

Notes - 11/10/21 Bicycle Committee Meeting

Attending: Randy Stern, Cara Seiderman, Mark Boswell, Evan Killion (CDD), Amy Flax, Adi Philson (City mobility coordinator), Diane Gray(Harvard), Andreas Wolfe (TP&T), Alison Harris
Visitors: Eitan Normand (Concord Ave), Gretchen Friesinger (North Cambridge), Guido Cuperus (Inman Sq), Jon Wakely (Harvard/Porter Sq)

Introductions

Winter Bike Bash

- Had first and last one in Feb 2020
- Last time we stopped at 3 bakeries, and ended at Lamplighter.
- Maybe do a drop in at the main library in mid December as a winter biking workshop. Then the Ride would be in February, maybe stop at a bakery in North Point, then head back to Lamplighter again.
- Other groups are doing rides too - Cargo Bikes of Camberville
- Bike police come to assist
- Randy, Alison, Mark could help Adi plan/organize

Project Updates

- Mass Ave, Dudley-Alewife (Andreas Wolfe)
 - Work started Monday night. Will finish layout lines tonight, then start thermoplastic lines tonight
 - Next week - green/red paint, flex posts
 - Wrap up end of next week, including signs for loading zones, new direction on Harvey St
 - See latest changes on city web site - <https://www.cambridgema.gov/streetsandtransportation/projectsandprograms/ma/ssavedudleysttoalewifebrookpkwy>
 - 1 accessible spot being added on Mass Ave in bound - unprotected bike lane there, also 1-2 more on the outbound side in front of the barber shop.
 - Many safety improvement changes at new Cedar/Harvey/Cameron jug handle - bike light, all way stops,
 - Double bus stop at Alewife because buses back up today and have 2 sometimes. Hopefully less of that with the new bus lane. But a whole block is allocated to the bus stop, seems like a large lack of cyclist protection in that spot.
- MassAve4
 - Roseland to Waterhouse and Beech to Dudley, required under CSO (<https://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/publicworks/cityprojects/2021/massave4cyclingsafetyordinanceprojectdudleytobeach,roselandtewaterhouse>)
 - Complications due to catenary wires. Even if the median is removed as part of a partial reconstruction project, wires would likely have to be relocated as well.
 - Studying options, information gathering, open houses, survey will be done, additional opportunities for public engagement

- No info yet on cost or timing of various options (quick build, partial reconstruction, full reconstruction)
- South Mass Ave
 - Bus lane changes to make it more complete and more full bike lane separation
 - Bus stop movement at Albany St will not be done, deemed ineffective
 - Hope to have work complete next week
- Becoming more concrete in planning
- There are designs to resolve complex issues at street connections and connections to neighborhoods
- Eg. Cambridge Street crossing includes funding for raised cycle tracks on Cambridge St near the GJP:


 Project Updates
CAMBRIDGE STREET
Path Crossing of Cambridge Street



- Provides two-way separated facilities on north side
- Provides mixing zones at path/roadway intersections
- Relocates west crossing closer to path
- Provides enhanced bus stops
- Maintains east crosswalk for access to bus stops and local destinations

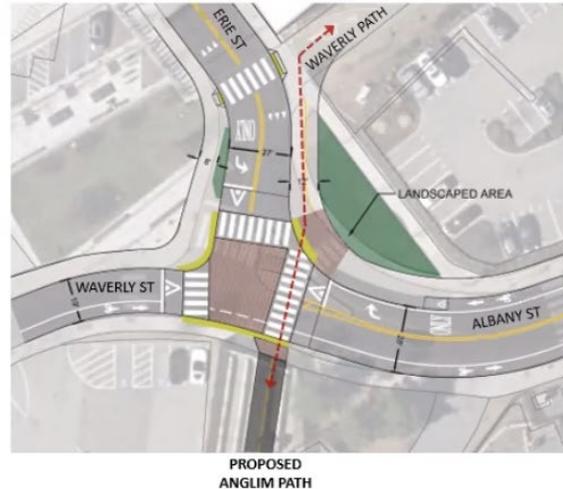
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- Also, new proposed path at Fort Washington near Flour Bakery

Albany/Erie/Waverly Intersection

- Reconfigure intersection for direct connection to paths
- Proposed Configuration:
 - Raise intersection
 - Remove channelized right turn
 - Create shared use path connection to Waverly Path
 - Add crosswalk from Waverly Path to existing BlueBikes station
 - Expand landscaping



- River St
 - Construction in 2022
 - City Council hearing upcoming on Carl Barron Plaza design
 - Working group meeting soon

DPW

- Galileo Way is open!
- A Lot of projects in progress since weather permits continuing many - Port project, River St,

Q&A

- Great to see so much going on. Thank you.
- Amazing to see so much happening. Been biking into Boston for 15 years. Major increase in motorized scooters, fast one wheeled vehicles, a problem for bikers. A. Mass state has bills to define different vehicles better and how they are expected to be operated on the roads. Cambridge working with MAPC and neighboring communities. MassBike site has info on various state bills.
- Who is monitoring cyclists that use sidewalks? A: Police Department. But only certain sidewalks are prohibited in major squares.
- MBTA phasing out trolley buses. Does this help with MassAve4? A: Timing unclear from MBTA, MBTA will be part of the conversation on designs.
- Ellery St? A. Curb side bike lane is done
- Brattle St bike lane, flex posts missing. A. report on SeeClickFix.
- Bluebike station at Raymond St Park. A. Can't be done until next spring, requires a curb extension construction.

Other

- No December holiday gathering. Will have regular meeting.
- Zoning 101 workshop in January or February.
- Our Cambridge Street public meeting, need to sign up, 12/8 6PM
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