



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
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To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to AR #25-47 regarding Kendall Square parking considerations from Cambridge Department of Transportation Commissioner, Brooke McKenna.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang  
City Manager





**To:** Yi-An Huang, City Manager  
**From:** Brooke McKenna, Commissioner  
**Date:** October 30, 2025  
**Subject:** Awaiting Reports 2025-047

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In response to Awaiting Report 25-47 requesting that the City Manager work with the Transportation Department to investigate adding disability parking spaces in Kendall Square, we report the following:

### **Context and Background**

Kendall Square is a neighborhood of rapid change and growth. Over a dozen private land development projects are currently active and several of them have had a major impact on streets and the on-street parking supply.

Disability parking spaces are a vital resource for people who need direct access to residences, stores, office space, and other amenities. In partnership with the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, we aim to provide a suitable supply of disability parking (disability parking) spaces across the neighborhood.

### **Discussion**

The City installs two types of disability parking spaces: residential and commercial. Residential spaces are requested by citizens, who complete an application which is reviewed by DOT staff against a set of criteria. Most are approved and they can be used by any vehicle displaying a disability parking plate or placard.

Commercial parking spaces can be requested by anyone, including business owners, and there is no application. DOT staff will review the request and install a space if appropriate. In addition, DOT staff identify locations and install spaces to ensure coverage. In nearly all cases a disability parking space supplants existing parking supply – in residential areas a permit parking (RPP) space and in commercial areas a parking meter. We try not to remove a bus stop or loading zone, although in rare cases we will relocate a regulated space to make room for a disability parking space.

Any vehicle with a plate or placard can use any parking meter for no charge and without a time restriction.

### **Kendall Square**

For the purposes of this response, we assume Kendall Square is east of Galileo Galilei Way, north of Main Street, south of Binney Street, and west of First Street, inclusive of the streets on the borders. Nearly all on-street parking in this area is commercial, either parking meter or loading zone. Existing on-street parking is as follows:

<i>Binney Street</i>	The section west of Third Street is mostly occupied by work zone. There is metered parking on the north and south sides of Binney between Third and First Streets.	23 parking meters	1 disability parking space
<i>Munroe, Linskey, and Atheneum Streets</i>	Munroe and Linskey (east of second) have metered parking on the south side and Atheneum has metered parking east of Second.	41 parking meters	5 disability parking spaces(2 on Monroe,3 on Linskey)
<i>Broadway</i>	Substantial construction work has closed the westbound lanes of Broadway between Galileo and Third, where it is one-way eastbound to vehicle traffic and has no parking. East of Third Street, there is metered parking on the north side.	34 parking meters	0 disability parking spaces
<i>Main Street</i>	Both the north and south sides of Main have parking meters.	40 parking meters	5 disability parking spaces
<i>Galileo Galilei Way</i>	There is no on-street parking available on this street.	0 metered parking spaces	0 disability parking spaces
<i>Ames Street</i>	There is some parking on the east and west sides of Ames Street.	5 parking meters	0 disability parking spaces
<i>Third Street</i>	Like Binney Street, parking on long sections of Third Street are not available due to land development work zones. Some parking remains on both sides.	20 parking meters	5 disability parking spaces
<i>First Street</i>	Parking is available on the west side between Binney and Atheneum.	10 parking meters	2 disability parking space

### **Proposed New Disability Parking Spaces**

DOT staff have identified the following locations for new disability parking spaces in Kendall Square:

- 92 Ames Street, next to the Bank of America (replacing one metered space)
- 1 Broadway (replacing one metered space)