

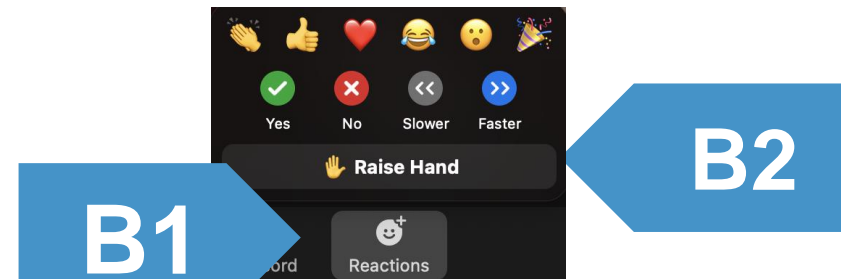
Before we start our meeting

Remote Participants

- You will join the meeting **muted** and with **video off**
- We will ask you to turn on video and to unmute
- Please use the “**Raise Hand**” button during the meeting, we will call on you in order of raised hands
 - **To raise your hand** either click on Raise Hand (A) or click “Reactions”(B1) then Raise Hand (B2)

In person

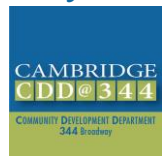
- **On this floor**
 - 2 all-gender restrooms to left
 - 1 accessible restroom to right
 - Water fountain in atrium/lobby
 - Fire extinguisher in atrium/lobby
- **On the 3rd floor**, we have a first aid kit with an automated defibrillator and Narcan. (Fob required for access)
- If we need to leave the building, we will meet at the traffic signal at the intersection of Broadway and Inman.





City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

July 2024





Welcome

Purpose

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

Outcomes

TAC members know recent updates on MBTA initiatives and updates from the City on various 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



Member Code of Conduct

- Encourage positive interactions on Zoom with non-verbal cues
- Use the Ouch & Oops intervention models, when appropriate

Instructions for the public



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Public comment period will use the “**raise hand**” feature. We will provide more instruction then.

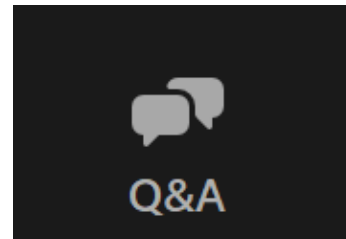


You can type written questions or comments in the Zoom Q&A Panel



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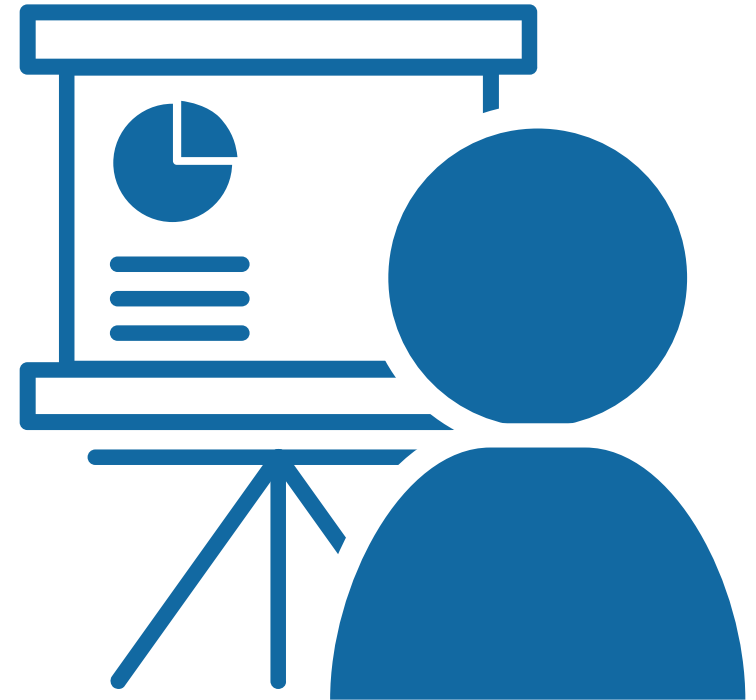


Ask a Question

Sometimes you may find this in the “More” or “...” menu

Meeting agenda

1. Roll call + Meeting Summary
2. Presentation: MBTA Realtime Signage Program
3. Presentation: Red Line Closure
4. Presentation: TAC, MBTA, and City Updates
5. Public comment





Roll Call

Carl Rothenhaus, Transit Advisory Committee Secretary



Attendance

The TAC secretary must take a roll-call to confirm attendance by Transit Advisory Committee members when the meeting is held with remote participation.

