



July 2026 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Jake Wilson

Meeting Information

Thursday, July 23, 2026, 6:30-8:00 PM

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

In-person meeting location: [Tufts University Administration Building](#), Suite 211, Conference Room 1, 167 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144.

- Enter on Holland St. Follow the hallway on the left until you reach a large room with tables and chairs.

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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July Meeting Agenda Items

Procedural Business (10 Minutes)

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

Public Comment (5 Minutes)

Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

Review Draft Letters on the Ride Safe Act & Honoring Louisa Gag (15 min)

- The Ride Safe Act ([S.3077, An Act to Enhance the Safe Use of Micromobility Devices](#)) is a bill in the Massachusetts State Senate introduced by Governor Healey. The bill stems from the recent work of the [Micromobility Commission](#), which [issued 16 recommendations](#) to define and regulate different kinds of small electric vehicles based on their maximum speeds and engine power. At this meeting, PTAC members will present a draft letter on the bill. If approved by the rest of the committee, the letter will be submitted to the Joint Committee on Transportation. The Joint Committee is accepting written testimony on this bill until **July 28**. [Find details on how to submit written testimony](#).
- On the morning of July 9, while riding her bike to work in Boston, Louisa Gag was struck and killed by a person driving a truck. Louisa was a dedicated public servant and pillar of the safe streets community in Greater Boston. At this meeting, PTAC members will present a draft letter honoring Louisa and calling for action to prevent future tragedies like the one that took her from us too

soon. If approved by the rest of the committee, the letter will be sent to our elected representatives.

Deeper Dive: Somerville Ave Quick Build Safety Improvements Project (40 Minutes)

- Last month, PTAC discussed the City of Somerville's recently released concept designs for the [Somerville Avenue Quick Build Safety Improvements Project](#). At this meeting, the committee will do a deep dive on specific questions raised in the project including: bus stop spacing and consolidation, signal phasing options for key intersections, and push-button vs. automatic signals for pedestrian crossing.

City Update: Squires Bridge & East Washington Quick Build Projects (15 Minutes)

- Mobility staff will present two updates:
 - **[MassDOT Squires Bridge Project](#)**: As a related project to the [McGrath Boulevard transformation](#), MassDOT is preparing to replace the Squire's Bridge carrying McGrath over Somerville Ave Extension and MBTA tracks in East Somerville. The project team is expected to hold a public information meeting in the coming weeks.
 - **[East Washington Quick Build Project](#)**: As part of the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan, the City aims to increase safety and enhance mobility for people travelling on Washington Street between Tufts Street and the Boston city line. City staff are [currently seeking public feedback](#) on the project through an online survey, public input map, and upcoming street outreach events.

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.