

Beech at Elm Pedestrian Safety Project

Pop-Up Community Meeting

What Will Change?

- Shorter Pedestrian Crossing
- New Intersection Layout
- Public Space

Some roadway space will be reopened to people on foot. Community input can shape how this space is used.

Parking Impacts

6 spaces along the bend of Beech St will be removed.

Couldn't make the Community Meeting? Catch Up Online. View Project Materials and Share Your Input at camb.ma/beechst.

Upcoming Community Event

Come view the project plans. City staff from both Cambridge and Somerville will answer questions about the project and design.

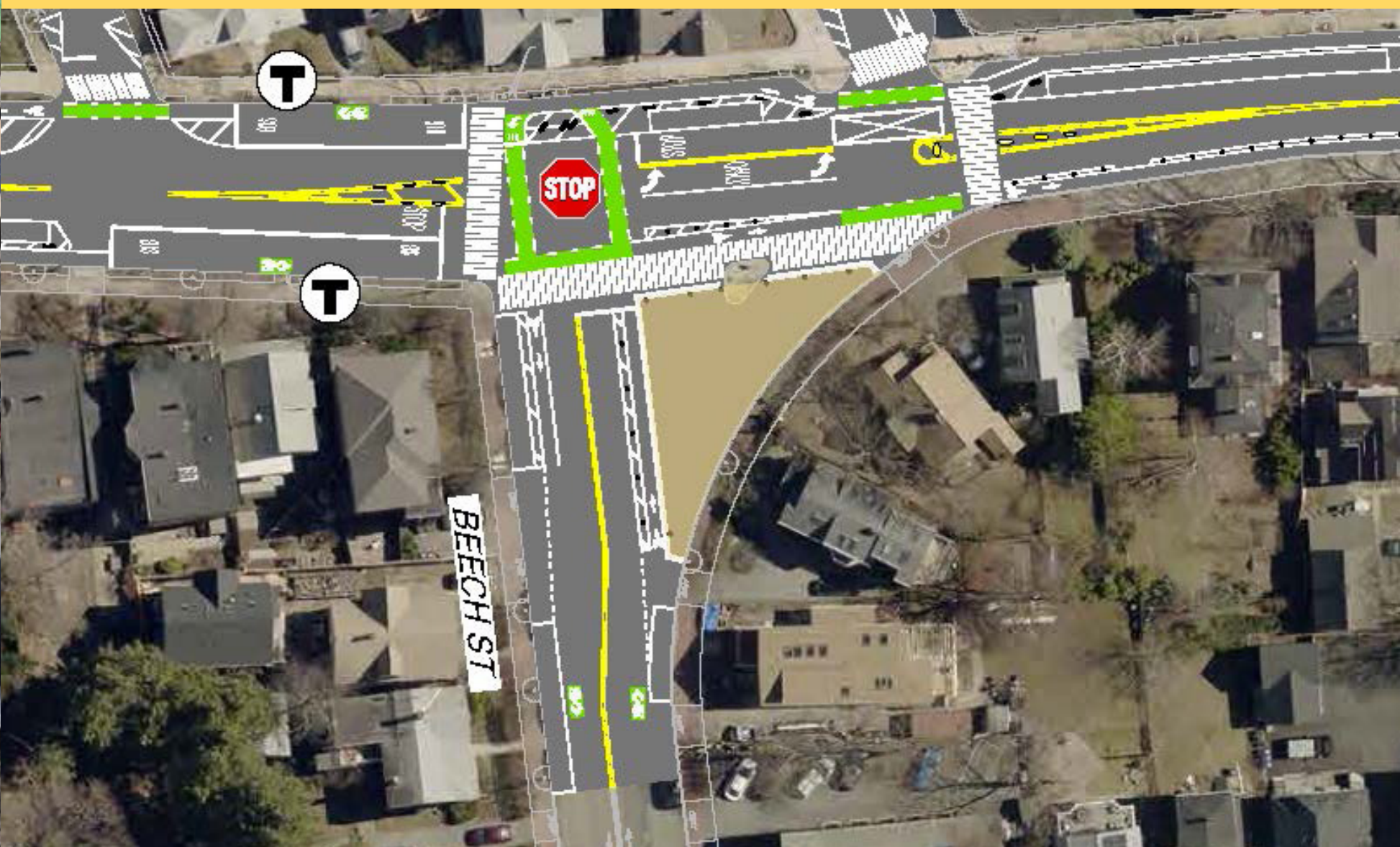
Thursday May 21, 2026

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pop Up Community Meeting
Beech St at Elm St (Outside)
Cambridge/Somerville, MA



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Beech St and Elm St Pedestrian Safety

Impacted Parking Spots

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Project Plans

What Design Changes are Coming?

Project Overview and City Partnership

What Will Change?

Shorter Pedestrian Crossings

The crossing distance across Beech Street will be reduced from approximately 140 feet to 40 feet, making it safer for people to cross.

New Intersection Layout

The intersection will be simplified into a T-shaped design by removing the right-most lane on Beech Street and keeping one travel lane in each direction. Access to nearby driveways and connecting streets will remain. New, all-way stop signs will manage traffic.

