



Outer Huron Avenue Safety Improvement Project

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Virtual Community Meeting | Thursday, September 17, 2026

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... And many others not online tonight

Meeting Purpose, Outcome, & Process

Purpose

We have completed the preferred design of the section of Huron Avenue between the golf course and the Belmont town line as part of the City's Cycling Safety Ordinance. The purpose of this meeting is to share that design and prepare for project installation.

Outcome

Participants in today's meeting will learn about the preferred design, including how stakeholder feedback was incorporated. City staff will hear further feedback from meeting participants and share how the public can stay informed about the project installation schedule.

Process

City staff will present a slideshow showing the preferred design of the Outer Huron Avenue Safety Improvement Project. Afterwards, there will be a Q&A period to hear feedback and respond to design questions.

Agenda

01. What is This Project About?

- Cycling Safety Ordinance
- Project Area Map
- Why Outer Huron?
- Existing Street Layout
- Project Phases and Timeline

02. What Input Was Received?

- How We Got Community Input
- We Heard From Many People
- Design Feedback: Bus Stop and Loading Zone
- Design Feedback: Parking Regulations
- Design Feedback: Parking Availability

03. What is the Preferred Design?

- Proposed Street Layout
- Parking Changes – Fresh Pond Place to Park Avenue
- Preferred Design: Youth Center/Parkside
- Preferred Design: Cemetery/Reservation
- Preferred Design: Grove Street Intersection
- Belmont Future Project: Grove Street Intersection

04. What Comes Next?

- Project Timing Update
- Stay in the Loop – Installation Communications

05. Questions and Feedback

01. What is This Project About?

Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO)

2019

Cambridge City Council passes the Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO)

- When streets are reconstructed as a part of the City's **Five-Year Plan for Streets and Sidewalks**, the Ordinance requires the City to construct separated bike lanes if the street has been designated for "Greater Separation" in the **Bicycle Network Vision**.

2020

Cambridge City Council passes amendments to the CSO

- Requirement for the City to install about 25 miles of separated bike lanes by April 30, 2026, including quick-build projects not on the Five-Year Plan.

2024

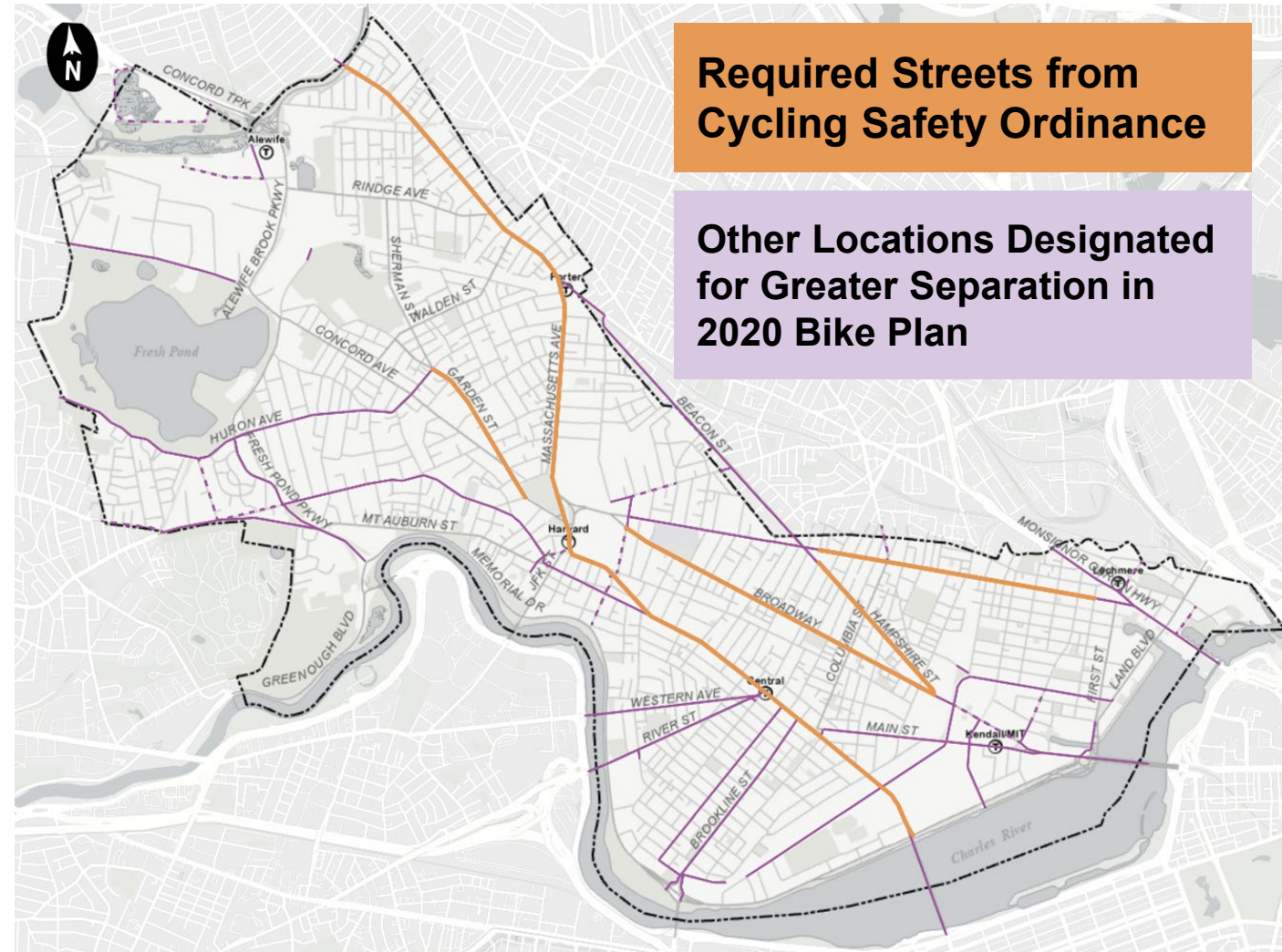
City Council sets new deadline of November 1, 2026



