

# Policy and Planning Background

## 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.

The focus is on moving people and goods, not their vehicles.

- Biking and riding transit are more efficient uses of limited street space.
- Keep access for trucks and local deliveries, but safely.

### What is a Quick - Build Project?

- Quick-build projects allow us to make improvements to our streets more quickly.
- Involves no construction or coordination with utility companies.
- Fewer impacts to residents during implementation.
- More limited toolbox (i.e. no changes to curbs, drainage, or sidewalk materials).



### Policies That Support This Work

- Vision Zero
- Cambridge Bicycle Plan
- Envision Cambridge





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## The Bicycle Network Vision & The Cycling Safety Ordinance

### The Cycling Safety Ordinance

The Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO), passed by the Cambridge City Council, requires Cambridge to install about 25 miles of separated bike lanes by November 2026. This includes:

- 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)

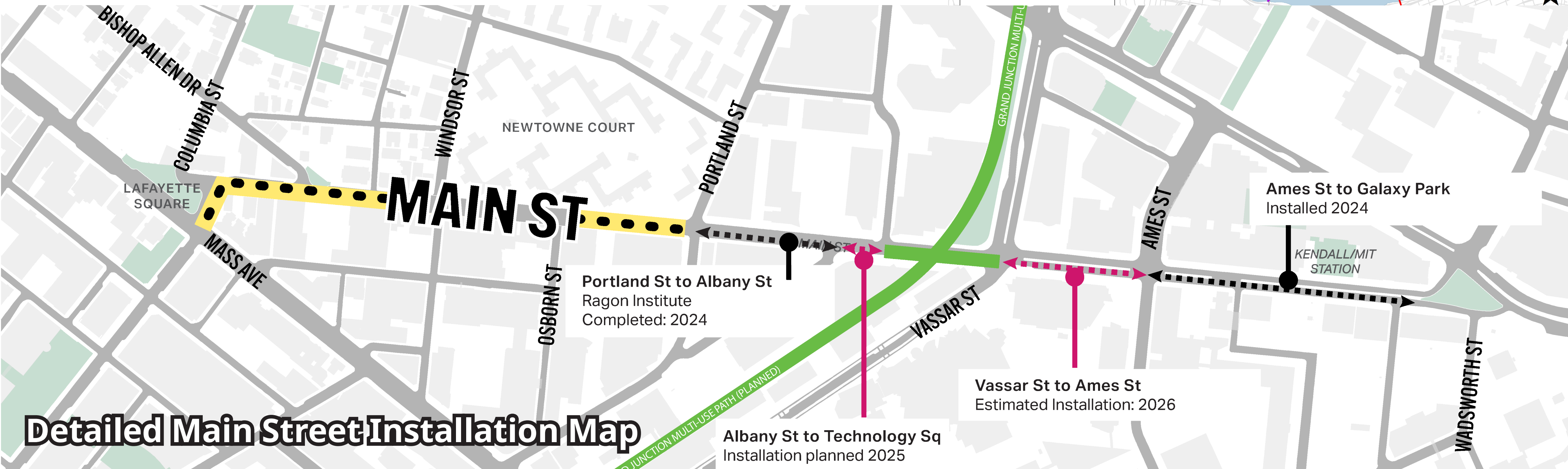
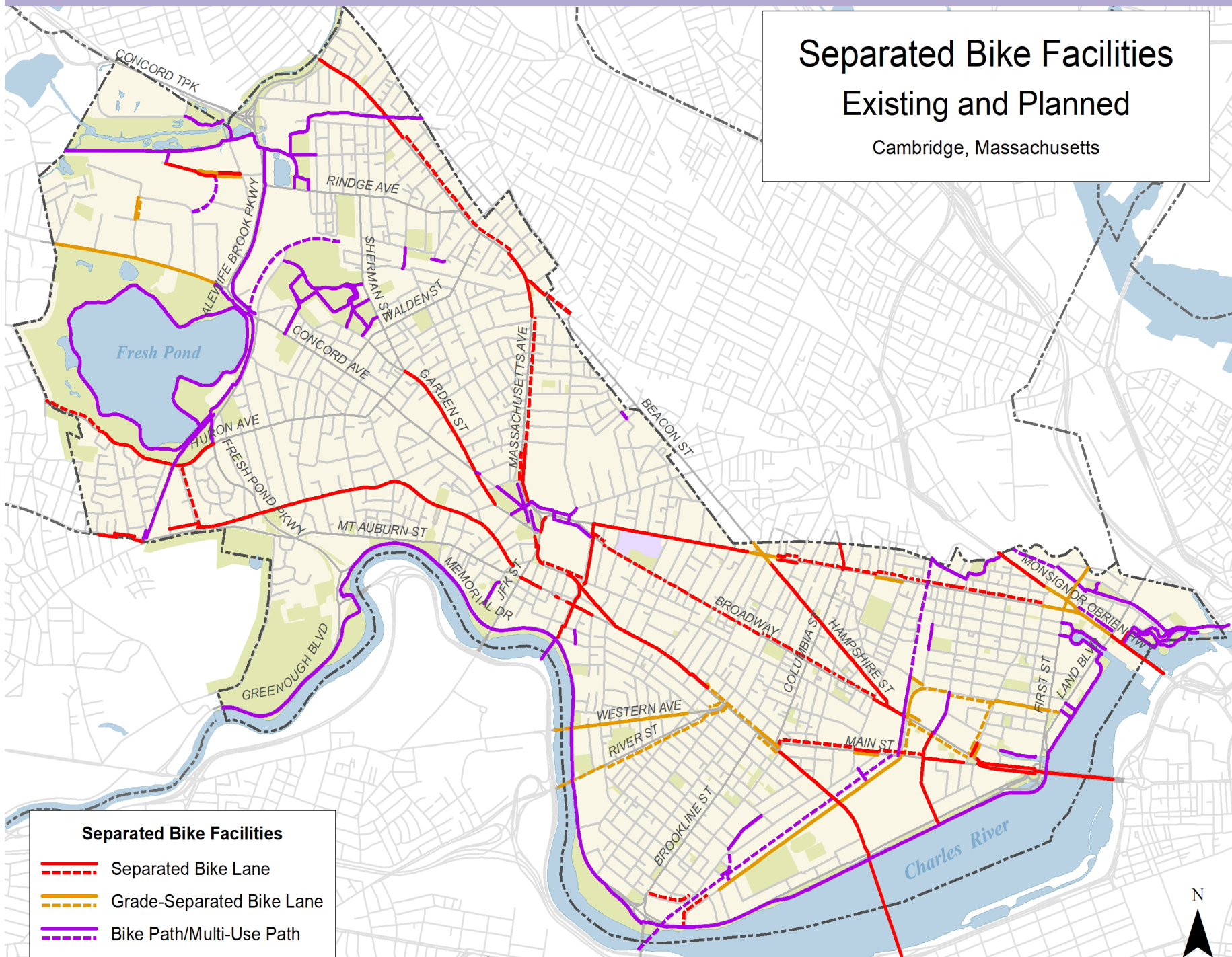


