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## Neighbors urge more changes to plan to rebuild Cambridge Street overpass in Allston

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By Matt Rocheleau, Boston.com Staff

Residents and commuters continue to push state officials to change several aspects of a plan to rebuild the Cambridge Street overpass in Allston.

Earlier this month, state transportation officials **announced** they agreed to make several of the changes requested of them. But they said a few other components of the project will remain, despite objections from neighbors.

In a **letter** this week to the state transportation department, community members thanked the department for agreeing to amend portions of the project.

“However,” the letter said, “with the goal of slowing traffic speed and creating a safer street for pedestrians and bicyclists, there are still a few final modifications to the design that we hope you will agree are essential to make this a project of which we can all be proud.”

The letter includes asking the state: not to install a fence along the median of Cambridge Street; to make bicycle and pedestrian travel areas wider by narrowing vehicle traffic lanes and the median; to install a regular red-yellow-green traffic light instead of a blinking-yellow traffic light at a proposed crosswalk; and to install a proposed crosswalk at Mansfield Street before construction starts.

The letter, which petitioners said had been signed by 141 residents and six local organizations as of Wednesday night, proposed a few other changes for the project. The letter’s petitioners said the state transportation department will accept public comments about the project until noon Monday, Feb. 3

The 2-year, \$10-million construction project is scheduled to begin in the spring, officials have said.

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


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Cambridge St. Has been a dangerous pedestrian zone for children going to school for 50 or more years. Thankfully there is sanity in Allston.

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The letter claims that a median fence to discourage dangerous jay-walking makes motorists drive faster? Really? A fence makes people drive faster? Where did they pull that from?

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