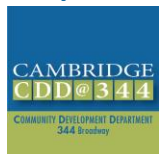


City of Cambridge
Community Development Department

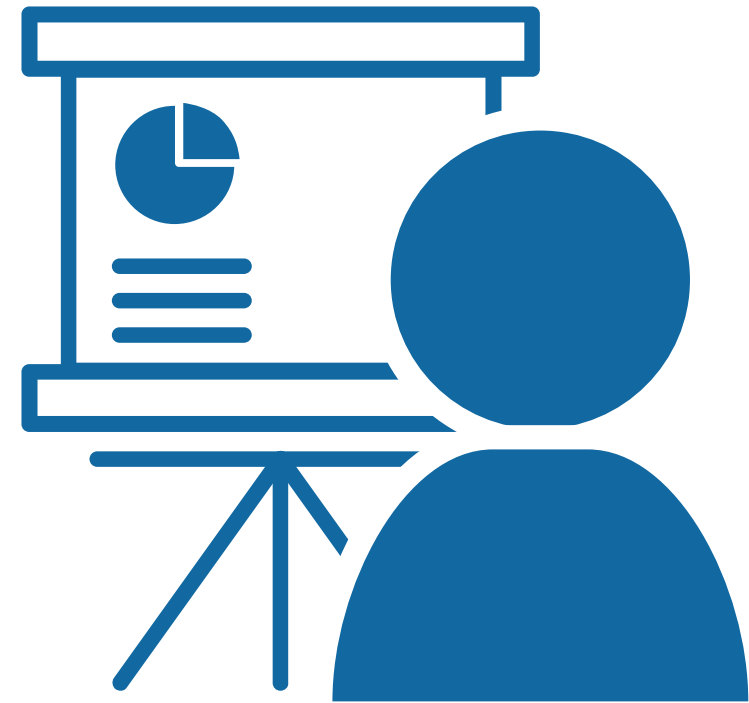
Joint Meeting Bicycle, Ped, Transit Committees

July 2020



Meeting Agenda

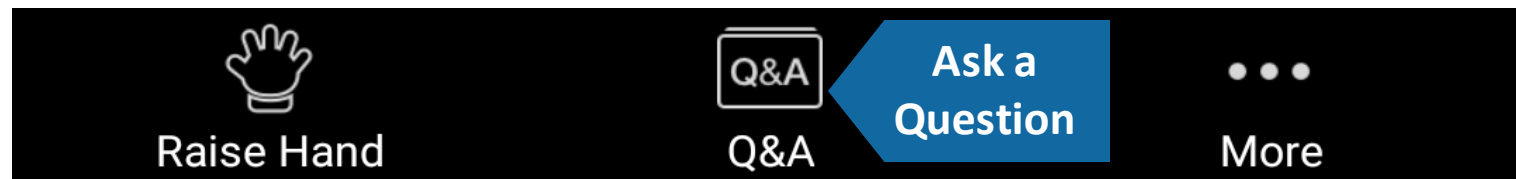
1. Zoom meeting protocols, minutes (5:30)
2. City project updates (5:35)
3. Development projects (6:05)
4. Public Comment (6:25)
5. Discussion: Street changes (6:32)
6. Public comment (7:02)
7. Other Announcements (7:10)
8. Bike Committee-specific: Letter on State legislation



Virtual Meeting Instructions

- Committee members may speak and show webcam video
 - Use "Raise Hand" button to help manage discussion
 - *9 to Raise Hand by phone
- Members of the public are muted and cannot show webcam video
- Public can write questions or ask for assistance in Q&A window
 - Questions may be submitted at any time and will be addressed, as time allows, during discussion/comment periods
- Participants will be removed for inappropriate behavior
- Tech support: Sara Fontanez – sfontanez@cambridgema.gov

