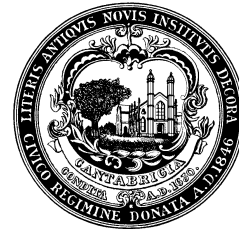


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**The next meeting of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities
will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO JOIN BY 5:30 PM

AGENDA

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| 1. Introductions <i>If needed, alternates named</i> | 2 min. | |
| 2. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 3. Nominations & Elections for Chair & Secretary | 5 min. | CCPD Board |
| 4. Approval of April 13 Minutes <i>See page 4 of agenda packet</i> | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 5. Cambridge Street Code Revision & Update <i>See page 6 of agenda packet for presentation & page 13 for the DRAFT Street Code: Rules & Etiquette for Getting There Together</i> | 30 min. | Miguel Perez-Luna, Community Development Dept. |
| 6. CCPD Working Group Reports <i>Plans for moving the work forward</i> | 20 min. | CCPD Board |
| 7. Public Works Update | 5 min. | Jerry Friedman |
| 8. Staff Report | 5 min. | |
| 9. Public Input <i>See pages 2&3 of this agenda packet for instructions on providing public comment</i> | 5 min. | general public |

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Members of the public: See instructions on following pages on how to watch the CCPD meeting and provide public comment via Zoom

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Thank you for your patience as we work together to make virtual meetings accessible for everyone!

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Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, April 13, 2023 CCPD Meeting

Online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

Present:

Members: Loring Brinckerhoff, Avril dePagter (Chair), Mary Devlin (Secretary), Jerry Friedman, Robert Goss, Valerie Hammond, Stelios Gragoudas, Keisha Greaves, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, Danielle Jones-McLaughlin, and Dan Stubbs

Absent: Deepti Nijhawan

Staff: Rachel Tanenhaus & Kate Thurman

Announcements:

- Nicole told members about the Inclusion Initiative being presented to the City Council and was looking for any feedback regarding what to include. For example, if anyone had heard anything or had been given any questions regarding the new enrollment process. Please let her know if you have any thoughts.

Minutes:

The March 9, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.

Nominations for Chair & Secretary

- Elections for Chair & Secretary will be held at the June meeting. Nominations were opened. There will be another opportunity for nominations to be made prior to holding the election next month.
- Loring, Valerie & Dan each nominated Avril for a second term as Chair and Mary for a second term as Secretary. The nominations were accepted, and no other nominations were made.

CCPD Retreat Follow-Up

- There was a general consensus that the member retreat went really well.
- A question was asked about what can be shared as the working groups start to do their work and how to ensure members comply with the Open Meeting Law (OML)
 - Because there cannot be any deliberation between a quorum (6 or more members) of the Commission outside of public meetings, a suggestion was made that materials could be shared prior to meetings via email by using the bcc option so that “reply all” cannot be used to inadvertently begin a discussion between members. Members who have feedback may reply individually to the sender, without copying other members.
 - Kate and Rachel will invite someone from the Law Department to a future meeting to answer questions about the OML.
- Working group updates:
 - Documents Review (Dan & Mary) - Dan and Mary will review by-laws and our enabling ordinance from 1979. They will bring recommendations to the full group for feedback and approval.
 - Film/Media Series (Loring & Robert)
 - Robert would like to see the Commission share with the public more about what CCPD does.
 - Loring asked about potential resources available for restarting the film series. He suggested that CCPD focus on holding a single screening to get started.

- Kate shared the history of the original film series with film screenings every 6-8 weeks. At the time there was a license to show movies on City property. There may not be capacity for the staff to do a regular series. There was also a suggestion to do a collaboration with a local disability agency such as Vinfen to get started.
- Information Packets (Valerie, Mary, Loring)
 - The group plans to meet soon
 - They plan to work on the Welcome to the Board Packet first and then move on to the New Resident Packet, which will provide information to new Cambridge residents on available resources.
- Create Outreach Roadmap (Avril, Robert, Deepti, Nicole)
 - Avril is coordinating the schedule for the group to meet.
 - They will prioritize ideas and determine how the Commission will engage in public-facing activities, such as tables at events, presentations to various groups, afterschool programs, etc.
 - They will bring a draft plan to a future public meeting to review with the whole group.
- Social Media (Keisha, with staff support)
 - Kate shared the City policy that only City staff can do actual postings, but committee members can submit information for posting.
 - Keisha, Kate & Rachel will meet to coordinate what they want to post, what it looks like, and how they can get the information out.
 - Dan suggested that all members can help with content.
 - Jerry shared a working group that might be able to create a “friends of...” and will connect with Kate with details.
- Housing (Keisha)
 - This group would work on accessible and affordable housing. Others offered to help out.
- Youth Liaison Work (Nicole & Danielle)
 - Nicole and Danielle will develop the priorities from their discussion at the retreat.
- Variance Liaison (Dan)
 - Dan said he is available to consult with staff as needed on variance issues.

Public Works Update:

- Jerry said that April 10 is the opening day of sidewalk repairs season
- He reminded members to follow-up with any questions on projects, and to notify him if there are any barriers in construction zones

Staff Report:

- Rachel welcomed Danielle to the Commission. Deepti is also a new member, but had a prior conflict and was unable to attend the April meeting
- She asked members what they would like to see in the staff report at meetings. She said that staff can create a list of activities they’ve worked on, but Rachel would like to know what would work best for the Commission in terms of information and format.
- A question was asked about CCPD staff fielding complaints. Rachel said that CCPD is not a formal complaint entity but provides access to information and resources.
- There is an interest in hearing about the presentations done by the staff.

