

The Cedar Hills Community Association Active Transport Group was working on a request for a project like this, when we learned the region already had plans underway!

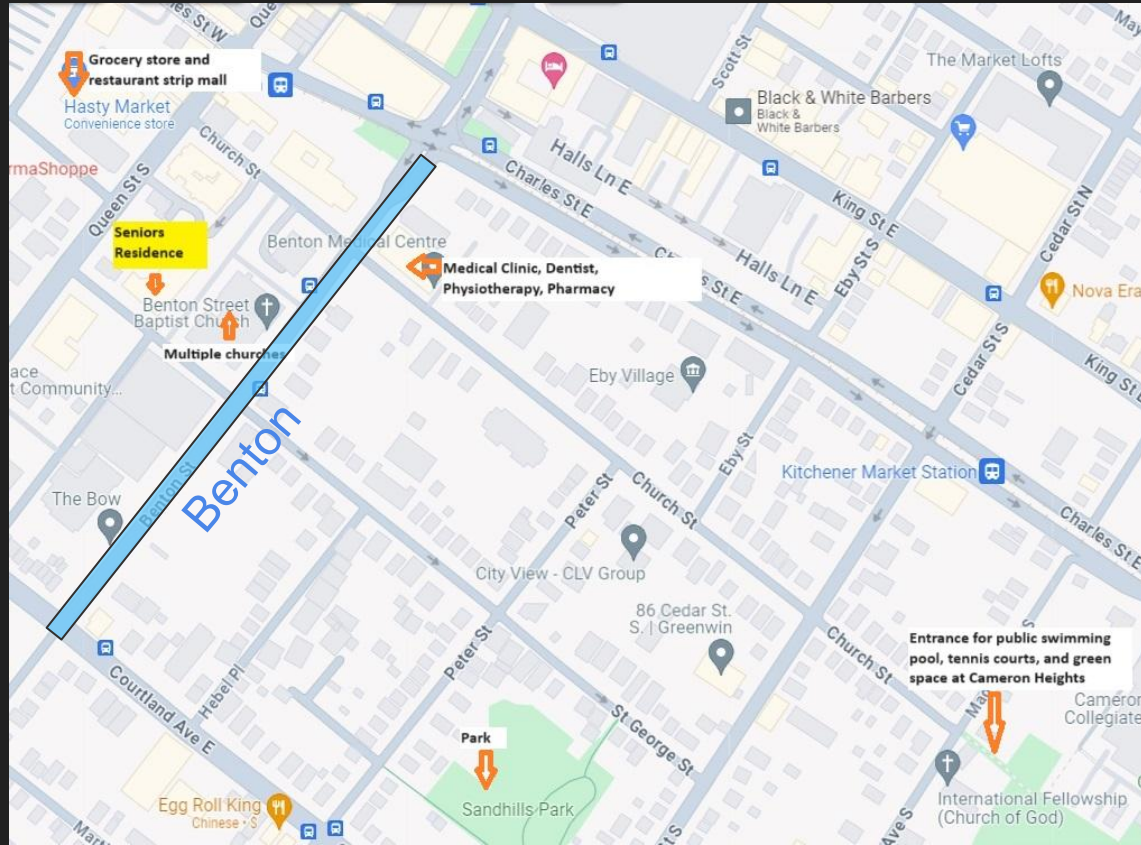
We're excited for both Phase I and Phase II of the project. The infrastructure will make cycling and walking safer.



Benton St between Courtland Ave and Charles St

Pedestrian Safety

At the moment, people frequently cross Benton at St. George St and Church St where there is no crossing infrastructure and there are four lanes of traffic. **People are accessing groceries, medical services, greenspace and leisure space** that is located between Charles St and Courtland Ave.



A non-exhaustive map of services in the area

A **seniors residence** is on one side of Benton and a **medical clinic** is on the other. St. George St and Church St are at the top of a hill. People need to walk down and up the hill to access an official crosswalk, which isn't possible for those with **mobility issues**.

Even those who are able to walk down the hill to Charles St may choose not to because the intersection is wide, loud, busy and overwhelming.



Intersection at Benton St and Charles St

The Phase I cycle lanes will make it **safer for cyclists and pedestrians**.

It's already a cycling route used by many. Others would like to cycle on Benton but currently avoid it because of too many close calls with cars.

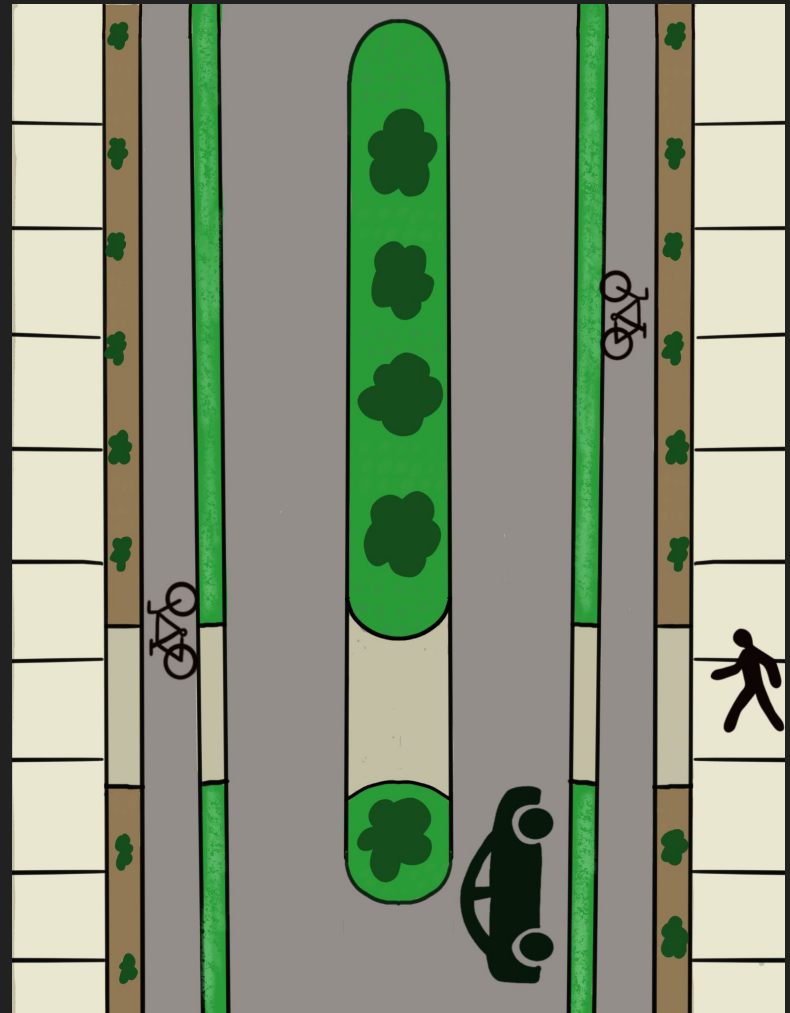
Reducing four lanes of traffic to two will immediately make it safer for pedestrians crossing the road.



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The community is excited for Phase I and very much looking forward to Phase II where we can have crossing infrastructure and tree canopy for shade.

Thank you for working on Phase I and we hope Phase II can move forward as quickly as possible.



Finally, **thank you for prioritizing people over cars.** Cars are unsafe for everyone not driving that specific car. This will make it easier for people to travel but foot, bike and easier to access transit.

Even parked cars take up space that could be for a better purpose – in this case, cycle lanes. The few cars sometimes parked on this stretch of road also make it difficult for pedestrians to see oncoming traffic.

Thank you for making the streets safer.



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Thank you for your work!