

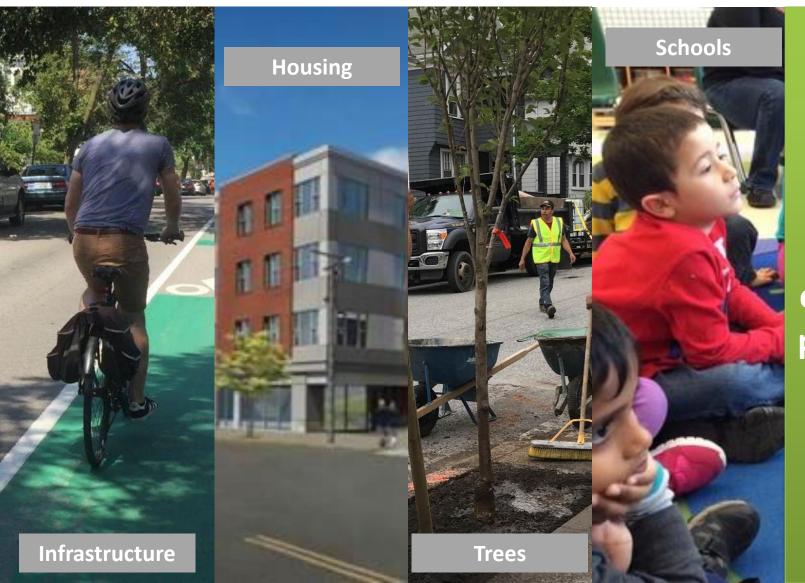
# Where Can I Learn More? somervillema.gov

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# How Do We Achieve Our Goals & Stay Within The Budget?



And all our other priorities.

## A 90-Second Budget Primer

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City Budget Taxes

Largest portion of

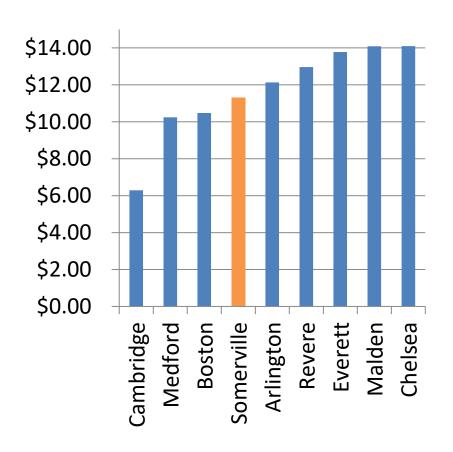
City revenue.

Fees & Fines
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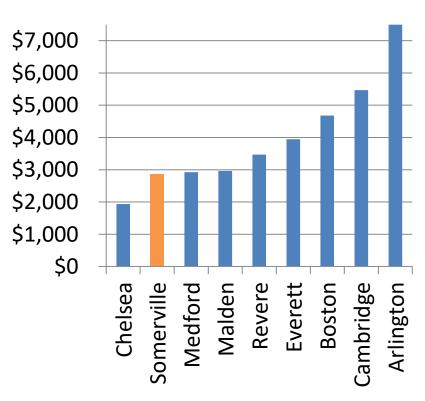
\* There are a few other small sources of income, but these are the big three.