Bottom Panel of
Zoom Screen

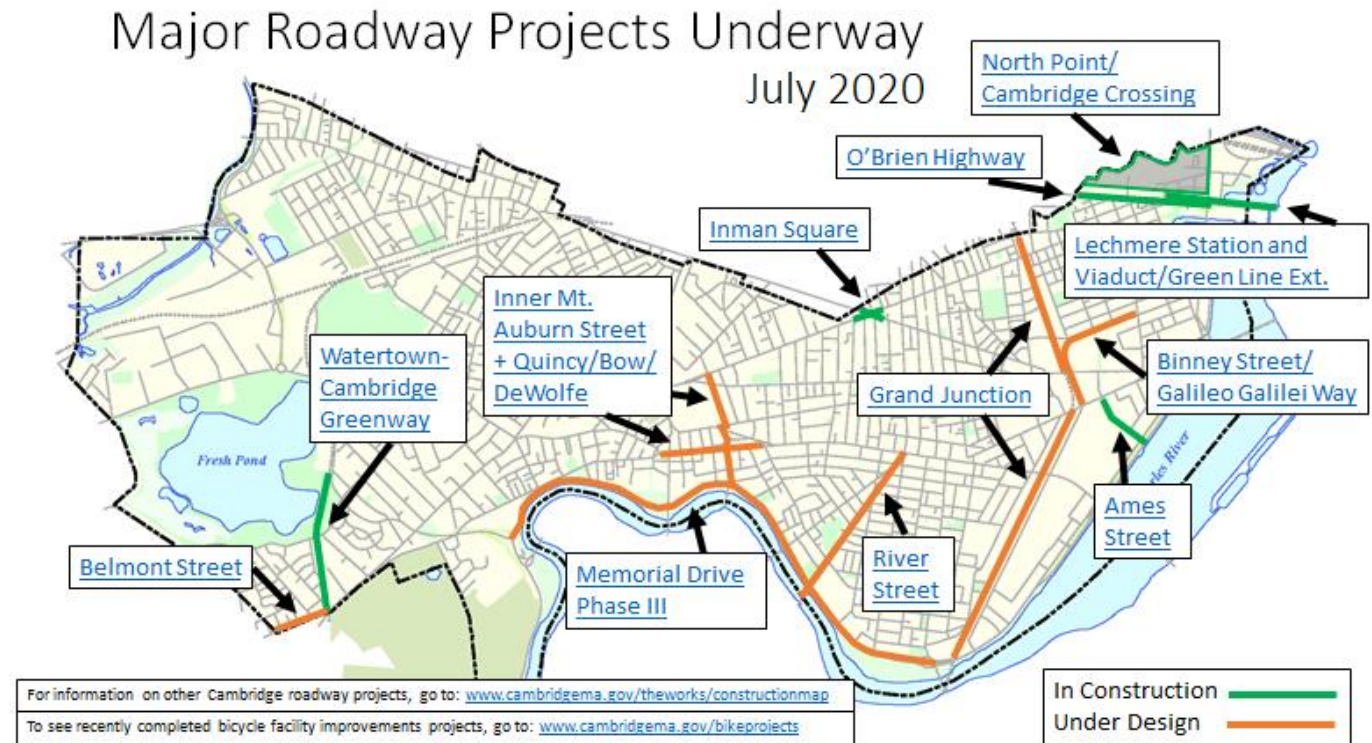




Cambridge updates

Cambridge project updates

- River Street Reconstruction
- Inner Mount Auburn
- South Mass Ave





River Street Reconstruction



WG met in July to catch up on the project

- After pausing working group meetings as a result of COVID-19 response measures, WG met on 7/22
 - Reviewed the street and urban design goals
 - Design direction review
 - One general travel lane plus bus lane
 - Right-side sidewalk-level separated bike lane
 - Left-side flex zone for parking, loading, landscaping, and amenities
 - Park connections, BlueBikes, Lighting, Streetscape, Street Trees,
 - Reviewed “flex zone” curbside access – parking, loading, crosswalks, bus stops, curb extensions
 - Presented on public art
 - Reviewed Tubman Square design elements



Met in July to catch up on the project

- Invite public comments through website
 - Look at roll plan and presentation for WG #9
- Working Group members
 - Olivia Turner
 - Randy Stern
 - Saul Tannenbaum



Future events and meetings

- Next meeting
 - Vehicle circulation and transit elements in Central Square
 - Carl Barron Plaza urban design
- Working Group Meeting #10
 - Tuesday, August 18 – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
 - Remote participation on Zoom



Inner Mount Auburn Street



Project updates

- Working toward a public meeting soon
- Engineering and design work progressed toward 100% designs
- Implementation expected this year



South Mass. Ave.



