

17:48:57 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:
i cant hear anyone

17:49:40 From Dan Cushing to Everyone:
Rick -- the mic button has an arrow where you can select which audio device you use

17:51:04 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:
got it, thank you

18:03:02 From Dan Cushing to Everyone:
Good evening everyone, thanks for joining! We will start momentarily, waiting for everyone to join from the waiting room.

18:03:03 From Janet Plotkin to Everyone:
No sound

18:03:17 From Anker Lerret to Everyone:
The sound is OK for me.

18:21:44 From Zachary Yaro to Everyone:
Would you consider putting in regular traffic signal crossings ("pelican crossings") for the pedestrian crossings instead of HAWK crossings? HAWK signals don't seem to make things safer than a standard traffic signal, and sometimes confuse drivers who are unfamiliar with them.

18:23:15 From Gerald Zuriff to Everyone:
Please stop using acronyms!

18:24:05 From kiril alexandrov to Everyone:
Are you getting rid of parking spots in the cambridge boathouse parking lot? If so, Why would you do that?

18:24:16 From Karl Schmeckpeper to Everyone:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HAWK_beacon

18:24:26 From Julian Powers to Everyone:
Replying to "Would you consider putting in regular traffic sign...":
I second this. The ones I've used are a bit iffy.

18:24:59 From Linda Kaboolian to Everyone:
So no parking on north side of Mem Dr between JFK **Street** and Hawthorne?

18:25:02 From Neil Stottler to Everyone:
Replying to "Would you consider putting in regular traffic sign...":
oh yeah those signals are bad. I've nearly gotten hit at them before multiple times.

18:28:29 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:
Replying to "Would you consider putting in regular traffic sign...":
Mid-block traffic signals will be pedestrian actuated

18:28:57 From Domenic Privitera to Everyone:
Is it possible to round off the edges between the shared used path and the crosswalks? Even if it's just some stone dust to help reduce the amount of pavement, people are going to cut that corner and trample the grass when they go to cross.

18:29:21 From Zachary Yaro to Everyone:
Replying to "Please stop using acronyms!":

A "HAWK signal" is one of those traffic signals for crossings with a triangle of red and yellow lights instead of a standard red/yellow/green configuration. I agree, the name is needlessly unintuitive.

18:29:27 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:

Replying to "Are you getting rid of parking spots in the cambri...":

No parking spaces will be lost in the parking lot at the Cambridge Boat Club

18:30:03 From Chris Cassa to Everyone:

Replying to "Would you consider putting in regular traffic sign...":

I think the concern is that drivers often go through flashing phases of hawk signals, so they could be pedestrian actuated regular signals that just have a single phase

18:30:53 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:

Replying to "So no parking on north side of Mem Dr between JFK...":

Correct, parking along this side of Memorial Drive is restricted today during peak times

18:30:56 From Jennifer Pieszak to Everyone:

How will driving lane reduction accommodate the eastbound EMS / ambulances from Belmont and Watertown that use Memorial Drive to access Longwood Medical Center via BU Bridge?

18:31:11 From Randy Stern to Everyone:

Why can't you eliminate 1 car lane heading west from JFK St? Make a right turn lane prior to the intersection, then just 1 car lane straight west?

18:32:44 From Maggie Booz to Everyone:

When will the public see a landscape plan with full plant list and locations?

18:33:04 From kiril alexandrov to Everyone:

Replying to "So no parking on north side of Mem Dr between JFK...":

Getting rid of the memorial drive parking spots during certain times is a great idea; there are a lot of near accidents

18:33:17 From Peter Aldrich to Everyone:

Your plan removes all the parking for 983- 988 Memorial Drive. How will moving trucks be able to stop to carry furniture in through the front doors. (The rear doors are basement doors where dimensions of spaces & ceiling cannot accommodate large pieces.)

18:33:52 From Judi and Jim Sandler to Everyone:

992, 993, and houses on Memorial Drive continue to be called Hawthorn St. The section of the road that goes from Memorial Dr. to Mt. Auburn. Hawthorne begins at Mt. Auburn to those whose addresses are Memorial Dr. NOT Hawthorne St. Please explain.

