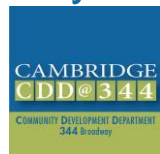




City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

May 2023





Welcome

Purpose

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

Outcomes

City staff understand TAC member feedback for city and MBTA projects

Process

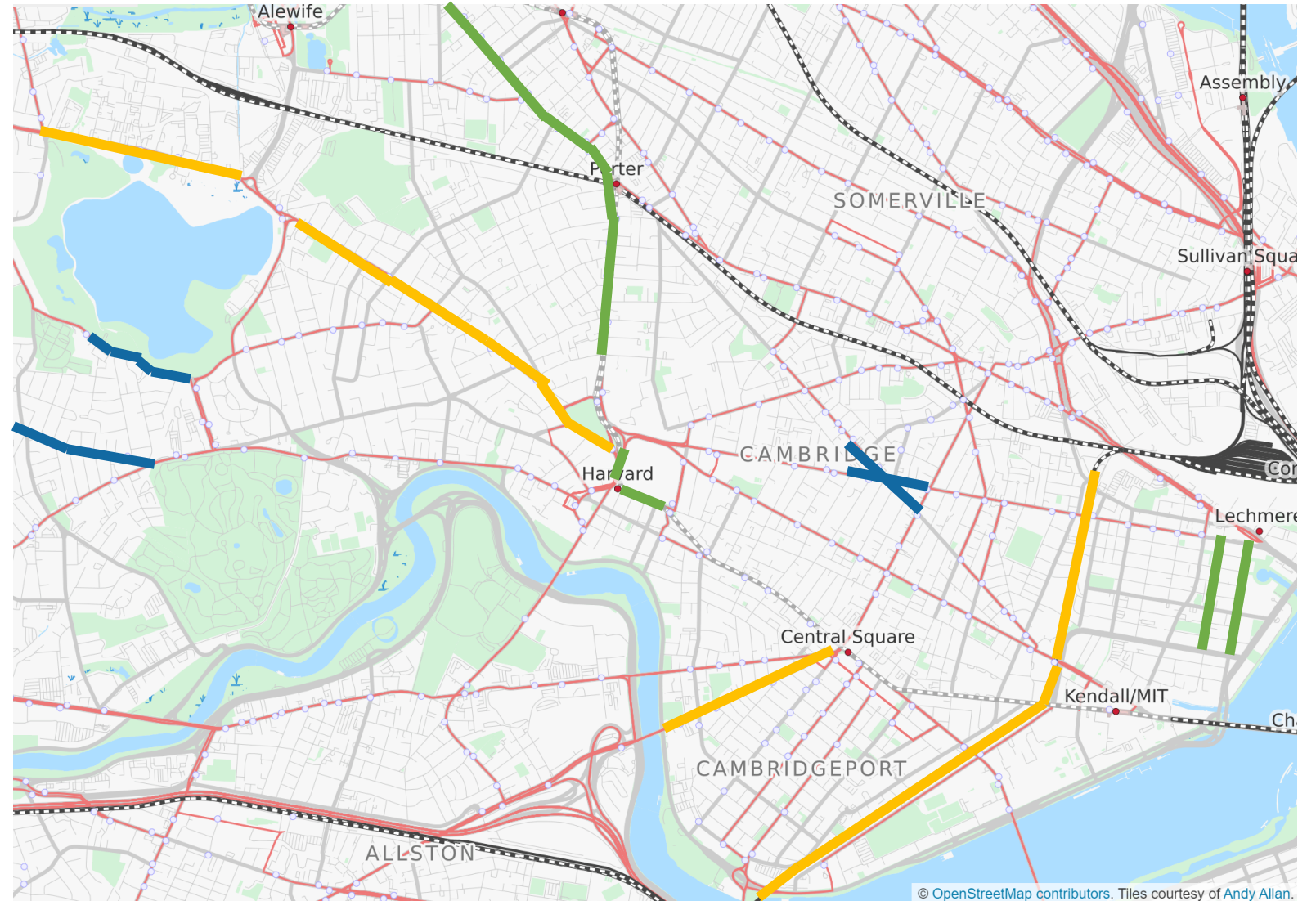
TAC to 'raise hand' during presentations and discussions

