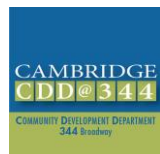




City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

December 2022





Welcome

Purpose

Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City's "community experts"

Outcomes

TAC to provide input on what items the TAC wants to encourage

TAC to know the most recent information on City and MBTA projects

Process

TAC to 'raise hand' during presentations and discussions

Public to type in questions in zoom Q&A or speak verbal comments during public comment period



TAC and City Updates

Andy Reker, City of Cambridge



Updates: Transit Advisory Committee



Upcoming Meetings

- Next Transit Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thursday, January 5, 2023
 - Potential topics:
 - Update on MBTA Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis
- Next joint meeting of Transit Advisory, Bicycle, Pedestrian Committee



Seeking a chair and vice chair

- Chair
- Vice-chair



City Updates



Project information is listed in order

We have shown projects in order:

- Finished construction or recently installed
- Currently in construction or installation
- Creating a design plan
- Studying

Information is highlighted when there is:

- Shifted from one category to another – highlighted in green
- Updated information – highlighted in yellow



In progress

Inman Square Reconstruction - Cambridge Street and Hampshire Street

Reconfigured intersection with:

- new public plaza on the northern/eastern corner
- separate traffic signals instead of 1 single traffic signal

Street design changes:

- Separated bike lanes through intersection
- “Floating” bus stops
- Peak-hour queue jump on eastbound Cambridge Street



Transit-only signals



New bus stop shelters



In progress

Inman Square Reconstruction - Cambridge Street and Hampshire Street

Beginning Monday, November 28

- Route 69 began operating in both directions at new bus stops
- Route 83 began serving new bus stops

Beginning no earlier than Monday, December 5

- Route 69 will use a morning rush hour queue jump lane with transit-only “head start” signal

Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
Brattle Street CSO	Phase 1: Implemented	TBA
Belmont Street Project	Construction company brought on	No events scheduled
Huron Avenue – Glacken Field Project	Construction company brought on	No events scheduled
River Street Reconstruction Project	Tree hearing held	December 8 th : Pre-construction meeting



In planning and design

Project	Update	Next public event
Grand Junction MUP Project	Continuing to work on final design plans	Public meeting expected in the winter (TBA)
Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority Project	Working with MBTA on procurement	No events scheduled
Real-time Transit Signage (PB 2017)	Working with MBTA on potential group procurement Evaluating other real-time signage	TBD



In planning and design

Project	Update	Next public event
Transit signal priority (PB 2016)	Working with MBTA on procurement for Mass Ave signal priority upgrades	TBA



Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
Harvard Square Area (MassAve4 Harvard Bus Stops)	Ground survey ongoing	TBA
MassAve4 (Harvard to Alewife Brook)	City staff to begin data collection, survey	None scheduled



In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led) Study	Completed	No events scheduled
Transportation Impact Study Update Study	Ongoing	No events scheduled



MBTA Updates



Green Line Extension

The MBTA announced that the Green Line Extension to Medford-Tufts station will open on December 12.

MBTA said some events are planned but have not released any details.

**First inbound
GLX train will
leave Medford
at about 4:45
a.m. on 12/12**



Subway service reductions

Because of insufficient staffing at the MBTA operations center, the MBTA has increased the time between trains on the Red, Blue, and Orange Lines on weekdays. Operations center staff are critical to safe and smooth subway operations.

The Green Line and buses are not affected by these reductions.

The MBTA will run this temporary schedule indefinitely.

**In Cambridge,
Somerville,
and
Downtown
Boston, Red
Line trains
arrive**

**Every 7 to 8
minutes**



Subway service reductions

The Green Line trains and bus routes had their schedules changed in late August.

The MBTA **reduced how often buses come** on these routes: 1, 47, 70, 71, 73, 91, and 350.

The MBTA **changed trip times** on routes: 62/76, 77, 86, and 88.

In Cambridge, Somerville, and Downtown Boston, Green Line trains arrive

Every 3 to 6 minutes



Bus Network Redesign

The MBTA voted to approve the Bus Network Redesign proposal in November. They will conduct a service equity analysis and will report to their board in December.

December 8 Fare & Service Equity Analysis Review

December 15 Tentative: Update to the MBTA Board on equity analysis and approval of equity analysis

Cambridge staff will send a comment letter



Silver Line Extension

The MBTA have finalized the analysis of the Silver Line Extension alternatives. In 2023, they will choose a preferred alternative

November 29 Working Group Meeting

December 13 Public Meeting

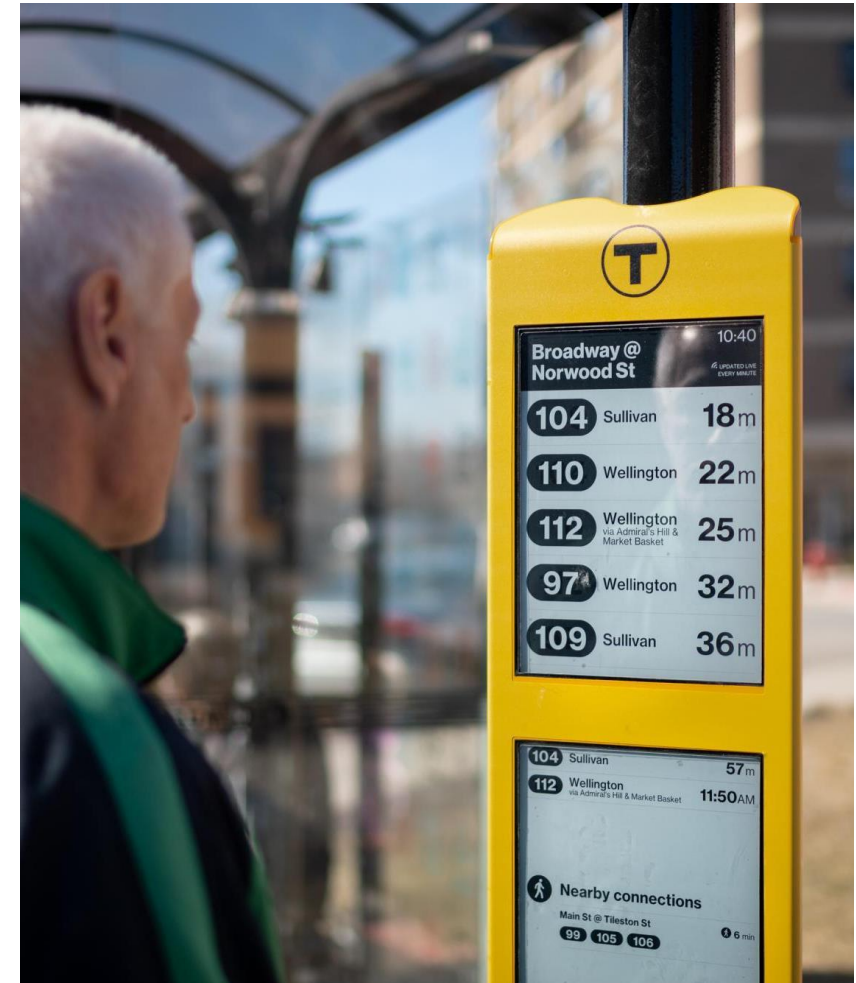
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Realtime signage

The MBTA communicated that they are working on implementing a municipal program to install eInk signs through the MBTA.

These will be very similar to their pilot signs.

We are reevaluating if any signage vendors in the pilot have new or modified products that could provide new signs



Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You