



2025

A BETTER CITY TMA & ALLSTON BRIGHTON TMA

YEAR IN REVIEW

DIRECTOR'S CUT

In the Spring edition of Director's Cut, I pointed at the fences while outlining our key initiatives and goals for the year. The team and I are back now to answer the question, "how did we do?" This dense End of Year summary will explain how we delivered on our promises, how we negotiated the unforeseen challenges and opportunities that arose, and will tease to the work we are already planning for in this new year.

Looking back on the mobility news of 2025, I see mixed trends. Boston moved from 4th to 5th on the list of most congested US cities, not because traffic got better but because Philadelphia got much worse. The MBTA ran a stable and improving year of service but the fiscal cliff still looms and GM Eng has taken on broad, new responsibilities as interim Secretary of Transportation. The objective performance of Boston's 'Better Bike Lane' infrastructure is resoundingly positive and yet the '30-day pause' on new projects that began last summer remains in place, with no clear indication of when it will end. AVs—autonomous vehicles—are massing at the gates, seeking to operate on our congested roadways without expressing which of our many pressing mobility challenges they aim to address. For these reasons and more, we will surely have our work cut out for us in the year ahead.

The team and I greet this work with determination and gratitude. We care deeply about the future of this city and region and, with your continued partnership and engagement, we will keep the pressure on to ensure the best mobility outcomes for all. I hope this look back at 2025 inspires you with all that we've accomplished together.

I hope you rested well during the holiday season and that you're ready to lace up early in the New Year. I don't expect the pace to slacken anytime soon...



To the future! Mully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mully' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM



BRIAN LILL

TMA MANAGER, OPERATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Manager of TMA Operations & Engagement, Brian Lill, joined A Better City in September 2023 to serve our 60+ TMA Partner organizations, and is excited to continue to drive change towards a sustainable future. Brian is passionate about engaging with our Partners to understand their transportation needs and to develop innovative programs to help meet these goals. He also helps to lead the Association for Commuter Transportation's Micromobility Council.



AMIR WILSON

TRANSPORTATION POLICY & DATA MANAGER

Transportation Policy & Data Manager, Amir Wilson, began his tenure with A Better City TMA and Allston Brighton TMA as TMA Coordinator & Spatial Data Analyst in March of 2024, supporting TMA operations and the delivery of commuter programming to our Partners' employees and tenants. He started in his new role in October 2025, where he engages more deeply in local transportation policy & advocacy and leverages informed data analysis to support A Better City's work across each broader policy focus area.



SCOTT MULLEN

TDM DIRECTOR

Transportation Demand Management Director, Scott Mullen, has spent the last two decades promoting and delivering shared mobility offerings that help individuals and institutions 'think outside the car.' Mully joined A Better City in 2020 with an expansive view of mobility and how it flows through the work of our TMAs. He is thrilled to support our Partners to grow their adoption of active and public transportation modes in 2026, and beyond.

