COMING IN OCTOBER!
MOUNT AUBURN STREET

Dedicated Bus Lane

In mid-October, Cambridge, Watertown, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement painted bus & bike only lanes and transit signal priority on Belmont and Mount Auburn Streets, funded by a grant from the Barr Foundation. This will create faster and more reliable bus service for more than 12,000 daily MBTA bus riders and shuttle passengers and improve traffic flow for everyone on the road.

This is a “pilot” project using paint and signage instead of more permanent construction materials. This pilot project has no end date and will remain in place while we evaluate and adjust the design, if needed, to inform our long-term planning.

Find more information on the bus lanes on the other side of this flyer.

COMPLETE THE PREIMPLEMENTATION SURVEY: goo.gl/forms/vAveT77Z77MytIfHI2

We will also carry out a survey after the pilot project is implemented.

LOCATION
Mount Auburn Street from Cottage Street in Watertown to Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge

ANTICIPATED START DATE
Mid-October 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Cambridgema.gov/MtAuburnBusPriority
How is a bus/bike only lane?

- These lanes, painted red with “Bus Only” and bicycle shared markings in them, are intended to only be used by buses, shuttles, cyclists, and emergency vehicles.

- The bus/bike only lanes will primarily be on Mount Auburn Street between Cottage Street and Coolidge Avenue in the inbound direction (toward Harvard Square).

Why create bus/bike only lanes?

- During the morning rush hour, on Mount Auburn Street from Brattle Street to Coolidge Ave, just 3% of vehicles are MBTA buses - but buses carry 56% of people on the street.

- The goal is to create faster, more reliable service for 12,000+ daily bus riders while improving traffic flow for everyone.

What are the benefits of bus/bike only lanes?

- Buses can bypass the most congested areas, improving route reliability.

- Buses are not stopping in traffic to pick up passengers or pulling in and out of traffic.

How do bus/bike only lanes work?

- The red lane is off limits to cars but available to emergency vehicles. Cars may only enter to make a right turn and to briefly enter to parallel park where parking is allowed at the curb. The boundary line and red paint becomes dashed to show drivers where to enter for a right turn.

- Drivers must yield to buses and bikes when entering the red lane.

- See the graphic to the right for more detail.

For videos and information:
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