

The Department of Planning and Community Development invites you to a **MBTA-CA Intro & Compliance Options Workshop** on April 4, 2023 at 5:30 pm held remotely via Zoom.

Note that while we are using the Planning Board's Notify Me list to broadly notice meetings related to this subject, this is a staff-led meeting for the general public. This meeting will also be recorded and linked through the MBTA-CA website (<https://brooklinema.gov/2044>).

Please register for this webinar at:

https://brooklinema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Rq4H6I0HRvmTNwRn4cOITQ

You can also join by phone at 1-646-828-7666, Webinar ID: 160 451 6876

Or One tap mobile:

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Background

The passage of the MBTA Communities Act ("MBTA-CA") in 2022 requires municipalities like Brookline to create a zoning district that allows multi-family development without special permits. Our Department is proposing to meet this requirement by leveraging analysis already completed that identified regulatory barriers to multifamily and mixed-use development and proposed remedies that can serve as an objective basis for community visioning workshops. The first installment of this study is Harvard Street, a vital mixed-use neighborhood. A kick-off meeting was held on March 15th focused on this proposal. Over 260 people attended this meeting, some that were very familiar with the complex details of both the MBTA-CA requirement as well as the [Harvard Street study and proposal](#), and many people that were just learning about these topics.

The first part of the meeting on April 4th will be a general overview of the MBTA-CA requirements, followed by a summary of initial scenarios that our Department shared with Boards last year (prior to the final Guidelines and compliance model issued by the State), and then a collaborative workshop format to explore other community ideas for compliance beyond Harvard Street.

Agenda & Materials

(We will do our best to hold these times so that people can join/leave according to their interest.)

5:30 pm: [MBTA-CA overview](#) presentation

5:45 pm: Q&A regarding MBTA-CA requirements

6:30 pm: Presentation and rolling Q&A of [initial compliance scenarios](#) from last year

7:00 pm: Workshop to explore other community ideas for compliance beyond Harvard Street

9:00 pm: Conclude

In addition to the linked information above, updated materials will be posted as available (including any community ideas) to the following folder:

<https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/4007>

Upcoming Meetings & Contract Information

In addition to monthly meetings at the Select Board including public comment about this topic, multiple general information and topic-specific meetings are scheduled throughout the Spring as noted in the website above. Additionally, Senior Housing Planner Maria Morelli is holding regular office hours Mondays noon to 5 pm and Tuesdays 8:30 am to 1 pm via zoom at: <https://brooklinema.zoomgov.com/j/1615833155>

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