task was to assist and advise the development of the Transit Strategic Plan

Included City departmental leadership, institutional stakeholders, advocates, and residents

Engagement and outreach were primarily “traditional” meeting formats





# Outreach and engagement

Tasks, purpose, and activities have changed as Transit Strategic Plan was finalized and focus shifted to implementation and bringing new voices

Current composition is neighborhood representatives, advocates, and institutional stakeholders



# Outreach and engagement

City has also shifted from “join our meeting” to “Let’s meet, tell us, or can we meet you?”

Previously, focused on meetings and hosting events

Changing to meetings with other engagement activities – tabling, attending community events, scheduled for non-traditional times



# Infrastructure and planning

TAC's task remains to provide advice on the implementation of the Transit Strategic Plan

TAC can request presentations from City and state project staff

TAC may also want to have some further study to make recommendations



# MBTA and City plans and projects

## **State Agencies**

MBTA Bus Network Redesign

Silver Line Extension

Grand Junction rail transit

West Station & Harvard-Allston  
transit service

Bus priority projects

## **City projects**

Cycling Safety Ordinance  
projects

Bus priority projects

DPW 5-year Plan projects



# Some modifications would be needed

Some months may have no regular meeting because some subcommittee work may need some time to prepare or an outreach event may involve the entire TAC

# Calendars

Month	Regular	Joint Meeting	Outreach	Project
March	TIS Update Zoning 101	DPW 5-year Plan	Planning	
April	MBTA Bus Network Redesign (Pot.)			Draft BNR Letter
May	City Project	Cycling Safety Ordinance Proj.	Outreach Event Debrief	Review long-term project
June			Planning	
July	Outreach Event		Outreach Event Debrief	
August	MBTA Initiative		Planning	
September	City Project + MBTA Initiative		Outreach Event Debrief	
October				



# Outreach subcommittee

Questions: Who is going to process the input and feedback?

How many events would be good?

What are some expected outcomes



# Questions for infrastructure and planning

What are the short term projects that are of interest? Longer-term projects?

How to incorporate public engagement feedback for things like the MBTA Bus Network Redesign?



Thank you for participating in this Transit  
Advisory Committee meeting.

**Stay healthy and well.**

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**Thank You**