

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Department of Transportation

Welcome to the Cambridge Bicycle Committee

November 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Today's Agenda

Welcome and meeting summary approval 5:30 PM Q&A: Meetings, announcements, and 5:35 project updates Discussion: Conversation with Cambridge 5:55 Police Department Discussion: Chair updates 7:05 Report back from the Outreach Subcommittee Subcommittee opportunities: State Micromobility Commission and Bicycle Friendly Community application Future agenda item suggestions Public comment 7:25

Why We're Here

"The Bicycle Committee works to improve conditions for bicycling in the City of Cambridge, to promote bicycling as a means of transportation, and to improve safety conditions for bicyclists."

Bicycle Committee Bylaws, Updated 2009

The Bicycle Committee meets monthly.

- The **purpose** is to get feedback from appointed members of the Committee, the City's "community experts" on bicycle transportation issues
- The **outcome** is an understanding by City staff of the Committee's consensus on priorities and reactions to street projects and development proposals
- The process to achieve that outcome includes presentations by Committee members and City staff, discussion following presentations, and a public comment period

Who We Are

Citizen Representatives

- · Richard Freierman, Chair
- Gregory Carey-Medlock, Vice Chair
- Randy Stern, Secretary
- Martha Birnbaum
- Mark A. Boswell
- Michael Burke
- Guido Cuperus
- John P. Ellersick
- Muna El Taha
- Amy Flax
- Brett Gallagher
- Alison Harris
- Denise Haynes
- Camille Jonlin
- Scott Kilcoyne
- Eitan Normand
- Vanessa Nwankwo
- Leah Pickett
- Carola Voelker
- Ling Zeng

Dept. Representatives

- Nick Schmidt, Transportation, Facilitator
- Quinn Murphy, Transportation
- Stephen Meuse, Transportation
- · Jerry Friedman, Public Works
- Steven Magalhaes, Police

Bicycle Committee Minutes

October 15, 2025

Joint Meeting Minutes

Notice of future agenda item

Q&A: Meetings, Announcements, and Project Updates

5:35-5:55 PM

Upcoming Committee Meetings (by date)

- Pedestrian Committee November 20
- Transit Advisory Committee December 4
- Bicycle Committee December 10
- Pedestrian Committee December 18

Upcoming Public Meetings (by date)

- Outer Huron Safety Improvement Project (CamDOT)
 - December 2, 5:00 PM <u>Community Meeting</u> (Virtual)
 - December 9, 6:00 PM Open House #1 (Russell Youth Community Center)
 - December 16, 5:00 PM Open House #2 (Parkside Place Community Room)
- Rules of the Road (CamDOT)
 - December 3, 6:00 PM Bicycle Workshop (Valente Branch)
- McGrath Boulevard Project (MassDOT)
 - December 4, 6:30 PM Open House (Somerville High School, Lower Cafeteria)
 - December 9, 6:30 PM <u>Design Public Hearing</u> (Virtual)

Announcements

- On October 21, Harvard University transitioned its Bicycle Committee representative:
 - Diane Gray, Harvard University Planning and Design (HUPAD), stepping down
 - Brett Gallagher, HUPAD, joining the Committee

Thank you, Diane! Welcome, Brett!

Transportation Planning Division Projects

• Linear Park Reconstruction Project:

- Linear Park closed October 27, 2025m for preliminary work (supply delivery, tree protection, construction fencing, Red Line emergency egress paths, and other preparatory work.
- Next round of information will follow in early 2026.
 - Follow updates on the <u>new Public Works project webpage</u>
 - For more information, reach out to Kristen Kelleher, Community Relations Manager (kkelleher@cambridgema.gov)

Bluebikes:

- Station updates:
 - MIT at Mass Ave / Amherst St (returned to sidewalk with +4 docks)
 - Mt Auburn (returning to the sidewalk November 21)
 - Craigie St at Brattle St / Sparks St (15 docks) <u>application for Certificate of Appropriateness</u> approved by Cambridge Historical Commission on November 6 (launching December 17)
 - 125 Cambridgepark Drive (revised launch date January 2026)