TAC secretary will call roll.



Meeting summaries

City staff posted the May 2024 meeting summaries online.

Propose a vote to approve meeting summaries.



Presentation: MBTA Realtime Signage Program

Karti Subramanian, MBTA



Presentation: MBTA Red Line Closure

Adam Kamoune, MBTA



TAC, City, and MBTA Updates

Andy Reker, City of Cambridge



Updates: Transit Advisory Committee



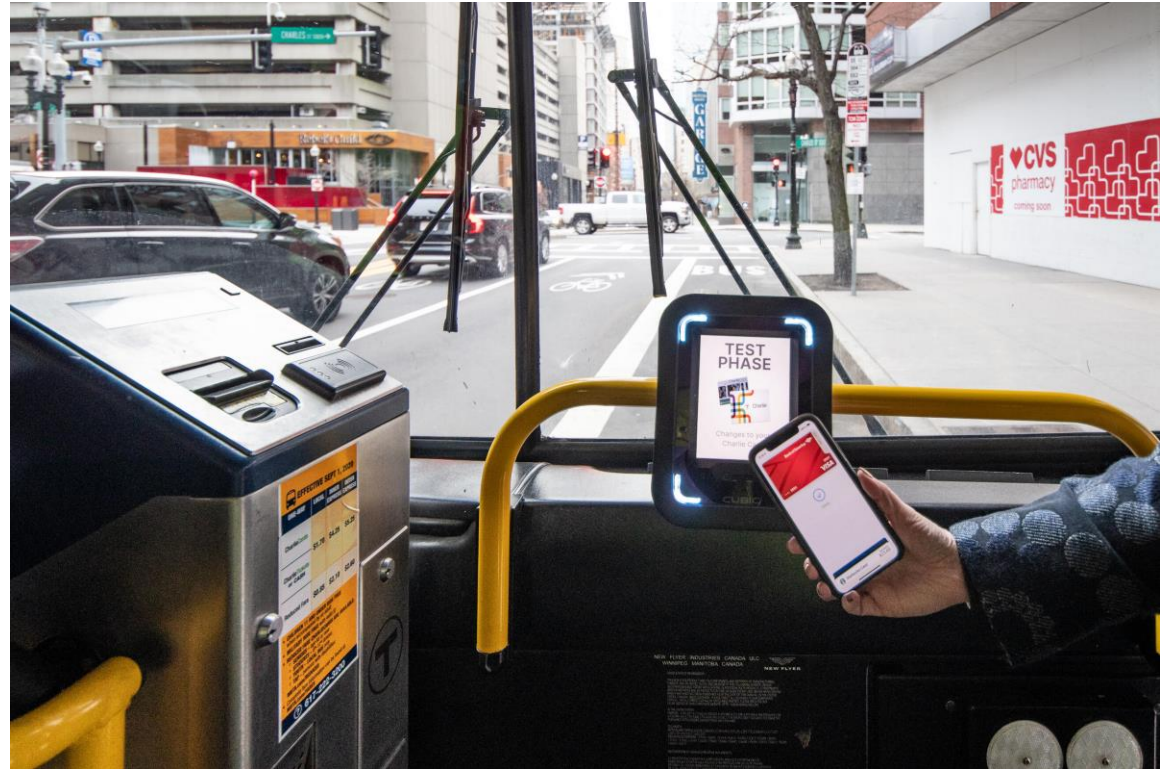
Upcoming Meetings

- Next Transit Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thursday, August 8th, 2024
 - Feedback on this format of hybrid meeting?
- Scheduled joint meetings of Transit Advisory, Bicycle, Pedestrian Committees
 - Friday, August 16th, 2024
 - Friday, September 20th, 2024

Working on the following topics

Working to schedule presentations on:

- Alewife bridges – zoning changes, infrastructure
- MBTA AFC 2.0/Fare Transformation



A CharlieCard reader prototype being tested by an MBTA rider on certain bus routes Source: MBTA

