

Cambridge Bicycle Committee
March 13, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cara Seiderman (CDD); Mike Mantello (CDD); Jerry Friedman (DPW); Stephen Meuse (TP&T); Mark Boswell; Randy Stern; Richard Freierman; Denise Haynes; Martha Birnbaum; Muna El Taha; Leah Pickett; Michael Burke; Carola Voelker; John P. Ellersick; Alison Harris; Guido Cuperus; Eitan Normand; Diane Gray; Camille Jonlin; Catiana Jean-Pierre (guest); Billy O'Connell (guest)

I. February minutes approved.

II. Bike Rides

3/16 Winter ride

- We are all set, many volunteers
- Will send out map tomorrow
- Food from ECBA
- Free helmets for Bluebikes users

5/18 Spring Ride

- Theme?
 - Public art
 - African American history, or other history - plaques and stones
 - Secret gardens
 - Houses, historical and new
 - Electric ride
 - DECIDED on a history ride, and a subcommittee volunteered to work out the details off line; will contact the Historical Commission

III. Updates

TP&T

- Main St, Mass Ave to Portland St - design survey closed, still reviewing feedback
- Cambridge St, Inman Sq to 2nd St, - will have SBLs, meeting now with businesses and residents to get feedback, next public meeting in the spring
- Mt. Auburn/Aberdeen Ave - incomplete, final markings and signal timings this summer
- Spring brings lane marking maintenance, fishing flex posts, repainting some stripes for winter damage
- Question - bus lane markings on N Mass Ave in poor condition. A - Perhaps too cold when installed, repair will likely await Mass Ave partial reconstruction project

- Question - status of Grand Junction path? A - Held up by negotiations with the state, also Eversource may run a line there, overall it is delayed. Portion between Binney and Broadway under construction as part of the new park construction.

DPW

- Cambridge St. - will be slightly more than a quick build, including some floating bus stops, crosswalk improvements
- Pothole season - repairs begin soon
- River St - very rough road (a benefit is that this slows traffic), but may do temporary repave, at least of bike lane section (Harvard Street from Prospect to Portland recently received this treatment). Carl Barron plaza bus routes will move in April, with temporary walkway from Green St to Red Line.
- Mass Ave
 - Linnaean to Rindge - complex, will have proposal for working group in April, present to committees in May
 - Rindge to Alewife - Have met with a number of business owners
 - Question - can DPW keep a record of these conversations to publicly document who was spoken with, so people can't say "no one told me about this?" A - have not done that, but may be good idea
- Danehy-New St Connector - 3/26 for next advanced design meeting
- Fitchburg Line Bridge - Got grant to advance the design and build it (Yay!!)

Other

- April 28 Bike Month Kickoff event - Camille Jonlin volunteers to table on behalf of the bike committee
- 3/28 Ped Committee site walk on Cambridge St.