

Hampshire Street Safety Improvement Project

Engagement Opportunities

We will host at least three community meetings for this project. We want to know your thoughts on:

- How 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
- What we can do to improve traffic safety for others

Community Open House

Monday, November 7
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Cambridge DPW
147 Hampshire St

Virtual Community Meeting

Tuesday, November 15
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

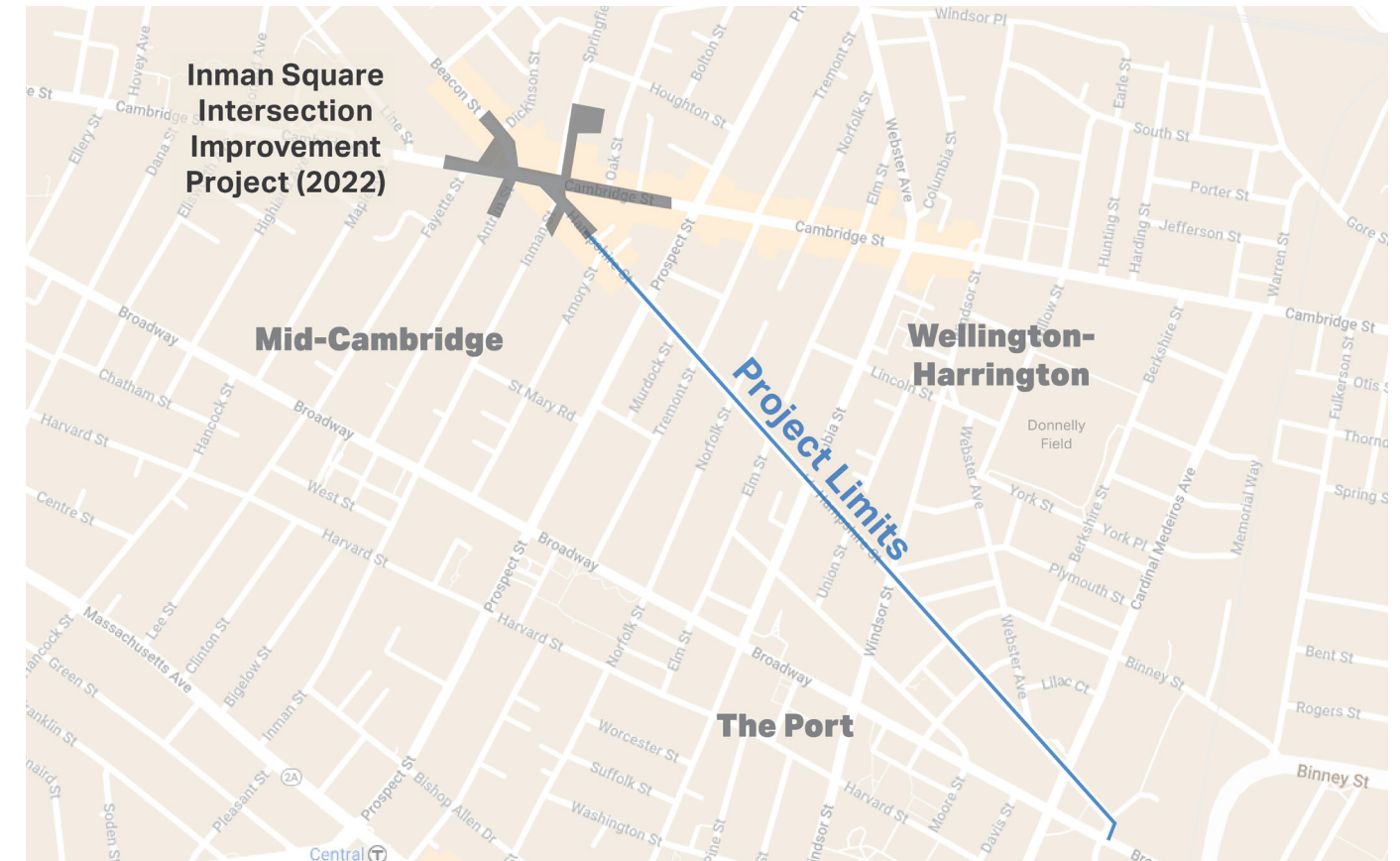
Learn More and Stay Informed

Visit www.cambridgema.gov/HampshireStSafety to:

- Sign up for the project mailing list
- See info about upcoming meetings
- View background information

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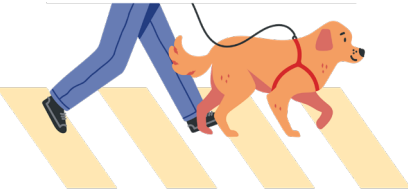
Hampshire Street is a busy corridor navigated daily by people, biking, walking, and driving. It's also a key piece in the City of Cambridge's plan for a safe, connected separated bicycle network.

