

# ABAC Meeting Presentation

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# MBTA Forging Ahead Initiative

## Our Plan to Bring Back Service

Updated April 5, 2021



From the T's website:

“As of April 2021, we’re able to:

- Begin the process of returning all bus and subway service to pre-pandemic levels as quickly as possible
- Increase Commuter Rail service by up to 88% over current levels, [starting April 5, 2021](#)
- Accelerate [hiring and training for operators](#), which will further allow us to increase service”



- Silver designation is active until 2025
- One of four Massachusetts communities with Silver designation (14 communities total that are BFCs)
  - Others with Silver: Provincetown, Nantucket, Boston
  - Somerville is only Gold level community; no platinum BFCs
- We will receive our Bike Friendly Community report card and survey results in a few weeks – will share that at a future meeting
- Award letter and certificate will be mailed
- News item:  
<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/11183/16>
- Thanks to everyone who helped and contributed to make this happen!

# Bluebikes Update

- Redeployment of on-street stations April 8
- Trip Data:
  - 1,520 trips year-to-date in 2021
  - 634 trips in April 2021
  - Greatest number of trips near Bikeway locations



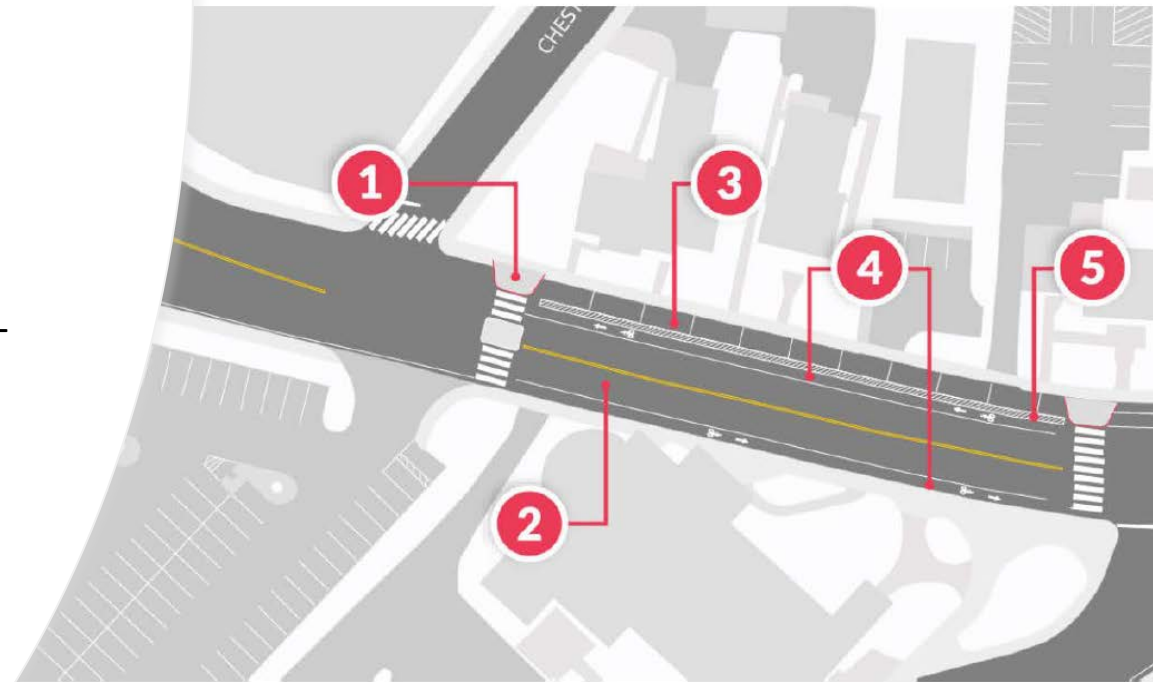
# Bluebikes Update

| A                 | B                     | C                                    | D              | E            | F                             | G          |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>April 2021</b> |                       |                                      |                |              |                               |            |
| District          | Logical Temrinal Name | Station Name                         | Starting Trips | Ending Trips |                               |            |
| Arlington         | L32001                | Railroad Lot and Minuteman Bikeway   | 162            | 175          |                               |            |
|                   | L32002                | Linwood St at Minuteman Bikeway      | 148            | 150          |                               |            |
|                   | L32003                | Mass Ave at Grafton St               | 30             | 26           |                               |            |
|                   | L32004                | Broadway at Grafton St               | 34             | 34           |                               |            |
|                   | L32005                | Thorndike Field at Minuteman Bikeway | 191            | 194          |                               |            |
|                   | L32006                | Mass Ave at Broadway                 | 56             | 68           |                               |            |
|                   |                       |                                      |                |              | <b>Total Attributed trips</b> | <b>634</b> |

