



# April 2024 SBAC Meeting: City Updates

# Upcoming Engagement

## West Broadway Reconstruction Open House ([project page](#))

- April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- West Somerville Neighborhood School  
177 Powder House Blvd.

## SustainaVille Week, Youth Led Bike Clinic

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- The Dojo @ Somernova, 15 Properzi Way

## Pedestrian & Transit Committee West Broadway Community Walk

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm
- Meet at Lou Ann David Park

## Civic Day

- April 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- City Hall Concourse, 93 Highland Avenue



Glen Street/Otis Street Neighborways Pop-Up – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# Capital Project Updates

## **Powder House / Alewife Brook ([project page](#))**

- Final paving, tree plantings, and traffic calming features anticipated for Spring 2024

## **Spring Hill ([project page](#))**

- Bike lanes on Summer Street being installed

## **McGrath Resurfacing ([project storymap](#))**

- Structural bridge work to continue over the winter at Truss Bridge

## **Mystic/Maffa bridges**

- Structural bridge work to begin spring 2024; final streetscape design to be confirmed

## **McGrath Boulevard ([project storymap](#))**

- Public comment currently being accepted on pre-25% designs
- Additional public comment period planned for Fall 2024



*Spring Hill Construction – Summer Street – April 2024*

# Complete Streets Project Updates - Construction

## Davis Square ([project page](#))

- Final pavement and striping to be completed

## Western Washington St ([project page](#))

- Preliminary drainage work still in progress
- Sidewalk construction anticipated to start in late April

