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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Summary of Mass Ave Corridor Plan Approved by Board of Selectmen August 10, 2009

- **Project Boundaries:** Cambridge city line to Pond Lane (approximately one mile)
- **Lane Configurations:**
 - Two lanes eastbound from Harlow Street to Alewife Brook Parkway
 - One through lane eastbound (toward Cambridge) from Pond Lane to Bates Road, with left turn lanes to side streets
 - One through lane westbound (toward Arlington Center) from Alewife Brook Parkway to Pond Lane, with left and right turn lanes at Lake Street and left turn lanes at other side streets
- **Medians:** A flush, textured median ranging in width between 5' and 10' (depending on width of road and number of lanes), providing pockets for left turns, and ample space for passing and emergency vehicles
- **Bike Accommodation:** 5' bike lane in each direction, to improve cyclist safety and discourage sidewalk riding.
- **Pedestrian Safety Improvements:**
 - Three new marked crosswalks near Bates Road, Harlow Street, and Milton Street, for a total of 15 crosswalks.
 - Sidewalk extensions (aka bump-outs) that shorten pedestrian crossing distances in most crosswalk locations
- **Traffic Signals:** All three existing traffic signals will remain, at Teel/Thorndike Streets, Lake Street, and Linwood/Foster Streets with an additional signal at Bates Road. Traffic signals will be modernized to increase efficiency and improve traffic flow.
- **Business District Improvements:** Some very limited widening of sidewalks in the Lake Street commercial district. Pedestrian scale lighting, benches, street trees, bike racks, and other amenities will be added, concentrated in the Lake Street commercial area.
- **Parking:** Approximately the same number of legal parking spaces as currently provided.