# How Somerville Compares to Our Neighbors

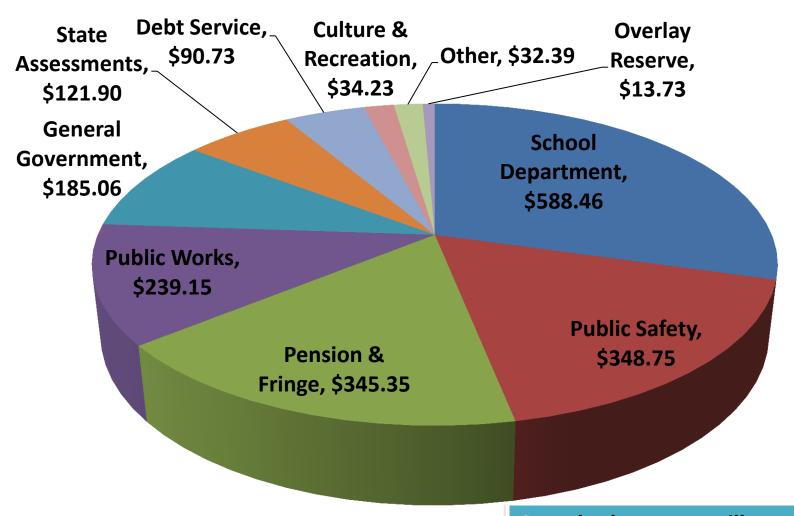
#### 2018 residential tax rate



# Approximate operational budget spending per capita



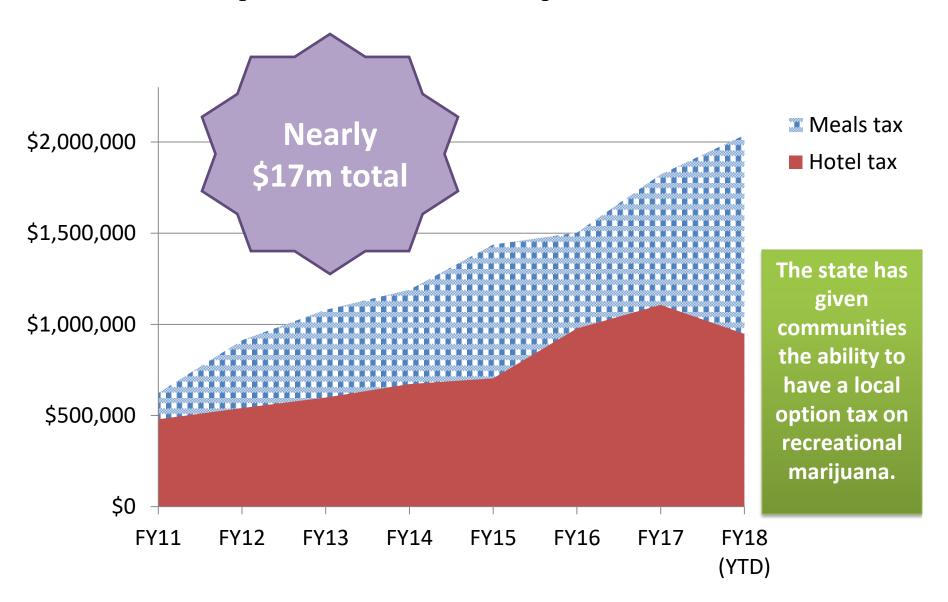
## How a \$2,000 Tax Bill Gets Spent



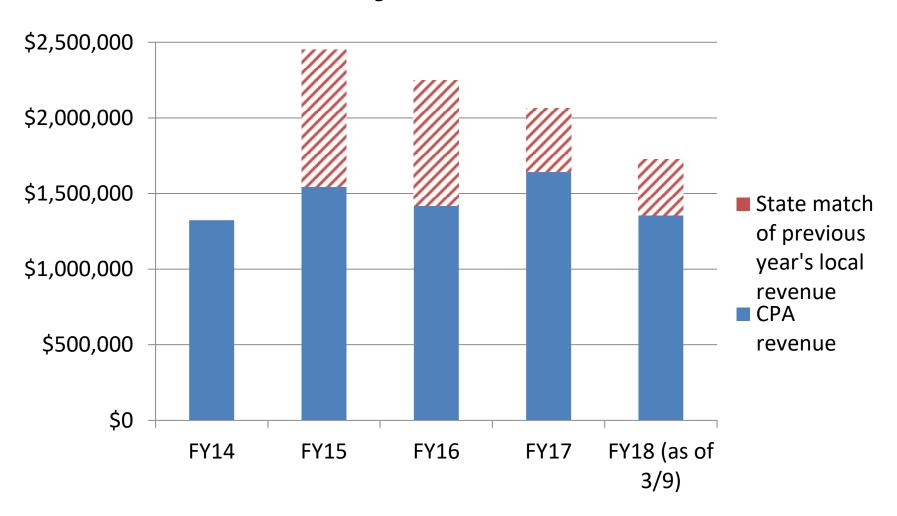
Go to budget.somervillema.gov to see a breakdown of your taxes.



## **Adopted Local Option Taxes**



## Overwhelming Support for the Community Preservation Act



# Getting More From Development - Linkage

- A fee paid per a certain amount of square feet by a developer
- In 2017 the Board of Aldermen voted to increase the housing linkage fee and adopt a jobs linkage fee

#### **Housing Linkage**

- \$10/square foot over 30,000
- So far the City has received just under \$4 million in housing linkage payments

#### **Jobs Linkage**

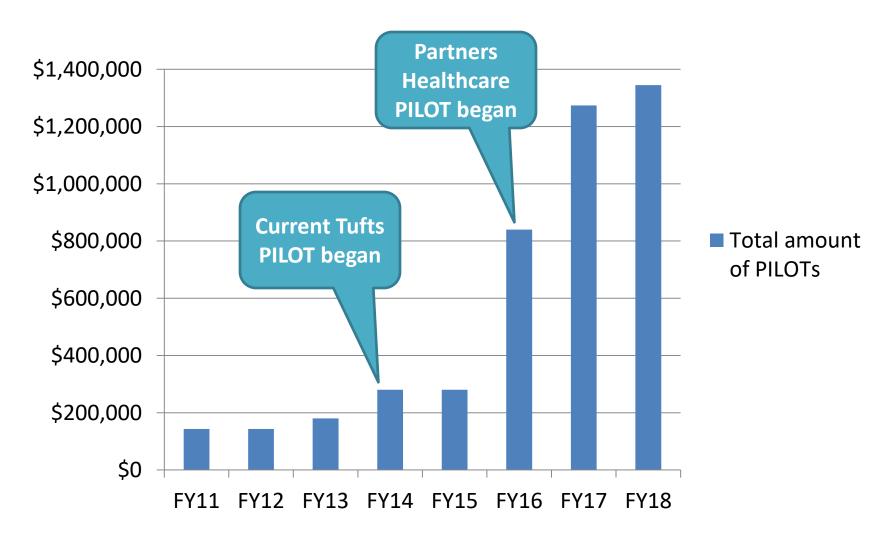
- \$2.46/square foot over
   15,000
- Jobs linkage payments start coming in next fiscal year with just over \$1 million estimated to come in

# Getting More From Development – Union Square Example



- US2 will make around \$112m in payments and contributions, including:
  - Green Line Extension funding
  - Infrastructure improvements
  - Jobs programs
  - Community benefits
- This in on top of adding nearly one-half billion dollars to the tax base over the next 30 years

## Non-Profits Pitching In



### What's Next?

- Tufts PILOT Community Forum
  - Tuesday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., West Somerville
     Neighborhood School
  - bit.ly/TuftsPartnershipAgreement
- Real Estate Transfer Fee on Speculation
  - somervillema.gov/transferfee





# Early Action Overview

- Prospect Street and Webster Ave made twoway
- Concurrent pedestrian phases
- New crossing across
   Somerville Avenue to
   Union Square Plaza
- Bus/bike lane on Prospect
   Street
- Enhanced bicycle facilities

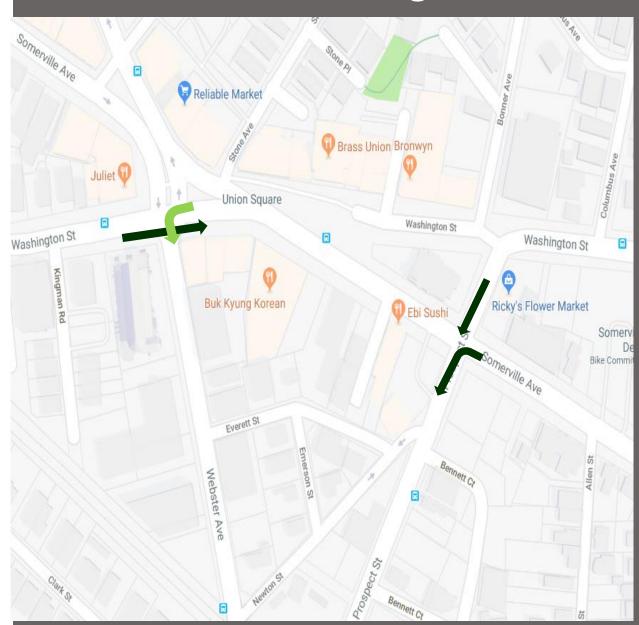


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Union Square Traffic Signals



#### **Left Turns toward Cambridge**

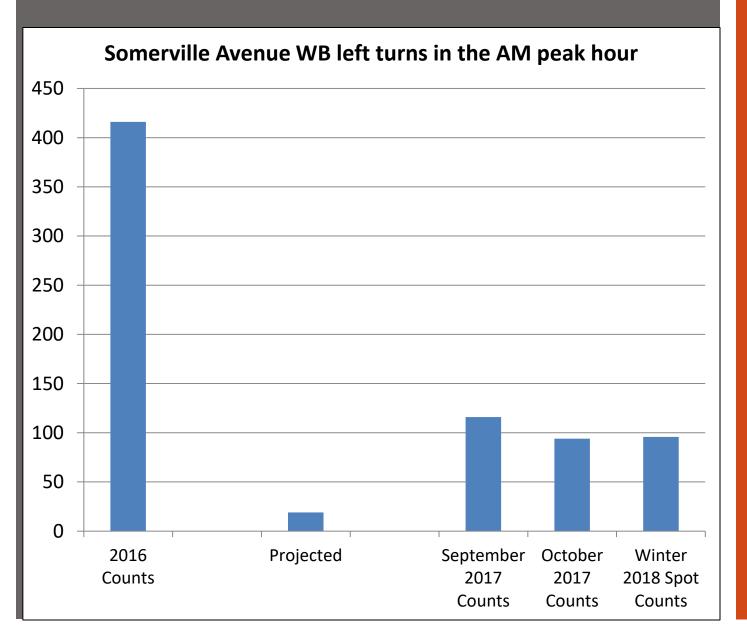


<u>Agenda</u>

Union Square Traffic Signals



#### **Left Turns toward Cambridge**



#### Agenda

Union Square Traffic Signals



#### Remaining Issues

- More left turns from Somerville Ave WB to Webster Ave than anticipated
  - Time signals to encourage use of Prospect Street
- Concurrent pedestrian
   phase at Webster Ave not comfortable for school children/crossing guards
  - Revert to all-ped phasing