PARTNER UPDATES

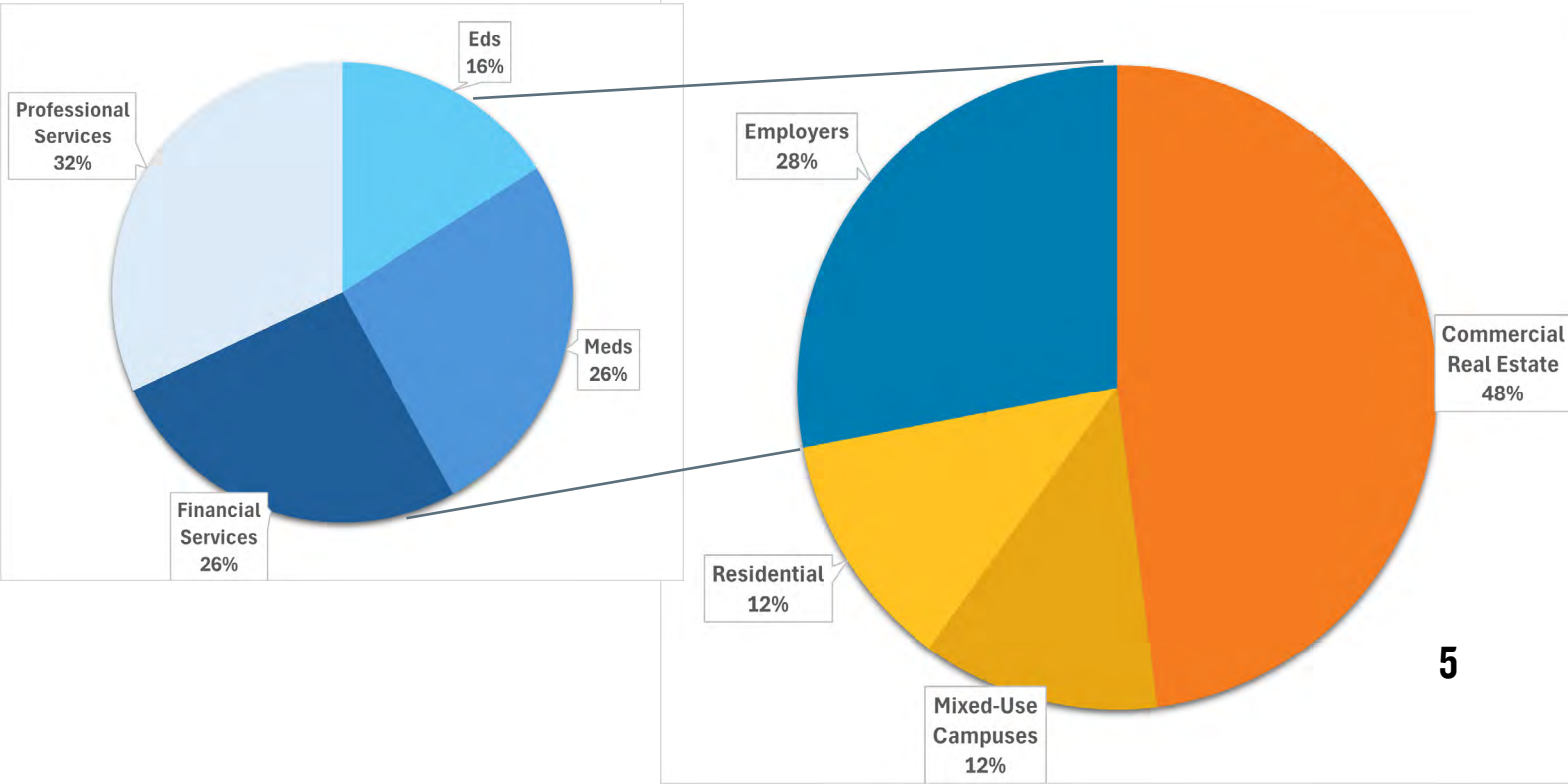
WELCOMING NEW PARTNERS

In 2025 we were thrilled to welcome the following new Partners to our growing community: 777 Boylston, Franklin Cummings Tech, Alder at Allston Yards, and Verra at Enterprise Research Campus. Alder and Verra represent robust growth of the Allston Brighton TMA while 777 Boylston brings additional TMA services to the Back Bay neighborhood. Finally, Franklin Cummings Tech represents a key area of our work—supporting our Partners through re-location—as we help them with their exciting transition to Nubian Square. We are grateful for the energy and focus our new partners bring and we look forward to leaning in with them in 2026 and beyond.

PARTNER ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

We are proud to bring our diverse Partnership together around a shared purpose of creating great TDM outcomes. Our Partners run the gamut of higher education and medical institutions, Downtown office buildings, residential properties in Allston-Brighton and the Back Bay, financial services firms, mixed-use development campuses across the region, and more. This year we leaned into our role as a convener and connected some members directly with peers in their sector to discuss common challenges and compare notes. These meetings were candid, collaborative, outcome-oriented, and laid the groundwork for future collaborations. Look for more of these sector-specific opportunities in 2026 and be sure to reach out if you'd like us to focus on a particular issue or sector.

PARTNERSHIP BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR



PARTNER UPDATES

TMA-WIDE ENGAGEMENTS

In 2025, our TMAs worked diligently with our Partners to support their transportation goals and create great TDM results for their people. We supported our commuters through another year of MBTA disruptions, providing timely communication about critical track closures. We fulfilled our role as a premium tenant amenity for our property managers by presenting directly to their tenant HR representatives about our benefits and especially engaging with companies who are moving into new buildings. Some highlights of our engagement work this year include:


Convening industry cohorts of our Partners to tackle specific transportation issues, such as aligning medical campus employees' schedules with the MBTA and connecting universities with best practices for managing micromobility devices.

Deepening TMA engagement opportunities with regular Partner Meetings, hands-on bike commuting support with the Guided Ride Series, and detailed bikeshed and mapping tools for individual organizations.

Connecting Partners with the latest micromobility safety thought leadership, as with our Electric Avenue webinar series to help Partners craft thoughtful and safe policies for lithium-ion batteries in e-micromobility devices.

PARTNER UPDATES

PARTNER TDM HIGHLIGHTS



Franklin Cummings Tech enlisted the ABC TMA to help support their move to Nubian Square from The South End. Through their thoughtful process the TMA was able to support their commuters by **presenting TMA benefits, helping to create commuter resources, and guiding the transition team with transportation questions** around the new campus.



TDM was always top of mind for Hub on Causeway, one of our most engaged Downtown Partners. Throughout 2025 **we supported their Earth Day and Fall Fest events**, encouraging their commuters with juice and succulents to complete their MassDEP surveys, and reminding them of how to access all of the mobility benefits available through our programming. **We also presented to a panel of their tenant HR directors** to ensure that they knew about all our key TDM services.



In 2025 we helped one of our financial services Partners evaluate their regional employee assignment policy. As a national employer with multiple campuses in New England, we helped our Partner **break down their employee locations and provided dynamic GIS tools to help refine their workplace policies.**

The Guided Ride Series was a key facet of our 2025 programming, and **when one of our university Partners advertised Guided Ride Series promotions on their shuttle buses, we saw staff and students sign up for guided rides all summer.** With their support, we were able to show their commuters the joy and accessibility of comfortable, separated bike infrastructure and give them new mobility options.

We look forward to continuing to support our Partners through these projects and more. If you have a mobility project we can help you with, please reach out to our Manager of TMA Operations & Engagement, Brian Lill, at blill@abettercity.org.

THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION LANDSCAPE

MBTA YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2025, the MBTA continued to implement service disruptions to allow for repair crews to complete critical infrastructure improvements to various parts of the network. Though sometimes frustrating for riders, these improvements lead to positive benefits throughout the system. Many stations received accessibility upgrades and other work focused on state of good repair items that will enable faster, more frequent service. Each subway line saw improvements and maintenance in 2025. This work builds off the important and critical work of the 2024 Track Improvement Plan, which is widely regarded as a successful surge in which major diversions produced meaningful results.

SOUTH COAST RAIL PHASE I LAUNCH

The MBTA launched South Coast Rail Phase 1 in March, connecting South Coast communities with passenger rail service to Boston for the first time in nearly 70 years. This Commuter Rail expansion includes six new stations along the former Middleborough/Lakeville Line, which has been renamed the Fall River/New Bedford Line. Trains run on separate branches from Fall River and New Bedford and then combine service at East Taunton to take passengers to Boston. Early ridership has been encouraging.

FERRY EXPANSION

MBTA ferry service also had a strong 2025 with service expansion and new vessel acquisitions. The formerly cumbersome Winthrop-Quincy-Boston route has been split, with the recently acquired “Harbor Gem” running the Winthrop leg and “Abigail Adams” serving the Quincy run. These changes bring more frequent service to each community. The newly renamed “Frederick Douglass” will continue service between Blossom Street Pier in Lynn and Boston. Finally, the MBTA recently acquired the “Millenium,” its largest vessel with a capacity of 400 passengers, which will supplement service on the high-ridership, year-round Hingham/Hull Ferry. Water Transportation continues to be a priority for the MBTA and these new ferry options have been well received and shown robust ridership.

