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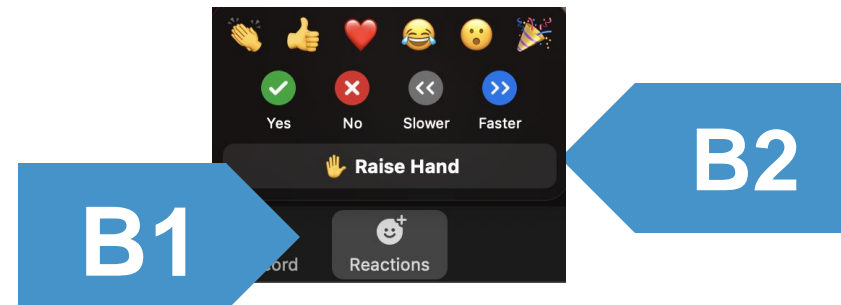
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  - Fire extinguisher in atrium/lobby
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City of Cambridge  
Community Development Department

# Pedestrian Committee Meeting

June 27, 2024



# Meeting Agenda

**Agenda Review, Zoom Protocol, Introductions, Minutes (10 minutes)**

**Project Updates (30 minutes)**

- DPW Updates
- CDD Updates
- TP&T Updates

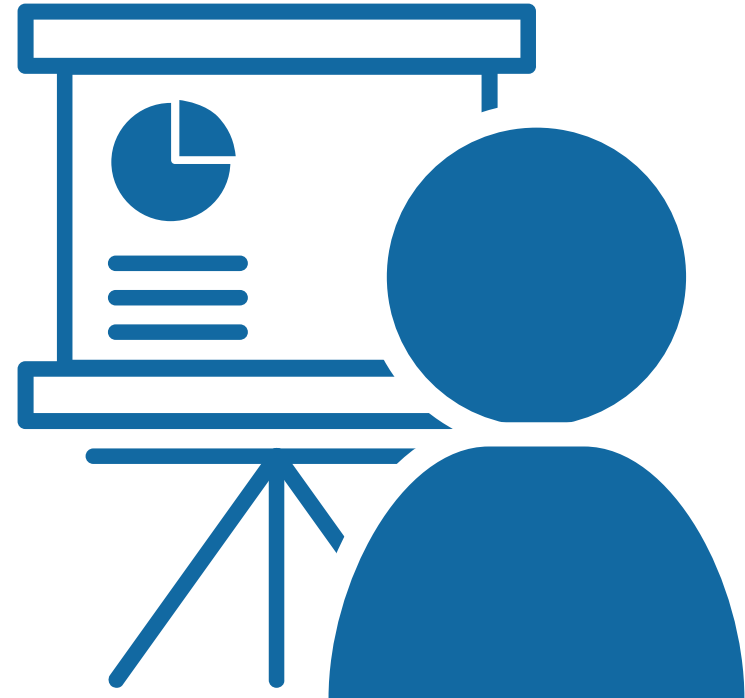
**Review: Cambridge Street Draft Plan (30 minutes)**

**Discussion: North Station Draw One Project (10 minutes)**

**Discussion: MassDOT Truck Regulations (10 minutes)**

**Discussion: Committee Projects (20 minutes)**

**Public Comment (5 minutes)**



# Instructions for the public



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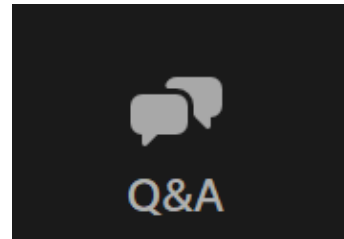


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# **Introductions, Minutes**