Street Management Division Projects

1. Broadway (Portland St to Quincy St)

- Working Group Meeting #5 on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30pm at City Hall Annex
- Section C (Quincy St to Ellery St) Open House on Tuesday, January 7th at 6pm at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School

2. Aberdeen Ave

- Substantially complete
- Some bike symbols, green, and flex posts remain
- Working on signal timing adjustments at Mt Auburn/Aberdeen intersection

3. Cambridge St (Prospect St to Second St)

- Utility and pavement assessment ongoing to inform design
- Section A (Prospect St to Willow St) to begin in Spring 2026 with open houses Winter 2026

4. Main St (Central Sq to Portland St, Tech Sq to Albany St)

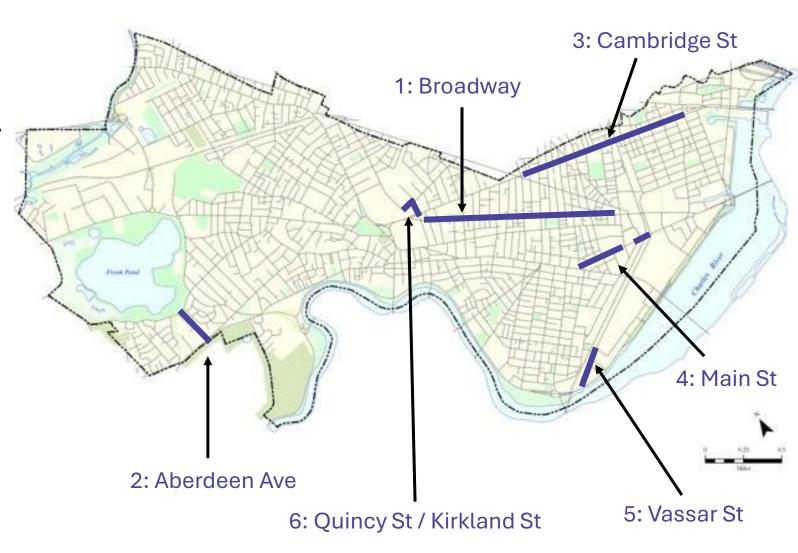
Substantially complete. Working on punch list

5. Vassar St (Memorial Drive to Amherst Alley)

- Substantially complete
- Some signs and markings remain
- Note ongoing exploratory work for upcoming Eversource project

6. Quincy St / Kirkland St (west end)

New project! More on next few slides.



Map of all upcoming Cycling Safety Ordinance projects at www.cambridgema.gov/cyclingsafetyordinance

Street Management Division Projects (cont.)

Aberdeen Ave



Aberdeen Ave



Brookline St



Street Management Division Projects (cont.)

Quincy - Kirkland Safety Improvement Project

New project!

This project includes Quincy St between Kirkland St and Cambridge St and Kirkland St between Quincy St and Oxford St.

We will add separated bike lanes where possible to align with the Cycling Safety Ordinance.

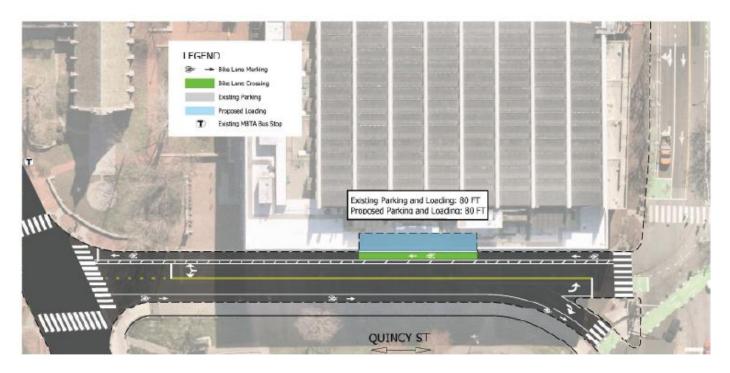
- Quincy St: This section can be installed as early as this year.
- **Kirkland St:** This section will begin the outreach and feedback phase soon.
 - This section is not designed yet



Project webpage: camb.ma/quincykirkland

Street Management Division Projects (cont.)