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



City and TAC Updates

Selected street projects

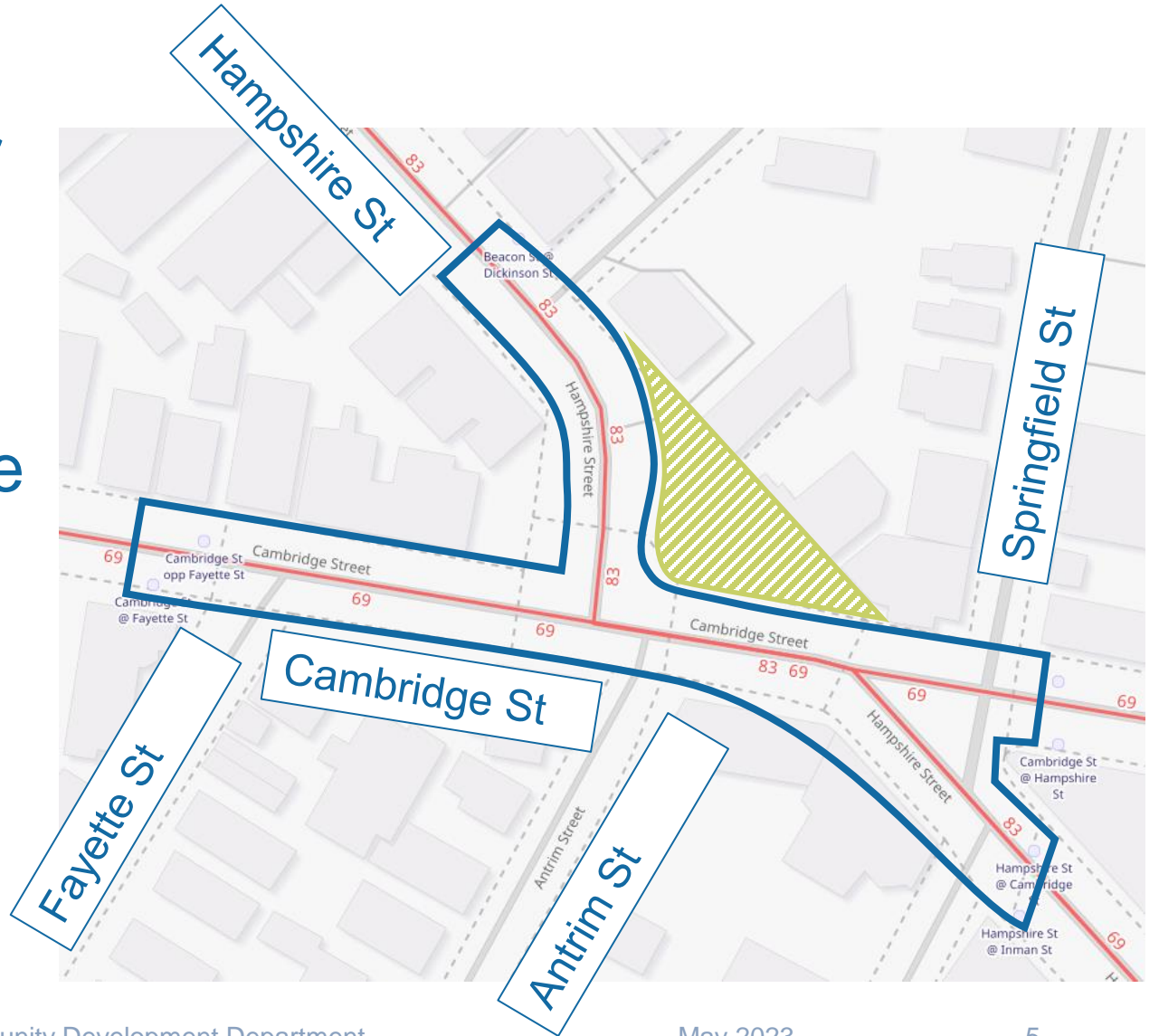


