

# Cambridge Pedestrian Report

## Meetings, Events and News

### October 5, 2012

#### MEETINGS

##### **Wednesday October 10: Skatepark Design and Planning public meetings, 6-8 PM**

*Boston Public Library's Mezzanine Room*

New information about the area surrounding the skatepark site will be of interest to the general public, and skateboarders are invited to provide input on the design. For more information: [crc@thecharles.org](mailto:crc@thecharles.org)

[http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/beacon\\_hill/2012/09/charles\\_river\\_skatepark\\_plans.html](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/beacon_hill/2012/09/charles_river_skatepark_plans.html)



##### **Thursday, October 11, Meeting on Innovation Boulevard Project, 7:00 PM**

*John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway*  
Mass DOT / Cambridge Redevelopment Authority



For additional information about this project, see

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/innblvd.aspx> For questions, please contact Katherine Watkins at the Cambridge Department of Public Works at [kwatkins@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kwatkins@cambridgema.gov) 617-349-4751 or Bill Deignan at the Cambridge Community Development Department at [wdeignan@cambridgema.gov](mailto:wdeignan@cambridgema.gov) 617-349-4632.

##### **Monday, October 15: Beacon Street Design Planning Meeting, 6:30 PM**

*290 Washington St., Argenziano School cafeteria*

For more information, please contact OSPCD at (617)-625-6600 x2500

<http://somervilleresistat.blogspot.com/2012/10/bicycle-advocates-turn-out-in-support.html>

##### **Tuesday October 16: Planning Board, 7:00 PM**

*Second Floor Meeting Room, 344 Broadway*

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<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/planningboard.aspx>

On the agenda: public hearing on changes to North Point (amendments), see here:

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Specific North Point documents can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



##### **Wednesday, October 17: Central Square Study Meeting, 6:00 – 8:30 PM**

*Cambridge Senior Center*

Topic: Transportation and Sustainability Recommendations

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On the agenda: Proposal for Bicycle Parking Zoning Changes



## Thursday, November 29: Mass Transportation Vision for Our Future

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will hold a series of statewide discussions this fall to engage the public in a conversation about the transportation system they want and what we need to do to achieve that vision. The first meeting will be held in Springfield on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and a meeting in Boston will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/massdot/yourvisionourfuture>

## EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

### October 5-8: HONK! Festival

*Davis Square, Somerville, MA*

HONK!, a festival of activist street bands is coming to Davis Square next month. Click here for more information: <http://honkfest.org>. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail [participate@honkfest.org](mailto:participate@honkfest.org).

### Wednesday October 17: Moving Together 2012: Mode Shift to a Healthier Future

*Boston Sheraton Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, Boston*

MassDOT's annual statewide walking and bicycling conference. Register on-line at [www.mass.gov/baystateroads](http://www.mass.gov/baystateroads) or call the Baystate Roads Program (413) 545-5403.



### October 24-26: Designing cities: Leading the Way to World-Class Streets

*NYU Kimmel Center, New York City*

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) is pleased to invite you to its upcoming October 24-26 2012 Conference- Designing Cities: Leading the Way to World-Class Streets. Go to

[www.nacto.org/designingcities/](http://www.nacto.org/designingcities/) <<http://nacto.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1df77980a1a876128766fe573&id=7c5c165bb8&e=a41fd03ad5>> to learn more.



## ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS

### Senior and Transportation

Cambridge seniors are very vocal about their safety concerns while traveling around the city. These concerns range from walking on broken sidewalks and crossing busy intersections, to bicyclists riding on sidewalks. The Bicycle Committee has been reaching out to seniors through the Council on Aging to find out their transportation concerns and needs. We distributed a transportation survey to seniors through the senior centers. A small group of seniors and Council on Aging staff would like to meet with a small group from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees to review the results of the surveys and to discuss how the B&P committees might work together with seniors to make the city a safer place to travel.