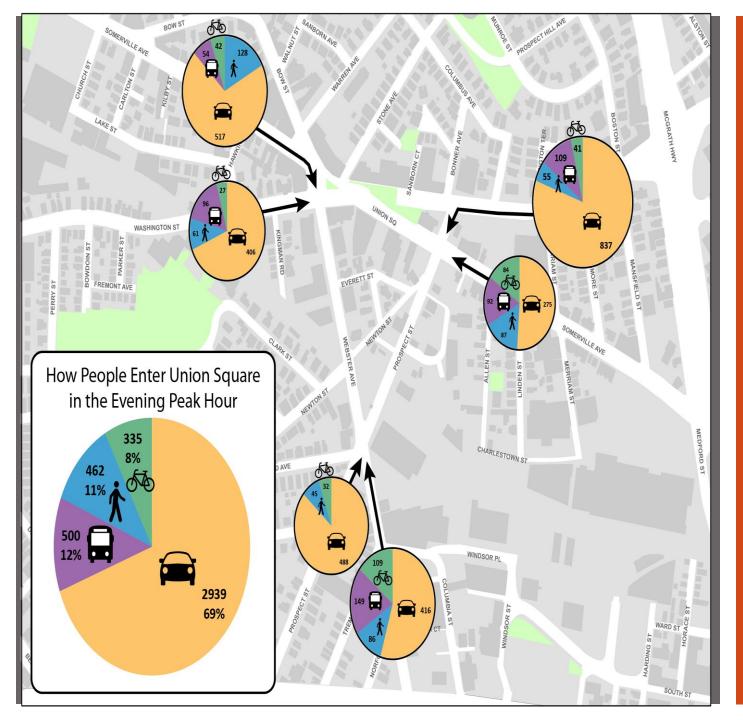


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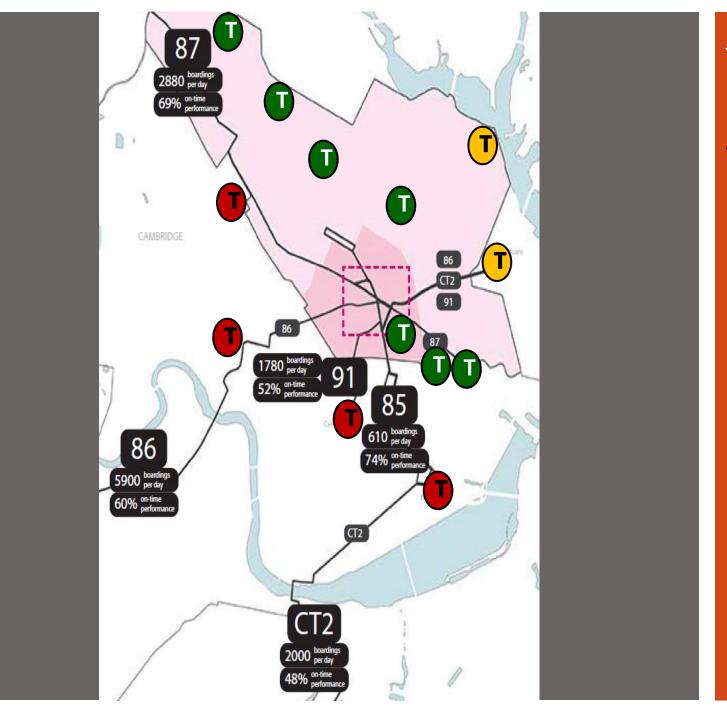


### MBTA SERVICE PLANNING



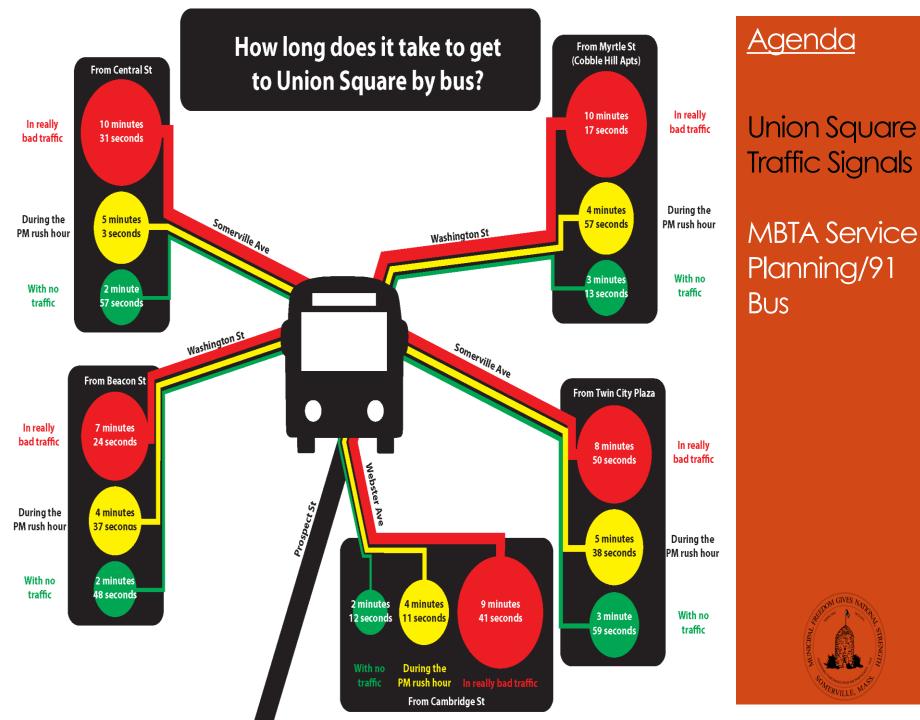
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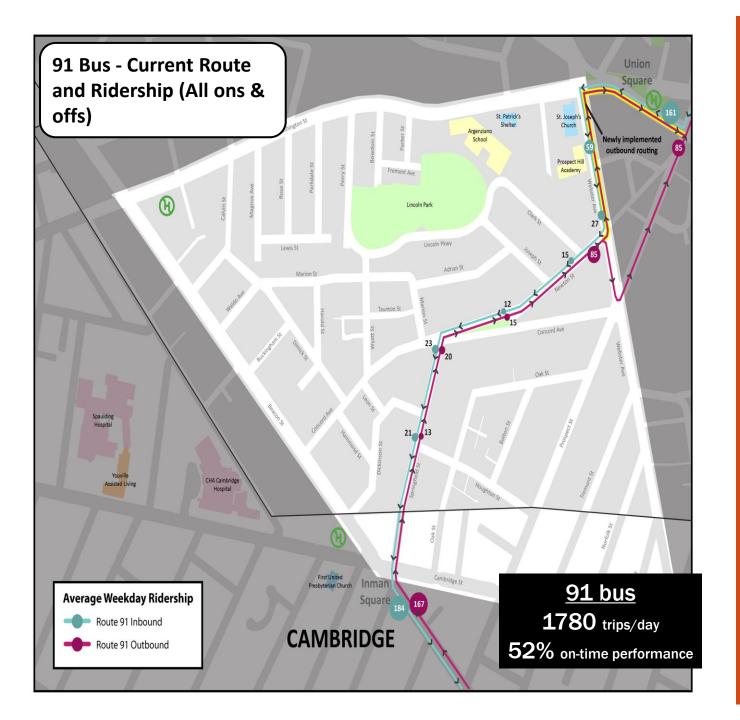