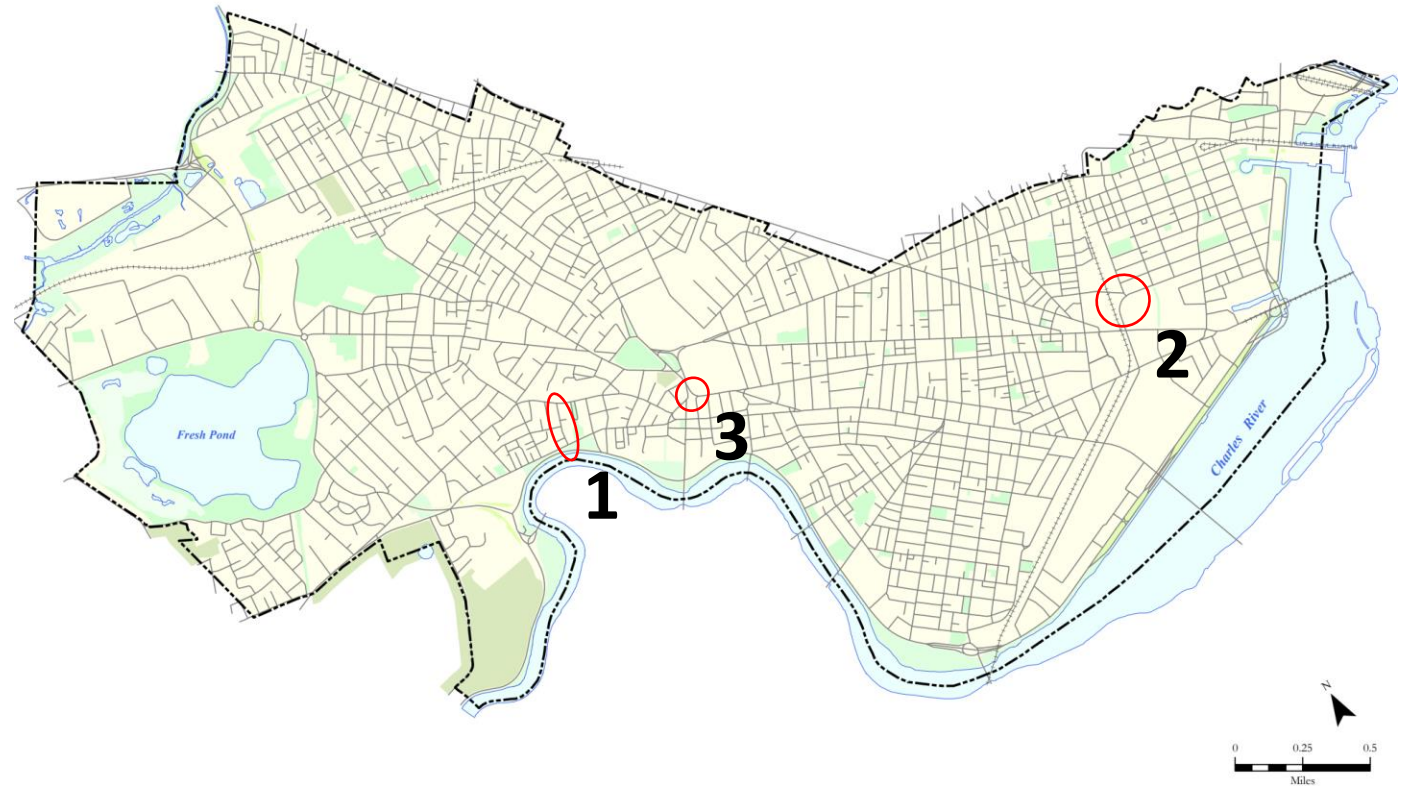
# DPW Updates

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# DPW Updates

## Ongoing Construction

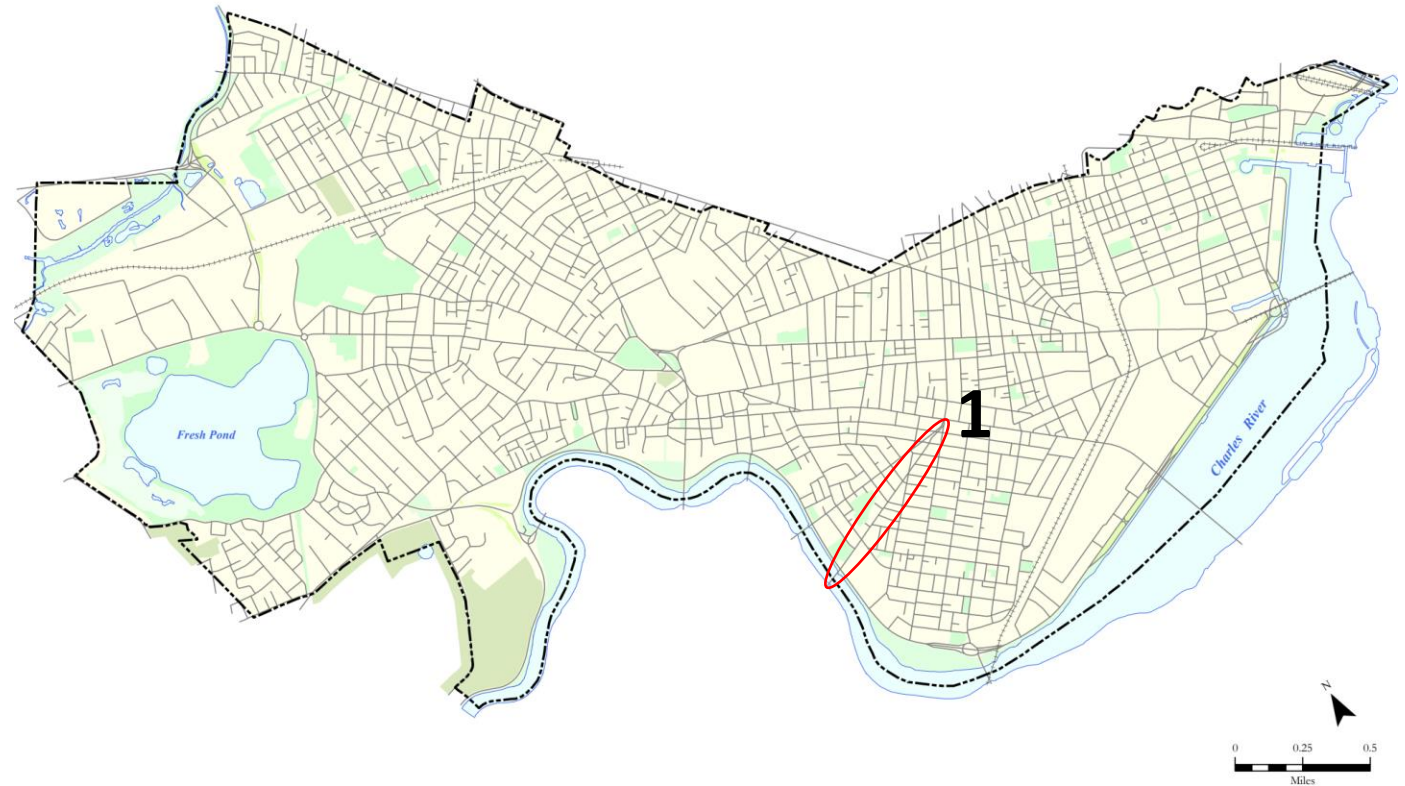
- **Willard Street (1)**
  - Drain installation nearly complete.
  - Expect surface (curb, sidewalk, roadway) work to begin this month.
- **Binney Street Park (2)**
  - Continued work on landscaping, installation of pervious multi-use path (which is a section of Grand Junction Path).
  - Estimated construction completion is late spring/early summer 2024.
- **Harvard Square Plaza (3)**
  - Includes pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements at Mass Ave, Dunster St, JFK St and Brattle St
  - Work remains on hold pending coordination with the MBTA; potential to start the project late Spring 2024
  - MBTA coordination continues. Work in Harvard Sq will commence after the July Red Line Diversion.



# DPW Updates

## Ongoing Construction

- **River Street/Carl Barron Plaza (1)**
  - Utility work along the corridor, and foundation work at Carl Barron Plaza, continue.
  - We are looking to do some temporary paving of River Street between Kinnaird and Franklin, in early summer.
  - Utility work in that section is basically complete, and we should smooth things out until we do full roadway reconstruction in 2025.



