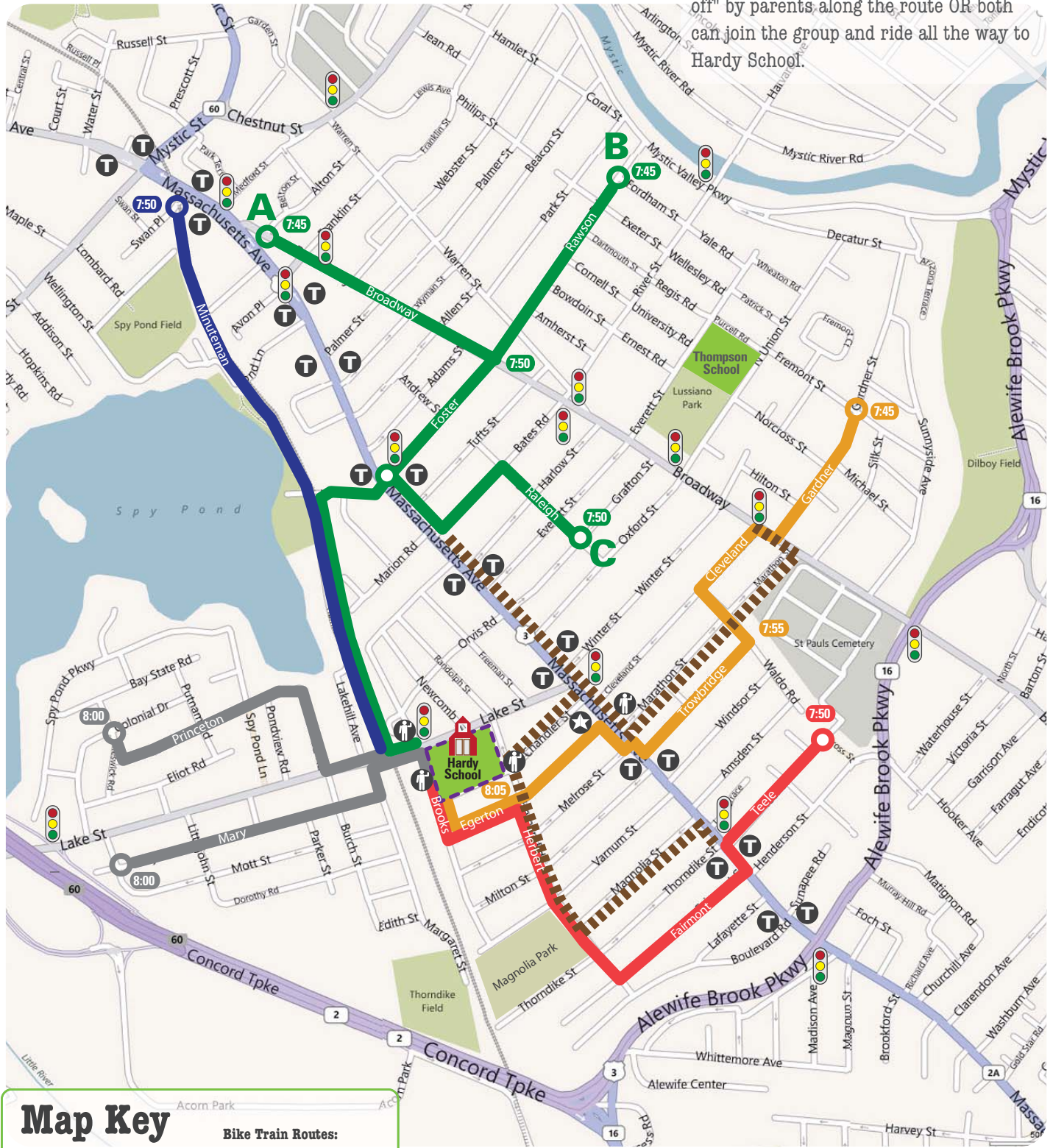


Looking for a quick and healthy way to get to Hardy School?

# Jump on board the Bike Train!

## What's a Bike Train?

It's a group of kids being led to school by 2-3 parent volunteers. The idea is to get to school on time and safely without driving and have a little fun. Kids are "dropped off" by parents along the route OR both can join the group and ride all the way to Hardy School.



### Map Key

- crossing guard
- remote vehicle drop-off
- bus stop
- suggested walking route
- traffic signal

### Bike Train Routes:

- Red Line
- Orange Line
- Green Line A/B/C
- Blue Line
- Silver Line
- Bike Dismount Zone

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## Getting Your Children to Hardy School

East Arlington Livable Streets (EALS) Coalition and the Hardy and Thompson Principals encourage students and parents to walk or bike to Hardy School this year. Space for automobile drop off and pick up around the school is extremely limited and traffic congestion on Lake Street and elsewhere is at its peak at 8:00-8:30am on weekdays. By walking or riding with your children, you help them develop skills to be safe as pedestrians and cyclists, provide them (and you!) an opportunity for physical activity, and help reduce traffic congestion at the school. It can also be fun for the kids, especially if they travel in groups with their friends and neighbors. It's because of this that the EALS Coalition—with consultation with the schools and the Town's Transportation Advisory Committee—developed the morning Bicycle Train and Walking School Bus map on the reverse side. We have also organized volunteers to help lead some of the routes so that there are 2-3 parents for every group of young riders. We know that walking or biking every day of the year will not be possible, but we hope that you'll try it out on occasion or on a regular basis. You and your child(ren) will probably end up loving it!



## Walking

For safety, walkers should:

- Obey instructions from parents and guardians, and refrain from running and pushing.
- Look twice and listen before crossing the street. Never assume a driver will stop. Try to make eye contact.
- If possible, cross streets at locations with crossing guards or at intersections with traffic lights (during the “walk” phase of course!)
- Cross only at intersections, never dart out from between parked cars.
- Walkers should stay on the sidewalk except when crossing at an intersection.

## Bicycling

Parents and parent-volunteers leading the Bike Trains are expected to ride with the children to and from school.

For safety, cyclists should:

- Obey instructions from the adults who are with them, stay with them, and refrain from swerving.
- Ride with traffic, and obey signs and signals. Please ride on the street, not the sidewalk. If a street or intersection is too challenging, dismount and walk on the sidewalk or crosswalk. The area immediately adjacent to Hardy School and crosswalks with supervisors should be considered automatic dismount zones.
- Student cyclists must wear helmets, and should use an appropriate basket or saddle bag (not a backpack) for carrying heavy loads.
- At the school, lock your bike on the rack provided. Try to avoid locking to benches, fences or trees.

## Automobile Drop-Off

**Please note that the school parking lot is for staff only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., so do not enter the parking lot during these hours.**

There are two zones for automobile drop-off. No parking is allowed in these areas between 7:45 and 8:15 AM. If you wish to stay in the playground with your child until the 8:10 bell, park on a nearby street and walk.

- Chandler Street Drop-off Zone is from Brooks Avenue intersection to the end of the playground fence along the left side. This area is for pull-up and drop-off only. The right side of Chandler is a designated travel zone for Drop Off traffic to enter and leave. Please have your child exit from the LEFT side of the car.
- Mass Ave Drop-off Zone is between Chandler Street and Egerton Road, adjacent to Cambridge Savings Bank. Please have your child exit from the RIGHT side of the car where a Hardy School teacher or staffer will be stationed. The walking route from there to the school is down the east side of Chandler Street to Herbert Road, cross Herbert/Chandler with the crossing guard, and then continue to the school.