

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Traffic, Parking, and **Transportation**

Welcome! **Broadway Safety** Improvement Project Working Group Meeting #2

April 1, 2025 | 5:30 - 8:00 PM

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Remote Participation Instructions

Working Group members:

- You will be promoted to "panelist".
- Please turn on your video.
- Raise your hand to join the queue.

Members of the public:

- There will be an opportunity to share public comment at ~7:40 PM.
- At that time, you can raise your hand to join the queue.

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Agenda

5:20 PM	Settling in, refreshments and pizza
5:30	Welcome & Introductions
5:50	Broadway SIP Section A DesignPresentationOpen HouseDiscussion
7:20	Outreach Plan Discussion
7:40	Public Comment
7:50	Next Steps
8:00	Adjourn

Guiding Principles for Working Together

- Respect all participants (Working Group members, City staff, facilitation team, members of the public).
- Listen actively and with empathy.
- Talk about the topics, not people.
- Be curious about and open to different perspectives and sources of information.
- Speak for yourself from your own perspective; share information from and with your networks and note the difference.
- Focus our work on actionable recommendations related to design, implementation, engagement, and outreach related to the Broadway SIP.
- Make room for active participation from all Working Group members.

Introductions

Please share your:

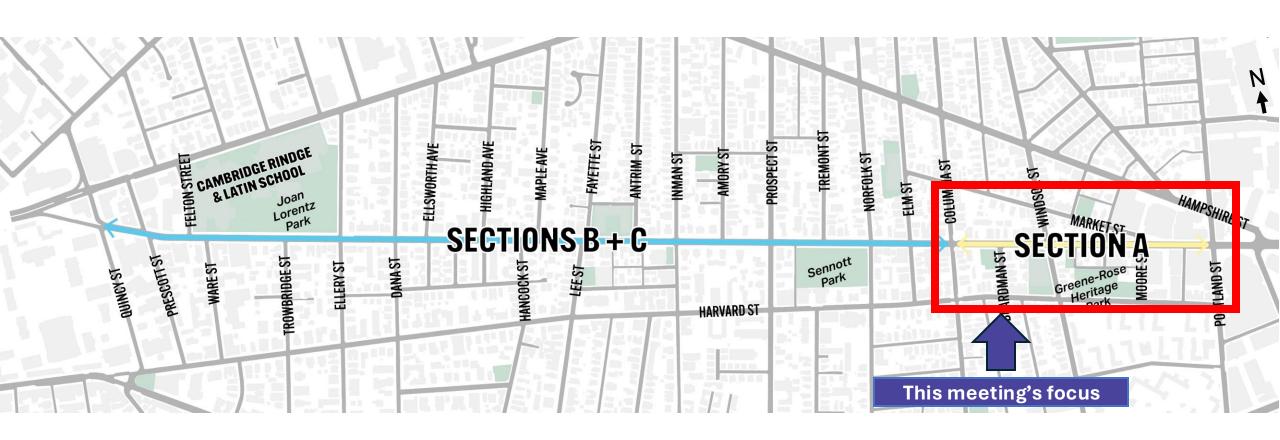
- Name (Preferred name)
- Pronouns (Optional)
- Recent fun outing on Broadway

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01. Broadway SIP Section A Design

Section A: Portland St to Columbia St.

Installation 2025



Quick-Build vs Capital Construction

This will be a quick-build project

- Quick-build projects can be installed significantly faster than typical construction projects.
 - Within months.
- Capital Construction projects must be included in the City's Five-Year Sidewalk and Street Reconstruction Plan for funding and coordination with utilities.
 - Can take 2-5 years depending on the amount of work.
- Quick-build projects allow us to address road safety concerns quickly



