



# Cambridge Street Safety Improvement Project

*East Cambridge Business Association*

Rendering of Proposed Design of the Cambridge Street Safety Improvement Project

**CITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE**

Department of  
Transportation

April 7, 2026

# ECBA Agenda

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	<b>Section A (Prospect to Willow) Design Brief Update</b>
	<b>Section C (Fulkerson to Second) Draft Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Presentation / roll plan walk through</li><li>- Q&amp;A</li></ul>
	<b>Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1-on-1 meetings with businesses</li><li>- Business survey on Section C</li><li>- Door-to-door flyer</li><li>- April 29<sup>th</sup> Virtual Information Session</li></ul>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

# 01. Project Updates

# Project Status

Section A: Prospect St to Willow St

**Section B:** Willow St to Fulkerson St

**Section C:** Fulkerson St to Second St



# Project Timeline

Short Update



This Meeting's Focus

## SECTION A

- 1 **Today**
  - Final tweaks and adjustments
  - Installation and Construction Planning
- 2 **Fall 2026**
  - Construction Starts
- 3 **Fall 2027**
  - Target Construction End

## SECTION B

- 1 **Today**
  - Outreach and Preliminary Design
  - Project Scoping and Budgeting
- 2 **2026-2027**
  - Continued design and outreach
  - Early action roadway repairs and utility work
- 3 **Late 2027**
  - Begin construction

This Meeting's Focus

## SECTION C

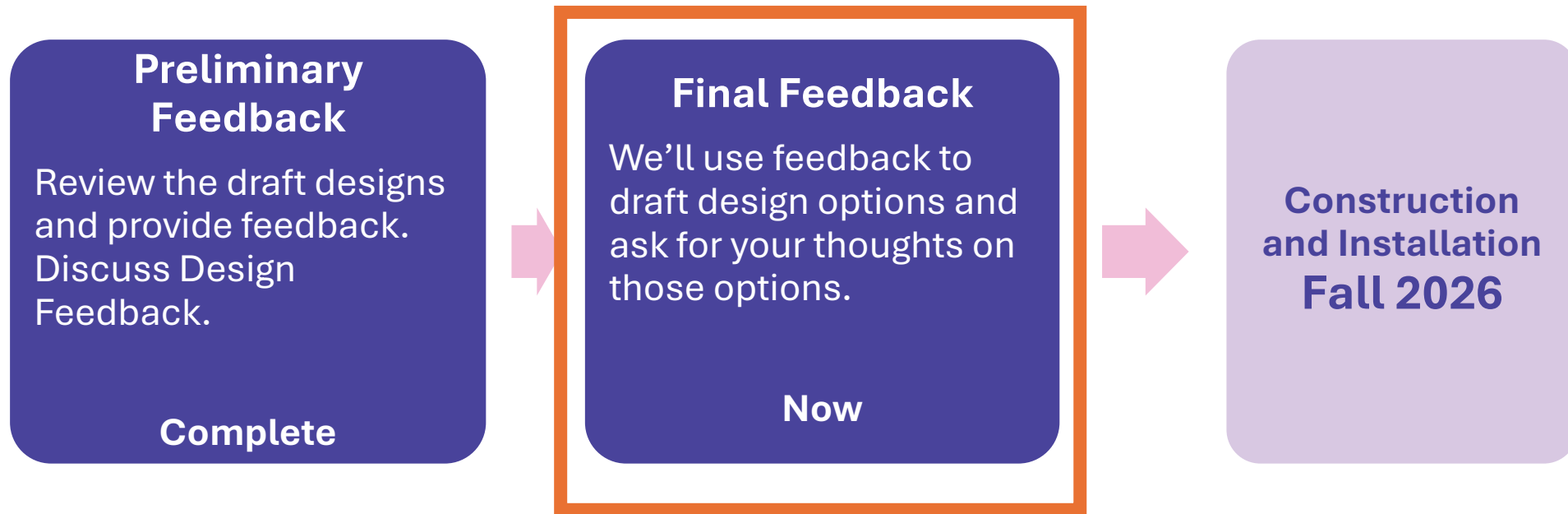
- 1 **Today**
  - Draft design, feedback
- 2 **Summer 2026**
  - Final tweaks and adjustments
- 3 **Spring 2027**
  - Construction Starts
- 4 **Fall 2027**
  - Target Construction End

