

Issues from Brookline Street Meeting of February 9, 2006

Henry/Brookline

- Too narrow for bike lane with curb extension
- Curb ramps too far back from corners
- Better connection to Hastings Sq. park needed
- Curb extensions help but cars still speeding
- Cars are gunning for the green light at Putnam/Brookline
- Hard to get out of the driveways
- Difficult for trucks to make turns from Brookline Street.
- Need to consider Hasting Square Historic nature concerns with Hastings Square

Brookline between Henry and Chestnut

- Sidewalk needed along park
- There should not be parking along park as it would be a visual barrier to park
- Brick sidewalks in poor condition and difficult for older people

Chestnut/Brookline

- Granite post at corner of Hastings Sq. creates visibility issue turning from Chestnut to Brookline
- High traffic volumes make it hard to exit driveways
- Difficult to cross street mid-block
- Crossing at Chestnut is important
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Putnam/Brookline

- Signal may not be warranted
- Poor sight lines exist for cross street
- Light causes unintended problems, but signal makes safe crossing
- Pedestrian crossing is difficult
- Move stop bar back on Putnam EB for bus to turn
- Urban design improvements needed (not attractive)
- Planting options/trees needed along Nunes Park
- Traffic queues in two lanes on Brookline and both try to go straight
- Cars gunning for green light and speeding

Brookline/Allston

- Safe pedestrian crossing is important

Brookline/Erie

- Improve pedestrian crossing
- Ponding on street near bus stop that splashes those waiting for bus
- Bus shelter needed – try to get easement from owner of parking lot

Brookline/Tudor

- Pedestrian crossing is important
- Little available parking

- Close curb cut on west side between Decatur and Lopez if not needed

Brookline/Auburn

- Cars don't stop at crossings for pedestrians

Brookline/Watson to Auburn

- Speeding in this section
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Brookline between Franklin and Pacific

- Nice aesthetic to street

Brookline/Franklin

- Why 'no parking' on Franklin west of Brookline?
- Dangerous stop situation
- Pedestrian crossing is important
- Speeding in this section
- Sight lines difficult on Franklin with cars parked too close to the intersection

Brookline/Green

- Cars not stopping at stop signs, difficult for pedestrians
- Worried about curb cut and conflicts for new development on Green, west of Brookline
- Loading trucks constricts street to one lane near Mass. Ave.
- Sight line issue/double jeopardy – brick building blocks view

Brookline/Mass Ave.

- Cars gunning for green light

General Issues

- Need sufficient width to accommodate bikes – whole length (rather than parking) away from parked cars
- Bike lanes great idea (and civilized).
- Snow removal needs consideration – not stored in bike lane.
- Speeding may not be a problem
- Speeding is a problem – maybe use police trailer to slow cars
- Flowering trees of medium size needed.
- Easy walk to Square; nice at Auburn Ct. – good ramps for stroller.
- Electric service was originally designed for industrial use. Correct by putting underground.
- Too much traffic on street
- Sidewalk materials are a concern.
- Utilities poles narrow sidewalks and are unsightly.
- Make Brookline the least attractive option for thru traffic. Send them down Cambridgeport Roadways [Waverly Street].
- Review historical photos of Brookline Street on file at the Historical Commission.
- Need improved visibility with more corner clearance at all intersections.
- Less attractive to walk down because not residential - Pearl is better.
- Brookline Street is too wide and needs to be narrowed –put parking on both sides.
- Not enough trees on the street

- Lacks pedestrian value or green character
- A lot of trucks on Brookline – speeding
- Don't like chicanes and or raised devices
- Lighting is too dark for pedestrians and cars
- Road elevation problems
- Manhole covers are metal and noisy
- No yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks
- Need a “living” pedestrian street – maybe colored paving, bike track
- Trees need to be high branching
- Narrow sidewalks – hard to put trees
- Night-time safety (walk with community police – trim trees)

Refer to Other Departments

Public Works Department

- Bad odor at Watson/Lopez
- Gas/sewer smell Brookline at Auburn Park

Open Space Committee

- Buildings between Tudor and Pacific should be part of open space at Pacific Street Park

Traffic, Parking and Transportation

- Trucks and noise at 6:30AM – support night time truck ban.
- Are offices and parking between Tudor and Pacific (east side) legal?

Other Jurisdiction or Outside Project Area

Rumors of new exit from Mass Pike to BU Bridge.

Brookline/Granite

- Too many new signs in middle of sidewalk and very large utility box
- New signal should have been a roundabout

Sidney Street

- Slow traffic on the entire length