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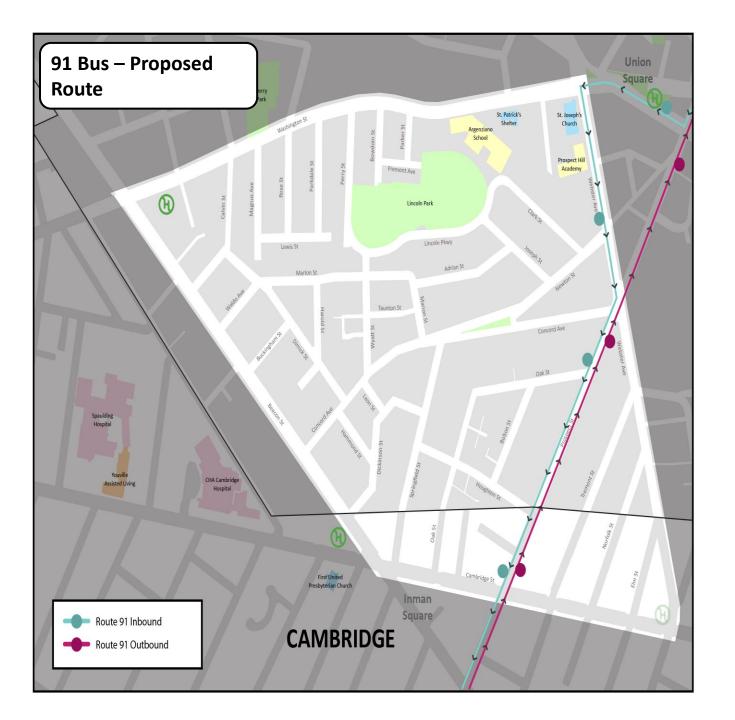






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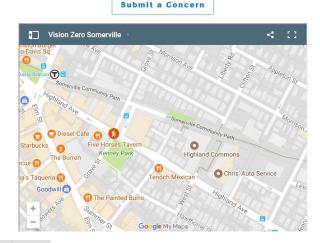
#### **Vision Zero**

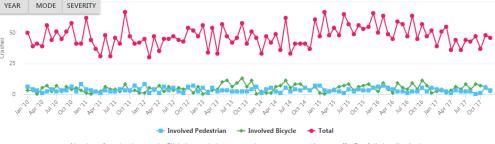
Mayor Curtatone committed Somerville to Vision Zero last year



City evaluating action items for Vision Zero Action Plan for targeted December 2018 publication

- Policy changes
  - Pedestrian and Transit Committee(s)
  - Snow clearing priorities
  - 20mph speed limit, tweaked rules for bicyclists, etc.
- Infrastructure improvement goals
  - Upgrade traffic signals citywide
  - Dedicated funding source for traffic calming
  - Specific infrastructure projects
- Public feedback
  - Go to www.somervillema.gov/visionzero to submit areas of concern
  - Look out for meetings this summer

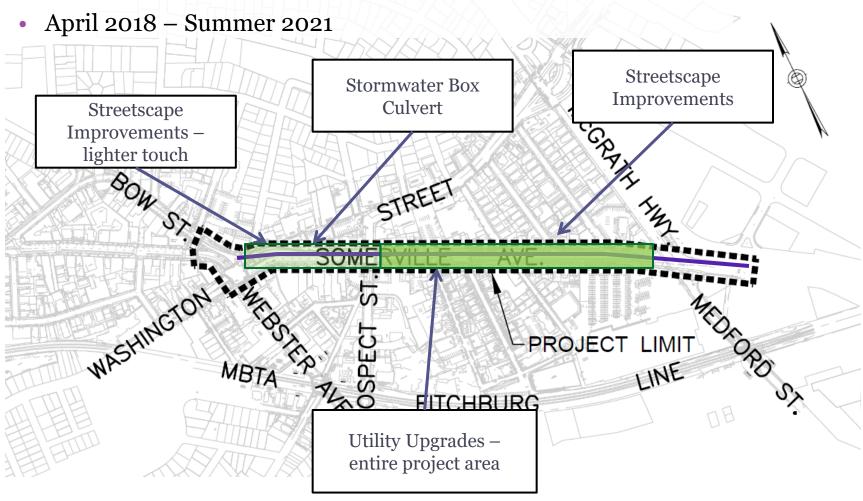






## **Project Extents**

Construction timeframe:



### **Construction Timeline 2018**

- Spring/Summer work in Plaza:
  - Test pits (to locate utilities)
  - Sewer relocation
  - New water line
- Spring/Summer work elsewhere:
  - Test pits (to locate utilities)
  - Survey work and videos (surface and in sewers)
- Later in 2018:
  - Sewer lining
  - Upstream connection –
     heart of Union Square









## Other Spring Construction Activity

Eversource Gas – Prospect St



## Project Communication

• Website:

http://www.somervillema.gov/somervilleave

- 3-week look aheads sign up via website or construction@somervillema.gov
- City of Somerville Project Manager, Jess Fosbrook: 617-625-6600 ext. 5416, <u>JFosbrook@somervillema.gov</u>.
- City of Somerville Construction Communications, construction@somervillema.gov.
- City of Somerville Construction Liaison & Compliance Manager, Jesse Moos: <u>JMoos@somervillema.gov</u>, 617-625-6600 ext. 5419
- The City of Somerville's Constituent Service Center: 311 (617-666-3311), 311Updates@somervillema.gov.