# 01. Project Updates

*Section A – Prospect St to Willow St*

*Section C – Fulkerson St to Second St*

# Updated Schedule: Section A (Prospect St to Willow St)



# Updated Schedule: Section C (Fulkerson St to Second St)



# Construction Scope Comparison

## Section A

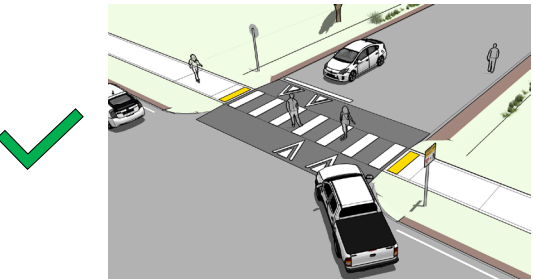
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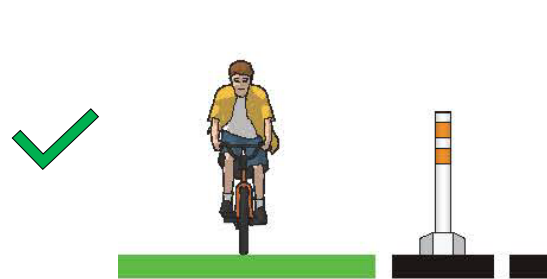
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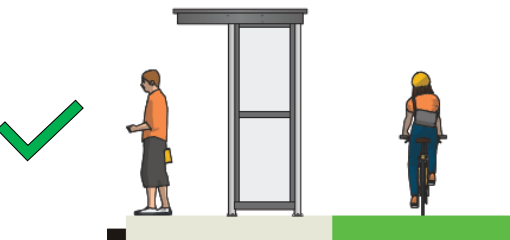
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Raised Crosswalks



Flex-Posts and Precast Barriers



Floating Bus Stops

## Section C

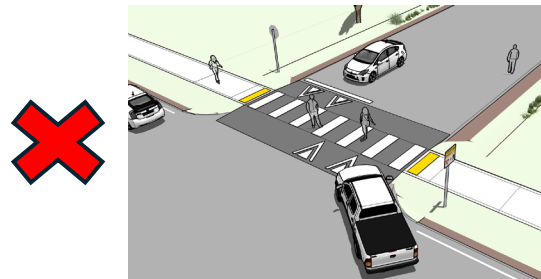
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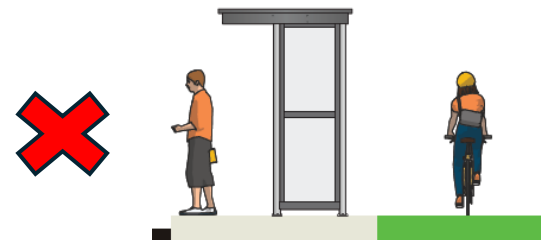
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# Construction Scope Comparison

## Section A vs. Section C

Section A (Prospect St to Willow St )	Section C (Fulkerson St to Second St )
<b>Existing Condition:</b> No bike separation. Worst pavement condition on corridor.	<b>Existing Condition:</b> No bike separation. Poor pavement, better than Section A.
<b>Pavement:</b> Full roadway reconstruction in parts. Deep mill and pave elsewhere.	<b>Pavement:</b> Deep mill and pave only.
<b>Utilities:</b> Gas and water upgrades. Non-copper water services to be replaced.	<b>Utilities:</b> Some relocations, as necessary. Non-copper water services to be replaced.
<b>Design:</b> Floating bus stops, moving curbs, some quick-build.	<b>Design:</b> Mostly quick-build, some curbs, no floating bus stops.

# 01. Project Updates

*Section B Updates – Willow St to Fulkerson St*

# Section B - What We're Working On

## Pavement Restoration

- We have collected pavement samples. We are evaluating the cost and scope of paving needed (Deep mill and pave vs. conventional mill and pave).

## Signalization Work

- We're installing a new traffic signal at *Cardinal Medeiros Ave and Cambridge St*. New signals require more significant utility coordination and design work than typical quick-build.