LATE-NIGHT SERVICE EXPANSION

In late August, the MTBA began piloting late night service on the subway system plus select bus and ferry lines. To promote this pilot, the entire MBTA system—including the Commuter Rail—went fare-free after 9 PM for the first five Fridays and Saturdays after launch. A Better City TMA and Allston Brighton TMA have supported the strategic expansion of late-night service, especially to support our workforce and to bolster our nightlife economy. Has later service helped your organization? Let us know by reaching out at: blill@abettercity.org.

MBTA CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

In October, the MBTA officially received \$850 million from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) in Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) bond-capacity. This funding will support four crucial projects across the system with a focus on improving safety, reliability & modernization, accessibility, and sustainability & resilience.

The Arborway Battery Electric Bus Maintenance Facility: A new, permanent bus maintenance facility at the Arborway site will enable the near-term replacement of all CNG buses in service and electrify 40% of the bus network, which is a key step towards decarbonizing the entire bus fleet. Once completed, the new facility will be able to store and service 200 battery electric buses.

Widett Circle Regional Rail Layover Facility: The recent funding will cover Phase 1 of the project, which includes demolition of existing structures, environmental remediation, and site engineering for future flood resilience as well as six tracks to provide electrified layover capacity for Battery Electric Multiple Units (BEMUs) that will enable fully electrified service on the Fairmount line beginning in 2028.

Green Line Type 10 Vehicles and Infrastructure Upgrades: This funding will support the acquisition of the new Type 10 vehicles through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Core Capacity Capital Investment Grant program to improve capacity and frequency of Green Line service. It will also pay for critical upgrades to power, signal modernization, and further track work necessary to bring the new vehicles online.

Regional Rail Locomotive Procurement: Funding will support the MBTA in procuring new locomotives to continue existing Commuter Rail service now and into the future. With a significant portion of the fleet past or approaching its expected end of life, this funding will help ensure the oldest locomotives will be replaced to maintain reliable service for the Commonwealth.

BEB Facility Updates

The MBTA is nearing completion on two bus facility projects that are critical to their decarbonization goals: the construction of the Quincy Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Maintenance Facility and the renovation of the North Cambridge Bus Facility. The Quincy facility will accommodate the storage and maintenance of 120 battery electric buses, while completion of the North Cambridge facility will add 11 BEB charging units and overhead pantograph, and plug-in charging capacity for 32 buses.



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

We believe the future of mobility will be a blend of active and public modes. If each of us chose to shift some of our short trips away from cars—that means driving or being driven—the collective impact of reduced congestion and less pollution would be huge. Below are some key initiatives that are trending us toward a built environment that will enable us all to make more flexible mobility choices.

BETTER BIKE LANES YEAR ONE QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION

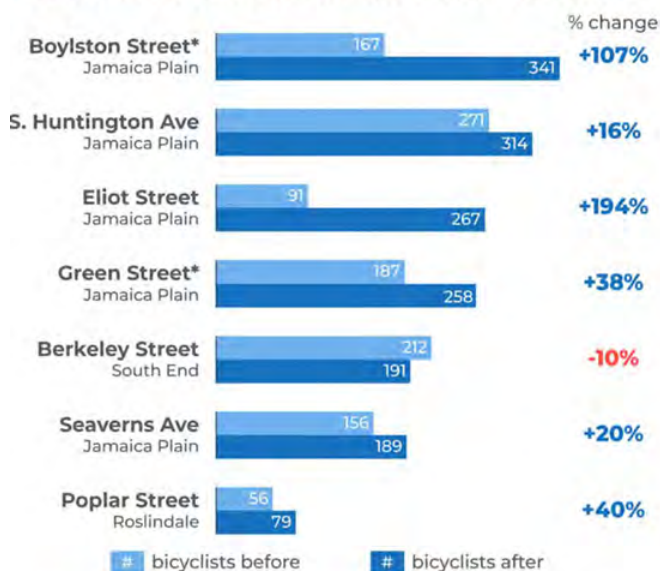
In July of this year, the City of Boston published the Better Bike Lanes Year One Quantitative Evaluation report, assessing the safety and traffic impacts of seven new bike infrastructure projects. The Better Bike Lanes initiative launched in 2022 with a goal of adding 9.4 miles to Boston's bike network along with speed-calming safety treatments in some areas. In 2023, seven corridors received upgrades such as separated lanes, contraflow access, and speed humps to calm motor vehicle speeds. This 2024 evaluation found that these interventions had positive impacts on cycling and road safety with negligible effects on car traffic. Access the full Better Bike Lanes report [at this link](#).

CHANGE IN 95TH PERCENTILE VEHICLE SPEED IN COMPLETED BETTER BIKE LANES PROJECTS

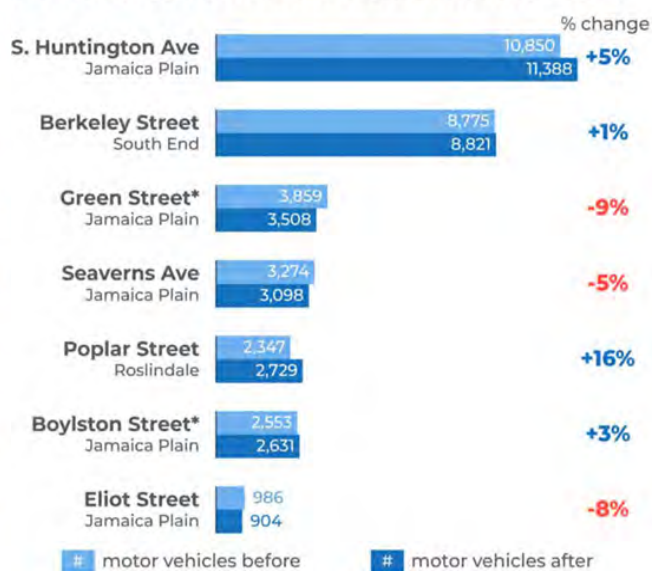


Figure from the report; average speed at sites went down.