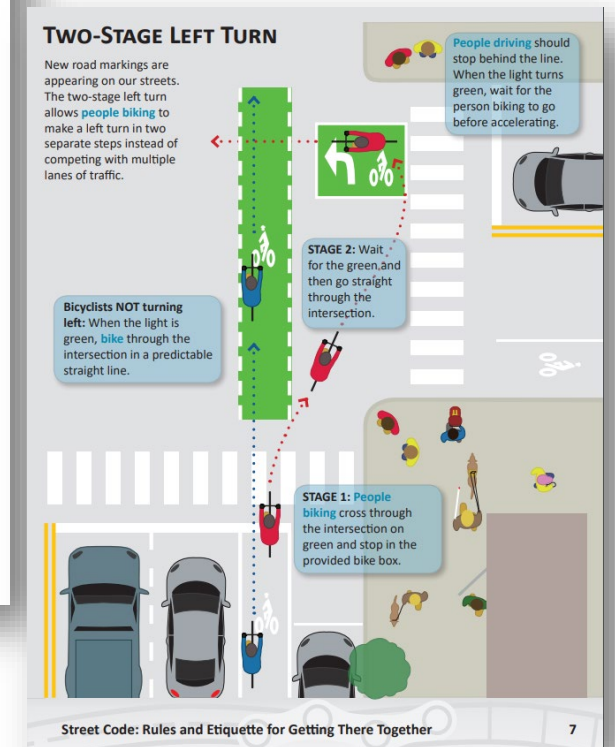
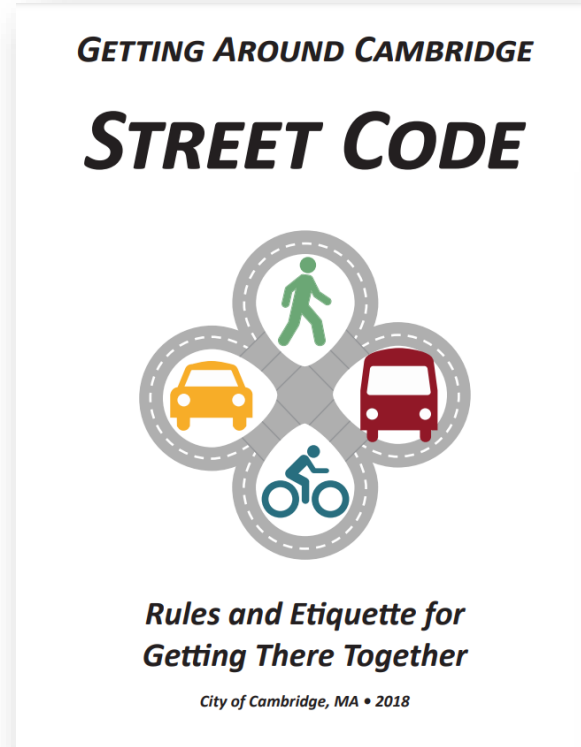
Meeting adjourned at 6:58PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Devlin, Secretary



“Cambridge Street Code” Revision and Update

What is the “Cambridge Street Code”?



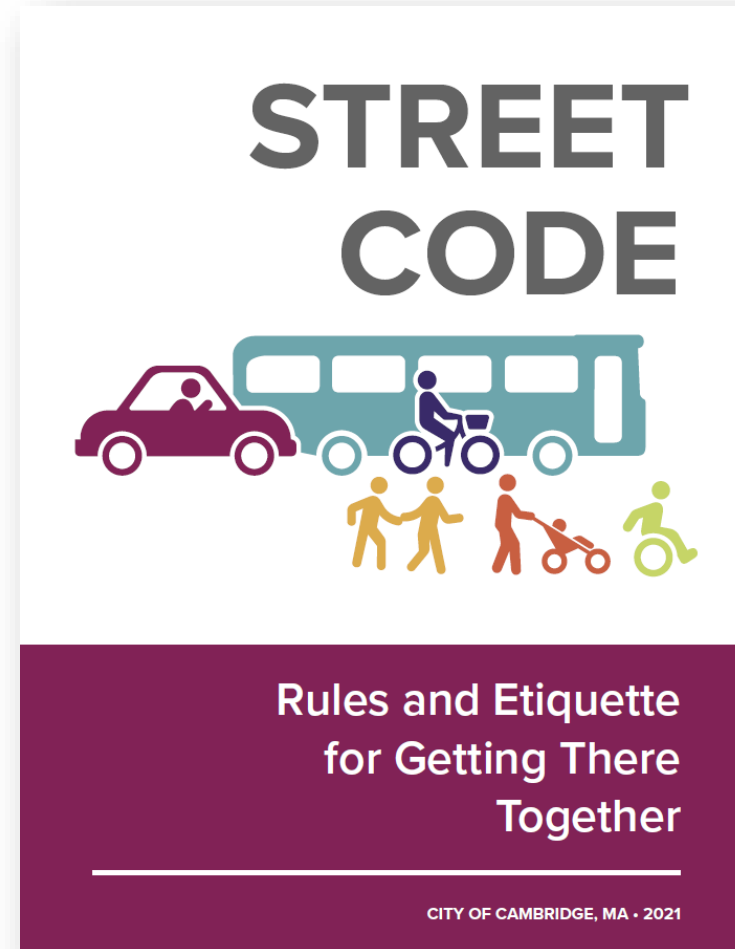


Street Code Revision - Purpose and outcome

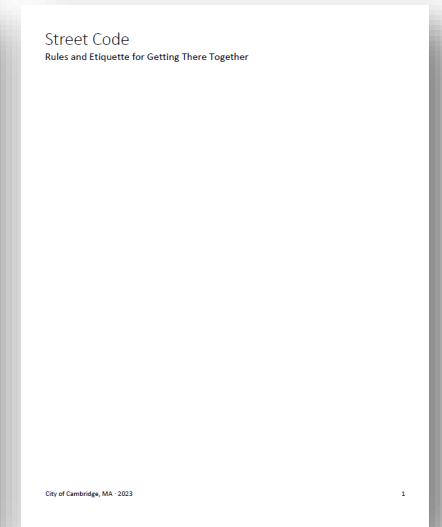
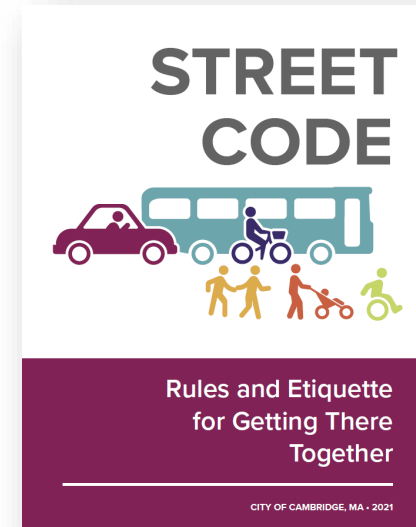