Additional updates

- Post-implementation, bus lane did not meet expectations on travel time savings and improved reliability for bus riders
 - Working with the MBTA at evaluating additional changes
- Conceptual designs for floating bus stops
 - Albany Street
 - 84 Massachusetts Avenue



Other projects

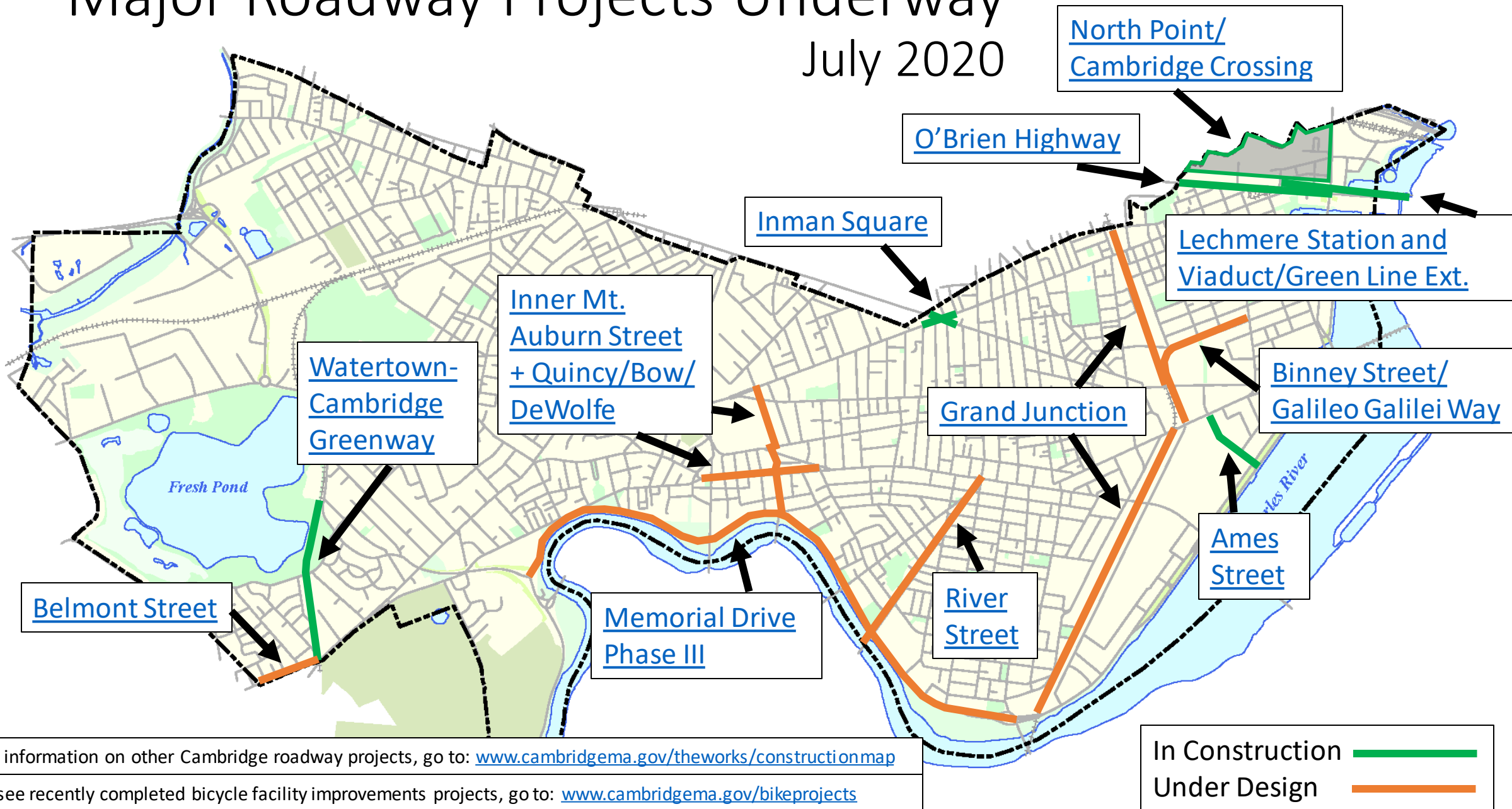


City projects

Project	Update	Next public event
Grand Junction MUP	Engineering and design ongoing	WG Meeting Thursday 8/6/2020
Belmont Street	Engineering and design ongoing	TBD
Concord Avenue transit signal priority grant	Grant application submitted, accepted, and ranked. MPO funding expected October 2020.	TBD

