

Arborway Parkways Improvements Project Update for Web Site

In June of 2021, the DCR design team visited Murray Circle with staff from the City of Boston to observe vehicle and bicycle traffic and safety conditions in the afternoon rush hour. As noted in the previous update, DCR staff did make some adjustments and repairs to traffic signals near the rotary. However our group observed continued congestion and queueing within the circle and on Arborway outbound and Centre Street northbound.

As a result, we agreed to make some changes to the line striping plan to reduce congestion. DCR has drafted an amended plan and it is under review by DCR and City of Boston. The changes will include adding some vehicle lanes where they are most needed. All bike lanes currently in place will be retained.

Once we agree on a modified plan, we will schedule the new lane striping work. The work schedule will be announced with another update posted to this project page.

Finally, after the new lane striping work is finished, we will observe the circle again and continue to make changes until we are satisfied that the rotary is operating efficiently and safely.

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