



April 2025 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Meeting Information

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:30-8:00 PM

This meeting will be hybrid:

- **In-person meeting location:** [101 South Street](#), Somerville, MA 02143.
- **Zoom info to join remotely via computers, tablets, and smartphones:**
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89181225932?pwd=aWpoL2FtaUh3aGdVbHNRWUJmeDRNQTO9>
 - Passcode: 152274
 - Or join by phone:
 - Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
 - US: +1 646 558 8656
 - Webinar ID: 891 8122 5932
 - Passcode: 152274
 - International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcVy69ROJG>

Members

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| 1. Ted Alexander | 11. Barbara Myers |
| 2. Ginny Alverson | 12. Bianca Norkunas |
| 3. Caroline Bodager | 13. Vitor Pamplona (Vice Chair) |
| 4. Meredith Brown | 14. Zach Rosenberg |
| 5. Laura Evans | 15. Alessandra Seiter (Chair) |
| 6. Christopher Ferry | 16. Robert Stanzel |
| 7. Preston Gutelius | 17. Carole Voulgaris |
| 8. Satoko Hirai (Digital Communications Officer) | 18. Will Mbah (Ex Officio, City Councilor At Large) |
| 9. Brenda Marvin (Secretary) | 19. Justin Schreiber (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility) |
| 10. Steven Mulder | |

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Procedural Business (5 Minutes)

- Roll call and guest introductions
- Vote on February and March draft minutes

Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

Review Latest McGrath Blvd Design (45 Minutes)

- On March 25, 2025, [MassDOT's McGrath Boulevard project](#) team presented the latest designs for the project that will replace McGrath Highway with a street-level boulevard that's safe and comfortable for people walking, biking, taking the bus, and driving.
- At this PTAC meeting, Mobility staff will briefly summarize the changes made in these latest designs from those presented in February 2024. The committee's goal will be to provide feedback for a letter to the project team.
- [The slides and recording from the March 25 presentation will be available on this page soon.](#)

Letter Opportunity: Webster Ave Bridge Replacement Project (10 Minutes)

- In this project, MassDOT plans to replace the bridge on Webster Ave over the Green Line tracks and replace the [current skewed intersection at Newton St](#) with two "T" intersections. The project is already at 75% design with construction set to begin in Winter 2025/2026. Some community members have expressed concern that the current designs ([presented on March 20, 2025](#)) are ambiguous on whether the bridge will be reconstructed so as to allow for the Green Line to be extended west at some point in the future.
- At this PTAC meeting, we will discuss whether to write a letter to the MassDOT project team advocating for the project to accommodate a future Green Line extension.

Elm-Beacon Connector Traffic Signal Phasing (20 Minutes)

- At the March PTAC meeting, we discussed the City's [Elm-Beacon Connector project](#) but did not get a chance to dig into the proposed signal phasing changes.
- At this meeting, Mobility staff will briefly summarize the proposed signal phasing changes (the details of which start on [page 18 of this slide deck](#)) for committee feedback.

Other Business (5 Minutes)

- Public comment.

Online Meeting Addendum

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 by the Massachusetts State Legislature, this Somerville PTAC meeting will be conducted in part 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.