

Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting DRAFT notes - 5-9-18

Attendance

Committee Members: Mark Boswell, John Ellersick, Amy Flax, Dien Ho, Michael Proscia, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes, Andrea Williams

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Stephen Meuse (TP&T), Rick Riley (CPD)

April Minutes approved.

Projects

1. Mt. Auburn Street between Holyoke St and Putnam Ave. Will get bike lanes repainted, and general traffic lanes rearranged to separate bike and car turning movements, with right turn only lane onto DeWolfe St - bike go straight when general traffic lane to left goes straight. Bike get red when cars turning right. Also, new treatment near Putnam Ave, with right lane for right or straight, and left lane marked for left to Mass Ave or Trowbridge. There will then be a process to discuss more significant changes – keep eyes out for announcements on this.
2. Garden Street. Will not get bike lane east of Linnaean because removing 20+ parking spaces would need a significant community process, which would be difficult at this time. May be revisited with community process in future. For now, sharrows and green crossings will be painted soon.
3. Inman St – some SLMs (shared lane markings, aka Sharrows) have gone in but still evaluating exact placement of SLMs for next portion.
4. North Mass Ave - will finish participatory budgeting project from last year by painting sharrows and green crossings that were in plans but not completed.
5. Brattle from Mason to Sparks, SLMs
6. Brookline St will get sharrows where bike lane ends until Mass Ave.
7. Albany St. – also SLMs
8. South Mass Ave - open meeting held, Randy on stakeholder committee representing Bike Committee, many good proposals for low cost addition of separated lanes most or all of the way from the River to Sydney St by reducing vehicle lanes down from 4 lanes to 2 lanes plus turning lane. Transit priority also part of this project. Gathering input on problem spots - see wiki map at <http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/southmassave>
Next stakeholder meeting 5/16 at 8AM at MIT.

Committee business

1. Spring bike ride – Saturday, May 19. Dien Ho and Mark Boswell to co-lead, Mike will send out assignment list, CD interns will staff tables, food donated from Bon Me, will highlight some architectural high points along route, may do raffle, need clever idea (a brick, a Cambridge architecture overview from the historical commission?), lightbulb swap at end of ride.
2. Summer ride, maybe at July meeting time, highlights built infrastructure, may advertise for wider participation and have police escort
3. Maybe potluck in August
4. Discussion of how to get bike lanes on Garden Street back on the agenda, and in general assert the committee's position on priorities for major projects - eg. Brattle, Cambridge St, South Mass Ave, North Mass Ave, Inman Sq, Porter Sq, Garden St. A subcommittee should take this up and provide a specific priority list from the bike plan to the city
5. Bike Committee position statement on Cambridge St (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D5RAqUtNcHlydpLmgt9LqiDFkrgOP84tWkvl9vibCX0/edit>) will be posted to CD web site with bike committee notes.
6. Bike Committee also endorsed writing a position statement supporting going forward with current Inman Sq plans - held up now because changes to "open space" need state legislature approval.
7. Bike counts (and other data collection) for Brattle and Cambridge St. underway - important to have good data. CDD will be posting signs on both Brattle and Cambridge with link to on-line survey to give comments.

DPW

1. Pearl Street work continues thru October
2. Lafayette Square
3. MIT Main St
4. Gore St community meeting planned
5. Grand Junction RR shutdown for rail repairs, will allow city to run utilities under tracks and improve grade crossings at Ft Washington, Mass Ave, Main St
6. River Street reconstruction process design will begin July 1, community meetings in fall
7. Green Line extension project started this month
8. Inman Sq going ahead as planned, assuming legislature approves article 97 review on open space. Plaza design – one more community meeting; tree review complete. Will be city council recommendation soon.