

**Pedestrian Committee**  
**January 25, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Michael Mantello (CDD), Andreas Wolfe (TP&T), Melissa Miguel (DPW), Robin Bonner, Jenine Turner-Trauring, Sandy Goldberg, Sean Peirce, Debby Galef, Jeannine Powers, Logan Read

Guests: Maureen Carey-Medlock, Jesus Armenta, Ed Belove, Catiana Jean-Pierre, Karen Levy, Maryann Quinn, David de Chaves, Janet Stein

**Announcements**

- Andreas Wolfe is the new representative to the Pedestrian Committee from the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department

**Project Updates**

- Updates from TP&T
  - Current projects: Main Street (Sidney St to Portland Street), Cambridge Street (Inman square to 2nd Street), Mt Auburn Street new signal and extension of bus lane, Belmont Street, 3rd Street at Broadway
  - Cambridge Street project
    - [cambridgema.gov/cambridgestsafety](https://cambridgema.gov/cambridgestsafety)
    - Don't have a design yet, working on that in the spring
    - Shared slides from Nov open house
      - In addition to separated bike facilities, they are looking at existing crosswalks, improving accessibility, pedestrian crossing islands, improvements to transit (e.g. floating bus stops), signal timing changes to improve pedestrian experience, additional traffic calming, turn hardening
    - Currently in Phase 1 (feedback on existing conditions, parking needs, priorities, having initial meetings)
    - Grand Junction project will add traffic signal at the intersection of Cambridge St. and Cardinal Medeiros
    - Committee gave questions and feedback
      - Q about Cambridge Street and Cardinal Medeiros. A: Considering other ideas for that intersection in the meantime because the Cambridge street project is happening earlier than the Grand Junction project
      - Discussion about bus boarding islands and how accessibility is achieved. Considering detectable warning panel but this is being discussed. Bus boarding islands provide a safe space for people disembarking from the bus but there isn't always room.
    - Considering having a pedestrian committee walk, possibly in March, on this corridor at its meeting

- DPW gave updates of ongoing construction and upcoming projects

### **Committee Ideas**

- Red line closures - can we encourage people to walk or to find walking more pleasant as an alternative
  - Ideas: Water stations for July, comprehensive map of routes, people leading walkers from station to station, freedom trail style decals that “wayfind” the route for the Red Line
  - Communication: How can this be communicated/how has it been communicated?
- Discussing possibility for committee walks. April/May, along the Red Line corridor?
- Suggestion: Would there be interest in a joint meeting between Cambridge Pedestrian Committee and Somerville committee? Invite them to the Cambridge Street walk (March)?

### **Public Comment**

- No speakers