Major Roadway Projects Underway

July 2020





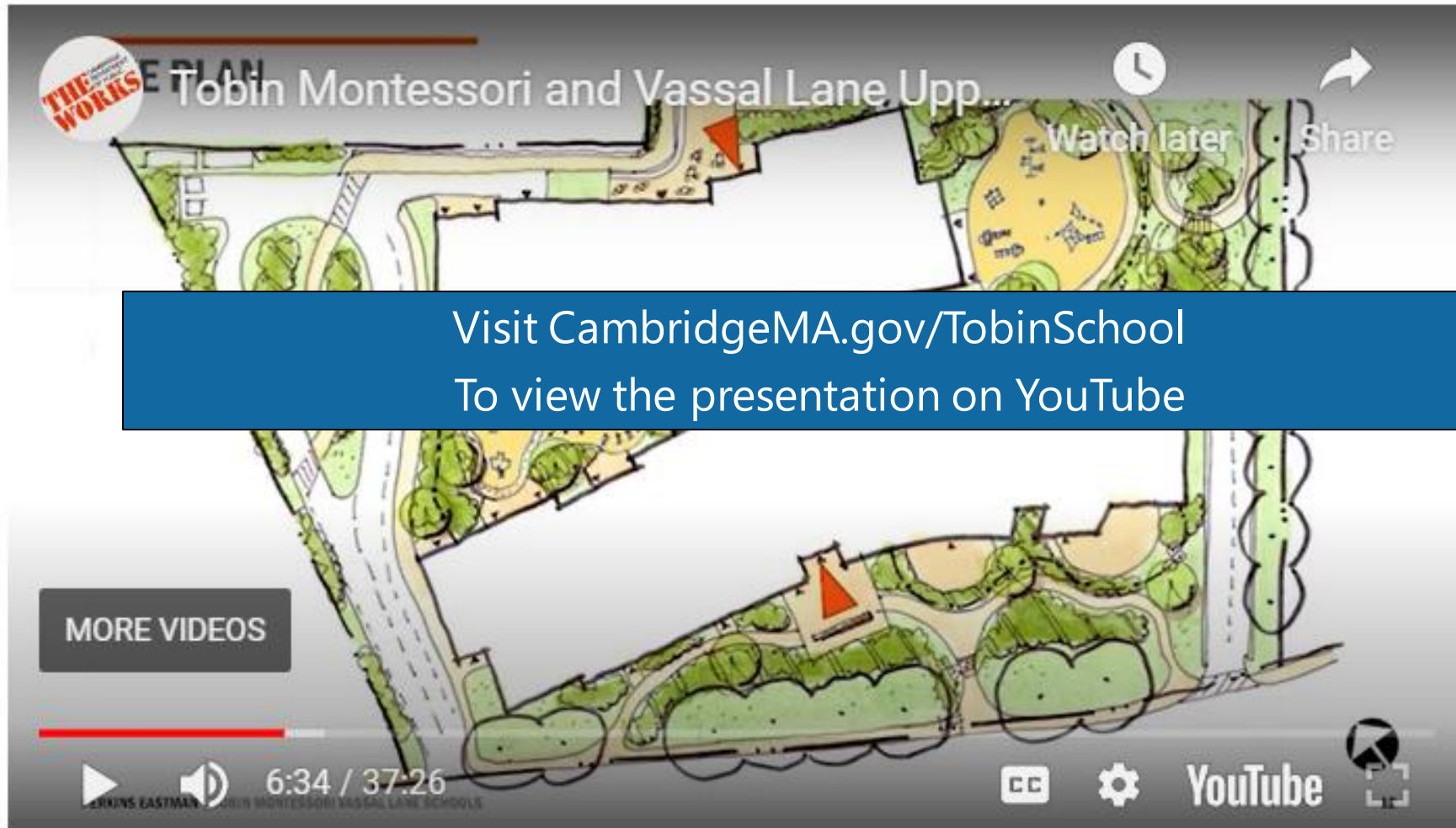
Development Projects

Upcoming projects -

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/specialpermits>

Project	Information	Next public event
Rogers St 101 (The Foundry Building)	<u>PB-362</u>	Planning Board 8.11.20
402 Rindge Ave. Affordable Housing	<u>Comprehensive Permit</u>	Planning Board 8.4.20
CambridgeSide	MEPA certification received; PB review upcoming <u>PB-364</u>	TBD
325 Binney St.	Pre-application process	TBD

Tobin Montessori & Vassal Lane Upper School



Visit CambridgeMA.gov/TobinSchool
To view the presentation on YouTube



Public comment



Public Comment Instructions

- Use the "Raise Hand" button to signal you have a question/comment. A staff member will then enable you to unmute yourself.
 - *9 to Raise Hand by phone
- Questions can also be submitted using the Q&A button.