Outline of topics from previous edition

Outline of new/additional topics



Request for feedback and input





Questions

STREET CODE



Rules and Etiquette
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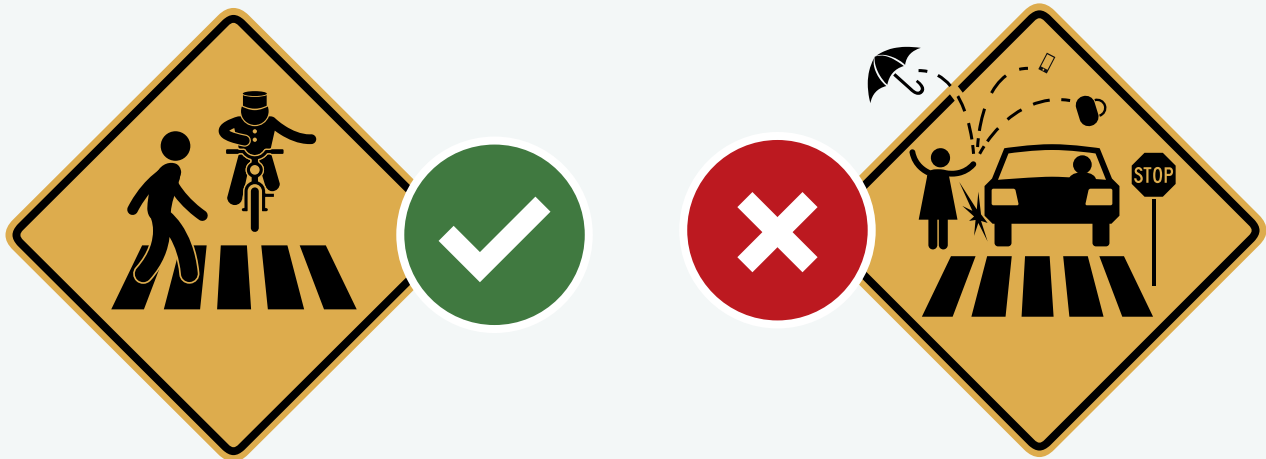
KNOW THE CODE

The Street Code is a resource for everyone. Whether you walk, bike, drive, or use public transportation, you play an active role in the transportation system. In order for this system to function well, each person must **follow the rules, pay attention, and be patient and courteous**. Simple!

The Street Code is made up of five main sections, listed below. This document ends with a resource page containing relevant phone numbers and websites.

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ALWAYS YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS.



Let's give each other a break, be a little more patient, and remember that we are all trying to get somewhere safely. With more people biking and walking and with a constant flow of new students, new drivers, and new cyclists, it's important to remember these **main themes** of the **Street Code**.

1. SLOW DOWN.

The faster you travel, the higher the risk of crash and death. Is beating that yellow light really worth injuring someone, losing your job, or going to jail? Take a breath and slow down.

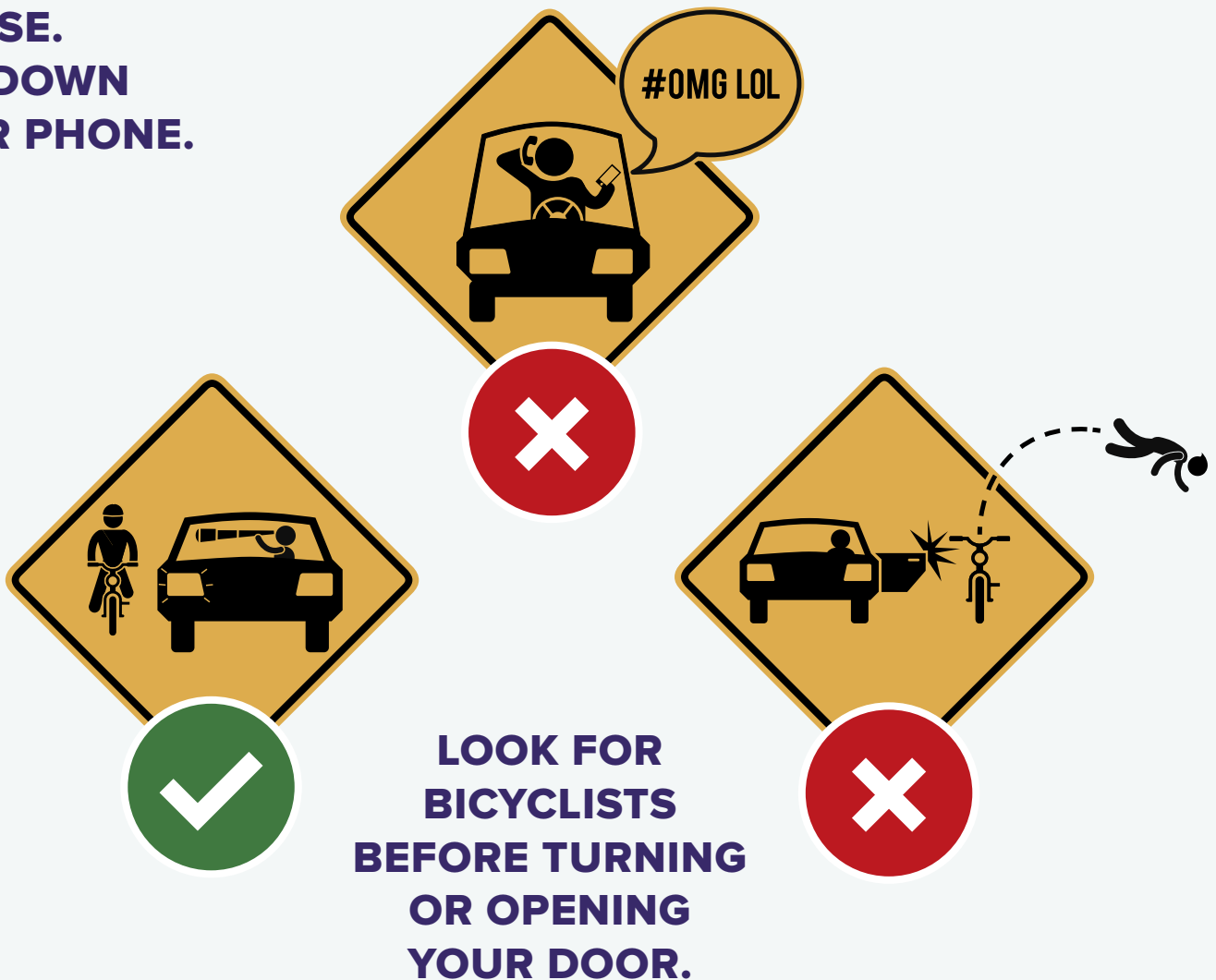
2. PUT YOURSELF IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES.

