

Project Overview

Much of River Street’s infrastructure is deteriorating, and needs to be repaired, upgraded, or replaced. The River Street Reconstruction project is an opportunity to replace that aging infrastructure and also redesign the street to better align with City of Cambridge policies and make it safer and more comfortable for walking and biking along, more reliable for buses, and to add greenspace and more space for local businesses and residents.

Visit Cambridgema.gov/RiverStreet for more information about the project.

Shared Design Goals

Through input from stakeholders and the public gathered early in the process, shared design goals were developed for the project:

- Safe
- Inclusive
- Human Scale
- Ecological
- Multimodal
- Activated
- Resilient

These goals will help guide the design of River Street to meet the needs of all users.

Features of Draft Concept Design

The draft concept for River Street includes:

- A sidewalk-level separated bicycle facility;
- Raised side street crossings;
- A general travel lane plus a bus lane;
- A flexible curbside zone for:
 - Shorter pedestrian crossings
 - Loading and deliveries
 - Activation (seating, parklets, art, etc.)
 - Trees, plantings, green infrastructure
 - Parking (vehicles, bikes, etc.)
- New roadway infrastructure (streetlights, signals, sidewalks, and pavement); and
- Rehabilitated underground utility infrastructure (storm, sewer, water and gas).

