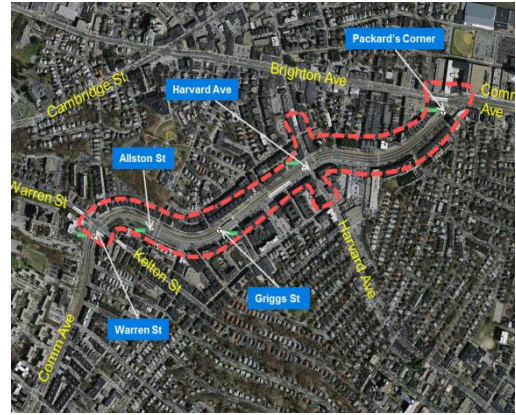


Commonwealth Avenue Phase 3 & 4



Neighborhood: Allston-Brighton

Description: The City of Boston is redesigning Commonwealth Avenue between Brighton Avenue (Packard's Corner) and Warren/Kelton Streets. With its unique carriage roads, landscaped median, and MBTA transit reservation, this segment of Commonwealth Avenue is both a multi-modal transportation corridor and home for thousands of people. At completion, Commonwealth Avenue will be a complete street that is a livable, walkable, multimodal, green and sustainable corridor, safely and efficiently accommodating all users of this signature Boston Boulevard.

Key Project Design Elements:

Create a Complete Street – Enable safe access for all users; pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit users of all ages and abilities. Project improvements consider the strong pedestrian, transit and bicycle presence in the community. The centerpiece of the project will be the redesigned intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Harvard Avenue.

Increase Multimodality – Provide separated bicycle facilities in the existing carriage roads, improvements to pedestrian spaces (sidewalks, ramps and crosswalks), and enhanced access to the MBTA Green Line stations. Roadway is to be offset away from the existing MBTA reservations to allow for future station safety and access improvements.

Improve Safety/Vision Zero – Design uses best practices to provide safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all consistent with the City's Vision Zero program to eliminate fatal and serious crashes on Boston streets. Project provides for simplified pedestrian crossings at Harvard Avenue and reduces conflict points and pedestrian crossing lengths throughout the project. Project proposes new pedestrian crosswalk at the Packard's Corner intersection. Cycle track crossings at intersecting roadways are located in easily seen areas by motorists.

Enhance Transit Experience and Capacity – Signalize Linden Street and allow only EB left turns onto Linden Street, thereby significantly reducing the number of conflicts and decreasing delay for the MBTA Green Line.

Re-establish Olmsted Vision – Reclaim green space and trees originally envisioned for the corridor. Project proposes to reduce impervious area within the project limits by restoring the original carriage lane median on the inbound side.

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