

Cambridge Bicycle Committee DRAFT minutes Oct 16, 2019

Attendance

Committee Members: Joel Anders, Jon Anjaria, Julian Astbury, Mark Boswell, John Ellersick, Amy Flax, Ryan Frazer, Dien Ho, Gloria Huangpu, Patrick Lynch, Scott Olesen, Todd Robinson, Ruthann Rudel, Christine Smaglia, Randy Stern

Staff: Cara Siederman (CDD), Stephen Meuse (TP&T), Jim Wilcox (DPW)

Guests: Adriana Jacobsen, Gavin Lund

September Minutes approved

Bowtie Ride debrief

- Went very well, 186 riders, age recommendation helped keep group together, one injury when a person who was recording a video while biking fell (treated at the scene by the Fire Dept. EMT bicycle unit who were accompanying the ride and injuries were not serious).

Halloween Ride - Spooky Spokes

Sunday Oct 27, 12:30 – 2:30 PM, Corporal Burns Park/Memorial Dr.

- Very nice flyers created
- Need to post and email out!
- Spreadsheet for volunteers - more needed
- Will be fun - cargo bike demos, high wheelers, colored spoke light swag
- Still need prizes to be donated for costume contest

TP&T updates (Steven Meuse)

- Huron Ave. west of Alewife Brook Pkway to get bike lanes re-marked
- Mt. Auburn bus lane west of Alewife to get re-marked in red (South Mass Ave in spring)
- Contraflow lane will be added before end of this month on James Street off Mason to allow easier access to Brattle Street bike lane. Wayfinding sign to come. Suggestion to add green bike box at right of Mason for left turns onto James.
- Windsor Street contraflow lane between Hampshire and Cambridge St. was not well received by neighbors. TP&T will prepare a clearer background presentation for a follow-up meeting over the winter to explain the benefits more comprehensively - for example, showing how it fits into the network vision in the Bike Plan. Neighbors were also concerned about speeds on the street, and these changes should help address that concern.
- One quarter of protected intersection built at 145 Broadway at Binney. People should check it out.
- South Main St (Main to Longfellow Bridge) will get separated bike lane before end of year w flexposts
- New flexposts will be added to existing quick builds on South Mass Ave and Cambridge St.
- Garden Street - public process to start in winter. The plan (previously reviewed and approved by the bicycle committee) includes a curb bike lane from Shephard to Linnaean north bound. No room for flex posts. Will require parking elimination in this section, but parking kept on other side of street, with the existing green-backed shared lane markings headed southbound.

DPW, Jim Wilcox

- Jim gave a detailed PPT on the [FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR SIDEWALK AND STREET RECONSTRUCTION](#) which can be found on the DPW site
- It is Complete Streets driven, emphasizing Vision Zero, and in the future work will be guided by the Bicycle Safety Ordinance, a city ordinance that requires streets that are specified in the city bike plan as prioritized for separated bike lanes will include that design when the street comes up for reconstruction. In the next five years, that means River Street and Mass Ave in Central Square.
- Priority setting by DPW for which streets are included in any Five Year Plan includes whether those streets are designated as part of the bike priority network in the bike plan
- The City still has 40 miles of combined sewer/drain pipes that need to be dug up and separated.

2020 Bicycle Plan Update, process

- Meetings to be held starting soon with various stakeholders, both internal to city and external, including bike committee, bike advocacy groups, institutional partners, etc.
- There will be updates to maps, data, new bike counts, feasibility analysis for streets identified as needing protected bike lanes, planning for streets not in the 5 year DPW plan, a quick build plan, more definition to the elements of “traffic calming” to include for low volume streets in the plan
- Outreach includes wikimap, street teams, etc.
- Implementing an expanded process for talking to people where they are on the street, not just at evening meetings that skew the people who participate. Want to get more demographically diverse input.
- Jon Anjaria has a project to study community engagement, including equity issues and is working on collecting bicycle stories and ideas from under represented communities. He would like input on where to connect with people, what questions to ask, what people want to see, other things beyond infrastructure
- A suggestion was made to collect info from off peak riders, e.g., 6AM, midnight, perhaps go to Bluebikes stations to find groups of people; other ideas: public libraries, schools events, and from people who walk and drive as well.

Other

- December meeting to be with ped and transit committees, pot luck
- Dien Ho has been invited to participate in roundtable event with Ayanna Pressley about future of transportation, they are looking for input on how federal government might help support biking as means of transportation