



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

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IN CITY COUNCIL
April 13, 2026

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am writing to recommend the following appointments and reappointments of members to **the Cambridge Bicycle Committee** for a term of **two (2)** years, effective **April 13, 2026**:

- Mark Boswell (reappointment)
- Guido Cuperus (reappointment)
- John Ellersick (reappointment)
- Amy Flax (reappointment)
- Alison Harris (reappointment)
- Scott Kilcoyne (reappointment)
- Randy Sterm (reappointment)
- Carola Voelker (reappointment)
- Martha Birnbaum (reappointment)
- Gregory Carey-Medlock (reappointment)
- Muna El Taha (reappointment)
- Richard Freierman (reappointment)
- Aman Shankardass (appointment)
- David Yarmolinsky (appointment)
- Eli Miller (appointment)
- Jane Tangen (appointment)
- Kaili Chen (appointment)
- Martin Gao (appointment)
- Nathaniel Ryan (appointment)
- Philip Allen (appointment)

I am writing to inform you that I am appointing the following persons below to the **Cambridge Bicycle Committee as Institutional Representatives** for a term of **two (2)** years, effective April 13, 2026:

- Brett Gallagher
- Vanessa Nwankwo

The Cambridge Bicycle Committee was established by the City Council in October 1991. The Cambridge Bicycle Committee works to promote bicycling as a means of transportation and improve conditions for people who bicycle in Cambridge. Activities of the Committee include advancing elements of the Cambridge Bicycle Plan; reviewing plans for road and path construction; organizing and participating in public events; creating public outreach materials; and working with other city committees. The Committee is made up of 15-20 members who are appointed by the City Manager. Appointees represent community interests related to



bicycling from a variety of neighborhoods, ages, cultural and racial backgrounds, professions and perspectives. The appointees include small business owners; people who are foreign-born; those who bicycle with children; older adults; and those who engage in bicycling for a variety of purposes (recreational trips; commuting; running errands; social trips; etc.).

The City Manager's office posted a request for applications for the Cambridge Bicycle Committee on the City website and via a news release on January 12, 2026, with a closing date of February 10, 2026. The call for applicants was posted in several of the City's daily email updates and in postings on the City website. The announcement was made through the City's Active Transportation Report and shared with community organizations. The Community Development Department's Community Engagement Team also reached out to their respective networks. There were 14 applicants, 13 of whom were interviewed by City staff. The next anticipated vacancy for this committee will come in 2028.

I am pleased to recommend these twenty-two (22) individuals whose expertise and experience will enable them to be valuable members of the **Cambridge Bicycle Committee**.

1. **Mark Boswell:** Mark Boswell is a software engineer living in North Cambridge. He has been engaged with planning community rides as well as representing the Bicycle Committee on the Cycling Safety Ordinance Advisory Group. He has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 8 years.
2. **Guido Cuperus:** Guido Cuperus is a biologist living in Mid-Cambridge. He sees bicycling as a great way to meet people and learn about the community, bikes with his young children and would like things to be safe for them. He has helped with community bicycle rides and other committee activities. He has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 4 years.
3. **John Ellersick:** John Ellersick is an engineering consultant living in North Cambridge. He joined the Bicycle Committee to become more involved in issues of bicycle safety and sustainability of our urban areas. He has helped with community bike rides and bicycle counting on site. He has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 8 years.
4. **Amy Flax:** Amy Flax is a retired elementary school teacher living in Cambridge Highlands. She is the Bicycle Committee's representative to the Grand Junction Working Group as well as a representative for the Bicycle Committee on the Cycling Safety Ordinance Advisory Group. She has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 8 years.
5. **Alison Harris:** Alison Harris is a project archivist living in Mid-Cambridge. She bicycles for commuting, general transportation around the city, and for fun and is interested in supporting sustainable transportation given the connection to environmental impacts, and with furthering mutual courtesy amongst all road users. She has assisted with community bike rides and other committee activities. She has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 6 years.
6. **Scott Kilcoyne:** Scott Kilcoyne is a mechanical engineer living in North Cambridge. He is interested in local civic engagement and data analysis, and would like to work towards ensuring that all people can be comfortable riding. He has organized community bike rides, done bike counts, and undertaken data analysis. He has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 4 years.
7. **Randy Stern:** Randy Stern is a community gardener, bird watcher, and retired software development executive living in Cambridgeport. He currently serves as Secretary to the Bicycle Committee and has been involved with community outreach events. He also attends community meetings and does technical review for city projects. He has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 8 years.
8. **Carola Voelker:** Carola Voelker lives in Wellington-Harrington and is a solar energy engineer who has worked with youth groups. She has volunteered with some of the City's outreach and engagement efforts, including the community bike rides. She has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 4 years.
9. **Martha Birnbaum:** Martha Birnbaum is the director of a local opera company based in Cambridge and lives in Mid-Cambridge. In addition to bicycling in Cambridge, she has done bike tours across the globe and is interested in policy issues related to improving our bicycle infrastructure. She has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 2 years.
10. **Gregory Carey-Medlock:** Gregory Carey-Medlock is a biosciences research director and lives in The Port. He is the current Vice Chair. He bikes with his two young children and would like to help improve safety, make it easier for people to get where they need or want, and ensure that future

generations have freedom of movement in their city. He has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 2 years.

