

A photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, two cyclists are riding towards the camera. The cyclist in front is wearing a blue helmet, sunglasses, and an orange vest over a yellow shirt. The cyclist behind is wearing a white helmet and an orange tank top. They are riding on a paved street. In the background, a white bus is stopped at a traffic light. The bus's destination sign reads "69 VIA CAMBRIDGE ST". Several cars are also visible in the background, including a dark SUV and a dark sedan. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear sky in the background.

Safety Improvement Project on Cambridge Street

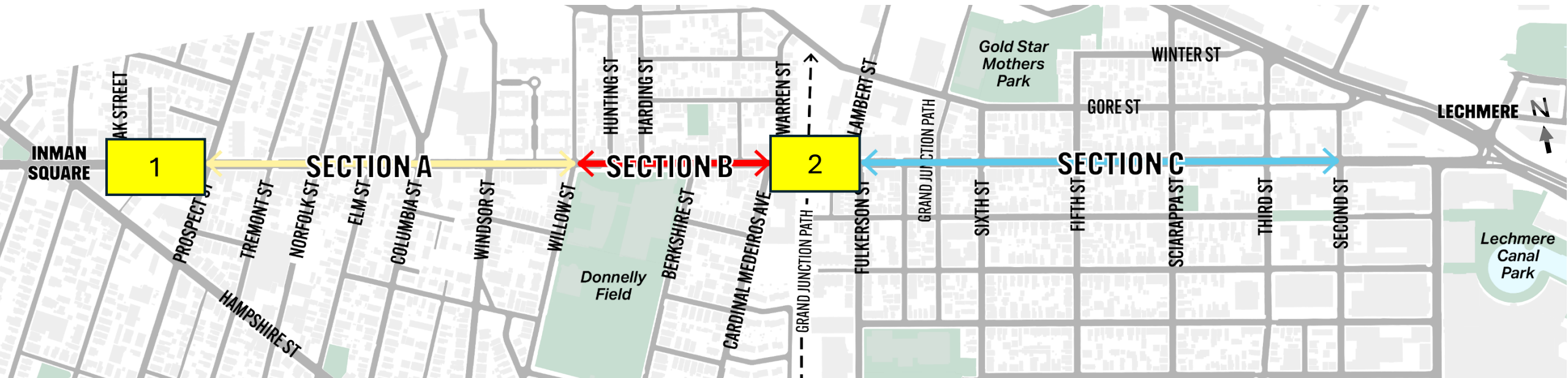
East Cambridge Business Association
June 3rd, 2025

Inman Square Quick-Build

Work Complete



Project Area and Sections



Updates to Map

1. Oak St to Prospect St completed
2. Grand Junction Section (Cardinal Medeiros Ave to Fulkerson St) under design through that process.



Section A Schedule

Summer 2025

- Finalize Design
- Side-street parking changes installed
- Raised crosswalks built at Elm St
- Begin bid process

Fall 2025

- Begin construction

Spring 2026

- Complete construction

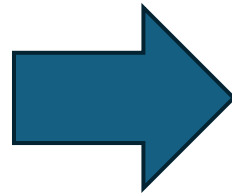


Section A Design



Quick-Build, For Now, Construction Later Cambridge St at Norfolk St

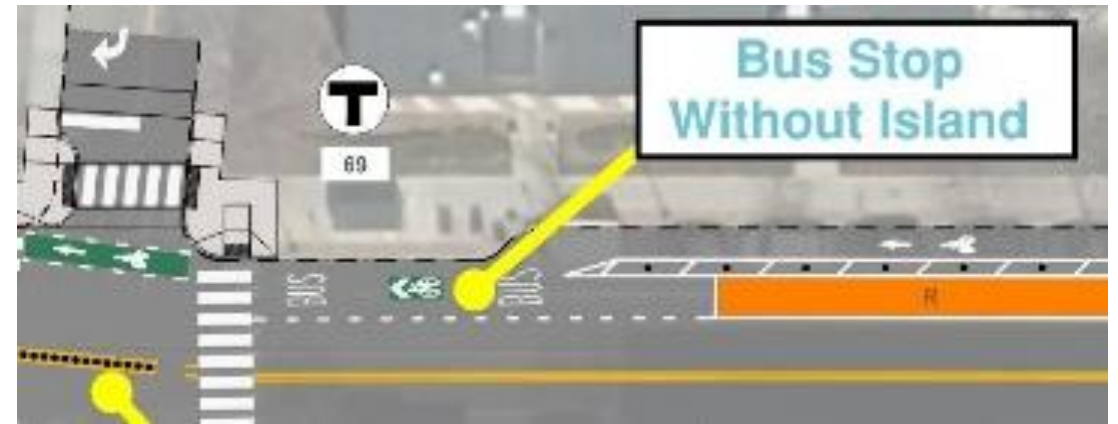
This intersection will be rebuilt instead as part of the City's Norfolk St reconstruction project. We'll use a quick-build design for now



