

June 2014 Bike Committee – Draft Notes

Present: Jonathan Adams, John Goodman, Megan Ramey, Ari Ofsevit, Ken Williams, Catharine Hornby, Cara Seiderman, Jim Wilcox, Katherine Howitt, Andrea Williams, Viola Augustin, Peter Stokes

Guests: Brian DeChambeau (CDD), Jeff Rosenblum (CDD), Tegin Teich (Somerville), Tom Doolittle (Kleinfelder), Kelley Brown (MIT), Melissa Shakro (MIT), Laurie Pessah (TDG), Nathan Crevier (Student)

I. Grand Junction Rail-with-Trail, MIT planning committee

Jeff: No DOT planning for two-way rail asked by Peter S

Kelley Brown (MIT): Traffic data, Bike counts, Evaluation Criteria, constraints and tradeoffs, and feasibility

Catharine: What are you trying to figure out? Kelley: Land has been used for 30+ years, mostly for service, Kathleen: address the needs of campus and public access

Tom Doolittle (Kleinfelder):

June 24 open house at Stata

MIT buildings are over and under corridor, with services (deliveries, etc) on surface. This is being evaluated by Kleinfelder team, how is it used, and how can it be kept with rail access and a bike facility.

September deadline to get report to MIT, October to the city.

Laurie Pessah (Toole):

Network and connectivity

Cyclists on Vassar and regional demand

National and MassDOT standards vs. reality in corridor

More transit = more peds

>11 feet for multi use path, AASHTO standard 14' for urban areas

>8 feet at pinch point

MassDOT: 11 feet from edge of rail

Vassar street evaluation: use and function

Traffic, crossings, signals, turns

Cara: Mass and Vassar = high crash #s

Laurie: Intersections = creating new crossings, and what is the bike/ped tolerance for delays

Ari: Grade separation? Answer: no way to come back to grade between Mass and Main. What about longer grade separation for rail and MIT utilities?

II. Bicycle Network Plan:

Open house tomorrow, crash data mapping, and bicycle comfort index
500+ people have submitted thousands of comments, and taken the survey

III. O'Brien Road Safety Audit

Ped Committee letter: would like to see median nixed for wider bike/ped accommodations, Cara will forward

Cycletracks: investigating feasibility

IV. Development project Review: 180R CambridgePark Drive

Behind Summer Shack, landing for potential bike/ped bridge in design

Andrea: \$ for bridge?

Peter: Build private roads for ADA and fire

Jim (DPW): Bridge landing misplaced on a DPW sewer line

Cara: Need a viable solution not just "lines on a map"

Needs a 5% ADA grade, and 24 feet of elevation over railroads

Cara: Commit land; cannot volunteer MBTA land unless there was a formal agreement. Could have a secondary staircase

Catharine will draft letter for a "real solution" and a bridge with stairs.

V. Construction Updates

Jim: Cambridge Common begins: taking parking on Mass Ave side, Flagstaff Park connection early on, 18 month project

Fix Cambridge Street tunnel, back to 1 lane in each direction.

Main Street in Kendall starting July 1, 18 month project

VI. Elections:

Jon = chair

Mike P = vice chair

Ari/Brenda will split secretary (both interested)

All votes uncontested / unanimous

VII. July:

Potluck at Megan Ramey's house, details to follow