

Davis Square Streetscape: Community Input

General Concerns / Suggestions:

1. Signals cause congestion and safety issues for all modes
2. Safety concerns for pedestrian crossings
3. Wayfinding is a major issue for all modes
4. Need additional civic spaces
5. Sidewalks are too narrow
6. Bricks are uneven, can they be fixed or is there a better material?
7. Limit times when trucks can enter the square
8. Traffic and congestion - Too many one way streets?
9. More bike parking and markings are needed
10. Use LED lights and limit light pollution



Davis Square Center:

- Elm Street slip lane is dangerous for pedestrians and inefficient for vehicles
- Crossing at Highland Ave. is dangerous - right turn lane signal creates conflict
- Circulation and crossing at the T station is confusing
- Pedestrian crossings are needed at multiple locations
- The sidewalk is too narrow at Elm Street
- Brick crosswalks are hard to see at night
- Bike route through the square is too circuitous and confusing
- Bike safety concerns: need new / refreshed markings
- Are one way streets creating traffic issues?
- Consider making Wallace St. 2-way
- Reverse direction on Winter Street



Elm St. at Grove & Russell:

- Intersection is dangerous and confusing for pedestrians and cyclists, conflicts with cars
- Wasted, inaccessible space at traffic island
- People jaywalk at tip of park/parking lot
- Sidewalk on East side of Elm and at corner of Grove St. is too narrow
- Aesthetic improvements needed at Winter Hill Bank Plaza and Domino's
- Sidewalk at parking lot and at Summer Street too narrow
- Low visibility for cars turning left from Elm to Grove
- Consider removing parking lot and Summer St. spur to create a plaza and reduce conflicts
- Need additional crosswalks
- Need widened sidewalks



Cutter St. & Highland Ave:

- Cutter is the most dangerous street for bikes - need markings
- Intersection is an issue for bikes, pedestrians and turning trucks
- Clarify traffic lanes
- Add a 2 way stop light at the intersection
- Remove cobble and make a more traditional intersection

Highland Ave & Grove St:

- Pedestrian crossing is difficult on Highland Ave.
- Traffic on Highland Ave. is too fast and drivers are fighting to cross traffic
- Consider bike lanes on Highland Ave.
- Gate at Grove St. impedes circulation - open for bicycles.
- There should be a 2nd crosswalk across Highland Ave.
- Consider a raised intersection to slow traffic
- Concerns about accomodating traffic from Community Path.

Davis Square Streetscape: Planned Improvements

General Improvements:

1. Improved signalization for all modes of transportation
2. Increased amount of vegetated and civic space
3. Improved wayfinding
4. Additional crosswalks, tabled where appropriate
5. Widening of sidewalks along Elm St, at Middlesex Savings Bank and Statue Park
6. Bike markings and bike boxes on College Ave, Highland Ave. and Holland St.
7. Improved Community Path circulation / connection
8. Additional bike parking
9. New and interesting street and plaza furnishings
10. Improved lighting including LED lights, minimal light pollution
11. Increased number of recycling receptacles
12. Improved sidewalk materials for better usability, ADA sensitivity, and aesthetics

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Davis Square Center:

- Removal of Highland Ave slip lane to create new civic park space
- Raised crossing at College Ave.
- Widened sidewalk at Statue Park and MBTA to accommodate a "walk-your-bike" Community Path connection through the square

Elm St. at Grove and Russell

- Sidewalk bump-out and crosswalk re-alignment at Grove St.
- New Crosswalk at Elm and Russell intersection
- Possible Phase 2 includes the redesign of parking lot island and Summer St. spur to create a new civic park and entry to the square

Cutter St. & Grove St. at Highland Ave:

- New signal, intersection layout, and crosswalk at Cutter St. and Highland Ave.
- New traffic table at the Grove St. intersection