

Cambridge Pedestrian Committee Site Walk

Mass Ave Partial Construction Project (Porter Square to Alewife Brook Parkway)
November 5, 2025




Here’s What Others Have Said. What Are We Missing?


About the Mass Ave Partial Construction Project

This is a *partial construction* project. This means that the scope of the project includes things like:


- Removal of concrete median
- Crossing islands and pedestrian ramps
- Changes to intersection geometry
- Critical repairs to existing utilities
- Relocation of sections of utilities to improve traffic signal location
- Paving the street and new pavement markings

**Porter Square Area Comments**


- Crossing Somerville Ave can be stressful due to length and turning movements
- Sidewalk space constrained
- Wayfinding issues out of the station
- Accessibility issues getting to station entrance
- Shopping Center Parking: Where are lefts permitted?
- Davenport St
 - Vehicles turn left across yellow painted median
 - Crosswalk often blocked by vehicles waiting to turn, pushing bikes out into the intersection

**Rindge Ave Intersection Comments**

- People sometimes cross on side without a crosswalk
- Left bike turns are challenging
- Through bikes don’t stop on red and conflict with pedestrians
- Ped crossing of Rindge is not protected—there are frequent conflicts with vehicles turning
- Consider westbound bus stop location on Rindge close to intersection
- Consider curb extension to narrow the crossing distance
- Children cross Mass Ave to get to school

**Linear Park Intersection Comments**

- Potential for last block of Cedar St to be one-way
- Two-way on Harvey St works well
- Consider signal timing phasing/coordination
 - Confusion between Cedar St/Cameron Ave
 - Northbound bikes use pedestrian LPI to try to cross diagonally to Linear Park. Design to allow this to happen
- Consider northbound floating bus stop between Cameron Ave and Cedar St

**Alewife Brook Parkway Comments**

- Keep median at busy intersection
- Gateway/placemaking needed
- On-street parking needed south of Cottage St at Fast Phils and City Paint store