## Grand Junction Path Crossing at Cambridge St

- The Grand Junction Path, once installed, will cross sides at Cambridge St, requiring a more comprehensive design of the bike lanes and sidewalks in this area. The Cambridge St design must work with the path, which will be installed later after the Cambridge St project is installed.

## Street Design near King Open School

- Additional design considerations needed to accommodate school buses and retain parking. Evaluating construction options.

## Timeline

- Resources are focused currently on Sections A and C. This work will proceed after design of Sections A and C are complete.

# **01. Project Updates**

## ***Community Engagement***

# April 29<sup>th</sup> Virtual Information Session



Scan to Register

## Wednesday, April 29 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Zoom (Scan QR to register)

At this April 2026 Virtual Information Session, City staff will provide project updates, share the preliminary design plans, and present an updated project timeline. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers after a presentation from the Project Team. This will be recorded and posted on the project website.

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### Cambridge St Safety Improvement Project

Project Update and Upcoming Virtual Information Session

#### What Will Change?

The City of Cambridge plans to add separated bike lanes and make related safety improvements on Cambridge Street. This will reduce on-street parking.

#### Proposed Street Layout

Bike lanes in each direction with parking on one side of the street.

#### Upcoming Community Event

Join us at a Virtual Information Session to learn about the latest project updates, review preliminary plans, and see the updated installation timeline.

**Virtual Information Session**  
Wednesday, April 29, 2026  
from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Zoom, Register in Advance



Scan for more info, register for the meeting, and email list sign up



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Flyer + Postcard for April 29 Meeting



Project Update in Your Neighborhood

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#### What To Expect on Cambridge Street

- **Installation of separated bike lanes:** Bike lanes with a physical barrier between the bike lane and the street.
- **Reduced parking:** Parking on Cambridge Street will be reduced by 50%. There will only be parking on one side of the street.
- **Roadway construction:** Upgrades to utilities, street repaving, and reconstruction of curb ramps, crosswalks, and sidewalks is necessary in select locations.



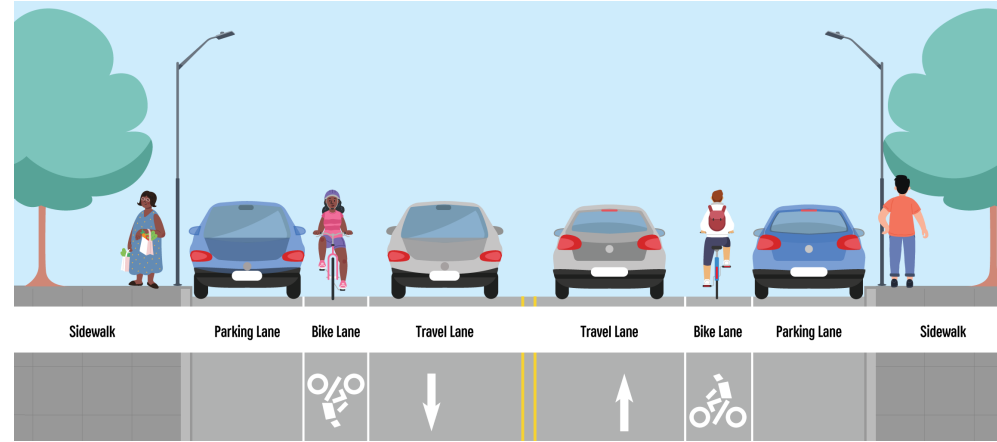
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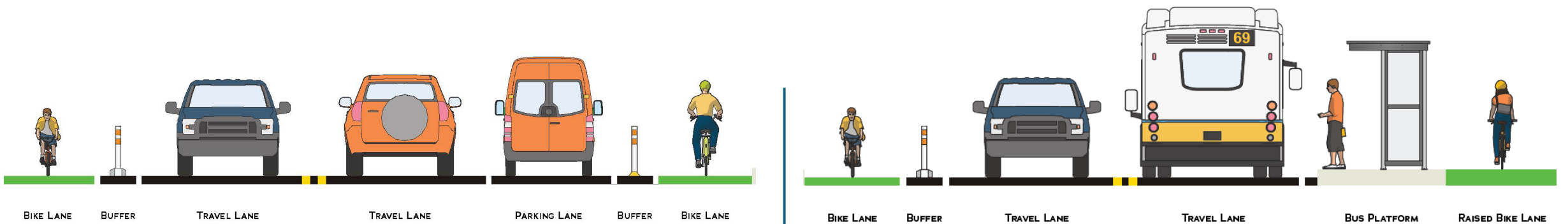
*Section A – Prospect St to Willow St*