18:34:18 From Franziska Amacher to Everyone:

We applaud the reduction of car lanes (based on your traffic studies) .There are a number of areas where you are steepening the riverbank that reduces the storm water volume substantially and increases the flooding potential that threatens the neighborhood. Please let us see your calculations on this.

18:34:26 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:

Replying to "Why can't you eliminate 1 car lane heading west fr...":

The second lane is only needed to safely merge two lanes to one lane

18:35:14 From Claire Greene to Everyone:

Also emergency vehicles for apartment buildings on north side of road beginning at Hawthorne what is plan during construction and after

18:35:17 From Linda Kaboolian to Everyone:

Replying to "So no parking on north side of Mem Dr between JFK...":

Clarification requested: will parking be allowed at any time on north side of Mem Dr?

18:35:23 From Domenic Privitera to Everyone:

Will there be more bicycle parking and/or space for a BlueBike dock?

18:35:51 From Augusto Gandia to Everyone:

Would be interesting to see how you guys planned to come across the highway from the park, also what is the design in terms of lighting. Considering that people usually mix the use between bike lanes and pedestrian, are there parts where the paths cross each other?

18:35:58 From Randy Stern to Everyone:

Replying to "Why can't you eliminate 1 car lane heading west fr...":

That could happen prior to JFK intersection and divide to right turn lane and 1 through lane.

18:36:27 From Elizabeth Smythe to Everyone:

What time of day will construction take place? Day, evenings, mid-morning? If in the evenings, what noise mitigation measures will be taken?

18:36:33 From Peter Aldrich to Everyone:

983-986 Memorial Drive REALLY NEED a delivery parking spot!

18:36:49 From kiril alexandrov to Everyone:

Reducing any part of memorial drive from 4 lanes to 2 lanes seems like it will create massive traffic and congestion which will greatly detract From our enjoyment of the riverside

18:36:54 From Elena Saporta to Everyone:

Do you have grading plans to share with the public? Also, please show where the project overlaps with the Riverfront Protection Area.

18:37:34 From gfahey to Everyone:

Isn't there concern that this is going to make traffic horrible? Memorial Drive to two lanes during rush hour is going to be gridlock. Traffic is going to back up from Gerry's Landing heading toward Fresh Pond Pkwy all the way back around to Mem Dr. near 1010. Pushing traffic into the neighborhoods?

18:37:36 From Elizabeth Smythe to Everyone:

Where will the viewing platforms be placed? Are the platform locations finalized?

18:38:36 From Nate Deshmukh Towery to Everyone:

I am thrilled to see this common sense plan for improving the paths and park elements of this section of memorial drive. Narrowing the roadway to 2 lanes makes so much sense from a safety standpoint and to improve the experience of the park - hard to enjoy a park while speeding down a four lane road!

18:39:01 From kiril alexandrov to Everyone:

Agreed, traffic will be horrible, just fundamentally a bad idea

18:39:16 From Hannah Van der Eb to Everyone:

Replying to "Will there be more bicycle parking and/or space fo...":

Yes, we are including 10 new bike parking spaces at the rest area near the Cambridge Boat Club. We do not include a BlueBike dock in the design.

18:39:25 From Saul Blumenthal to Everyone:

Replying to "Isn't there concern that this is going to make tra...":

throughout is constrained by intersections, not by the number of through lanes

18:39:44 From gfahey to Everyone:

The park spaces will not be very enjoyable because of traffic noise

18:39:58 From Rebecca Pries to Everyone:
Planting trees is commendable--so welcome! Who takes responsibility for watering them so they thrive?

18:40:10 From Marc Herman to Everyone:
Would any section of the two-lane road have a dotted white line for drivers to safely pass excessively slow or stalled vehicles?

18:40:13 From Linda Kaboolian to Everyone:
Have the traffic volume issues been coordinated with the changes already done between Gerry's Landing and Brattle St?

18:41:00 From Liam Axon to Everyone:
I love the concept of having a separate shared use path and pedestrian path. Great job!

18:41:22 From Alex Sagan to Everyone:
Replying to "Will there be more bicycle parking and/or space fo...":
Can you please explain the impacts for all users during the construction period. Also please explain the worse-case scenario of expected impact on motorists for the finished project?

18:41:32 From Rajiv Manglani to Everyone:
Can you please make Hawthorn St southbound two lanes (left turn/right turn), to help reduce backups and too many idling cars.