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### What is the Cambridge Bicycle Plan?

- A vision for a city where all streets and destinations are accessible by bike.
- Bike lanes and other infrastructure is designed for people of all ages and abilities.

[cambridgema.gov/2020bikeplanupdate](https://cambridgema.gov/2020bikeplanupdate)

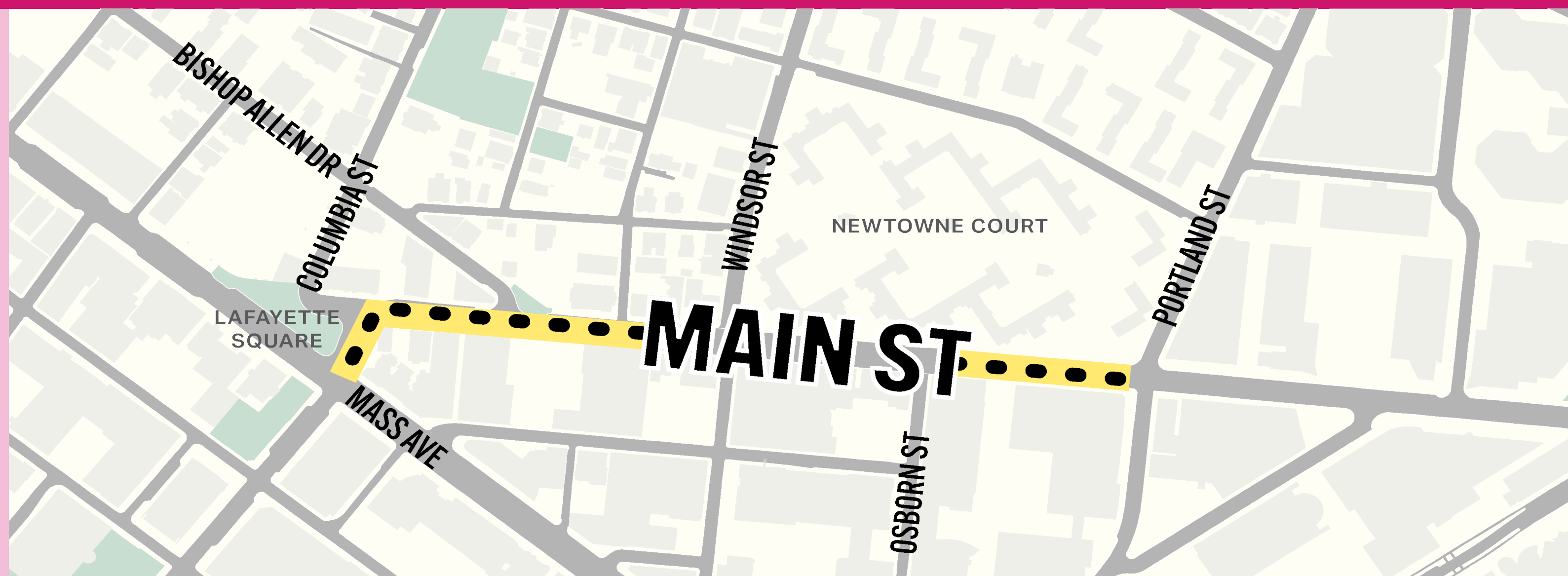




# Engagement Timeline

## Project Area

Lafayette Square to  
Portland Street



## Project Timeline

### ○ Phase 1: Introduction March - May 2023

- No design yet
- Community provided design feedback

### ○ Phase 2: Design Feedback May - Fall 2023

- Community reviewed design options and provided feedback
- Community and City staff discussed design feedback

### ○ 2024: Outreach Put on Hold due to City Council Delay

### ● Phase 3: Final Feedback and Installation (We are Here!) Winter/Early Spring 2025

- Survey was reviewed and results were posted
- Preferred design developed using community feedback in Phase 2

### ● Phase 4: Installation Late Spring/Summer 2025

- City informed community about plans for installation
- Install the project!



# Implementation Timeline

## Phase 4: Installation Schedule

### Tonight (We are Here!)

- Presenting final design at in-person Open House

### Parking changes on side-streets - April 2025

- Side street parking changes take place ahead of other changes

### Street paving – May 2025

- New street surface will be installed curb to curb
- Temporary parking restrictions and detours will be in place
- Work will take two days
  - One day for milling and One day for paving

### Parking restricted to one side of street – May 2025

- Permanent parking changes to take place between milling and paving

### Pavement markings installed – June 2025

- Painting of new crosswalk markings, lane lines, and bike lanes
- Work to begin two weeks after paving to allow asphalt to dry.

### Flex- post installation– June 2025

- Cones will be set up before the flex posts are installed, and temporary parking restrictions will apply
- Work to take place over two to three days from 7 A.M. to 3 P.M.



