
City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

November 2024





Welcome

Purpose

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

Outcomes

City staff to hear feedback on outreach for projects in Alewife area and TAC members to know what plans are for the area

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



TAC, City, and MBTA Updates

Andy Reker, City of Cambridge



Updates: Transit Advisory Committee



TAC Meetings

- Previous Transit Advisory Committee meeting:
 - Thursday, October 3, 2024 – Walk
 - Any thoughts/reports?
- Next meetings
 - Wednesday, November 13 - Joint meetings of transportation committees | Flexible Parking Corridor, Cycling Safety Ordinance
 - Thursday, December 5, 2024 – Transit Advisory Committee
 - Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – Joint meeting/Holiday



City staff are finalizing recommendations for committee membership 2025-2026

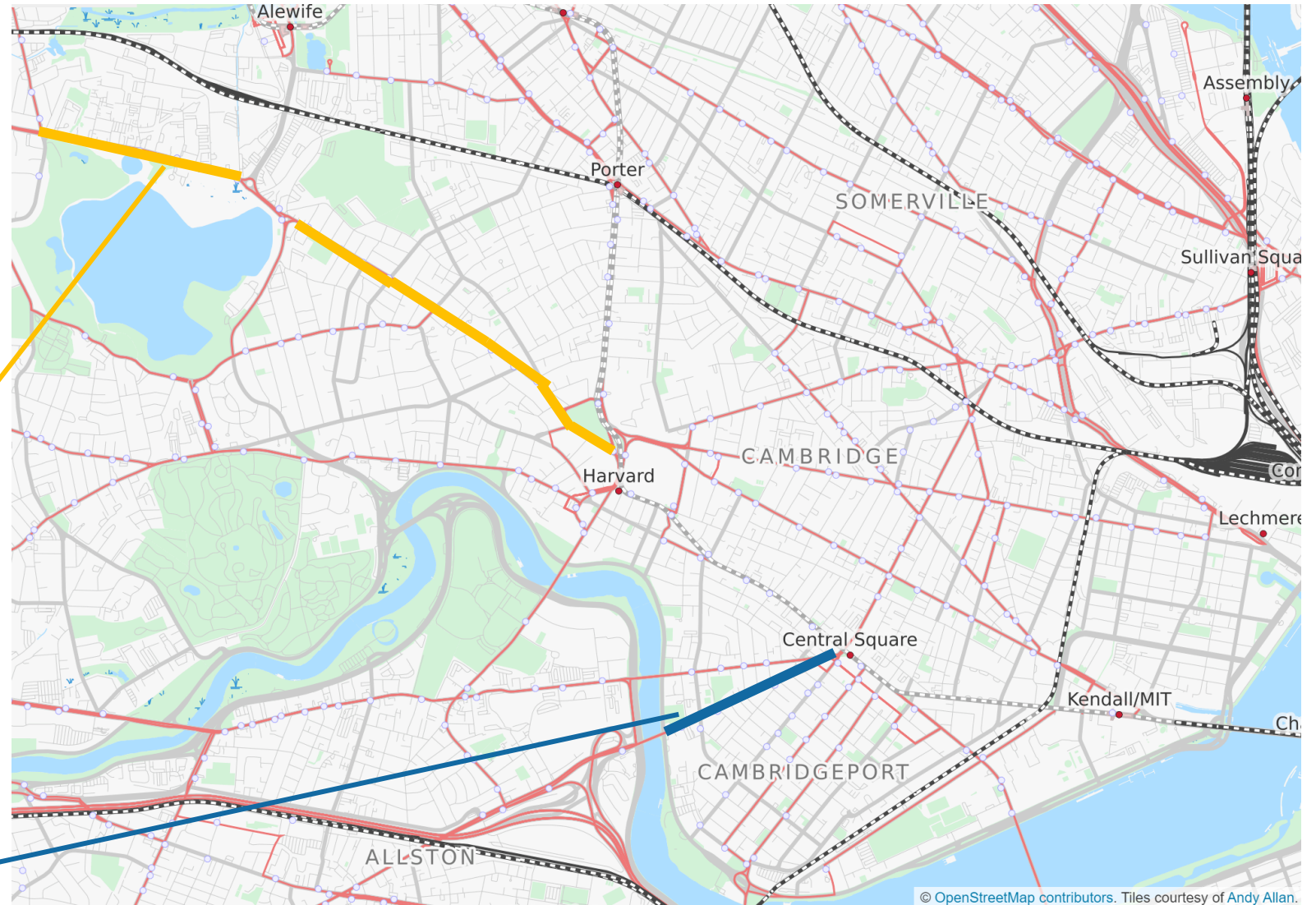
Next steps

- Making recommendation for continuing members and new members
- Review by City Manager then inform City Council
- Orientation and welcoming December or January
 - Continuing members will need to visit City Clerk for documentation and citywide board/commission orientation

Selected City projects

Concord Transit Signal Priority

River Street Reconstr.

