



Rendering of Proposed Design of the Cambridge Street Safety Improvement Project

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Department of
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Welcome! Cambridge St Safety Improvement Project

Working Group Meeting #6

April 7, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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 ~5:10 PM.
- At that time, you can raise your hand to join the queue.

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.

Agenda

4:00 PM	Welcome & Introductions
4:10	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General- Sections A & C- Section B
4:25	Project Design <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brief update on Section A- Section C- Q&A
5:10	Public Comment
5:20	Section C Small Group Discussion
6:20	Working Group Business, Next Steps & "Beyond the Design"
6:30 PM	Adjourn

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

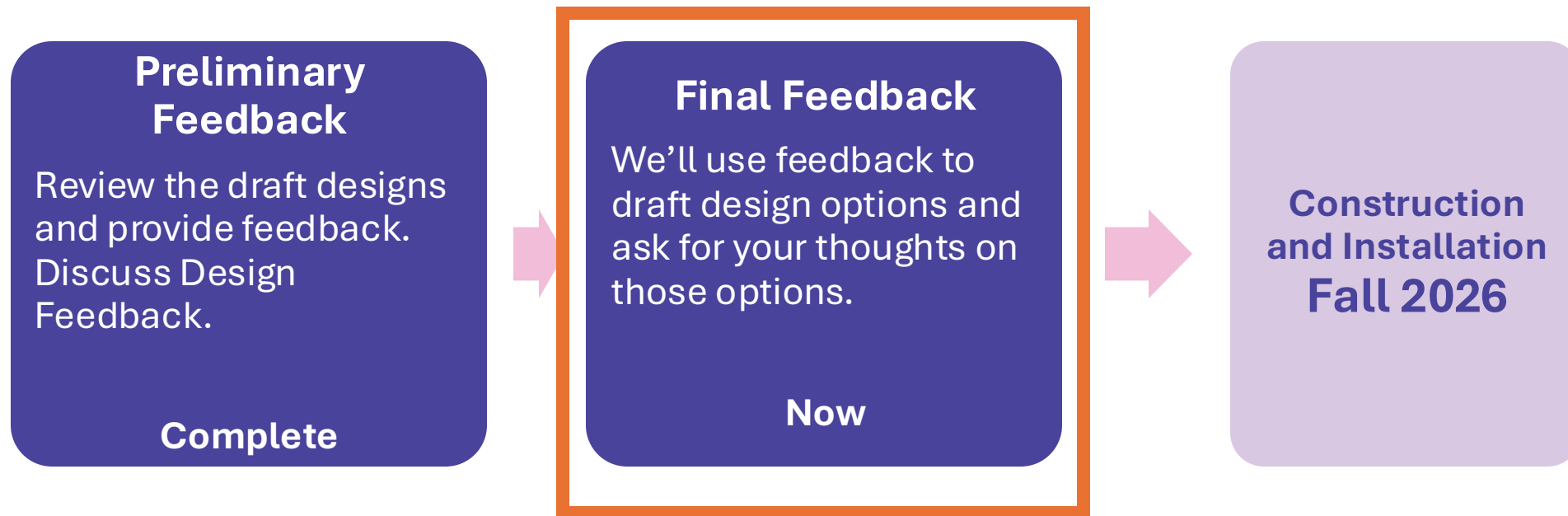
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- 4 Fall 2027**
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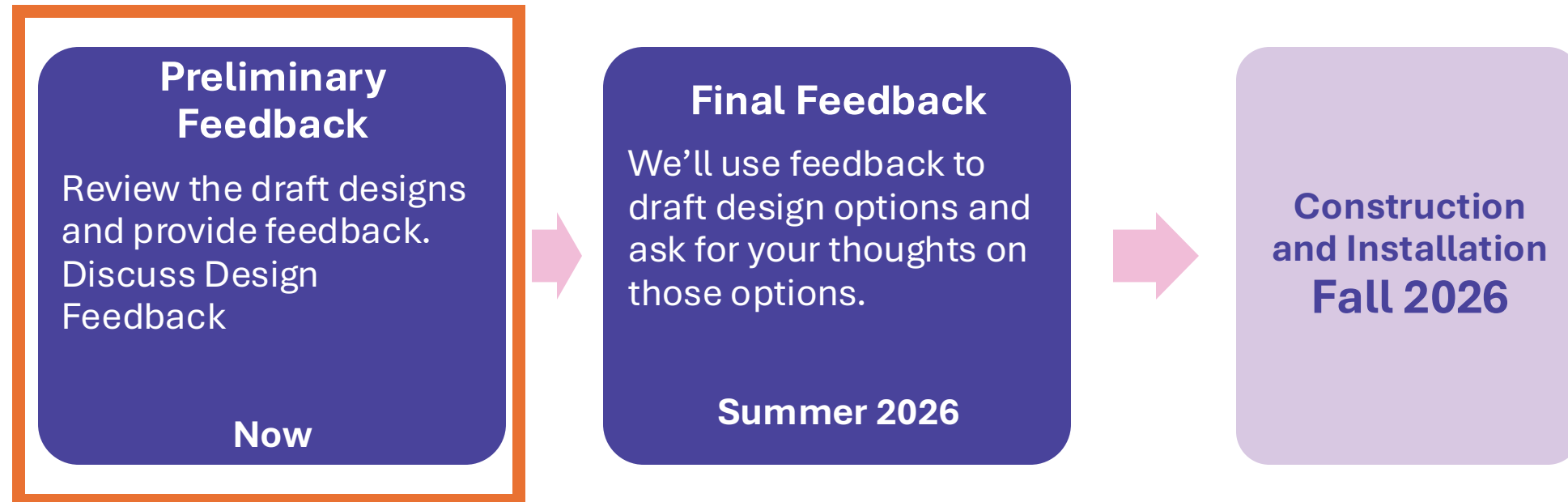
Section A – Prospect St to Willow St

