

Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting July 2013

Present: Cara Seiderman, John Goodman, Andrea Williams, Catharine Hornby, Taylor Walker, Tom Meek, Dan Baronofsky, Madeleine DuBois, David Chiriboga, Sam Lipson, Michael Proscia, Katherine Howitt, Megan Ramsey, Peter Stokes, Ari Ofsevit, Matt Schrumpf, Jonathan Adams

Agenda Review, Approval of Minutes, Other Logistics

Climate Change Vulnerability Presentation

John Bolduc from the Community Development Department spoke to the committee about the ongoing city Climate Change Vulnerability Study. This is a 2 phase project, phase 1, currently underway, is dedicated to research and analysis; the second is a planning and preservation project. John presented what types of risks the city is studying: temperature change, flooding, extreme weather, sea level rise etc. The committee discussed how this relates to infrastructure and bicycling.

Committee Projects / Subcommittee Reports

Megan gave an update on the wayfinding committee. The signs for the Inman to BU route are currently being produced and should be installed soon. The draft of the next route, from Alewife to Porter had been distributed to the committee for comment. Also Megan has produced a google map of key destinations throughout the city and adjacent areas and would like committee members to select their top five to help guide the subcommittee when selecting their next route.

The committee discussed including schools on the next route and also participating in the next Bike to School day in May in some fashion. Also David suggested a survey of the general population and also students about biking, their knowledge and personal habits.

There will be an infrastructure meeting 7/29 or 8/5.

Bow Tie Ride

The fall ride will be Sunday, 9/29/13 at 1pm, pending police approval. John spoke with Trader Joe's; they will need a letter from the city regarding the donation, Cara or Catharine to follow up. John will be traveling abroad soon and he needs volunteers to help with the food donations.

Longfellow Bridge

MassDOT is hosting a meeting from 7pm-9pm (concurrent with this meeting) on the construction traffic management plan. The plan goes into effect starting 7/20. The current plan has one way vehicular traffic (inbound only), T both ways, two way bicycle traffic and one sidewalk open. During the weekends the trains will be shut down and 2 way bussing will take its place. There will be no vehicular traffic or bike traffic allowed on the bridge with the 2 way bussing. The committee would like the bridge to remain accessible by bike throughout construction. The committee will write a letter to MassDOT to that effect.

Alewife Path

The path is close to being completed, part of the path is open already. The committee will do something to celebrate when it is all finished.

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday August 14th potluck at Randy's house.