

## **Draft Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting April 2014**

Present: Randy Stern, Cara Seiderman, Katherine Howitt, Jim Wilcox(DPW), Ari Ofsevit, Catharine Hornby, Michael Proscia, Jonathan Adams, John Goodman, Taylor Fickett, Peter Stokes, Megan Ramsey, Ken Williams, Kathy Watkins (DPW), Andrea Williams

### Agenda Review, Approval of Minutes, Other Logistics

February Minutes were approved. March minutes not voted on.

### DPW 5 Year Streets and Sidewalk Plan

Kathy Watkins (DPW) presented the Department of Public Works 5 year plan for street and sidewalk reconstruction to the committee:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/~media/Files/publicworksdepartment/Engineering/constructionnotes/FiveYearPlanPowerpointApril2013.pdf> The committee has been working with the DPW to incorporate more bicycle related information into the plan which now includes a slide for bicycle access during construction. The committee discussed the providing the DPW with the mapping data they have been collecting on bicycle infrastructure from the public at events. The data could help inform planned projects and small improvements for bicycle infrastructure around the city.

Also a new feature of the DPW's website is the Interactive Construction Map:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/engineering/weeklyconstructionhighlights/constructioninteractivemap.aspx>

This could be a place to incorporate public comment as well.

### Projects and Planning

Bicycle Network Plan – The city's consultant has been working on a wikimaps website that will allow the public to share information on routes/spots that are good or that need improvement for biking around the city. It enables the city to collect input from the public on the roadways to help inform projects and plan improvements. There will be an opportunity for the committee to meet with the consultants either at a committee meeting or separate meeting. There will be an open house for public comment on the Bicycle Network on 6/12.

Pearl Street and Kinnaird Street - There will be upcoming community meetings for both of these upcoming projects. Also the pedestrian committee will be doing a walking tour of Pearl St on 4/24 and bike committee members are welcome to join. Pearl Street potentially could have the option of including a bike lane if parking were restricted (either time-restricted for a part-time bike lane or completely restricted). The committee asked if a parking study has been done on Pearl St.; this will be done.

Bike Ped Bridge at Alewife - The city is applying for a federal grant to help fund this project. Catharine will write a letter in support of this project on behalf of the committee.

### Committee Projects / Subcommittee Reports

The Spring Ride will be 5/17 at 10am. The high school has offered to donate & prepare food for the ride, the committee will have to refrigerate the food overnight. The arts council will provide art landmarks for the map. The brochure designer has retired but there may be a template we can use for the brochure. The committee has selected safety videos to link to from the ride website. Also there will be an on-bike class 5/10 at 2pm available free of charge to city residents.

Bike Tour Open Studios: The Art Council is looking for volunteers to lead a small ride on an Open Studio tour. Interested people should contact John. MassBike may have a waiver form that tour leaders could use.

Brooklyn Boulder Event with Somerville Bike Committee: The Somerville Bike Committee has invited us to set up a table. The event is 5/3, 5/6 & 5/7.

Hotel Marlowe is hosting a Bike Tune Up Event 5/15 from 5pm-7pm.

Announcements

Six new Hubway Stations are coming soon.

There is a proposal for a new regulation for parking in the bike lane as a specific ticketable offence.

The next committee meeting is 5/14. The committee is looking for a volunteer to host the Summer potluck (in July or August)