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

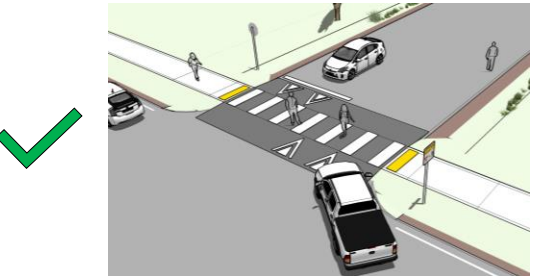
(Prospect St to Willow St)



Full Depth Reconstruction



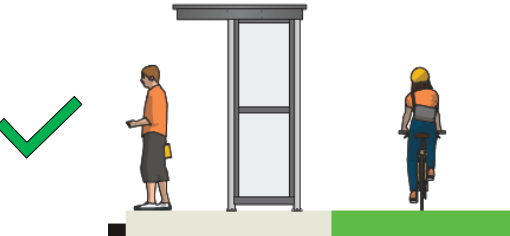
Retrofit Curb Ramps



Raised Crosswalks



Flex-Posts and Precast Barriers



Floating Bus Stops

Section C

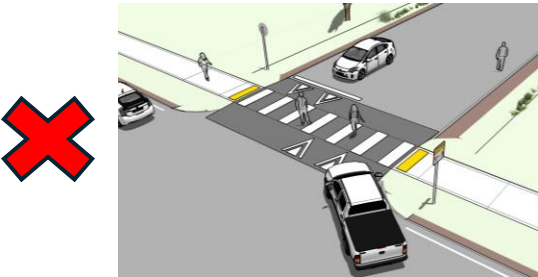
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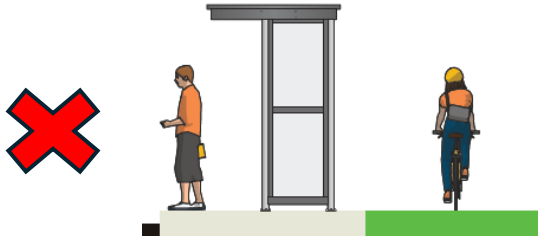
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Construction Scope Comparison

Section A vs. Section C

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

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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 29th 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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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.

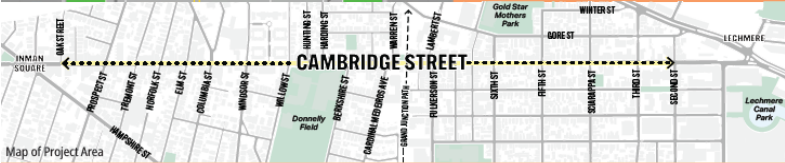
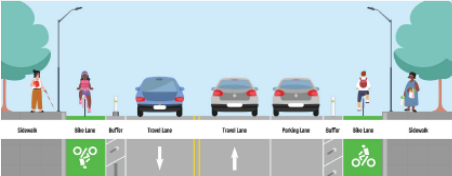
Upcoming Community Event

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.



