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## **Construction Begins on Grand Junction Community Path and Streetscape**

On Wednesday, August 19th, construction will begin on the first phase of the Grand Junction Community Path project along Galileo Galilei Way, between Main Street and Broadway. This inaugural section of the path, in Kendall Square, will include new landscaping, seating areas and a children's play area. The project is jointly funded by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), with construction oversight by the City of Cambridge's Department of Public Works (DPW). In the future, the full Grand Junction shared-use path promises a new route for bicyclists, walkers, joggers, and rollerbladers alike, thereby significantly improving healthy mobility options between Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's Allston/Back Bay.

Crews from Mattuchio Construction, Inc., the project's contractor, will be working to improve the sidewalk intersection at Main Street and Broadway—installing new benches, granite seating elements and bicycle racks. This initial work will go on for approximately 2-to-3 months, followed by additional landscaping next spring. Crews will suspend construction activity during the winter months.

Starting in mid-September, construction fencing will border the work zone along Galileo Galilei Way, and a pedestrian detour will be provided while the current sidewalk is replaced with the 14-foot shared-use path. The gazebo at the corner of Galileo Galilei Way and Main Street will be removed to make way for the project. Once finished, the multi-use path will be fully landscaped with over 100 new trees and shrubs.

*For more information, please visit [www.cambridgeredevelopment.org/grand-junction-pathway](http://www.cambridgeredevelopment.org/grand-junction-pathway) and [www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/GrandJunctionPathway](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/GrandJunctionPathway).*

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Dear journalists,

Please see the attached news release on the Aug. 19th start of construction of the first phase of the Grand Junction Community Path, in Kendall Square. Thank you.

Best,

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