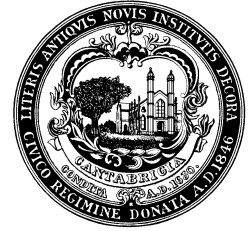


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AGENDA

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| 1. Introductions
<i>If needed, alternates named</i> | 2 min. | |
| 2. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 3. Presentation on Net Zero
Transportation Plan
<i>See page 8 of this agenda packet</i> | 40 min. | Stephanie Groll |
| 4. Approval of May Minutes
<i>See page 4 of this agenda packet</i> | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 5. Nominations for Chair & Secretary | 5 min. | CCPD Board |
| 6. Elections for Chair & Secretary | 5 min. | CCPD Board |
| 7. Chair's Report | 10 min. | To be determined |
| 8. Public Works Update | 10 min. | Melissa Miguel |
| 9. Staff Report | 10 min. | Rachel Tanenhaus |
| 10. Public Input
<i>See pages 2&3 of this agenda packet for instructions on providing public comment</i> | 3 min. | general public |

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Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, May 9, 2024 CCPD Meeting

Online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM

Present:

Members: Loring Brinckerhoff, Avril dePagter (Chair), Mary Devlin (Secretary), Zach Solomons, Melissa Miguel, Deepti Nijhawan, Danielle Jones-McLaughlin, and Keisha Greaves

Absent: Valerie Hammond and Dan Stubbs

Staff: Rachel Tanenhaus

Announcements:

- Mary announced her resignation from the Board, as she has moved to Maine and is no longer eligible to serve. Board members and staff thanked her and wished her well.
- Zach, the Board's new Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) representative, introduced himself.

Minutes:

A motion to approve the March minutes was seconded and then passed unanimously

Elections:

Deepti asked about the time commitment required for being Chair or Secretary.

Members of the Board asked procedural questions. Some members were not present and therefore could not vote or make or accept nominations. Keisha made a motion to move the election to June. Loring seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Elections will take place in June.

Loring made a motion to open nominations for Chair and Secretary immediately, closing at the June meeting. Keisha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The nomination period began immediately.

Loring nominated Deepti for Secretary and Dan for Chair. Deepti declined. Dan was absent.

Keisha nominated Deepti for Chair and Avril and Dan for Secretary. Deepti declined. Dan is absent and Avril is considering the nomination but would also be comfortable if someone else were Secretary.

Deepti asked Loring about his interest in either position; he declined.

Loring and Deepti asked Keisha about her interest in either position. Keisha expressed interest but would need accommodations for notetaking if she were elected Secretary. Rachel stated with certainty that accommodations could be made. Deepti suggested that every month a different member volunteer to take minutes.

Chair's Report:

The Chair ceded her time.

Public Works Update:

Melissa Miguel gave the Public Works update.

On-going construction:

- **River Street**
 - Carl Barron Plaza: bus stop and some route relocations implemented week of April 8.
 - The contractor has fenced off the middle of the Plaza to begin demolition and construction.
 - Bricks were removed along two temporary pedestrian routes through the Plaza and replaced with asphalt walkway. This will be the condition for the remainder of 2024 and part of 2025.
 - Utility work continues on other portions of the corridor.
- **Willard Street**- Drain installation nearly complete. Expect surface (curb, sidewalk, roadway) work to begin this month.
- **Binney Street Park**- Continued work on landscaping, installation of previous multi-use path (which is a section of Grand Junction Path). Estimated construction completion is late spring/early summer 2024.
- **Harvard Sq. Plaza** –Includes pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements at Mass Ave., Dunster St, JFK St and Brattle St. Work has been on hold pending coordination with the MBTA. There is potential to start the project late early summer 2024. MBTA coordination continues.
- **Chapter 90, Contract 24** –
 - Huron Avenue – Glacken Field to Aberdeen is complete. Aberdeen to Fresh Pond Parkway is currently under construction.
 - OCS poles to be removed in the coming weeks by MBTA contractor.
 - Chestnut Street - water main installation complete. Roadway reconstruction continues. Sidewalk reconstruction to follow.