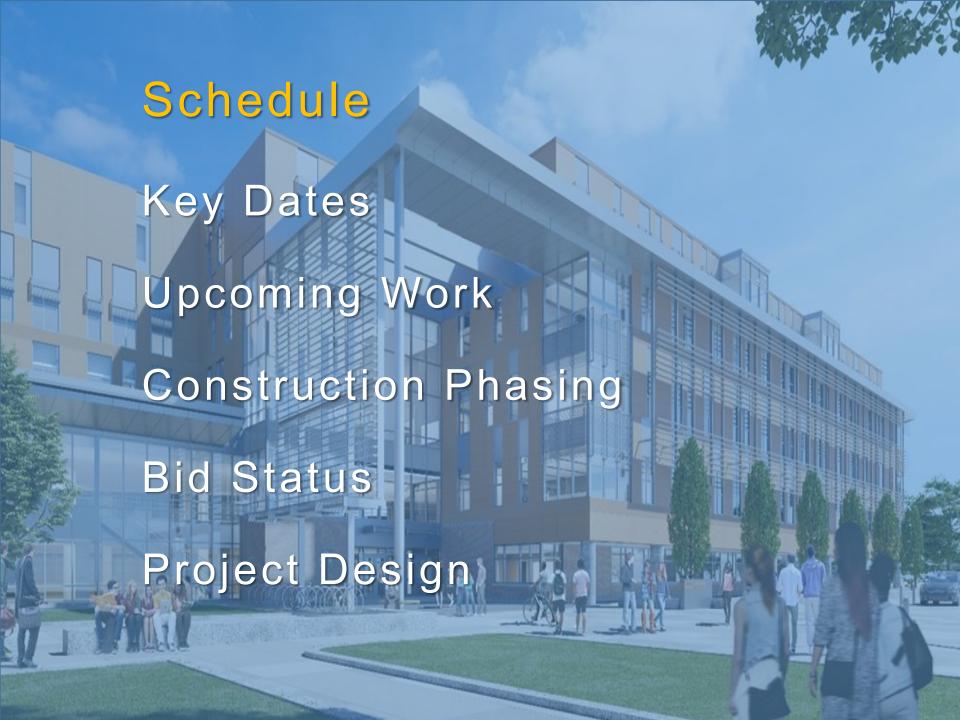




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May 22, 2018





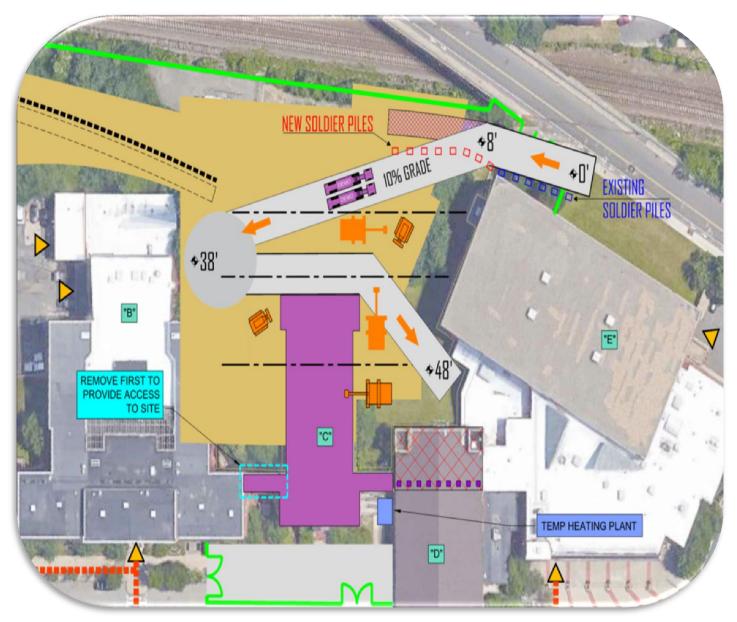


### **Key Dates**

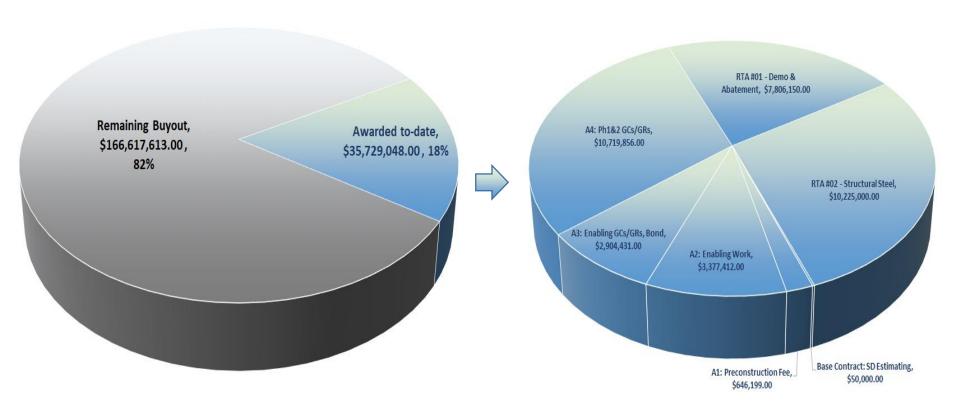
30 Apr 2018	100% Construction Drawing Submission to MSBA
16 Apr 2018 - 20 Apr 2018	Relocated "C Wing" Classrooms into Modular Classrooms
23 Apr 2018 - 25 June 2018	Abatement and Early Demo "C" Wing
03 May 2018 - 30 May 2018	Trade Contractor Bidding
July 2018 - August 2018	GMP Negotiation

June 2018 - Aug 2019	Phase 1 Construction (West of Gym)
May 2019 - Oct 2019	Phase 1A Construction (Shops Below Gym)
Apr 2019 - Jan 2020	Phase 1B Construction (Gym Renovations)
June 2019 - Aug 2020	Phase 2 Construction (East of Gym)
June 2019 - Jan 2020	Phase 2A Construction (War Memorial)
Aug 2020 - May 2021	Phase 3 Construction (Field)

# Upcoming Work: Preparation for Phase 1



# Construction Buyout Summary



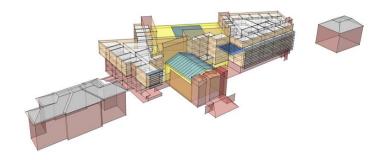
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# Highland Avenue Perspectives







