

Hampshire Street Safety Improvement Project

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Project Limits: Inman Square to Broadway

Project Kickoff!

This is our first time discussing this project with all of you. We're excited to hear your feedback!

Upcoming Virtual Community Meeting

Want to know more? On **November 15**, we are hosting a community meeting via Zoom. This is another opportunity for you to provide us with your feedback and hear more about the project!

Learn More

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Project website:



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Street Design in Cambridge

What guides our street design?

We design for people of all ages and abilities. This includes:

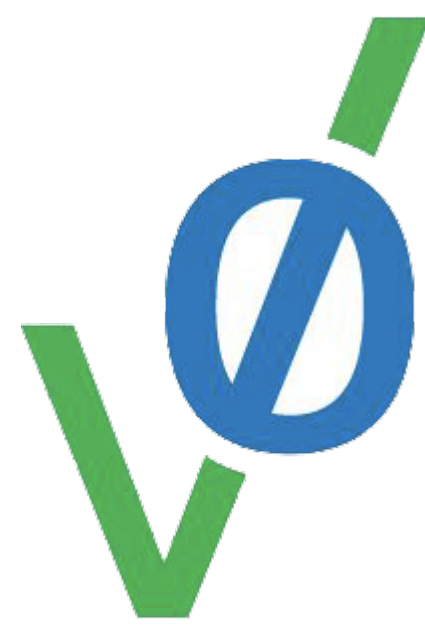
- People who may not have access to a car
- Safe and accessible facilities, including bike lanes, that can be used by a wide range of people

Focus is on moving people and goods, not their vehicles

- Biking and riding transit is a more efficient use of limited street space
- Keep access for trucks and local deliveries, but safely

Policies that Support This Work

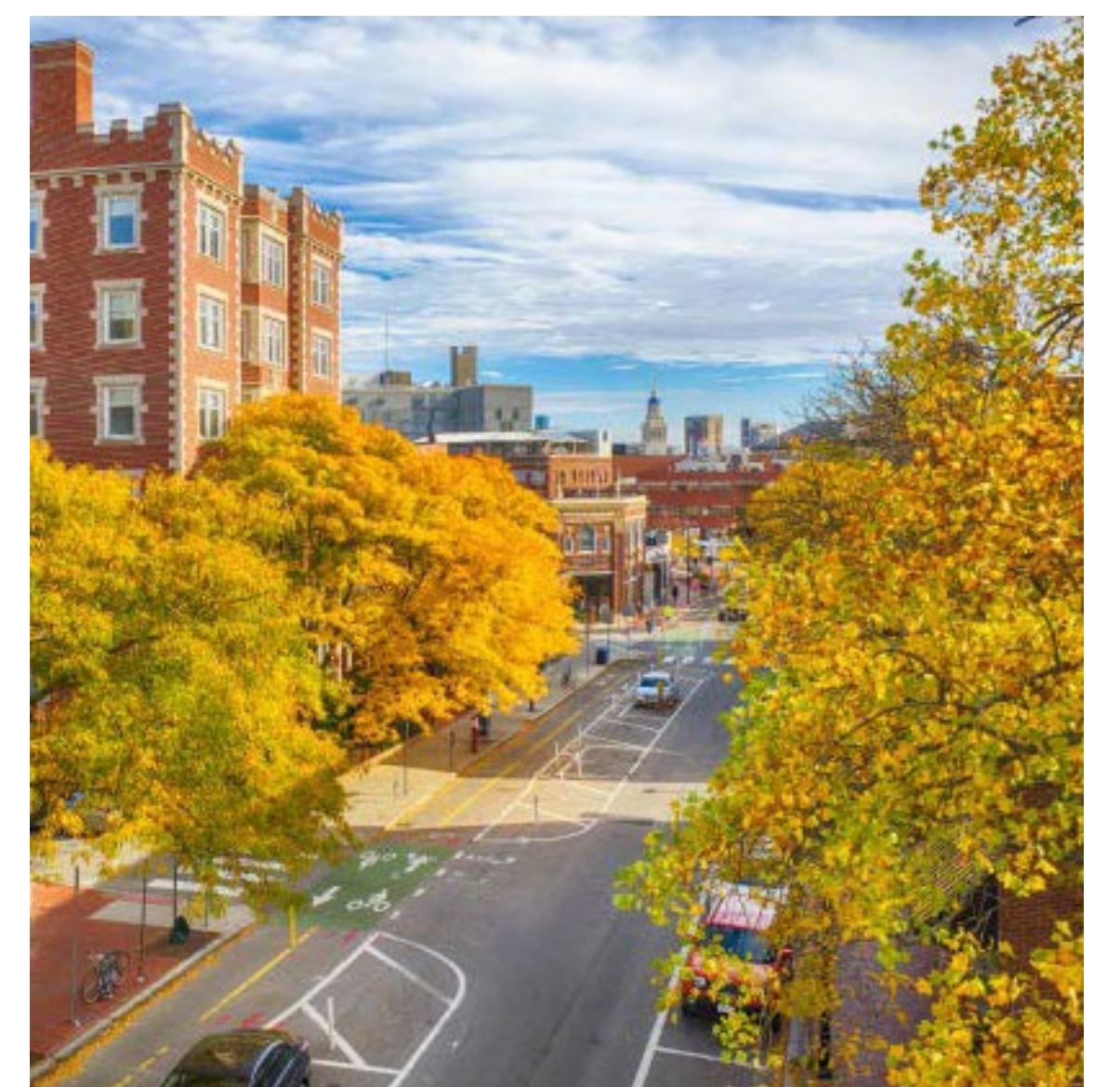
- Vision Zero
- Cambridge Bicycle Plan
- Envision Cambridge