Upcoming projects:

- **Port Infrastructure Project:**
 - Clement Morgan Park: An event will be held in the Park June 4 (3-7 pm) to show the new design for the Park. Plans will also be made available online after this event to gather feedback.
 - The Park project will be bid in the fall of 2024 for construction starting over the winter when the basketball courts and park have less use.
 - Phase 1 of the utilities and surface streets will also be bid in fall 2024.
- **Mass Ave4 improvements:**
 - Concepts have been developed for the next segment of the project, which is Rindge Ave to Linnaean Street (including Porter Square).
 - Will be presented to the project working group April 25.
 - Will be presented to the Joint Ped/Bike/Transit committee meeting May 15.
 - There will be a public Open House to show these same plans, June 26, at Russell House Apartments on Mass Ave. This has not been advertised yet.
- **Chapter 90, Contract 25** - Newport Construction low bidder. Anticipated construction starts early summer 2024.

Project Page: Folks can sign up for email notifications under the contact tab:

- <https://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/publicworks/cityprojects>
- Search the street of interest in the search bar then click the contact tab.
- Streets included in Contract 25:
 - Green St- Pearl to Landsdowne
 - Maple Avenue- Broadway to Cambridge-

- Centre St – Dana to Hancock
 - Montgomery St – Harvey to Rindge
 - Sciarappa St- Charles to Winter
- **Chapter 90, Contract 26** - Design and Community process will begin late January/early February 2024. Construction starts late 2024/early 2025.

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- Streets included in Contract 26:
 - Chetwyn Road – Newell St to End
 - Will be a shared street
 - Gray Street – Martin to Linnaean
 - Haskell – Rindge to Mass Ave
 - Norfolk – Broadway to Somerville City Line
 - Shepard – Garden to Mass Ave
 - Kirkland Rd – Kirkland St to Dead End
 - Will be a shared street

Staff Report:

Rachel gave the staff report.

- Rachel asked for Board members to help interview applicants for the current Board vacancies. Danielle, Loring, and Deepti volunteered. Rachel updated the Board on the status of the application and selection process to fill those vacancies.
- She reported on attending the virtual National ADA Symposium earlier in the week.
- Rachel has been out of the office attending guide dog school and the ADA Symposium, and Kate is on vacation until May 20. CCPD staff may be slow to respond until everyone is back.
- The City has been working on revising its ADA Reasonable Accommodations policy for employees and job applicants. A revised policy will make it easier for the City to hire and retain people with disabilities, thereby better serving and reflecting its population.
- The Massachusetts Architectural Access Board approved the City’s variance requests for the renovation of the Tobin-Vassal Lane School.
- At the June meeting, staff working on the Net Zero Transportation Plan will present to the Board looking for input on how to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from transportation in Cambridge by 2050.

Deepti requested that someone from the MBTA or the Ride attend a Board meeting and answer questions. After some discussion, Rachel offered to invite Andy Reker, Transportation Planner at the City’s Community Development Division, who is the City’s liaison with the MBTA.

Board members requested that some Board meetings take place in person. Loring suggested quarterly in-person meetings. Rachel expressed a hope to have hybrid Board meetings soon and promised to work on logistics over the summer.

Keisha asked about the possibility of having another Board member retreat and hadn’t realized such retreats weren’t annual, since the last one was a year ago. Rachel explained that the retreats were designed for specific purposes. Danielle asked what it would take to have another one. Rachel talked about the steps involved in hiring a facilitator and explained the CCPD budget. Some members asked about the feasibility of meeting and discussing issues. Rachel indicated that such meetings would need to comply with open meeting laws.