# School Street Perspective

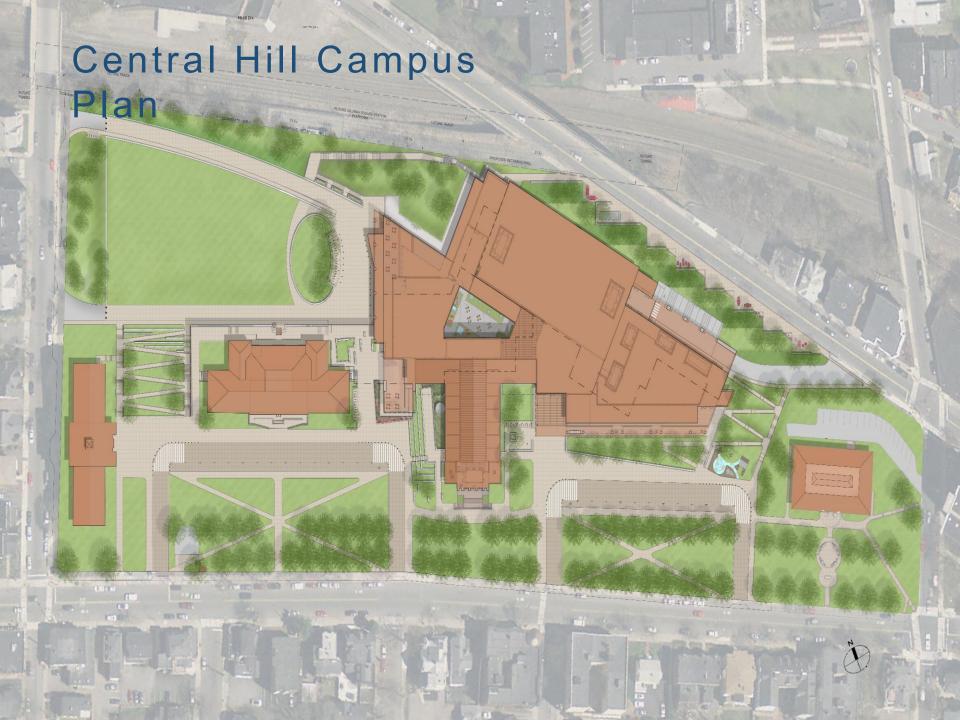




Existing



Proposed



# Central Hill Campus Plan

First Public Meeting 5/31/2018 6 p.m. - High School Cafeteria

Central Library Site
City Hall Site
1895 Building Site
Transportation & Access
Playgrounds
Memorials

For more information, go to: www.somervillema.gov/centralhillplan

# **Uniquely Central Hill**

- GLX access
- Creation of New Open Space
- Balance of Neighborhood & Civic uses





# **Construction Phasing**

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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		08-Jul-19	03-Jan-20, Phase 2A - Construc	tion (War Memorial)		
			17-Jan-20, Phase 2A - Commi: 31-Jan-20, Phase 2A - FF&E	-		
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# ResiStat Ward 2: Police May 22, 2018

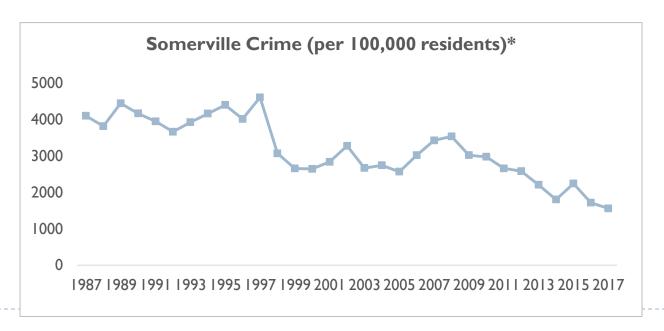
Chief David Fallon

# Ward 2: Select Crime (5/1/17 - 4/30/18)



#### **Trends**

- >Citywide, crime is down 11% vs. 2016 >2017 was a 30-year citywide low, a 62% decrease vs. 1987
- > Ward 2: Over the past 12 months, crimes that frequently impact residents have **decreased 20**%.



# Ward 2: Select Crime (Year-to-Date)

#### Car Breaks

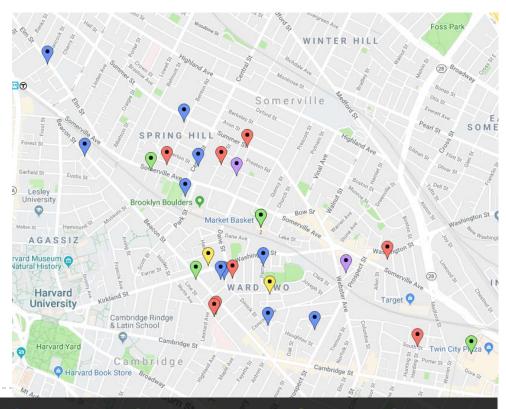
Always lock your vehicle

#### **Residential Burglary**

- Lock deadbolts (not just door knob); Double-secure windows (lock + safety tabs, wooden dowel or wood screws)
- Ensure motion lights work
- Keep climbable objects away from windows
- Register, add tracking software to electronics
- Home security systems an affordable option

#### **Package Theft**

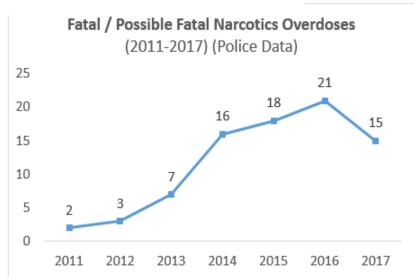
- >Deliver when you'll be home; require signature
- > Deliver to the side or back of the house
- >Deliver to the office



#### Substance Misuse & Mental Health

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- >Office of Community Outreach, Help & Recovery (COHR)
  - >Assist those with addiction or mental health issues by connecting to services & developing self-care strategies
- Fatal ODs down 29% from 2016
  In the vast majority of fatal ODs, it is too late for Narcan use by first responders
- ➤In 2017, the Somerville first responders were dispatched to 782 calls involving alcohol, down from 902 calls in 2016



- >Continue to see an increase in mental health calls
  - >SPD received 98% more mental health calls in 2017 compared to 2012.
  - In 2017, SPD responded to more mental health crises than robberies and assaults combined.



# Community Outreach, Help & Recovery

#### **Community Training**

Three in-house Trainers conduct:

- Recovery Coach Academy
- Mental Health First Aid
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Forums to address trend data

#### Take Back Day

- Initiative in partnership with HHS
- This yr recovered 288 lbs of medication

Hours of Operation:

M-F, 08:00-17:00

# Community Outreach & Follow Up

Jail Diversion Program (DMH Grant Funded)

- Contact 40 individuals per month on avg
- Licensed Drug & Alcohol Counselor
- Program Coordinator (80% Grant funded)

#### Internship Programs

- Graduate and Fellow level
- Recovery Coach Intern (PAARI funded)
- ▶ Teen Empowerment MSW Intern
  - Officers identify opportunities for service use, COHR provides outreach via phone as well as community/home visits. If appropriate, Diversion Program offered in collaboration with Officers.

#### **MB CIT TTAC**

Regional Training Center DMH Grant Funding

\*Increased from \$89,506 in 2016 to \$256,370 in 2017

#### Regional CIT Training

 Approximately 22 Police agencies from Boston to Lowell to Weston & expanding

New: Coordinator of Law Enforcement Partnerships

Focuses on Implementation of CIT with partners

#### New: Co-Director, Clinician

 Supervises Project Assistant and facilitates CIT – also assists with SPD outreach

#### **Project Assistant**

- Organizes training and registration
- MB CIT website

# Substance Misuse & Mental Health Supports

#### >Substance Misuse

Contact	Service	Contact Info.	
MA Substance Use Hotline	Treatment program info	800-327-5050	
Cambridge Health Alliance	Walk-ins Tue. 11:30; MA Health accepted	617-591-6051	
Caspar First Step Outreach	Assist in accessing detox.	617-661-0600	
Riverside Community Care	Outpatient; MA Health accepted	617-623-3278	
North Charles	Maintenance therapy; MA Health only	617-661-5700	
Column Health	Counseling, medication assisted treatment	339-368-7696	
Learn 2 Cope	Family support; Mon. 7 PM	1575 Cambridge St, CAM	
Family Anonymous	Family support; Tue. 7 PM	121 Washington St, MEF	

