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## State plans another meeting to discuss plan to rebuild Cambridge Street overpass in Allston

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State officials plan to hold another public meeting this month to further discuss a closely scrutinized plan to rebuild the Cambridge Street overpass in Allston.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Jackson Mann Community Center in Allston, according to the [state transportation department's website](#).

In recent months, hundreds of neighbors [have signed](#) on to petitions calling for a series of changes to the two-year, \$10-million project.

A [letter](#) this month signed by sixteen organization and 332 residents said the state should install crosswalks and pedestrian signals to make the street safer to cross on foot, and it says the state should cancel its plan to install a fence on the median of Cambridge Street.

The petition, similar to an [earlier letter](#), also asked the state to lower the speed limit along Cambridge Street, to install physical barriers between bicycle and vehicle lanes and to change the design of plans at other key intersections the project would affect.

State officials for months told residents they could not install a pedestrian crossing on Cambridge Street, which runs over the Massachusetts Turnpike. But in November the state transportation department [announced](#) it was considering the idea and conducting an analysis to see if a crossing would be feasible.

To read more about the project and residents' concerns over the plans, click [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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Completely ignored? You've got a neighborhood torn in half by fourteen (!) lanes of roadway -- 8 on the Pike, 6 on Cambridge Street. Yet, asking motorists to slow down between the traffic light at the corner at Harvard and the light at Lincoln Street to allow for a safe pedestrian crossing is a bridge too far?

P.S. The MA gas tax doesn't cover 100% of state roadway expenditures. The rest is made up from general revenue, including from the folks who aren't driving so much.

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Pedestrian safety is certainly a priority, but lowering the speed limit on the bridge does not strike a proper balance at all. Road users (the ones who ultimately pay for the road improvements via the fuel excise tax) are willing to share the road, but not be completely ignored.

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great lets put more bike lanes in yayyyyy hooray for traffic!!! hooray for \*\*\*\* bikers taking up the whole road yayyyyyy!!!!!!

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