Public Space

Some roadway space will be reopened to people on foot. Community input can shape how this space is used.

Coordination with the City of Somerville

This work is being coordinated with the City of Somerville as part of their Elm–Beacon Connector project. Beech Street is in Cambridge and Elm Street is in Somerville.

Somerville staff are available to answer questions and discuss the project. For more information, visit Somerville’s Elm–Beacon Connector project website.



Scan to visit the City of Somerville project website

Parking Impacts

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Scan to visit the City of Cambridge project website



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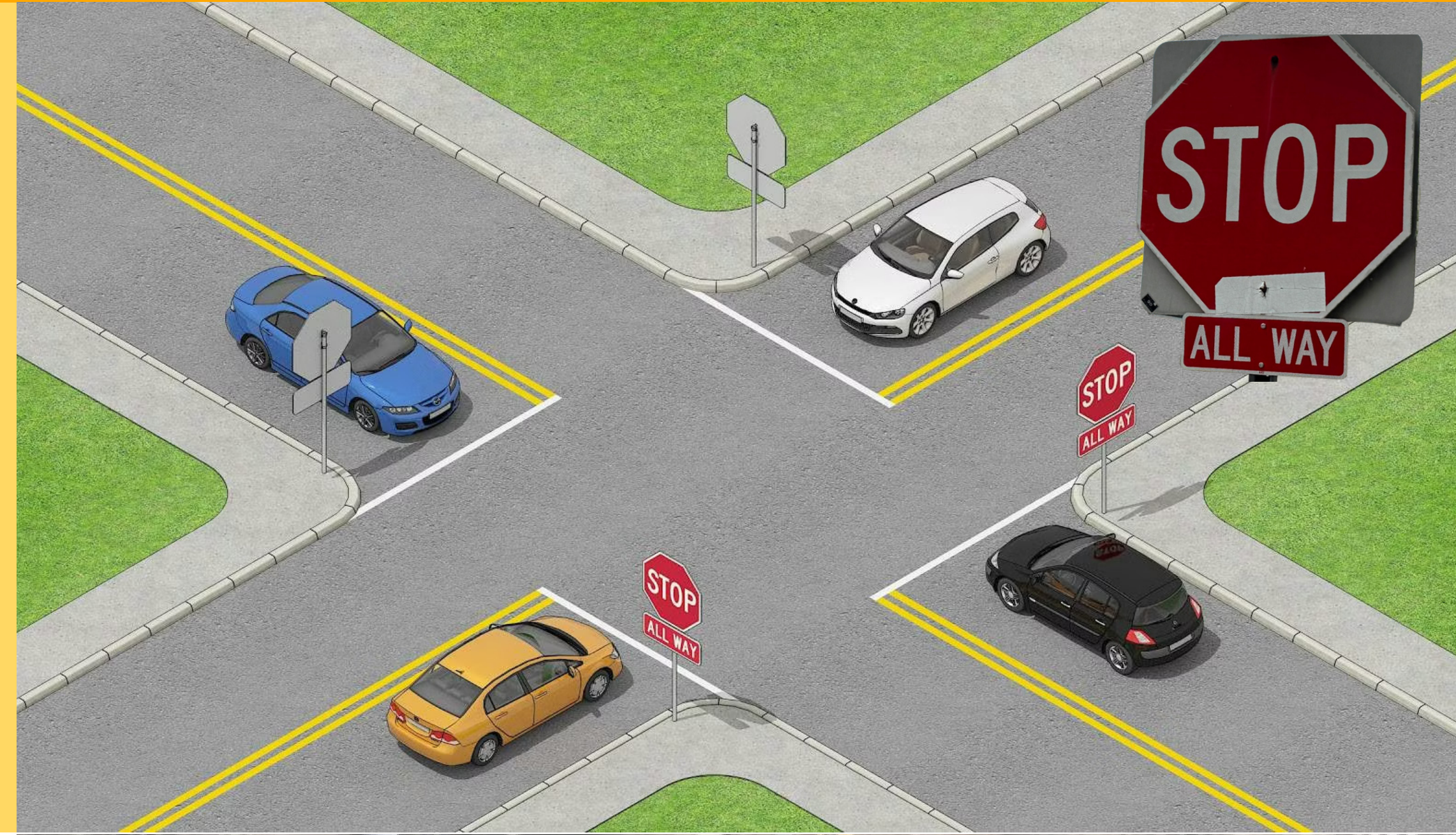
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What Design Changes are Coming

All-Way Stop at Elm St and Beech St

An all-way stop will improve safety by slowing speeds and increasing visibility.



Shorter Crossing Distance, New Public Space

The Beech St crossing is currently 140 ft and involves crossing three wide lanes of traffic.

The crossing will be shortened to 40ft and only two lanes.



Benefits of Shorter Crossing Distances for Pedestrians:

- People crossing are in the street for less time.
- More clarity for drivers.
 - Easier for drivers to properly yield and anticipate crossing behavior.

Shortening the crossing distance will create a new public space in what is currently part of the roadway.

