

Bike Committee Meeting 06/13/2018

Attendance

Committee: Jonathan Adams, Corby Bacco, Mark Boswell, John Ellersick, Amy Flax, Dien Ho, Patrick Lynch, Michael Proscia, Ruthann Rudel, Rebecca Simonson, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Stephen Meuse (TP&T), Bill Deignan (CDD), Juan Avendano (CDD)

1. Scott / Irving Project
 - a. Background: traffic calming + experimental project
 - b. Neighborhood reaction: they'd like reevaluation
 - c. Implementing: new sidewalks, raised intersection, green spaces, advisory bike lanes
 - d. Timeline: started in 2005 (informally); in 2010 it formally started
 - e. Advisory bike lane: dotted line, cars drive down the center and move over when there's oncoming traffic; they are used in the Netherlands; for lower volume streets, they are more robust than sharrows
 - f. Data: after implementation, speed of cars decreased, and decreased again with installation of advisory lanes; significant increase of cyclists + vehicle volumes; fewer crashes overall; survey data shows that 70% of respondents understood advisory lane markings and people using all modes of transportation, excluding vehicles, now felt safer
 - g. Discussion: advisory lanes markings can be confusing for drivers
 - h. Next steps: neighborhood has asked for review of advisory lanes, which were implemented as a pilot; Cambridge is looking into options – preferred option is shared lane marking without a center line
 - i. Bike committee conclusions: we want to see more data, including on the Lakeview bike lane which shares qualities with the advisory bike lane currently in place and is more robust than sharrows; we also want to see if there's an increase in dooring once the street design is amended
2. Minutes approved from last month's meeting
3. Project Updates
 - a. Inman: it has gone to the State legislature, will go back to the city council after that and there will be another design meeting; project will start next year at the earliest
 - b. South Mass Ave: Randy is on the committee and he feels optimistic about this process; DPW is evaluating floating bus stops; we would like to know the plans for snow removal
 - c. Mt. Auburn: delayed because DCR project needs to happen first
 - d. JFK to Putnam: will get improved existing markings
 - e. Mass Ave./Peabody: adding buffer for bike lane
 - f. White Street: ideas – switch direction of parking, unmarked contra flow
4. DPW updates from Jim
 - a. Chapter 90 projects: Pearl St., Harding St. + Porter St., Dudley St., Healey + Parker
 - b. O'Brien Highway: separated bike lane coming

5. Announcement
 - a. Data + surveys for Cambridge + Brattle streets will be given out at community meeting
6. Discussion on Huron Ave
 - a. Bike plan calls for separated lane but there is not enough room
 - b. There's concern from bike committee member that this eliminates key part of the bike plan without alternative
 - c. The answer is to attend community meetings on this particular project
 - d. This does, however, bring up the question of how the committee can keep up-to-date on projects with so much going on
7. Fun fact: City Mapper is an app for bike way-finding