DAILY BICYCLE VOLUMES BY COMPLETED BETTER BIKE LANE PROJECT



DAILY MOTOR VEHICLE VOLUMES BY COMPLETED BETTER BIKE LANE PROJECT



Figures from the report; Bicycle volumes increased substantially with little effect on motor vehicle volumes.

MBTA MOBILITY INTEGRATION PLAN

In October, the MBTA released their formal Mobility Integration Plan, the culmination of a multi-year effort to understand how people move to and through their system and explore ways to expand the multimodal options available. The report focuses on four main types of integration, including Physical, Digital, Service, and Fares. In addition, ‘mobility hubs’ and service bundling are also explored. The report lays out a robust framework to guide the next 20 years of work to further enmesh the T with other modes of transportation. Access the full report [at this link](#).

BLUEBIKES PERFORMANCE UPDATE

After the record-smashing 2024 Bluebikes season—which saw a 28% spike in trips compared to 2023—our team has kept close tabs on the monthly ridership figures. According to public data, Bluebikes held onto those gains, ending the year with 4.6million total trips to the 4.7million logged in 2024. For context, Bluebikes has the second highest ridership among U.S. dock-based systems, behind only Citibike in New York. With 100 new stations planned in 2026 and a new, long-term operating contract starting in April, Bluebikes are poised to serve more people and provide more sustainable trips in the region for years to come.

BIKE FACILITIES COMPLETED IN 2025

While the City of Boston implemented a “pause” on its Better Bike Lanes Initiative this past summer, multiple capital infrastructure projects providing critical bicycle connections around the region opened in 2025. Among them are:

The Bill Russell/North Washington Street Bridge: The new bridge spanning the mouth of the Charles River includes a dedicated, barrier-separated cycletrack that connects riders between Downtown Boston to Charlestown, creating access to the bike network beyond.

The Neponset River Greenway Boardwalk and Extension: The new boardwalk and Neponset River Trail extension allows riders to avoid Freeport St and directly connect Tenen Beach with the Boston Harbor Walk. In addition to safety, this extension adds resiliency measures against sea-level rise and coastal flooding in an at-risk area.

The Clippership Connector: A long-awaited addition to the Mystic River Watershed, the Clippership Connector creates a safe connection between local Medford neighborhoods while building out a critical link between the Mystic River paths, the Minuteman Bikeway, and further to the Charles River paths via the Watertown/Cambridge Greenway. The importance of this small but critical link in the regional network cannot be overstated.



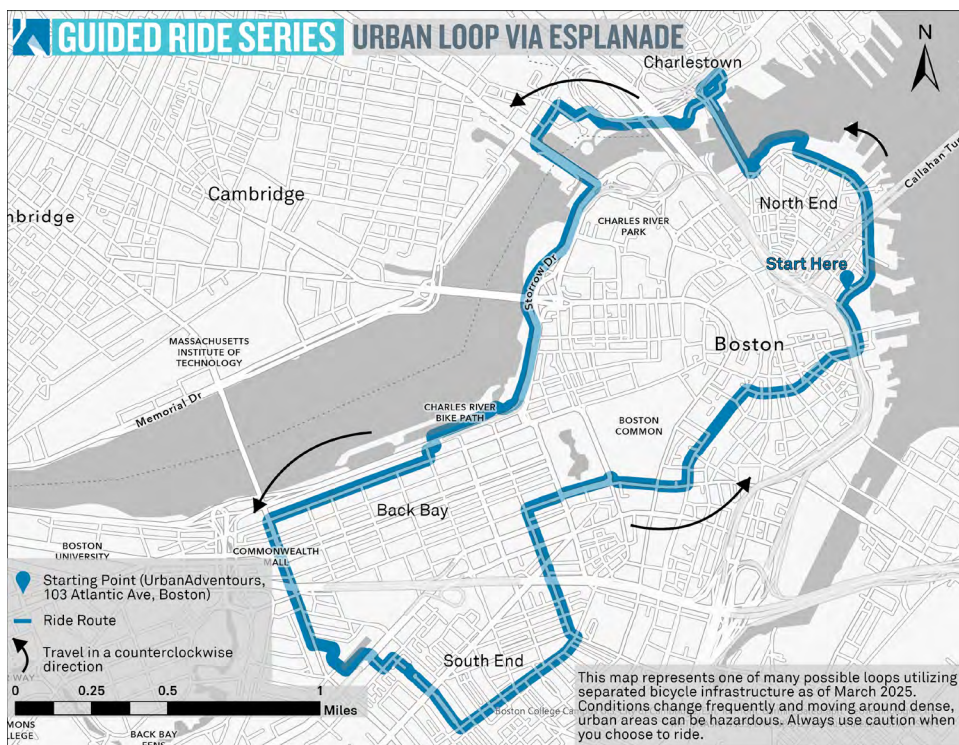
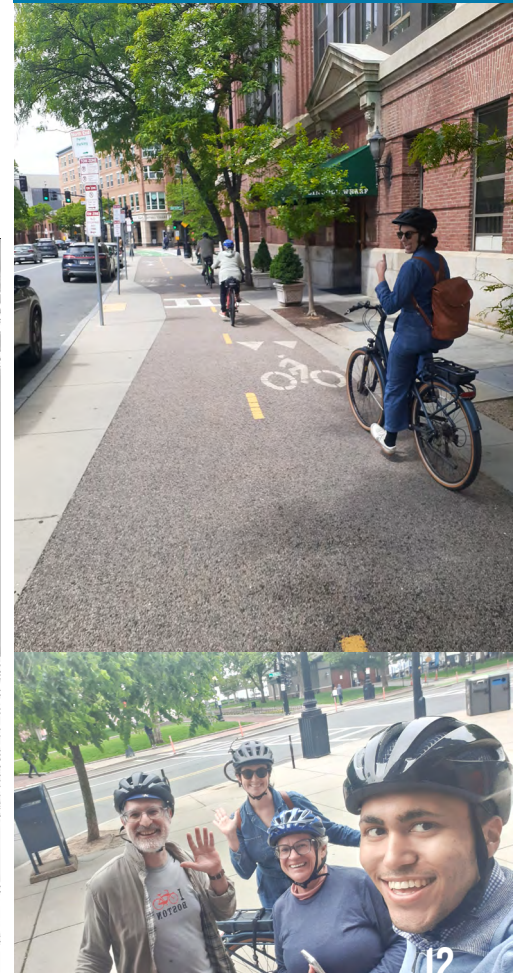
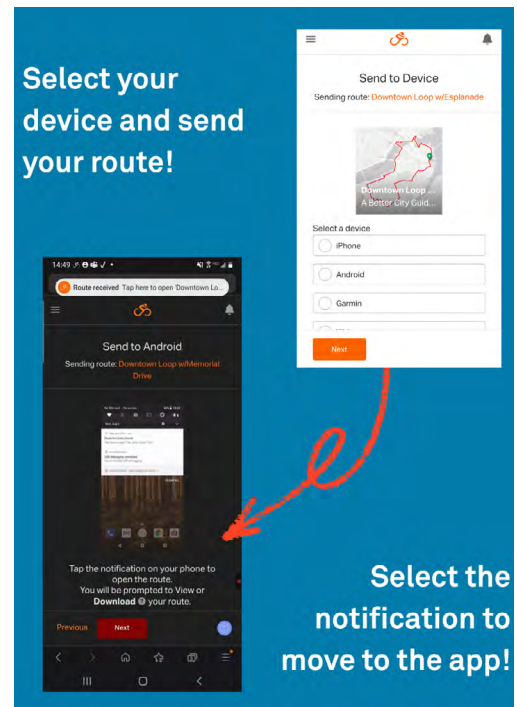
TMA PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