Selected City projects

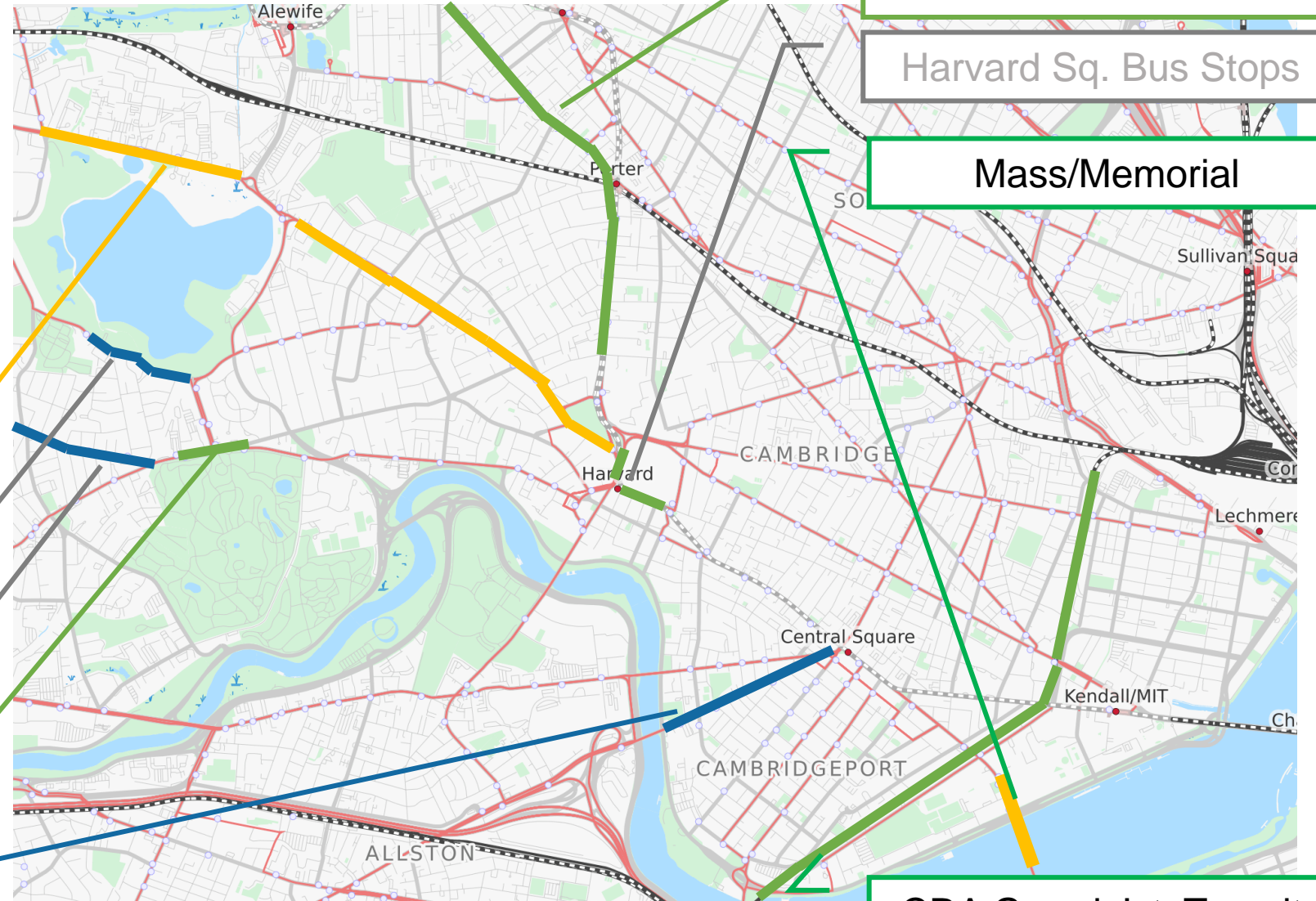
Concord Transit Signal Priority

Huron Ave Reconstr.

Belmont Street Reconstr.

Mt Auburn/Aberdeen Improvements

River Street Reconstr.



CRA Grand Jct. Transit.

