

July 9, 2010

## BROADWAY – THIRD STREET TO AMES STREET COMMUNITY MEETING

Dear Kendall Square Neighbor,

The City of Cambridge is currently developing plans to reconstruct the roadway and sidewalk on Broadway between Third Street and Ames Street.

### OVERALL PROJECT GOALS

- Improve deteriorating roadway and sidewalk infrastructure.
- Provide improved facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Improve the safety of pedestrians using the mid-block crosswalk between the Marriott and the Volpe Center.
- Enhance the area visually for all users – pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Maintain appropriate vehicular capacity of the roadway.

*Broadway Streetscape Concept*

City of Cambridge



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The construction of the project is being funded through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). On July 22, 2010 MassDOT will be hosting a 25% Design Meeting. You are invited to attend the meeting to learn more about the project, give input on the design and ask any questions you may have about the improvements.

Please visit the City's website for details of the proposed design.

[WWW.CAMBRIDGEMA.GOV/THEWORKS/PROJECTS/BROADWAYTHIRDTOAMES.HTM](http://WWW.CAMBRIDGEMA.GOV/THEWORKS/PROJECTS/BROADWAYTHIRDTOAMES.HTM)

**MassDOT  
25% Design Hearing**

**Volpe Center  
55 Broadway  
Cambridge, MA**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 7:00 pm**

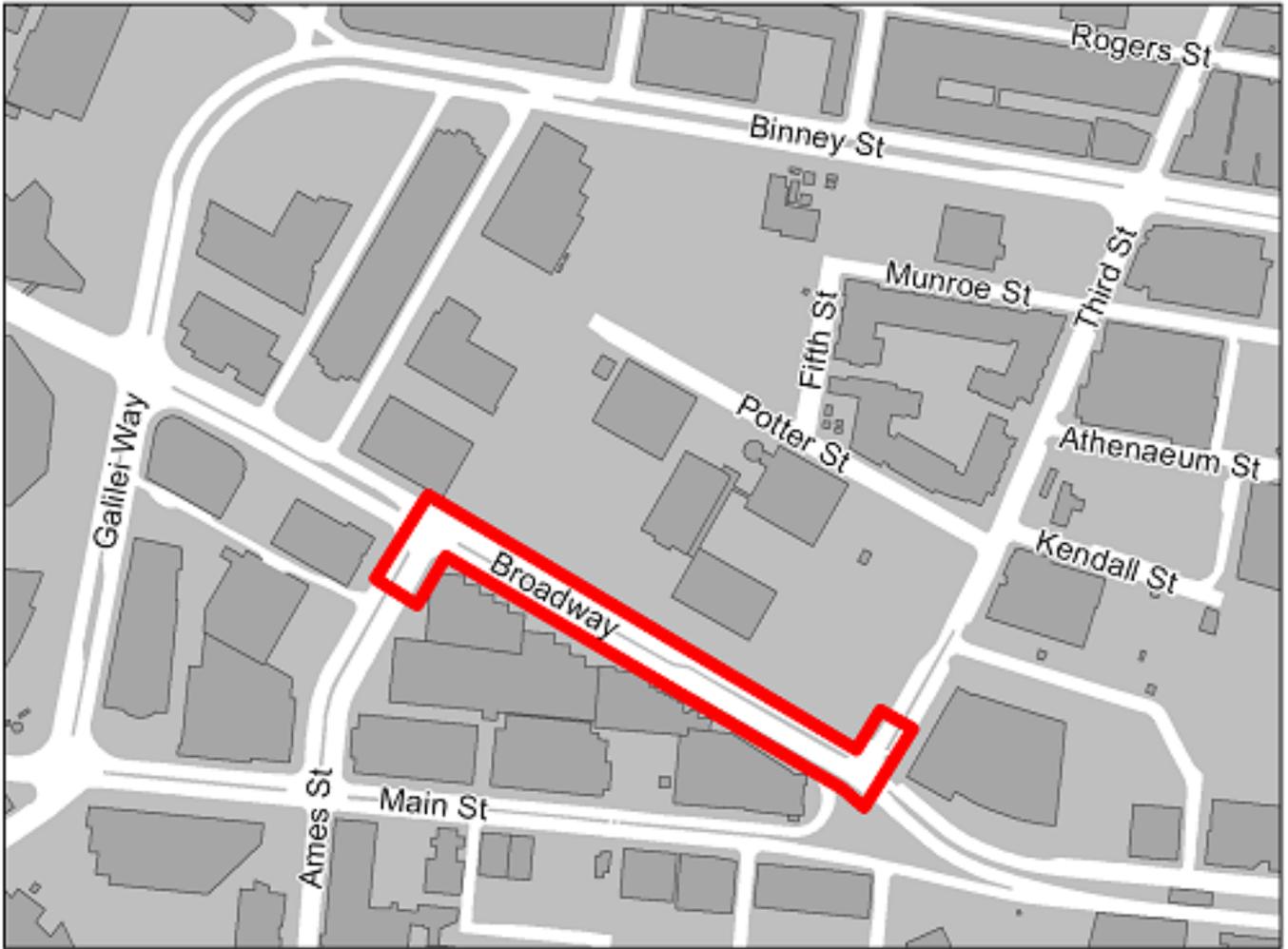
The meeting location, 55 Broadway is accessible; however, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Katherine Watkins at 617-349-4751 or [kwatkins@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kwatkins@cambridgema.gov).

To receive future updates related to construction in Kendall Square via email, please contact Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager at [kdunn@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kdunn@cambridgema.gov) or 617-349-4870.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager  
Cambridge Department of Public Works

# Project Area Map



**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Project File No. 605684**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT - Highway Division to discuss the proposed CAMBRIDGE – BROADWAY – THIRD STREET TO AMES STREET SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT in Cambridge, MA.

**WHERE:      The Volpe Center, First Floor Conference Room  
              55 Broadway  
              Cambridge, MA 02139**

**WHEN:      July 22, 2010 @ 7:00 PM**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed CAMBRIDGE – BROADWAY – THIRD STREET TO AMES STREET SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** This project will be funded under the High Priority Project (HPP) program administered by MassDOT. Designs for the sidewalk, streetscape and roadway reconstruction on Broadway from Ames Street to Third Street (both sides of the street) will be prepared. Designs will include an in-depth survey of sidewalk/roadway area and the alignment and curb grades for the roadway segments in between as well as location and confirmation of the existing Right-of-Way (ROW) on Broadway.

The key design considerations under this contract will include, but not be limited to, pedestrian and bicycle safety, design of a better bicycle facility than currently exists, manage the taxi traffic on Broadway, minimize bicycle facility conflicts with taxis and provide street life on Broadway through more prominent pedestrian/sidewalk areas. In general, the City's proposed layout will consist of one travel lane, one bicycle lane and taxi circulation in each direction as well as pedestrian amenity and green areas adjacent to the sidewalks. Sidewalk and pedestrian amenities include lawn areas, trees, bicycle stands, sitting areas and pedestrian refuge areas where crosswalks are located. Surface treatments and pavement alternatives will be investigated to enhance visual separation and definition of safer pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular areas. Any traffic signal alteration work will be performed by the City prior to construction of this project.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT – Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: Project Management Project File No. 605684. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Katherine Watkins by phone at (617) 349-4751 or email to [kwatkins@Cambridgema.gov](mailto:kwatkins@Cambridgema.gov). Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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HIGHWAY DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

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CHIEF ENGINEER

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