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December 2025 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Meeting Information

Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:30-8:00 PM

This meeting will be hybrid:

- In-person meeting location: <u>Tufts University Administration Building</u>, Atrium Room 203M, 167 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144.
 - Enter through the side door, down a pathway from Holland St between the building and parking lot. Entrance has a gated courtyard on the right. Meeting room is directly inside the entrance on the right.
- Zoom info to join remotely via computers, tablets, and smartphones:
 - https://us02web.zoom.us/i/89181225932?pwd=aWpoL2FtaUh3aGdVbHNRWUJmeDRNQT09
 - o Passcode: 152274
 - o 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
 - International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcVy69ROJG

Members

- 1. Ted Alexander
- 2. Ginny Alverson
- 3. Meredith Brown
- 4. Laura Evans
- 5. Christopher Ferry
- 6. Preston Gutelius
- 7. Satoko Hirai
- 8. Brenda Marvin (Secretary)
- 9. Steven Mulder

- 10. Barbara Myers
- 11. Bianca Norkunas
- 12. Vitor Pamplona (Vice Chair)
- 13. Zach Rosenberg
- 14. Alessandra Seiter (Chair)
- 15. Mackenzie Webb
- 16. J.T. Scott (Ex Officio, City Councilor, Ward 2)
- 17. Justin Schreiber (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)
- 18. Katherine White (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)

Agenda

Procedural Business (10 Minutes)

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

Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

Recommendations on Bus Routes 90 & 88 (20 Minutes)

- This summer, the MBTA re-routed bus route 90 from Broadway and Cross St onto Washington St.
 PTAC along with a large number of fellow community members, including students and East
 Somerville families –<u>successfully advocated</u> that the 90 be restored to its previous route to
 continue serving East Somerville schools and businesses. <u>In September</u>, PTAC members discussed
 the challenges that remain for bus route 90 and <u>in November</u>, we weighed several options against
 criteria voiced by community members, the City, and the MBTA.
- At this meeting, PTAC aims to finalize recommendations on the future of bus route 90 and its closely related route, the 88.

Recommendations on McGrath Blvd 25% Design (30 Minutes)

- MassDOT's <u>McGrath Boulevard project</u> aims to transform Route 28 from an elevated highway to a
 ground-level, multimodal boulevard that is safe, comfortable, and accessible for people of all ages
 and abilities. In May 2025, <u>PTAC commented on MassDOT's concept design</u> released to the public
 two months earlier. This December, MassDOT released its 25% design for the project.
- At this meeting, Mobility staff will briefly present key elements of the 25% design for PTAC members to discuss. The goal will be to identify recommendations to incorporate into a comment letter.

Priorities for New Mayoral Administration & City Council (20 Minutes)

 PTAC will discuss priorities for the incoming mayoral administration and City Council, based on advocacy pursued over the past year and a survey distributed to members over the past month.
 The goal will be to finalize priorities to incorporate into an advocacy letter.

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.