Mount Auburn at Aberdeen Avenue

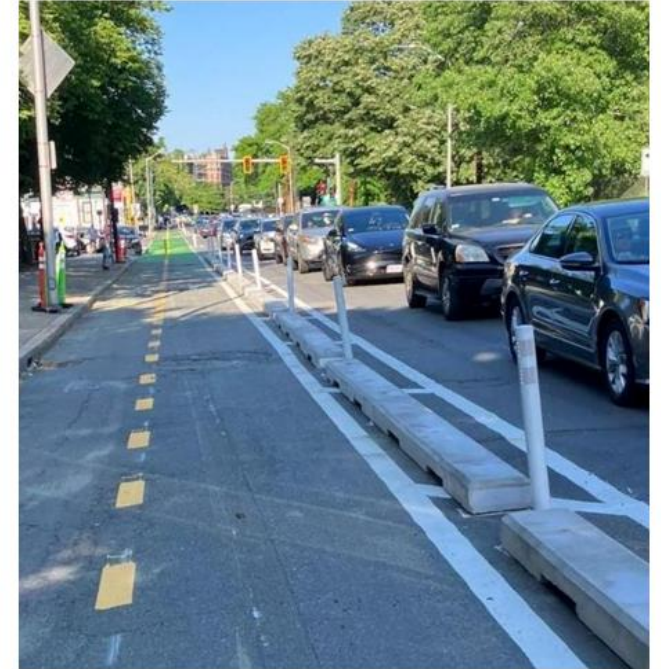
Extension of bus lane and additional changes to bike lanes on Mount Auburn Street

Installation of Flex-Posts and Curb Work Complete

Modifications to Signal Timing at Homer Ave



Jughandle at Homer Ave allows eastbound cyclists to enter the two-way bike lane



Precast Curbing on Mt Auburn St to separate the bike lane from traffic

Mount Auburn at Aberdeen Avenue

Follow Up Improvements Planned for Spring of 2025

- Install a pedestrian crossing island crossing Aberdeen Ave at Mt Auburn St to replace existing flush bus apron. Design based on feedback to be posted later this summer.
- Install separated bike lanes on Aberdeen Ave.
 - Adjacent to the median, narrowing the travel lane on Aberdeen Ave, resulting in slower speeds, but with no impacts to parking or vehicle capacity.

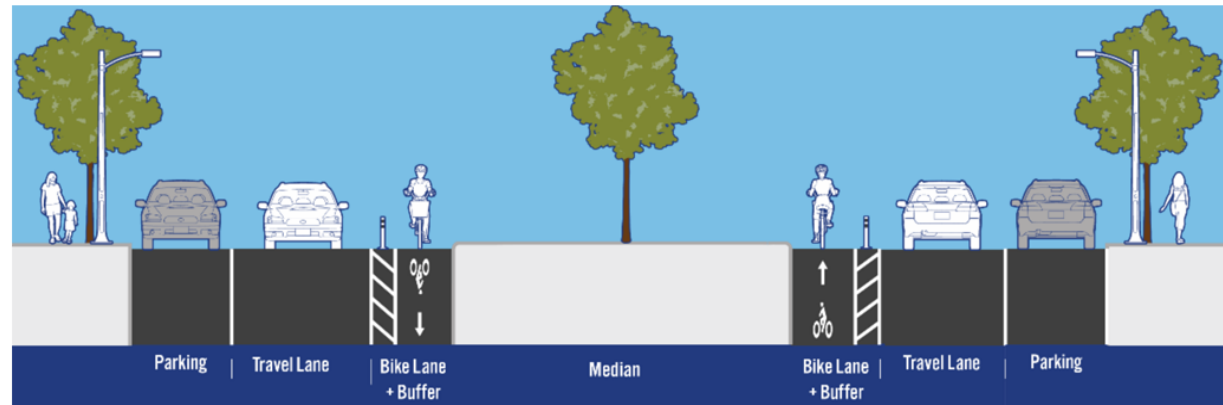


Illustration of separated bike lanes on Aberdeen Ave, planned for Spring of 2025

New bus stop bench

- Cambridge Street at Windsor Street
- Routes 69, 85, and CT2
- Destinations nearby
 - Next to Dollar General
 - Near CHA Hospital
 - 20 min walk to CambridgeSide