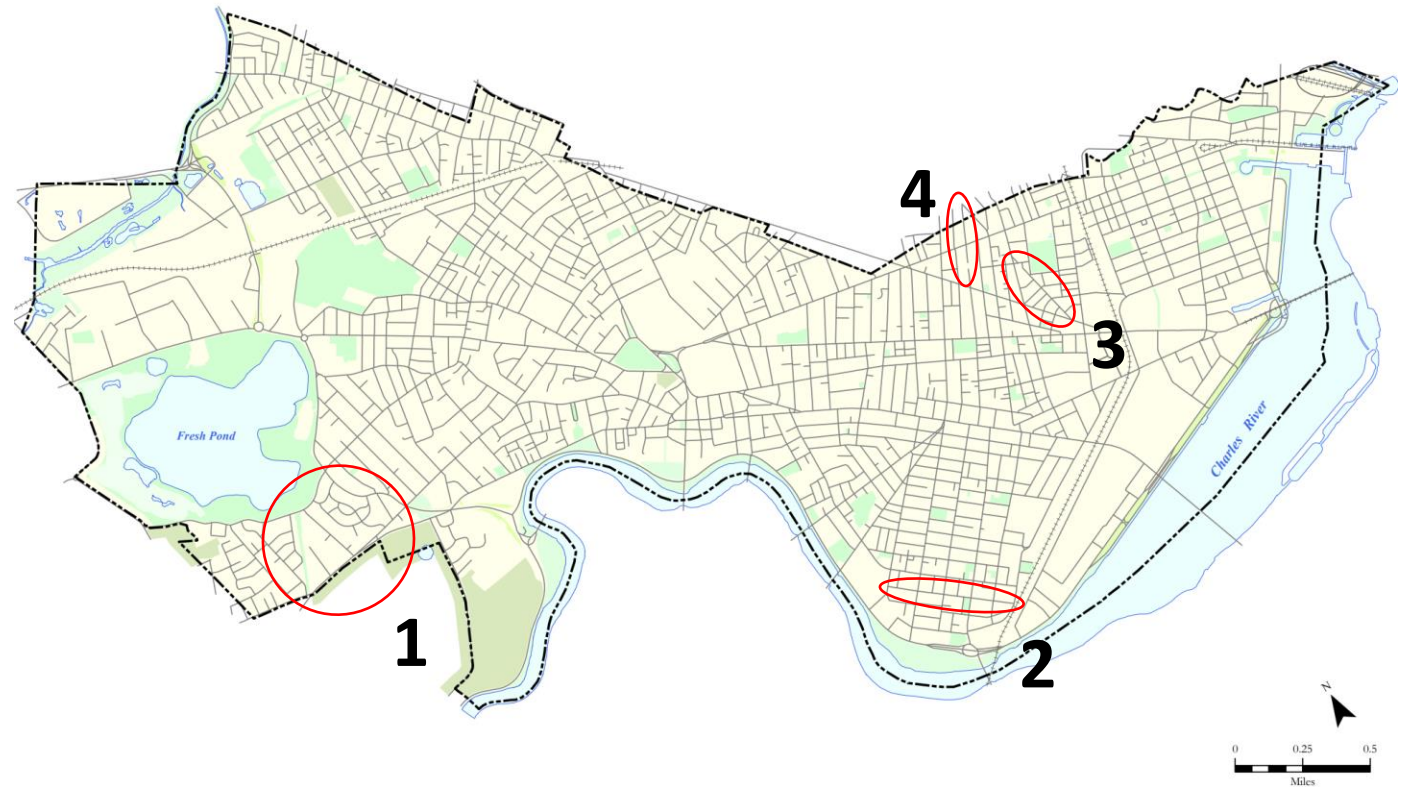


# DPW Updates

## Ongoing Construction

### Chapter 90, Contract 24

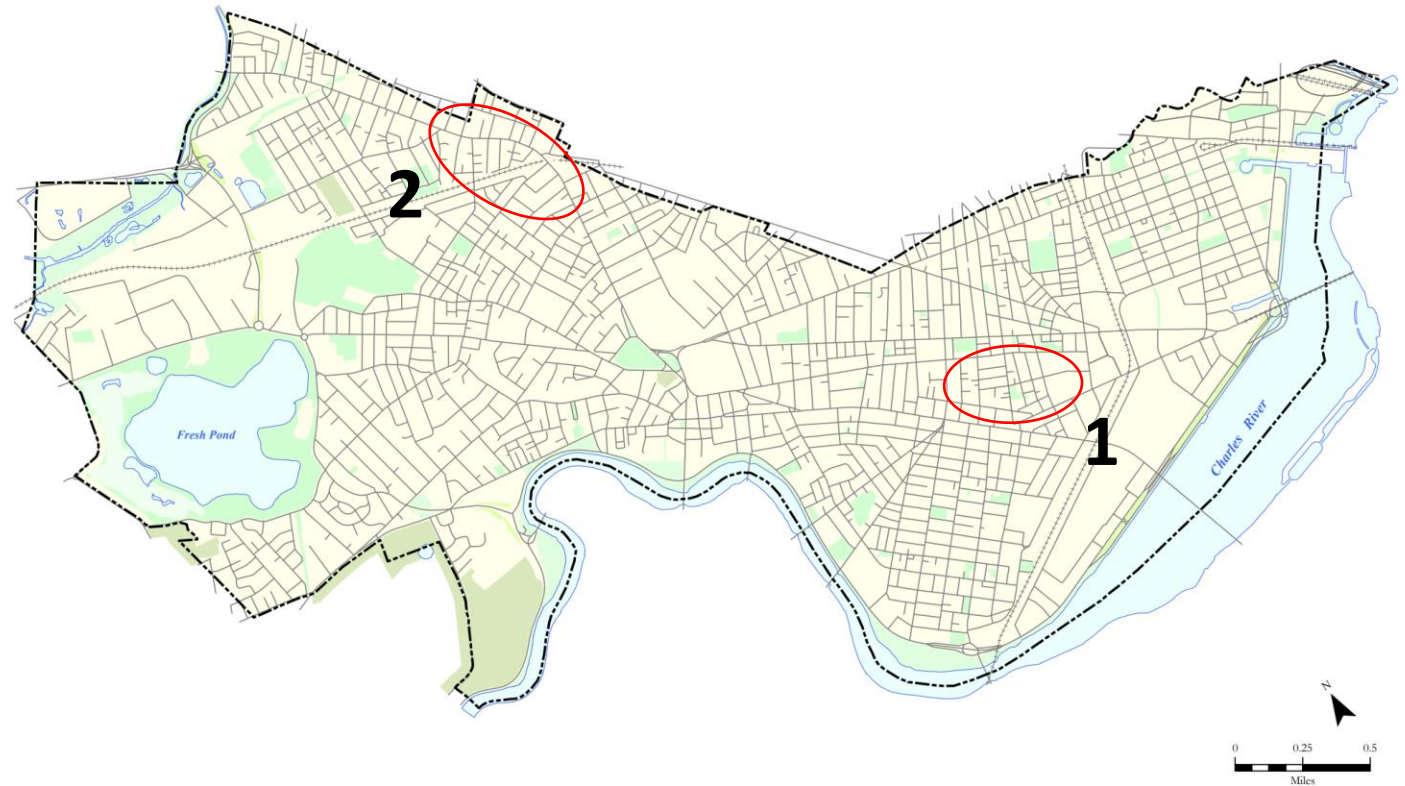
- **Huron Avenue (1)**
  - Glacken Field to Aberdeen is complete.
  - Aberdeen to Fresh Pond Parkway paved next week.
  - Gas company notified the City that work needs to extend from Aberdeen into Huron. Previously it was believed it would not be needed. Gas work will extend into Huron Ave, so Huron Ave at the intersection with Aberdeen will be paved upon completion of the gas work.
- **Chestnut Street (2)**
  - Water main installation complete. Roadway binder paving complete. Sidewalk reconstruction to follow.
- **Webster Ave (3)**
  - Binder paving complete. Sidewalk work on Webster starts next week.
- **Elm Street (4)**
  - Tree protection installed. Drainage work install in progress. Water main relay in progress.