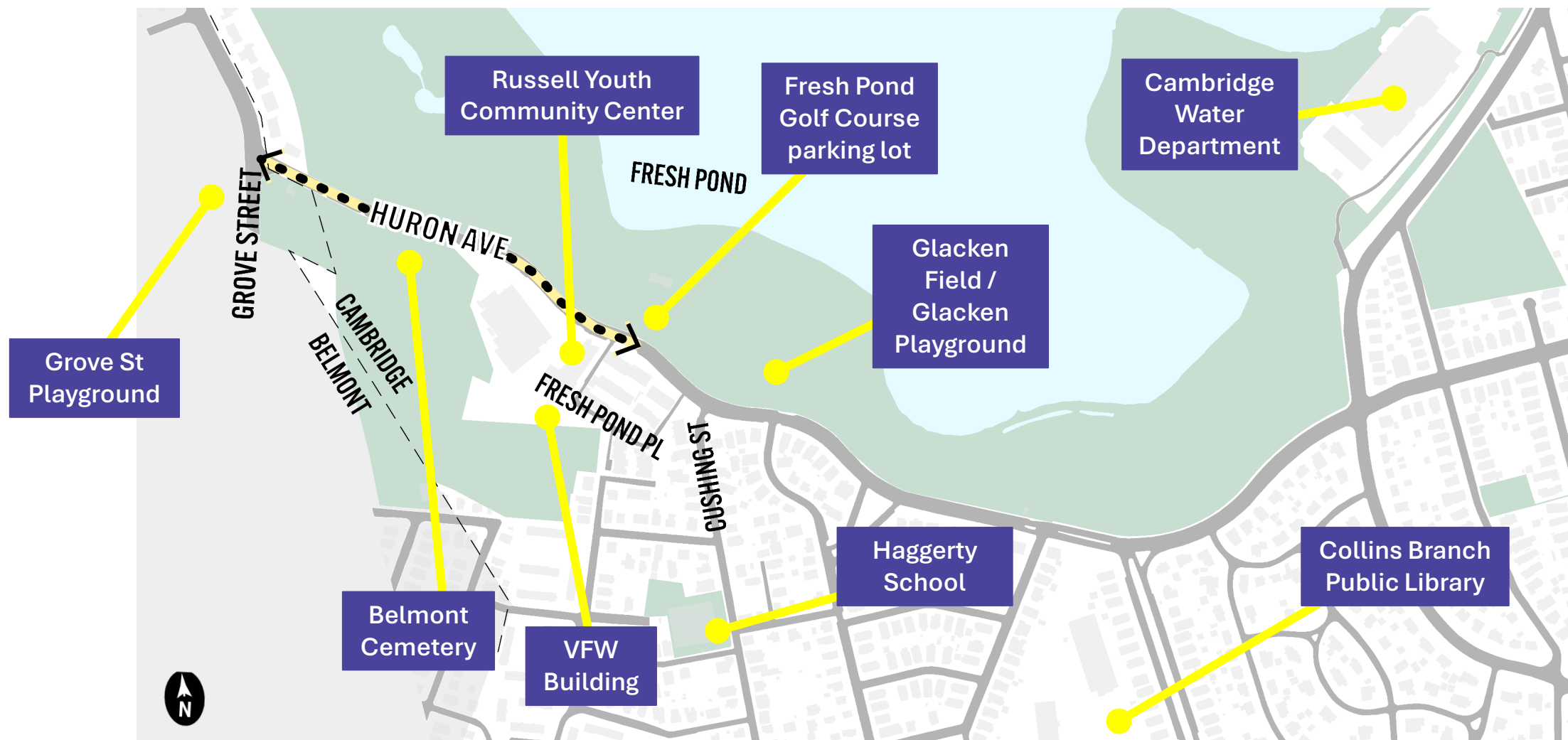
CSO Continued

The 2020 amendments require that the City install about 25 miles of separated bike lanes within five to seven years on:

- All of **Massachusetts Avenue**
 - **Broadway** from Quincy Street to Hampshire Street
 - **Cambridge Street** from Oak Street to Second Street
 - **Hampshire Street** from Amory Street to Broadway
 - **Garden Street** from Huron Avenue to Berkeley/Mason Street
- **11.6 miles** of separated bike lanes in other locations from the 2020 Bicycle Plan's Network Vision



Project Area Map



Why Huron Avenue?

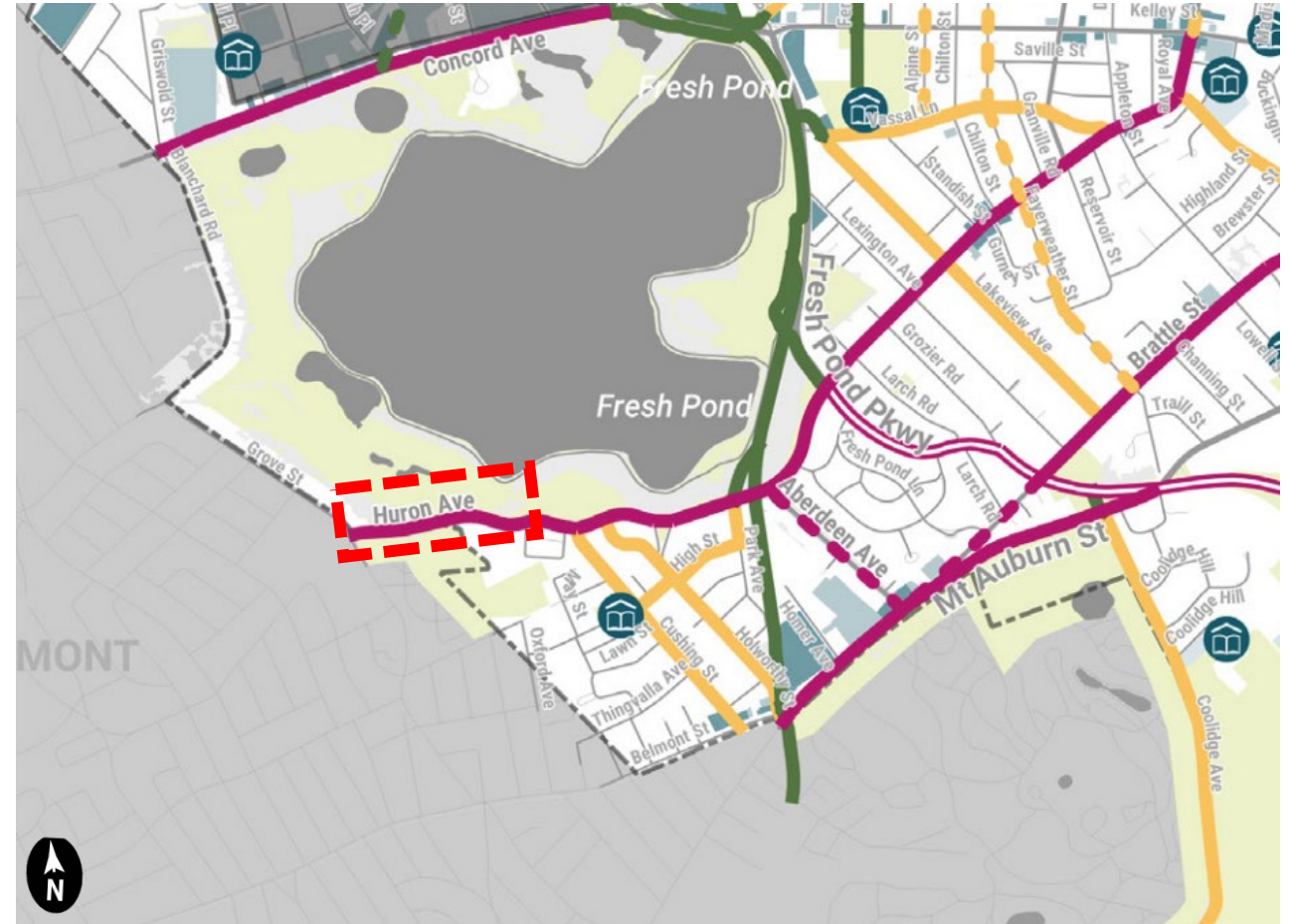
This section of Huron Ave is designated for “greater separation” in Cambridge's 2020 Bike Network Vision to support people biking safely and comfortably.