The Cycling Safety Ordinance (2020 update)

Requires installation of separated bike lanes on streets that have been designated for “Greater Separation” in the Bicycle Network Vision. Approximately 25 miles of separated bike lanes by April 2026.

- All of Massachusetts Avenue
- Garden Street (eastbound Huron Ave to Berkeley St, westbound from Mason St to Huron Ave)
- Broadway (Quincy St to Hampshire St)
- Cambridge Street (Oak St to Second St)
- **Hampshire Street** (Amory St to Broadway)
- 11.6 miles on other streets (from within the Bicycle Network Vision)



A separated bike lane on Brattle Street

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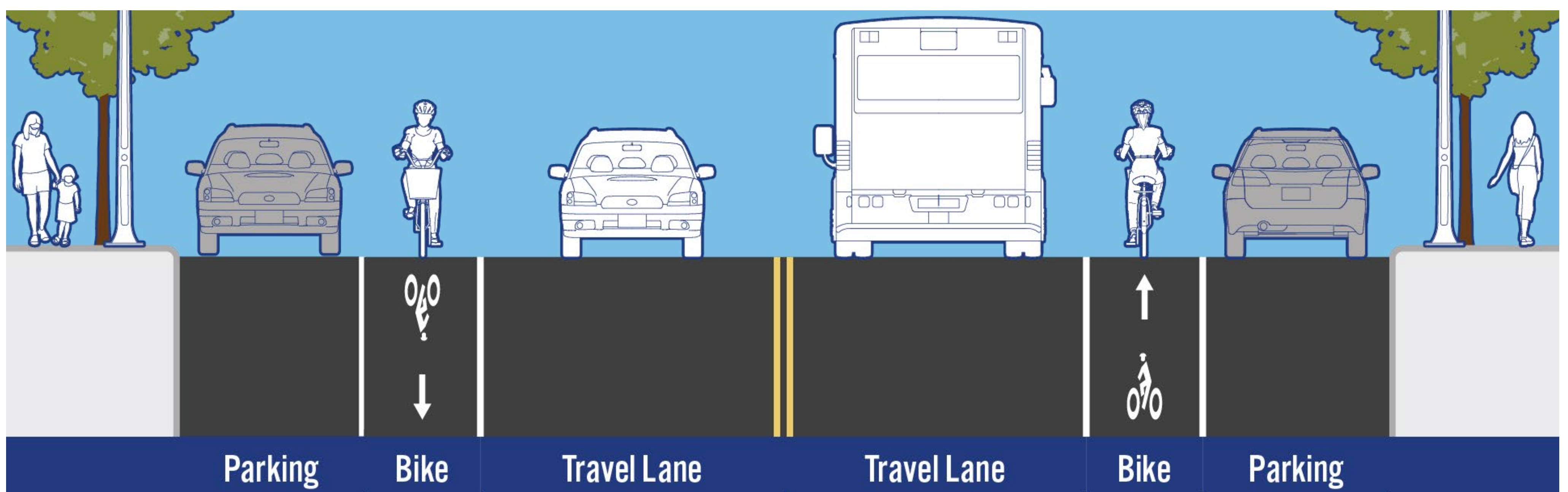
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Project Background

- The City will add separated bike lanes to Hampshire Street between Inman Square and Broadway
 - This will also include:
 - Improvements to existing crosswalks
 - Changes to parking and loading
 - An evaluation of bus stops for safety, operations and accessibility
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Current Roadway Layout



- Bike lanes are not separated from traffic
 - Roadway is wider than needed, resulting in higher speeds
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We'd Love Your Feedback

