

A photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, two cyclists are riding towards the camera. The cyclist on the left is wearing a blue helmet, sunglasses, and a bright orange safety vest over a yellow shirt. The cyclist on the right is wearing a white helmet and sunglasses. Behind them, a white bus is stopped, with its destination sign displaying "69 VIA CAMBRIDGE ST" in orange text. The bus is surrounded by several cars in traffic. The background shows green trees and a clear sky. The overall scene is a busy urban environment.

Welcome!

Safety Improvement Project on Cambridge Street

Working Group Meeting 1:
December 2, 2024, 4 pm to 6 pm

Remote Participation Instructions

Working Group members:

- You will be promoted to "panelist".
- Please turn on your video.
- Raise your hand to join the queue.

Members of the public:

- There will be an opportunity to share public comment at ~5:30 PM.
- At that time, you can raise your hand to join the queue.



AGENDA

4 PM	Settling in, coffee & snacks
4:10	Welcome & introductions
4:35	Introduction to Cambridge Street Safety Improvement Project (SIP)
5:00	Working Group Members, Roles and Expectations
5:30	Public comment
5:50	Closing & next steps
6 PM	Adjourn



PROJECT TEAM

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- Andy Reker, Transit Program Manager

Department of Public Works (DPW)

- Jerry Friedman, Supervising Engineer
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- Abby Fullem
- Meira Downie
- Elizabeth Cooper

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- Toole Design
- Kleinfelder



INTRODUCTIONS

- Please share your:
 - Name (Preferred name)
 - Pronouns
 - Relevant affiliations
 - Hope for or question about the Working Group



INTRODUCTIONS (Continued)

- In groups of four, share:
 - Name
 - Best dish you ate last week
 - Favorite thing to do on Cambridge Street



Introduction to Cambridge Street Safety Improvement Project

Oak Street to Second Street



CYCLING SAFETY ORDINANCE (CSO)

2019

Cambridge City Council passes the Cycling Safety Ordinance

When streets are being reconstructed as a part of the City's Five-Year Plan for Streets and Sidewalks, the Ordinance requires the City to construct separated bike lanes if the street has been designated for "Greater Separation" in the Bicycle Network Vision.

2020

Cambridge City Council passes amendments to the Cycling Safety Ordinance

Requirement for the City to install about 25 miles of separated bike lanes by April 30, 2026, including quick-build projects not on the Five-Year Plan.