Imagine what it would feel like to be in their position. Don't assume the worst. Maybe they don't know the rules and norms of the road. Maybe they looked, but didn't see you. Be the person you want to see on the streets.

3. IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU.

It's about all of us. We are all trying to safely get somewhere. Let's go out into the world trusting that we can come back alive and uninjured.

**PLEASE.
PUT DOWN
YOUR PHONE.**



RULES OF THE ROAD

PEOPLE DRIVING



- Must **stop** at red lights and stop signs.
- Must **yield** to people in crosswalks.
- Must **not travel, park, or stop** in a bike lane.
- Must stop behind the crosswalk and bike box **even if empty**.
- Must **yield** (when turning or parking) to people on bikes who are going straight.
- Must **never text and drive** — it's illegal and deadly!
- Must never pass another vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.
- Citywide speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise marked.

PEOPLE BIKING



- Must **stop** at red lights and stop signs.
- Must **yield** to people in crosswalks.
- May use the **full lane** anywhere, any time, and on any street (except limited access highways) **even if there is a bike lane**.
- If 16 or younger, must **wear a helmet**.
- Must use **front lights** and **rear reflectors** between dusk and dawn.
- May **not** ride on the **sidewalk** in designated business districts.
- May pass vehicles on the right and move to the front of the intersection at stop lights, but should use caution.
- Must bike in the **same direction** as traffic unless otherwise marked or signed.
- May **not** wear headphones or earbuds in both ears while biking.
- Don't text and bike. Hands on your bike and eyes on the road.

PEOPLE WALKING



- Should be mindful of the flow of traffic and, where available, use the crosswalk and wait for the pedestrian signal.

PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSIT



- Must give up seats labeled **Priority Seating**, as required by federal law, if someone who is pregnant, elderly, or disabled needs to sit down.
- Should exit through the **back** of the bus when possible.

WATCH FOR PEOPLE

Intersections are full of activity. Be alert and watch for **people!**

People driving and biking must stop at the stop line so that people walking can cross the intersection safely.

People driving and biking must yield to **people walking** in crosswalks. Never pass a vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk — it's dangerous and illegal.

After yielding to buses, drivers may enter the bus lane to access parking or to turn.

People driving or exiting vehicles (including ride share vehicles) must look for people walking and biking before pulling over or opening the door.

People driving should never pull over, stop, or park on or next to the crosswalk or in the bike lane— it's illegal and dangerous.

Be courteous when biking through an intersection. Don't try to race by a **motor vehicle**. Maintain a safe speed.

Bus and bike lanes cannot be used as driving lanes for other vehicles.

When turning, **people driving and biking** must yield to pedestrians crossing.

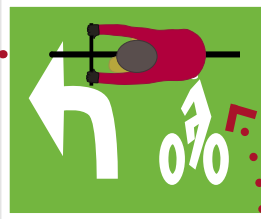


TWO-STAGE LEFT TURN

New road markings are appearing on our streets. The two-stage left turn allows **people biking** to make a left turn in two separate steps instead of competing with multiple lanes of traffic.

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People driving should stop behind the line. When the light turns green, wait for the person biking to go before accelerating.



STAGE 2: Wait for the green and then go straight through the intersection.

Bicyclists NOT turning left: When the light is green, bike through the intersection in a predictable straight line.

STAGE 1: People biking cross through the intersection on green and stop in the provided bike box.

SEPARATED BIKE LANES

Separated bike lanes, also known as cycle tracks and protected bike lanes, physically separate bicycle traffic from vehicular traffic. Pay close attention at intersections where separated bike lanes cross roads and crosswalks. Some are one-way, some are two-way. **People biking** should ride in the correct direction. **People walking** should stay on the sidewalk — do not walk on the separated bike lane.

People biking should ride in the lane through the intersection. Watch for turning vehicles and pedestrians.

When turning right, **people driving** must yield to pedestrians and cyclists crossing.

People walking should watch for bicyclists when crossing the separated bike lane.

People driving must stop at the stop line to allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross the intersection safely.

People walking should cross with the pedestrian signal.

People biking must yield to pedestrians. Watch for turning vehicles.

REDUCE RISK: BE ALERT

PEOPLE DRIVING



- Watch for bicyclists coming from behind, especially when turning.
- Before opening your car door or moving, **look in your mirror** and physically **turn your body** to make sure no bicyclists are coming.
- Pay attention to the **pedestrian signal** and give people walking the right-of-way.
- Allow room for bicyclists to pass on your right; **don't hug the curb**.