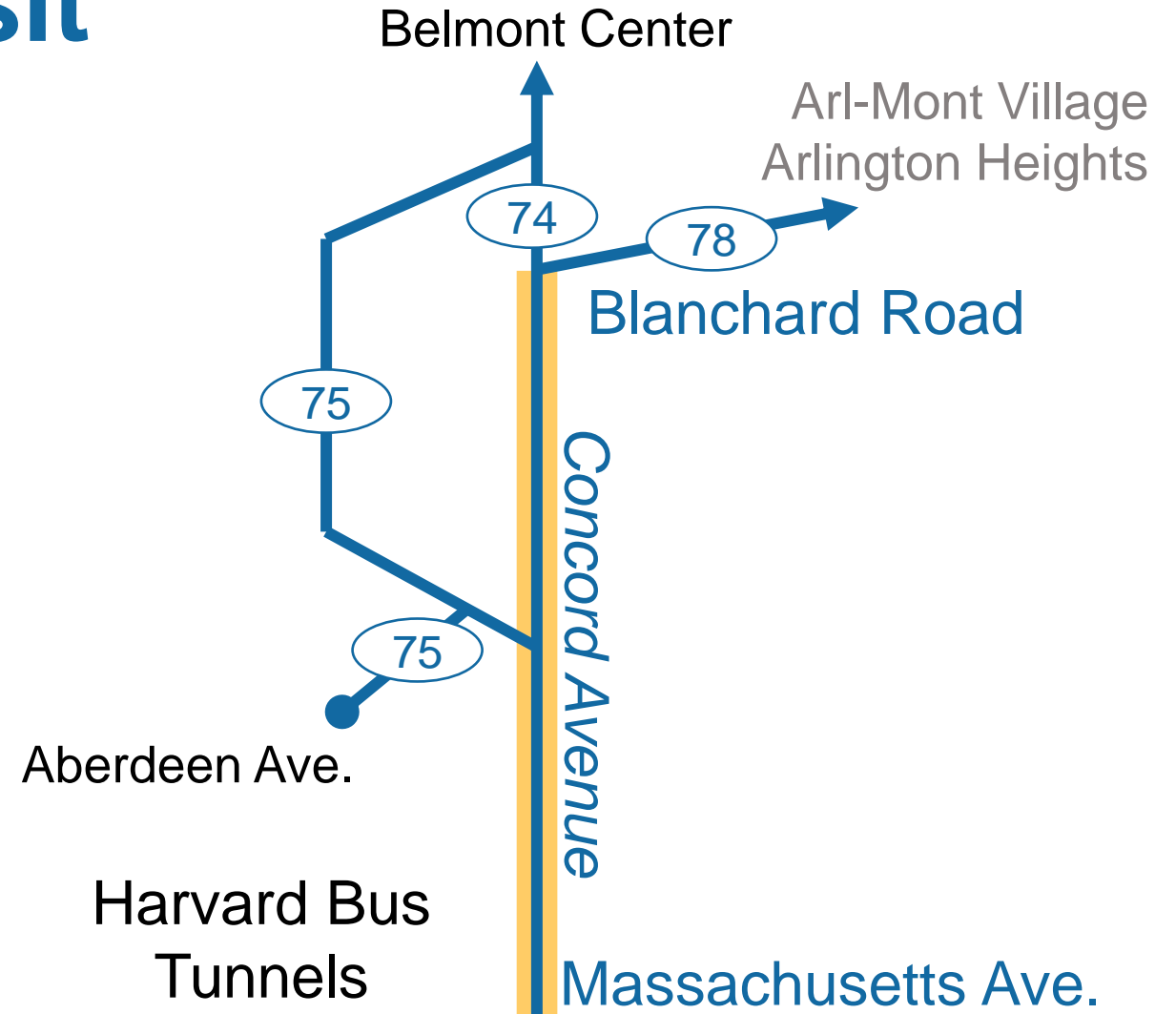


Concord Ave Transit Signal Priority

Work is in progress

MBTA to award contract to:

- Install wirelessly-connected TSP request generators
- Upgrade signal controllers at two locations
- Develop programming and signal controller logic for TSP