GUIDED RIDE SERIES

Our most ambitious project of 2025 was the Guided Ride Series (GRS). Funded by a MassDOT grant, the GRS leads people around the comfortable, separated bike infrastructure in the region to demonstrate how easy, convenient, and fun it can be to ride a bike in Boston. We help people develop the knowledge and confidence to use a bike to get around. In addition, we highlight the overlap of the bike network with the MBTA and show people how to make seamless connections that extend their range.

Rides launched in April with short-loop downtown options during the week and longer tours on weekends that include the regional paths plus the downtown loop. In July we learned that our grant had been extended through June, 2026, and we used the additional resources to significantly expand our “Self-Serve” offering through the Ride With GPS app. This smart platform provides turn by turn directions, key points of interest, and other information to help people navigate on their own. This option allowed us to make the GRS available across the region, not just to our TMA partners.

We are excited to continue the Guided Ride Series in 2026 as we double down on self-service resources, increase our marketing push significantly, and plan site-specific routes and rides with our partners.



2025 BIKE CLINIC EXPANSION

BIKE CLINICS WRAPPED

We plan to continue expansion of our most popular program in 2026 and look forward to advice from our partners on where we should go next! If you would like to host an event on your property, please reach out to Brian Lill at blill@abettercity.org by **February 1!**

33 Total Bike Clinic Events

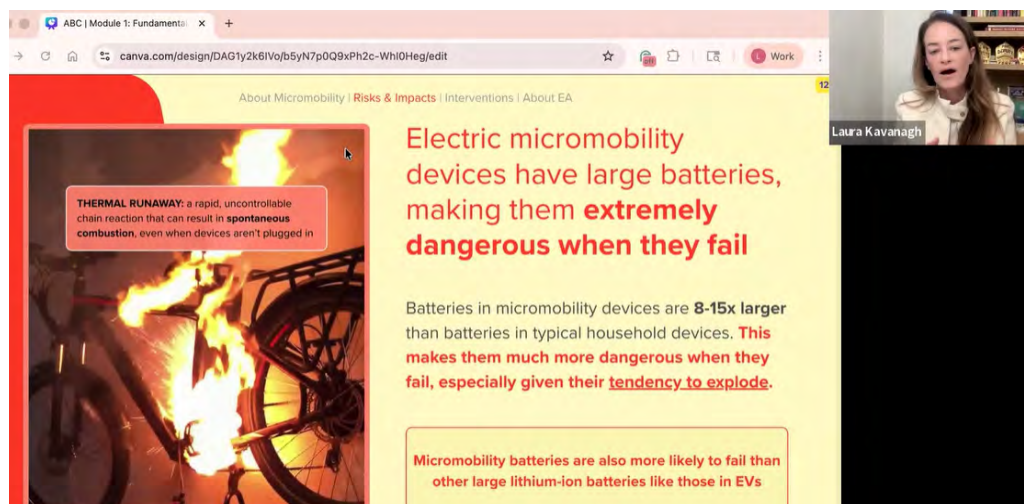
16 Participating TMA Partner Campuses

57% More Bike Clinic Events in 2025

200+ Bikes Tuned Up

E-BIKE BATTERY SAFETY WEBINAR SERIES

In October, we hosted a webinar on micromobility and lithium-ion battery fires in partnership with Electric Avenue, a New York City-based micromobility consulting group, and Laura Kavanagh, former Commissioner of the New York Fire Department ([Event recap at this link](#)). This informative and timely session outlined the root causes of these fires, how organizations can mitigate their risks, emerging certification standards, and new storage and charging technologies that are helping to combat this problem. In December, we hosted a follow up session titled “Crafting Micromobility Safety Policies” to dive deeper into the nuts and bolts of best-practices, implementation strategies, and ways to customize a policy that works for your property. We are confident in the transformative potential of micromobility and these sessions provided crucial guidance as these devices become ubiquitous around the region. Want more? Reach out and let us know!