PEOPLE BIKING



- Understand that large vehicles make wide turns, take time to come to a full stop, and have large blind spots. **Give buses, trucks, and other large vehicles room and avoid passing them.**
- Put your phone away — your safety depends on all of your senses.
- Pedestrians are everywhere — be prepared to stop for them.
- Ride outside of the “door zone” (at least **3 feet** from parked cars) and watch for opening car doors.
- When passing vehicles on the right in heavy traffic, **slow down** as you approach a crosswalk. People may be crossing.
- Anticipate bus stops to avoid conflicts with a bus. Don't pass buses on the right — you might hit someone exiting the bus or you could get squeezed into the curb.

PEOPLE WALKING



- **Look up** from your phone when you cross the street.
- Look for bicyclists before stepping out into the crosswalk — they can travel **much faster** than vehicles in times of heavy traffic.
- Watch for turning vehicles before crossing.
- Be aware of your surroundings even if listening to music or talking on the phone.

PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSIT



- Watch for vehicles and bicyclists when exiting the bus and crossing the street.

DOORS ARE DANGEROUS

Vehicle doors pose a very serious threat to people biking. Look before opening a car door — it could save someone's life.

People **driving** or **riding** in cars, trucks, taxis, or any other motor vehicle with a **door**:

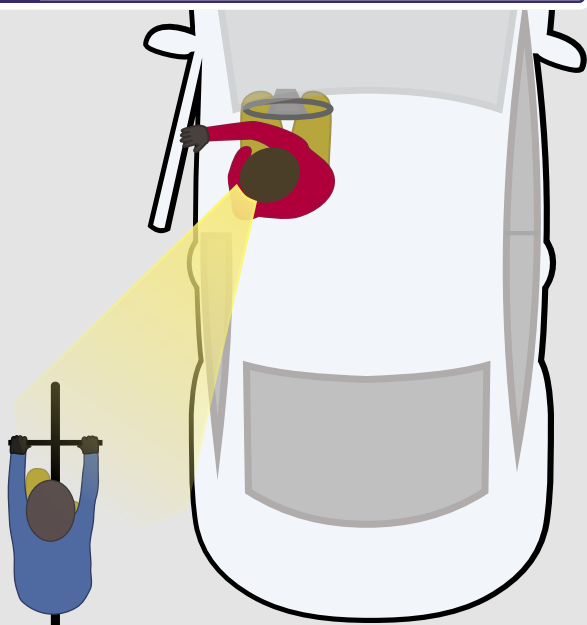
1 Check your **rear-view mirror**.



2 Check your **side-view mirror**.

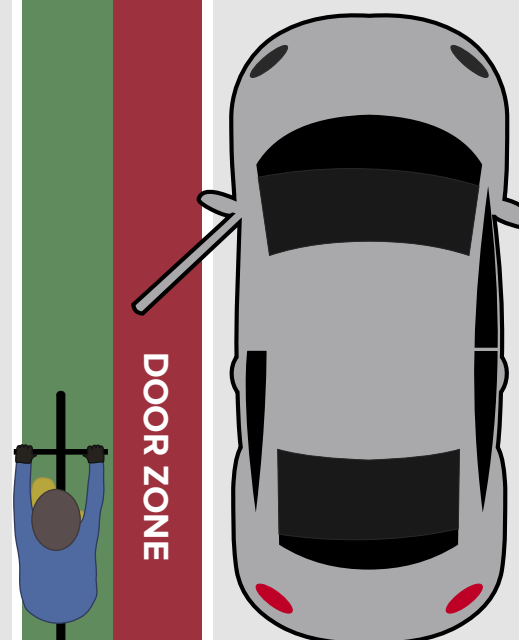
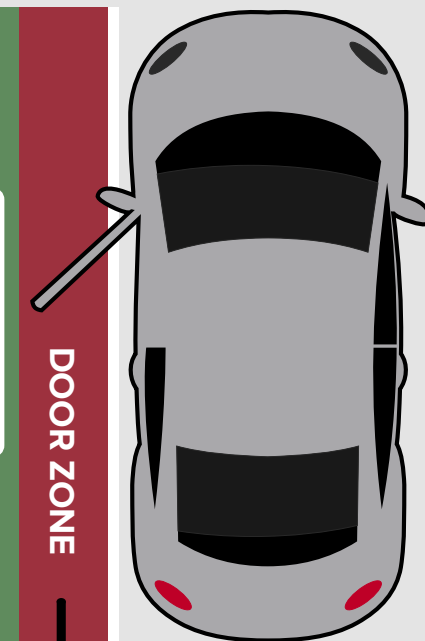


3 Open the door with your **far hand**. The "Dutch Reach" forces your body to turn, making it a habit to look for bicyclists.



People **biking** should ride outside of the "door zone."

People **biking** should ride at least 3 feet from parked cars to avoid doors, on streets **with** and **without** bike lanes.



REDUCE RISK: BE PREDICTABLE

Taking risks while driving a vehicle, riding a bike, or crossing the street impacts others around you. Act like your best friend lives here. Act like this is your neighborhood. Most importantly: **EVERYONE, SLOW DOWN!**

PEOPLE DRIVING



- Communicate — **use your turn signal!**
- Give plenty of notice before turning or changing lanes — sudden movements can cause a crash.
- Stay at least **3 feet away** from bicyclists when passing.

PEOPLE BIKING



- Ride in a **straight line** so that people walking and driving know where to expect you.
- **Communicate** — use your arm, bell, or voice.
- Pass other people biking on the **LEFT**, not the RIGHT.

PEOPLE WALKING



- Make yourself visible — pause and **make eye contact** with people driving cars and riding bikes before crossing the street.
- Walk in a **predictable path** across the intersection.
- Stay to the **right** on shared paths.

PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSIT



- Should cross at the nearest crosswalk.
- Never cross in front of the bus — wait for the bus to pass.
- Running to catch the bus puts everyone in danger. If your attention is focused solely on catching that bus, you may run out in front of a bike or car, or into a person. Just wait, you can catch the next one.

