



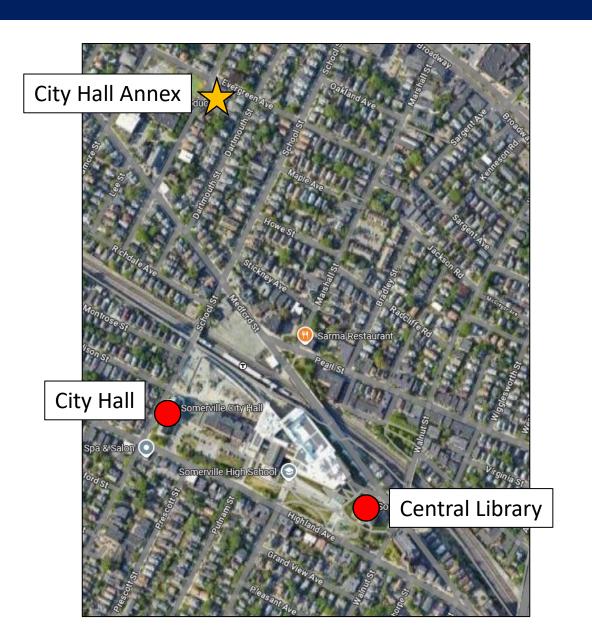
November 2024 SBAC Meeting: City Updates

December Meeting Location Change!

Next SBAC meeting December 5

- In-person location:
 - Somerville City Hall Annex
 - 50 Evergreen Street (corner of Evergreen and Thurston)
 - Door may be locked. If you arrive late, email Greg and Viola to let you in.

Hybrid details still the same



Outreach and Engagement

Western Pearl Reconstruction Project

- Community meeting held October 9
- Online survey open until November 20
- Virtual office hour with project staff on November 19

West Broadway Reconstruction Project

- Public Open House held October 22
- Recorded presentation available on project website
- Online survey open until November 22
- Virtual office hour with project staff on November 20
- Ongoing outreach with residential and business stakeholders

WEST BROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE





West Broadway in the Bicycle Network Plan

In 2023, the City of Somerville published the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan. The Plan documents Somerville's community based vision for an 88-mile network of connected streets and paths where people of all ages and abilities will be able to bike safely and comfortably. In 2024, the City Council codifed the plan with the Safe Streets Ordinance.

All of West Broadway has been designated as a priority street in the Bicycle Network Plan, with most of the street designated for one direction of protected bike lane. Following a comprehensive evaluation of traffic and crash data, community feedback, and important bike connections, including Davis and Teele Squares the Somerville Community Path, the Alewife Brook Greenway and the rest of Broadway, the City proposed two directions of

1. Neighborway Connections

West Broadway intersects with three future Neighborways, as designated in the Bicycle Network Plan. Neighborways are low stress, low vehicle volume and slow speed streets prioritizing people walking, wheeling and biking. People biking can use the full street. If Neighborways are one-way for

The City proposes to install a raised block connecting the future Neighborways on Endicott Avenue and Russell Road. This block will feature sidewalk-level protected bike lanes on both sides of the street and designated bike left-turn pockets and pavement markings from Broadway onto the Neighborways, Additional traffic calming features and unique street elements on this block intend to slow vehicles and emphasize the intersection with the Neighborways

The proposed design for West Broadway also includes a bike left-turn pocket and payemen markings from Broadway to the future Neighborway on North Street

The proposed design for West Broadway includes protected bike lanes in both directions between Alewife Brook Parkway and Clarendon Avenue.

Protected bike lanes have physical separation and barriers between people using the bike lane and parked or moving vehicles. Protected bike lanes increase comfort and access for people of all ages and abilities, reduce crash and injury risk, and eliminate the threat of "dooring" from parked vehicles In cases where there is parking adjacent to a protected bike lane, the parking is located to the left of the bike lane. Putting separation between the bike lane and parked vehicles reduces potential conflicts between people biking and people exiting parked vehicles.

The protected bike lanes proposed for West Broadway include a mix of sidewalk-level and street-leve protected bike lanes.

- Sidewalk-level bike lanes will have a distinct space separated from pedestrians on the sidewalk and markings indicating where pedestrians have priority to cross the bike lane.
- Street-level protected bike lanes will feature precast concrete curb protection in most place





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Poster from West Broadway Open House - October 22, 2024

Major Infrastructure Project Updates

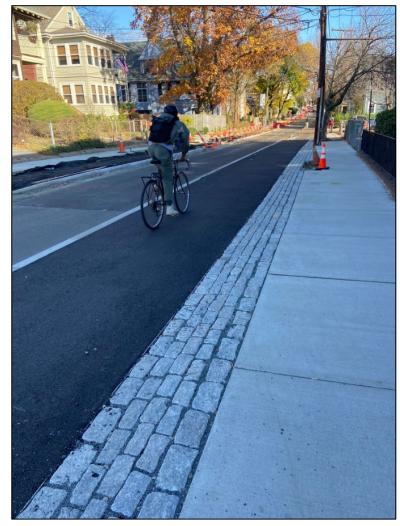
*projects that include substantial utility/bridge/signal work as well as streetscape work; typically using standalone construction contracts

City Managed

- Spring Hill Sewer / Streetscape (project page)
 - Sidewalk / bike facility installation continues on Central Street
 - Sidewalk reconstruction beginning on Summer Street (School Street to Bow Street)

State Managed

- McGrath Resurfacing (project storymap)
 - Floating bus stop construction at Rufo Road currently underway
 - Project completion scheduled for 2025
- Mystic/Maffa bridges (project page)
 - MassDOT structural bridge work continues
- McGrath Boulevard (<u>project storymap</u>)
 - MassDOT advancing design toward 25% milestone



Spring Hill Construction – Summer St – November 2024

Complete Streets Project Updates

*projects that do not typically include substantial utility/bridge/signal work; typically using construction contracts that bundle multiple streets together

Construction

- Davis Square (<u>project page</u>)
 - Limited mill/pave and restriping work planned for 2025
- Western Washington St (project page)
 - Sidewalk / crosswalk / bike facility construction continues
 - Project scheduled for completion late 2024

Design

- Tufts Street (project page)
 - 100 Percent Drawings Final City Review (Fire, DPW, Parking, Engineering, Mobility)
 - Late fall 2024 Expected publication of final plans
- West Broadway (project page)
 - Currently collecting public feedback on Updated Design
 - Late 2024/early 2025 Expected final plans
- Western Pearl (project page)
 - Currently collecting feedback on safety concerns



Western Washington Street - November 2024

Quick-Build Projects

*Faster-implementation projects that use flexible materials and minimal or no construction

- Elm-Beacon Connector (project page)
 - Initial design in development expecting to seek public feedback in February/March 2025