The City will add separated bike lanes to Hampshire Street between Inman Square and Broadway. This quick-build project will change the layout of the street with new pavement markings, traffic signs, and flex posts. We will also improve existing crosswalks, make changes to parking and loading, and evaluate changes to bus stop locations.

Learn more about this project on the next page.

This Project Will

Improve safety for everyone on the street



Reduce crashes



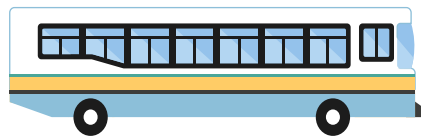
Add separated bike lanes in both directions



Retain parking and loading zones wherever possible



Evaluate bus stop locations for safety and accessibility



PROJECT TIMELINE

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October 2022

Project Kickoff!

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November 2022

First Community Open House
First Community Meeting

- Project introduction
- Discussion of preliminary plans and opportunities for feedback

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Winter 2023

Second Community Meeting

- Present a draft plan

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Spring 2023

Third Community Meeting
Second Community Open House

- Share a revised plan

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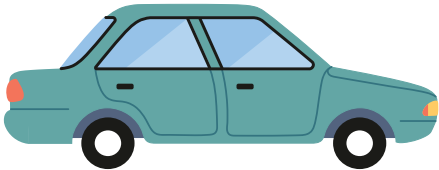
Summer 2023

Installation

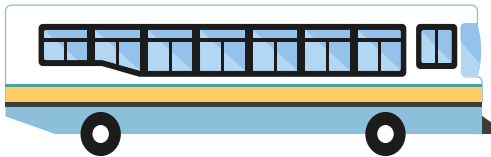
Hampshire Street is Already a Busy Street for People Biking



719 people biking/hour

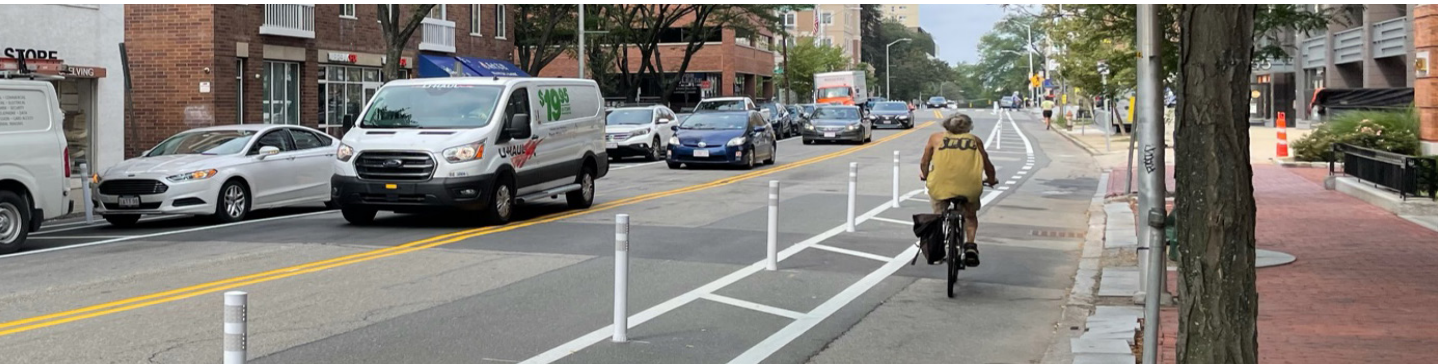


513 people driving/hour



268 people on buses/hour

Bike counts taken on a weekday evening in mid-September 2019. Car counts from February 2018. Transit data from 2018. We are collecting additional traffic data this Fall.



Separated bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue

Why Separated Bike Lanes?

Separated bike lanes include a physical barrier like flex-posts to separate people biking from cars. These lanes:

- Are designed to be safe and comfortable for people biking of all ages and abilities
- Help more people choose cycling as a transportation option
- Eliminate the threat of “dooring” – when people parked open their doors into a person biking
- Create a shorter crossing distance for people walking
- Visually narrow the roadway width, slowing vehicle traffic

“Quick-Build”

This is a quick-build project, which means we are not digging into the ground, building new curbs, or moving curb locations. Instead, we will make improvements using paint, flex-posts, and new signage. Because of these materials, we can make quick and meaningful changes to street patterns. This also means that we can make adjustments to the street pattern after installation.