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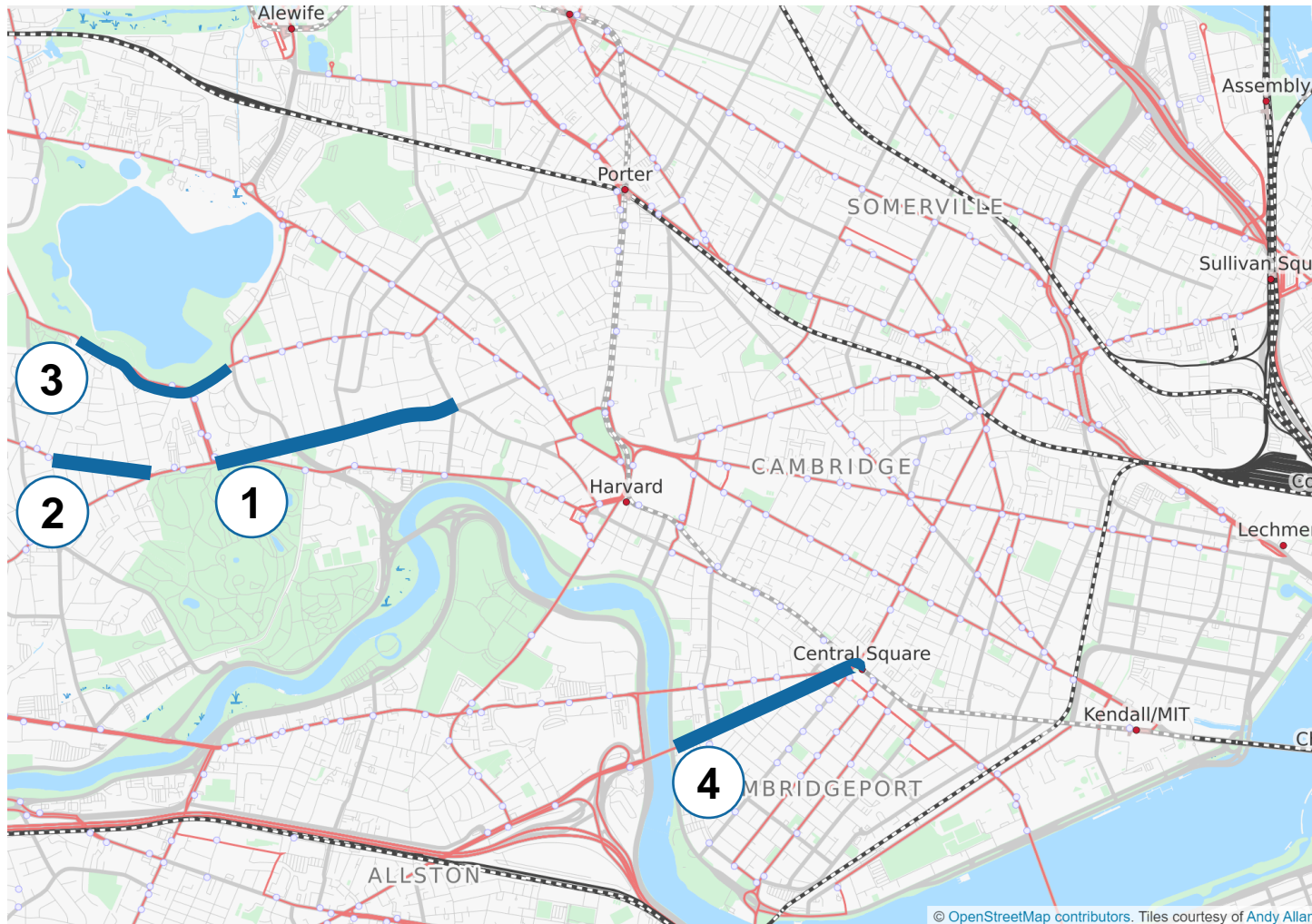
Remaining work is primarily for the new pedestrian plaza, identified in the green area