Fewer Floating Bus Stops

Two Locations Removed due to complexity of installation

1. Cambridge St at Tremont St
2. Cambridge St at Windsor St



Intersection Safety Improvements at Windsor St

Windsor St at Cambridge St is the highest injury crash location on the corridor. We're proposing:

- Restricting through traffic across Cambridge St
- Restricting lefts into Windsor St in both directions
- Raised crosswalks across Windsor St
- Contra-flow bike lane on Windsor St
- Vehicles travel directions on Windsor St will not change, but only right turns into Windsor St will be allowed.

Next Steps:

- Conducting additional analysis of traffic diversion impacts
- Follow up engagement targeted to residents of Windsor St



Focus meeting for Windsor Street residents to discuss these proposed changes

DATE
TBD



Raised Crosswalks

Cambridge St at Elm St and Cambridge St at Windsor St

1. Elm St Reconstruction Project
2. Participatory Budget funding for raised crosswalks for Windsor St

Link to participatory budgeting page:
[Improve Safety for Pedestrians](#)



Updated Parking Information



Updated Parking Impacts (Section A)

- The plans indicate per block: 1) Number of existing parking spaces, 2) Number of proposed parking spaces, 3) Number of parking spaces with outdoor dining setup on street
- Overall parking impacts are included in the table below

Total change in parking supply on Cambridge Street. Does not include changes to side-streets or Oak St to Prospect St.

Existing Number of on-street parking spaces by type	
1-Hour or 2-Hour Metered Parking	59
Loading Zones	7*
Part-time meter/loading	2
Accessible/Disability Parking	3
Resident Permit Parking	13

*Length varies. Total loading/drop-off length will change from 350(f/t), 390(p/t) to 280 linear ft (200 linear with patios).

Proposed Number of on-street parking spaces by type	
1-Hour or 2-Hour Metered Parking	12, 10**
Loading Zones	5*,3**
Accessible Pick-Up/Drop-Off	1*
Accessible/Disability Parking	3
Resident Permit Parking	11

**Summer totals with outdoor patios. Four outdoor patios would take 12 spaces in the summer (8 spaces for dining, 4 spaces for transitions).



Side-Street Parking Changes

Additional metered parking conversions on side-streets

- Tremont St: One Space
- Norfolk St: Four spaces
- Elm St: Four Spaces
- In addition, much of Windsor St has existing 1-hour parking. We are adding meters to these spaces and extending the time to 2-hours

Timeline

- Installations to begin this Summer 2025

Side-Street Parking Changes by Type	
1-Hour or 2-Hour Metered Parking	8
Existing 1-Hour or 2-Hour Metered Parking with meter added	5
Accessible/Disability Parking	2
Unrestricted	-8

