



April 2026 SBAC Meeting: City Updates

Upcoming Events

- Virtual Spanish Mobility Workshop, Thursday 4/23, 5 – 6:30pm
 - Workshop is in Spanish, English interpretation available
- Youth Mobility Workshops, Ages 12 – 18, Somerville Public Library Teen Services Program, Central Library Auditorium, Tuesday 4/28 and Tuesday 5/5, 3 – 5pm, register at tinyurl.com/YourSomerville
- SomerStreets Carnival, Sunday, June 7, 1-4pm
 - Applications for Community Tables is open (Mobility has applied)
- Union Square Farmers Market, Saturdays May 9 – October 31, 9am – 1pm
 - Applications for Community Tables is open (Mobility has applied)



2nd Grade Pedestrian Safety Training with High School CTE Students at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, March 2026

Quick-Build Projects

Faster-implementation projects that use flexible materials and minimal or no construction

Design

- **Elm-Beacon Connector ([project page](#))**
 - Final design expected April 2026
 - Installation planned between summer-fall 2026
- **Somerville Avenue ([project page](#))**
 - Phase 1 Community Engagement Report [published](#)
 - Concept designs expected summer 2026
- **Community Path Safety Improvements ([project page](#))**
 - Community Engagement Report [published](#)
 - Design Strategy to be shared in early 2026



Elm Beacon Connector Concept Design Open House, John F. Kennedy School, March 2025

Complete Streets Projects

Projects that do not typically include substantial utility/bridge/signal work; typically using construction contracts that bundle multiple streets together

Construction

- **Tufts Street ([project page](#))**
 - Remaining sidewalks, other streetscape improvements, and repaving of the roadway will occur in spring/summer of 2026
- **West Broadway ([project page](#))**
 - Streetscape reconstruction anticipated to begin in spring 2026



Tufts Street, November 2025

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Design

- **Western Pearl Street Reconstruction Project ([project page](#))**
 - Final design materials available on project webpage
 - [Illustrative plan](#)
 - [Sign and pavement markings plan](#)
 - [Bike circulation diagram](#)
 - [Project overview and proposed parking changes](#)
 - Notice of award issued to contractor
 - Construction anticipated to start in 2026 and completed by November 2027
- **Broadway Magoun Reconstruction Project ([project page](#))**
 - Pre-Concept Design Community Engagement Report [published](#)
 - Initial design and community engagement anticipated May 2026



Street pop-up at Magoun Square, October 2025

Major Infrastructure Projects

Projects that include substantial utility/bridge/signal work as well as streetscape work; typically using standalone construction contracts

State Managed

- **McGrath Boulevard ([project page](#))**
 - Conceptual Design materials
 - [Conceptual design overview](#)
 - [Major intersections conceptual designs](#)
 - [Flyover rendering of conceptual design](#)
 - [12/4/25 Open House poster boards](#)
 - 12/9/25 Public Hearing [slide deck](#) and [recording](#)
 - 75% design anticipated in 2026
- **Mystic/Maffa bridges ([project page](#))**
 - Anticipate construction substantial completion in summer 2026
- **Route 38/Route 28 Intersection ([project page](#))**
 - Construction has restarted for the season
 - Construction anticipated to begin soon on shared use paths on Mystic Ave and Fellsway
- **Mystic River Bike/Ped Bridge ([project page](#))**
 - [Slides](#) and [recording](#) of October 2025 meeting available online.
- **Webster Ave Bridge**
 - Construction start planned 2027

McGrath Boulevard Project
Transforming McGrath Highway into a street-level multimodal boulevard

What This Project Will Do

- Remove the elevated overpass on McGrath Highway (Route 28) over Washington Street and replace it with a ground-level road
- Make travel safer for everyone - those driving, walking, biking, and taking transit
- Add green space and support local business

Timeline

- 2011-2018 Planning
 - McCarthy Overpass identified as aging and needing replacement
 - Extensive public engagement and formation of a Working Group
 - Removing viaduct and building Boulevard determined as preferred solution
- 2021-2023 Project Development
 - Conduct survey and utility investigation, perform environmental studies, and prepare refined concept design (10%)
- 2024-2027 Design Development
 - Preliminary Design (25%)
 - Design Public Hearing
 - Environmental Permitting
 - Detailed Design (75%, 100%, Final)
 - Right of Way acquisitions
 - Bid package
- 2027-2032 Construction
 - Advertise project for bid
 - Select contractor and issue Notice to Proceed
 - Construct boulevard through phased construction approach

Many design options were evaluated including potential cross-sections and intersection configurations. Through a consensus-driven design process, the preliminary design here was selected as the "preferred alternative."

McGrath Boulevard Project open house poster, December 2025