#### >Mental Health

Contact	Service	Contact Info.	
Cambridge Health Alliance	Inpatient & outpatient services	Adults: 617-591-6033 Juveniles: 617-665-3458	
BEST Team	Psychiatric emergency services; MA Health	800-981-4357	
Riverside - Child Guidance Center	Juvenile/family services	617-354-2275	
Neighborhood Counseling & Community Services	Counseling, skill & strength-based strategies	781-600-6074	



# Police/Community Relations

- >General Community Engagement increased 1150% from 2012 to 2017
  - >7 Walking Dialogues: Summer dates coming soon
  - >49 Community Meetings YTD
  - > 1268 Citizen Contacts YTD
- >STEPS Update
  - >Over 700 visits to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades School-YTD
  - >Average visit = 45 minutes
  - Next year, the first STEPS class will begin high school. Another class of 6<sup>th</sup> graders will join the program along with 5 new volunteer Officers
- >Junior Police Academy
  - >Organized by Police, Recreation
  - > Physical fitness, first aid, teamwork.
  - >Summer 2018 expansion:
    - >Addition of a second one-week program
    - >More students per program
    - >Addition of a fire safety day









#### Procedural Justice

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- >Continual emphasis on...
  - > Fairness in the process
  - >Transparency in actions
  - >Opportunities for voice
  - >Impartiality in decision making
- > Department-wide training
  - ➤ Completed Impartial Policing (2016-17)
  - ➤ Completed Procedural Justice & Legitimacy (2017-18)
- ➤ Technology
  - >All policies & procedures online & searchable on department website
- > Related focus on officer wellness
  - Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team
  - >Peer support
  - >Emphasis on training

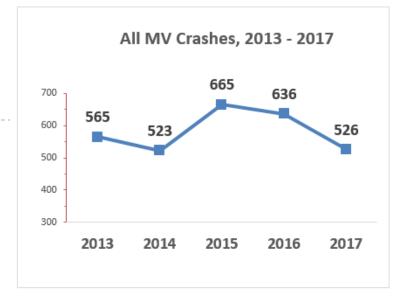


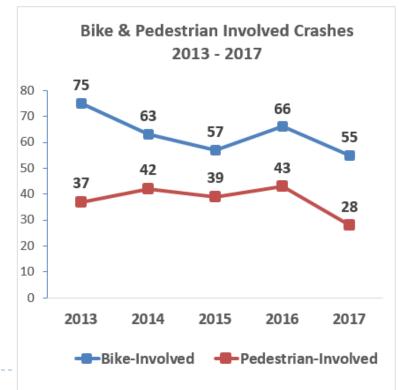
# City-Wide MV Crashes

All users of roadways, including bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists, possess the same rights, deserve the same respect, and equally share the responsibility of keeping our roads safe. SPD enforces the rules of the road equally as covered in MGL c.90 § 14.

#### 2017 vs 2016:

- Total MV-only crashes decreased 16%
- Bike-involved crashes decreased 17%
- Pedestrian-involved crashes decreased 35%
- 0 fatalities



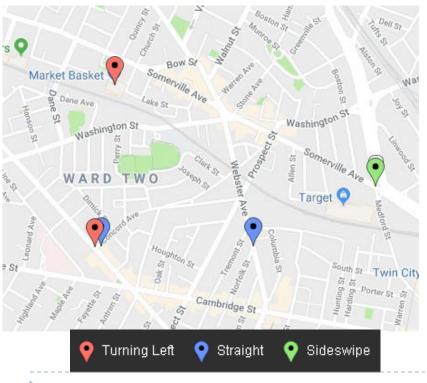


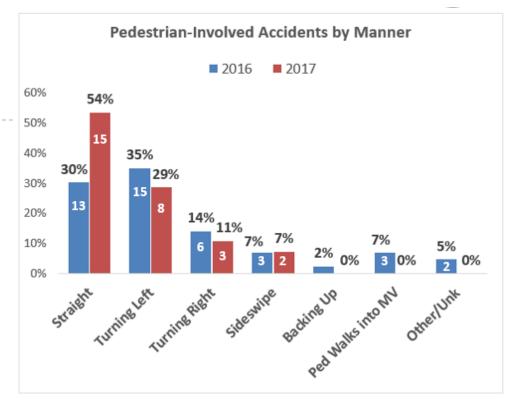


# Pedestrian-Involved Crashes

#### Wards 2 Pedestrian Area of Concern:

 No patterns present. However, SPD will monitor Beacon St & Concord Ave in particular.





#### Manner of Crash: City-wide

- In 54% of all pedestrian-involved crashes in 2017 the MV drove straight into a crossing pedestrian
- ▶ The next most frequent: MV Turning left

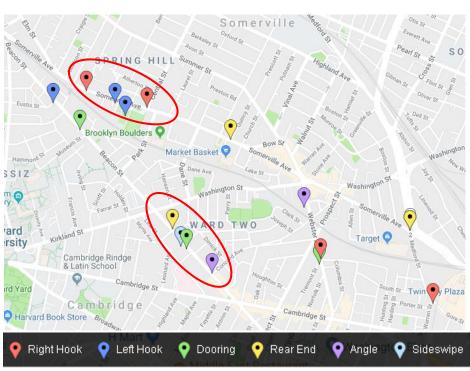
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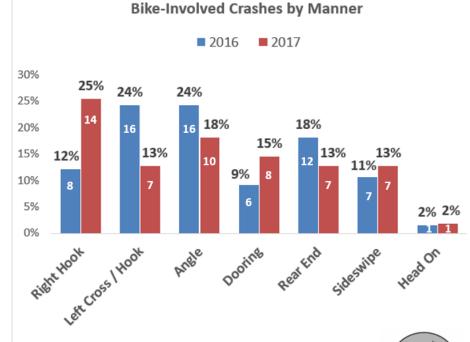
- In 46% of crashes, pedestrian was in a crosswalk
- In 36%, pedestrian was in the roadway (nonintersection & no crosswalk)

# Bike-Involved Crashes



#### Ward 2 Bike Areas to Monitor:





Even though number of pedestrian and bike-involved accidents has significantly declined, SPD is partnering with Traffic & Infrastructure to identify possible improvements in problem intersections and corridors.

Manner of Crash: City-Wide



- "Left Hooks" cut by half
- Increase in "Dooring" incidents







# Thank you

For questions related, to crime statistics, please email

crimeanalysis@police.Somerville.ma.us.



