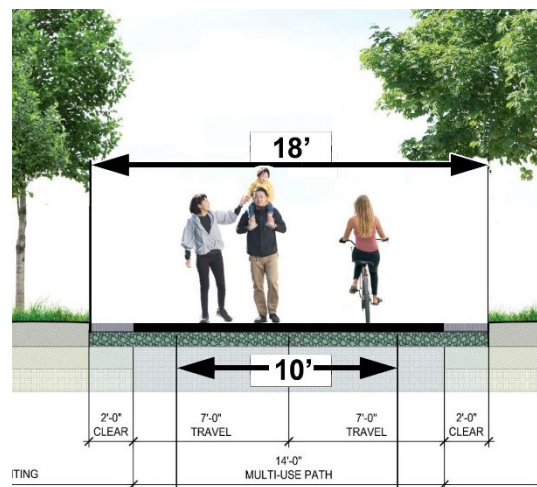




- ① Gate, existing
- ① Gate, new for IQHQ
- ② Align & raise crosswalk
- ③ Stop signs removed
- ④ IQHQ parking lot
- ⑤ Side paths (qty = five)
- ⑥ Black asphalt replaces brick circle
- ⑦ Tables & chairs on pavement
- ⑧ Play area
- ⑨ Hardscape
- ⑩ Permanent artwork
- ⑪ "DePaved" by DPW to be repaved
- ⑬ 16' wide
- ⑭ 18' wide



Original Architect's Statement: The park was designed so that the path and green areas would undulate both vertically and horizontally to create depth and varied experiences within a very limited Right-Of-Way (ROW) width. Additionally, we took advantage of limited places within the ROW for small "greens" (lawn areas) - again, varying the experiences for users. I think this is successful as the park does provide some respite and a break from Cambridge's busy sidewalks - it is one of my favorite places to walk my dogs or catch-up with a friend. Although I strongly agree with restoration of the planting, I would not like to see the narrow section between Mass Ave and Harvey become fully wooded.

This really is a move through space and I don't think encouraging gathering is the right thing to do here. It is usually crowded (when I walk) but because people are just moving through, it still is a really nice and sometimes peaceful walk. The only place where I think there could be furnishings is at the entrances and I don't know if they would be used. I don't think play elements in the area between Mass Ave and Cameron are appropriate and I am concerned about trying to do too much within a small space. The park should not be cluttered.

Say no
to
more
**BLACK
ASPHALT,
HEAT
ISLANDS,
DEAD
TREES!**

Save Linear Park!

	STRAIGHTENING & WIDENING PATH CONVERTS PARK TO "EXPRESSWAY"	RESTORATION	EXPRESSWAY
COSTS	Mature tree damage/loss	none	80+
	Current cost estimate	\$2 million	\$5.5 - \$7 million
	Park closed, all traffic re-routed, no recreation, no pets	4-6 months	18-24 months
	Excavation of potentially contaminated urban fill soils (open-ended cost)	minimal	needs research
	Transit time saved (only for Electric Vehicles & faster bicycles)	none	30 seconds
CLIMATE CHANGE	Total pavement increase	none	DOUBLE
	Lights, posts, foundations & utility boxes (Remove & Replace requires deep excavation)	paint	35 to be junked
	Drought resiliency & tree growth environment (repair irrigation system, smaller heat islands)	✓	x
	Urban Forest Master Plan & Net Zero Action Plan compliant	✓	x
	Limit DECREASE of shade from mature trees & limit INCREASE of "heat islands"	✓	x
HEALTH	Award-winning design retained (4 awards)	✓	x
	Traffic calming from existing width & curves	✓	x
	Width AASHTO bicycle compliant AND matches Somerville & Belmont	✓	x
	Slow speeds: fewer collisions, less harm from collisions to pets, pedestrians, vehicle operators	✓	x
	Mental/physical Public Health benefits: heat, shade, green open space, safety, sense of safety	✓	x

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BLUE: shared, all allowed

RED: bike + electric vehicles

PURPLE: pedestrian only



Underpass from Alewife T to IQHQ



LINEAR PARK
10.5' typical width

Mass Ave is wider than Linear Park

Somerville
10.5' wide

to Arlington + Minuteman
12' wide

to Belmont
10.5' wide

Rte 16

Rte 2

IQHQ

Whittemore

Harvey

separated bike lanes thru IQHQ

Russell Field

Dudley St with "bike sharrows"

Alewife T

Jerry's Pond

Rindge Ave

Railroad crossing someday?

Movie Theater

The Mall

Danehy Park

Railroad tracks

8/29/23

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