# DPW Updates

## Upcoming Projects

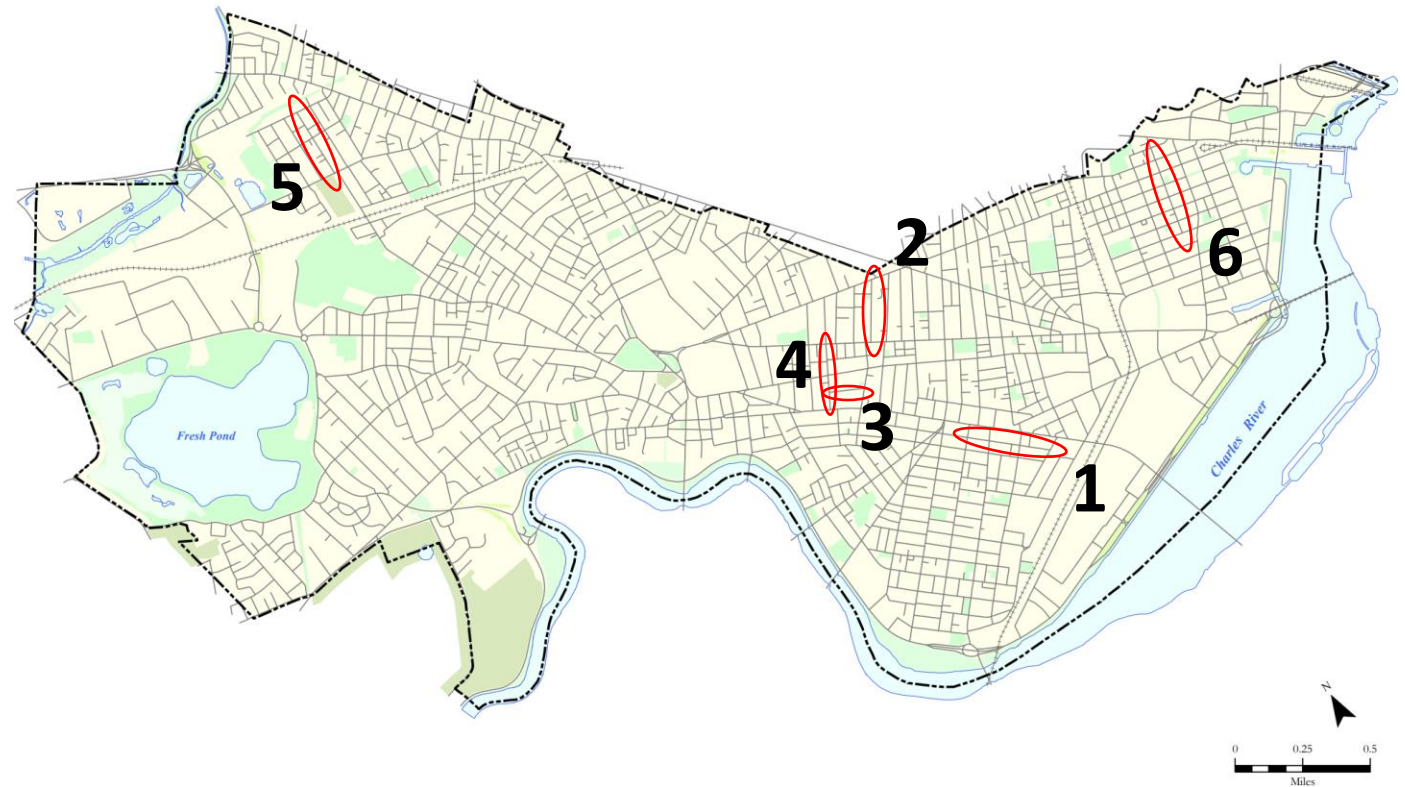
- **Port Infrastructure Project (1)**
  - An event was held in the Park on June 4 to show new design. Plans will also be made available online to gather feedback.
  - The Park project will be bid in the fall of 2024 for construction beginning in the winter when basketball courts/park have less use.
  - Phase 1 of utilities and surface streets also bit in fall 2024.
- **Mass Ave Partial Construction (2)**
  - As a result of the comments received to date, from both the April Working Group and May Joint Committee meetings, we have decided to postpone the “Rindge to Linnaean” Public Open House which had been tentatively scheduled for the end of June.
  - This is an especially complex section of the project, and we want to be able to share more quantitative information about how the proposed corridor design will operate for all modes.
  - Therefore, we will spend the summer months performing additional modeling and analyses and preparing graphics and/or animations that can be easily understood by a wide range of stakeholders and community members.
  - We plan to resume community engagement and hold this Open House in Fall 2024.
  - Please note that this change in the Open House schedule does not impact the schedule for phased implementation of the project.



