

# Cambridge Pedestrian Report Meetings, Events, and News May 2, 2013

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## MEETINGS

### **Tuesday, May 7: New Charles River Basin Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

*WilmerHale - Sixty State St., Boston, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor – Smith Room*

At this meeting, to which the public is invited, updates will be provided on: Somerville Community Path, EF Education First, Lovejoy Wharf, South Bank Bridge, Charles River Skate Park Design.

The presentations made will be viewable after the meeting on DCR's website at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/charlesRiver/charlesBasin.htm>

### **Tuesday May 7: Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**

*Second floor meeting room, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway*

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### **Thursday, May 9: Green Line Extension Open House, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

*GLX Project Office on the 2nd floor of 100 Summer Street, Boston, MA*

The Green Line Extension (GLX) Project and GLX Design Working Group would like to invite you to their Green Line Extension "Open House" in the new GLX Project Office in downtown Boston. This Open House will be an excellent opportunity to tour the new office, get updates on the project's progress, meet the GLX project team and ask questions and provide feedback on the current state of the project. There will also be a brief Project Update Presentation at 6:00 pm. Please contact [info@glxinfo.com](mailto:info@glxinfo.com) with questions.

### **Monday, May 20: Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Review of Concord Ave./Garden Street area project, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

*344 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

Agenda to follow

### **Thursday, May 23: Pedestrian Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

*344 Broadway, 4th Floor*

Please send suggestions for agenda items by Monday, May 13.

## EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

### **Saturday, May 4: Jane Jacobs Walk: Central Square & Beyond: Layers of History and Cultures (Part II), 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON**

Holmes Plaza, the park-like area on the southeast corner of Mass. Ave. and Prospect St., near the Central Square T station and #1 Bus. End at the Tavern in the Square, where those who wish may continue conversation and purchase lunch.

Led by Charles Sullivan, Cambridge Historical Commission

<http://www.janejacobswalk.org/central-square-beyond-layers-of-history-and-cultures-part-ii-2013>

### **Saturday, May 4: 2013 Massachusetts Trails Conference**

*Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA*

This year's conference explores how trail connections help build community. The conference is supported by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Board (MARTAB), and the Recreational Trails Grants Program.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/docs/trailconference2013registration.doc>

### **Friday, May 24: Walk-Ride Day**

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## **ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS**

### **TRANSREPORT for Massachusetts**

Information on state-wide investments on transportation projects. [www.bostonmpo.org](http://www.bostonmpo.org).

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### **Tuesday May 14: Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 PM**

*Second floor meeting room, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway*

Click here for the agenda: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/planningboard.aspx>

The Planning Board will discuss Draft zoning language based on the recommendations of the Central Square Advisory Committee.

**Discussion materials** are available under the 'Zoning and Other Materials' tab at [www.cambridgema.gov/K2C2](http://www.cambridgema.gov/K2C2).

### **Wednesday, May 15: Fulkerson and Thorndike Streets Community Meeting 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

*Kennedy Longfellow School Cafeteria, 158 Spring St*

Fulkerson Street from Cambridge Street to Charles Street and Thorndike Street from Sciarapa Street to Fulkerson Street are scheduled for roadway work in the near future. City staff is working with residents to discuss possible physical changes that could be incorporated in this project including traffic calming. Please attend the meeting to learn more about the project and to provide your feedback. If you have questions, please contact Juan Avendano, Traffic Calming Program Manager, at (617) 349-4655 or [javendano@cambridgema.gov](mailto:javendano@cambridgema.gov).

### **Thursday, May 16, 2013 Public Meeting on Draft Historic Structures Report, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

At this public meeting, DCR, the City of Cambridge Historical Commission, and the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association will present, and solicit public input on, a Draft Historic Structures Report for the Powder Magazine at Magazine Beach in Cambridge. This report will guide future capital improvement and reuse of the structure. In addition to a presentation, the meeting will include an opportunity for questions-and-answers. The presentation will be viewable after the meeting on DCR's website at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm>.

If you have questions about the public meeting, please call 617-626-4974 or email [DCR.Updates@state.ma.us](mailto:DCR.Updates@state.ma.us).