18:41:55 From J. G. to Everyone:
Replying to "Will there be more bicycle parking and/or space fo...":
@Domenic Privitera good question!

18:42:07 From Rajiv Manglani to Everyone:
What can be done to prevent trucks from driving on Mem Drive? Smaller trucks routinely ignore the "no trucks" signs.

18:42:47 From Julian Powers to Everyone:
3' shoulder necessary? Then the lanes are effectively 13' which could lead to higher speeds than desired.

18:42:59 From Domenic Privitera to Everyone:
Can the full PS&E set be published on the DCR website once they are finalized?

18:43:56 From Janie Katz-Christy to Everyone:
What will insure that traffic will be kept to the 25 mph speed limit the city has requested? Is it possible to provide raised crossings at the crosswalks?

18:44:21 From Sandra Fairbank to Everyone:
I hope that DCR will be providing irrigation for the new trees, especially the London Planes, so that the trees

18:44:47 From Sandra Fairbank to Everyone:
so that the new trees survive....

18:44:56 From Marc Herman to Everyone:
Replying to "Can you please make Hawthorn St southbound two lan...":
I was going to ask the same question. The current width of the southbound lane allows to two lanes sometimes, but are too narrow and non-define. It's super useful when driving this as lanes there, but it would be better a pinch wider with signage & paint to limit one lane east and one lane west turns.

18:46:40 From Chris Cassa to Everyone:
Replying to "I hope that DCR will be providing irrigation for t...":

This would be fantastic, so many of the trees died in Phase 2 - would love to see irrigation

18:47:33 From Zachary Yaro to Everyone:

Thank you, Chris! Curb extensions at the pedestrian crossings to reduce the crossing distances and encourage drivers to slow down as they approach the crossings would go a long way toward improving safety for pedestrians trying to cross to/from the river!

18:47:37 From Jennifer Pieszak to Everyone:

Is the project team aware that the entire building at 1010 Memorial Drive has been evacuated due to building-wide structural issues? The building will be undergoing major structural repairs if possible and / or worst case scenario, demolition. This project abuts your work.

18:48:22 From Linda Kaboolian to Everyone:

Since the parking lot at the boat house is public and the crosswalks will be safer, can BB&N buses and idling cars be relocated from travel lanes on Greenough to the parking lot?

18:48:30 From Elizabeth Smythe to Everyone:

As I understand it, the traffic study was conducted during the summer, when traffic is lighter. Will it be repeated during a higher-traffic season?

18:48:57 From Chris Cassa to Everyone:

Replying to "Is the project team aware that the entire buildin...":
I believe it is on Mount Auburn

18:49:00 From Karl Schmeckpeper to Everyone:

Could we have elevated crosswalks if there isn't enough room for pedestrian islands or curb bumpouts?

18:49:11 From Anonymous anonymous to Everyone:

You mentioned Phase 3 was downsized. Are the part removed scheduled down the road?

18:49:14 From Sandra Fairbank to Everyone:

Replying to "Is the project team aware that the entire buildin...":
yes 225 Mt. Auburn

18:49:13 From Janet Plotkin to Everyone:

It is not 1010 MD that had the problem

18:49:18 From Marc Herman to Everyone:

As a cyclist, I'm thrilled with the coming improvements. I'd love to see a closeup renderings of what entering and exiting the bikeway to/from Hawthorn street will look like? As currently, we desperately need more space to turn a bike, and a curb cut on Mem Drive wide enough for two side by side bikes.

18:49:40 From Roy Russell to Everyone:

What about making the 12 ft shared use path dirt or gravel instead of pavement ?

18:49:52 From Maggie Booz to Everyone:

Replying to "Is the project team aware that the entire buildin...":
1010 is the tower. It is NOT the building with structural issues.

18:51:23 From Hannah Van der Eb to Everyone:

Replying to "Planting trees is commendable--so welcome! Who tak...":
A two-year watering period following planting will be included as part of the bid package to give new plantings the best chance of establishment and long-term survival.

