

Cambridge Bicycle Report

Meetings, Events, and News

February 1, 2013

MEETINGS

Monday, February 4: Beacon Street, Somerville 25% Design Hearing, 6:30 PM

JFK Elementary School in Porter Square

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Beacon Street Reconstruction and Improvement project in the City of Somerville, MA.

Click here for more information on the meeting:

http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/default.asp?pgid=content/hearings/somerville_020413&sid=hearing.

Click **HERE** for additional information and comments

Tuesday, February 5: Planning Board, 7:00 PM

Cambridge Citywide Senior Center

806 Massachusetts Avenue

Town Gown reports are submitted annually by Cambridge's educational institutions. The reports include information about student, staff and faculty populations, parking and transportation, and current and future development plans. Presentations to occur in the order below:

- Lesley University
- Cambridge College
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

For more information: Cliff Cook at 617-349-4656 or ccook@cambridgema.gov

Town Gown Reports can be viewed online on the Community Development website:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/towngown>

Copies are also available for review at the Main Library or contact Tracey Joyce at 617-349-4651 or

tjoyce@cambridgema.gov

Wednesday, February 13: Bicycle Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

344 Broadway, 4th Floor

Wednesday, February 27: Bicycle Committee Ride Committee, 5:30 PM

Plough & Stars, 912 Mass. Ave.

All are welcome!

EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

Friday, February 22, 2013: MOVE MASSACHUSETTS Speaker Series, 8:00 – 9:30 AM

WilmerHale, 60 State Street, 26th Floor, Boston

Due to a change in Secretary Davey's schedule, the Move Mass. meeting scheduled for February 8, 2013 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. at WilmerHale, 60 State Street, Boston has been moved to February 22, 2013 at the same time and location. The series will still feature Richard A. Davey, Secretary of Transportation & Chief Executive Officer for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Friday, February 22: Walk-Ride Day

Walk-Ride Day is the fourth Friday of every month. For more information, visit:
www.gogreenstreets.org.

ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS

Legislative Action on State Laws for Massachusetts to Improve Bicyclist Safety

Transmitting a request from MassBike:

I am writing to ask you to email your state legislators to co-sponsor the Vulnerable Road Users bill and the Bicycle Lane Protection bill written by MassBike and filed by Senator Brownsberger.

The "Act To Protect Vulnerable Roads Users", S.D. 723, will strongly encourage motorists to exercise more caution when operating around vulnerable road users, will educate motorists to operate more safely, and will provide law enforcement with additional tools to protect vulnerable road users. The bill defines "vulnerable users" to include pedestrians, bicyclists, and others including wheelchair users, all non-motorized users, and horseback riders. The bill enhances the fines applicable to motorists who kill or seriously injure vulnerable users, and requires traffic safety education and community service components. The bill also includes a harassment component that makes it illegal to physically harass a vulnerable user with a motor vehicle, and provides civil recourse for a wide range of harassing behavior. With the tragic string of bicyclist fatalities in 2012, the need for strong laws to encourage motorists to be more careful around vulnerable users is clear.

The "Act To Protect Bicyclists In Bicycle Lanes", S.D. 731, makes it a violation statewide for the driver of a motor vehicle to park or stand in a marked bicycle lane or other on-street bicycle facility. When a motor vehicle parks or stands in a bike lane, it endangers bicyclists by causing them to move out of the bike lane into traffic to avoid the parked vehicle, or squeeze between the parked vehicle and the curb or other parked cars. In most communities in Massachusetts, it is not clearly a violation to park in a bike lane. While the City of Boston has recognized the problem and adopted its own ordinance, we run the risk of a patchwork of inconsistent and confusing local laws if we do not act statewide.

Please ask your legislator to co-sponsor both of these important roadway safety bills. They can sign on by contacting Michael Buckley in Senator Brownsberger's office at michael.buckley@masenate.gov.

Austin Rand
Membership and Office Coordinator
Phone: 617-542-BIKE (2453)

Life in the Bike Lane: Hotels for the Two Wheeler

Tablet Magazine has a story about hotels for bicyclists. To read the full article, click here:
http://magazine.tablethotels.com/en/2013/01/life-in-the-bike-lane/?utm_source=cheetah&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20130118-NL_US-edit

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Second floor meeting room, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway

For more information or to view the agenda, click here:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/planningboard.aspx>

Wednesday, February 13: Concord Avenue Neighborhood Community Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM

Tobin School Auditorium, located at 197 Vassal Lane.

As part of the Alewife Sewer Separation Project, the City of Cambridge is holding a kick-off community meeting for the Concord Avenue Neighborhood. For more information click here:

www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ConcordArea.

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Monday, March 4: Joint Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee meeting on Huron Avenue, 6:00 PM

344 Broadway

More information TBA

Tuesday, March 19: Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

Second floor meeting room, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway

Scheduled Public Hearing on Zoning Proposal for Bicycle Parking

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Preparing for a Winter Storm

A winter storm warning is in effect for Friday and Saturday. To help you prepare, please refer to these tips:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/citynewsandpublications/news/2013/02/winterstormpreparednessinformation.aspx>

Give Feedback to the Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee

The Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee wants to hear your opinion about potential multi-use (cycling/walking/jogging) paths through Belmont that could connect Belmont to existing and planned multi-use paths in adjacent communities and facilities throughout town.

Please fill out a brief online survey, so the Town can better understand the needs of the community. The survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CommunityPath>, until March 31, 2013. Survey forms are also available at the Belmont Public Library, Town Clerk's Office, and Office of Community Development. Forms can be filled out and left with those Town offices.

Pedicabs Coming to Cambridge

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Bike Commuters are the Happiest Commuters

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March 4-6: 2013 National Bike Summit -- Bicycling Means Business

Washington, DC

League of American Bicyclists National Event

<http://www.bikeleague.org/conferences/summit13/>

Thursday, April 11: Bike/WalkSummit on Beacon Hill, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Beacon Hill - Nurses Hall

<http://walkboston.org/what-we-do/event/bikewalk-summit-beacon-hill>

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