

Amanda Trombley, Brian Culver, Robin Finnegan, Cara Seiderman, Rosalie Anders, Bill Dwyer, Eran Segev, Debby Galef, Joseph Rose, Alan Greene, Rona Gregory, Sean Peirce, Megan Weintraub, Thayer Donham, Kobena Bonney, David Loutzenheiser, Helen Rose

Guest: Dan Epstein from TROMP
Gabriel (did not get surname; he had contacted Rosalie)

Agenda:

Introductions, Minutes

TROMP (D. Epstein)

News from the 'hoods

October intersection of the month (Mass at Wendell/Shepard)

Updates, reviews: Longfellow Bridge, Northpoint Bridge and Prep

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Updates: City Smart, MITC, Association of Pedestrians & Bicycle Professionals

Conference, Sidewalk Cafes & Mopeds

Subcommittees

No changes in minutes

Dan Epstein described TROMP: Travel Responsibility Outreach Mentoring Project. Wants to improve traffic in Cambridge, blanket the city with their educational message. TROMP plans to have a high school band concert contest in spring 2010, where the bands write songs about travel.

The committee needs to determine how much it wants to work with TROMP. TROMP seems to be good at publicity, could we harness that? Talk about it next month; perhaps refer to Community Outreach subcommittee.

News from the 'hoods:

East Cambridge: Alan described a crosswalk at Land Blvd/Memorial Drive near Memorial Drive by Broad Canal walkway. Cara spoke to Conrad Crawford at DCR about the intersection.

Central Square: Eran really appreciates the new curb cuts on the new sidewalks in Central Square.

Bill Dwyer: paving Cedar Street (Mass & Rindge) plus raised crosswalk, Ames St, Amherst St, Wadsworth St (all around MIT). Main Street bus turnaround: resurface (wish asphalt). Future funding for Main Street re-engineering . Appian Way.

Patio Seating: group of city staff met with restaurants that have patio seating (Christopher's, Charlie's Kitchen, Asgard), and they were receptive to concerns and complaints.

Amanda and Helen mentioned Bartley's Burger Cottage where the host's chair was in the middle of the sidewalk.

Kobena asked about sidewalks on Prospect Street between Broadway & St. Mary's. Bill will followup and get back to PedComm.

Intersection of the Month: Mass at Wendell & Shepard: brought up by David Loutzenheiser in 2001. Not a concurrent crossing. Only a crosswalk on one side of Mass Ave, not both. Should be a no right on red from Wendell onto Mass Ave. Since signal is not concurrent (but exclusive), in essence pedestrians never get the opportunity to cross Wendell. Cara thinks there might be an equipment problem. Sean wonders if there's a reason why the intersection cannot be concurrent?

Updates: Longfellow Bridge public meeting October 29, but Cara thinks it might be postponed until a week later. Some engineers estimate that the structure might be in better shape than originally estimated, which would mean less construction.

Northpoint bridge: qualifies for stimulus money. From Northpoint Park to Charlestown. Skate Park also a future project.

Cara says we should gather questions for Conrad Crawford (DCR) ahead of time. He will come November 19. Cara will an email requesting those questions.

CitySmart: Cara brought back lots of things from Walk21 Conference. She will have a slideshow at the December meeting.

Amanda reminded the membership what we do annually at the December meeting (potluck, rehash the year).

CitySmart: project winding down, have to do after survey. CitySmart events hadn't been as well attended.

Amanda suggested using the census information with car registration to determine where to focus CitySmart on next. We'll learn more about CitySmart later.

Rosalie spoke about MITC (Massachusetts Institute Transportation Collaboration): regions apply. Cambridge was one of nine teams participating. Call center or web site with all kinds of travel options.

Subcommittee Reports:

PVIS intersection of the month: Brattle & Hawthorn

Streetscape: reviewed plans for Cambridge Common & Flagstaff park with improved pathways. Will be able to get from Harvard Square to North Mass Ave. Project Manager would be happy to talk to full committee in the future. Taking space from street, creating enlarged park. Crossings in convenient locations.

Community Outreach: working on series of city-sponsored billboards. If anyone has

ideas for topics, send them to Amanda. Rosalie is getting guidelines for billboards including sizes. Come up with standard to act as fillers.

Need scribe for November meeting as Helen will be away.