If you are interested in being part of this discussion please e-mail Carole Sousa at [Sousa96@aol.com](mailto:Sousa96@aol.com).

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*Sarah's Market, 200 Concord Avenue*

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Additional information: [www.cambridgema.gov/northmassave](http://www.cambridgema.gov/northmassave)



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*Cambridge Senior Center, Central Square, 806 Massachusetts Avenue*

Topic: Transportation and Sustainability Recommendations

Information on the Kendall Square-Central Square Planning Study (K2C2) is available at

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John Pucher, Rutgers University, Author of *City Cycling*



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## Heels on Wheels – Riding in Style

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/11/fashion/heels-on-wheels-books-of-style.html>

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### **Tuesday, October 23: Charles River Basin Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:00 – 6:00 PM**

*EF Education, One Education Street, Cambridge, MA*

At this meeting, to which the public is invited, DCR will provide an update on the:

- New Basin pedestrian bridge and park project
- Charles River Skate Park project, including the preliminary design.

A presentation that will be made on the Charles River Skate Park will be available after the meeting on DCR's website at

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/charlesRiver/charlesBasin.htm>.

### **Thursday, October 25: Pedestrian Committee Regular Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

*344 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room*

### **Monday, October 29: Bowker Overpass Meeting, 6:00 PM**

*Mezzanine Conference Room, Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St., Boston, MA.*



The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed deck patching and superstructure repairs on Bowker Overpass over Beacon Street, Commonwealth Ave and Muddy River and the Storrow Drive Eastbound Viaduct. At this time MassDOT anticipates this work will begin in the spring of 2013.

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*344 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room*

##### **Thursday, October 25: Upcoming Central Square Meeting, 6:00PM – 7:30 PM**

*City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Sullivan Chamber*

Topics: Housing and Smart Growth presentation by Barry Bluestone, Director, Kitty and Michael Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University (this session will be a presentation/Q&A format rather than Committee meeting format)

The Advisory Committee meeting schedule beyond for November is as follows:

##### **Thursday, November 1**

6:00 – 8:30 PM

**Location TBD**

**Topics:** Public Places Workshop (including open space & covered/enclosed gathering spaces)

##### **Saturday, November 3**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location TBD**

**Topics:** Built Form Workshop (including use, FAR, height, urban design)

##### **Wednesday, November 7**

6:00 – 8:30 PM

**City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Sullivan Chamber**

**Topics:** Consolidate & Finalize Recommendations

##### **Wednesday, November 28**

6:00 – 8:30 PM

**Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue**

**Topics:** Finalize Recommendations

##### **Monday, October 29: Beacon Street reconstruction meeting, 7:30 PM**

*Cafe Rustica, 356 Beacon Street, Somerville*

An opportunity to advocate for improvements to the Beacon Street corridor.

For more information including proposed plans:

<http://somervilleresistat.blogspot.com/>

##### **Tuesday, October 30: Green Line Extension, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

51 Winthrop Street in Medford

The Green Line Extension Project Team will hold a GLX Design Working Group meeting to introduce the new preliminary engineering and final design team, as well update the committee on progress on the FTA New Start application and the schedule moving forward



More information about the project is available on the Green Line Extension website at: [www.mass.gov/greenlineextension](http://www.mass.gov/greenlineextension).

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The MPO has approved a shortened, 15-day public comment period for Draft Amendment Two due to federal review deadlines for obligation of the repurposed earmark funds. This comment period will begin on Monday, October 22, 2012, and end at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 5. The MPO is planning to take action on Draft Amendment Two at its meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM in conference rooms 2 and 3 of the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, in Boston. Members of the public are invited to attend. Comments on Draft Amendment Two, to the attention of Mr. David Mohler, Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, should be submitted by any of the means below before the close of the comment period. Comments will also be accepted at the meeting.

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Activities include:

- [Storefront Window Painting](#) in Central Square
- [Walk/Ride Day Afternoon Hangout/Potluck](#) at Danehy Park in N. Cambridge

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