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### **Wednesday, May 22: Friends of the Grand Junction Path "Launch" Meeting, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

*Stata Center at MIT in room 32-124*

The Friends of the Grand Junction will be hosting their launch meeting and it will be open to the public. The group work with key players and stakeholders, especially City of Cambridge officials and staff, state/MassDOT officials, MBTA/CSX, BU, MIT, neighborhood organizations, Kendall Square Initiative players, developers and business owners along the path, residential and institutional landowners who own the rights-of-way necessary for the Path, bicycle groups, walk-bike advocate groups in Boston, Cambridge, and the region, disability groups, public health groups, botanical and urban forestry groups, and environmental justice advocates. They aim to develop in-depth, updated studies on the Grand Junction corridor and Path feasibility, as well as digestible and distributable material for public consumption; to market the path as a key component of Cambridge's budding redevelopment in and around Cambridgeport, Central Square, Kendall Square, and through East Cambridge, Area IV, and Wellington-Harrington; and to solicit input and activate volunteers from the community. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/GrandJunctionPath>

### **Thursday, May 23: Pedestrian Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

*344 Broadway, 4th Floor*

*Agenda attached*

### **Tuesday, June 18: Green Line Extension Meeting on Lechmere Station, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

*Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center, 41 Second Street in East Cambridge*

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## **ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS**

### **[lots on bikes this time because it is National Bike Month and Bike Week]**

**Cambridge is a Biker's Paradise -- Gets Highest Bike Score in Nation!** Cambridge 'crushes it': [Bike Score](#), the nations scoring system for how bikeable a community is, recently gave Cambridge, Massachusetts the highest score in the nation with a 92! Bike Score looks at elements of the community that lead to easy, safe, and fun biking experiences. Bike Score measures whether a location is good for biking on a scale from 0 – 100 and is based on bike infrastructure (lanes and trails), hills, destinations and road connectivity, as well as the number of bike commuters. According to Bike Score, Cambridge is a 'Biker's Paradise,' which means that you can get everywhere on bike, even while running your daily errands

### **Cambridge Named a Gold Bicycle Friendly Community**

Cambridge was recently named a Gold Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. A Celebration and Ceremony are planned as part of May 18 Cambridge Bike Ride. To learn more about the BFC program, visit [bikeleague.org/community](http://bikeleague.org/community).

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### **Young Americans Lead Trend to Less Driving**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/14/us/report-finds-americans-are-driving-less-led-by-youth.html?src=me&ref=general&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/14/us/report-finds-americans-are-driving-less-led-by-youth.html?src=me&ref=general&_r=0)

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## MEETINGS

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### **June 27: Pedestrian Committee Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

*344 Broadway, 4th Floor*

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## MEETINGS

### **June 4-5: Cambridge Delegation Partners with MassDOT to Host Ethanol Train Meetings**

The Cambridge legislative delegation invites residents, homeowners, local businesses, and community organizations to join them for two public forums about a plan proposed by Global Partners to transport ethanol through the City of Cambridge using the existing rail system. To facilitate participation, two forums will be held. The first meeting will occur on **June 4 at 5:30pm at the King Open School, 850 Cambridge St., Cambridge**. The second meeting will take place on **June 5 at 6:15pm at Graham and Parks School, 44 Linnaean St., Cambridge**.

Representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation will present the findings of their ethanol safety study and answer questions from the public. Following this presentation, elected officials will facilitate an open discussion about the proposed plan and explore opportunities for public involvement.

The meetings will be hosted by the Cambridge legislative delegation, including Representatives Toomey, Decker, Rogers, and Hecht, and Senators Petrucci, Jehlen, and DiDomenico.

MassDOT's ethanol safety study and related documents can be found at

<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/planning/Main/CurrentStudies/EthanolSafetyStudy.aspx>

Any questions regarding the meeting may be directed to Dan Weber at [Daniel.Weber@mahouse.gov](mailto:Daniel.Weber@mahouse.gov) or (617) 722-2380.

Here is a related earlier press release from the Cambridge Legislative Delegation:

<http://blogs.wickedlocal.com/cambridge/2013/04/10/cambridge-delegation-announces-meeting-on-ethanol-trains-april-16/#axzz2UnYz2OCF>

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PARKing Day 2013 is coming your way. Friday, September 20, 2013 – apply for a spot today! The Cambridge Community Development Department (CDD) seeks creative folks to participate in the official City of Cambridge PARK(ing) Day celebration, an international event in which metered parking spaces are transformed into engaging “parks” for one day of the year. Have a great idea for transforming a parking space into a park? Let us know about it! Previous years have focused on many different themes including, but not limited to: Shakespeare in the park, lemonade stands, book swaps, hula hoop lessons, chalk drawings, games, dog parks, and music. To apply, fill out the application here: <http://bit.ly/115XlqV>. For more information, contact Jennifer Lawrence at 617-349-4671 or [jlawrence@cambridgema.gov](mailto:jlawrence@cambridgema.gov).

Volunteers Sought to Fill Vacancies on Cambridge City Boards

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