WATER TRANSIT MONTH 2025

In July, A Better City TMA organized Water Transit Month in continued partnership with Seaport TMA and Lower Mystic TMA. This year's WTM featured two new events. First, a Ferry Dock Tour of Boston Harbor led by David Perry, MBTA Director of Ferry Operations. Second, a curated map exhibit called *Historic Currents: Charting the Evolution of Boston's Ferry Routes*, in partnership with the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library. As ferries continue to expand service and grow ridership, WTM serves as a joyous celebration of the harbor that gains popularity each year.



A rainbow to guide us home! -Matthew H.



From The Vault with the Leventhal Map Center

This July, [The Leventhal Map & Education Center](#) at the Boston Public Library will host a Water Transit-themed exhibit in the *From the Vault* series on **July 25 from 2 - 4pm**. Join us at the Leventhal Center at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library to view the exhibit of historic ferry routes in and around Greater Boston. [Learn more.](#)



TMA BENEFITS OVERVIEW

Your TMA Partnership comes with access to several important programs to help support your organization's unique mobility needs.

BIKE REPAIR FOR BUSY PEOPLE

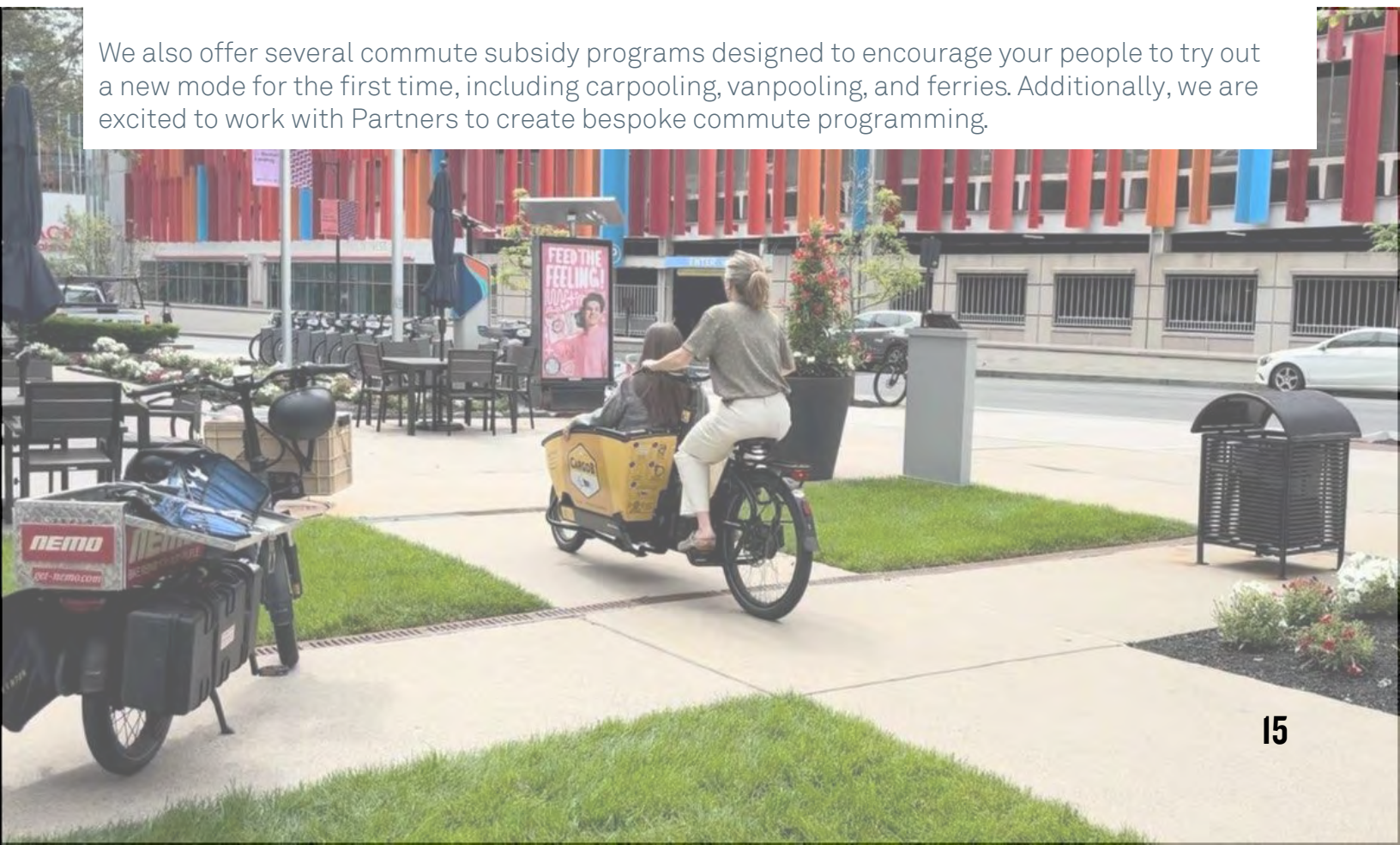
NEMO On-demand roadside assistance for bikes provides commuters with “AAA for bikes” through their GoMassCommute accounts. Commuters can call an experienced bike mechanic for emergency bike issues such as flat tires, braking adjustments, chain problems, and more using a special access code available through the GoMassCommute platform.

Guaranteed Ride Home provides a free ride home to any Partner tenant or employee who shifts away from driving alone. Participants receive an Uber code that allows them to take a free ride covering all costs of up to \$100 under qualifying circumstances. Guaranteed Ride Home can be taken up to six times per year per commuter.

Bike Check! rewards your tenants and employees for incorporating bicycling into their mobility choices. Participants can redeem up to two \$25 reimbursements per calendar year for eligible expenses including safety gear, new or used bikes, maintenance, spare parts, and more.

A Better Commute offers rewards for people who incorporate walking, bicycling, running, transit, or any other form of sustainable transportation into their daily routines. By logging trips on our GoMassCommute platform, your people can win monthly and quarterly raffles for gift cards, gear, and more.