BE CAREFUL AROUND BUSES

Everyone should be careful around buses. Expect buses to stop frequently and know they require great care to be operated safely. Be courteous, give buses enough space to maneuver, and watch for **people!**

People biking who choose to pass a bus should take the lane and pass on the left. Watch for people who may be entering the crosswalk.

People walking should wait for the pedestrian signal or wait for the bus to go past the crosswalk before crossing.

People biking should **pay attention** when passing a bus—expect it to re-enter the travel lane.

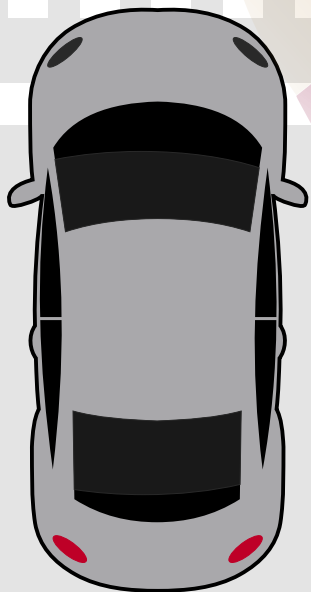
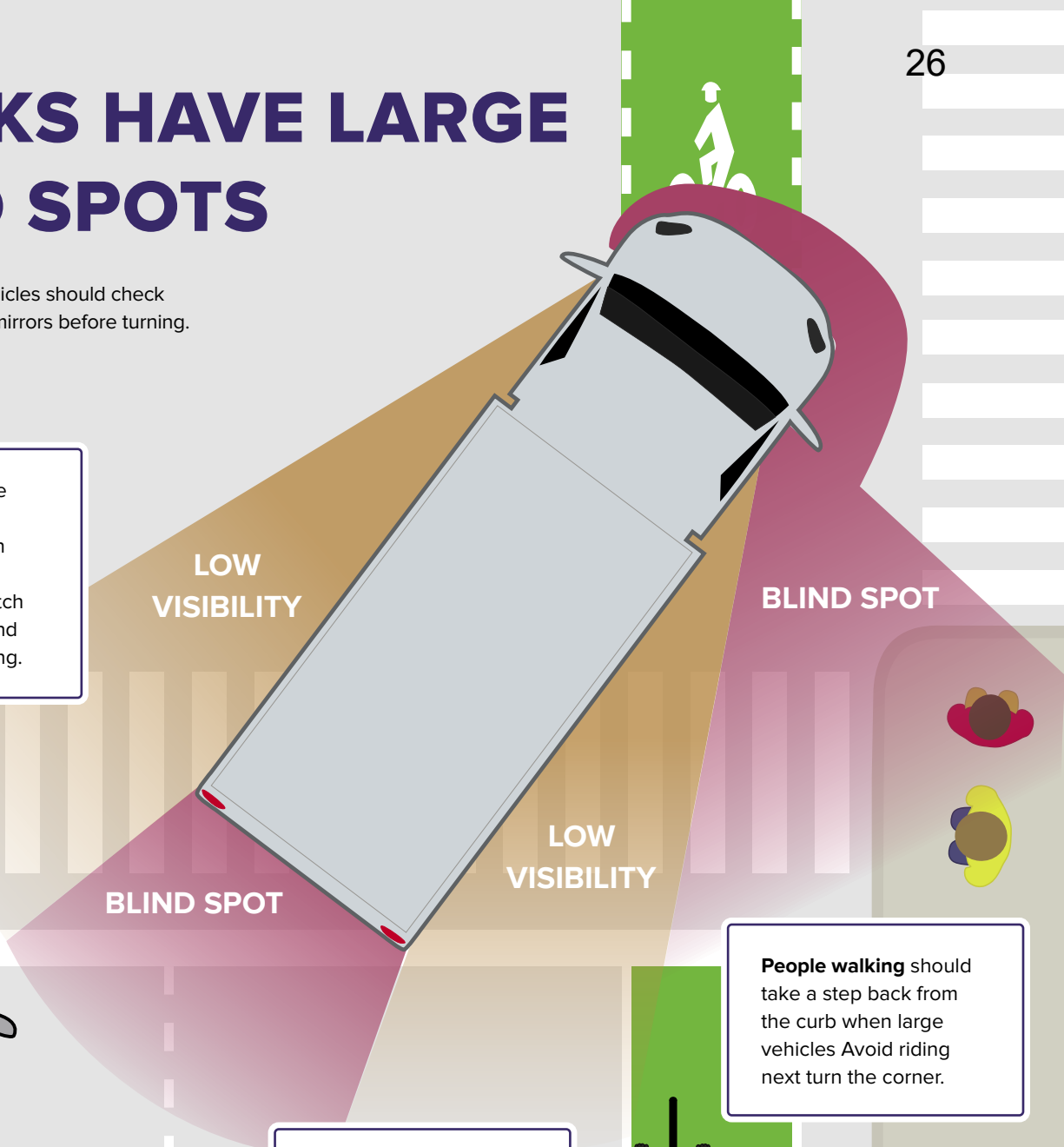
People driving should leave enough space for buses to re-enter the travel lane. Watch for **bicyclists** who may take up the full lane.

People biking should give buses plenty of room. Don't try to squeeze by buses on the right. Sometimes it's best to hang back and let buses re-enter the travel lane instead of trying to pass. Watch for **cars** approaching on your left.

TRUCKS HAVE LARGE BLIND SPOTS

People driving large vehicles should check and double-check their mirrors before turning.

People driving large vehicles should pay extra close attention when making right turns in the city. Watch for people biking and walking when turning.



People walking should take a step back from the curb when large vehicles. Avoid riding next turn the corner.

Avoid riding next turn the corner. to trucks and large vehicles.



People driving should be mindful that large trucks require more time to stop. Don't cut in front of them if there isn't enough room.

People biking should be mindful of a vehicle's rear blind spot when taking the lane. Don't assume the person driving can see you.