# CITY PREPARATION FOR GLX CONSTRUCTION



MBTA Green Line

## OUR STRATEGIES

Detour Planning

Emergency Response

Business Support

Public Space

Bus

Modification

Pest

Management

# Primary Detour Route Proposed by GLX Constructors Oasis Brazilian Ellis Oval Proposed Tufts Park Nathan Ball Square Cafe Trum Field Olde Magoun's Saloon

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# Improve Safety / Organize Movements at Winchester / Albion



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#### Inter-Municipal Emergency Service Planning is Ongoing Medford setts Ave Arlington Tufts University Fellsw WEST SOMERVILLE SOUTH MEDFORD EAST ARLINGTON TUFTS (38) MAGOUN NORTH DAVIS SOUARE SOUARE AppleCinemas 🛡 CAMBRIDGE Danehy Park HIGHLANDS Somerville NEIGHBORHOOD NINE Lesley PROSPECT HILL University

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# Support Local Businesses During Construction

#### Communicate

Ensure businesses and their customers get timely, actionable information before and during construction and know who to contact with questions.

# Strengthen

Help strengthen businesses so that they can survive the disruption. Use this opportunity to support the overall health of affected businesses.

#### **Attract**

Invest in strategies that encourage customers to continue patronizing businesses and that build the square's reputation as a destination.

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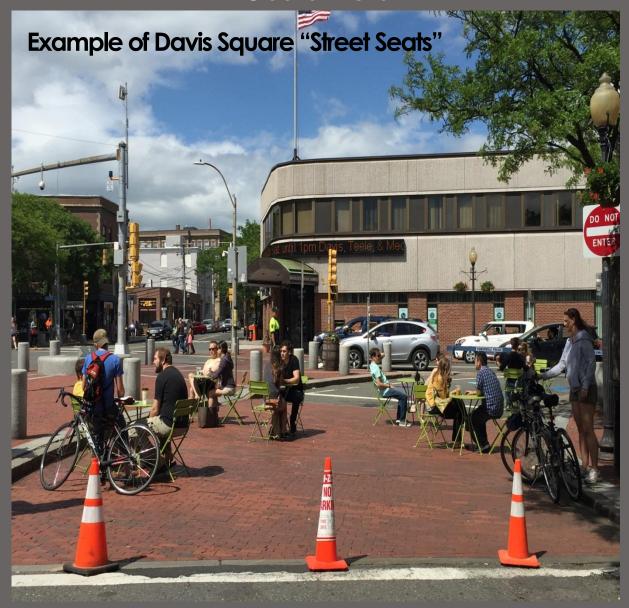
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# Add Temporary Public Space to Attract Customers



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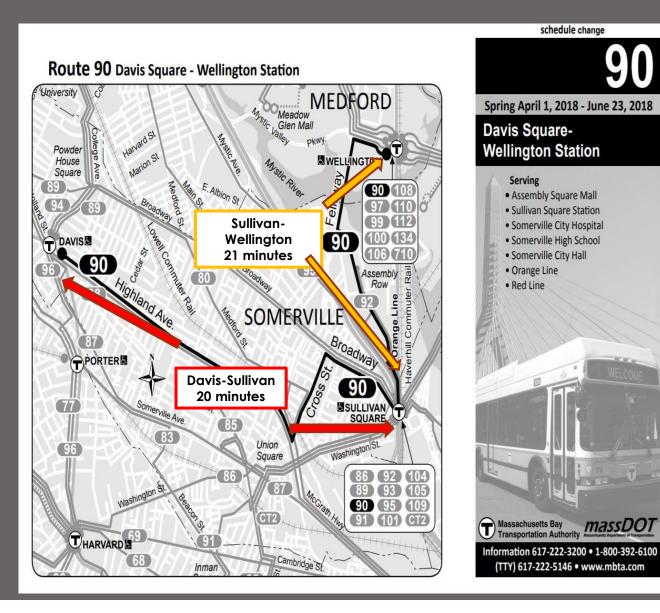
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# Double service frequency on MBTA Route 90 Bus to provide better cross-town transit



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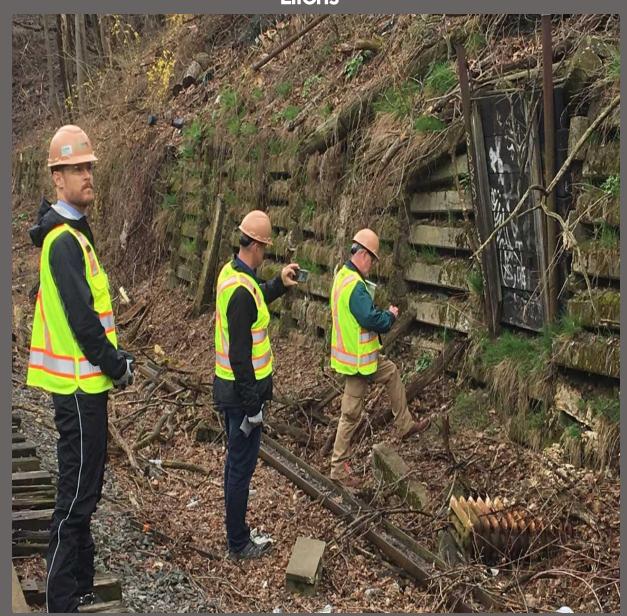
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# Mobilize City Pest Management Program to Complement GLX Efforts



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# REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

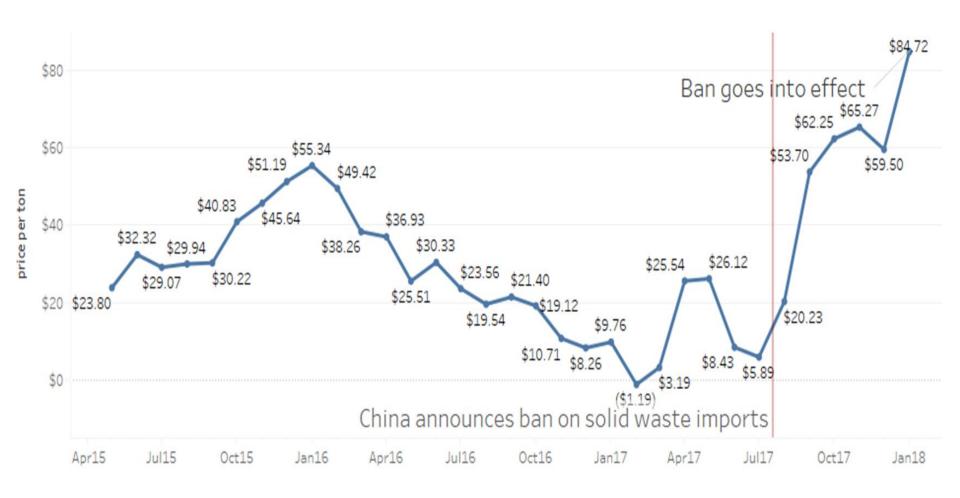
# Somerville's Done a Great Job on the Recycle Part



# Why are Reduce and Reuse Even More Important?

- Recyclables are a commodity in the global economy
  - The US exports about 75% of its recycling to China
  - China recently changed policies on the materials it will accept, resulting in higher costs

# The Rising Cost of Recycling



# What Does that Mean in Somerville?



# Suggestions for Reducing and Reusing

- Use reusable containers, bags, and water bottles
- Repair broken items
- Donate or sell items you no longer want
- Borrow or rent items you need to use occasionally
- Buy items with less packaging