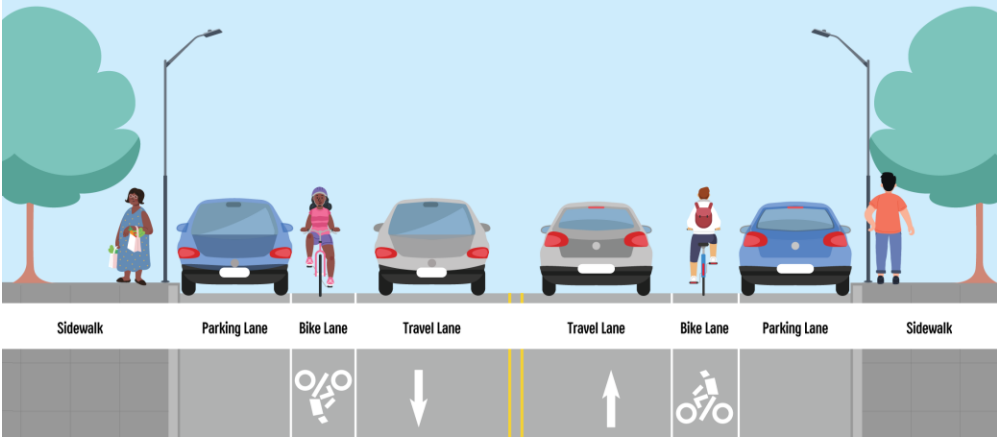
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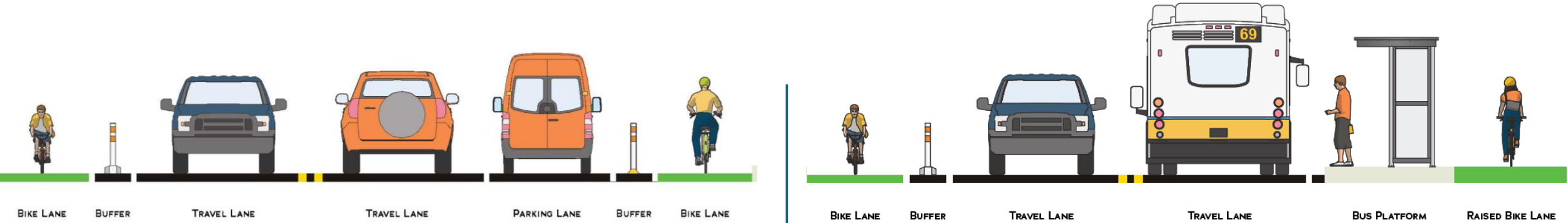
Section A – Prospect St to Willow St