Access

- Connects existing two-way bike lane on Huron Ave to planned bike lanes on Grove Street
- Greater separation in this area increases equitable bicycle access (according to census data)
- Safe route between Belmont and Cambridge south of Fresh Pond

Safety

- Driving speeds on Huron Ave are some of the highest in Cambridge and visibility is poor along the curve



Key: ■ Huron Ave ■ Off-Street Path ■ Greater Separation ■ Lower Volume & Speed

Existing Street Layout

This section of Huron Ave does not have all ages and abilities bicycle facilities

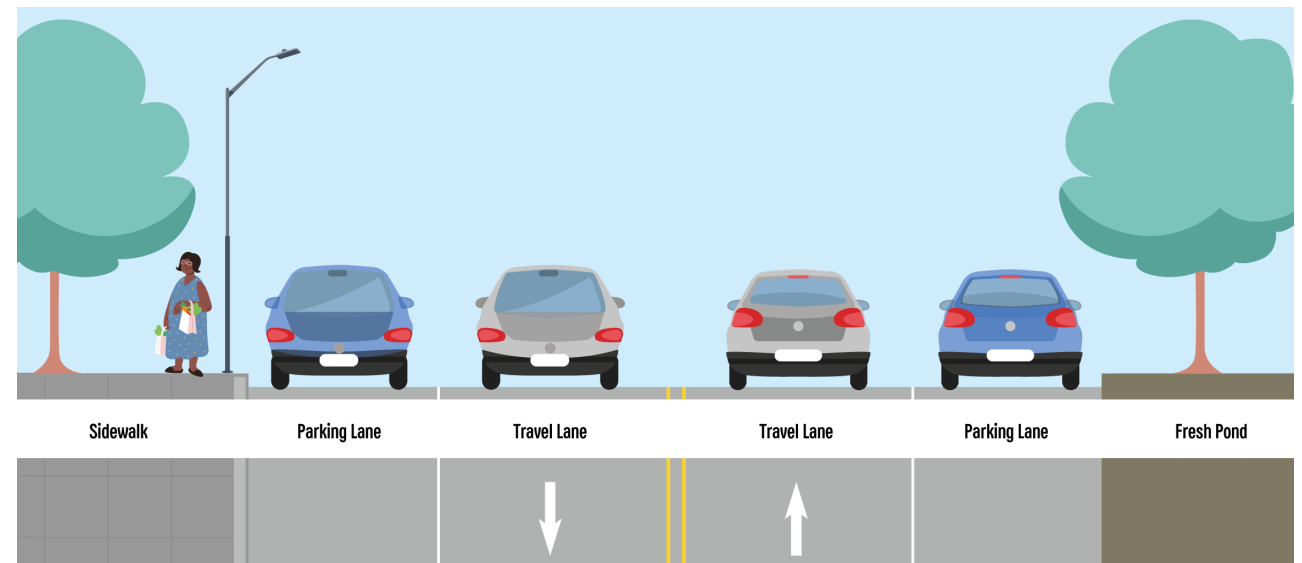
- Some sections have painted lanes with no separation
- Some sections have shared lane markings, with no designated space for people biking
- Parking is on one or both sides of the street
- Bike lane by the Youth Center is on the sidewalk



Image: Aerial view of existing bike lane on the sidewalk by Russell Youth Community Center



Image: Existing bike lanes on Huron Ave



Existing Huron Ave layout between Grove St and Fresh Pond Place without any bicycle lanes

Project Phases and Timeline

Phase 1: Introduction and Preliminary Feedback

City explains goals of the project and introduces conceptual layouts. Community provides feedback on existing concerns and their needs

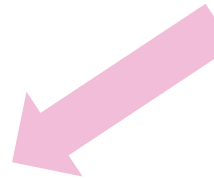
Dec 2025 – Jan 2026



Phase 2: Design Advancement

City uses feedback from Phase 1 to come up with a preferred design that meets project goals and is responsive to community input.

Winter and Spring 2026



Phase 3: Final Feedback

City presents the preferred design to the community, highlighting changes made in response to community feedback.

Community gives final comments on the preferred design.

Spring Summer 2026



Phase 4: Installation

City finalizes design plans based on feedback received in Phase 3. City contractors install the project. City updates residents on installation via the project email list.

Summer to Fall 2026 to Summer 2027

We Are Here!

02. What Input Was Received?

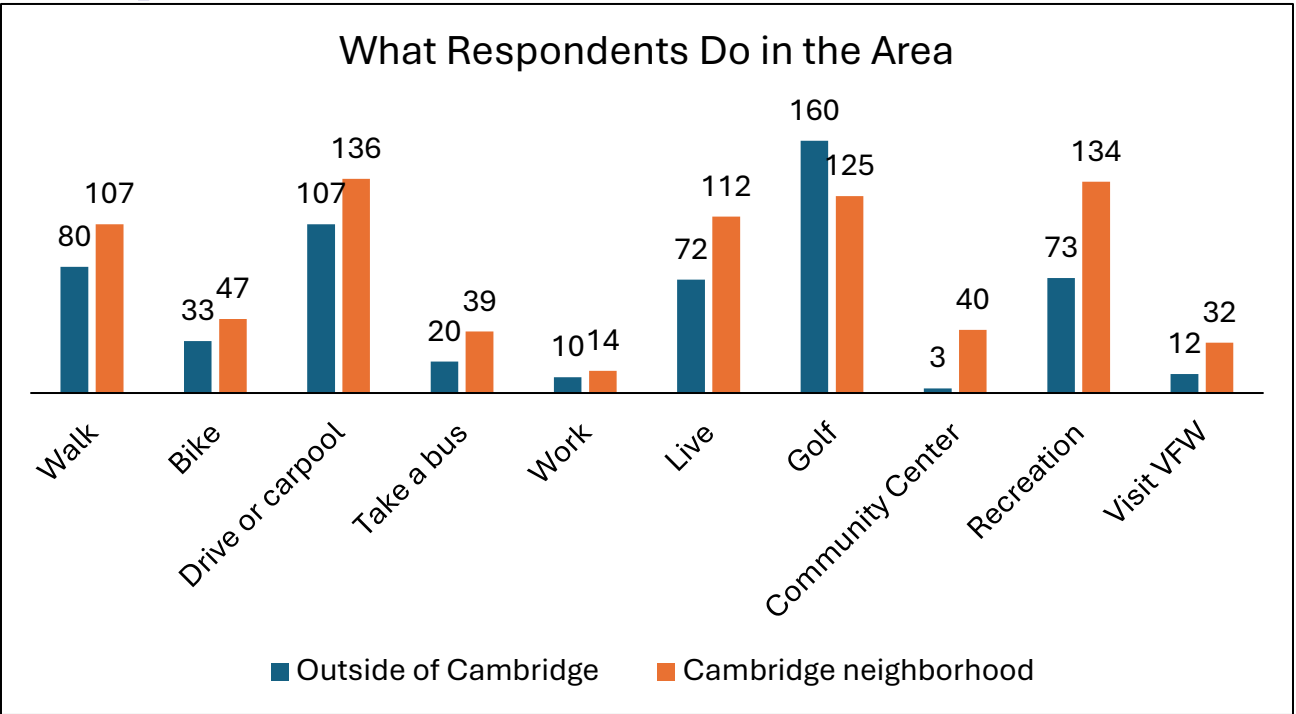
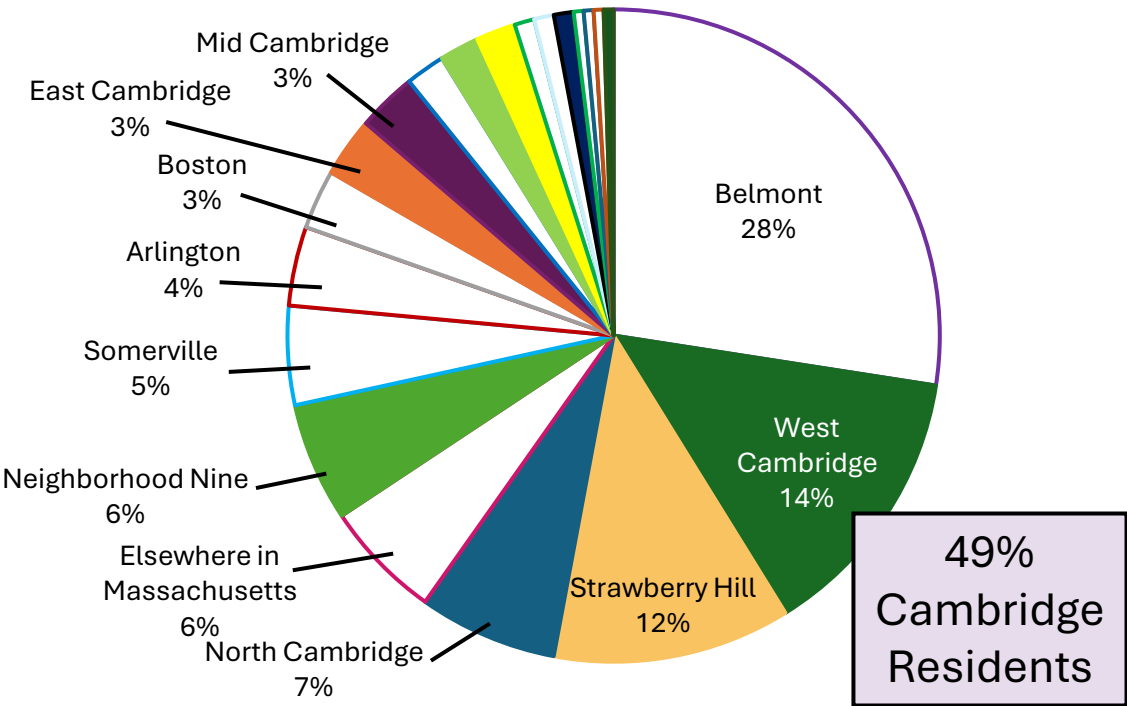
How We Got Community Input