Huron Avenue + Cushing Plaza





Real Time Transit Screens

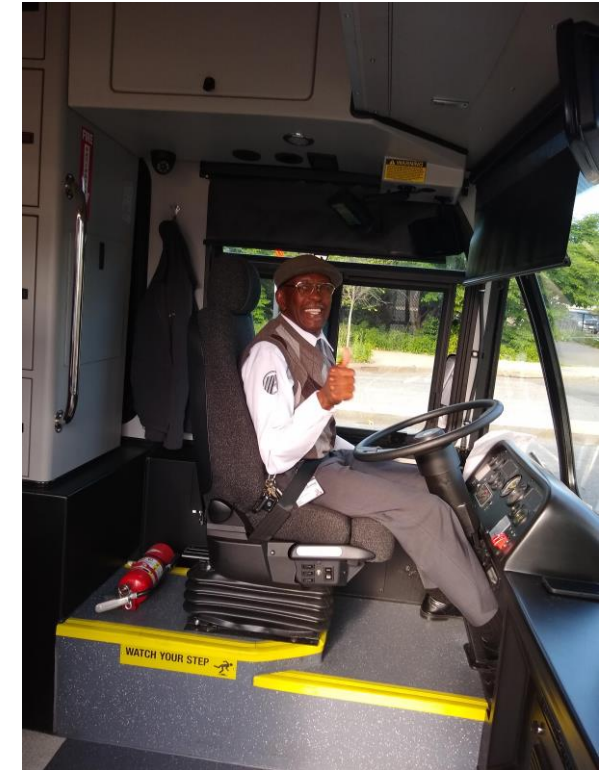
- City staff requested proposals for up to 10 locations
 - Existing city owned bus shelters with no advertising panels
- **City staff are rebidding**
- Funded by Participatory Budgeting grant and bus stop improvement capital funds

Target locations

Focused on neighborhood centers: Inman Square, Porter Square, Riverside/Cambridgeport Neighborhoods

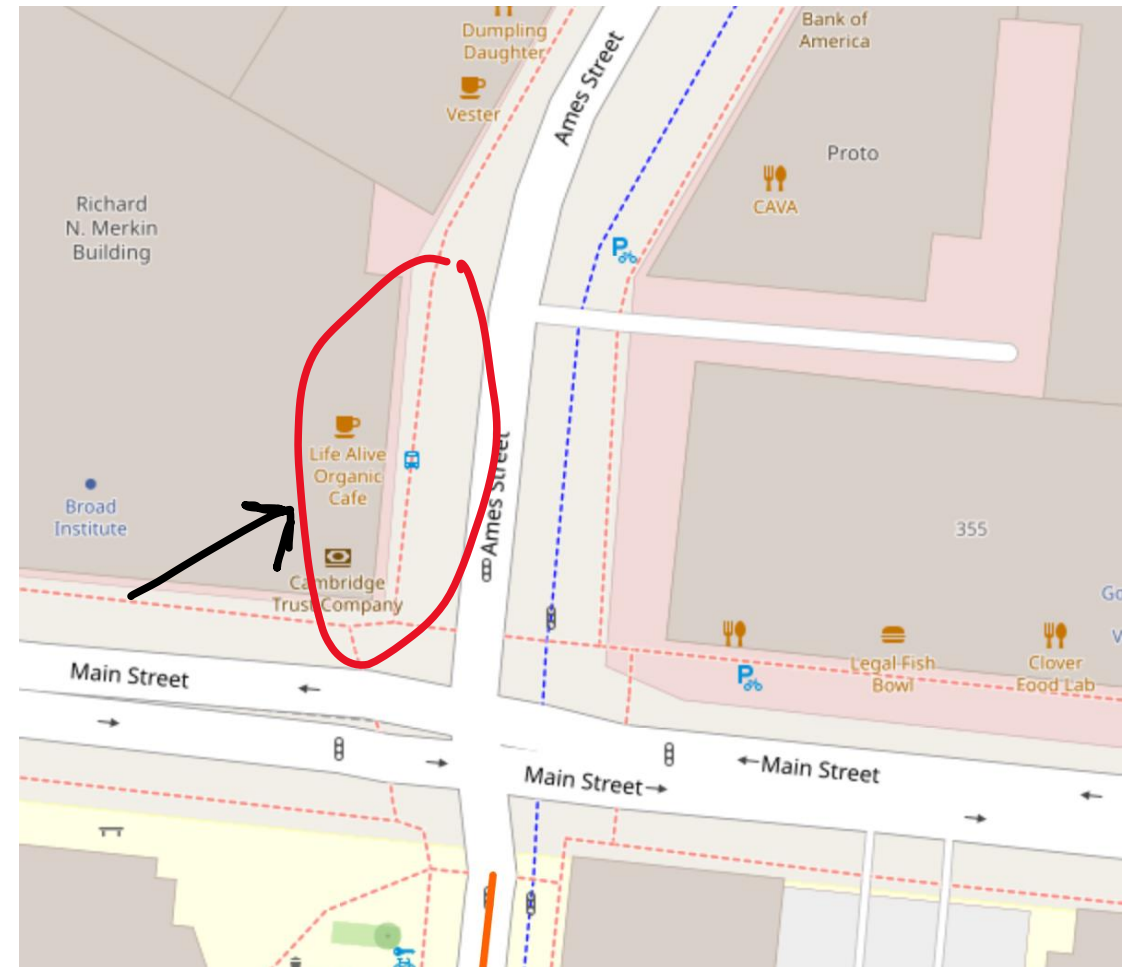
New EZRide Service + Operator

- EZRide began a new improved schedule for weekday peak-hour service
- New operator began service with new branding on buses.