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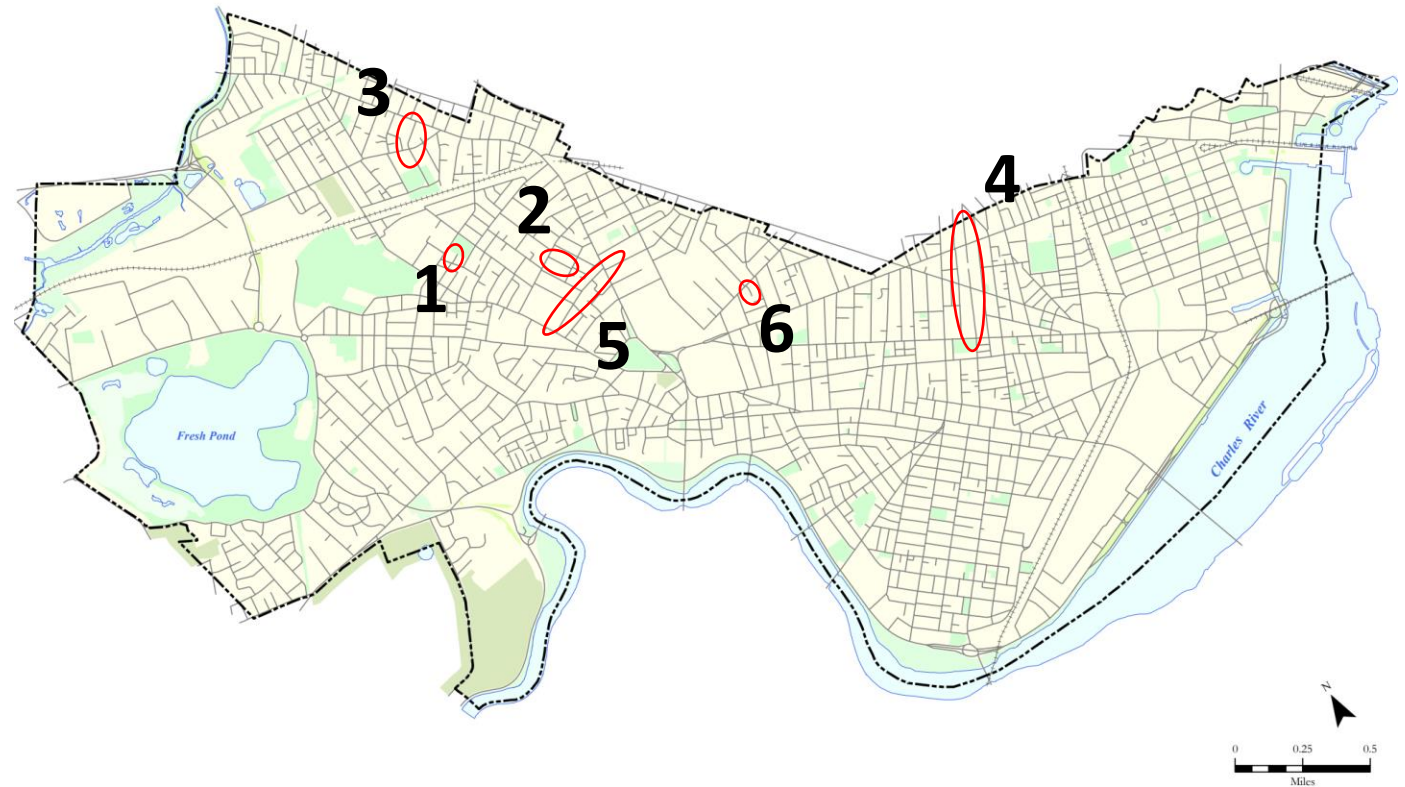
- Chapter 90, Contract 25
  - Newport Construction low bidder. Anticipated construction starts mid-summer 2024.
  - Street Locations
    - Green St – Pearl to Landsdowne (1)
    - Maple Ave – Broadway to Cambridge (2)
    - Centre St – Dana to Hancock (3)
    - Dana St – Broadway to Mass Ave (4)
    - Montgomery St – Harvey to Ringe (5)
    - Sciarappa St – Charles to Winter (6)
- Project page: Folks can sign up for email notifications under the contact tab:
  - <https://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/publicworks/cityprojects>
  - Search street of interest in the search bar then click the contact tab.