Shared Streets Initiative



Street changes for COVID-19 response

The City is implementing a number of changes to streets in response to COVID-19. The changes focus on providing:

- **Shared Streets for physical distancing**
- **Support for local businesses**
- **Efficient, reliable transit for physical distancing**

Goals for these street changes:

- **Address need for physical distancing**
- **Create space for people to comfortably walk and bike**
- **Encourage shared streets/lower speeds**
- **Mitigate impact of reduced capacity on transit**
- **Account for accessibility needs and consider equity impacts**
- **Pilot projects that can be modified or stopped if they're not working as intended**



Shared Streets & support for local businesses

The City has begun a **“Shared Street”** pilot, where through traffic on three streets is restricted. These streets are open for:

- Walking and biking
- Local residents and businesses
- Parking, delivery, waste pick-up, street cleaning
- Emergency vehicles

The following streets are designated as “Shared Streets”

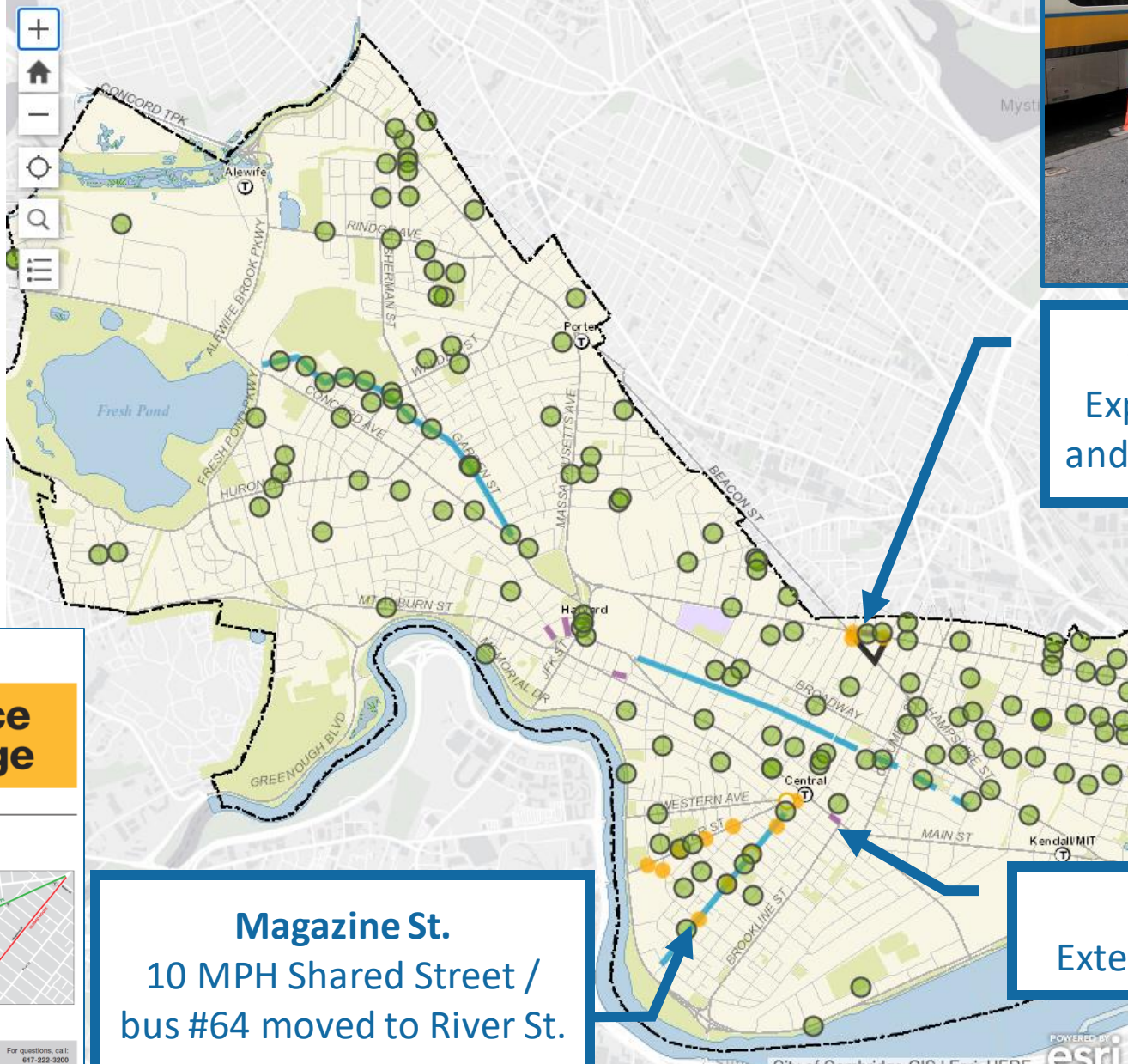
- **Garden St, Field St, Bay State Rd**
- **Harvard Street (Quincy to Prospect)**
- **Magazine Street**
- **Soon - Harvard Street (Prospect to Portland)**