TURNING TRACTOR TRAILERS

Tractor trailers require much more room to make a right turn than you might expect. **Everyone** should give them plenty of room and **people biking** should **NEVER** try to squeeze by them on the right.

Path of Front Outside Tractor Tire

Path of Inside Trailer Tire

As tractor trailers prepare to make a right turn, they may move into the left travel lane.

People biking should **NEVER** pass a moving tractor trailer on the right.

People walking should take a step away from the curb when large trucks turn. If the driver misjudges the turn, the rear wheels of the trailer could run over the curb.

Understand that it takes great care to drive a large vehicle safely. **People biking** should give buses, trucks, and other large vehicles plenty of room to maneuver.

RESPONSIBILITY

We have a responsibility to **follow the rules** and **set a good example**. It's not just about you; we are all in this together.

PEOPLE DRIVING



- Vehicles have the potential to inflict the most harm. **Be careful, pay attention, and slow down.**
- **Stop** behind the **stop line** or **bike box**. You won't get to your destination any faster by blocking the crosswalk or the bike box.
- When **turning right on red** is allowed, **BE CAREFUL!**
- Being on the road requires all your attention — don't pick up your cell phone, even at a red light.

PEOPLE BIKING



- Running red lights and stop signs without stopping is **dangerous** and **illegal**. Show some respect — **stop** and **put your foot down**.
- Be courteous of other people biking who are stopped at an intersection. **Wait your turn** — you wouldn't cut to the front of the grocery store line, so don't cut in front of other bicyclists.
- Use **lights at night**. Wear bright or reflective clothing. It's not only about seeing where you are going, it's about others seeing **YOU**.
- Ride in the **same direction as traffic**, unless otherwise marked. It's not worth the risk; take the extra time to ride correctly and predictably.

PEOPLE WALKING



- Move off the shared path if you need to stop — **keep the path clear** for others.

PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSIT



- After entering the train or bus, **move away from the door** and make room for others behind you.
- Allow people exiting buses and trains to do so first. You will have plenty of time to get on once they get off.
- Exiting through the rear door of the bus speeds up the ride for **ALL!**

INTERSECTION SAFETY

People-friendly cities are walkable, bikeable, and full of activity. Whether in residential areas or business districts, parked cars can block your view at intersections. Be mindful: **slow down** and **double check** before proceeding through an intersection.

People biking should assume the person driving cannot see them. **Slow down** and try to make **eye contact** with the driver.

People driving should stop behind the line. Assume that a cyclist is approaching. Carefully inch forward until you can see that it's clear.

People walking should cross in the crosswalks where you are expected and can be seen. Try to make **eye contact** with drivers and bicyclists before crossing.

People driving should never pull over, stop, or park next to the crosswalk — it's illegal and it blocks people's views at intersections.

Pay attention to the **person biking** ahead of you. Give them plenty of space at intersections.

Always park within the designated parking space.

SHARED PATH ETIQUETTE

Shared paths are used by many different people in many different ways. Follow these guidelines of how to share the path and enjoy your trip!

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Everyone should keep to the **right** of the path.

Pass on the **left** and make your presence known. Check behind you before passing.

On your left!

Slow down when passing and give a **warning**.

Keep your dog on a **leash**.

Kindly move off of the path to stop and talk.

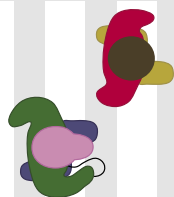
Be aware of your surroundings when running with ear buds in. Check behind you before passing.

Slower-moving people stay to the **right**. Use lights when it's dark.

Wear a light when it's dark.

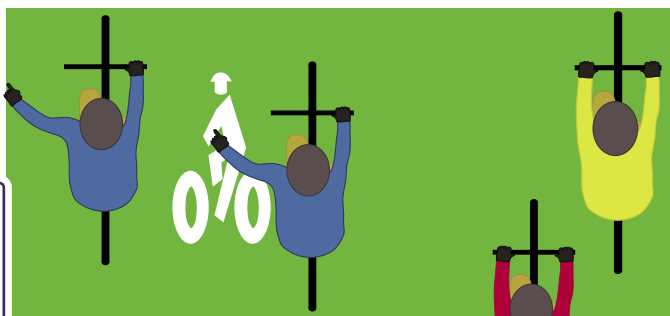
BIKE BOX ETIQUETTE

Bike boxes are installed at intersections to give **people biking** a safe way to turn. When used correctly, bike boxes make intersections safer for everyone. Follow these guidelines when approaching a **red light** and avoid unnecessary frustration and confusion at the bike box.



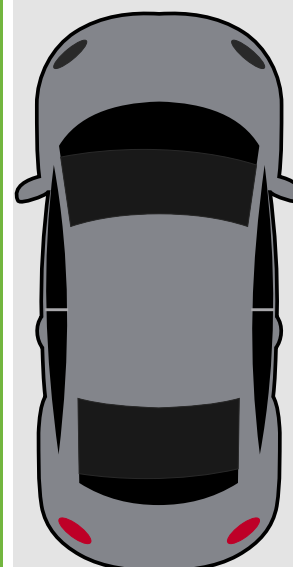
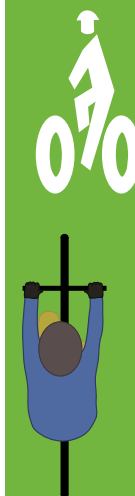
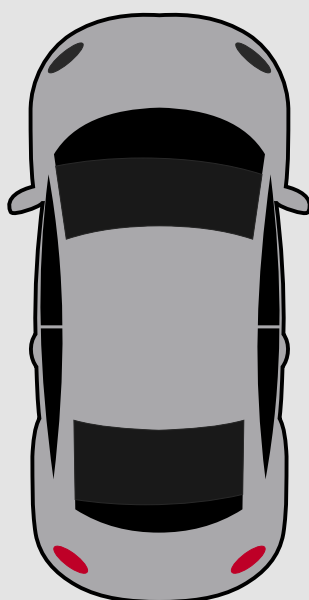
People biking should always stop behind the crosswalk to allow for **people walking** to cross.