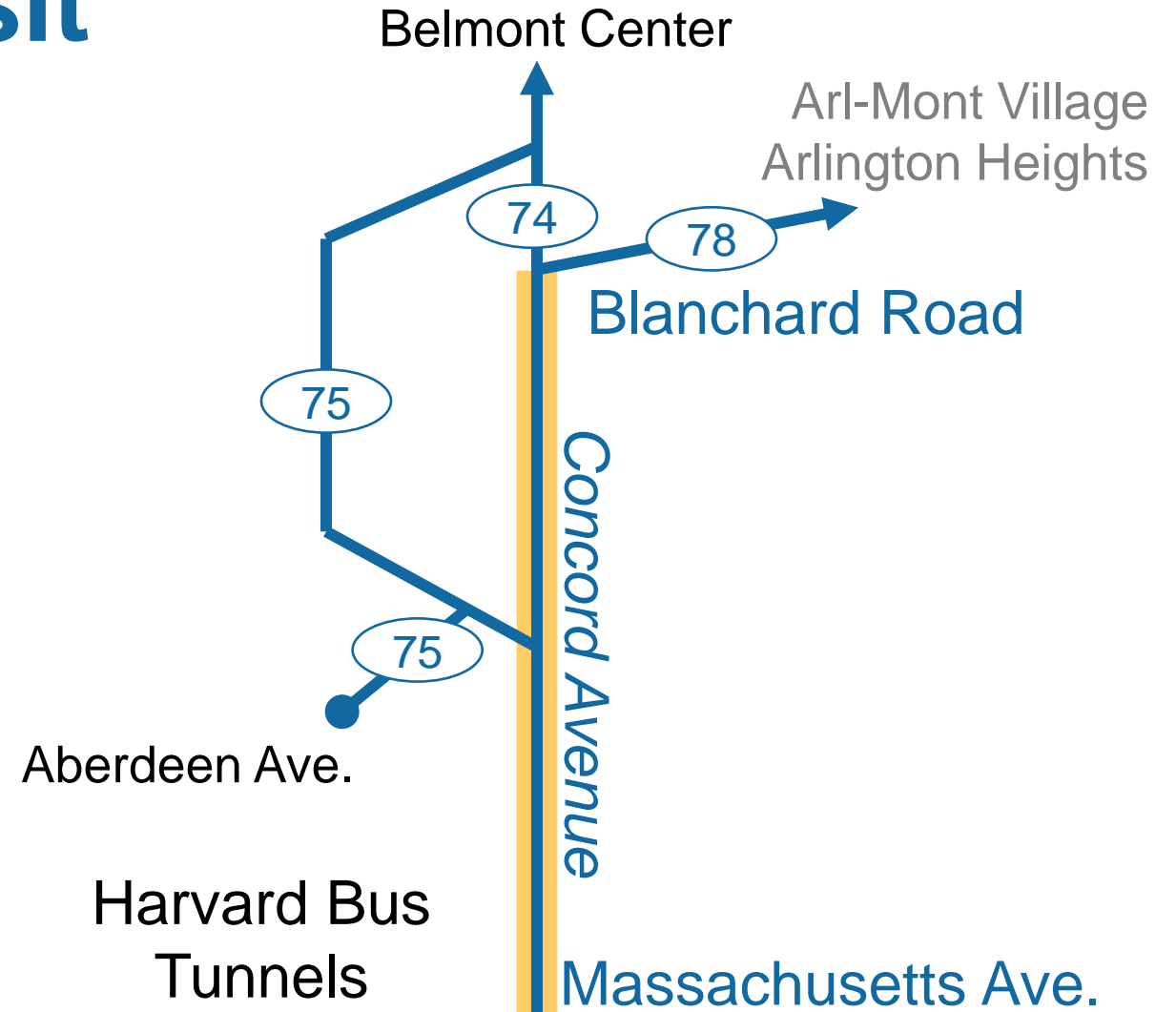


Concord Ave Transit Signal Priority

Work is in progress

MBTA and City are working to

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



River St / Central Sq Bus Terminal

Construction ongoing along River Street

Carl Barron Plaza and Bus Terminal has many detours

Circulation changes on Magazine St expected in next few weeks



Carl Barron Plaza construction work zone where River St. meets Mass Av.



Bus Terminal construction work zone where there were previously boarding islands

Circulation change on Broadway in Kendall Square

- Beginning Friday, November 22
- Broadway to become one way from Galileo Galilei Way to Ames St (eastbound to Boston/Longfellow)
- Broadway to remain two way for biking in this section
- Bus stop locations to change because of this circulation change

Bus routes with stop and routing changes
Routes CT2, 64, 68, 85
EZ Ride

Closed bus stops
Ames St at Broadway
Broadway at Galilei
500 Main St (EZ Ride)

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
- Procurement delays mean that this will be built in spring 2025