Section A: Typical Street Layout

Current



Proposed

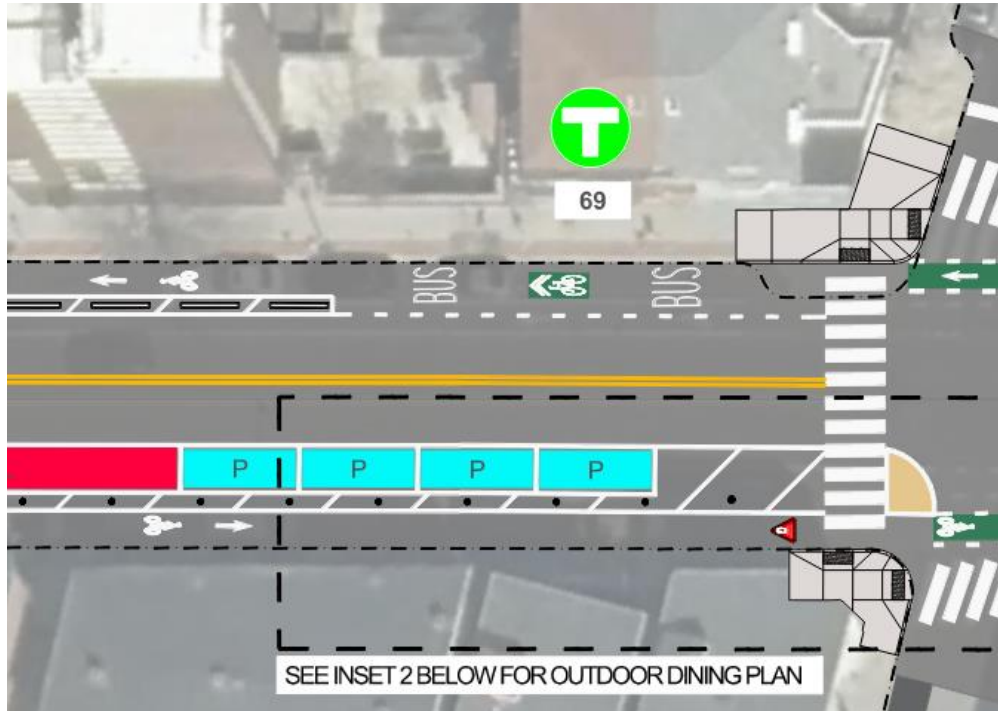


Parking on one side

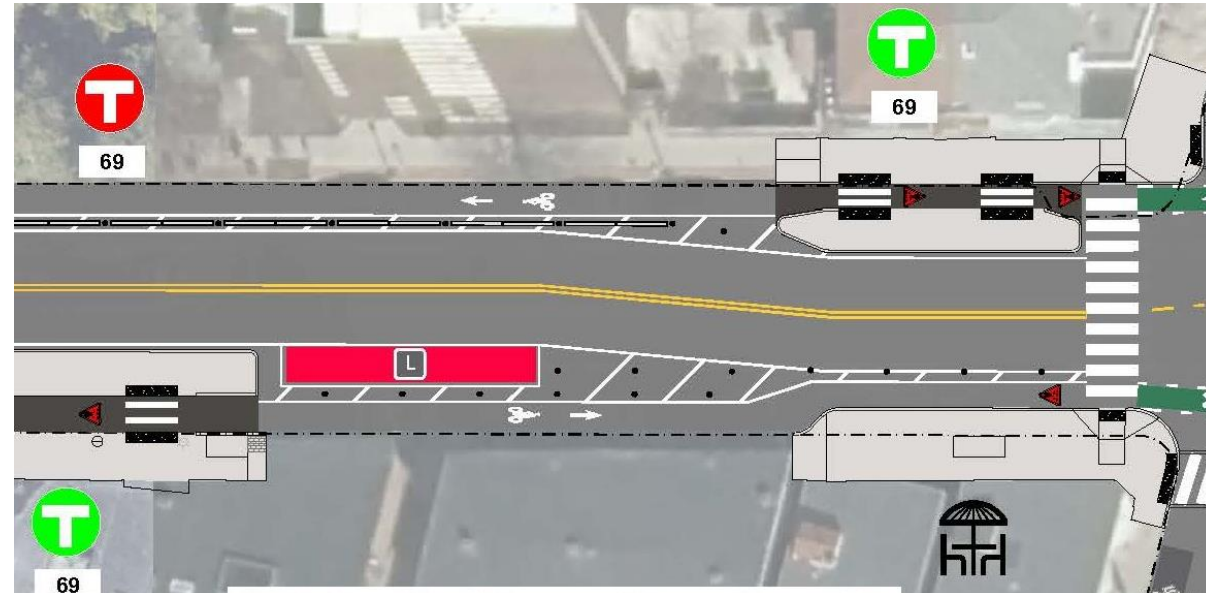
Bus boarding islands in parking lane

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

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



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

**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
Total Number of Spaces with Changes	21

*See roll plan for location of changes

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

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Section C – Fulkerson St to Second St

