

July 2025 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Meeting Information

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

This meeting will be hybrid:

- **In-person meeting location:** [101 South Street](#), Somerville, MA 02143.
 - Enter through the door on the far-left side of the building, next to Windsor Street.
- **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 | 10. Steven Mulder |
| 2. Ginny Alverson | 11. Barbara Myers |
| 3. Caroline Bodager | 12. Bianca Norkunas |
| 4. Meredith Brown | 13. Vitor Pamplona (Vice Chair) |
| 5. Laura Evans | 14. Zach Rosenberg |
| 6. Christopher Ferry | 15. Alessandra Seiter (Chair) |
| 7. Preston Gutelius | 16. Robert Stanzel |
| 8. Satoko Hirai (Digital Communications Officer) | 17. Carole Voulgaris |
| 9. Brenda Marvin (Secretary) | 18. Will Mbah (Ex Officio, City Councilor At Large) |

19. Justin Schreiber (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)

20. Katherine White (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)

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Procedural Business (5 Minutes)

- Roll call and guest introductions
- Vote on May and June draft minutes

Subcommittee Updates (10 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

MBTA Presentation on Automated Bus Lane Enforcement (25 Minutes)

- Alex Hallowell, Director of Transit Priority at the MBTA, will present on the MBTA's preparations for automated bus lane and bus stop enforcement.
- The MBTA has been working on this in earnest since January 2025, when a statewide law was passed allowing the MBTA, regional transit authorities (RTAs), and municipalities to use cameras to enforce parking in bus stops and bus lanes. The law still does not allow for automated enforcement of moving vehicles.
- For details before our meeting, review the [slide deck](#) and [recorded presentation](#) given to the MBTA Board of Directors in April 2025.

Discussion on Somerville Avenue Quick-Build Project (25 Minutes)

- We'll discuss the City's recently launched [Somerville Avenue Quick-Build Safety Improvements](#) project.
- Mobility staff will give a **brief** presentation on the project. The bulk of this agenda item will be devoted to discussing committee members' opinions on the project's direction and areas of particular concern in the project area.
- Before this meeting, it may be helpful to review the following materials from the project kickoff meeting on June 9:
 - [Presentation slides](#)
 - [Meeting recording](#)
- [PTAC is hosting a community walk on Somerville Ave on Monday, July 14](#) that all are welcome to join! We'll meet in Wilson Square (the green space at the corner of Somerville Ave, Elm St, and Craigie St). At the walk, we'll generate community feedback to help shape the City's plans for the corridor. Mobility staff members leading the project will be at the walk to receive the feedback and answer questions.

City Update: Bus Route 90 and Other Transit/Construction Updates (20 Minutes)

- Mobility staff will provide an update on various transportation projects happening in Somerville, including:
 - **Bus route 90:** Service will be restored to Cross St in time for fall school reopening. The route will continue to bypass Tufts St.

- **Transit Signal Priority (TSP):** In the process of being launched at key locations, including along Broadway and in Davis Square.
- **New bus stop shelters:** Using funds from Cycle 1 of Participatory Budgeting in 2023, Mobility has started to install new and improved bus stop shelters around Somerville.
- **Construction updates**

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.