2024

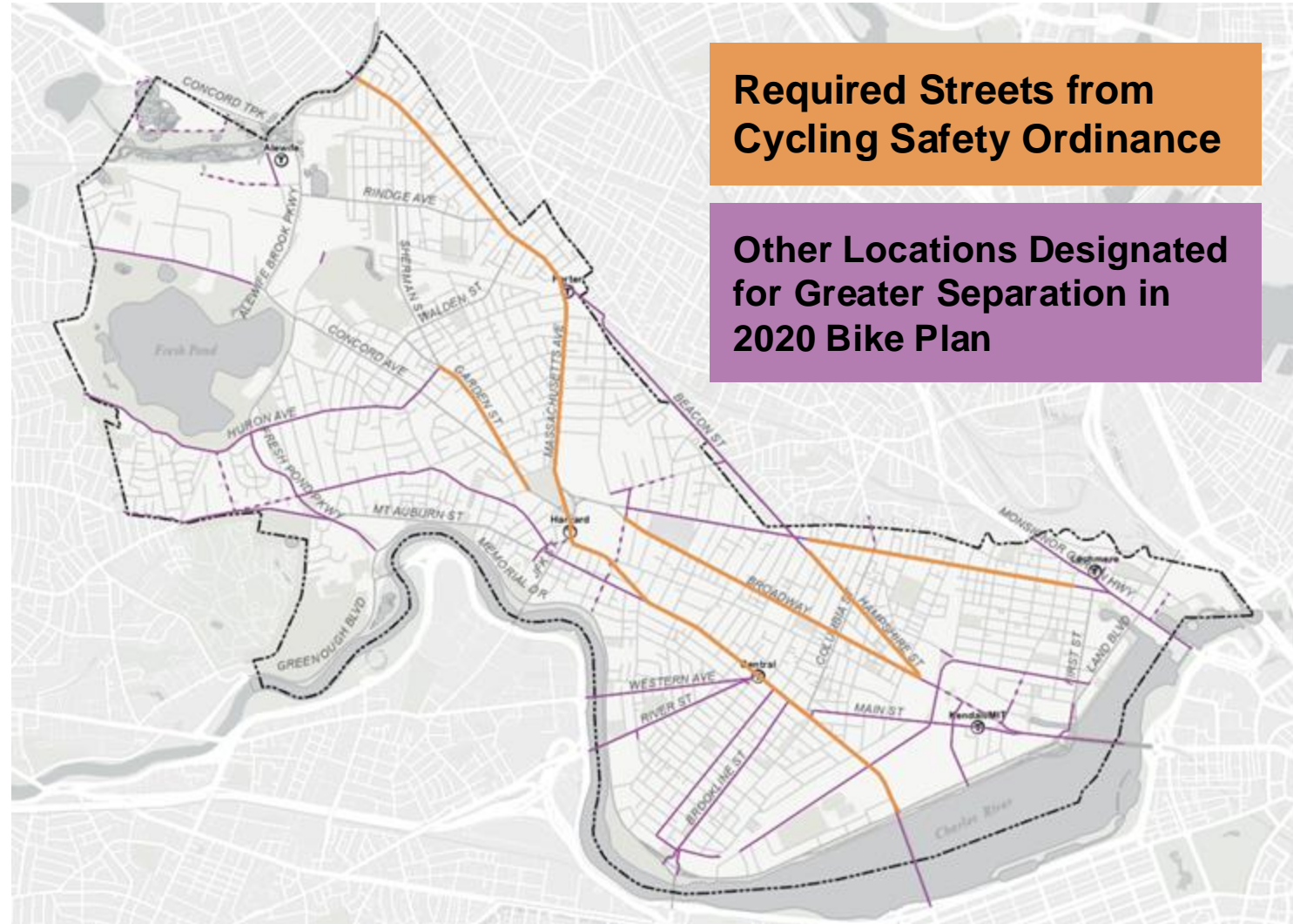
City Council sets tentative new deadline of November 1, 2026



CAMBRIDGE'S CYCLING SAFETY ORDINANCE

The 2020 amendments require that the City install 25 miles of separated bike lanes within five to seven years on:

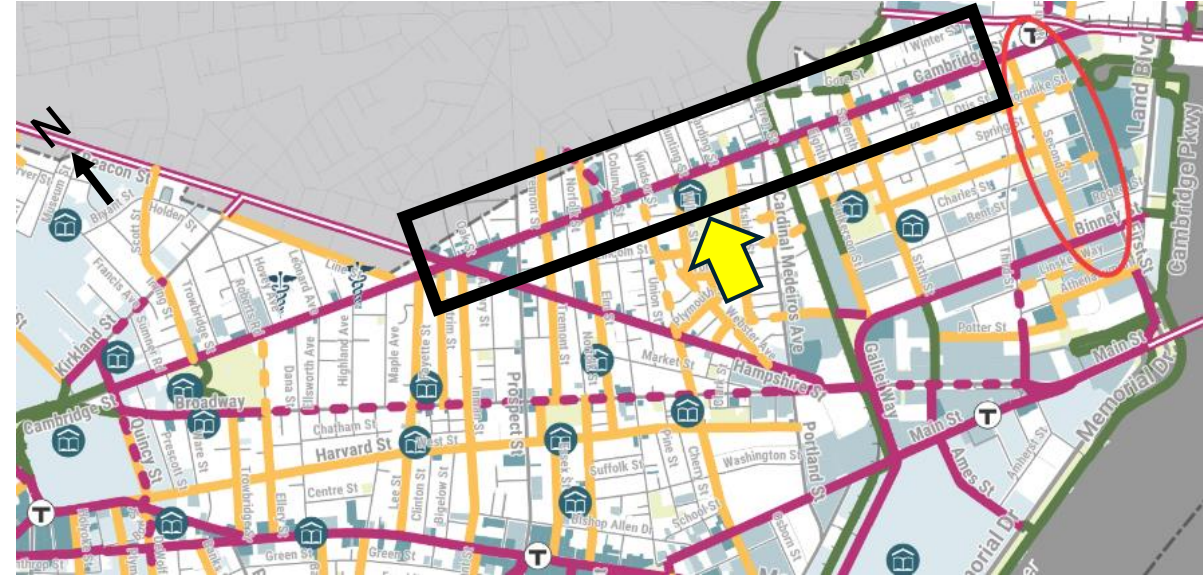
- All of Massachusetts Avenue
- Broadway from Quincy Street to Hampshire Street
- Cambridge Street from Oak Street to Second Street
- Hampshire Street from Amory Street to Broadway
- Garden Street from Huron Avenue to Berkeley/Mason Street
- 11.6 miles of separated bike lanes in other locations from the 2020 Bicycle Plan's Network Vision