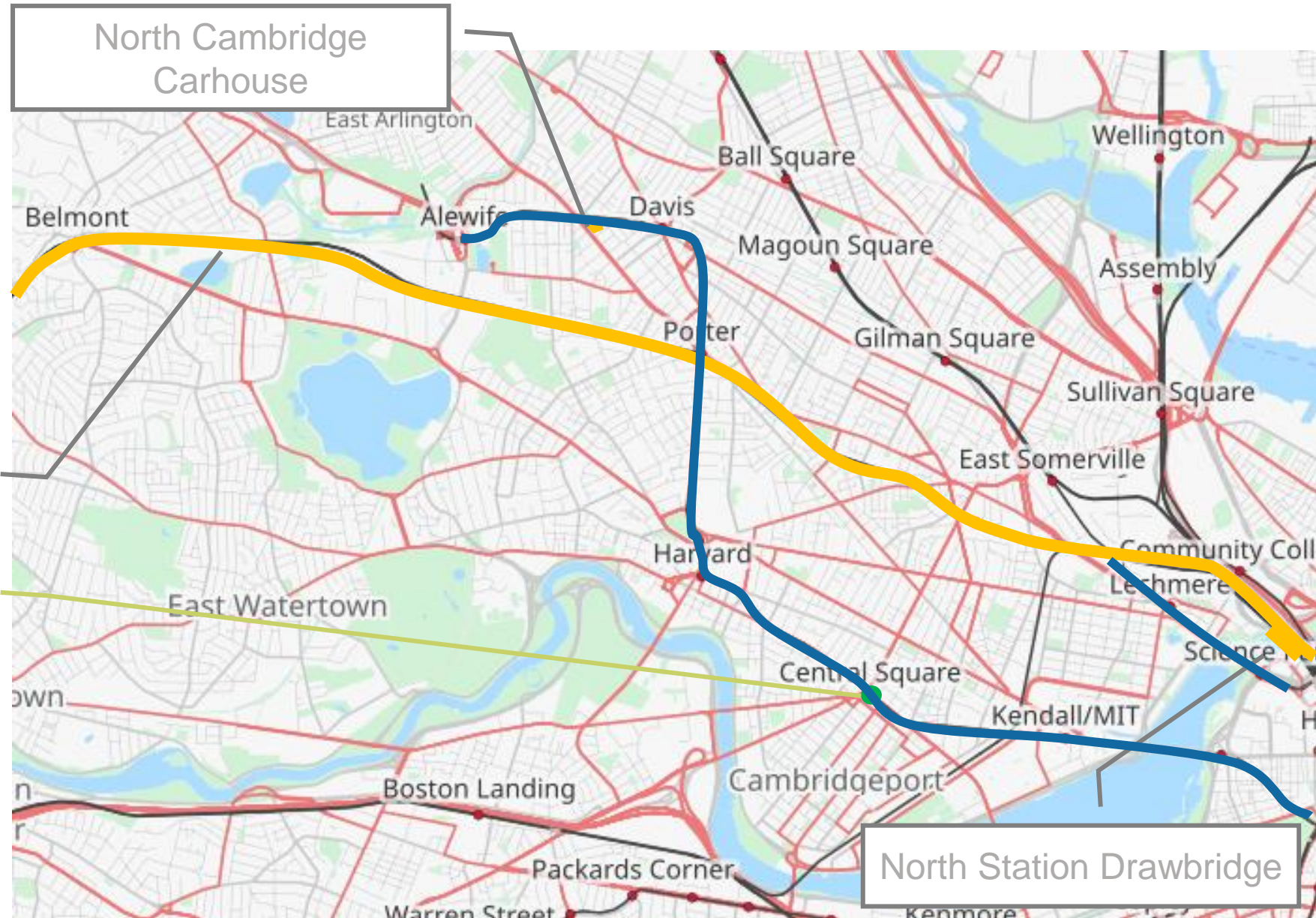


New bus shelter installation

- Kendall Square Transit Enhancement Program approved a bus stop improvement project in June
- Install bus shelter on Ames Street at Main Street
- Work to begin this summer complete by fall