# DPW Updates

## Upcoming Projects

- Chapter 90, Contract 26
  - First round of community meetings are complete. Next round will begin in September where the city will present a 75% design plan based on community feedback, local, state, and federal ordinances, and standard engineering practices.
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  - Street Locations
    - Chetwyn Road – Newell St to End (1)
      - Will be a shared street
    - Gray Street – Martin to Linnaean (2)
    - Haskell – Rindge to Mass Ave (3)
    - Norfolk – Broadway to Somerville City Line (4)
    - Shepard – Garden to Mass Ave (5)
    - Kirkland Rd – Kirkland St to Dead End (6)
      - Will be a shared street





# CDD Updates

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# Upcoming Committee Meetings

- Joint Meeting 7/11
  - Review a draft letter of support for a City grant application
- Joint Meeting 7/17
  - Review proposed street designs in the Chapter 90 program
- Ped Committee 7/25
  - TBD
- Ped Committee 8/22
  - TBD



# Community Development

- Red Line closed July 13 to July 28
  - Weekday daytimes: Alewife to Kendall/MIT
  - Weekday evenings and weekends: Alewife to Park St
- Request for volunteers (Commuter bike ride)
  - Alewife to Kendall on quieter streets and streets with separated bike lanes



# TP&T Updates

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# Traffic Parking and Transportation

## Cambridge Street Safety Improvements

- Design Feedback on Oak Street to Willow St is now LIVE!
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQ9HQ9P>



# Cambridge Street Draft Plan

*Andreas Wolfe (TP&T), [awolfe@cambridgema.gov](mailto:awolfe@cambridgema.gov)*

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/streetsandtransportation/projectsandprograms/cambridgestreetsafetyimprovementproject>

