

## **Cambridge Pedestrian Committee Notes June 23, 2011**

Andrea Yoder, Robin Finnegan, Thomson Kao, Joe Rose, Mark Robinson, MJ Jensen, Jeanne Cronin, Sean Pierce (chair), Elizabeth Bierer, Helen Rose

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Agenda:

- \* Introductions
- \* Signals: How they work. Cambridge Policies & practice
- \* Committee Elections
- \* Updates, Projects, Announcements:
  - reports from the 'hood
  - construction updates
  - state legislation: speed limit bill, other
  - Kendall Square project update
  - HARPO: Harvard, Porter Square Planning Project
  - Green Line Extension & Community Path
  - Development/Project Review
  - Police Report
  - Bike Share

*Jeff gave a presentation on traffic signals in the city*

*Break*

*Election results:*

Helen, chair  
Robin, vice-chair  
rotating scribe

Jeanne asked about Reside (shop on Concord Ave) putting furniture on the sidewalk.

*Construction updates:* Concord Ave moving ahead with rebuilding sidewalks. Upland Road done.

If there are any problems with news racks, contact Bill Dwyer.

work still ongoing to fix the 30" water main break at Broadway and Trowbridge

*Legislative Update:* there are several pieces of legislation that relate to pedestrians. It would be great for the committee to endorse some of these pieces:

- \* reduce the speed limit in thickly settled districts from 30 to 25mph. It passed the legislature twice, but then it has to go to the committee on the third reading, and then it has to be passed to the third time.
- \* red light cameras. Has been done in many states and is successful. Awkward & difficult for police to stop red light runners. Two kinds of enforcement: photographing driver, and photographing the license plate (not considered a moving violation). Doesn't identify the driver, eliminates the civil liberties issues. communities can decide to do it, not mandatory. municipalities will opt in.

*Others:*

- \* require use of headlights when cars use windshield wipers.
- \* act for providing for the safety of vulnerable road users (all except cars). Increases the fines if you're intoxicated and you hit a vulnerable road user, the fine will go from \$1,000 to \$10,000 (up from \$250).
- \* authorizing the use of senior citizen safety zones. Opt in by municipality

Rosalie will write a letter on behalf of the committee on the first two issues and will provide further information on the others.

People are encouraged to attend the Kendall Square public meetings.

HARPO: smaller scale improvements to crosswalks.

Green Line extension: Wednesday June 29, ostensibly about Lechmere station MassDOT has pushed back on integration of the community path.

Write to secretary of transportation, CC everyone. Andrea will attend meeting.

Bike Share aka Hubway: in order to move it forward, we need to create a space in the zoning code to enable stations to be placed on private property. City council forwarded it to the ordinance committee. Hearing on July 18. Planning board will hear it on July 26, then go back to City Council. Staff will draft a letter. Boston has a sponsor, Cambridge will not.

Boston launching in July. Cambridge aiming for this fall.

Next meeting: Kendall Square walk. Meet at the Globe fountain