

Columbia Road Community Advisory Team

The sixth and seventh Community Advisory Team (CAT) meetings were combined into a single session on Tuesday, December 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

To make up for a canceled November meeting, the project team hosted an extended CAT session, allowing members to engage in two interactive workshops focused on shaping the Columbia Road corridor.

During the first workshop, project team members introduced a **new framework for organizing the roadway design process**, which divides the corridor into four distinct geographic “**districts**” based on roadway characteristics. For example, the section near **Upham’s Corner** was identified as the “**Main Street District**” due to its concentration of businesses. CAT members provided feedback on the proposed framework and discussed how these districts could influence design decisions.

The second workshop focused on reviewing **sample street designs created by community members** at the **October Open House** and the **October CAT meeting**. These designs emerged from the “**Allocating Space**” activity led by Toole Design, which allowed participants to experiment with different ways of distributing roadway space for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and vehicles.

Through these discussions, CAT members contributed valuable insights that will help refine the project’s approach to designing a safer, more accessible Columbia Road.

