

Draft Notes - Bicycle Committee Meeting of Oct. 12, 2022

Attending: Randy Stern, Diane Gray, Amy Flax, Carola Voelker, Guido Cuperus, Eitan Normand, John Ellersick, Anna Frebel, Scott Kilcoyne, Alison Harris, Julia Somerdin, Brennan Biemann

City Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Walter Goldberg (CDD), Stephen Meuse (TP&T)

Agenda/Notes

Minutes from Sept. 14 and Sept. 28 meetings approved - no changes

Bow Tie Ride debrief

- 136 riders, cool weather, several bow ties in evidence!
- Leaders (Guido and Scott) thought it went well
- Tail of the group got separated at one point - slow blue biker
- Police were great
- People appreciated food at the end - roll up sandwiches from the city, with food budget available due to lack of in-person meetings. Cara will try to see if there can be a dedicated budget for food in the future.
- Next ride - possible winter ride, then May ride (May 20, 2023) - continue to celebrate the joy of riding
- Route worked well, can reuse it for next fall.
- Could use more PR - a lot of people do not know about the ride

City Projects (Stephen)

- Garden St - work will start week of 10/24, including one-way traffic change, weather permitting
- Brattle St was repaved, some lines being painted in existing part of Brattle
 - Delay in getting curbing, implementation delayed to spring of portion to Sparks St
 - No plans at this time for transition from Brattle to Mt Auburn St
- Hampshire St - starting community discussions, what people will want- Nov 7 open house at DPW, zoom meeting on 15th
- Mass Ave 4 - Harvard Square section – Design complete June 23, implementation likely by 2024. DPW construction project - curbs moving, floating bus stops, etc.

Development Projects

- Lechmere Canal Park
 - Mark drafted a letter strongly recommending that the plan for a crushed stone path be changed to a paved path that will much better support cyclist and other wheeled travel, as well as year-round use by all people walking, etc.
 - The committee suggested a few changes to the letter to emphasize how this path may connect to a future bike path across the Museum of Science bridge, and is

important to be paved not crushed stone, and also the desirability of better ramps connecting the upper and lower paths.

- The committee approved sending the letter.

Committee Planning

- Subcommittees
 - Should schedule additional wayfinding and data subcommittee meetings
 - Bluebikes update meeting a possibility too - 25 more stations planned in Cambridge, many associated with development projects - 35% of trips start in Cambridge across the whole system. 1,000,000 trips in Cambridge in 2022 so far (3,000,000 across the whole system)
 - Data committee
 - Bike Count info - not ready yet, city consultants doing the analysis of video data
 - Miovision data? - undercounts users, needs tweaking to work better. Variable in terms of accuracy for each different intersection. Can be used for year over year comparisons, but not for absolute value counting. For example, could be as much as 30% undercounting, it varies, and we don't know how much.

Likely snow removal presentation to ped committee in October or November.