Cambridge Street in the Bike Plan

WHY CAMBRIDGE STREET?

- ✓ Designated for “greater separation”
- ✓ Parking and loading conflicts
- ✓ High vehicle volumes
- ✓ Important connection for residents to bike to jobs, businesses, friends, etc.
- ✓ History of crashes



Key: Off-Street Path █ Greater Separation █ Lower Volume & Speed (Bicycle Priority Street) █



Image: Existing Cambridge Street bike lane blocked by illegal stopping/parking.



CAMBRIDGE STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GOALS



Install separated bike lanes to improve biking conditions



Improve crossing locations for pedestrians



Identify a side of the street for parking and loading, changes to parking need on side-streets



Address safety at key intersections



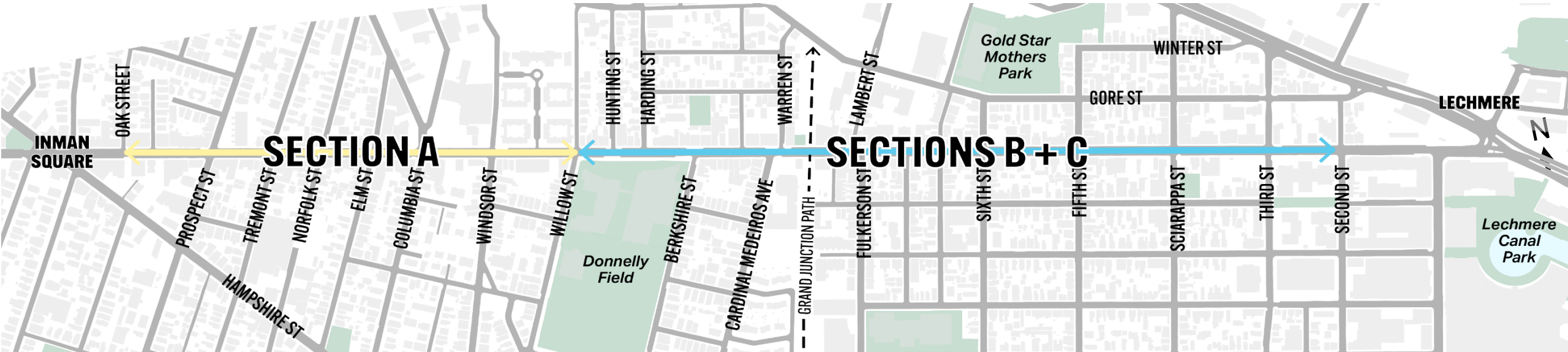
Improve access and reliability for the MBTA Route 69