Final paving and markings remain for the streets inside the blue outlined space

Expected to be complete toward end of summer



Locations with projects in implementation



Number – Project name

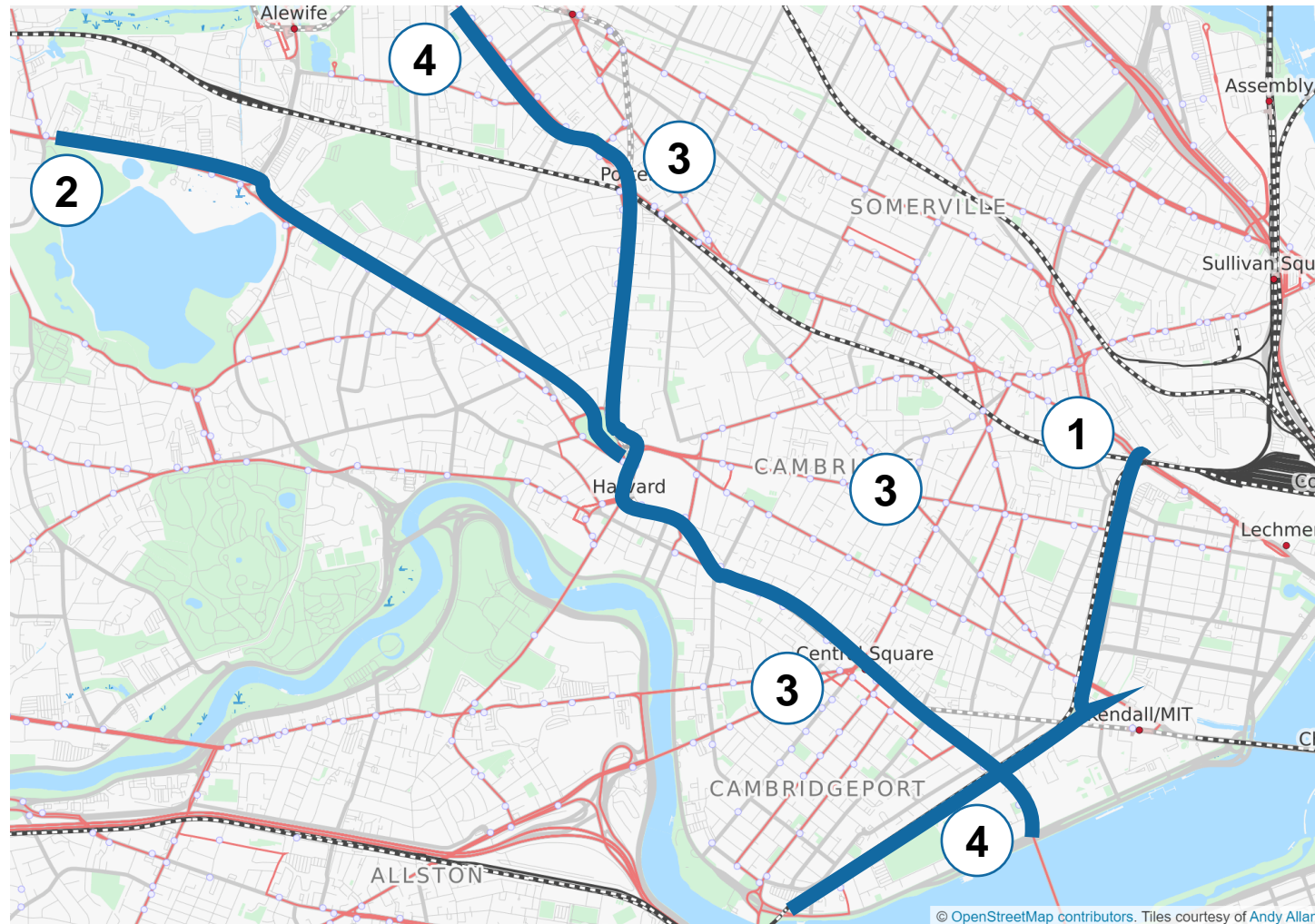
- ① Brattle Street Safety Improvements
- ② Belmont Street Reconstruction
- ③ Huron Avenue Glacken Field Connectivity
- ④ River Street Reconstruction



Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
Brattle Street CSO	Phase 2 implementation ongoing	None planned
Belmont Street Project	Sidewalk reconstruction through summer	None planned
Huron Avenue – Glacken Field Project	Drainage work ongoing, sidewalk construction through summer	None planned
River Street Reconstruction Project	Test pits on River Street	None planned

Locations with projects in design



Number – Project name

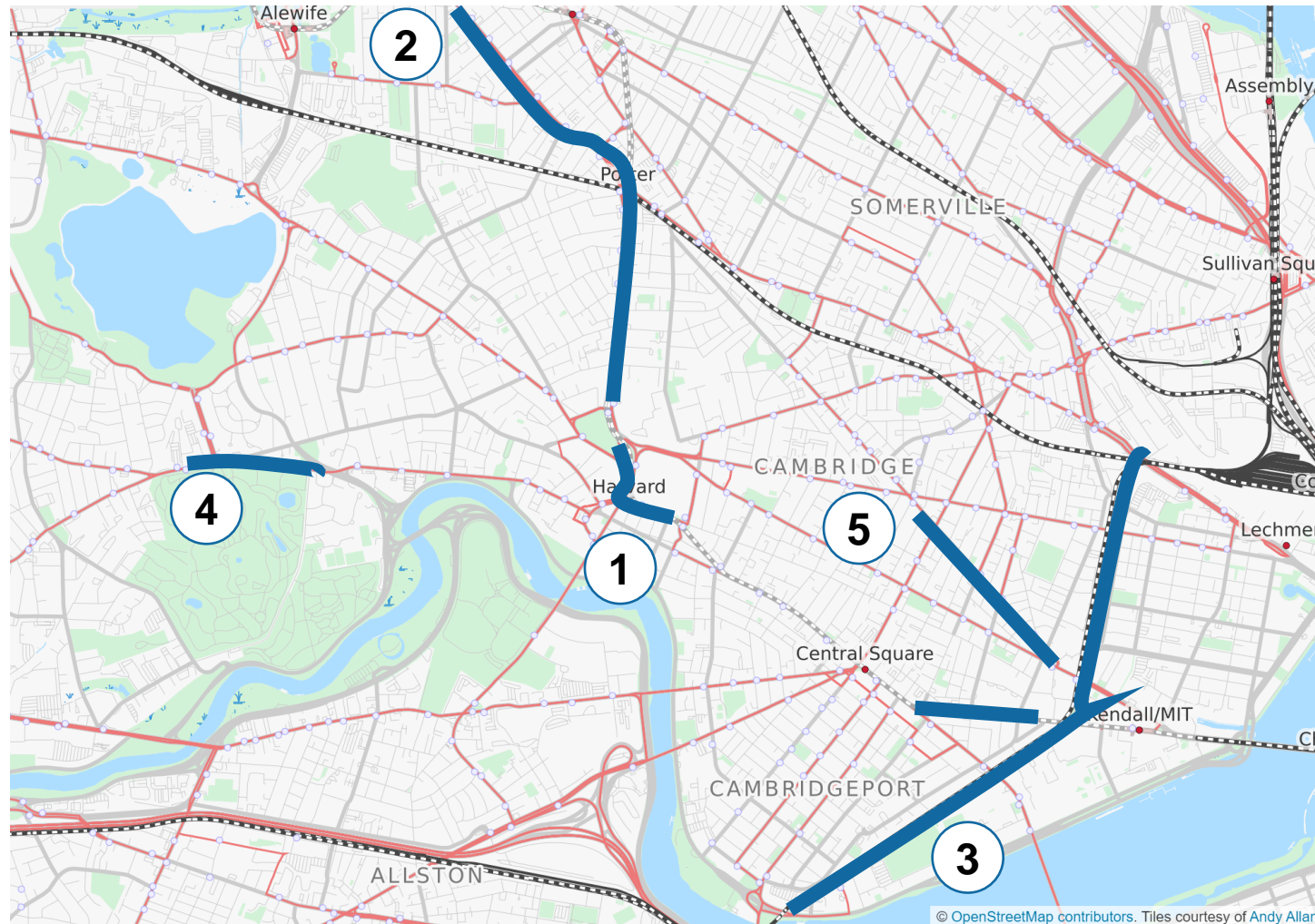
- ① Grand Junction MUP
- ② Concord Avenue Transit Signal Priority
- ③ Bus Realtime Signage
- ④ Transit Signal Priority