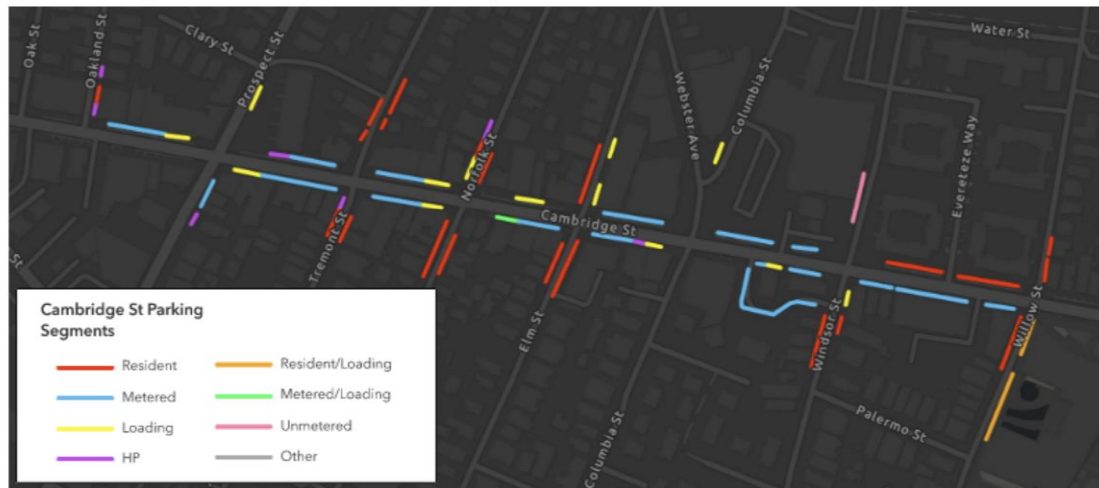


Cambridge St Parking Study

Parking Study

- Full parking study report posted on project website

Figure 1 - Study Area and Parking Regulations Map



https://www.cambridgema.gov/-/media/Files/Traffic/2024projects/cambridgestreet/parkingstudy/1651300cambridgestreetparkingoccupancymemo_final.pdf



