



August 2026 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Jake Wilson

Meeting Information

Thursday, August 20, 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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July Meeting Agenda Items

Procedural Business (5 Minutes)

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

Public Comment (5 Minutes)

Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

Review Draft Letter on MMBC Recommendation to Merge PTAC & SBAC (20 min)

- The [Review of Multiple-Member Bodies Committee \(MMBC\)](#) was established earlier this year following the November 2025 passage of the [Revised City Charter](#) and the February 2026 passage of a [City Council ordinance](#). The MMBC's charge is to – every 10 years – assess the function and relevance of the City of Somerville's multiple-member bodies (boards, commissions, committees, and working groups), and to recommend the combination, dissolution, and/or creation of such bodies. The current MMBC began their work in April 2026 and must deliver a report to the City Council no later than the first Council meeting this December.
- At the [July 8 meeting of the MMBC](#), three out of five members voted to recommend that PTAC be consolidated with the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee (SBAC) into a single Mobility Advisory Committee.
- At this meeting, PTAC members will review a draft letter with feedback on this recommendation. If approved, it will be sent to the MMBC on behalf of PTAC and SBAC.

Review Proposed Changes to PTAC Bylaws (15 Minutes)

- [PTAC's bylaws](#) are critical for guiding committee work and ensuring public transparency. Since our bylaws were last revised in April 2025, our committee's work has evolved and our needs have shifted. To fit our evolving needs, PTAC Officers have drafted a set of proposed changes to the bylaws governing member terms, subcommittees, Officer positions, and committee history.
- At this meeting, PTAC Officers will present the proposed changes for discussion with the full committee.

Review Concept Design for Squires Bridge Replacement Project (40 Minutes)

- MassDOT's [Squires Bridge Replacement project](#) aims to fix the deteriorating bridge along McGrath Highway between Poplar Street / Medford Street in Somerville and Third Street in Cambridge. MassDOT plans to take this opportunity to improve the road for people walking, biking, and taking transit, to facilitate better connections between neighborhoods (especially Brickbottom), and to make the area more accessible for people with disabilities. The project is being closely coordinated with the [McGrath Boulevard project](#), as well as several other projects in the area.
- On July 14, 2026, the Squires Bridge Replacement project team held a public information meeting to present a [project overview and concept design](#).
- At this meeting, Mobility staff will highlight key elements of the project and concept design for discussion among PTAC members. As we've done several times for the McGrath Boulevard project, we aim to send a comment letter to the Squires Bridge Replacement project team with our committee's feedback.

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.