In planning and design

Project	Update	Next public event
Grand Junction MUP Project	Working to complete final design plans and construction phasing	Public meeting expected fall 2023 - TBA
Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority Project	Working with MBTA on procurement	None expected
Real-time Transit Signage (PB 2017)	Procurement underway	TBA
Transit signal priority (PB 2016)	Working with MBTA on procurement for Mass Ave signal priority upgrades	None expected

Locations with projects in study



Number – Project name

- ① MassAve4 Harvard Square Bus Stops
- ② MassAve4 Harvard to Alewife Brook Parkway
- ③ Grand Junction Transit
- ④ Mt. Auburn/Aberdeen
- ⑤ Hampshire St CSO

Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
Harvard Square Area (MassAve4 Harvard Bus Stops)	50% design completion; planning for outreach	TBA – Joint meeting
MassAve4 (Harvard to Alewife Brook)	Working group having first meeting	May 18, 2023 3 - 5 p.m. Working group
Grand Junction Transit	CRA to study transit on GJ	Planned TAC meeting in June
Mt Auburn/Aberdeen	To build new signal at Aberdeen (Bus lanes?)	
Hampshire St CSO	City to build SBLs + relocate bus stops	Ongoing survey



MBTA and State Updates



Upcoming subway diversions

Because of MBTA maintenance work, developer construction, and infrastructure work by public agencies, the MBTA will have subway-replacement shuttles on:

- Red Line Broadway-Ashmont/Braintree
- Green Line North Station-Haymarket
- Silver Line SL1-SL2-SL3
- Blue Line
- Haverhill and Rockport Commuter Rail

**Rail-
replacement
shuttles**

Weekends and
evenings all
month



Subway service reductions

Since June 2022, the MBTA has increased the time between trains on all subway lines.

Current regular weekday schedules are:

- Red Line – Every 8 to 15 minutes
- Green Line – Every 6 to 12 minutes

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

**Every 7 to 8
minutes**



Subway slow zone

Since March 2023, the MBTA has added new temporary slow zones because of poor track conditions.

On the Red Line, this means average delays of up to 30 minutes one-way for end-to-end trips.

In Cambridge, there are noticeable slow zones between:

- Central to Kendall
- Central to Harvard
- Porter to/from Harvard

**MBTA
published an
online
dashboard**

**MBTA.com/
speedrestrictions**



Updates: Transit Advisory Committee



Announcements

- Governor approved remote participation in public meetings until March 2025
 - Intend to continue to meet regularly using remote participation
 - Do you have any thoughts about when we should do in-person meetings?



Upcoming Meetings

- Next Transit Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thursday, June 1, 2023
 - Potential presenters include CRA
 - Thursday, July 6, 2023
- Scheduled joint meetings of Transit Advisory, Bicycle, Pedestrian Committees
 - Wednesday, May 17, 2023
 - Planned presentation: DPW Five-year Street & Sidewalk Reconstruction plan
 - Bring your questions re: streets with transit

Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and warm tonight.

Thank You