

Bicycle Committee Meeting
5/19/21
Notes

Attendance

Committee Members: Amy Flax, Randy Stern, Gloria Huangpu, Mark Boswell, Jon Anjaria, Ruthann Rudel, Alison Harris, John Ellersick, Kira Chaney
Staff: Greg Hanafin (CDD), Cara Seiderman (CDD), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Stephen Meuse (TP&T)
Public: Raymond Hayhurst, Jeanne Oster, George Schneeloch, Gavin Lund, Katherine Beaty, Annette Osgood

Last meeting minutes - approved

City Project Updates

TP&T - Stephen Meuse

- [Mid Mass Ave meeting 5/26 at 6:00](#)
- Dudley Street and Harvey St - getting sharrows
- Main St, from Longfellow to 3rd St - adding flex posts to separated bike lane
- Somerville Ave, new separated bike lane from White St to Somerville line
- Ellery St, outreach TBD, bike lane temporarily not restriped until community engagement process completed about switching parking
- Hampshire St/Inman Sq - left turn lane added going east to Prospect St. There was extra space not used for parking or other use, and traffic had been backing up on Hampshire St due to dining space creation/one way westbound operation on Cambridge St.
- Question - The Bluebike station planned at Grand Junction and Cambridge St has been removed from plan? Reason why is not clear, space given to other uses. A station is planned at Binney and Grand Junction, but that's not nearby. At the June bicycle committee meeting there will be a Grand Junction update.
 - New Bluebike stations coming at Western Concord Ave at Spinelli, at end of New St near Danehy Park, 2 new stations in North Point near Lechmere Station, and Mass Ave between Putnam and Central near 955 Mass Ave
 - Bike committee will send a letter to the Grand Junction project manager requesting that the BB station at Cambridge St be restored. Amy Flax will draft a letter.

DPW - Jim Wilcox

- Finishing markings on Huron from Concord to Raymond, green bike lane
- Gore St, roadway next year after sewer work
- Fresh Pond Parkway at Mt Auburn St work to begin soon, DCR plans night work
- Harvard Sq Kiosk - work started today, plaza and cross walk still not bid yet
- Cambridge Watertown Greenway - end date pushed out to October, including Watertown Section, which has started to be paved now.
- Broadway at Galileo - Galileo being worked on now, but Broadway from Galileo to Ames St has major water work happening, but Galileo Way will be closed from Bway to Fulkerson until Labor Day. Bike lane must be closed too. Must use sidewalk, or a detour on Kittie Knox bike path to Broadway, or using "Little" Binney to Cardinal Medeiros.

Bicycle Plan Update

- In final stages of publication.
- Committee will review it soon, either in a separate meeting or in June.
- Question - when it is shared, is there any further opportunity for input and changes? The 2020 Update is complete for now, but of course some changes may be made in the future based on feedback.
- Question - there is some concern about streets that were demoted from “separation” to “low volume street”, e.g., Brookline St. A - Brookline St was left as being identified for separation (most of it is already a high comfort street).
- Question on Huron Ave as an important connector from West Cambridge to Porter Sq. In 2015 plan was designated for greater separation all the way to Garden St, but that section is now changed? A - The project has been constructed and is completed, it will stay as is for now.
- Question - Kathy Watkins had said that the design of that section of Huron Ave could be changed to replace parking with protected bike lanes? A. Thank you for your comment.
- Question - Shouldn't the bike plan reflect where we want a connected network of separated bike lanes, independent of what is built now? A - Let's discuss at the next meeting when we can all see the updated plan.

Bicycle Count App

- CDD web page, transportation, getting around cambridge, [bicycle data page](#)
- Links to all the pages that have bike data and graphs
- Data viewer, plus downloadable data
- Question - Anything for crash data? A - No display app now, but there is info on the [open data site](#)
- Question - can new intersections be added to the data in the future? A - There are automated devices that collect data at additional locations, these are new. Plus there is other data in the traffic department that needs to be wrangled into shape for display and processing.
- Question (public) - button for plotting red light running. Seems odd? A - that is data that has been collected so it was included. Also it is helpful to identify locations that have a problem that maybe can be addressed by design changes. Don't have access to motor vehicle data though. Not counted as “red light running” if the person bicycling goes with a leading pedestrian interval. These are manual counts, not automated.
- Question - can the red light running data be used in some way to identify where regulations should be relaxed, e.g., so cyclists can go on leading ped interval, or at crossing part of a T intersection? A - TBD

Committee Work

- Virtual Ride - Cambridge Health Innovation Virtual Ride story map
 - Someone could make a RideWithGPS version, or GPX file - Mark will see if he can do it after Greg makes some adjustments
 - Amy, Mark, and Greg did a lot of great work on this
 - Black-owned businesses ride will likely be a later summer project

- Question - maybe we can get word out further through some connections that we have made in the last year? A - Open to ideas, send them to Greg
- Pedestrian committee has a data projects meeting next week, people on bike committee are encouraged to attend.
- Summer
 - No official guidance yet on in person events over the summer. But seems likely we could do a committee ride of new facilities in July or August. Possibly also a community bike ride in September? Not sure what will happen yet. Another Bow Tie ride would be nice to do, rather than the Health Innovation ride, which is much shorter.

Public Comment

None