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June 2026 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Jake Wilson

Meeting Information

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 6:30-8:00 PM

How to Join the Meeting (In Person & Zoom Options)

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=aWpoL2FtaUh3aGdVbHNRWUJmeDRNQOT09>
- 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
 - International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcVy69ROJG>

Giving Public Comment

Members of the public are welcome to give spoken public comment at PTAC meetings on matters relevant to walking and taking transit in Somerville. Individuals wishing to give public comment can do so during the second agenda item for up to five (5) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. Contributions by members of the public during the rest of the meeting may only be made at the discretion of the Chair. Members of the public may also submit written public comment at any point to transportation@somervillema.gov.

Committee Information

[Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee \(PTAC\)](#) is a Mayor-appointed body of volunteer community representatives who advise City of Somerville staff on making walking and taking transit more safe, effective, sustainable, equitable, and accessible. PTAC was established in 2020 through the [Vision Zero Action Plan](#), which forms the basis of Somerville's commitment to multimodal road safety. PTAC members live in Somerville and take an active interest in pedestrian and transit issues. As PTAC is advisory in nature, its votes and recommendations are non-binding.

Committee Members

1. Ted Alexander
 2. Ginny Alverson
 3. Meredith Brown
 4. Rachel Chiquoine
 5. Laura Evans
 6. Christopher Ferry
 7. Susan Foley
 8. Christopher Friend
 9. Preston Gutelius
 10. Satoko Hirai
 11. Sebastian Lopes-Filho
 12. Brenda Marvin (Secretary)
 13. Steven Mulder
 14. Barbara Myers
 15. Vitor Pamplona (Vice Chair)
 16. Zach Rosenberg
 17. Andrew Rosenfeld
 18. Alessandra Seiter (Chair)
 19. Mackenzie Webb
 20. Ben Ewen-Campen (Ex Officio, City Council Ward 3)
 21. Justin Schreiber (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)
 22. Katherine White (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)
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June Meeting Agenda Items

Procedural Business (10 Minutes)

- Member roll call
- Vote on May draft minutes
- Announcements

Public Comment (5 Minutes)

Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

Review Letter on Bus Network Redesign Proposed Amendments (15 min)

- The MBTA is [proposing 11 updates to the Bus Network Redesign](#). Updates with potential impacts to Somerville include Proposal 8: Add Weekend Service on Route 85, and Proposal 2: Improve Medford Access.
- At this meeting, PTAC members will present a draft letter on the proposed updates. If approved by the rest of the committee, the letter will be submitted to the MBTA.
- The MBTA is seeking public feedback on these proposals through the summer. All are welcome to [join a virtual public meeting on June 15 at 6PM](#), and to submit comments to betterbusproject@mbta.com.

Somerville Ave Quick Build Safety Improvements Project Concept Design Review (35 Minutes)

- Earlier this month, the City of Somerville released concept designs for the [Somerville Avenue Quick Build Safety Improvements Project](#). As part of the implementation of the [Somerville Bicycle](#)

[Network Plan](#), the City aims to increase safety for people traveling on Somerville Avenue between Elm Street and Bow Street. As part of the project, the City aims to create protected bike lanes in both directions, improve the visibility of people using crosswalks, enhance bus rider experience, and update parking regulations.

- At this meeting, Mobility staff will present a brief overview of the project and walk through the concept design. PTAC members from the Design Review Subcommittee will share their recommendations, and a committee discussion will follow.
- In advance of this meeting, all community members are invited to join the City's Open House to review and discuss the project's concept design. The Open House will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 5:30-7PM in Conway Park. [Find Open House details](#), including weather contingency plans.

Union Square Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Project (20 Minutes)

- Transit signal priority (TSP) refers to methods of improving service and reducing delay for transit vehicles at intersections controlled by traffic signals. Methods for allowing transit vehicles through intersections sooner include extending a green light, shortening a red light, reordering the phases, and providing transit vehicles with dedicated phases. TSP methods usually require specialized hardware to allow the transit vehicle and signal controller to detect one another.
- With the MBTA as part of their [Transit Priority program](#), the City of Somerville is working on implementing TSP in Union Square and on Broadway, Highland Ave, Washington St, and Pearl St. The Union Square TSP project is further along and will benefit bus routes 85, 87, 91, and 109.
- At this meeting, Mobility staff will present plans for TSP in Union Square. A committee discussion will follow.

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.