# Section A: Typical Street Layout

## Current



## Proposed

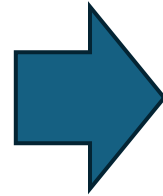
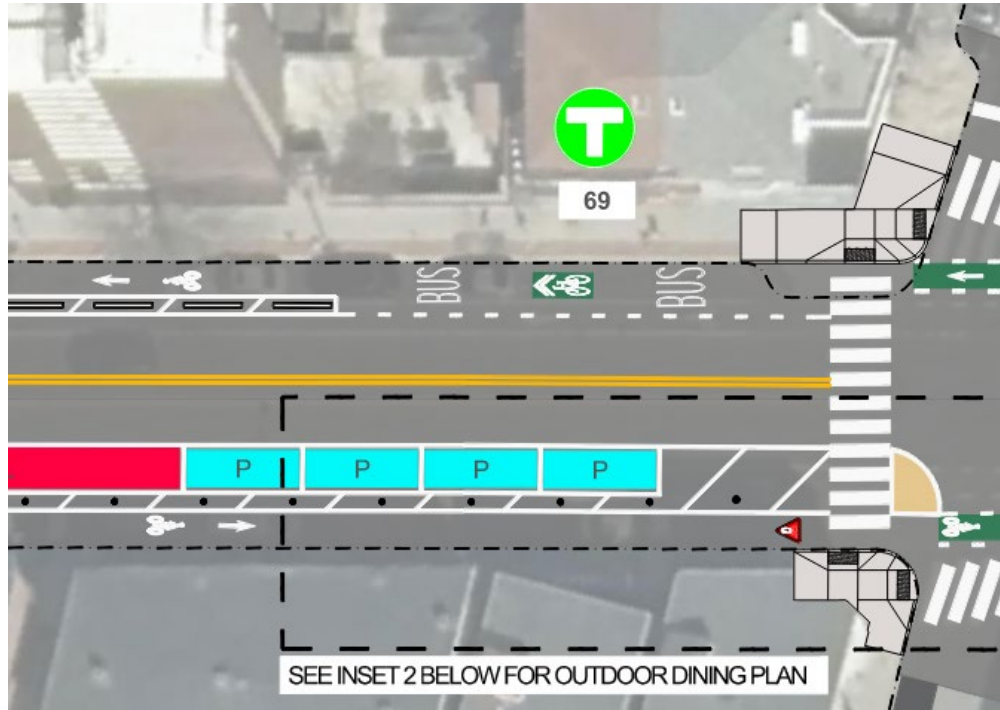