18:52:26 From Rajiv Aaron Manglani to Everyone:

@Dan Driscoll you say that DCR does not want to increase traffic here, but then can you please explain the absolutely terrible light timings at Gerry's Landing & Mt Auburn? Those lights have recently been

changed to have only 8 seconds of green. This causes huge traffic backups in the evening at the intersection of Gerry's Landing and Memorial Drive., all the way across the Elliot bridge, and westbound traffic back onto Memorial Drive, all the way back to the apartment buildings. Comments to mass.parks@mass.gov on this have not been answered.

18:52:40 From Chris Cassa to Everyone:

Replying to "Planting trees is commendable--so welcome! Who tak...":
Is it feasible at all to have an actual irrigation system?

18:52:44 From Andrea Williams to Everyone:

Replying to "Planting trees is commendable--so welcome! Who tak...":
I'd like to reiterate the q. re. Making the 11 ft path permeable (like the short section near the boat club now)

18:52:51 From Augusto Gandia to Everyone:

I think cyclist will appreciate flat surfaces, however, I think hybrid designs of paths mixing pavement with other absorbing materials would be interesting

18:52:53 From Marc Herman to Everyone:

Replying to "What about making the 12 ft shared use path dirt o...":
Related to that: Is the planned addition of "porous" pavement the same material that is currently just east of Cambridge Boat Club? It's a little wonky to ride a bike on that. I've often thought I would prefer to ride on hard packed dirt.

18:53:25 From Maggie Booz to Everyone:

Replying to "Planting trees is commendable--so welcome! Who tak...":
Two year watering contract is also the City of Cambridge standard. Last year, tree failure of newly planted street trees in Cambridge, planted by the City, was less than 4%.

18:54:06 From Marlin Hueil to Everyone:

Replying to "As a cyclist, I'm thrilled with the coming improve...":
The crossings of Memorial Drive are designed with curb cut widths to accommodate side by side bicyclists as you suggest

18:54:42 From cc to Everyone:

My first meeting of the Cambridge whatever. This whole meeting is useless and frankly sounds like what a comedian "Professor Erwin Corey. Look him up. He sounds like all of you but talks like youl

18:57:03 From Julian Powers to Everyone:

Replying to "3' shoulder necessary? Then the lanes are effectiv...":
you could also look into a low curb, different material, rumble strip etc. Something that would discourage cars from using it during non-emergency situation.

18:57:05 From Chris Cassa to Everyone:

I would echo that, I see people getting confused all the time on the Binney St HAWK signal, and it ends up with everyone waiting longer

18:57:25 From cc to Everyone:

This meeting isn't addressing how you're making Cambridge a senseless junk yard. I can barely find my way home when following the jig saw puzzle you've made of all the roads. Get a grip and find someone. Who can plan the city properly. Bicyclist

18:58:36 From Anonymous anonymous to Everyone:

Thank you for your opinion.

18:59:55 From Anonymous anonymous to Everyone:

Was the new speed limit 20 or 25 mph?

19:00:14 From cc to Everyone:

Are a nuisance, between bicycles, the ignorant pedestrians are looking to get hit so we get sued. You know I'm right but why are you doing this without notifying. Everyone before its already done. Central Sq. Was and is a disgrace you spent money making a beautiful park but had to spend money to tear it out because of the homeless and drug .

19:00:46 From cc to Everyone:

What about bicycles not having license plates so we know who they are?

19:01:32 From cc to Everyone:

Loser meeting already planned in the way Professor Irwin Corey would tell it. Young inexperienced people in charge of such important things.

19:03:44 From Rajiv Aaron Manglani to Everyone:

I think it's a great idea to remove the slip lane from the Elliot Bridge to Memorial Dr eastbound. To help prevent backups, please add a right turn only lane on Greenough north/eastbound between the intersection with the bridge and the intersection with Gerry's Landing.

19:03:53 From Sheila Headley to Everyone:

So Riverside has no place/voice in the renovation or update. Is that because the community was never involved /invited to the planning phases 1-2or3? along with no return for a promised meeting on the talking points earlier this year from the DCR commissioner to inform us or because we didn't agree to the road diet when we did learn bout the project at 75% done that would impact Riverside community greatly. We have a voice that should be heard yet never invited to the table.

19:04:11 From Anonymous anonymous to Everyone:

Will keeping a single lane open in each direction also include keeping open the bike path and side walk open?