New bus stop amenities

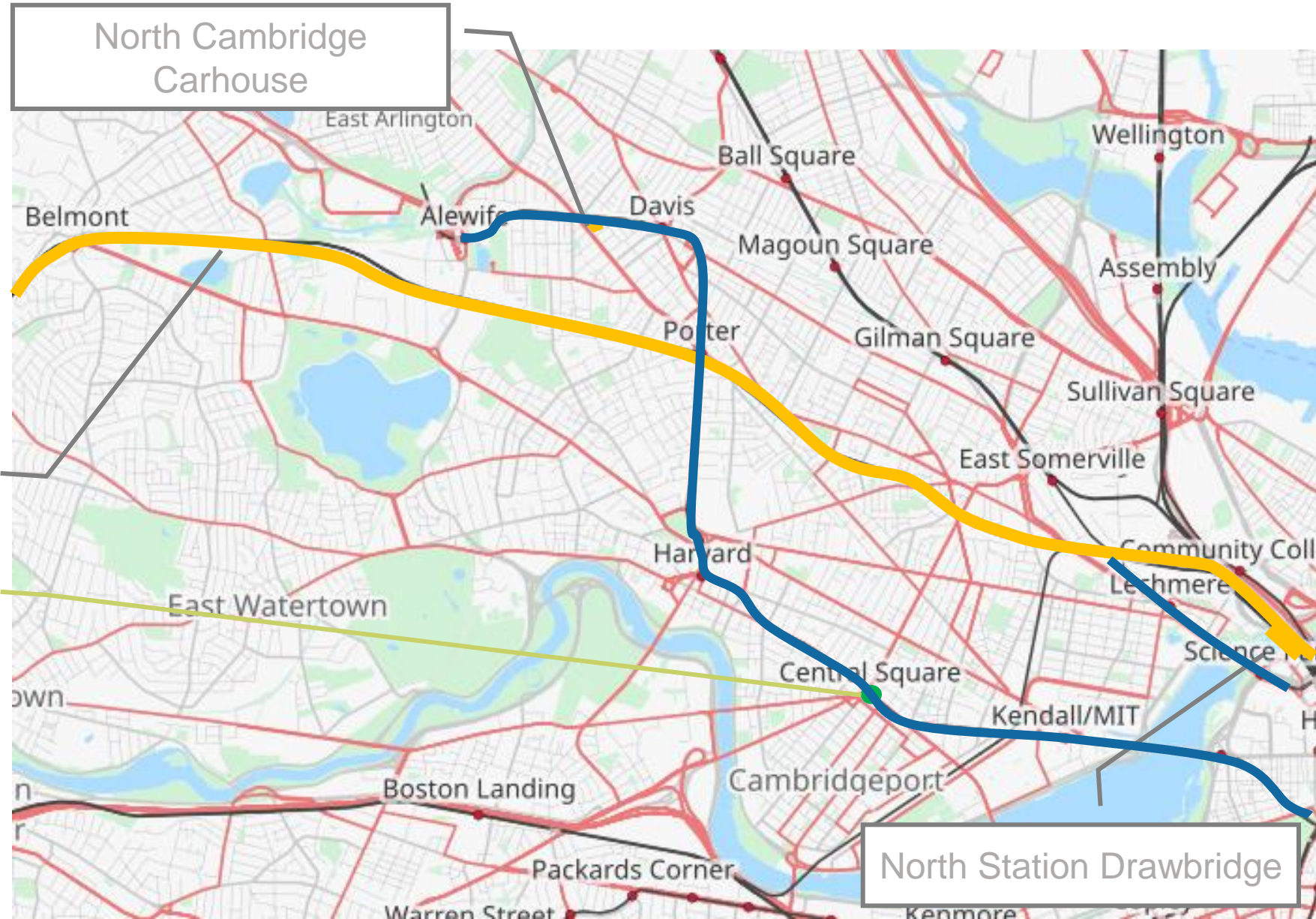
- Benches installed at First Street at Otis St and opposite Otis St
- Serving EZRide in both directions
- Destinations nearby
 - CambridgeSide
 - 40 Thorndike St – Former Middlesex Courthouse



Net Zero Transportation Plan

- Presentation at previous tri-committee joint meeting
- Comments to Stephanie Groll, Mobility Strategy Manager by November 13
 - sgroll@cambridgema.gov

Selected MBTA projects



North Cambridge Carhouse

Fitchburg Line CIP project

Central Square Accessibility Improvements

2024 Track Improvement Program

North Station Drawbridge



Red Line Shutdown 11/18-11/24

- Part of Red Line to be closed Monday 11/18 to Sunday 11/24
 - Red Line from Alewife to Harvard
 - Shuttles between Harvard and Broadway
 - All day, all week – local from Harvard/Holyoke every stop to Broadway
 - Weekday only – direct from Harvard/Holyoke to South Station bus terminal
 - Red Line from Broadway to Ashmont/Braintree
 - Commuter Rail free for some trips:
 - Porter to North Station
 - Braintree to South Station



Major bus route and service changes 12/15

- Beginning Sunday, December 15, many bus routes will have major route and service changes
 - Changes to where buses begin and end their route
 - Changes to where routes travel
 - Schedule changes, including better frequencies and expanded hours of service
 - New “Frequent Bus Routes”
 - Buses at least every 15 minutes every day
 - From 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