The City is also supporting businesses in Cambridge through changes with curbside access.

- **15-minute pick-up zones**
- **Outdoor dining areas in Central Square, Harvard, Square, and Inman Square**



Cambridge COVID-19 Street Changes



Cambridge St.
Expanded sidewalk
and one-way vehicles

64

Service Change

WHEN
Starting June 26, 2020

WHERE
Magazine St @ Putnam Ave

WHAT
Route 64 inbound service will be shifted from Putnam Ave/Magazine St to River St. This is being done in support of the Cambridge's "Shared Streets" program along Magazine St, which provides additional space for social distancing. The closest stop is River St opp Blackstone St.

Sign up to get this info on your phone: MBTA.com/subscribe
Learn more at: MBTA.com/alerts
For questions, call: 617-222-3200

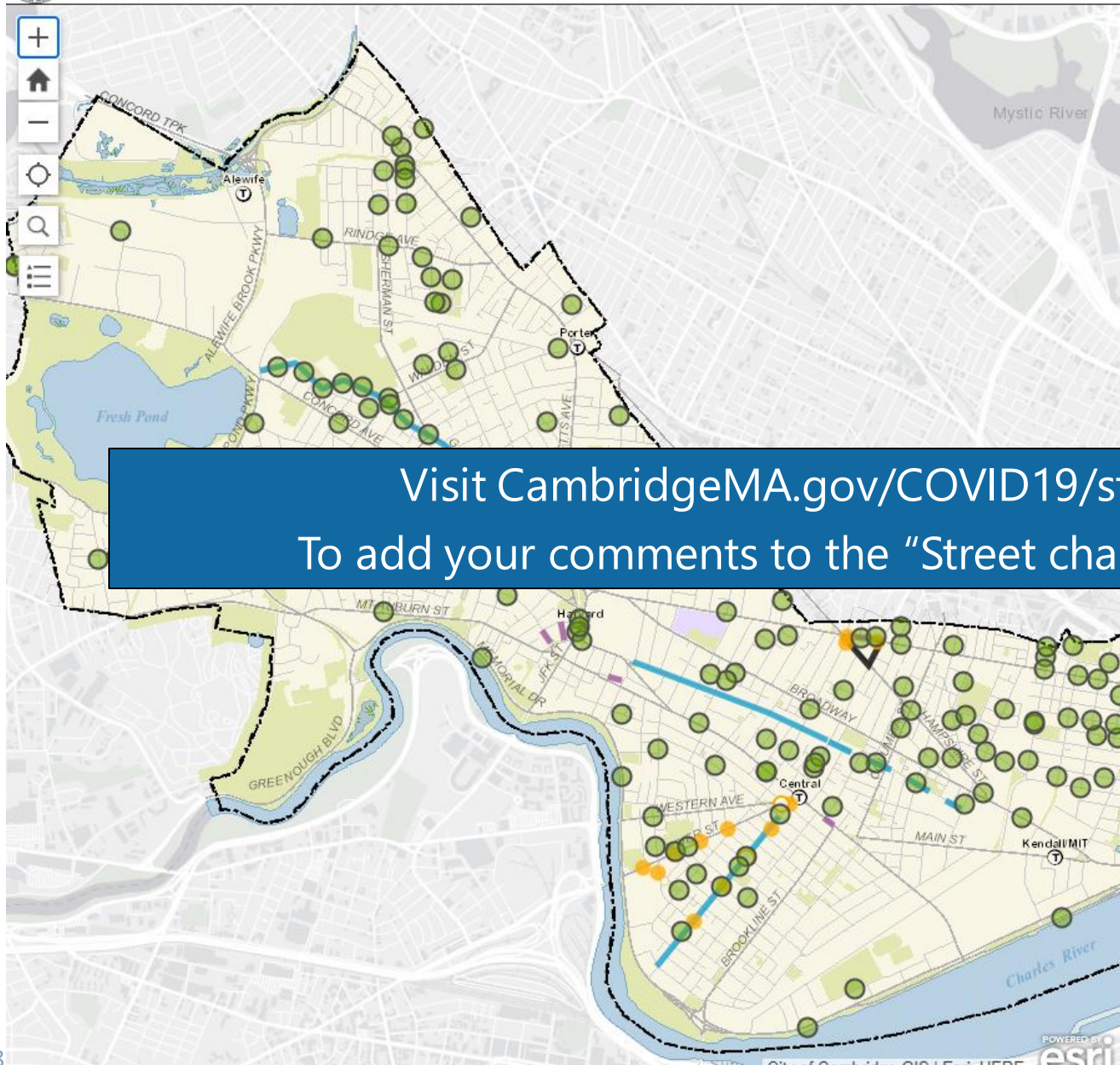
Magazine St.
10 MPH Shared Street /
bus #64 moved to River St.