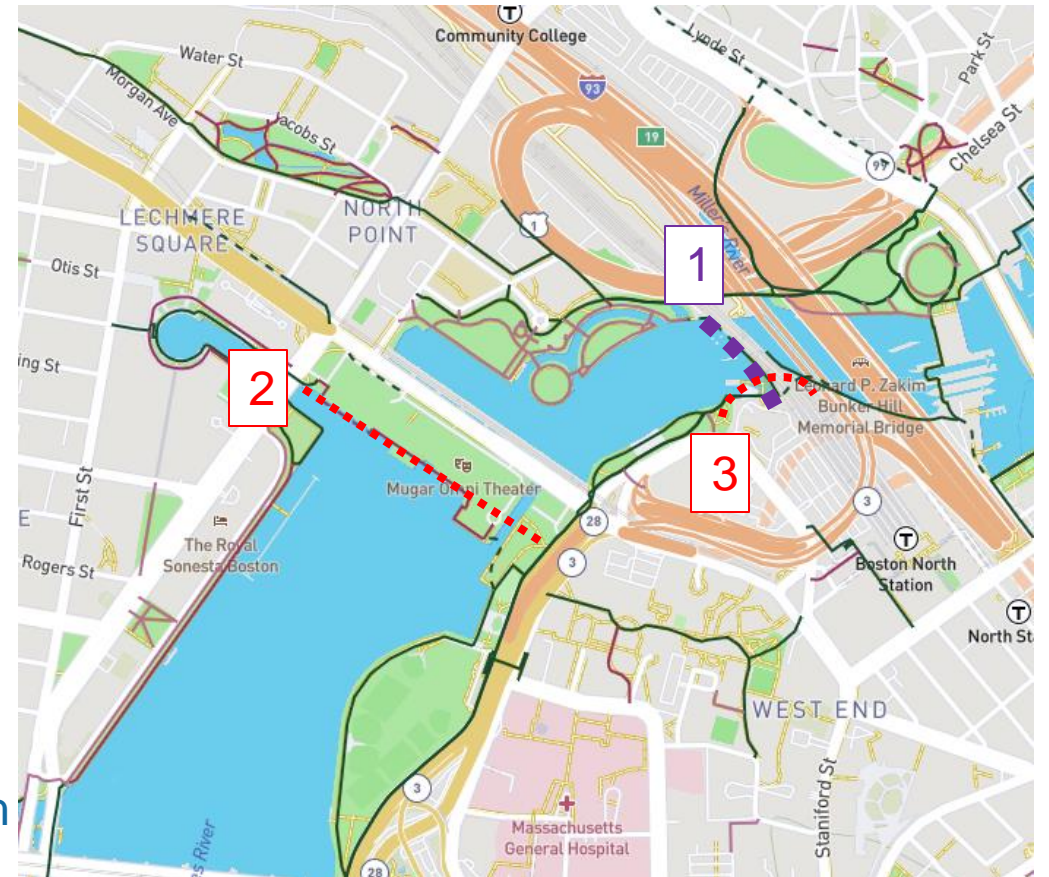


# North Station Draw One Project

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# MBTA North Station/Draw One

- Draw One bridge location is important for off-street shared use path connections
- Existing connections connect:
  - North Point and Charlestown
  - Cambridge along the Charles River
  - Downtown Boston along the Charles River
- Off-street shared use path gaps
  1. North Point to Downtown Boston (Draw One)
  2. East Cambridge to West End via Museum of Science (Riverwalk)
  3. Boston - Charles River to Inner Harbor (South Bank)



**Image:** Section of the MAPC Trailmap with annotations  
**Source:** OpenStreetMap Contributors and MAPC

# MBTA North Station/Draw One

- MBTA bridge reconstruction began design in 2019
- Design phase budgeted for \$45,000,000
- Current plans are to:
  - Replace existing bridges
  - Add additional bridge
  - Replace control tower
  - Systems upgrades
- Missing a pedestrian and bike connection, a long-term state commitment from the Big Dig



**Image:** MBTA Draw One bridge on the lower Charles River Basin  
**Source:** MBTA

# MBTA North Station/Draw One

- Current design is at ~75%
- Recent modifications
  - New bridge design to reflect design consistency with Zakim bridge
  - Elements to reflect historic bridges that are being replaced
- Missing ped/bike infrastructure could connect
  - 2.1 million square feet of office development and 2.4 million of residential development at North Point
  - City of Boston-permitted developments near North Station
  - Expanding “walkshed” for North Station



**Image:** Rendering of replacement bridges and additional bridge  
**Source:** MBTA



# **MassDOT Regulations on Truck Safety Devices**



# MassDOT is drafting truck safety device regulations

- The Act to Reduce Traffic Fatalities (2022) requires that trucks meet new safety standard:
  - By 2023, if leased or purchased by the Commonwealth
  - By January 1, 2025, if operated under contract with the Commonwealth
- New safety features
  - Side guards
  - Convex mirrors
  - Crossover mirrors
  - Back-up camera
- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/truck-safety-devices>



**Image:** Close-up of truck lateral protective devices (a.k.a. “side guards”)

**Source:** Volpe Center, US D.O.T.



# MassDOT is drafting truck safety device regulations

- Will hold a hearing on Friday, July 12, 2024 at 10 a.m.
- Accepting written comments through July 12, 2024 at 5 p.m.

**MassDOT  
Website**

[www.mass.gov/  
info-  
details/truck-  
safety-devices](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/truck-safety-devices)



# Committee Projects Discussion



# Breakout Groups

- City Walking Trail
- Red Line Closure Support
- Wayfinding
- Study the city
- Informational or other campaigns

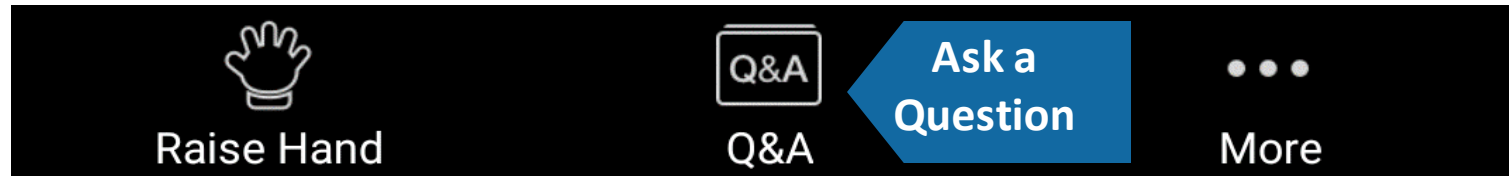


# Public Comment

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- Questions can also be submitted using the Q&A button.

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