Looking Ahead

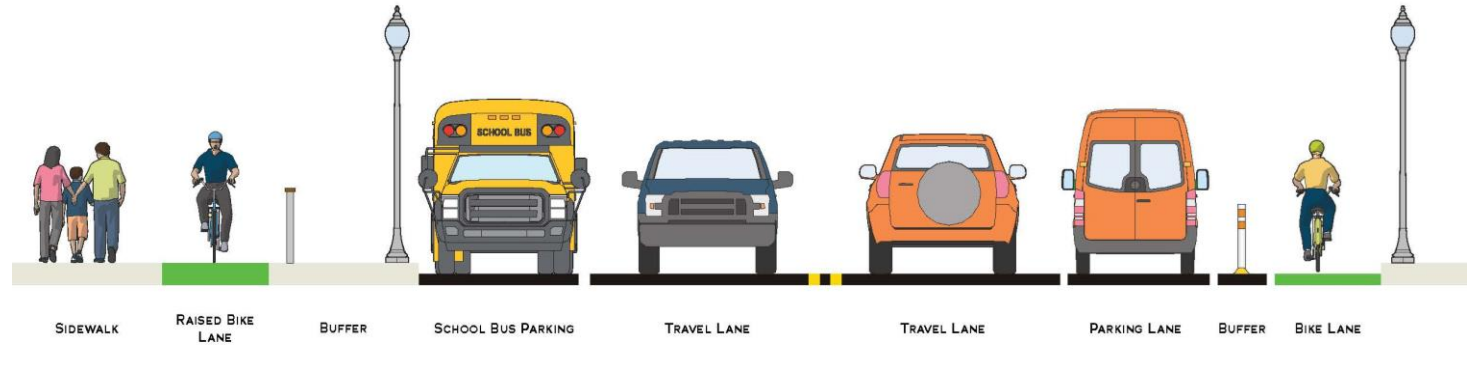


Willow St to Berkshire St

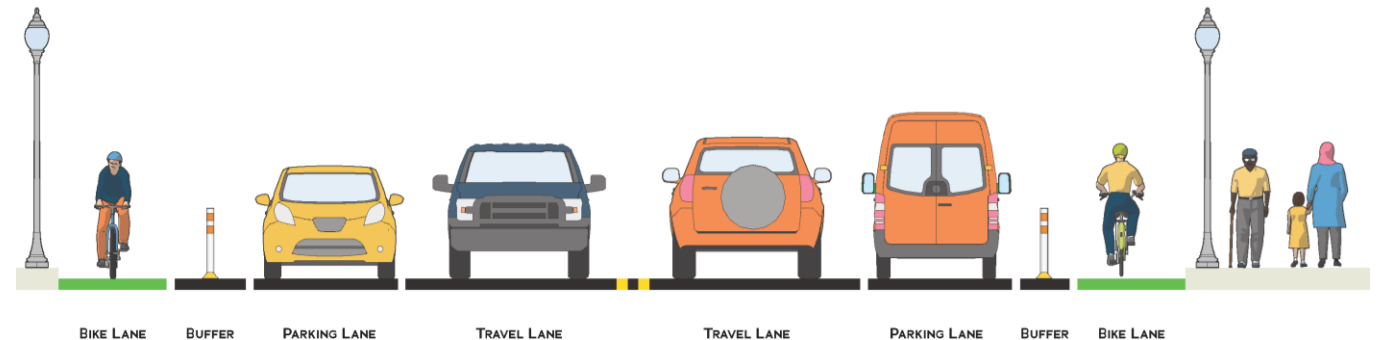
Partial Construction Approach

- Retains most parking
- Ability to install floating bus stops
- Reconstruction of existing King Open bike lane
- Retains on-street dining

During School



All Other Times



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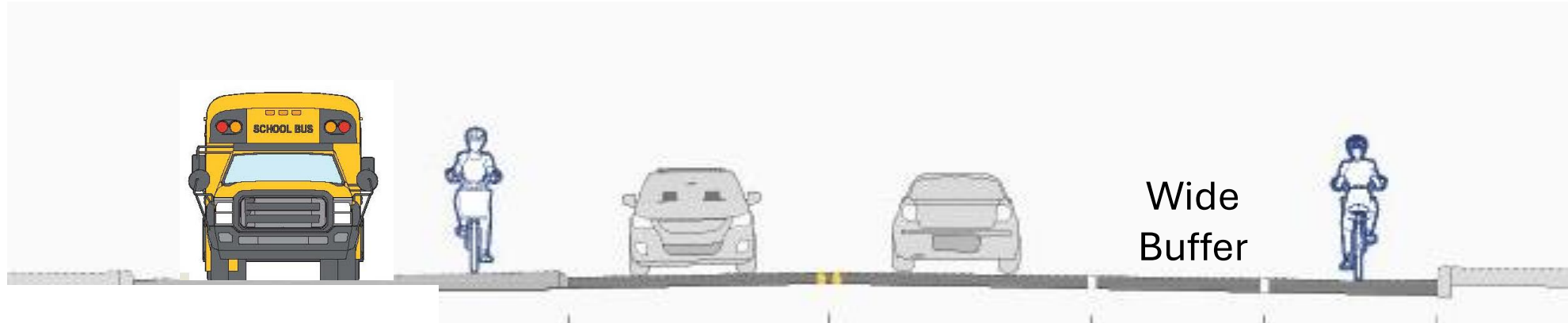
25% design submission to MassDOT rejected due to issues related to permitting work on school property and other right-of-way concerns