We also offer several commute subsidy programs designed to encourage your people to try out a new mode for the first time, including carpooling, vanpooling, and ferries. Additionally, we are excited to work with Partners to create bespoke commute programming.



PROGRAMMING AHEAD IN 2026

As we look to 2026, we have plans to expand our bike clinic program to accommodate longer events, more in-depth programming when we are on site, and to add new locations. In addition, we are exploring ways to provide flexible access to micromobility devices, deliver e-bike education opportunities to you, and more. We will reach out for your priorities soon but please don't hesitate to share programs that you would like us to pursue—blill@abettercity.org.

**YOUR EMPLOYEES AND
TENANTS CAN TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THESE
BENEFITS BY SIGNING UP
AND LOGGING TRIPS ON**

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If you have an idea for a program you'd like to launch, reach out to our Manager of TMA Operations & Engagement, Brian Lill, at blill@abettercity.org.

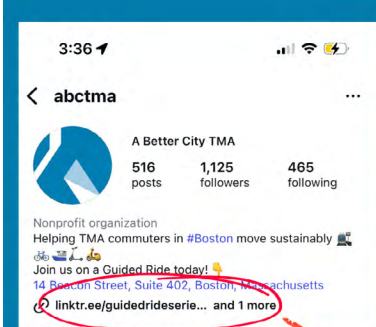
LEVERAGING STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR TDM SUCCESS

MASSDOT FUNDING FOR A NEW RIDE-MATCHING PLATFORM

In partnership with MassCommute—the consortium of TMAs in metro Boston—we are proud to have won a grant from MassDOT which will cover the cost of Agile Mile, our new and improved commuter benefits platform. Launching in January, 2026, AgileMile includes a seamless mobile app, better sign-up flow, and increased benefits for your commuters with access to discounts from great local businesses in addition to all of our usual benefits. This grant will free up some resources that we can dedicate to the program expansion described in the previous section and we will continue to aggressively pursue funding opportunities that help us expand our benefits within our current dues structure.

CONTINUED MASSDOT FUNDING FOR THE GUIDED RIDE SERIES

In July, MassDOT extended our Guided Ride Series funding for FY'26. This continued support will cover Guided Ride Series costs through the end of next June and has enabled our enhanced 'Self-Serve' option delivered through the dynamic Ride With GPS platform. With these two rounds of funding, our back-end infrastructure, scheduling, and communications platforms are strong and we fully expect to continue the GRS offering as a standard TMA program beyond the grant term.



The screenshot shows the Linktree profile for 'abctma' (A Better City TMA). The profile has 516 posts, 1,125 followers, and 465 following. A red circle highlights the bio text: 'Join us on a Guided Ride today! 🚲 14 Beacon Street, Suite 402, Boston, Massachusetts linktr.ee/guidedrideserie... and 1 more'. A red arrow points from this link to the 'Self-Serve Ride Resources' section below, which contains two buttons: 'Static and Dynamic Route Maps' and 'Helpful Instructional Videos'.

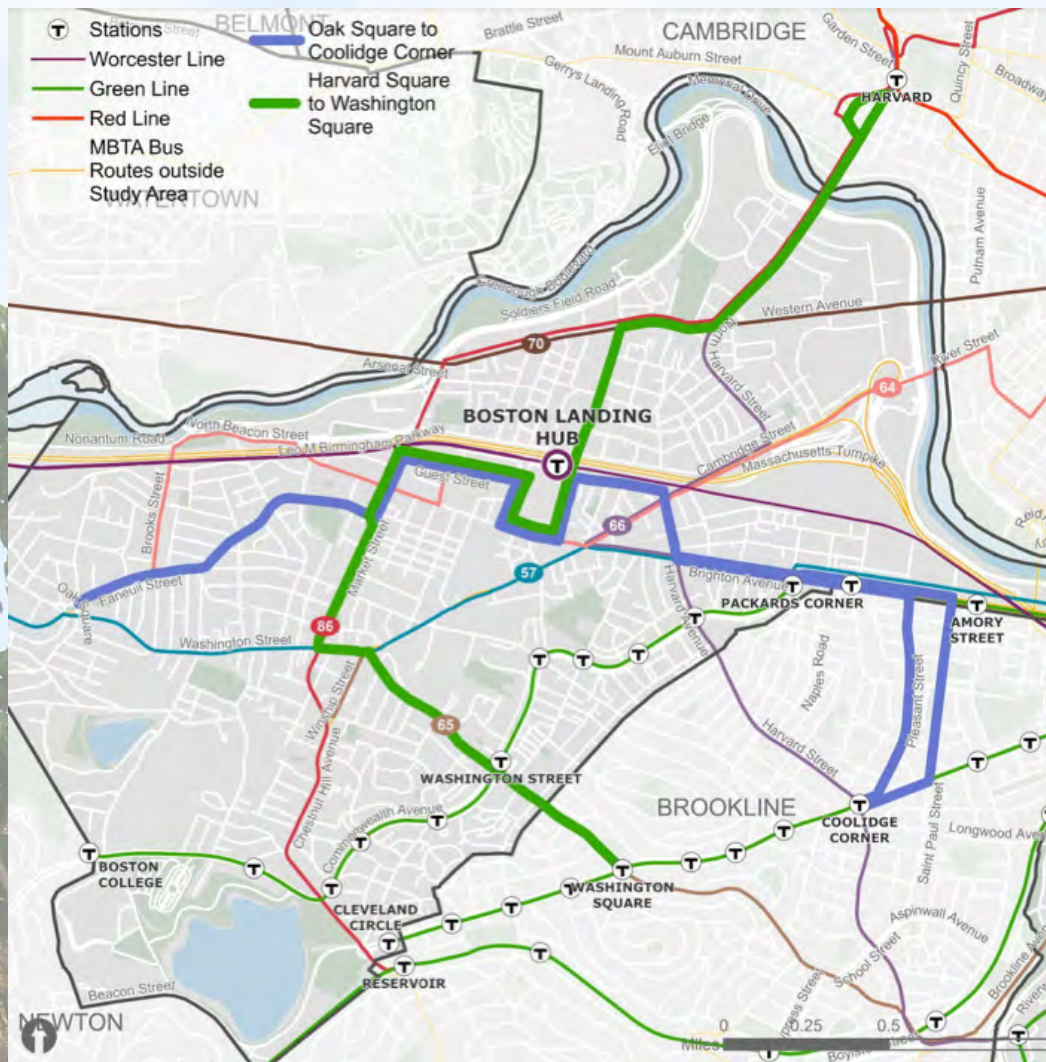
Navigate to our bio & click on our Linktree!