Public Comment:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Tanenhaus

City of Cambridge

Net Zero Transportation Plan Community Meetings





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Cambridge has a multilingual help line

Ask about the *Net Zero Transportation Plan* if you would like to learn more in another language



Goals & plan for this meeting

Goals:

- **Introduce** community members to the Net Zero Transportation Plan process
- **Listen** to reflections and ideas from community members

Agenda:

- Welcome & Agreements
- Overview of the Net Zero Transportation Plan
 - What is the Net Zero Transportation Plan about?
 - What are the goals of the plan?
 - What kinds of actions will the plan include?
- Conversation: input and ideas



Group Agreements

- **One mic, one person speaks at a time**
- **Be as present as you can**
- **Take away stories, not names**
- **Be respectful, be kind**
- **Speak from the heart, listen from the heart**
- **Trust you will know what to say**

Check in

Please share

- Your name
- One way you like to move around Cambridge

What is a Net Zero Transportation Plan?



“Net Zero” means there will be no climate pollution coming from transportation that go into the air.



Why do we need a Net Zero Transportation Plan?

1. City Council said that Cambridge will get to net zero emissions by 2050 or earlier
2. If we don't get rid of emissions, climate change will make everyone's lives harder, less healthy, and cost more
 - **Extreme heat / worse air quality** (learning loss, more childhood asthma, death)
 - **Worse weather emergencies** (floods, strong winds, sea-level rise)
 - **More economic struggles** (increased demand for public services, like emergency response, food assistance, health insurance)

What is the process to make
this plan?



How are we developing the Net Zero Transportation Plan?

1. Formed an **advisory group** to guide the Plan:
 - People who **share information with and receive information from their communities** that informs the plan
2. Reaching out to the broader community to hear **ideas, concerns, and opportunities** about transportation changes we could make:
 - **Community meetings**
 - **A survey**
 - **Small group conversations**
3. Working with **consultants** who bring technical knowledge
4. Partnering with the **CET@CDD** to get feedback from members of six linguistic communities and the American-born Black community (giving feedback to the project team, doing outreach, and getting feedback from members of their communities)



Net Zero Transportation Plan Advisory Group members

- **Farris Blount** (Cambridge Black Pastors Alliance, Junior Pastor)
- **Malene Council** (Department of Human Service Programs CET, Program Assistant/Outreach Worker)
- **Dosa Chidandali** (Cambridge Women's Center, Co-Director, Programs & Services)
- **Karim Elrazzaz** (Islamic Society of Boston Cambridge, Community Programs Director)
- **Guerlancia "Gigi" Laurent** (Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, Community Liaison)
- **Ibrahim Omar** (Islamic Society of Boston Cambridge, Operations Integration Analyst)
- **James Pierre** (Adius Arts Initiative, Founder)
- **Nora Sears** (De Novo Center for Justice and Healing, Volunteer Coordinator)
- **Rachel Tanenhaus** (Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Executive Director)
- **Omriqui Thomas** (Cambridge Public Schools Student)
- **Angela Vierling-Claassen** (Cambridge Resident)
- **Lonnell Wells** (Cambridge Bike Give Back, Co-Founder)
- **Yao Wu** (Chinese American Association of Cambridge, Member)

Net Zero Transportation Plan Advisory Group members



Islamic Society of Boston
Cambridge | Roxbury





Goals of the Net Zero Transportation Plan

The Advisory Group set 4 goals for the Net Zero Transportation Plan:

- 1. Remove climate pollution from transportation**
- 2. Improve mobility** (make it easier to get around Cambridge)
- 3. Improve economic opportunity and address historic injustices**
- 4. Create a stronger and more connected community**