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For more information

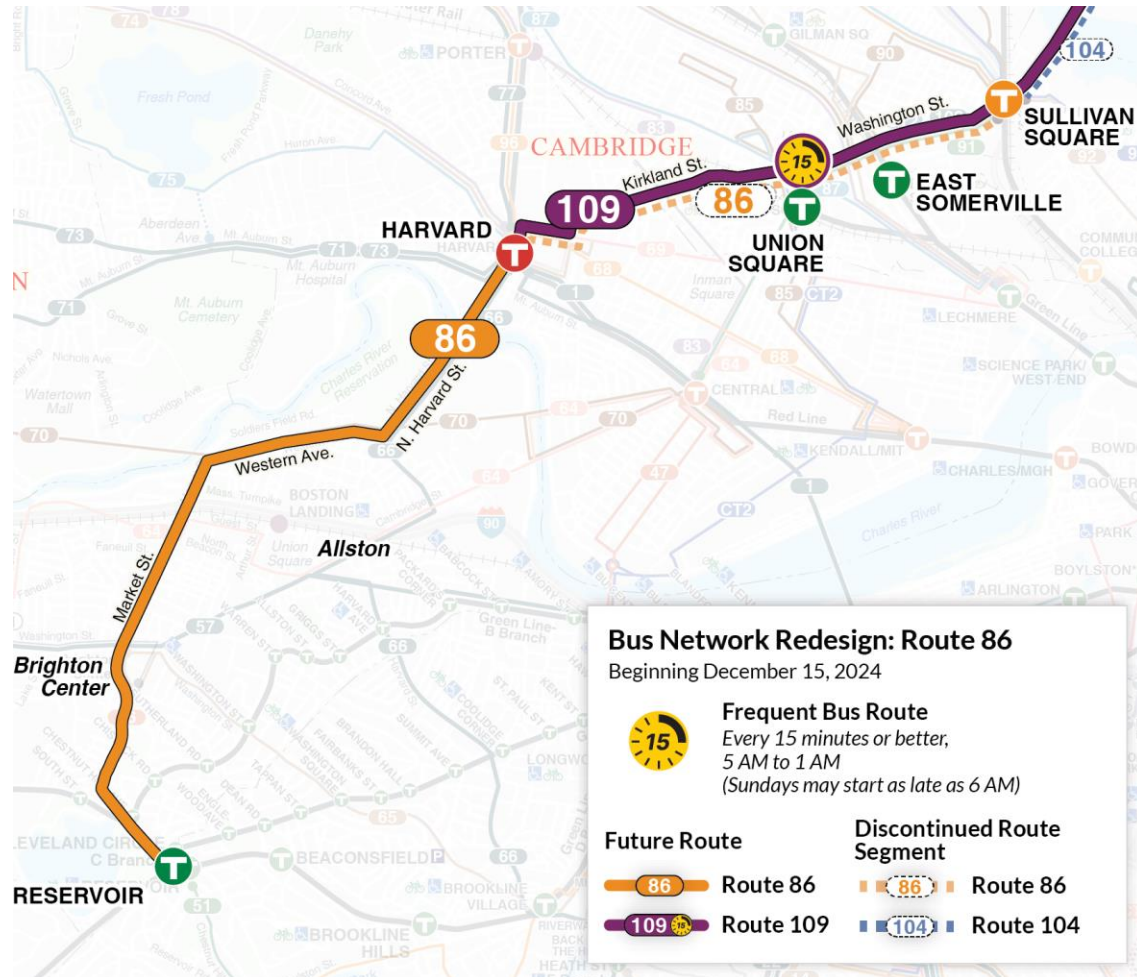


Changes in Cambridge

- **Route 86** will be **shortened** – going from Reservoir to Harvard
- **Route 109** will be **extended** – going from Revere to Harvard via Sullivan Sq
 - The section from Harvard to Sullivan is part of the old Route 86
- **Route 109** will be upgraded to a “**frequent bus route**” with longer hours of service and improved frequency

People who travel on Route 86 today through Harvard
Will be required to transfer at Harvard