- December 2025
 - 2 drop-in Open Houses
 - 1 virtual community meeting
- Survey open Dec 2025-Jan 2026
 - 574 responses
- Stakeholder meetings:
 - Fresh Pond Golf Course, Youth Center, and Cambridge Recreation staff
 - Parkside Place property manager
 - MBTA service planning
 - Belmont transportation staff
 - Fresh Pond Ladies Golf League board members
 - Joint Meeting of Transportation Committees
- And many emails and phone calls!



Image from the December 9, 2025 Open House at the Russell Youth Community Center

We Heard From Many People



139 Respondents bike in this area or would if it were safer

“I will likely start biking to work now that this final section is done.”
-Survey respondent

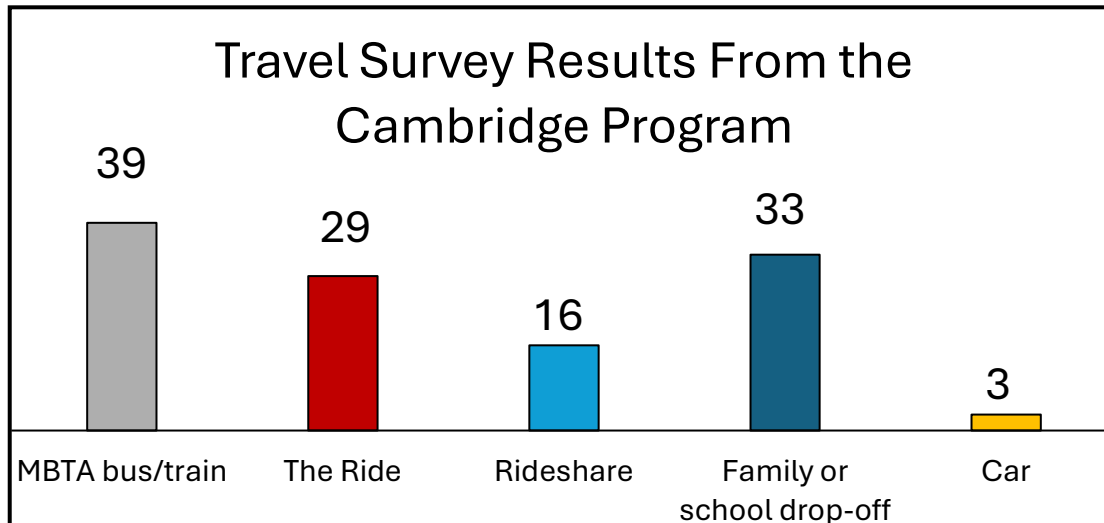


Scan the QR Code to read the Design Feedback Summary Report

Design Feedback – Bus Stop and Loading Zone



Potential new stop location for 700 Huron Avenue MBTA bus stop



“We have over 100 people who attend [The Cambridge Program] every Saturday. We depend upon the loading zone for our buses and the parking for families who drop off and pick up.”

“Right now people can wait under the structure at our entrance and then walk straight onto the bus, which is great in bad weather.”

“We go to school, museums, work, parks, friends, shops, community events, doctor appointments and more with the 75 Bus... Many of my neighbors use walkers, canes, wheelchairs... We want a stop that's as close as possible from our building and that is sheltered”

“The large majority of people who use this bus stop live at 700 Huron Avenue. Moving it would inconvenience hundreds of people.”

How Our Design Changed:

- Maintained loading zone
- Kept bus stop in today's location

Design Feedback – Parking Regulations

Need for Accessible Parking

“Handicap parking needed here.”

“How many proposed parking spots will be handicap spots (right now there's 0)”

“Handicap parking should always be added for those who need it.”

