

**MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

**TRANSPORTATION AND
PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Vice Mayor Azeem, Co-Chair
Councillor Flaherty, Co-Chair
Councillor Nolan
Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
Councillor Zusy

A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council’s Transportation and Public Utilities Committee was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The meeting was Called to Order at 3:00p.m. by the Co-Chair, Councillor Flaherty. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor, the City is authorized to use remote participation. This public meeting was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via Zoom.

At the request of the Co-Chair, Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

Vice Mayor Azeem – Present/Remote
Councillor Flaherty – Present/In Sullivan Chamber
Councillor Nolan – Present/In Sullivan Chamber
Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler – Absent
Councillor Zusy – Present/In Sullivan Chamber.

Present – 4, Absent – 1. Quorum established.

Councillor Flaherty offered opening remarks and noted that the Call of the meeting was to discuss micromobility in Cambridge, including current safety trends, the recently filed State legislation “Ride Safe Act,” and next steps for education and enforcement considerations. Present at the meeting was Commissioner for the Department of Transportation, Brooke McKenna, Assistant Commissioner for Transportation Planning, Stephanie Groll, Assistant Commissioner for Parking Management, Stephanie McAuliffe, Department of Transportation Intern, Mus Lamia, Assistant City Solicitor, Evan Bjorklund, from the Cambridge Police Department, Lieutenant Phil McDavitt, and ADA Coordinator/Executive Director of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Rachel Tannenhaus.

Councillor Flaherty opened public comment.

Michael Rogove, 65 Sparks Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of the Ride Safe Act and the micromobility report.

Sarah Block, 24 Shepard Street, Cambridge, MA, encouraged the city to review options for older adults and e-bike use and better signage for bikes.

Christopher Schmidt, 25 Banks Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of e-bikes and focusing on education and enforcement.

Janie Katz-Christy, 166A Elm Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of e-bikes and cargo bikes for transportation.

Christopher Cassa, 103 Gore Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of the micromobility report and supporting e-bikes through education.

Councillor Flaherty recognized Stephanie Groll, Phil McDavitt, and Evan Bjorkland who gave a presentation on micromobility. The presentation was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda Packet.

Councillor Flaherty recognized Councillor Nolan who thanked staff for their work and spoke in support of the proposed legislation. Councillor Nolan asked how the proposed language would address future micromobility devices, and if speed and weight of the devices have been discussed. Evan Bjorkland explained how the language reflects the device's maximum speed, which also corresponds to the size and weight. He added that the proposed language was created with the intent to cover future micromobility devices, while also being flexible for future regulations. Brooke McKenna pointed out that using the maximum speed instead of the operating speed helps the regulations be clearer, while also reducing the need for enforcement. Rachel Tanenhaus added that the proposed language is similar to accessibility standards, which are designed to be function based rather than device specific.

Councillor Flaherty recognized Councillor Zusy who thanked staff and shared her support for the proposed recommendations. Councillor Zusy asked if there was a timeline for the legislation to move forward. Evan Bjorkland shared it could move forward in the upcoming months. Councillor Flaherty added that it could be considered before the end of the current legislative session. Councillor Zusy asked if BlueBikes provides safety information to first time users. Mus Lamia explained that the BlueBike App requires first time users to review safety information. Councillor Zusy asked for more information related to enforcement and registration of devices. Evan Bjorkland shared that registration and enforcement are continuing to be evaluated with the State, and that the legislation does address higher-speed devices related to that. Councillor Zusy asked what efforts are being made towards education and outreach if the legislation is adopted. Stephanie Groll shared that staff are creating a public outreach model that will focus on micromobility safety. Councillor Zusy suggested partnering with universities as part of the outreach efforts.

Councillor Flaherty recognized Councillor Nolan who asked if the proposed legislation would provide more information related to enforcement on devices that are not well defined in State law. Councillor Nolan also asked about current efforts on education related to bicycle lights and helmet use. Phil McDavitt shared that the hope is that the proposed legislation and registration system will help to make enforcement easier. He added that the City is working with universities on bicycle safety education and outreach to students. Brooke McKenna noted that bicycle lights have always

been a focus with the City and bicycle safety education. She noted that staff will continue working with schools and other partners to promote safe riding.

Councillor Flaherty recognized Councillor Zusy who asked how the City is planning to store the larger micromobility devices, such as cargo bikes, and if the current bicycle parking requirements meet the proposed language. Stephanie Groll explained the current zoning requirements related to bicycle parking spaces in new developments. Councillor Zusy shared that it would be beneficial for public safety, such as EMS, to report micromobility and bicycles accidents to the Cambridge Police Department to help collect data. Phil McDavitt provided a brief overview of how Emergency Dispatchers dispatch emergency responders, noting that police are generally dispatched with them if the crash occurred in Cambridge jurisdiction. Brooke McKenna pointed out that sometimes minor crashes are not reported because those who are involved choose not to contact the police.

Councillor Flaherty thanked staff for the report and shared his support for the proposed legislation. Councillor Flaherty pointed out that it would be good to have more information related to the Micro ID system for future devices. Councillor Flaherty echoed comments from previous Committee members related to education and outreach, as well as the importance of being consistent with enforcement, which would help to improve safety for everyone on the road. Councillor Flaherty added that it will be important for the City to continue to adapt to evolving technologies related to micromobility devices while also keeping public safety a top priority.

Councillor Flaherty recognized Councillor Nolan who had clarifying questions related to the City's letter to the State related to the proposed legislation, and if the concerns raised by the City were addressed at the previous State meeting. Evan Bjorkland explained that the recommendations were submitted after reviewing the draft legislation and that those concerns can be addressed through amendments to the bill or future regulations. Councillor Nolan noted the importance of monitoring the legislation to make sure the final law has clear guidance and enforcement.

Councillor Flaherty asked if manufacturers or retailers of micromobility devices had raised concerns to the proposed regulations. Evan Bjorkland shared that staff had not received much pushback from either. Councillor Zusy added that she had spoken to members of the bicycling community and noted the importance of balancing micromobility with pedestrian safety, sharing that enforcement will be important to ensure safety for everyone on Cambridge's streets and sidewalks.

Councillor Flaherty recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote of three members present, the motion passed. Vice Mayor Azeem and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler were absent.

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