Route 86 route shortening beginning 12/15



Route 86

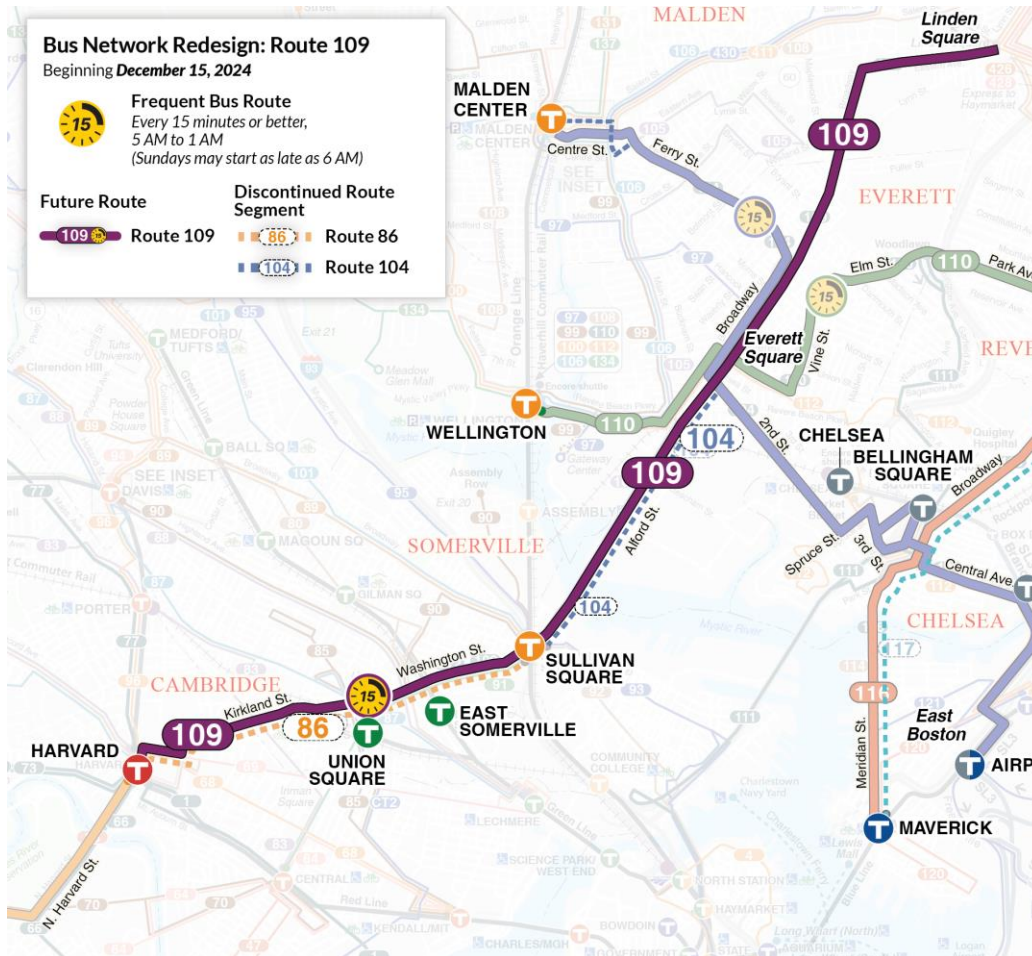
Weekdays

A bus at least every
20 minutes
5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Weekends

A bus at least every
25 minutes
5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Route 109 service increases/extension beginning 12/15



Route 109 Weekdays

A bus at least every
15 minutes
4:30 a.m. to 1:45 a.m.

Weekends

A bus at least every
15 minutes
4:45 a.m. to 1:45 a.m.



Engagement events

- Learn more at Harvard Station:
 - November 19, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 - November 20, Noon – 2:00 p.m.
 - November 21, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Learn more at Somerville East Branch Library
 - Date: Thursday, November 21
 - Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 - Location: Somerville Public Library East Branch, 115 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145

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On-street “pop up”
events to take place this
month and next



MBTA Income-Eligible Reduced Fare began 9/4

- Reduced fare will begin for income-eligible riders on 9/4
- Riders who are enrolled in applicable state assistance programs (i.e. SNAP) will be eligible
- Discounted/reduced fares
 - 50% discount on fares and most passes
 - \$10 for 7-day bus+subway pass
 - \$30 monthly bus+subway pass

MBTA Income-Eligible Reduced Fare

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Thank you for participating in this Transit
Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well!

Thank You