11. **Muna El Taha:** Muna El Taha is an architectural designer living in Wellington-Harrington. She is interested in how the design of spaces affects people and how they experience their environment. She hopes to use her background in teaching to help communicate about the benefits of cycling infrastructure. She has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 2 years.
12. **Richard Freierman:** Richard Freierman is a retired project manager living in Neighborhood Nine. He is the current Chair. He has experience with civic engagement and is interested in community involvement, including engagement with small businesses. He has served on the Bicycle Committee for the last 2 years.
13. **Aman Shankardass:** Aman Shankardass is a master's student in biomedical engineering and living in The Port. He organizes weekly group bike rides through Boston Cafe Bikers and is interested in bringing that planning background to the Committee, as well as working with local businesses to expand bike parking.
14. **David Yarmolinsky:** David Yarmolinsky is a scientist living in Mid-Cambridge and commutes to work by bike every day. He is a parent of two kids who also bike and would like to focus on safety improvements and gathering data to identify high-risk areas for riders.
15. **Eli Miller:** Eli Miller is a graduate student living in Baldwin studying molecular microbiology. He would like to work with the Bicycle Committee to create an inclusive biking community in Cambridge and teaching kids how to ride.
16. **Jane Tangen:** Jane Tangen is a cyber engineer living in Mid-Cambridge and brings a detail-oriented and systems-thinking mindset to the Bicycle Committee. One of her goals is to do outreach and interact with community members about biking.
17. **Kaili Chen:** Kaili is a hospital project manager living in Mid-Cambridge and commutes often to work. She is interested in expanding access to bike parking in order to make biking more accessible and reliable for everyone.
18. **Martin Gao:** Martin is a graduate student at Harvard studying urban planning and lives in Watertown. He is excited about planning bike rides and brings his experience in planning walking tours of Boston's Chinatown to this effort.
19. **Nathaniel Ryan:** Nathaniel Ryan is a town planner, lives in North Cambridge, and is avid road cyclist. Joining the Cambridge Bicycle Committee is a way for him to engage more with his community and he looks to apply his community engagement background to his work.
20. **Phillip Allen:** Philip Allen is a public health program coordinator and lives in North Cambridge. He is a longtime bike commuter who is looking forward to bringing his knowledge of bike maintenance to the Bicycle Committee to build community and help people have fun while riding.

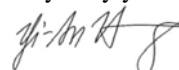
I appreciate the willingness of these community members to serve on **the Cambridge Bicycle Committee** and, with your approval, look forward to their appointments.

I am pleased to welcome these two new members whose expertise and experience will enable them to contribute to this committee's important work.

1. **Brett Gallagher:** Brett Gallagher is an institutional representative for Harvard University. He is an Associate Transportation Planner for the Harvard University Planning and Design team. He has served on the Bicycle Committee since November 2025.
2. **Vanessa Nwankwo:** Vanessa Nwankwo is an institutional representative for Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She works for the MIT Office of Campus Planning as a Senior Campus Planner. She has served on the Bicycle Committee since January 2025.

I appreciate the willingness of these community members to serve and look forward to their contributions as members of the **Cambridge Bicycle Committee**.-

Very truly yours,



Yi-An Huang
City Manager



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 3b
IN CITY COUNCIL
April 13, 2026

ORDERED: That the recommendation of City Manager, Yi-An Huang, on the appointment of the following people as members of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee for terms of two years effective April 13, 2026 be approved:

- Aman Shankardass
- David Yarmolinsky
- Eli Miller
- Jane Tangen
- Kaili Chen
- Martin Gao
- Nathniel Ryan
- Philip Allen



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Agenda Item No. 3a
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ORDERED: That the recommendation of City Manager, Yi-An Huang, on the reappointment of the following people as members of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee for terms of two years effective April 13, 2026 be approved:

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- Guido Cuperus
- John Ellersick
- Amy Flax
- Alison Harris
- Scott Kilcoyne
- Randy Stern
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- Martha Birnbaum
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- Muna El Taha
- Richard Freierman



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Agenda Item No. 3c
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- Brett Gallagher
- Vanessa Nwankwo