

CAMBRIDGE BICYCLE COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 10, 2010

344 Broadway, 4th floor conference room, Cambridge, MA 02139  
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Attending:

Adam Serafin (MIT), George Perkins (Acting Chair), Cara Seiderman (CDD), Peter Stokes, Walter Willett, Kathy Murphy (CPD), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Joan Friebely, Ellen Aronson, Chris Porter, Scott Walker, Ken Field (notetaker), Megan Krey, Tom Meek, Randy Stern (guest)

I. Introductions; Minutes; Agenda Review, Announcements:

Note Taker of the month: will go in alphabetical order. Minutes from the February 2010 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

II. Reports, Updates, Meetings

A. Western Ave. Reconstruction Project

A 20-person Advisory Committee is constituted and working on this; their next meeting is March 16th at 6pm at the Senior Center in Central Square. The next public meeting is March 31st at 7pm at the Senior Center.

B. Accelerated Bridge Program: Draft letter and reports from meetings

The Committee reviewed a draft letter to MassDOT encouraging adequate bicycle facilities. Additional comments and feedback by Committee members regarding the draft letter are solicited. Committee members are also encouraged to continue to attend public meetings.

C. Construction and Public Works Update

Jim Wilcox (Cambridge DPW) reviewed ongoing and new DPW construction projects, as detailed on attached list.

Plans for Harvard Square will be sent to the Committee electronically.

It was requested that Story Street be looked at for a possible contra-flow bike lane and future consideration be given to a contra-flow bike lane on Brattle Street.

D. Police Report

Sgt. Murphy (CPD) reviewed 6 bike incidents that resulted in citations issued to 3 automobile drivers. One incident involved a bus/bike interaction, and some discussion resulted regarding bus driver training with respect to such interactions. It was suggested that MBTA bus driver training personnel be invited to a future Committee meeting.

E. Development Projects: 22 Water Street; Alexandria

The Alexandria development project on Binney Street will be discussed by the Technical Subcommittee at a time/place tbd. This project will be reviewed by the Planning Board on Tuesday April 6th.

The 22 Water Street development team has introduced some revisions to their earlier plan, which will be reviewed by the Planning Board on March 16th.

F. GoGreen Month: Report from the Events Meeting of March 8; sign up for bike commuter appreciation on May 21; volunteers to assist with the May 22 bike ride.

Commuter Appreciation day is scheduled for Friday May 21. This generally involves 3 locations with 2-3 volunteers at each location. In the past we have given out pants clips, blinky lites, patch kits, and bungee cords. Suggestions were made for this year to give out bicycle maps, lights, or patch kits with the Committee or City logo. Another suggestion was to put up a sign the day before giving bike commuters a heads up about the following day's giveaways. Joan Friebely, George Perkins, Chris Porter, and Scott Walker volunteered.

The Cambridge Science Festival is scheduled for April 24 - May 2. The Swiss Consulate plans to do a "**Kids on Wheels**" event, including a bike rodeo, on Saturday May 1st from 2-5pm at the Consulate at Broadway and Ellery. Volunteers are welcome to help out.

The next CitySmart neighborhood is North Cambridge. Saturday June 12th is Neighborhood/Family Day, and there are volunteer opportunities.

Henry Lewis (Cambridge Health Alliance) will coordinate the spring bike ride, which will take place on Saturday May 22nd at 10:30am. At the March 8th planning meeting it was decided that this would be a Public Art bike tour of Cambridge. The route is under development, and George Perkins volunteered to help Ellen Aronson with this task. Whole Foods is tentatively slated to co-sponsor the ride, and provide snacks. Ken Field volunteered to help with publicity. The City will also provide publicity for the event. Greeters and other volunteers are needed.

#### G. Wayfinding/Bike Network

The status of bike networks was reviewed in a subcommittee meeting during the previous week. It was decided to focus on particular corridors through Cambridge, with an initial focus on the route from the BU Bridge to Union Square. A suggestion was made to consider the possible future application of 2-D barcodes for mapping and real-time routing purposes.

There was a subsequent discussion regarding the newly announced GoogleMaps bike route option, and the possible role the Committee may have had in encouraging Google to pursue this project and to include the Boston area. It was suggested that it could be helpful to give online feedback to Google regarding inclusion of "avoid major roads" option.

### III. Subcommittee Cluster Focus on Topic Areas and Projects

#### A. Integration with other organizations / the public

There was discussion regarding working with environmental groups and maintaining the Committee's outreach efforts with local elected officials.

### IV. Next Committee Meetings

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday April 14th from 5:30-7:30pm in the 4th floor conference room at 344 Broadway.