PROJECT AREA: BETWEEN OAK AND SECOND ST



PROJECT SECTIONS



Section A: Oak to Willow

- Community outreach: underway
- Design finalized: Spring 2025
- Installation begins: Summer 2025

Sections B + C: Willow to Second (limits TBD)

- Community outreach: 2025-2026
- Design finalized: Mid-2026
- Installation complete: By November 2026



ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

- Section A Design Feedback Survey is still open and will close ahead of next community meeting
- Public Meetings: Next meeting likely to occur in March 2025
- Small group meetings:
 - Met with East Cambridge Business Association (ECBA) in October
 - Ongoing meetings with key stakeholders



Working Group Members, Roles and Expectations



WORKING GROUP INTERVIEWS AND SITUATION ASSESSMENT

- 24 interviews
- What we heard about:
 - Who you are
 - What you want for our Working Group conversations
 - Your vision of Cambridge Street after the SIP



WORKING GROUP INTERVIEWS AND SITUATION ASSESSMENT

- Who you are:
 - All are multimodal
 - All are users and experts in your experience. Range of professional and technical expertise.
 - Range of civic engagement experiences
 - Range of time living in Cambridge
 - All spend lots of time on Cambridge Street
 - All have a deep love of the neighborhood



WORKING GROUP INTERVIEWS AND SITUATION ASSESSMENT

- What you want for our Working Group conversations:
 - Candid and respectful conversations
 - Representation of broad spectrum of people
 - A combination of data and individual experiences
 - To work on solutions
 - Develop relationships with neighbors
 - Facilitation
 - Clear understanding of City constraints and limitations
 - Background information and shared terminology



VISION OF CAMBRIDGE STREET POST-SIP

- Safe for all users
- Aesthetically appealing and maintained
- Clear and consistent street markings
- Vibrant businesses: patrons arriving from all modes, functional and safe delivery, uber/door dash options
- Parking options where needed
- Flat and wider sidewalks
- Lifeline of the neighborhood



DRAFT CHARTER

- Why the City created this Working Group
- Working Group Purpose
- Roles and responsibilities
- Working Group meetings
- How will we work together?
 - *Guiding principles for working together*

Is this clear?

Is anything missing to help frame and support this group's work?

Any suggested edits?



GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR WORKING TOGETHER

- Respect all participants (members, staff, public)
- Bring as much eagerness to listen deeply for understanding as to speak
- Talk about the topics, not people
- Be curious about and open to different perspectives and sources of information
- Keep the focus on what we can create together

What else should we include?



Working Group Work Plan



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meeting 2: December 16, 2024

- Presentations:
 - Relevant policies and plans
 - Frequently used terms & concepts
 - Design considerations
 - Cambridge Street Section A: design overview
- Presentation & input:
 - Outreach plan
- Site walk of Section A

Meeting 3: January 2025

- Presentation & input:
 - Cambridge Street Section A: Detailed design review
 - Outreach: March public meeting
- Presentation:
 - Section B + C timeline update



Meeting 4 through Meeting 8 or 10

- **Section A**
 - Takeaways from engagement
 - Implementation updates + feedback
- **Section B + C**
 - Design feedback
 - Outreach input
 - Outreach updates
 - Implementation updates + feedback

What other information do you need in order to engage and provide feedback?



Public Comment



Public Comment

Public Comments Welcome

- Share thoughts in Q&A or verbally
- To comment verbally, raise virtual “hand” or signal interest in Q&A window
- Limit comments to 2 minutes; may need to adjust if many speakers

Please keep all comments...

- On-point
- Respectful
- Focused on issues (not individuals)



NEXT STEPS

- All: Review draft charter and share feedback with CBI by Thursday, December 12.
- Next Meeting: Monday, December 16 from 11 AM – 1:30 PM
 - Part 1: Meeting (with hybrid option)
 - Part 2: Site Walk
 - *Light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP if you have not already.*
- Meeting summary process
 - Draft summary, Working Group review, finalized and posted on website

