



## October 2025 Meeting Agenda

### Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

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### Meeting Information

Thursday, October 16, 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. Barbara Myers                                   |
| 2. Ginny Alverson                        | 11. Bianca Norkunas                                 |
| 3. Meredith Brown                        | 12. Vitor Pamplona (Vice Chair)                     |
| 4. Laura Evans                           | 13. Zach Rosenberg                                  |
| 5. Christopher Ferry                     | 14. Alessandra Seiter (Chair)                       |
| 6. Preston Gutelius                      | 15. Mackenzie Webb                                  |
| 7. Satoko Hirai (Digital Comms. Officer) | 16. J.T. Scott (Ex Officio, City Councilor, Ward 2) |
| 8. Brenda Marvin (Secretary)             | 17. Justin Schreiber (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)   |
| 9. Steven Mulder                         | 18. Katherine White (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)    |

# Agenda

## Procedural Business (5 Minutes)

- Roll call and guest introductions
- Vote on September draft minutes
- Announcements

## Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

## Discussion on Autonomous Vehicles with MassDOT (25 Minutes)

- Kristopher Carter, Chief Possibility Officer at MassDOT, will present on autonomous vehicles (AVs, aka self-driving cars) from MassDOT's perspective. He'll touch on the current state of AVs nationwide, existing approaches to AV policy and regulations in Massachusetts, and future paths AVs could take in the state. A discussion among PTAC members will follow.

## Review of Western Pearl Street 80% Design (15 Minutes)

- On October 4, Mobility staff released the [updated \(80%\) design proposal for Western Pearl Street](#). At this meeting, PTAC members will review the latest designs and offer recommendations.
- The Western Pearl Street Reconstruction project aims to increase safety, improve accessibility, incorporate more sustainability, and create a more comfortable Pearl Street between Medford Street and McGrath Highway. [PTAC last reviewed this project in June 2025](#) during the City's engagement period around concept design options.

## Discussion on Community Path Safety Improvements (30 Minutes)

- In early September 2025, Mobility staff launched the [Community Path Safety Improvements](#) project to address safety concerns and conflicts at key intersections and the two Green Line station entrances on the Community Path. The project aims to implement near-term quick-build improvements and longer-term design options based on community feedback.
- At this meeting, Mobility staff will offer a brief presentation on [potential interventions for improved Community Path safety](#) to frame a discussion among PTAC members.
- All members of the Somerville community can [offer insights on the project](#) through a survey (in multiple languages) and online public input map until **October 21**.

## Officer Nominations (5 Minutes)

- PTAC members will nominate themselves or fellow members to serve in the following Officer roles for a one-year term: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Digital Communications Officer.

## 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.