Porter Square Safety Improvements

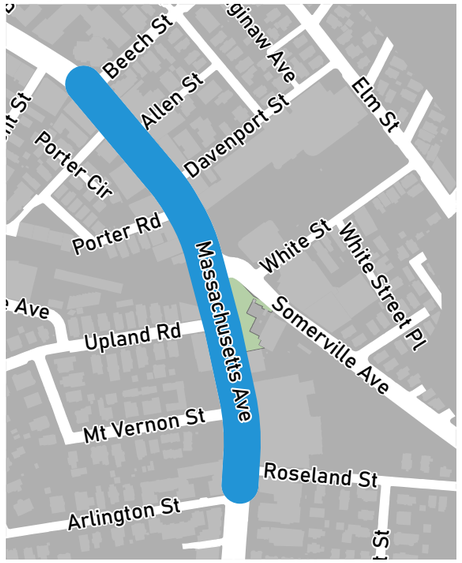
Project Background

To achieve a safe street design for people of all ages and abilities, safety improvements are coming to Mass Ave between Roseland Street and Beech Street

Separated Bike Lane Benefits

- Safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities
- Fewer crashes
- Eliminates threat of "dooring" from parked vehicles
- Buffer space reduces conflicts between turning vehicles and people biking
- Shorter crossing distances for people walking
- Enables more people to choose cycling as a transportation option
- Increases comfort for drivers as they know where to expect a person biking
- Supports city's climate goals

Project Area



Mass Ave Today

Main Street - 2016

Vision for Mass Ave

Ames St - 2017

Key Features

Loading Zones

Accessible/disability parking

Metered Side Street Parking

Adds new accessible/ disability parking spaces

Improves safety for all users

Adds separated bike lanes in both directions

Removes metered parking on Mass Ave

Creates three new loading zones on Mass Ave

Loading on Upland Road

Metered Parking on side streets

Keeps two travel lanes

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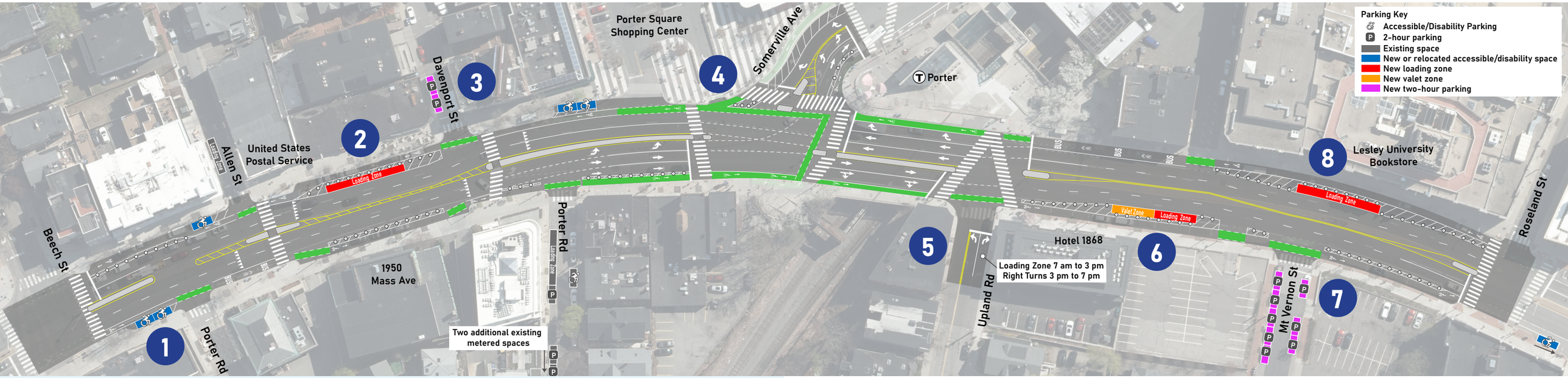
Preferred Alternative



Key Features

1 Accessible/Disability Parking
- Three accessible/disability parking spaces added on the north side of Porter Square
- Two added on the south side of Porter Square
- To install a loading zone, the existing accessible/disability space in front of the United States Postal Service will be relocated nearby

2 Northbound Loading Zone between Allen Street and Davenport Street
- 30 minute loading at all hours of the day
- No overnight parking
- Limiting Factor: overhead wires prevent adding longer-term parking

3 Metered Spaces on Davenport Street
- Two new 2-hour metered spaces

4 Somerville Avenue Intersection Improvements
- Single lane in both directions on Somerville Avenue between White Street and Mass Ave
- Results in slower speeds through the intersection
- Discourages weaving movements
- Provides better navigation through the intersection for large vehicles

5 Loading on Upland Road
- Loading between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

6 Southbound Loading Zone and Valet Zone between Upland Road and Mt Vernon Street
- 30 minute loading at all hours of the day
- No overnight parking
- Limiting Factor: overhead wires prevent adding longer-term parking

7 Parking Modification on Mt Vernon Street
- Eight 2-hour metered parking spaces
- No parking changes in front of residential homes

8 Northbound Loading Zone between Roseland Street and Mt Vernon Street
- 30 minute loading at all hours of the day
- No overnight parking
- Limiting Factor: overhead wires prevent adding longer-term parking

Project Schedule

January 25, 2022	Community Meeting #1
March 15, 2022	Community Meeting #2
April 26, 2022	Community Meeting #3 (Upcoming)
May 2022	**Side Street Parking Changes** Parking modifications on side streets begin to appear. We welcome continued feedback on how these changes can improve access to your businesses.
Late May / Early June 2022	**Project Implementation** Changes to parking on this section of Mass Ave will begin in Late Spring. Work is weather dependent. "No Parking" signs will be posted 48 hours in advance of work.

We Hear You!

- Community meeting #1 held and feedback survey opened on January 25
- Community meeting #2 held along with pop-up meetings in March
- Community meeting #3 will be held on April 26
- Visit the project web page for information on how to attend the upcoming meeting, view previous project materials, and to fill out a survey on proposed parking changes

Stay Informed

- Sign up for the mailing list on the project web page to receive project updates
- See the bottom of this page for a link and QR code to the project web page

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