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October 2026 Meeting Agenda

Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Jake Wilson

Meeting Information

Thursday, October 15, 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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October Meeting Agenda Items

Procedural Business (10 Minutes)

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

Public Comment (5 Minutes)

Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

Vote on Proposed Changes to PTAC Bylaws (15 Minutes)

- Over the last two months, PTAC members have deliberated on proposed changes to the [PTAC bylaws](#). Based on these discussions and member recommendations, PTAC Officers are proposing a set of bylaws changes regarding member service, subcommittees, and officer positions. At this meeting, PTAC members will review the proposed changes and vote on whether to adopt them.

Discuss Snow Clearing Questions & Points of Interest (10 Minutes)

- PTAC Officers and Mobility Ex Officio members are preparing to meet with City staff who oversee snow clearing operations. Following the meeting, officers will report back to the full committee.
- In advance of the snow clearing meeting, PTAC members are invited to share any questions or key points of interest they have regarding this year's snow clearing plans.

City Update: Community Path Safety Improvements Project & Webster Ave Pavement Markings (45 Minutes)

- At this meeting, Mobility staff will present two city updates:
 - **[Community Path Safety Improvements Project](#)**: The [Design Strategy Report](#) was just released, conveying a community feedback analysis, proposed improvements, and implementation plan. This project aims to implement near-term quick-build improvements and longer-term design options along the Community Path to alleviate safety concerns and minimize conflicts, especially between slower- and faster-moving path users.
 - **[Pavement Markings Refresh on Webster Ave](#)**: The City is restriping faded pavement markings on Webster Ave, just south of Prospect Street. As part of this work, the City will add protected bike lanes and remove left-turn lanes to improve the safety of an important connection in the city's bike network with minor impacts to motor vehicle traffic queues.

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.