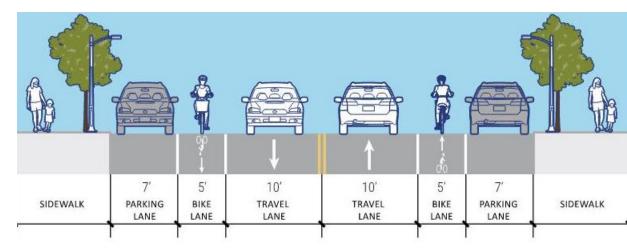
Street Layout Today

Broadway does not have all ages and abilities bicycle facilities

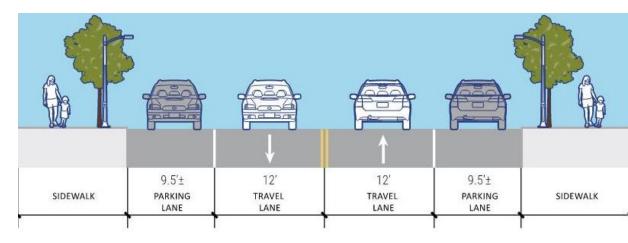
- Some sections have painted lanes with no separation
- Most sections have shared lane markings, with no designated space for people biking
- Parking is on both sides of the street



Image: Existing bike lane on Broadway at Windsor St



Existing Broadway layout between Columbia St and Portland St includes painted bicycle lanes



 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Existing Broadway layout between Quincy St} \ \textbf{and Columbia St} \ \textbf{without any bicycle lanes}$

Proposed Street Layout

People bike along the curb

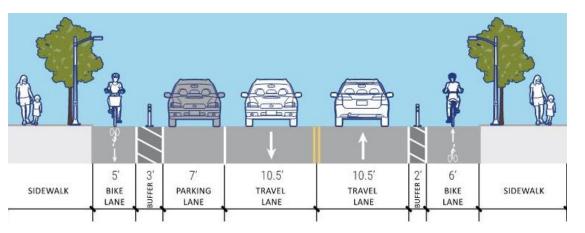
- Flex-posts or parked cars separate people driving and biking
- People exiting their cars cross the bike lane to get to the sidewalk

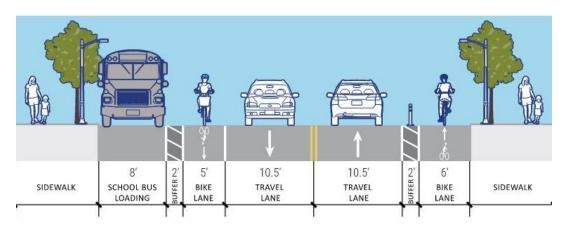
Parking on one side of the street

- Parking can only fit on one side of the street each block
- Parking can alternate sides



Conceptual rendering of separated bike lanes on Broadway near Moore St





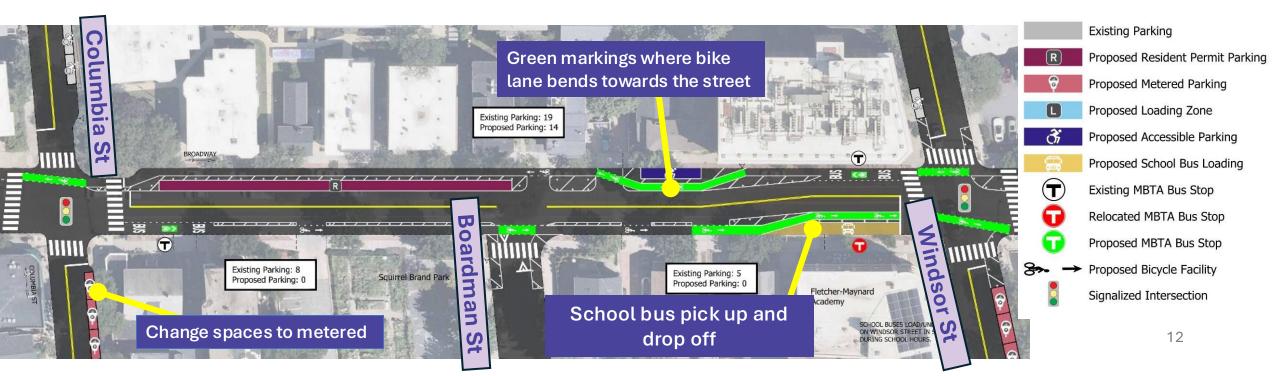
Where school bus loading exists on Broadway, separated bike lanes are not feasible without significant construction beyond the scope of quick-build project