Centering equity in this process

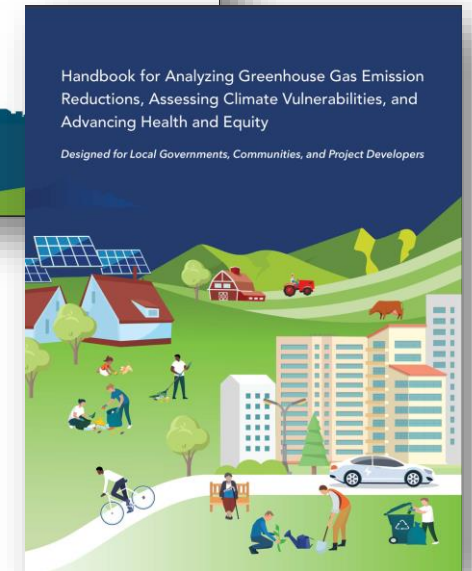
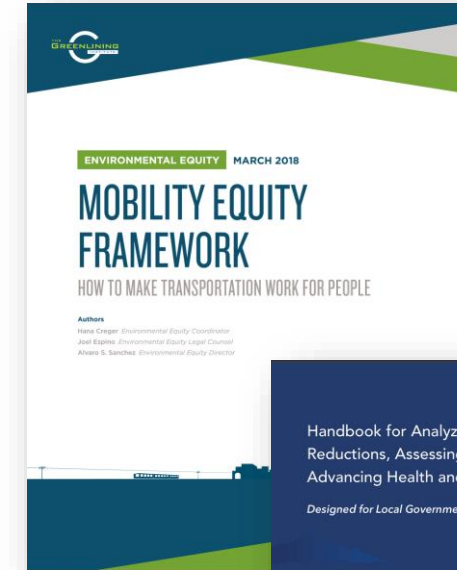
The Advisory Group recognizes that an equitable process for developing the Plan:

- 1. Is guided by community voices**
- 2. Is transparent**
- 3. Prioritizes underserved, underheard, and historically excluded groups of people**
- 4. Reduces harm**
- 5. Builds long-term relationships**
- 6. Is accessible**

Guiding documents

Technical work is grounded in best practices and frameworks from leading organizations:

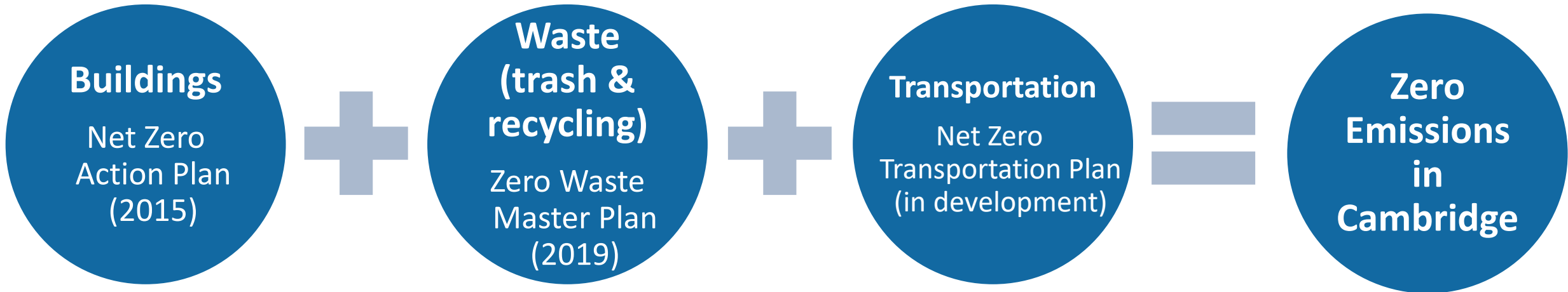
- **Greenlining Institute's *Mobility Equity Framework***
- **California Air Pollution Control Officers Association's (CAPCOA) *Handbook for Analyzing Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions***
- **Argonne National Laboratory's *Alternative Fuel Lifecycle Environmental and Economic Transportation (AFLEET) Tool***



How far do we have to go?