Quincy - Kirkland Safety Improvement Project



Quincy St: Kirkland St to Cambridge St

Timeline: Tentative Fall 2025

- Sidewalk Repairs: The City will work with Eversource Gas to restore a sidewalk that was partially removed to allow for utility work.
- Modify the Roadway Layout: A lane reduction on Quincy St, which was installed temporarily during construction, will be made permanent.
- Improve Bicycle Facilities and Connections: Project plans include a combination of separated, buffered, and conventional marked lanes, an improvement from today.

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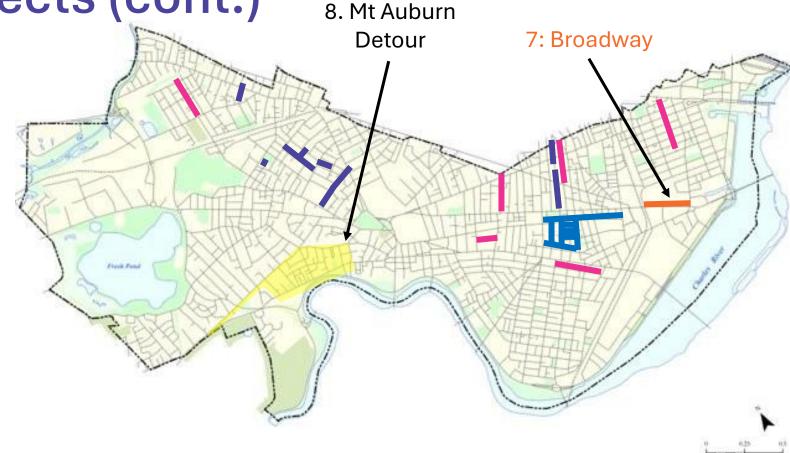
Public Works Projects

- 1. Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza
- No major update
- 2. River St (Memorial Dr to Mass Ave)
- Binder paved Kinnaird to Mass Ave in September
- New signal equipment at Mass / Prospect November 12
- 3. Mass Ave Partial Construction
- Anticipate public process re-start before end of 2025



Public Works Projects (cont.)

- 4. Chapter 90 Contracts 24 & 25
- · Projects are wrapping up
- 5. Chapter 90 Contract 26
- No major update
- **6. Port Infrastructure Improvements**
- Clement Morgan Park Bids due November 20
- 7. Broadway (Galileo Galilei to Third St)
- No major update
- 8. 221 Mt. Auburn St Detours
- Demolition begins in December



4: Ch. 90 Contracts 24/25 (magenta streets) 5: Ch. 90 Contract 26 (purple streets) 6: Port
Infrastructure
- Phase 1
(blue streets)

Discussion: Conversation with Cambridge Police Department

5:55-7:05 PM

Discussion: Conversation with Cambridge Police Department

- What is CPD's role in the Bike Committee?
 - The Bicycle Committee requested recurring CPD presence in monthly Committee meetings, including recurring monitoring of select locations.
- Member-requested topics for the November 12 meeting:
 - Data request:
 - How frequently officers are assigned for motor vehicle or bicycle enforcement
 - Response time and officers' role in responding to bike crashes, including assigning fault
 - Materials request:
 - Overview of training materials and practices to guide enforcement
 - Questions:
 - What more can be done about motor vehicles parked in bike lanes? For example, people submitting photos, etc.

Discussion: Chair updates

7:05-7:25 PM

Discussion: Chair updates

- Report back from the Outreach Subcommittee
- Subcommittee opportunities: <u>Special Commission on Micromobility</u> and <u>Bicycle Friendly Community application</u>
- Future agenda item suggestions

Public comment

7:25-7:30 PM