

Street Design in Cambridge

What guides our street design?

We design for people of all ages and abilities. This includes:

- People who may not have access to a car
- Safe and accessible facilities, including bike lanes, that can be used by a wide range of people

Focus is on moving people and goods, not their vehicles

- Biking and riding transit is a more efficient use of limited street space
- Keep access for trucks and local deliveries, but safely

Policies that support this work

- Vision Zero
- Cambridge Bicycle Plan
- Envision Cambridge



What is a quick-build project?

- Quick-build projects allow us to make improvements to our streets more quickly
- Involves no construction or coordination with utility companies
- Fewer impacts to residents during implementation



A separated bike lane on Brattle Street

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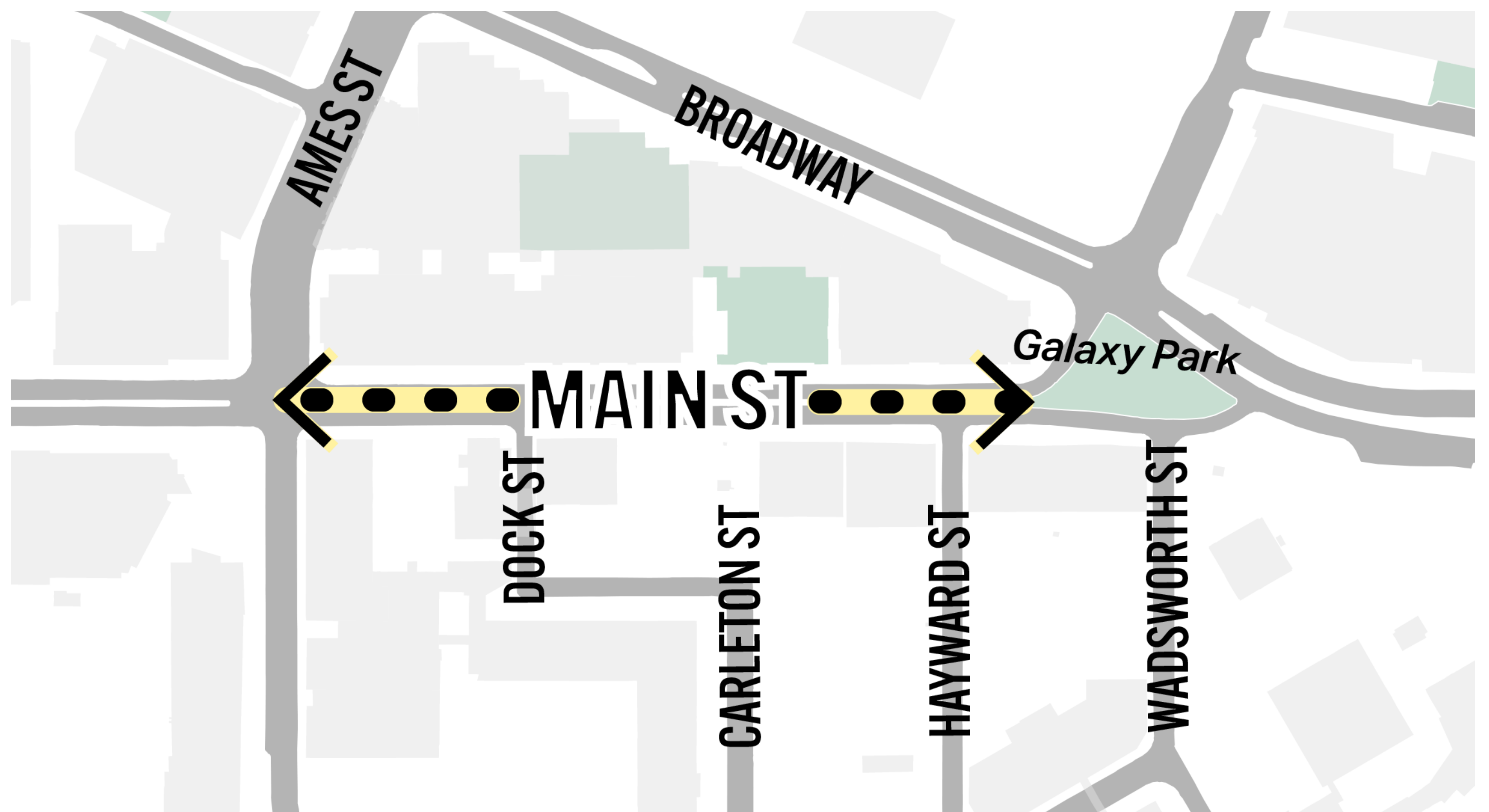