*Parking on one side*

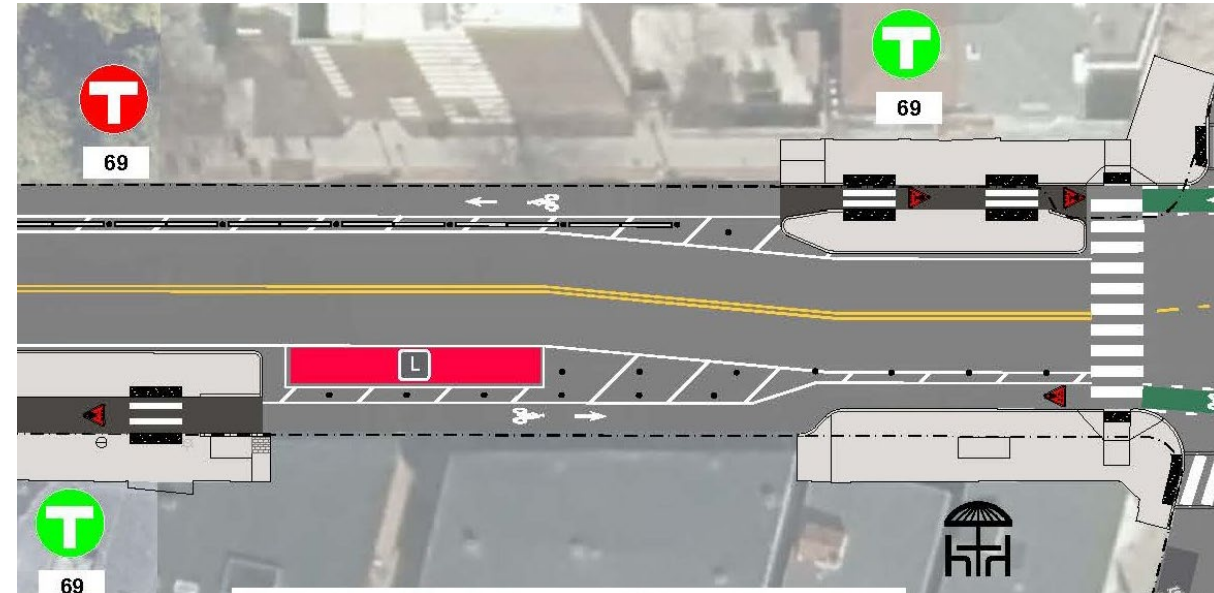
*Bus boarding islands in parking lane*

# Revised Tremont St Design

## Previous Design



## Updated Design

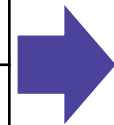


- Bus boarding island
- Loss of three additional parking spaces
- Expanded sidewalk that keeps outdoor dining possible.

# Updated Parking Numbers – Section A

- Loading locations moved outside of dining areas. Seasonal meter numbers are now lower.
- Three more spaces removed for floating bus stop at Tremont St
- **Note:** Meters installed on side-streets throughout the project area

Existing Number of Spaces by Type	
1-Hour or 2-Hour Metered Parking	67
Loading Zones	8*
Part-time meter/loading	2
Accessible/Disability Parking	4
Resident Permit Parking	13



Proposed Number of Spaces by Type	
2-Hour Metered Parking	6,10**
Loading Zones	8*
Accessible Loading	3*
Accessible/Disability Parking	2
Resident Permit Parking	9

\*Length varies. Assumes 20ft of loading per 1 space.

\*\*Winer amount. Summer amount is reduced for outdoor dining.

# Side-Street Parking – Section A

Types of Spaces	# Spaces w/Changes*
Permit Parking Change	-10
Unrestricted Parking	-6
Non-Metered Timed Parking	-5
Accessible/Disability Parking	+2
EV Parking	+2**
Metered Parking	+16
Accessible/Disability	+1
<b>Total Number of Spaces with Changes</b>	<b>21</b>

\*See roll plan for location of changes

\*\*Loss of 1 existing space for EV charger (3 to 2)