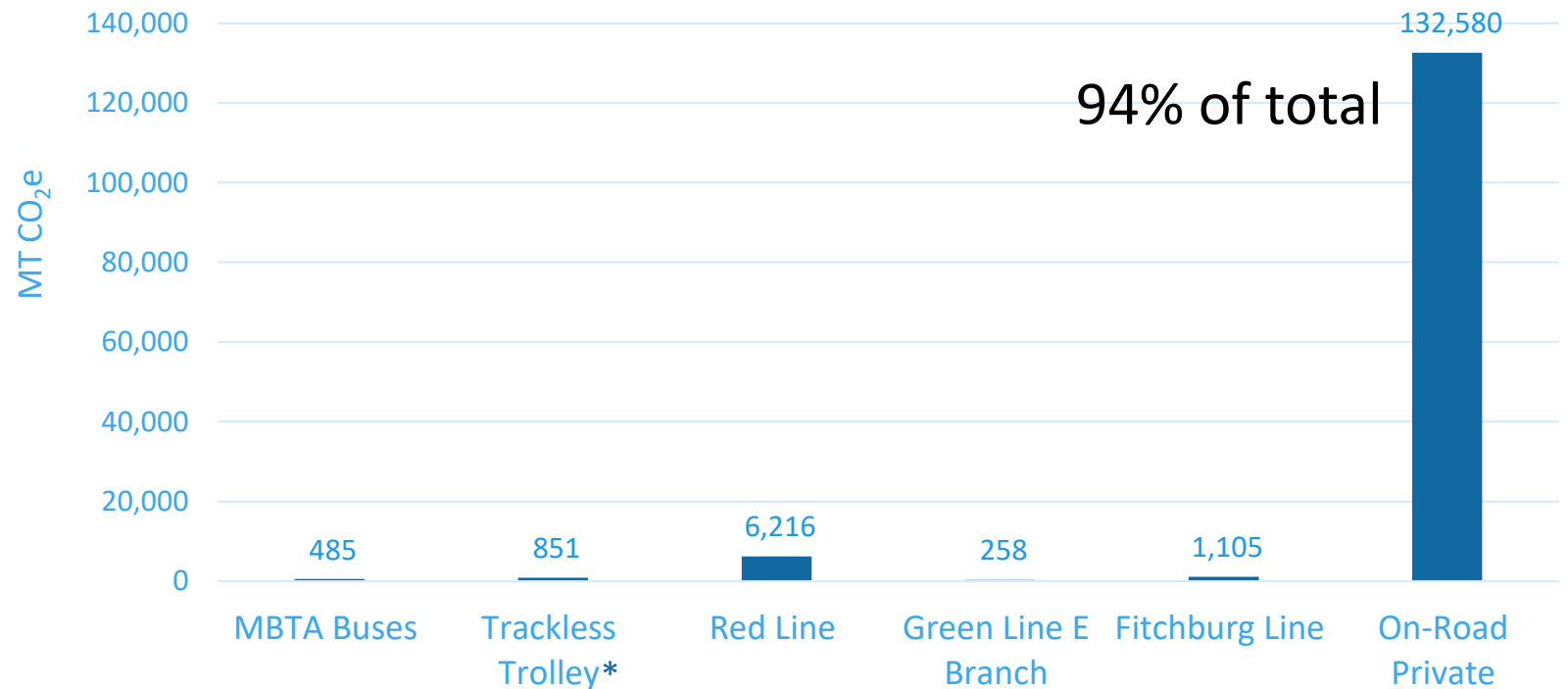
What is Cambridge doing to reduce emissions?



How much of Cambridge's transportation emissions come from cars and other modes?