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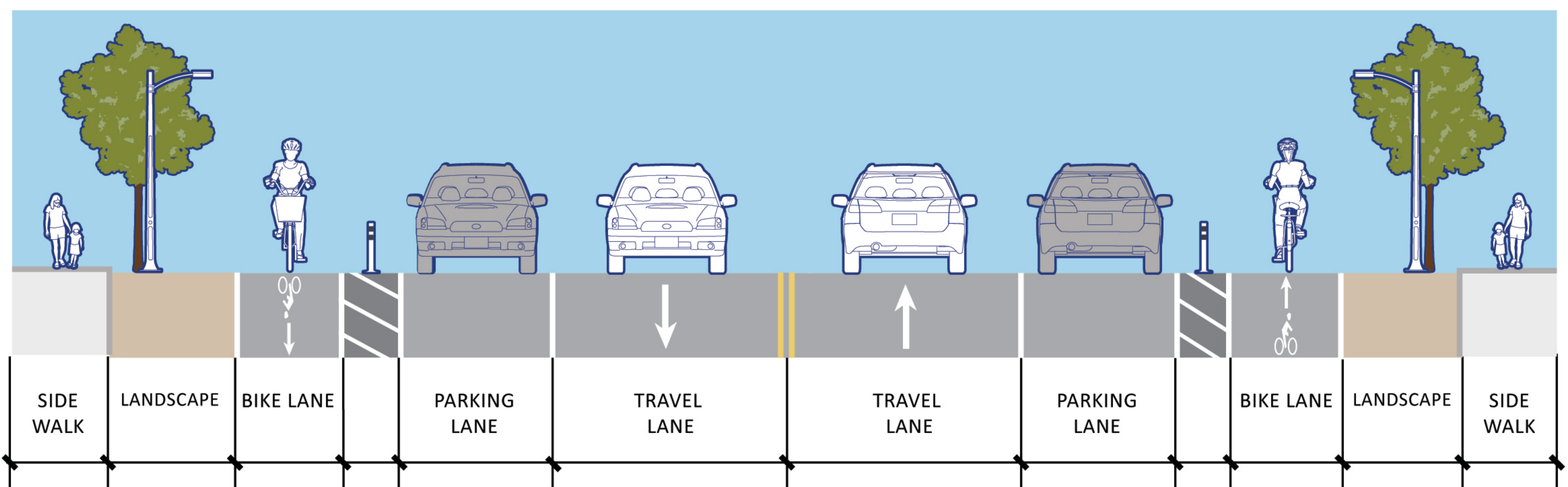
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Project Area



Street Layout

MAIN-KENDALL SEPARATED BIKE LANES: AMES TO KENDALL STATION



When the project is installed, a typical section of Main St will look like the picture above. Most sections of the street will have parking on both sides, There will be separated bike lanes and vehicle lanes in each direction.

Roll Plan

For the full corridor plan, take a look at the project roll plan

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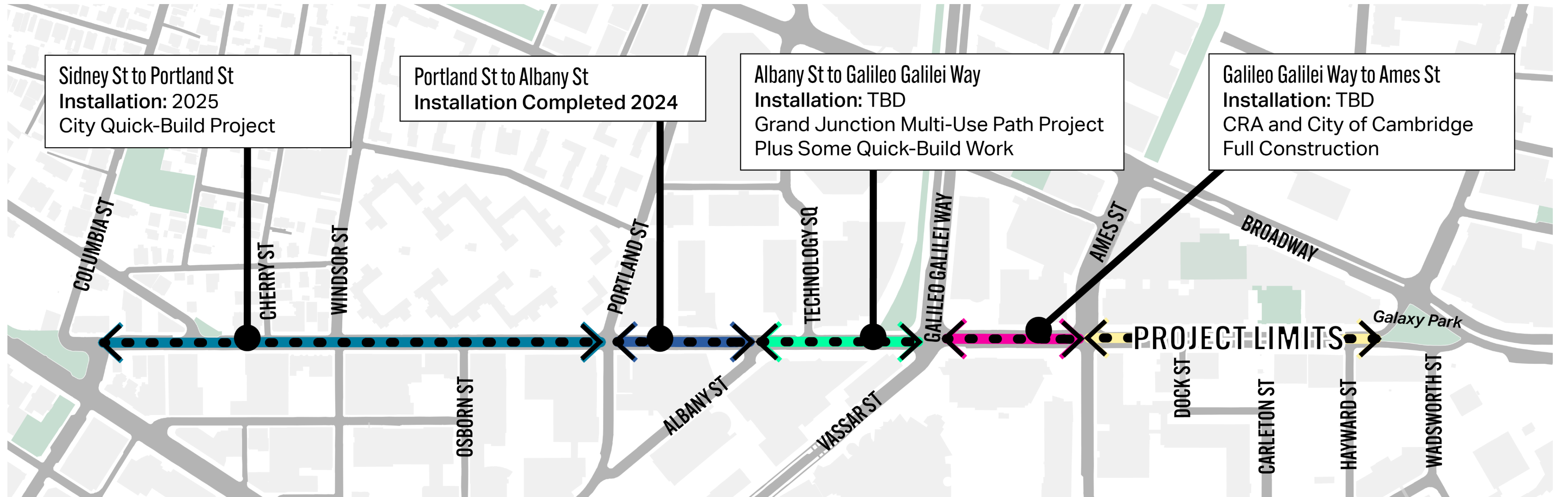


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Background: The Rest of Main Street



The Cycling Safety Ordinance

Requires installation of separated bike lanes on streets that have been designated for "Greater Separation" in the Bicycle Network Vision. It requires approximately 25 miles of separated bike lanes.

- All of Massachusetts Avenue
- Garden Street (eastbound Huron Ave to Berkeley St, westbound from Mason St to Huron Ave)
- Broadway (Quincy St to Hampshire St)
- Cambridge Street (Oak St to Second St)
- Hampshire Street (Amory St to Broadway)
- **11.6 miles on other streets** (from within the Bicycle Network Vision, including Main Street)



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Timeline and Next Steps

1

Beginning Late October 2024

- Installation of new pavement markings. Work will take place overnight beginning at 8 p.m.
- Tall cones and other temporary traffic barriers will separate the bike lane.

2

Late November/Early December 2024

- Complete pavement markings, including green bike lane markings.
- Complete installation of flex-posts.

3

Ongoing

- Continued maintenance, such as plowing and street cleaning.
- As needed, we'll make adjustments after the project is implemented. This could include changes to signage, parking regulations, or pavement markings.

Future Studies

The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) developed long-term options for this section of Main St that would require full reconstruction. Ideas were shared in an April 2021 community meeting. These are aspirational plans that do not currently have a timeline for implementation.

[View the Report](#)



For more information, visit:

<https://www.cambridgeredevelopment.org/bmt-streetscape-report>

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