Project Design – Columbia St to Windsor St

- Full-time school bus only loading zone next to Fletcher-Maynard Academy.
 - No longer shared with MBTA buses. MBTA bus stop at Windsor St moved to other side of Windsor St (towards Kendall).
- Accessible/disability parking spaces require drop in bike lane separation

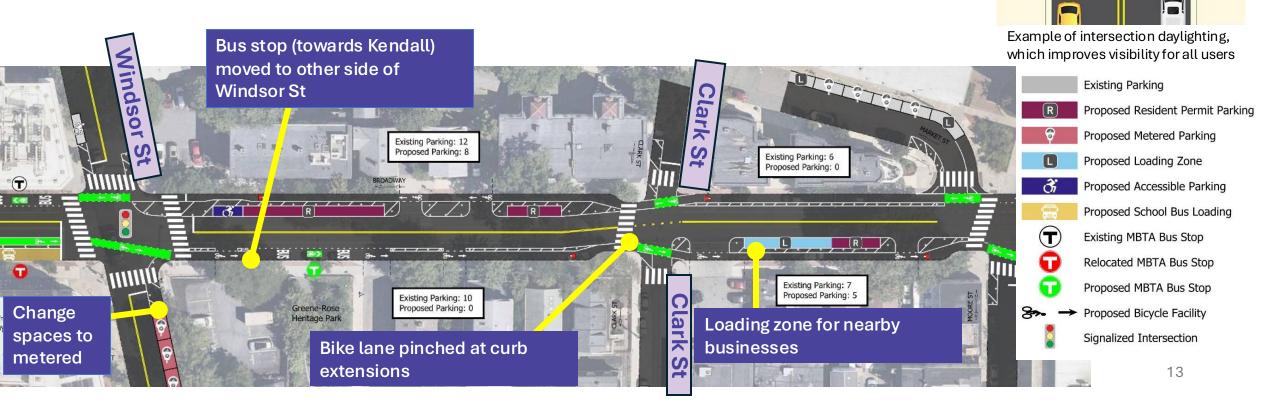
View at Home

A full resolution copy of the design is available on the project website at www.cambridgema.gov/BroadwaySafety



Project Design –Windsor St to Market St

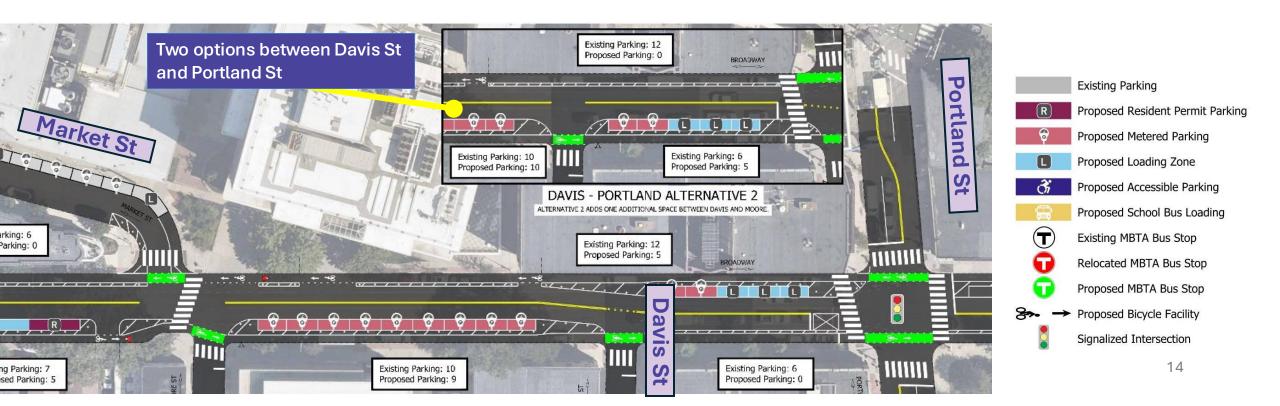
- "Daylighting" at intersections: Physical barriers (such as flex-posts) to prevent people from parking in the crosswalk
- Limited bike lane separation near Clark St due to curb extensions
- Loading near businesses