*Bike Lane markings being painted*

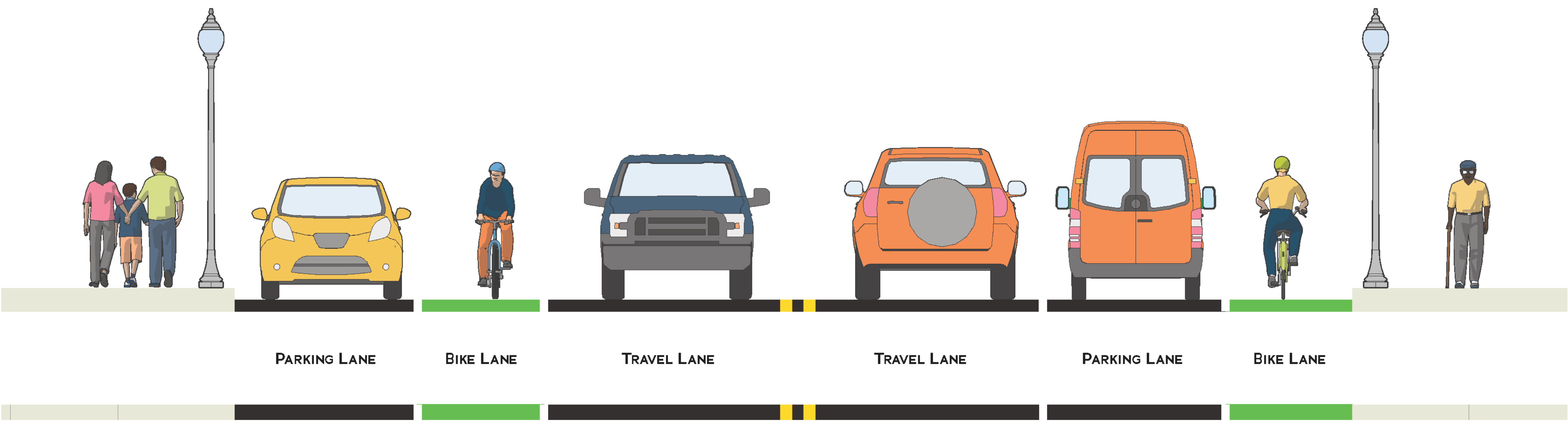


# Project Overview

## Current and Proposed Street Layout

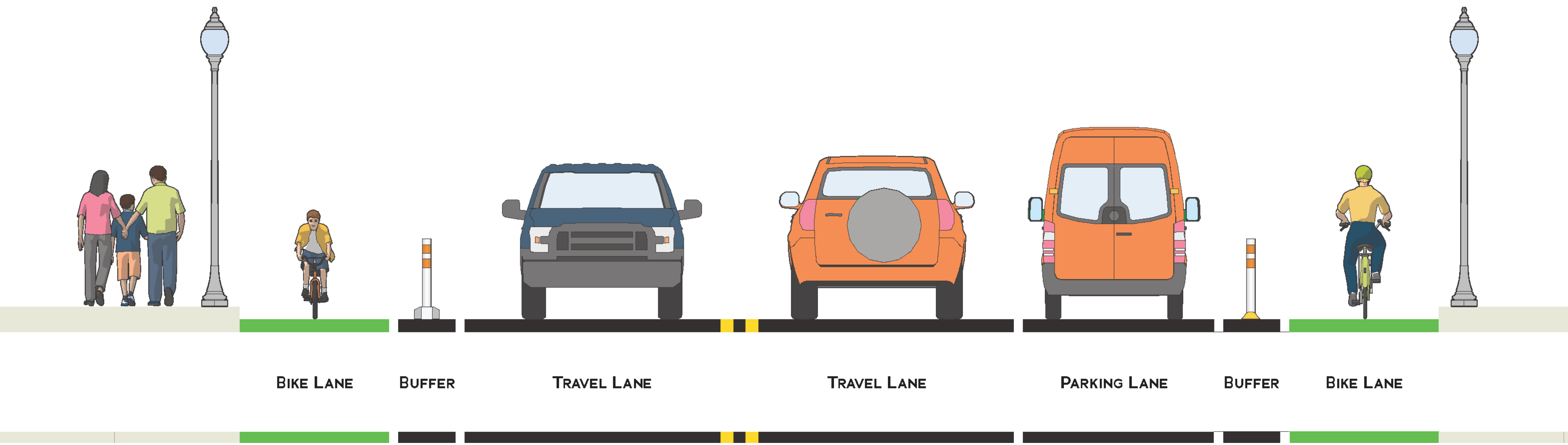
### Current Street Layout

- Painted bike lanes offer no separation and are frequently blocked
- Parking is on both sides of the street



### Proposed Street Layout and Improvements

- Painted Bike lanes in each direction separated by white flex- posts.
- Street parking will alternate sides.
- Narrower street, reducing vehicle speeds and improving safety.



# Learn More



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