- Most transportation emissions come from private cars and trucks

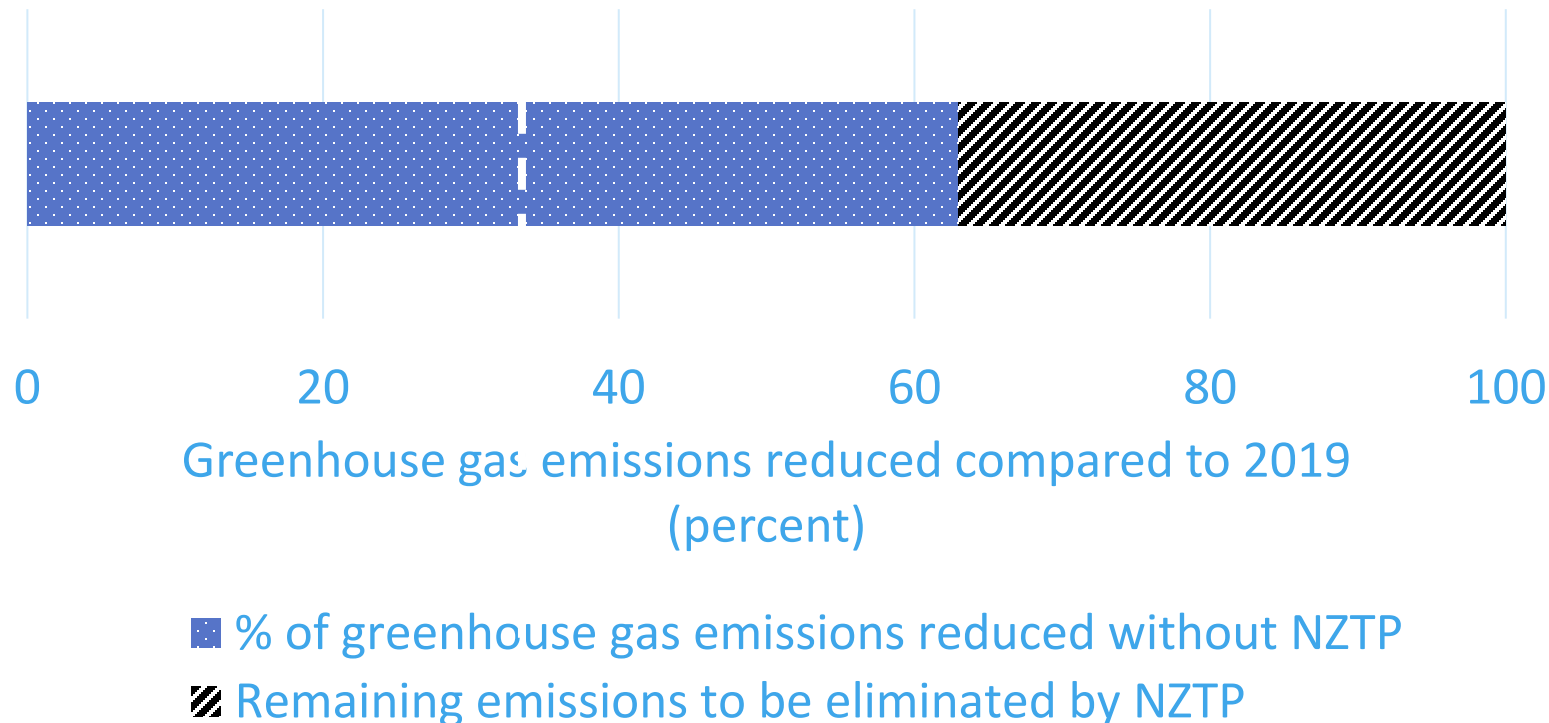
Total Community-Wide GHG Emissions in Transportation by Sub-Category (MT CO₂e), 2019



*Note: trackless trolleys have been replaced with hybrid diesel-electric buses, but in 2025 they will be replaced by 100% electric [when the new Trolley Sq facility has been rebuilt]

With existing policies and trends, emissions will decrease substantially by 2050

Estimated reduction in transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions in Cambridge by 2050