Project Design – Market St to Portland St

- Separated bike lanes on either side in the direction of traffic
- Parking on one side of the street
- Access to driveways kept on both sides
- Two options for parking between Davis St and Portland St

Section A: Number of Parking Spaces		
Existing	89	
Proposed	41/42	



Roll Plan

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Section A Open House

- Look through Section A Roll Plan
- Ask questions of City staff
- Fill out virtual mentimeter questions:
 - What are two aspects you like of the design?
 - What are two aspects you would like to change about the design?
 - What questions do you have about the design?

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Go to

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Or use QR code

03. Outreach Plan

Outreach and Feedback

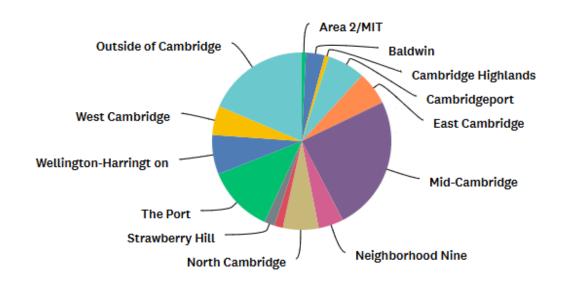
- Online Survey for Section A Closes April 7
- Please help us spread the word to your neighbors and other stakeholders!
- A summary report will be published after the survey closes and shared on the project website and via the email sign-up list.
- Survey feedback will be used to refine and improve the proposed design.

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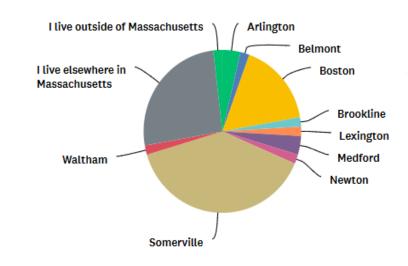
What neighborhood do you live in? (Click here to see a map of Cambridge neighborhoods)

Answered: 264 Skipped: 244



If you live outside of Cambridge, where do you live?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 454



Section A Open House

- Location: Community Art Center (119 Windsor St)
- Timeline: Late April
- Content: Section A final design, Installation timeline
- Outreach will include:
 - Posters throughout the corridor
 - City's Daily News email updates
 - City calendar and social media posts
 - Email to the project list

Help us spread the word! Have other ideas for outreach? We'd love your input!

• Email jmclaughlin@cambridgema.gov or schedule a 1:1 meeting.

05. Public Comment

Public Comment

Public Comments Welcome

- Share thoughts in Q&A or verbally
- To comment verbally, raise virtual "hand" or signal interest in Q&A window
- Limit comments to 2 minutes; may need to adjust if many speakers

Please keep all comments...

- On-point
- Respectful
- Focused on issues (not individuals)

06. Working Group Business & Next Steps

WG Business & Next Steps

Working Group Business

- Charter update: No major changes proposed. Consider adopted.
- Meeting 1 summary: No major changes proposed. Some edits being incorporated. Once complete, consider adopted.

Next meeting: May site walk

Actions:

- Share Section A survey ASAP closes April 7.
- Share information on Section A Open House
- Fill out Meeting 3 scheduling poll
- Review Meeting 2 summary