| A                                  | B                     | C                                    | D              | E            | F                             | G             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Year-to-Date as of 05-19-21</b> |                       |                                      |                |              |                               |               |
| District                           | Logical Temrinal Name | Station Name                         | Starting Trips | Ending Trips |                               |               |
| Arlington                          | L32001                | Railroad Lot and Minuteman Bikeway   | 344            | 361          |                               |               |
|                                    | L32002                | Linwood St at Minuteman Bikeway      | 302            | 297          |                               |               |
|                                    | L32003                | Mass Ave at Grafton St               | 68             | 63           |                               |               |
|                                    | L32004                | Broadway at Grafton St               | 75             | 68           |                               |               |
|                                    | L32005                | Thorndike Field at Minuteman Bikeway | 614            | 608          |                               |               |
|                                    | L32006                | Mass Ave at Broadway                 | 112            | 127          |                               |               |
|                                    |                       |                                      |                |              | <b>Total Attributed trips</b> | <b>1519.5</b> |

# Chestnut Street at Chestnut Terrace

- TAC voted at May 12 meeting to submit recommendations to Select Board
- Includes safety improvement recommendations such as bump outs, refuge island, pedestrian-activated warning beacon, lane narrowing with bike lanes, and further work towards identifying how to approach possible longer-term project for geometric changes to Mystic/Chestnut





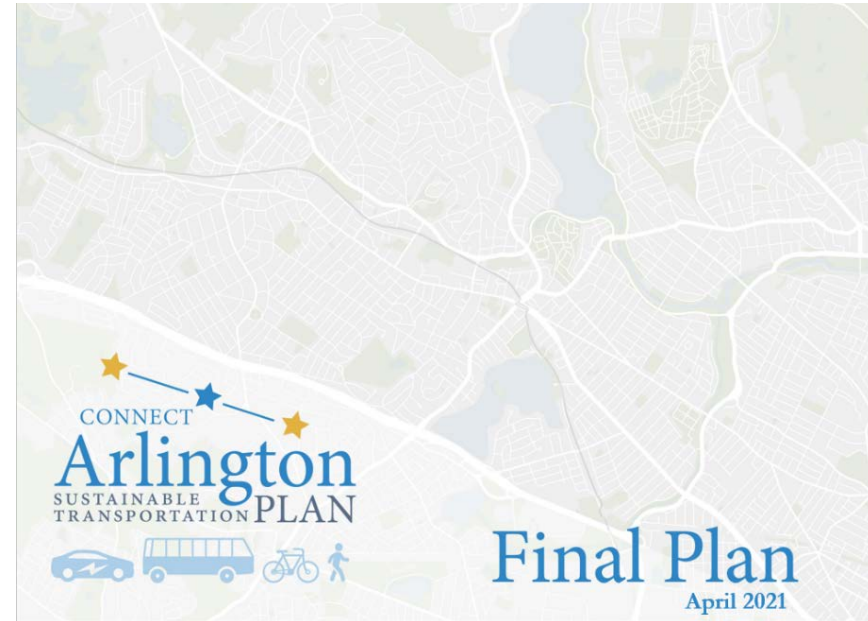
# Bikeway Planning Project RFP

- RFP for consultant to work on Bikeway Planning Project is now available at <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/RFP/RFP/2625/161>
- Goals/tasks included: review and recommendations for maintenance, safety, waysides/staying areas, policies and education, artwork; plus visioning
- Proposals due June 9
- Looking for ABAC member for Selection Committee
  - Reading and ranking Proposals
  - Meet with DPCD staff and other Select Committee member (TAC)
  - Possibly interviews
  - Should be finalized by late June/early July



# Connect Arlington

- Final edits being made to plan (clean up work, priorities, implementation table)
- Had discussions with Select Board members
- Next committee meeting is next week – expected endorsement Bring to Select Board in June (after Town Meeting)



# MUTCD Update

**NACTO Update: May 18, 2021**

**26,000+ Comments on the MUTCD Submitted to the Federal Register**  
NACTO submitted 400 comprehensive, practitioner-led comments



Despite an obvious need for safer streets—40,000 people die each year on American roads—the federal standards document for American roads, the MUTCD, continues to prioritize fast-moving vehicles over the safety and comfort of people, especially those walking, biking, and taking transit. Many regulations in the MUTCD hold back cities from building streets that work for everyone.

# EcoWeek



**Hey Arlington!**

**Got a green ride? Tell us!**

Do you have an e-bike that lets you shop for groceries, or an electric car for road trips? How about a bicycle that keeps you in shape? Or a favorite walk around town?

We all need to shrink our carbon footprints, but who knew it could be this much fun?

**You did!**

Sustainable Arlington, ACMi and EcoWeek are sponsoring a **video contest**. From now to May 15th, send us a video that's 30 seconds to one minute long, telling us what you love about your favorite green ride: a bicycle, an electric car, scooter, e-motorcycle, e-bike, or a walk, or something we haven't thought of!

The first 50 entries will be reviewed for inclusion on the [ACMi YouTube channel](#), [website](#) and an ACMi T.V. Broadcast!

(Air Date: TBD)

- **Deadline extended to May 31**