# **02. Project Design**

*Section C – Fulkerson St to Second St*

# Reminder: Separation Types



Flex posts

**Cost:** Low  
**Benefit:** Medium  
**Space:** Small



Pre-cast Curbs

**Cost:** Low to Medium  
**Benefit:** High  
**Space:** Medium to High



Grade separated bike lanes

**Cost:** High  
**Benefit:** High  
**Space:** Medium to High

# Reminder: Bus Stop Treatments



**Cost:** Low  
**Benefit:** Medium  
**Space:** Low to Medium

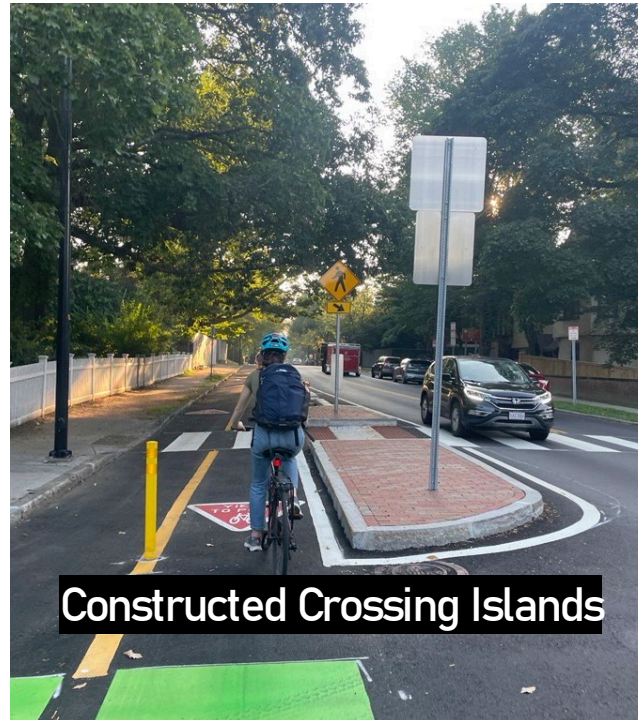


**Cost:** High  
**Benefit:** High  
**Space:** Medium to High

# Reminder: Pedestrian Treatments



**Cost:** Low  
**Benefit:** Medium  
**Space:** Medium to High



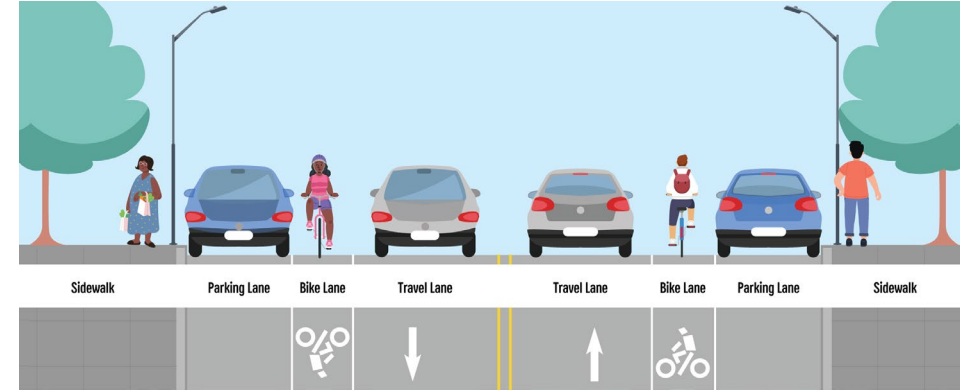
**Cost:** High  
**Benefit:** High  
**Space:** Medium to High



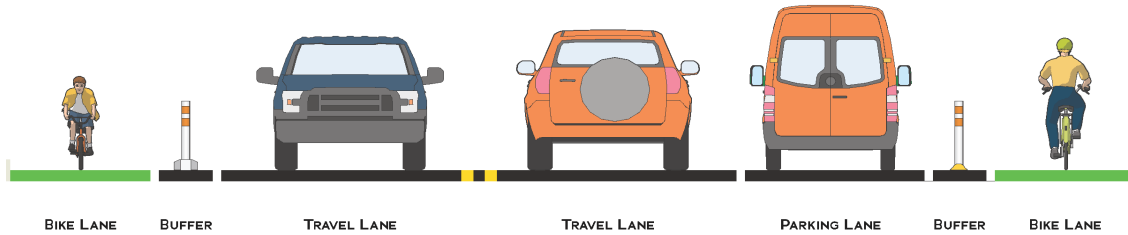
**Cost:** High  
**Benefit:** High  
**Space:** High (underground)

# Section C: Typical Street Layout

## Current



## Proposed



*Parking on one side*



*Proposed bus stop layout*

# Reduced Parking – Section C Parking Changes

Existing Number of Spaces by Type	
Metered Parking	100
Loading Zones*	17
Accessible/Disability Parking	4



Proposed Number of Spaces by Type**	
Metered Parking	19-24
Loading Zones*	15-17*
Accessible/Disability Parking	6

*\*Length varies. Assumes 20ft of loading per 1 space.*

*\*\*See roll plan for location of changes*

# Side-Street Parking – Section C

<b>Types of Spaces</b>	<b># Spaces w/Changes*</b>
Permit Parking Change	-14
Unrestricted Parking	-2
Loading Zone	+1 (20ft)
Metered Parking	+14
Accessible/Disability	+1
<b>Total Number of Spaces with Changes</b>	<b>16</b>

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## ECBA Next Steps

- 1-on-1 meetings with businesses
- Business survey on Section C
- Door-to-door flyering
- April 29 Virtual Information Session