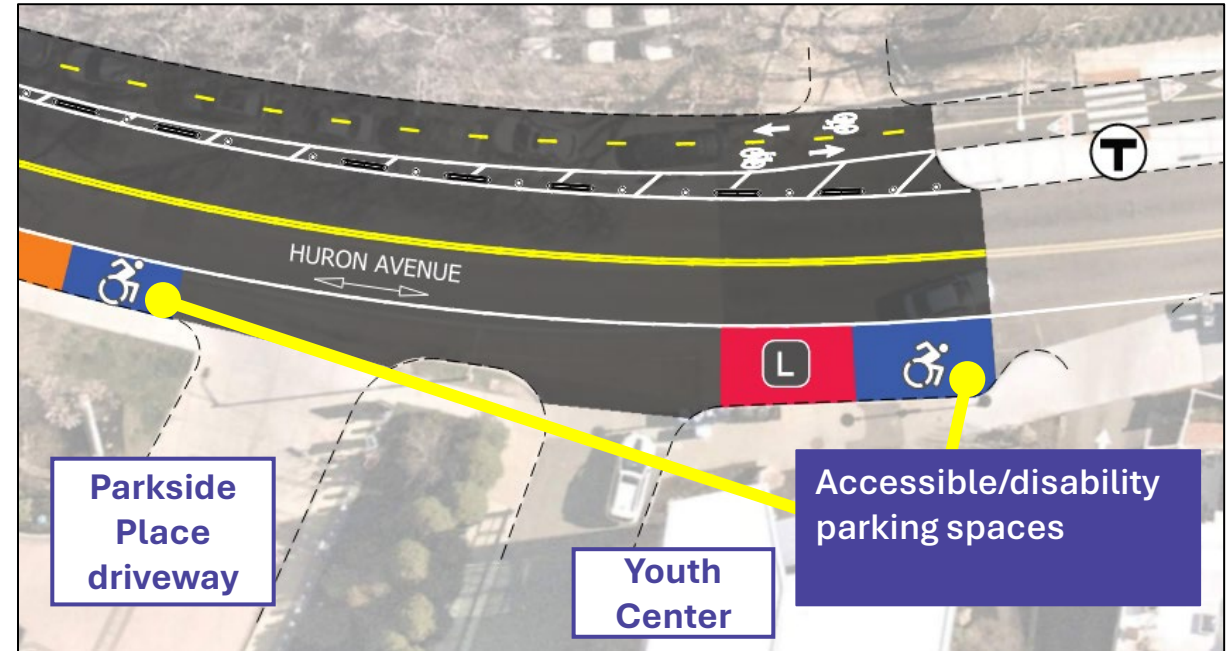
Opposition to Metered Parking

“2-hour parking is too restrictive for people taking classes at the Russell Center.”

“15 minutes and 2 hours are not long enough to play golf.”

“We need to park for free SOMEWHERE in this city near parks, cheap golf, community centers, and playgrounds.”

“So nice to have local and accessible option to park... without worrying about timing, tickets, or fees.”



How Our Design Changed:

- Added two accessible parking spots
- Didn't include metered parking

Design Feedback – Parking Regulations

Serving Residents and Recreation

“Cambridge residents should get priority parking”

“A lot of sports games at Glacken w/ visitors from out of town”

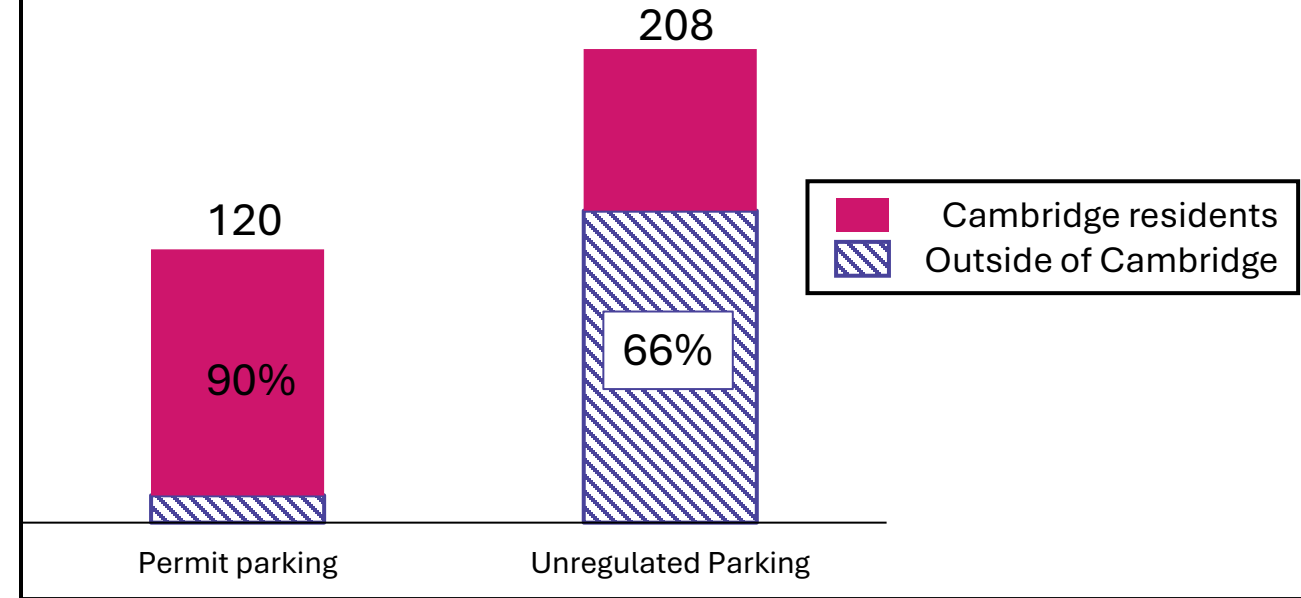
“If unregulated parking is allowed then non-residents will park and jump on the bus.”

“I... also enjoy walking the perimeter of the pond. The street parking is the only place I could park so would be sad if it was only permit parking”

“We need additional resident spots, and there is the golf course lot and lots of available parking around Fresh Pond for non-residents.”

“There needs to be as much unrestricted parking as possible, since the FPGC parking lot is often filled”

Parking Preferences by Residence



How Our Design Changed:

- Parking on Huron Ave in project area will be for residents overnight but unregulated during the day

Design Feedback – Parking Availability

Concern About Parking Availability

“Since most seniors do not bike, parking availability is necessary for participation.”

“I have consistently encountered significant parking difficulties. Parking availability is quite limited both at the golf course and at the VFW facility.”

“My biggest concern is that the removal of all the parking will make it impossible for many folks, especially non-Cambridge residents, to utilize Fresh Pond golf course.”

“The lot is too small to accommodate members and currently there are no other parking options other than Huron Ave.”

How Our Design Changed:

- Changed regulations on Huron Ave from Fresh Pond Place to Park Ave to **unregulated** parking (field side) or **overnight permit only** (residential side)



Map of Huron Ave with new parking layout

Fresh Pond

Legend:

- Unregulated Parking
- Overnight Permit Parking
- Loading Zone
- MBTA Bus Stop
- Disability Parking

Parking Changes Coming Soon

Grove Street to Park Avenue

Beginning Spring 2027: The City will change the permit parking on the north side of Huron Avenue to unregulated parking and the south side to “Permit Parking Overnight Only.” This will give visitors more parking options along Huron Avenue while maintaining full parking access for permit holders.

Check posted parking regulation signs often for updates.

Provide your feedback by contacting the Outer Huron Ave Safety Improvement project manager.