Willow St to Berkshire St

Quick-Build Approach

- Eliminates all parking except school bus parking
- Removes outdoor dining



Status

Design to begin 2026

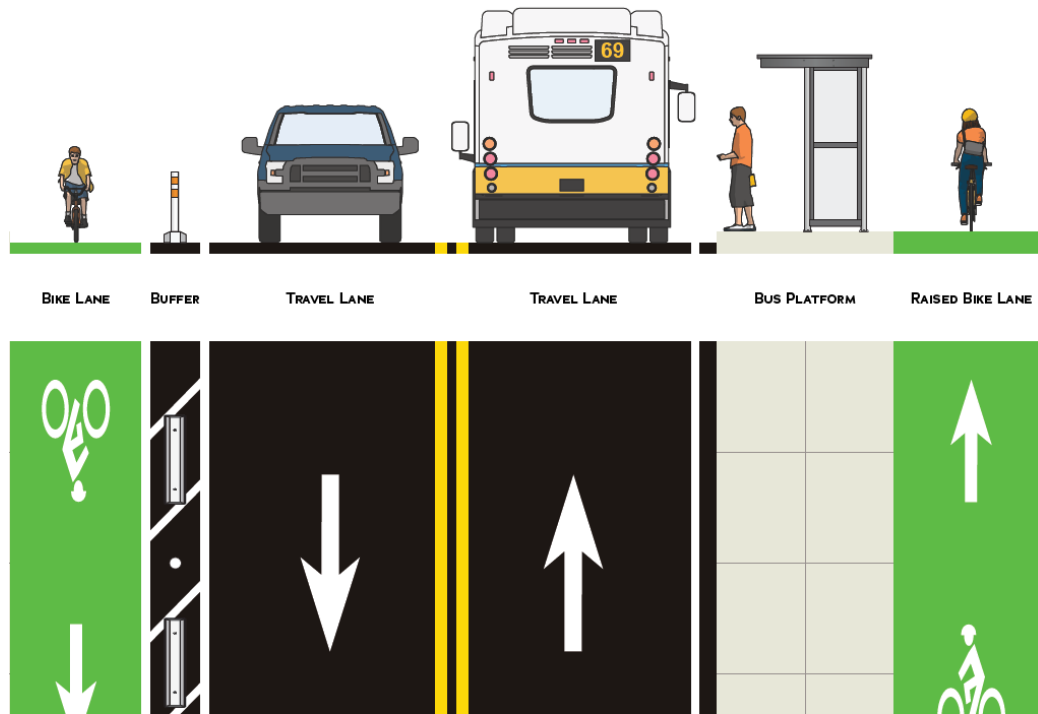


Section C

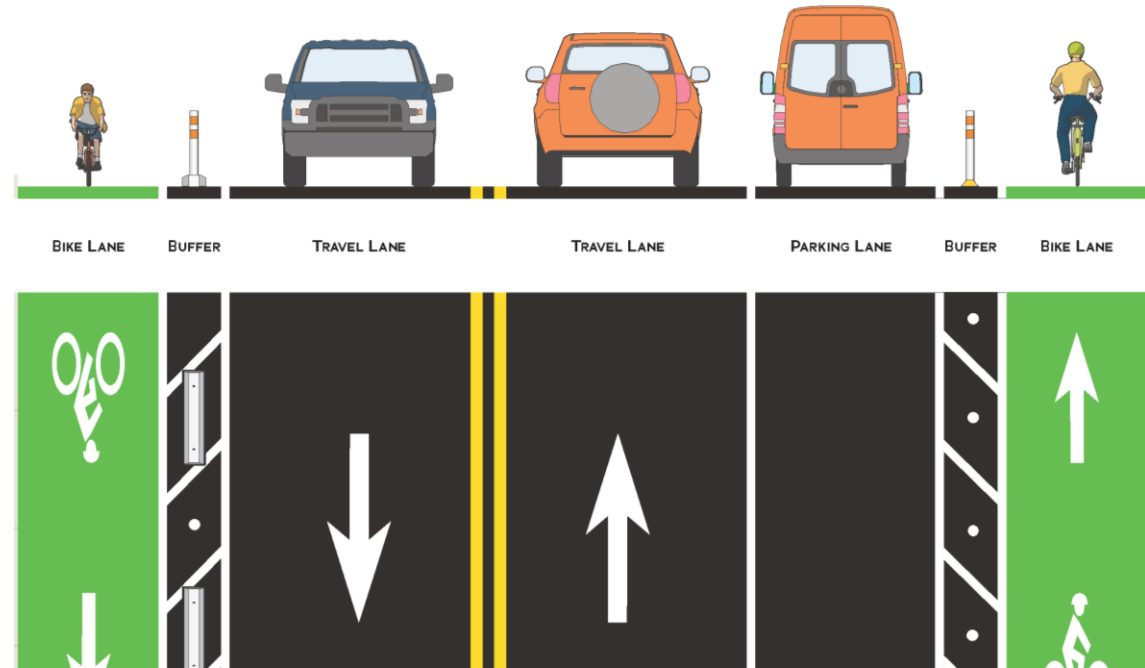
Section C design will be next

- Moving ahead of B due to need to address condition of roadway subsurface

Floating Bus Stop



One-Side Parking



Engagement Schedule



Summer 2025

- Working Group Meeting #5 (Date TBD)
- Pre-Construction/Final Design Open House

Fall 2025

- Section C Design

Summer/Fall 2026

- Procurement/Construction of Sections B+C