Reminder: Separation Types



Cost: Low
Benefit: Medium
Space: Small



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



Cost: High
Benefit: High
Space: Medium to High

Reminder: Bus Stop Treatments



Cost: Low
Benefit: Medium
Space: Low to Medium



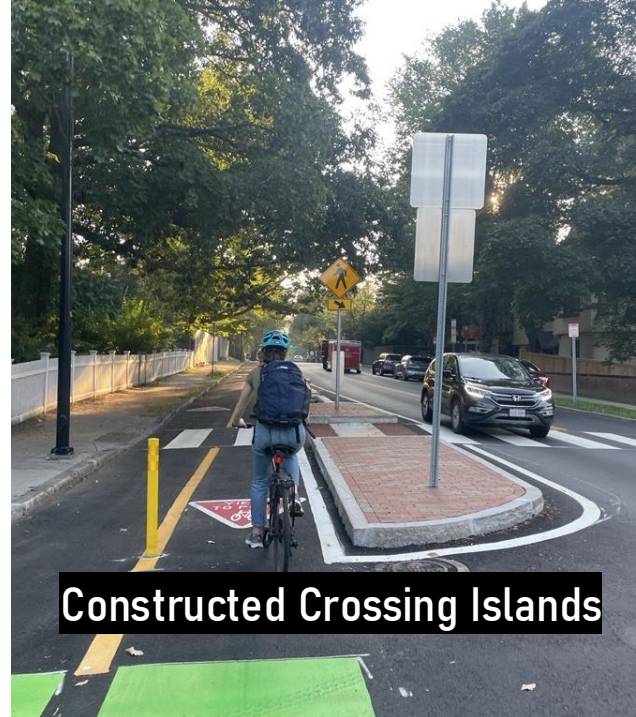
Cost: High
Benefit: High
Space: Medium to High

Reminder: Pedestrian Treatments



Painted Crossing Islands

Cost: Low
Benefit: Medium
Space: Medium to High



Constructed Crossing Islands

Cost: High
Benefit: High
Space: Medium to High

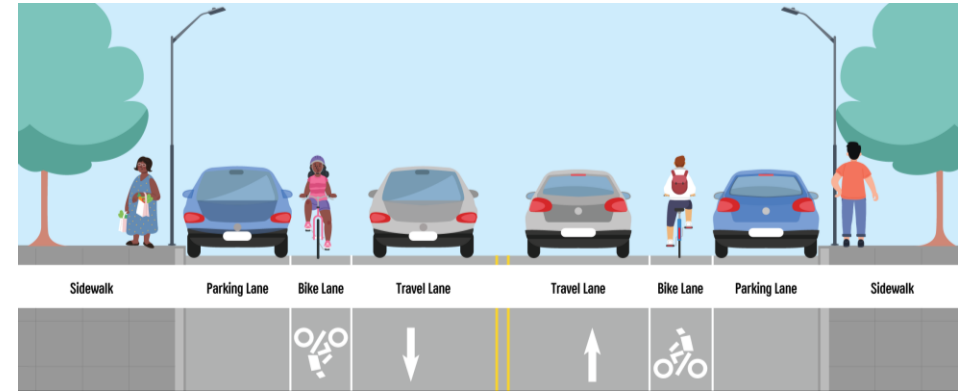


Traffic Signals and beacons

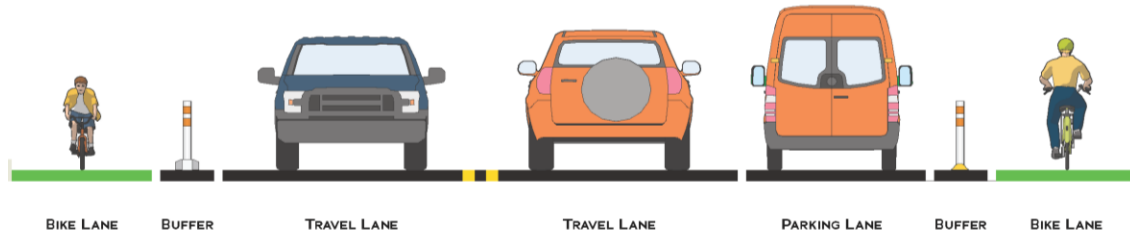
Cost: High
Benefit: High
Space: High (underground)

Section C: Typical Street Layout

Current



Proposed



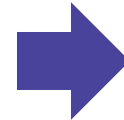
Parking on one side



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

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

**See roll plan for location of changes*

03. 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)

04. Section C

WG Survey Overarching Themes
Small Group Discussions

Section C WG Survey Overarching Themes

- Concern about fast traffic and sudden turns; interest in turn hardening
- Concern around parking loss; interest in maximizing parking availability, e.g., through decreasing daylighting on less busy driveways
- Questions about business loading zone demand

Two Rounds of Small Group Discussions

	Group A	Group B
Round 1 (20 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue bike station location options• Parking regulations – mix of loading and meters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fifth to Sciarappa
Round 2 (20 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fifth to Sciarappa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue bike station location options• Parking regulations – mix of loading and meters

05. Working Group Business, Next Steps & "Beyond the Design"

Proposed Upcoming Meetings

- **Virtual Information Session** (April 29)
 - Please join and spread the word!
- **Working Group Meeting 7** (Summer or Fall 2026)
- **Working Group Meeting 8** (Late 2026 or 2027)

06. Next Steps