People on bikes turning left should move to the left side of the box. Signal and wait for the green light.



People biking straight should fill in the queue in a staggered formation and wait for the green light.

People driving should stop behind the bike box (**even when it's empty**) and wait for the green light.



RESPECT OTHERS

Be courteous. Put yourself in someone else's shoes. Don't assume the worst. Take a deep breath. **Say thank you.** Even if you have the right of way, a little bit of gratitude goes a long way. Wave, smile, nod your head, give a thumbs up, sing them a song – **show some kindness** when someone does the same.

PEOPLE DRIVING



- Don't honk unnecessarily at people biking and walking. It's loud and it's rude.
- Be patient when the light turns green – **allow bicyclists to clear the intersection** before going.
- Watch for areas of ponding in the rain. Slow down to **avoid splashing** someone walking, biking, or using a bus.

PEOPLE BIKING



- Yield to pedestrians and give them the right of way.
- Make your presence known as you pass. Say "On your left," "Passing" or just ring your bell.
- Give other bicyclists some room – **don't crowd!**
- Ride at **appropriate speeds** on shared paths and on streets. Slow down when approaching others.
- If you opt to ride on sidewalks where legal, you **must** ride at a walking speed and yield to pedestrians.

PEOPLE WALKING



- Don't cross against the light.
- Keep your dogs on **short leashes** when using a shared path.
- Make sure kids **stay right** when using a **shared path**.

PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSIT

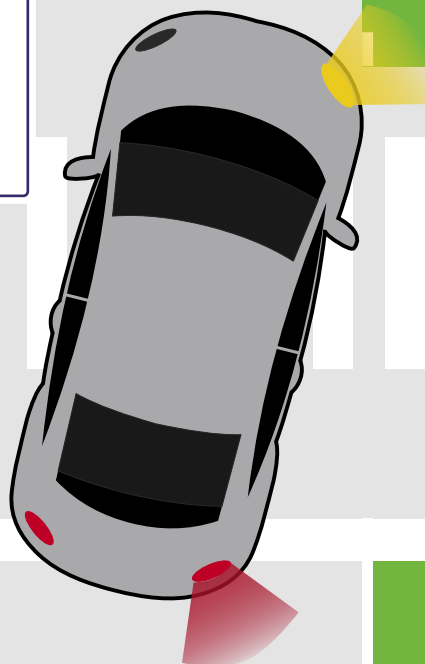


- Keep phone calls and conversations to a **low** volume.
- Listening to music? **Use your headphones** and keep your music to yourself.
- Don't put your bags on the seat next to you.

CHECK BEFORE TURNING

It's important to check your mirrors and double-check your blind spots before turning. **People turning** must yield to **people biking** straight through an intersection.

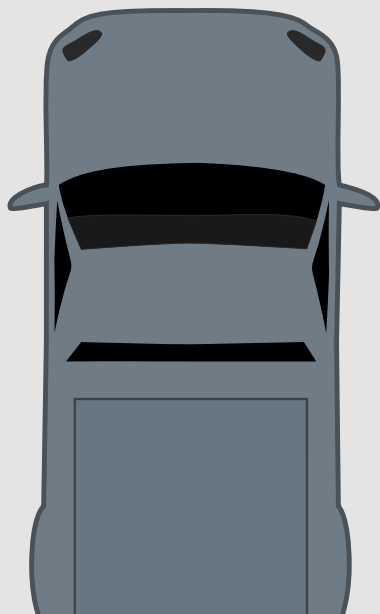
People driving should watch for **people biking** when approaching intersections. Wait for them to pass before turning. Be patient — don't try to cut in front of a **bicyclist**.



Say thank you. A little bit of gratitude goes a long way!

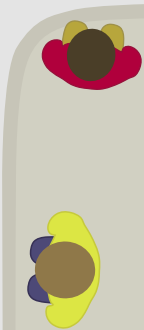


Do not cross the center lines to pass a turning vehicle at intersections. It's dangerous and illegal.



Be courteous when biking through an intersection. Don't try to race by a **person driving**. Maintain a safe speed to reduce the chance of a crash.

Be alert and anticipate when **people driving** may turn. Give vehicles plenty of space at intersections. Drivers may not see you coming.



CAMBRIDGE RESOURCES

MAKE A CALL

| | |
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| Emergency | 9-1-1 |
| Police Non-Emergency | 617-349-3300 |
| Community Development Department | 617-349-4600 |
| Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department | 617-349-4700 |
| Department of Public Works | 617-349-4800 |
| Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) | 617-626-1250 |
| MassDOT (Department of Transportation) | 77-MA-DOT-GOV |
| MBTA | 617-222-3200 |



SUBMIT A REPORT

Use [Commonwealth Connect App](#) or **Online** form to report:

- Street Defect or Pothole
- Abandoned Bicycle
- Taxi Complaint
- Sidewalk Defect
- Bike Rack Request
- Traffic Sign Complaint
- Streetlight Defect
- Damaged Bike Rack
- Traffic Signal Complaint

www.commonwealthconnect.io

To report a vehicle parked in a bike lane call **617-349-3300** or **617-349-4700**.



FIND OUT MORE

Massachusetts Bicycle laws:

www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws

Part I, Title XIV, Chapter 85, Section 11B

Cambridge Traffic regulations:

www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/aboutus/trafficregulations

Biking in Cambridge:

www.cambridgema.gov/bikes

Designated Business Districts:

www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/factsandmaps/mapgalleries/transportation

Cambridge Bike WikiMap

www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Transportation/bikesincambridge/bicyclewikimap

Vision Zero:

www.cambridgema.gov/visionzero

Walking in Cambridge:

www.cambridgema.gov/CDD

MBTA:

www.mbta.com

Hubway:

www.thehubway.com

