

## WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU ABOUT THE TRIAL

- ▶ The pilot is confusing, and it looks like a construction site.
- ▶ Speeding is still a concern throughout the corridor, and crashes seem to have increased.
- ▶ The orange and white barriers and the parked cars made it more difficult to see around the corner, especially when exiting the side streets.
- ▶ Trash trucks, buses, and other vehicles block the lane, causing more congestion.
- ▶ The design should extend to a rational endpoint, such as American Legion or Hyde Park Avenue.
- ▶ The bike lane is blocked by cars, trash barrels, and other debris.

## WHAT WE WILL DO FOR THE EXTENDED TRIAL

- ▶ We will use pavement markings to better indicate travel lanes, parking lanes, and bike lanes. This also makes it easier for you to park.
- ▶ We are removing the orange barriers and replacing them with flex posts, like the ones you see on projects elsewhere in the city.
- ▶ We refined the design to improve visibility when entering and exiting side streets.
- ▶ We are working with the Police and Transportation Departments to provide educational warnings to people who have parked in the wrong place.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE PROJECT?

### OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

- ▶ Contractors will make changes to the street, including new pavement markings and replacing the barriers.

### THROUGHOUT FALL AND WINTER

- ▶ We will continue to collect data, including travel time, bus delay, and speed tests.
- ▶ Residents can provide feedback via our survey and at virtual or in-person meetings.
- ▶ We will share what we learned from the trial. We will share an updated design proposal.

*A rendering of the design for the extended trial:*



## VIEW MATERIALS AND UPDATES

[boston.gov/cummins-highway](https://boston.gov/cummins-highway)

## HAVE A QUESTION?

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# CUMMINS HIGHWAY DESIGN TRIAL



## WE INTRODUCED TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CUMMINS HIGHWAY

**THIS SUMMER.** We found that speeds were much safer while overall travel times did not significantly increase.

## WE HEARD YOUR CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS AND REFINED THE DESIGN FOR THE EXTENDED TRIAL.

To make the trial better, we will stripe the street and use modular plastic curbs and flex posts instead of orange barriers. This will make it more obvious where to drive, park, catch the bus, and ride a bike.

## HOW THE TRIAL CHANGED DRIVER SPEEDS

Pedestrians are safer when drivers travel 25 mph, our citywide speed limit.

- ▶ We first measured speeds on Cummins over two days in October 2018. At that time, **between 35% and 39% of drivers traveled 35 mph or faster.**
- ▶ We measured speeds in the same location on August 12 and 13, 2020. This time, **only 10-11% of drivers traveled at 35 mph or faster.**

## HOW THE TRIAL CHANGED BUS TRAVEL

We timed how long the bus took to travel between Mattapan Square and Wood Avenue. (All times include wait times at bus stops.)

- ▶ In August 2019, it took 2 minutes and 41 seconds to travel to Mattapan Square. **In August 2020, that trip was 13 seconds longer** (total 2 minutes and 54 seconds).
- ▶ In August 2019, it took 4 minutes and 54 seconds to travel from Mattapan Square. **In August 2020, that trip took 25 seconds longer** (total of 5 minutes, 12 seconds).

## HOW THE TRIAL CHANGED EVENING TRAVEL TIME

We drove the corridor multiple times between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

- ▶ In August 2019, the trip from Wood Avenue to Mattapan Square took 1 minute and 52 seconds. **In August 2020, that trip took 20 seconds longer** (total 2 minutes and 22 seconds).
- ▶ In August 2019, the trip from Mattapan Square to Wood Avenue took 2 minutes and 26 seconds. **In August 2020, that trip took 26 more seconds** (total of 2 minutes and 52 seconds).

# ENVISIONING A SAFER, MORE ACCESSIBLE CUMMINS

Thousands of Bostonians live, worship, and shop along Cummins Highway. It connects Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Roslindale neighbors to jobs, transit, schools, and local businesses. However, it is one of the most dangerous streets in the City, has few trees, and is difficult to cross on foot.

Our goal is to transform Cummins Highway into a tree-lined neighborhood street that is safe for families to walk, wait for the bus, ride bikes, or travel by vehicle. It will connect residents to the City's network of open spaces and will be easier for our elders to cross. The proposed design aims to incorporate neighbors' top goals for the street.



## IN THE PROPOSED DESIGN WE WILL:

- ▶ Allow for **safe, but slower**, vehicular travel.
- ▶ **Widen sidewalks** to make walking more comfortable and provide space for new **street trees and plantings.**
- ▶ Make **crossing the street** easier by shortening the crossing distance, making crosswalks more visible, and building raised crosswalks across side streets.
- ▶ Improve **bus stop** accessibility and comfort for people waiting.
- ▶ Build **separated bike lanes** with a **buffer space** to help you get in and out of your car and where you can leave out your trash and recycling bins.
- ▶ Add new **street lighting** that better illuminates pedestrians and traffic.