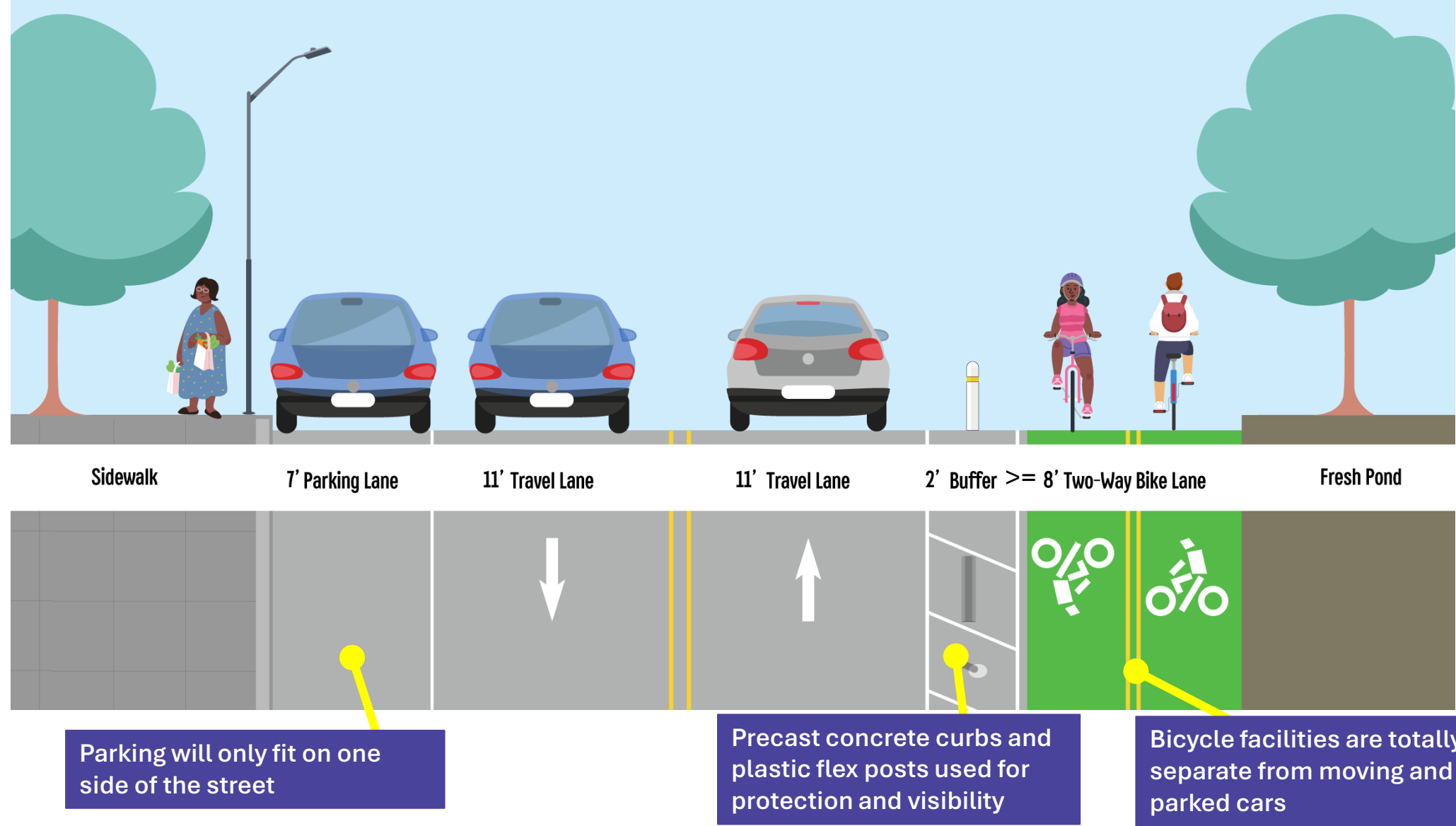
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Scan the QR code to learn more about the nearby project and view the project plans.

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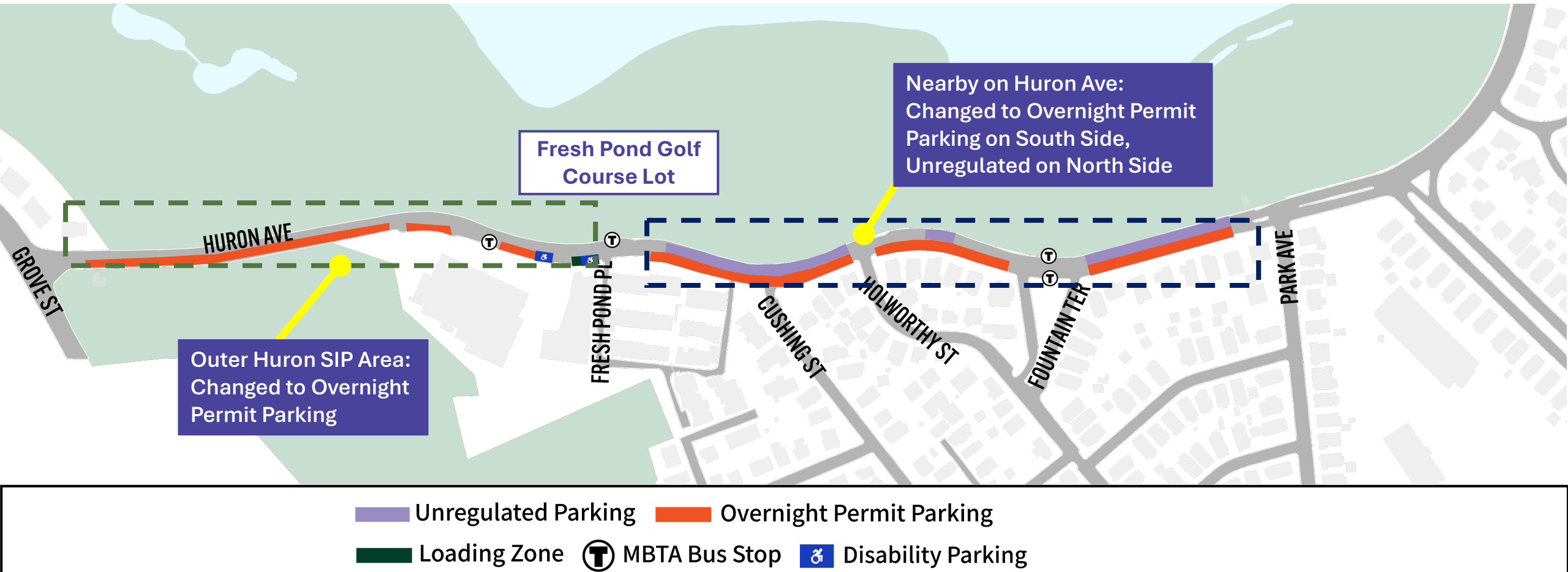
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03. What is the Preferred Design?

