

Cambridge Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Advisory Joint Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019

Attendance:

Bicycle Committee: Mark Boswell, Amy Flax, Peter Stokes

Pedestrian Committee: Debby Galef, Morgan Pinney, Johanna Pittman, Olivia Turner

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Dana Benjamin (TP&T), Kathy Watkins (DPW), Brian McLane (DPW)

Guests: Ken Terrell, John Pitkin

Five Year Plan for Street and Sidewalk Reconstruction

Kathy Watkins from the Department of Public Works presented an update to the [five-year plan](#) for street reconstruction. Updated versions of the Plan will be available [here](#). Updates centered on 1) an awareness of diversity and inclusion in the planning and implementation process; 2) the Bike Ordinance; 3) scheduling priorities, and 4) updated sidewalk conditions. In particular, there has been an effort to assess vulnerable populations in Cambridge and ensure that service is not being limited in any way to those populations. Related to the Bike Ordinance and the street reconstruction plan generally, there was a request on behalf of Bike Committee members to overlay the sidewalk reconstruction map with the bike path map.

Other Project Updates

TP&T: Porter Square striping is almost complete. The list of new Rapid Flashing Beacon locations is being finalized. Broadway/Ellery signals to be completed in May.

DPW: Sidewalk work taking place on Thorndike Street and Huron Ave. Also improvement at Harvard/Eliot. Somerville's Beacon Street reconstruction will bring improvements to Cambridge as well, since we share the street. The Inman Square project is out to bid and we expect the project to begin in 3-4 months.

River Street: In the April meeting, public feedback materials were collected and organized into themes.

Grand Junction: First committee meeting April 30.

Bike Plan: There will be an Open House scheduled for community members to provide feedback on the plan.

South Mass Ave: Faded pavement markings are being repainted. Installation of a pedestrian crossing at Novartis is taking longer than expected. The City with the help of committee members has started to collect pedestrian and bike count data which will help to provide a 360 picture of the project including successes and areas for improvement.