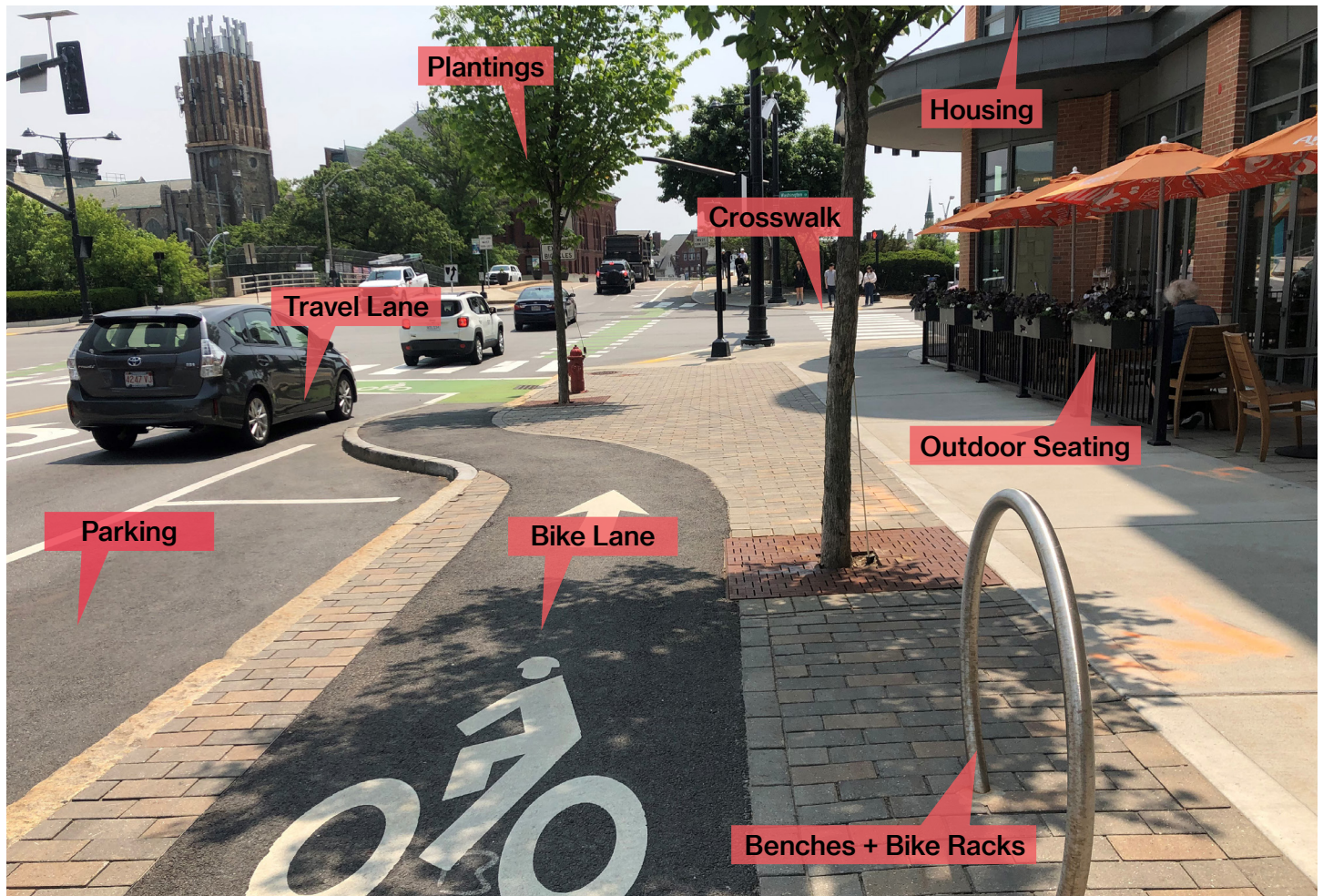


Enhancing Safety and Equity for All Street Users

Transportation - Village Center Overlay District (VCOD)



The Walnut Street improvements beautify Newtonville Village through wider sidewalks, traffic calming bump outs, 78 new trees and planters, sidewalk furniture, new streetlights, updated traffic signals, and simplified intersections.

The VCOD zoning focuses new, smaller housing near existing businesses, plazas, and transit.

Locating multi-family housing in village centers and near transit results in less driving and lower car ownership. The VCOD zoning removes minimum parking requirements, except in MRT zones, since a recent MAPC study found that 50% of the parking in Newton's multi-family buildings goes unused. This reduces expensive, unused parking that increases housing costs, while allowing parking to still be built if the project needs it to attract residents.

VCOD development is oriented to support and improve community quality of life through wider sidewalks, seating, landscaping, good lighting, bike parking, and more. In addition, new developments will be fully accessible, complying with all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Multiple Transit Options in Village Centers



Bluebikes available at the Newton Highlands T Stop.