

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8 – FIRST PUBLICATION
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four
AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to the Ordinance entitled “Cambridge Municipal Code”

That the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge be amended in Chapter 12.22 entitled “Cycling Safety Ordinance” as follows:

Amendments to Section 12.22.030 – Definitions

Amend Section 12.22.030(H) to read as follows:

H. “Public Transportation” shall mean bus and shuttle stops for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), Charles River TMA, the Medical Academic and Scientific Community Organization (MASCO), school bus stops, and college and university bus and shuttle stops that exist prior to May 1, 2020. If the City Manager determines it is appropriate to add a particular bus or shuttle provide to the definition of Public Transportation, any such bus or shuttle provider may be added to this definition upon the approval of the City Council.

Amendments to Section 12.22.040 – Requirements

Amend Section 12.22.040(C) as follows:

C. By no later than November 30, 2026, the City Manager shall complete the installation of 22.6 Bicycle Lane Miles of Separated Bicycle Facilities; provided however, that all such Separated Bicycle Facilities shall be installed on streets in either the Separated network or be installed along:

- (a) Broadway from Quincy Street to Hampshire Street, or
- (b) Garden Street from Huron Avenue to Berkeley Street, eastbound, and Garden Street from Mason Street to Huron Avenue, westbound.

If any of the Separated Bicycle Facilities are proposed to be Permanent Separated Bicycle Langes, the requirements of this Subsection C shall be satisfied to long as the construction of such Separated Bicycle Facilities has commenced prior to the deadline established by this Subsection C.

Amend Section 12.22.040(G) as follows:

G. By no later than November 30, 2026, the City Manager shall cause the completion of continuous Separated Bicycle Facilities with Adequate Directionality along:

- (a) Broadway from Quincy Street to Hampshire Street,
- (b) Cambridge Street from Oak Street to Second Street,
- (c) Hampshire Street from Amory Street to Broadway, and
- (d) Garden Street from Huron Avenue to Berkeley Street, eastbound, and Garden Street from Mason Street to Huron Avenue, westbound, provided, however, that the connection from the intersection of Garden Street and Concord Avenue to the segment of Concord Avenue contiguous to Follen Street shall be improved to meet the needs of users of all ages and abilities.

Create a new Section 12.22.040(H) to read as follows:

H. Installation of Quick-Build Separated Bicycle Lane on (a) Main Street between Sidney Street extension and Portland Street; (b) Cambridge Street between Oak Street and Second Street; and Broadway between Hampshire Street and Quincy Street shall not start until after July 1, 2025, or until after passage of amendments to the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance allowing for the sharing of off-site parking with nearby properties, if necessary, to mitigate the loss of parking resulting from the installation of separated bicycle facilities due to implementation of the Cycling Safety Ordinance, whichever is sooner. Community engagement, planning, and design of these corridors may proceed in advance of these dates.

Amend sections following Section 12.22.040(H) to read as follows (to reflect the creation of a new section):

I. Starting on May 1, 2020, the City Manager shall cause the installation of at least 2.5 Bicycle Lane Miles of the Separated Bicycle Facilities designated in Subsections C, D, E, F, and G every year. If the City Manager causes the installation of more than 2.5 Bicycle Lane Miles of such Separated Bicycle Facilities in a given year, the City Manager can apply the surplus Bicycle Lane Miles toward meeting the requirements of this Subsection H for later years. If the City Manager fails to install 2.5 Bicycle Lane Miles in a particular year and no surplus from a prior year is available to meet the requirements of this Subsection H for that year, then the City Manager may install the deficient Bicycle Lane Miles in the following year; provided, however, that this shall not relieve the City Manager of the duty to meet all other deadlines set out in Subsections C, D, E, F, and G.

J. By no later than May 31, 2021, the City Manager shall submit a report to the City Council detailing progress towards meeting the requirements set forth in Subsections C, D, E, F, G, H and I. Such report shall include details on the Separated Bicycle Facilities planned for the coming twelve months. Thereafter, a report shall be given to the City Council no later than 12 months from the date of the preceding report. All such reports shall include details on the Separated Bicycle Facilities planned for the coming twelve months. Installation of Separated Bicycle Facilities including the total of Bicycle Lane Miles installed under Subsections C, D, E, F, G, H, and I shall be shown on a publicly accessible website. Such website shall also track exactly where those Bicycle Lane Miles were installed, and the distance of each contiguous segment of Bicycle Lane Miles installed. Such website shall be established by no later than May 31, 2021 and updated twice yearly thereafter. All other reports and updates required by this Ordinance shall also be uploaded to such website.

K. Until July 1, 2022, if the City Manager determines that revenue shortfalls due to the coronavirus pandemic make any deadlines contained in subsections C through J financially infeasible to meet, the City Manager may propose to alter said deadlines. For any such proposed alteration to take effect, the City Manager shall prepare a report to the City Council to be made public justifying why such alteration is strictly necessary, and the City Council shall vote to approve the alteration, provided that any such City Council vote must take place by July 1, 2022.

L. Until July 1, 2022 if the City Manager determines that unavoidable delays in public outreach activities due to the coronavirus pandemic make the deadline contained in subsection C infeasible to meet, the City Manager may propose to alter said deadline by up to four months. For any such proposed alteration to take effect, the City Manager shall prepare a report to the City Council to be made public justifying why such alteration is strictly necessary, and the City Council shall vote to approve the alteration, provided that any such City Council vote must take place by July 1, 2022.

Passed to a second reading at the City Council meeting held on December 16, 2024 and on or after January 6, 2025 the question comes on passage to be ordained.

Attest:- Diane P. LeBlanc
City Clerk