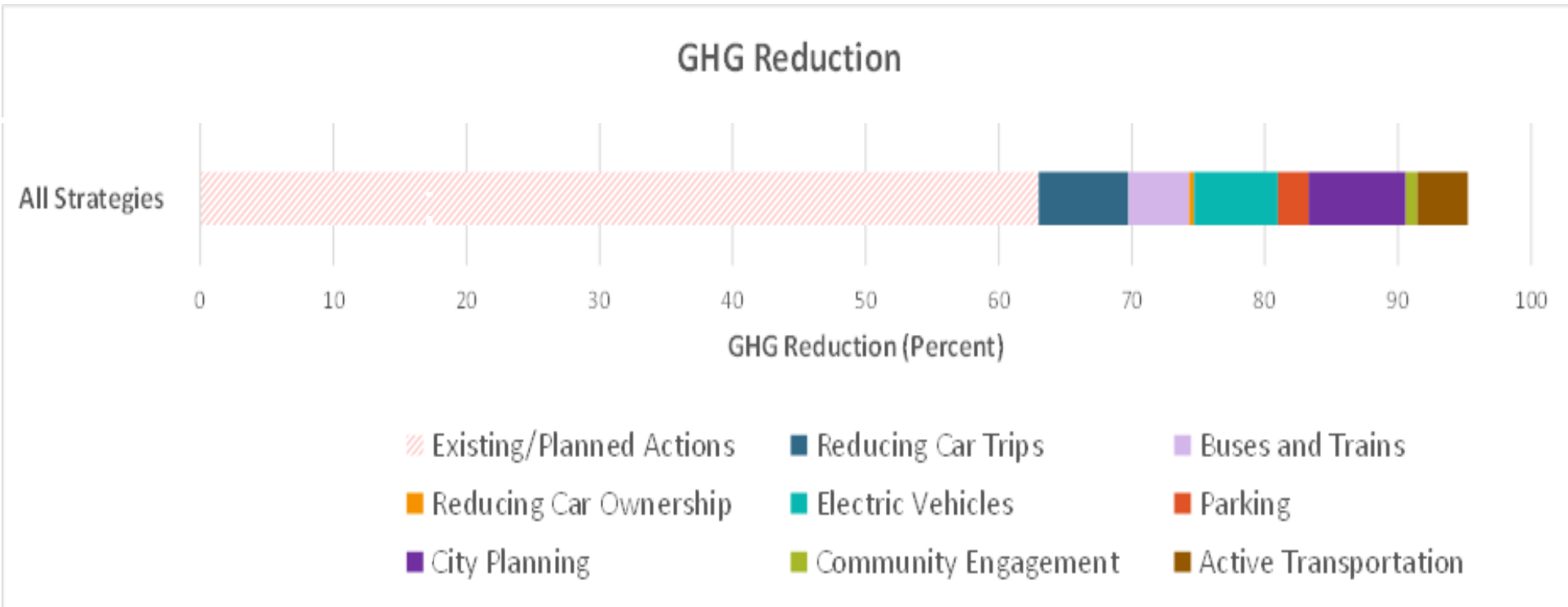
- Fuel efficiency improvements
- Electric vehicle adoption
- Shift to clean energy for vehicle charging
- Other actions being taken by the state

*This is a prediction based on assumptions—the actual change may be slower or faster

We are developing actions to help close the gap

Additional actions needed to reach zero emissions goal

- Additional actions could:
- Encourage sustainable modes
 - Increase shift to electric vehicles
 - Reduce number of trips taken or distance of trips





What could change in Cambridge?

If we take action to get rid of emissions from transportation:

- More people will walk, ride bikes/scooters, and take the T, and drive less
- The city will change in ways that make it safer, easier, and more pleasant for people to walk, ride, and take the T, which might make it less convenient to drive in some places
- People will drive electric vehicles, instead of gas vehicles



How will change happen?

1. The City of Cambridge is committed to eliminating emissions – but we can influence how that happens. We want a plan that is based on community needs and insights.

- In cases where change is hard, how can we reduce the harm or the discomfort of that shift?

2. We want to improve and expand people's transportation options.

- We believe we can create a plan that allows everyone to contribute in some way. Not every action or option works for every person, so we need a variety of options.
- "Don't punish me for owning a car. Make it easier for me not to."

- ***We want to be aware of who this burden is falling on, of who has more capacity to take on the responsibility of getting to zero emissions.***



Questions?

What will help us get there?



Feedback on 8 categories of possible actions

Active
transportation

Buses, trains,
shuttles

City planning

Community
engagement

Reducing car
ownership

Electric
vehicles

Parking

Reducing car
trips

Which 1-2 impact your life the most?

Which ones of these do you think are a positive shift for your community?

Which seem harder? How can we make what's hard about that easier?

What other ideas do you have?

Future input and ideas



We want to hear from you! Thank you!



We need help figuring out the actions in these categories. We are working with Advisory Group and community members to pick actions.

- ❖ Visit the Net Zero Transportation Plan website for more info: <https://www.cambridgema.gov/nztransportation>
- ❖ Share ideas and feedback at: <https://bit.ly/CambridgeNZTPFeedback>
- ❖ If you want to talk about it, call Stephanie on the multilingual helpline: 617-865-2273 for free interpretation



Thank you!