



Goals

The focus of the reconstruction of Brookline Street is to emphasize the residential nature of the street and to reduce the speed of traffic while also providing a safe space for walking and bicycling.

In addition to paving, sidewalk replacement and utility work, improvements are proposed to include traffic calming, pedestrian crossings, bike lanes and street trees. Lighting improvements are outside the scope of the project and are not included.

Next steps

Final designs for the Brookline Street Reconstruction project are complete. The project is planned to begin construction in September 2008 and last about 18 months.

Meet the artist: Mike Mandel

As part of Cambridge's Percent for Art program, an artist has been commissioned by the Arts Council for this project. Come meet artist Mike Mandel, view slides of his work, and chat with him about his ideas for art on Brookline Street. For more information about the artist, visit: <http://www.thecorner.net>

Background

Five community meetings have been held to date. At the fourth meeting (October 2007) participants expressed their preference for one of the three concept designs presented. There were requests to continue the bicycle lane as far up Brookline Street as possible.

At the fifth meeting (February 2008), participants saw the proposed design from Henry to Pacific Street and expressed a preference for one of the three options from Pacific St. to Mass. Ave. that had the bicycle lane continue all the way to Green St. Some participants asked if any additional residential parking could be added on side streets. Ten new residential parking spaces are now planned for Tudor Street.

Additional assistance

The City of Cambridge Community Development Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Community Development will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative format, and reasonable modifications in policies upon request.



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Website

See the project website for more information:
<http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/et/infra/brookline>



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Brookline Street Reconstruction

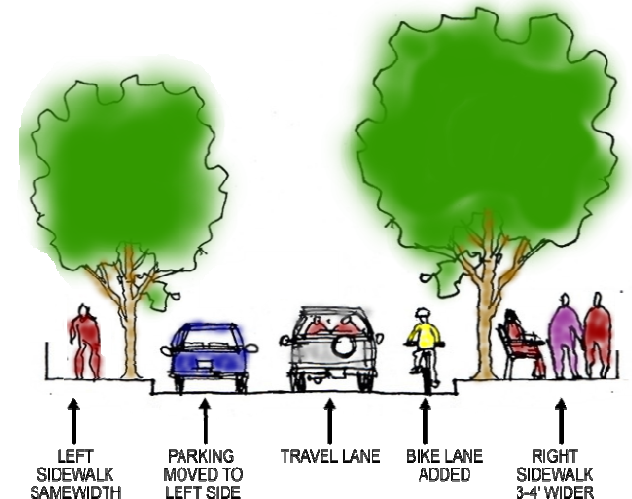
- View the final plans
- Meet the artist
- Get updates from last meeting
- Talk with project staff

Tuesday June 17, 2008

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Drop by any time! Open to the public.

Morse School, Cafeteria
Granite Street, Cambridge



Brookline Street Reconstruction Project

Final Plan Highlights

Project goals

- Emphasize residential nature of Brookline street
- Reduce traffic speed and provide a safe space for walking and bicycling
- Enhance the street with more trees
- Maintain enough residential parking to meet the existing demand



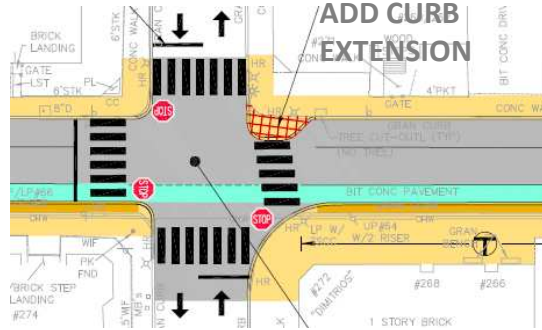
East sidewalk will be widened, brick accent strip will be added.



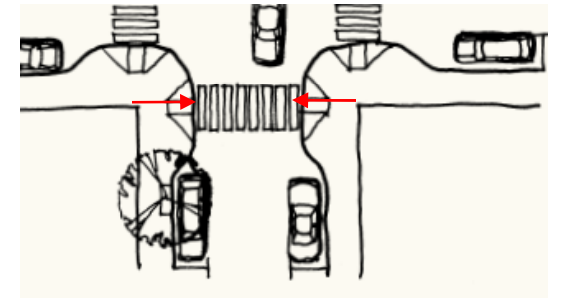
Bicycle lane will be added from Henry Street to Green Street; resident and metered parking will be moved to the left side of the street.



Raised intersection to be added at Erie Street.



Safety improvements at Putnam: traffic signal will be replaced with all-way stop.



Curb extensions and new crosswalks will be added at many locations.



Mike Mandel has been commissioned to develop public art as part of this project.



Street trees will be added.



Ten new residential parking spaces will be added on Tudor Street.