

Bicycle Committee

Meeting on October 15, 2025

Meeting Notes

Attendees

- Members in attendance: Richard Freierman, Gregory Carey-Medlock, Randy Stern, Martha Birnbaum, Michael Burke, Guido Cuperus, John P. Ellersick, Muna El Taha, Amy Flax, Diane Gray, Alison Harris, Denise Haynes, Scott Kilcoyne, Vanessa Nwankwo, Carola Voelker
- Members absent: Mark Boswell, Camille Jonlin, Eitan Normand, Leah Pickett, Ling Zeng
- City staff: Nick Schmidt (DOT), Jerry Friedman (DPW), Stephen Meuse (DOT)
- Visitors: Catiana JP, Martin Gao

Minutes

- September 10, 2025, draft meeting minutes approved

Note: meeting minutes begin 20 minutes into the meeting

Q&A: Meetings, announcements, and project updates

Members ask questions about City project updates.

- [Mass Ave Partial Construction Project](#)
 - Process to restart before the end of 2025
- What about the intersection of Cambridge and Broadway?
 - Broadway to Quincy Street (near Cambridge Street) will be included in Section C (Quincy to Ellery) of the Broadway Safety Improvement Project.
- Is the [Cycling Safety Ordinance](#) still on schedule? Are projects going to be completed by November 2026?
 - Yes, project managers are assigned to all necessary projects.
- Is there a calendar of all Cycling Safety Ordinance projects?
 - There is 1 year left, so all projects will be in the next year. CDD has an [interactive map](#) that lists the status of projects.
- Flex-posts seem to be removed on Bow Street? Will they be replaced?
 - The City did not remove them, they are missing. Maintenance will be done to replace them.
- The flex posts on [Garden Street](#) have not been replaced and some of the patching is very bumpy.
 - Eversource expects the posts to be back before winter.
- If heavy rain is predicted, can a special street sweep be done (there was a lot of water in some of the bike lanes such as Garden Street)?
 - Good comment, it will be passed along to the appropriate folks.

Discussion: Review of Committee Membership

- Policies with respect to committee membership were reviewed
- Let Nick know this month if you want to continue after March 2026

Discussion: Chair Updates

- Potential Memorial Drive Bluebikes stations:
 - The City and DCR have identified two potential stations that may be installed through the Memorial Drive Phase III project: Cambridge Boat Club and Mt Auburn / Willard Street
 - Separate but nearby, the City is proposing a new station at Craigie Street / Brattle Street / Sparks Street
 - City's goal is to have a Bluebikes station within 1/8 mile of every resident
 - Greg Carey-Medlock drafted a letter from the Bicycle Committee to DCR requesting these stations. The Committee edited the letter and approved sending the letter to DCR
 - Nick contacted DCR about the planned HAWK signals at the new Memorial Drive crossings at Sparks Street and University Road. DCR said that portion of the design cannot be changed.
 - Could the new Bluebikes stations be electrified for charging bikes?
 - Probably not right now but it's on the radar for future bike planning
- Micromobility:
 - Ebikes in bike lanes?
 - There is a state commission Cambridge is participating to propose regulations for mobility devices
- Proposed future topics for discussion with Cambridge Police Department:
 - Previously suggested topics:
 - Goal of random enforcement, red lights, bike lane blocking, training officers about crashes involving bicyclists
 - New suggested topics:
 - Request for recurring CPD presence in monthly Committee meetings, including recurring monitoring of select locations
 - Data request for how frequently officers are assigned for motor vehicle or bicycle enforcement
 - What more can be done about motor vehicles parked in bike lanes? i.e. submitting photos, etc.
 - Response time and officers' role in responding to bike crashes, including assigning fault
 - Provide an overview of training materials and practices to guide enforcement
 - The Committee would like to meet with a police representative at the next meeting, or as soon as feasible. Nick to send topics to CPD and schedule conversation at the November Committee meeting
- Boston's [Better Buffers](#) project

- Boston is testing various poured concrete (i.e. cast in place) buffer sizes to replace flex posts and pre-cast concrete. Cast-in-place concrete is more durable, provide better protection, and look better
 - Cambridge is following the progress closely
 - Cambridge is looking at various buffer options as well
- Bow Tie Ride Recap
 - Went well
 - 164 riders
 - Very warm
 - We did some flyering this time, would like to include this in the planning for future rides
 - City to work with Committee to create a map of flyering locations, and potentially add sandwich board signs advertising each ride
 - No water truck was present this time, need to figure out a solution for next time
- A few people loud music—some people complained. Maybe ask for quiet next time?
- Bring back the bow tie contest!
- Did not have enough giveaways, will order more next time
- People loved the food but there wasn't enough

Public Comment

- None