Mass Ave.
Extended sidewalk

Cambridge St.	0
Expanded sidewalk and one-way vehicles	1
Roberts Road	0
Pleasant	0
Cardinal medeiros	0
Inman St	0
Fern and Garden	0
Memorial Drive	1
Mass Ave.	0
Extended sidewalk	0

+ Identify a location

Cambridge COVID-19 Street Changes



Shared Streets Comments	
Market Street	2♥
Elm Street	2♥
York Street	3♥
Willow Street	4♥
Magazine St.	0♥
Seven Pines Avenue	1♥
	0♥
	0♥
Pleasant	0♥
Cardinal medeiros	0♥
Inman St	0♥
Fern and Garden	0♥
Memorial Drive	1♥
Putnam St	0♥
River St	0♥

Visit CambridgeMA.gov/COVID19/streets
To add your comments to the "Street changes map"

+ Identify a location

Shared Streets

Photo Credit: Joseph Barr





Pick Up Zones

Photo Credit: Google Maps / Najah Casim

15 MIN
PICK UP ONLY
← →
NO IDLING. TURN YOUR ENGINE OFF.
City of Cambridge | Traffic, Parking, + Transportation

Shop Cambridge

PICKING UP YOUR FOOD SAVES LOCAL RESTAURANTS UP TO 25% PER ORDER

PICK IT UP

CAMBRIDGE

YOU CAN HELP!

CALL DIRECT CHOOSE PICK UP PHYSICAL DISTANCING *REQUIRED*

Thank You!

GRAB A BITE FROM

#SHOPCAMBMA #SHOPLOCAL #EATLOCAL #CAMBRIDGEEATS #PICKITUPCAMBRIDGE



Outdoor Dining

Photo Credit: Joseph Barr



Inman Square

Photo Credit: Joseph Barr



Central Square

Photo Credit: Michael Monestime



Harvard Square

Photo Credit: Daedalus Restaurant



Next steps

The City is asking for **feedback** by e-mail, phone, and on our website.

- **Additional shared streets, to create a network across the city**
- **Expanded sidewalks pace for physical distancing in key locations**
- **Additional space for local businesses including sidewalk/street dining, pick-up areas for restaurants and retail, sidewalk queuing, or other ideas**

For transit, we are looking at:

- **Ways to help buses run more frequently and reliably – bus lanes, signal priority**
- **Expanded sidewalks by removing parking, rearranging curbside access**

Next webinar on shared streets

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 6:00 PM

<http://camb.ma/covid19-streets>



Public comment



Public Comment Instructions

- Use the "Raise Hand" button to signal you have a question/comment. A staff member will then enable you to unmute yourself.
 - *9 to Raise Hand by phone
- Questions can also be submitted using the Q&A button.



Other Announcements

Thank You