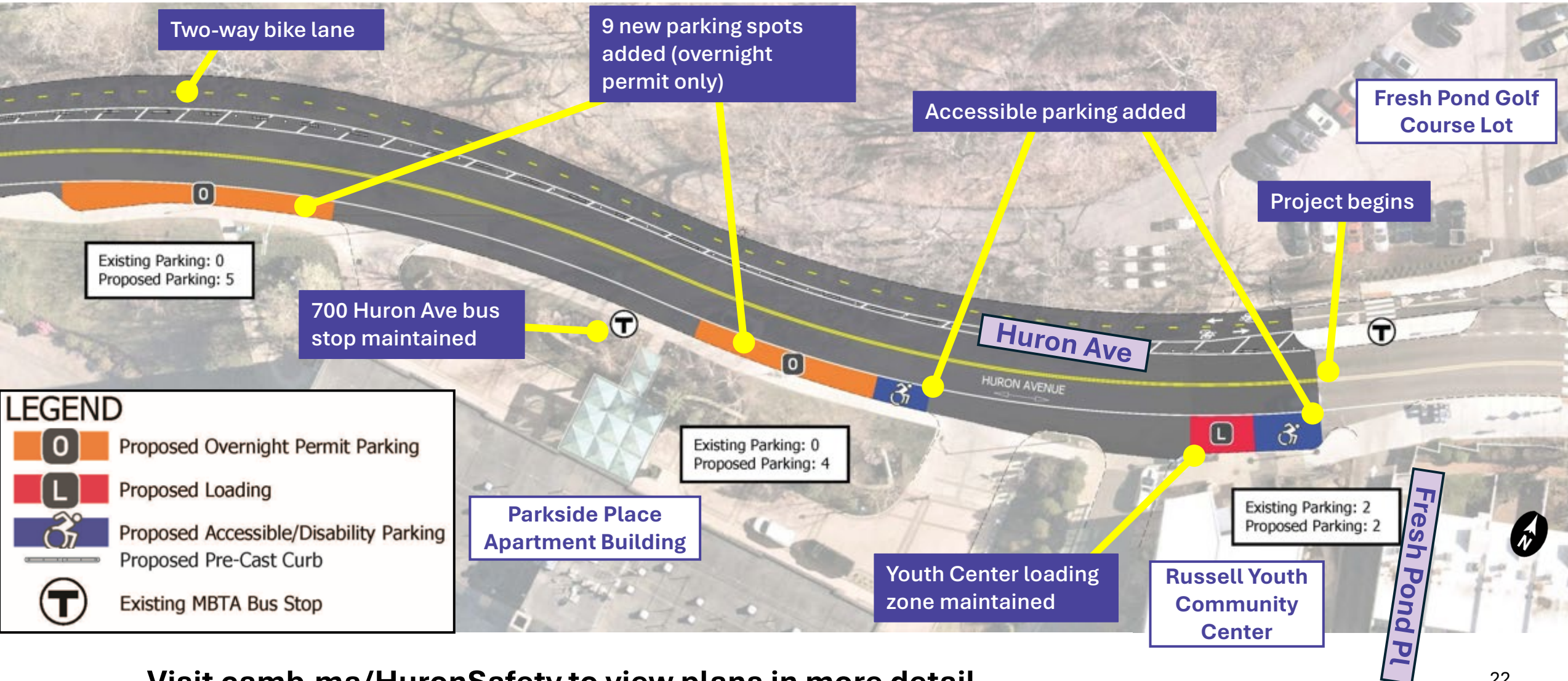
Proposed Street Layout



Parking Changes – Fresh Pond Place to Park Avenue

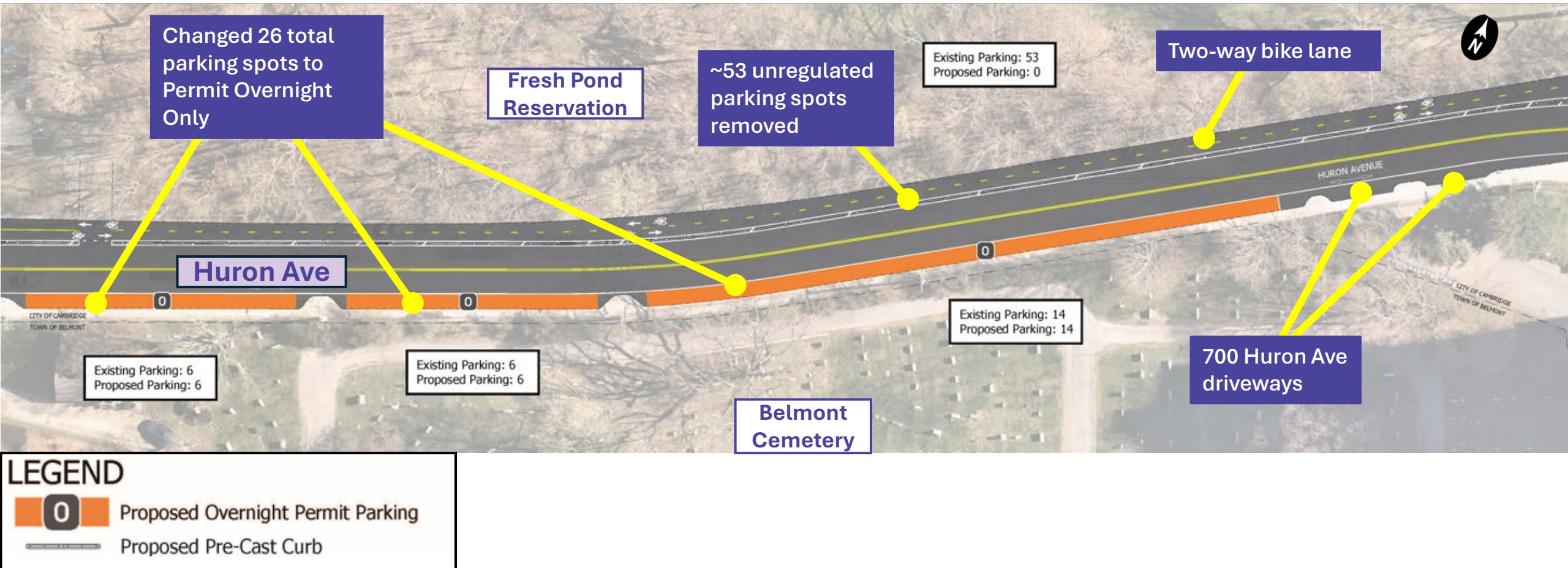


Preferred Design – Youth Center/Parkside

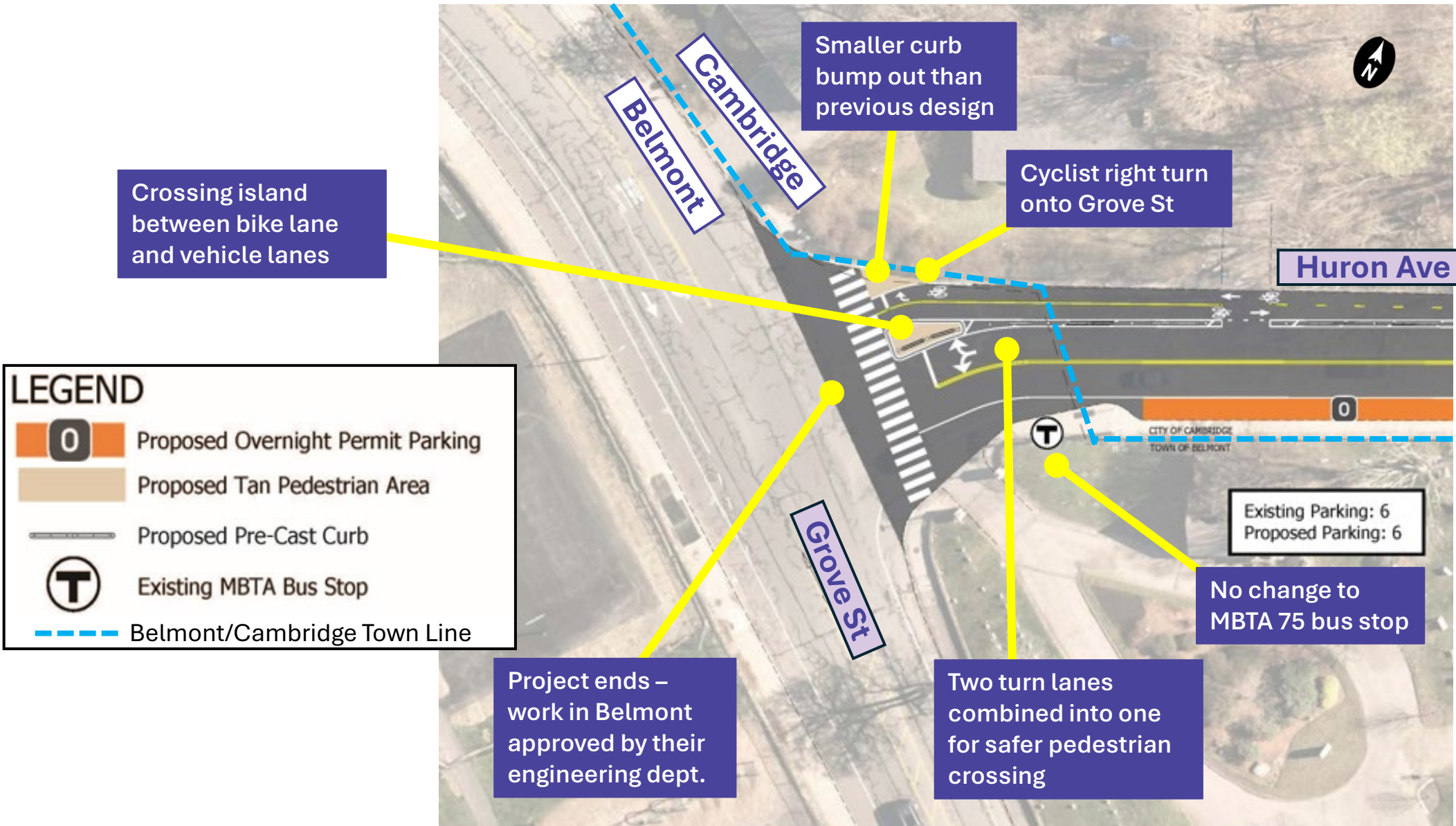


Visit camb.ma/HuronSafety to view plans in more detail.

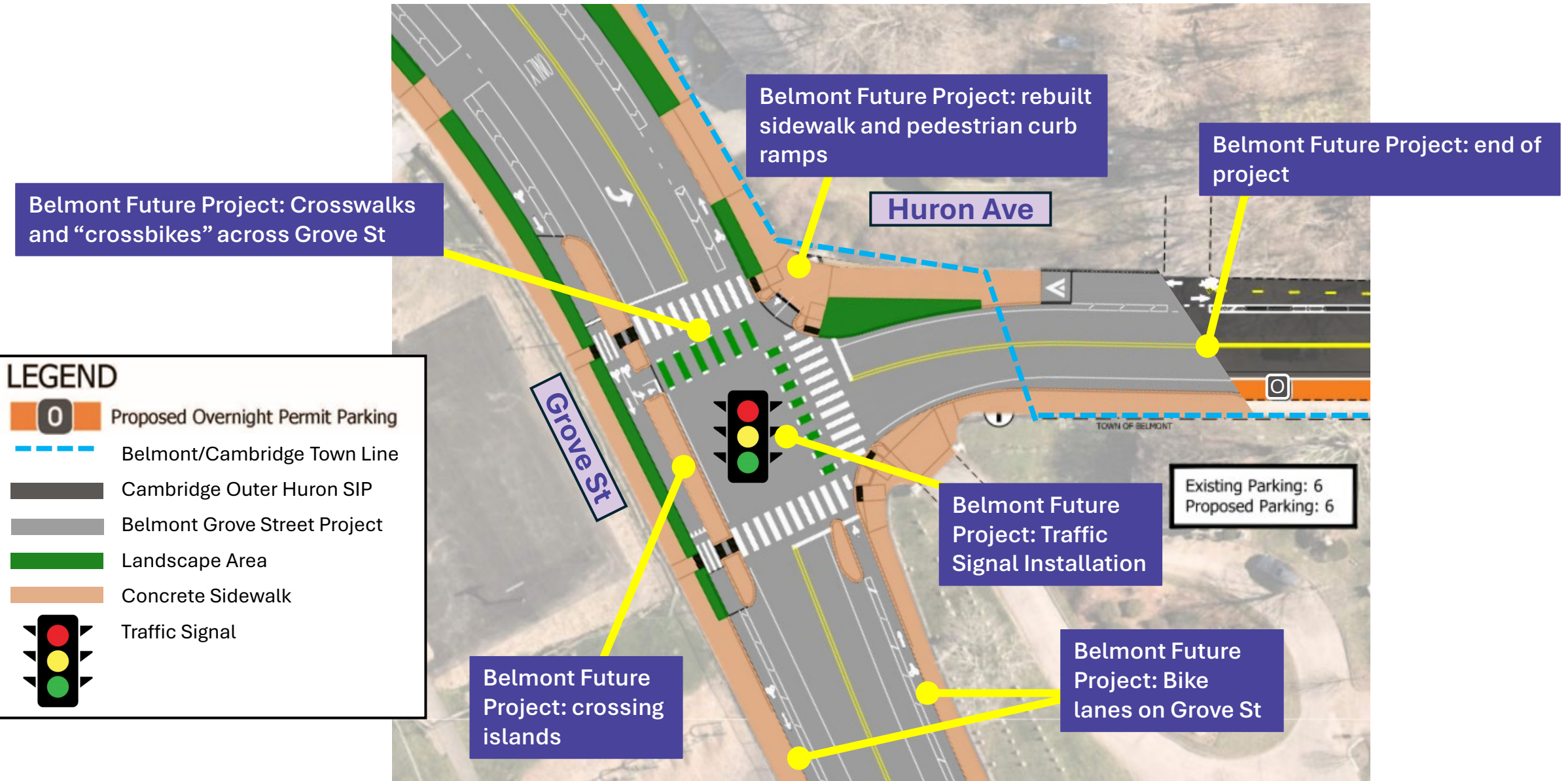
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Preferred Design – Grove St Intersection



Belmont Future Project – Grove St Intersection



04. What Comes Next?

Project Timing Update

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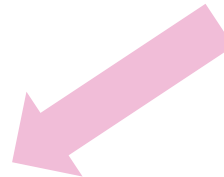
Tonight: Final Public Meeting

Future changes will be
communicated through the project
email list



This Fall: Curb Installation Begins

Parking will be temporarily restricted
in and around the north side work
areas



Next Construction Season: Roadway Paving

No parking will be allowed in the
entire project area



After Paving: Markings and More!

New parking regulations go into effect
as new striping, signs, posts, and bike
lane curbs are installed.
Parking will be restricted overnight
during roadway striping

Stay in the Loop – Installation Communications

- Project installation happens over time, and is weather dependent.
- The best way to hear about when work is happening is to join the project email list.
- Temporary signs are placed in the project area 48 hours in advance warning about parking restrictions.
 - Police Department will tow if necessary – pay attention to signs and emails!

Join the email list for updates
on installation!



05. Questions and Feedback

Questions

- We will take comment in the order hands are raised
 - If calling in, dial *9 to raise your hand / *6 to unmute
 - Additional questions can be asked using the Q+A function
 - In order to allow everyone to speak, we will limit your time to 2 minutes
 - You may also contact the project manager directly to provide written or verbal feedback
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- **Want to talk to the Project Manager, Leah Grodstein?**
 - Email lgrodstein@cambridgema.gov or,
 - Call 617-349-4609



Sign up for updates at camb.ma/huronsafety!

Thank You For Attending!