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Cambridge Pedestrian Committee Minutes Thursday, January 24, 2013

I. DPW Updates

Most construction projects are moving slower due to weather

Weekend Dec. 26-28th (snowstorm weekend) 164 snow violations with 8 duplicates.

5 year plan- there were questions on how to have an impact as pedestrian committee for the 5 year plan. Bill has stated he will communicate back to DPW about this concern.

Service Request System- this is a system on DPW's website that is used for any maintenance issues that can be sent directly to DPW and to have a situation remedied, e.g. brick repair on a sidewalk. Helen Rose sent the link to everyone on the committee.

I. CITY PROJECTS

- A. Concord Ave. to Fresh Pond-sewer separation project. Meetings starting to discuss work being done on those streets (Concord Ave. between Fresh Pond and Huron Ave.). Would like feedback regarding how well the crossing islands on those streets are working for pedestrians.
- B. N. Mass Ave Project (Porter Sq. to Alewife) may move forward in the not-too-distant future. Sewer/water work needs to be done sooner. When a schedule is known, committee will be involved.

I. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- A. At the 1/22 Planning Board Meeting, recommendations were proposed regarding requirements for bike parking that is related to square footage. This is for new developments. A member made a comment during the meeting references the comments that the bicycle and pedestrian committees send regarding development projects to the Planning Board, emphasizing that the committee's memos were thoughtful and helpful.
- B. Hubway- questions on whether Hubway should run all year. Project to study the cost of clearing snow all year for Hubway vs. cost of reinstalling Hubway each season.

I. STATE PROJECTS

- A. Future discussion on adding a signal on Memorial Dr. right before Longfellow Bridge. There is no design, just a commitment to put one in.

I. OTHER

- A. MIT-Kendall Project- Project south of Main St. to upzone. Proposal is for parking underground and businesses and academics above.
- B. Main St. construction- out for bid soon
- C. Broadway -- construction will begin this spring.

II. PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE PLANNING

- A. New applicants- applicants are in, but not interviewed or screened. Will take another month or 2.
- B. Rewriting Pedestrian Plan- plan to review/revise. Plan is to break it up and help rewrite. Members have agreed to read the Pedestrian Plan and pick a section they would like to work on.
- C. Huron Ave. Survey- Plan is to do a simple survey and survey people on how they got to their locations (walk, bike, how often do they go to destination?). Looking to conduct in April. February mtg we will plan on April dates and discuss questions to ask.