- How do you currently use the street? (i.e. where do you drop people off, or what places do you visit)
 - Safety concerns you have while walking, riding, or driving on Hampshire St, for yourself, or for others
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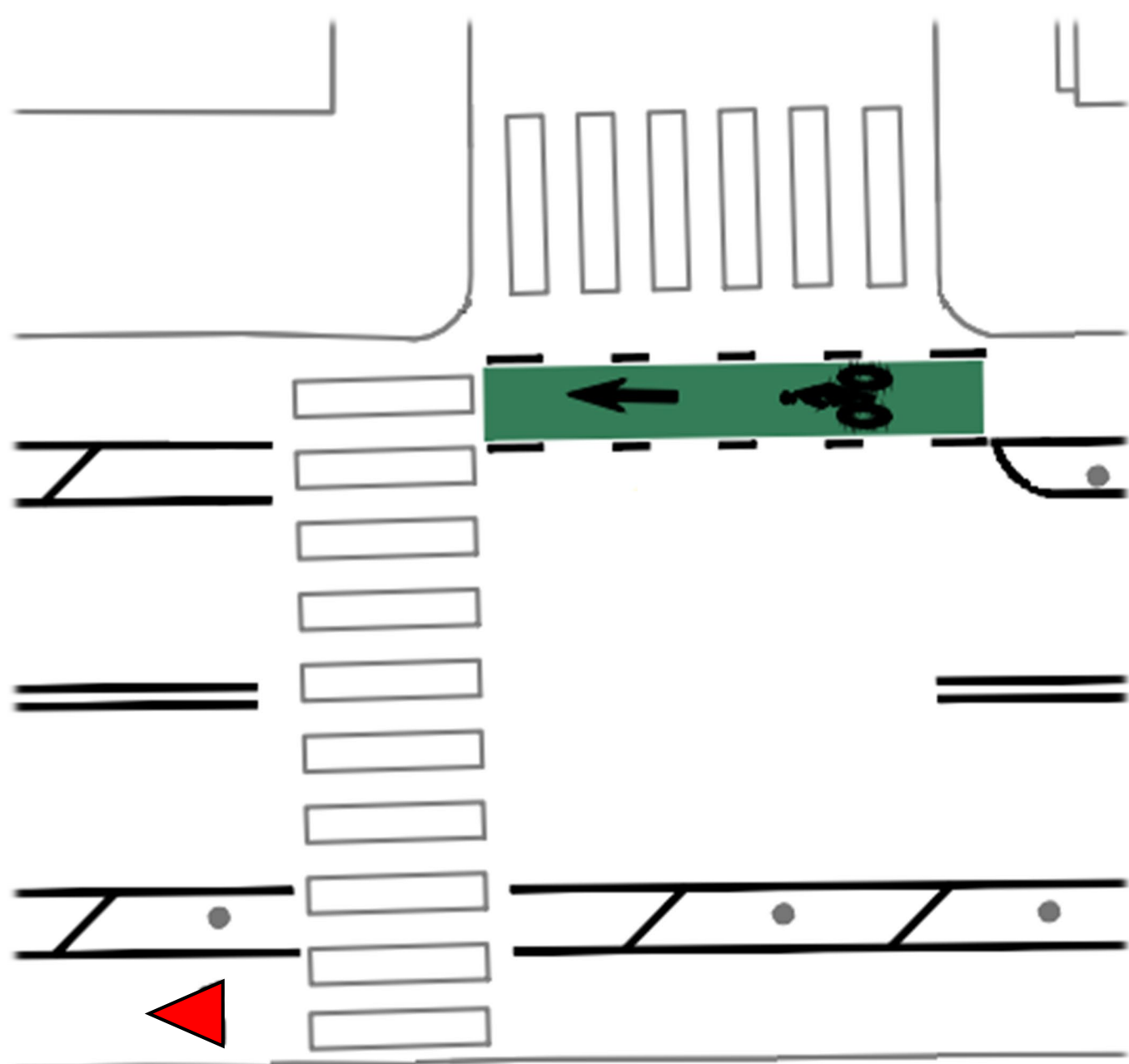
Separated Bike Lanes

Separated bike lanes have a physical separation between the bike lane and general travel lanes

- Increases comfort and access for people of all ages and abilities
- Reduces crash and injury risk
- Eliminates threat of "dooring" from parked vehicles
- Reduces potential conflicts between vehicles and people biking
- Encourages slower traffic speeds by visually narrowing the roadway width



Top Image: Before a separated bike lane was installed
Bottom Image: After a separated bike lane was installed



Increased safety for all users

- Shorter crossing distances
- Better sightlines
- Fewer conflicts (i.e., cross bike lane, then vehicle lanes)
- Narrows the roadway for drivers, encouraging lower speeds and safer crossings



When we installed separated bike lanes on North Mass Ave, we reduced the crossing distance for people walking and improved transit reliability

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Join us **Monday, November 7th** for a drop-in
Community Open House

Where:

Cambridge DPW
147 Hampshire St

When:

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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