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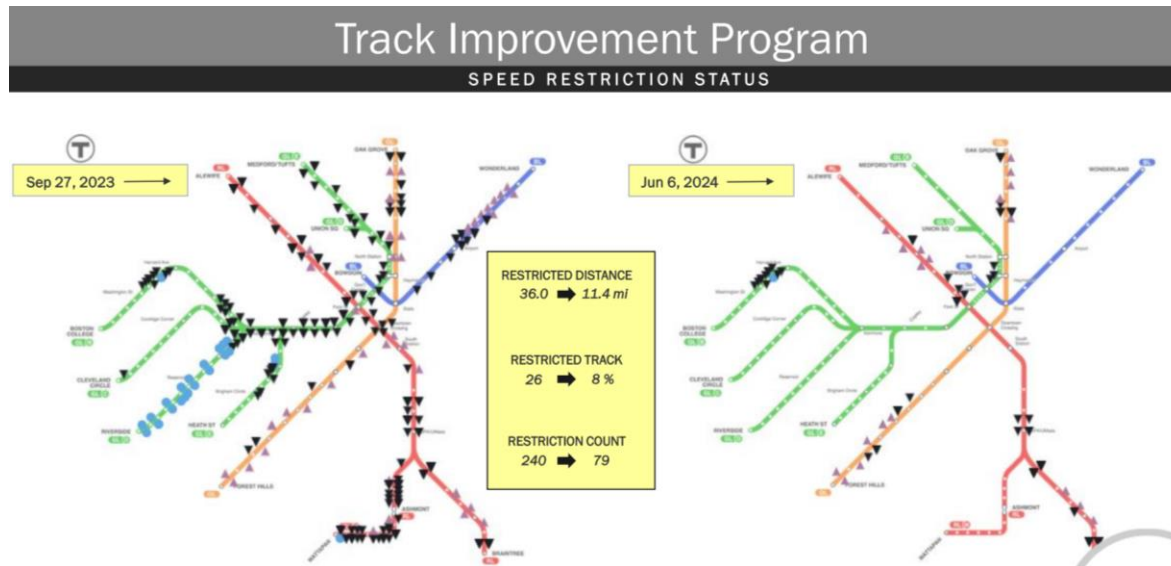
Fitchburg Line CIP project

Central Square Accessibility Improvements

2024 Track Improvement Program

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- MBTA will rebuild subway tracks to:
 - Increase train speed
 - Reduce delay & disruptions
 - Improve safety
 - Delivery timely, reliable, consistent trips



Rapid Transit
Track Program
Website

[MBTA.com/projects/track-improvement-program](https://www.mbta.com/projects/track-improvement-program)



Red Line will be closed 7/12 to 7/28

Red Line will be closed in Cambridge beginning Friday 7/12 at 8:15 p.m. to Sunday July 28.

- There will be no trains between Alewife and Kendall/MIT.
- Shuttles will stop at all closed stations and run:
 - All day between Alewife and Kendall/MIT.
 - Weekdays after 8:30 p.m. and on Sat July 20-Sun July 21 between Alewife and Park Street.
 - Sat July 13-Sun Jul 14 and Sat July 27-Sun Jul 28. between Alewife and JFK/UMass. There will be two shuttles:
 - One will go from Alewife to Park Street
 - Another will go from Park Street to JFK/UMass
 - Riders will transfer between shuttles at Park Street

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MBTA “Tap to Ride” begins 8/1

- Contactless payment will begin August 1st on all buses, subway stations, and Green Line Trolleys
- Pay options: debit/credit, phone (i.e. Apple Wallet), smart watch
 - Reduced fare users can link their program's benefits to their new pay option
 - Registration for a Charlie account linking payment option and remaining balance, trip history, etc.

MBTA Tap to Ride

[Mbta.com/fares/charlie/tap-ride](https://mbta.com/fares/charlie/tap-ride)



Public comment

Members of the public will have up to 2 minutes to make a comment

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- **Phone-only** enter * 9 to Raise Hand
- A staff member will then enable you to speak and you will have to unmute before speaking.

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of Zoom
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Comments from the public

Members of the public may make a comment or ask a question.



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This agenda item is planned to end at 7:25 p.m.



Each member of the public will have up to **2 minutes** to make a comment or ask a question.

Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy, dry, and warm!

Thank You