

Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee

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January 2025 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Meeting Information

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:30-8:00 PM

This meeting will be hybrid:

- In-person meeting location: Somerville Public Library, Central Library, 79 Highland Ave.
- Zoom info to join remotely via computers, tablets, and smartphones:
 - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89181225932?pwd=aWpoL2FtaUh3aGdVbHNRWUJmeDRNQT0
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 - Passcode: 152274
 - Or join by phone:
 - Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
 - o US: +1 646 558 8656
 - Webinar ID: 891 8122 5932
 - Passcode: 152274
 - o International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcVy69ROJG

Members

- 1. Ted Alexander
- 2. Ginny Alverson
- 3. Caroline Bodager
- 4. Meredith Brown
- 5. Laura Evans
- 6. Christopher Ferry
- 7. Tim Gilman
- 8. Preston Gutelius
- 9. Satoko Hirai (Digital Communications Officer)
- 10. Brenda Marvin (Secretary)
- 11. Steven Mulder

- 12. Barbara Myers
- 13. Bianca Norkunas
- 14. Vitor Pamplona (Vice Chair)
- 15. Zach Rosenberg
- 16. Alessandra Seiter (Chair)
- 17. Robert Stanzel
- 18. Carole Voulgaris
- 19. Will Mbah (Ex Officio, City Councilor At Large)
- 20. Justin Schreiber (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)
- 21. Katherine White (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)

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Procedural Business (10 Minutes)

- Roll call and guest introductions
- Vote on December draft minutes
- PTAC is 5 years old!

Subcommittee Updates (10 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

City Update (30 Minutes)

- Mobility staff will present updates on the following topics:
 - Parking & Curb Use Study: Brief update. Will plan to have more in-depth discussion in the next few months.
 - o Parking Minimums: Overview of new zoning and discussion of the most recent update.
 - Elm Street Parking Pilot: Brief review of original proposal and status update (including new Safety Stick data). PTAC last reviewed the proposal in Summer 2024: 6/24 presentation, 7/24 PTAC letter.
 - <u>Participatory Budgeting Bus Improvements</u>: Update and anticipated implementation timeline.

Review PTAC 2024 Annual Report (15 Minutes)

Committee Discussions: Enforcement & Snow Clearing (20 Minutes)

Based on prior committee interest, we will have discussions on how to approach these two topics
moving forward. The goal of the enforcement conversation will be to decide how to develop a
committee stance and strategy for future advocacy. The goal of the snow clearing conversation will
be how to pursue engagement with the City regarding the most recent winter storm. Our Vice Chair
may present a letter for review.

Other Business (5 Minutes)

• Public comment.

Online Meeting Addendum

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the PTAC will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels (SCATV).