Under “Self-Serve Ride Resources”, click on our static and dynamic route maps

BOSTON IS BUILT FOR BIKING

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FUNDING TO EXPAND THE ALLSTON-BRIGHTON SHUTTLE

In a surprise twist, we received word from FHWA in early September that our Congestion Relief Grant would move forward. Just before the end of the federal fiscal year, we formalized our agreement and are working now to develop expansion scenarios, convene our Allston Brighton TMA Partners, and work out final cash flow questions related to this reimbursement grant. This represents a \$4million investment in public shuttle service in Allston Brighton over three years and will be a huge community benefit for all. More to come!



The proposed expansion of the Allston Brighton Shuttle includes an extension to Washington Square on the existing route and a new east-west route running from Oak Square to Coolidge Corner.

TDM THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP IN POLICY

SPECIAL COMMISSION ON MICROMOBILITY

The Special Commission on Micromobility was formed by legislative action in November 2024 and began convening in April. Our TDM Director, Scott Mullen, was appointed to the commission and participated in five official meetings and several rounds of drafting and reviewing outputs. The SCMM is broadly charged with reviewing the current state of classifications, regulations, and innovation of micromobility vehicles and producing a series of recommendations to the legislature in a report due out by January 31, 2026.

MPO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Earlier this summer, the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is responsible for the distribution of federal transportation funding, launched a Community Advisory Council to more deeply engage with local stakeholders. A Better City was invited to participate as a formal member of the CAC due largely to our history of engagement on issues related to active and public transportation and our deep relationships with Partner organizations like yours. Scott Mullen and Amir Wilson serve as reps to the CAC and are excited to bring your perspectives and interests to these conversations of regional significance.



ACT MICROMOBILITY COUNCIL

Our Manager of TMA Operations & Engagement, Brian Lill, continued his work on the Micromobility Council, a working group within the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT), the premier TDM professional organization in the U.S. The council's goals are to educate TDM professionals about the benefits of micromobility, centralize and distribute resources, and share micromobility best practices and success stories across the country. The council is made up of TDM professionals that are actively working in micromobility or are interested in promoting these new mobility options.

TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP

TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE MBTA MOBILITY INTEGRATION PLAN

As mentioned in the Active Transportation section above, the MBTA released a long-range Mobility Integration Plan to help guide further coordination with other modes of transportation to enable seamless multimodal trips for the end user. A Better City was invited to review the draft report earlier this year and provided detailed feedback, data, and suggested edits to the active transportation section. Those edits and data were included in the final report with a credit to ABC ([report available here](#)).

BOOSTING BLUEBIKES REPORT

In November, our Transportation Data & Policy Manager, Amir Wilson, published a brand-new report entitled [Boosting Bluebikes: Assessing the Early Impact of E-Bikes on Bikeshare Ridership in Greater Boston](#). Amir examined two years of Bluebikes ridership in 2023 and 2024, and outlined the growing role that e-bikes play in growing Bluebikes ridership.

The Bluebikes system achieved a record-breaking 4.7 million trips in 2024, which were boosted by e-bikes accounting for 25% of all rides that year. With roughly 700 e-bikes in the system, compared to the more than 4,000 classic bikes, each individual e-bike made almost twice as many trips per bike on average as each classic bike. Our report concludes with recommendations for improving the reliability and capacity of the system, such as expanding the e-bike fleet, integrating charging infrastructure into bike docks, and prioritizing co-location with transit and filling gaps in the network when siting new stations.



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OPINION

E-bikes are supercharging the Bluebikes system — and that's a good thing

Bikeshare and other cycling infrastructure can play an important role in relieving auto traffic and helping us meet climate goals



by AMIR WILSON
November 24, 2025

To promote the report, Amir published an op-ed in CommonWealth Beacon: [E-Bikes are supercharging the Bluebikes system—and that's a good thing](#).

VISION AND INNOVATION

PANEL PRESENTATION AT THE MASSDOT MOVING TOGETHER CONFERENCE

In October, Scott Mullen presented results of the Guided Ride Series on a panel at MassDOT's annual Moving Together conference. Titled "Expanding Cycling for All Ages, Purposes, and People," Mully shared the stage with advocates, bureaucrats, and entrepreneurs all working to expand the number of people using active transportation in the region ([See details of Session 1D at this link](#)).



PEDAL POWER PRESENTATION AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

In August, the Museum of Science convened the latest installment of their Pedal Power community celebration. Sponsored by HubLuv, the event draws planners, advocates, community-based organizations, small businesses, and more. This resource fair featured presentations and hands-on activities demonstrating how bike and ped infrastructure can build community, improve health, and address our climate goals ([more information at this link](#)).



CONNECTING PARTNERS WITH VETTED INNOVATORS IN TDM

Our TMAs continuously look to connect our partners with innovative solutions in an ever-changing transportation landscape. This year we were able to expand our partnership with NEMO, a micromobility service company whose impact on the local TDM scene continues to grow. We also continued our working with Jawnt, a benefits platform that has great solutions to keep transportation benefits flexible and people-focused. Finally we began a relationship with Electric Avenue, an innovative green consultancy based in New York, which is leading the charge to help organizations minimize the risk of e-bike battery fires. If you have suggestions on companies we should engage with, please let Brian know at blill@abettercity.org.