19:04:49 From Marc Herman to Everyone:

Will the proposed "new porous pavement sidewalk on the north side of the parkway adjacent to Mount Auburn Hospital" extend as far north as Mount Auburn Street (or at least as far as the break in the fence next to the hospital's Clark Building)? It's further from the river, so maybe not part of the project, but that whole stretch of footpath needs to be improved.

19:07:08 From Janie Katz-Christy to Everyone:

Can the walking path made to be able to accommodate wheelchairs?

19:07:32 From Janie Katz-Christy to Everyone:

Same for strollers?

19:07:33 From Maggie Booz to Everyone:

CAR DRIVERS ALSO DON'T OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS!

19:08:09 From Marlin Hueil to Everyone:

Replying to "Can the walking path made to be able to accommodat...":
Yes, the walking path is designed to be ADA accessible

19:08:18 From Walter Popper to Everyone:

This plan is a great improvement, thank you for the good work, balancing so many conflicting priorities and for engaging stakeholders in constructive dialogue

19:08:21 From Sandra Fairbank to Everyone:

Cambridge does have a lot of bikers who follow the rules.

19:08:45 From Maggie Booz to Everyone:

Replying to "Cambridge does have a lot of bikers who follow the...":
Exactly!

19:10:00 From Walter Popper to Everyone:
Most of us, in my experience!

19:10:19 From Mayor Denise Simmons to Everyone:
Thank you for this meeting. I hope you will go and meet with the residents in the Riverside Neighborhood. The neighborhood was promised a community meeting to follow up and to inform the neighbors of the plans. To my knowledge the meeting to the Riverside community did not happen.

19:13:21 From Ellie Muter to Everyone:
Great presentation..I especially liked how to changed plans over time

19:15:10 From Alex Sagan to Everyone:
question above regarding the expected impact on motorized traffic was not answered as far as i saw in the chat.

19:16:06 From Chris Cassa to Everyone:
Two lanes were closed on this segment for a long time during the Willard St drainage project in 2022, too, and traffic moved smoothly

19:20:36 From Ellie Muter to Everyone:
Actually a lot of people want this .traffic studies

19:22:12 From Marc Herman to Everyone:
Really looking forward to a crosswalk at the bottom of Sparks Street.

19:23:36 From Irv Plotkin to Everyone:
Replying to "Cambridge does have a lot of bikers who follow the...":
And many who do not.

19:24:46 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:
The design does not negatively impact the floodplain

19:25:53 From Cathie Zusy to Everyone:
Thanks for persisting on this project, Dan. The project has evolved beautifully and will provide so much benefit and delight!

19:27:05 From Marc Herman to Everyone:
I have been wanting to see improvements to this stretch of the multi-use path for many years. I live nearby & this is the start of my route to work, by bike or car. Very exciting to a plan. Thanks for all your thoughtful work on this.

19:27:11 From Ellie Muter to Everyone:
Thx Dan you have a wealth of knowledge ..really helpful

19:27:25 From Amy Jarvis to Dan Cushing (direct message):
Mary Patricia Seckler is raising her literal hand

19:27:42 From Domenic Privitera to Everyone:
This is going to be great when it's finished, thanks for the hard work!

19:27:52 From Bill Deignan to Everyone:
Thank you all. Great project!

19:28:08 From Irv Plotkin to Everyone:

Many thanks.

19:28:20 From Sheila Headley to Everyone:

Riverside/Cambridge port is a community/neighborhood highly effected that needs to be acknowledged, these communities have been and continue to be taken advantage of with many changes and no voice, even if its improvements we have suggestions also.

19:28:21 From Richard Azzalina to Everyone:

Thank you for your comments

19:28:24 From Chris Cassa to Everyone:

Many thanks, great project!

19:28:35 From Amy Jarvis to Dan Cushing (direct message):

Elderly lady... may not know how to use virtual hand

19:28:40 From Karl Schmeckpeper to Everyone:

Thank you for this wonderful project!

19:28:45 From Franziska Amacher to Everyone:

The4 spacing of the Sycamore trees ihas a great impact on the visuals. I hope the new trees will follow the Olmsted Eliot plan

19:28:47 From Robert Lowell to Everyone:

Thanks Dan and Team

19:28:51 From Sandra Fairbank to Everyone:

Dan, Thanks for working on this for such a long time !