## Tufts St ([project page](#))

- Design refinement continues based on community feedback and pilot findings

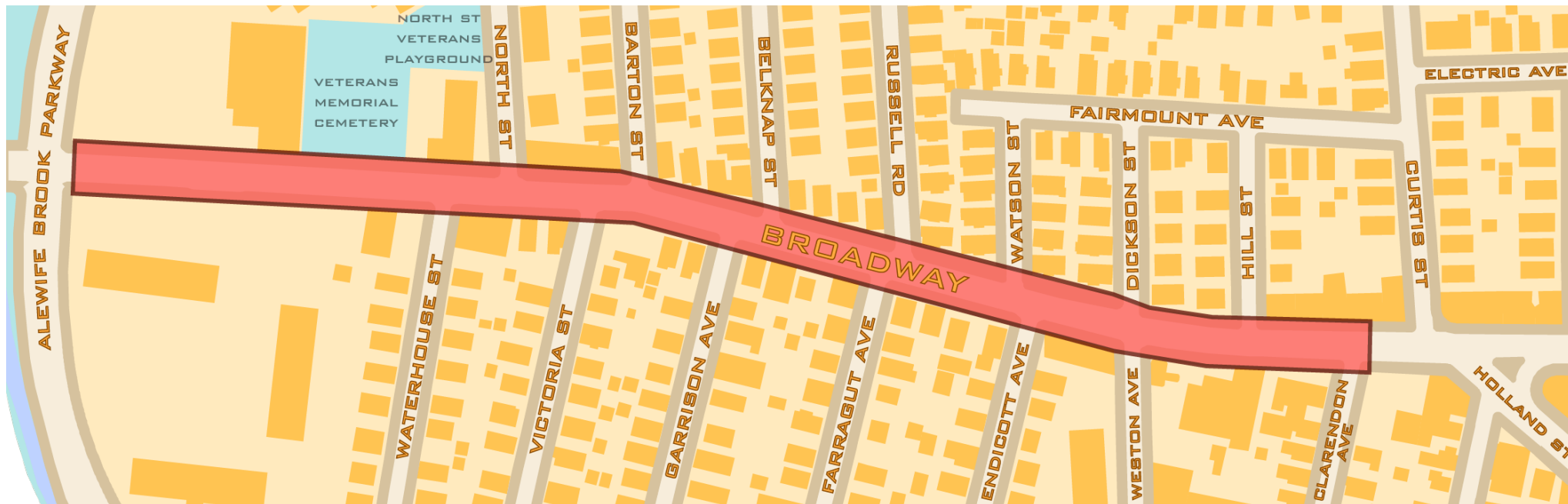


Davis Square – Highland Ave and College Ave - January 2024

# Complete Streets Project Updates - Design

## West Broadway ([project page](#))

- Conceptual design will be shared at project Open House on Saturday, April 13, 1-4 PM
- Other upcoming engagement opportunities:
  - Presentation of design overview published online following the open house
  - Online survey open 4/13 – 5/30
  - Virtual office hours with the Mobility staff on Thursday, 4/25, 5:30-7:30 PM



West Broadway Reconstruction Project extent

# Other Project Updates

## Glen Street/Otis Street Neighborways ([project page](#))

- Pop-Up Meeting - March 16th
- Gateway Demonstration Project at Intersection of Pearl Street and Glen Street
  - Fire Truck tested the layout
- Collecting feedback in April/Early May
- Continue Design refinement
  - Based on feedback/lessons learned

## Community Path Lighting

- Sections to receive more lighting
  - Between East Somerville station and the bridge towards Cambridge
  - Dark areas between Walnut St and East Somerville station
  - Dark spot between Sycamore St and School St
- Mock-up on path - March 13th



Gateway Demonstration at Glen Street and Pearl Street – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

# New Member Recruitment

## **Conducted 11 interviews**

- Tom, Lena, and Greg participated
- Seven applicants were recommended
- Now moving through the next administrative steps
- We anticipate to contact all applicants by the end of April

# Mobility 2024 Priorities

- **Engage the public** – we will work to support community dialogue on safe, equitable, climate-friendly transportation, with special emphasis on engaging community members that have been historically excluded, underheard, and underrepresented.
- **Make streets safer and more sustainable** – we will work to change our streets to save lives, improve bus transit, enhance accessibility and support sustainable transportation options.
- **Develop a pipeline of safety and sustainability projects** – we will build community coalitions and develop designs and financing plans to ensure that Somerville continues changing our streets in future years.
- **Reduce driving by running programs that give people more options for travel** – we will design and implement programs to enhance access to public transit, walking and biking so that our residents, workers and visitors have authentic ways to live a car-light or car-free life.
- **Improve internal processes** – we will work to streamline our internal processes to improve transparency and predictability for our staff, our partners and our community members.
- **Manage private development** – we will work to ensure that new development projects are designed and constructed consistent with Somerville’s goals for equitable transit-oriented development.



# 2024 Project Categories

- **Quick Build Implementation Priority Bicycle Network**

- **Neighborhoods**

- Glen Street
- Otis Street
- Ellsworth/Rush Street

- **Protected Bicycle Lanes**

- McGrath Hwy
- Multiple shorter connections
  - E.g. Broadway bridge adding flex posts

- **Quick Build Implementation - Protected Bicycle Lane Non-Priority Bicycle Network**

- Participatory Budget
  - e.g. Middlesex Ave (2024/2025 implementation)

- **Street Construction** – constructing new complete streets and intersection redesigns, and installing traffic calming safety interventions.

- Western Washington Street
- Central Street (btw Highland Ave and Summer St)
- Intersection Improvements
  - Broadway at Boston Avenue
  - Cameron Avenue at Tannery Brook Row
  - Somerville Avenue at Central
  - Bow Street at Walnut Street
  - Washington Street at Merriam Street

- **Design development** – designing future reconstruction projects.

- McGrath Boulevard
- Tufts Street
- West Broadway

# 2024 Project Categories

- **Policy development** – developing standard policies and plans that guide future work
  - Bicycle Network Plan Design Guide & Community Outreach Guide
  - Street design standards
  - [Safe Streets Ordinance](#)
- **Programs** – creating and maintaining programs that enhance transportation access and options
  - Transit Benefits
  - Traffic Calming
  - Bike Education
  - Bike Share
- **Transit Improvements** –install amenities like benches and bus shelters to provide more comfort taking transit.