

Bicycle Committee Meeting on July 15, 2026

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Attendees

- Members in attendance: Amy Flax, Richard Freierman, David Yarmolinsky, Aman Shankardass, Mark Boswell, Eli Miller, Jane Tangen, Martin Gao, John P Ellersick, Muna El Taha, Gregory Carey-Medlock, Martha Birnbaum, Nathaniel Ryan, Vanessa Nwankwo, Scott Kilcoyne, Philip Allen, Randy Stern, Brett Gallagher, Kaili Chen
- Members absent: Guido Cuperus, Alison Harris, Carola Voelker
- City staff: Nick Schmidt (DOT), Mus Lamia (DOT), Jerry Friedman (DPW), Stephen Meuse (DOT)

A quorum was present.

Minutes

- June 10, 2026, meeting minutes approved.

Q&A: Meetings, announcements, and project updates

- IT maintenance - no onsite option today, everyone on zoom.

Discussion: Louisa Gag

- Known widely throughout city governments and advocacy organizations in and around Boston
- Proposal for further committee action in some way - tabled for discussion during open agenda items section of meeting

Q&A: Meetings/announcements/project updates

- Red Line closure
 - City is running community commuter bike rides
 - More info about rides to come but they are still looking for volunteers to lead rides
- Questions about DOT Street Management division projects (answers by city staff are in italics):
 - Some bike lanes are missing flex posts. For example, on Quincy St, an Uber driver was driving in bike lane because of this. Is there a plan to address that?
 - *Several streets are getting refreshed this week; there was a delay due to vendor changing their name leading to procurement holdup.*
 - Are there any opportunities for more frequent/real-time replacement of flex-posts?

- *The team does monitor throughout city and replace ones that don't require full reinstall with epoxy.*
- Has the city looked at cast-in-place concrete, like in Boston?
 - *Had a plan for some pre-cast concrete curbs in projects like Broadway, but an issue with the first selected vendor led to project going back out to bid so was delayed.*
- For the planned bicycle parking in the Port infrastructure project, how can we get this information from plans?
 - *Broadway construction plans. Harvard street has most bike infrastructure on it.*
- Are there any opportunities for on-street bike corrals or similar?
 - *Jerry will follow up; they had looked at this in a walking tour and Tenzin has investigated options.*

Officer Elections

- Nominee statements: Aman, Randy, and Jane
- Randy elected as Chair
- Jane elected as Vice Chair
- Greg elected as Secretary

Bow Tie Ride

- By August 12 we need:
 - a ride date and rain date
 - to have a tested route with directions
 - to propose a communications plan
- Subcommittee of up to 6 people is needed to plan the ride
- Nick will send ride logistics spreadsheet out after this meeting
- This is the longest community ride of year
 - Departs at 10AM
 - Light lunch served at noon
- Anticipate mostly re-using last year's route + deviation for new infrastructure/other things to show off
- Rain dates: haven't done this in the past, still need to look into whether it's feasible to adjust with vendors/other participants
- Proposed date October 3rd (Saturday)
 - Call for votes on Oct 3, approved by majority.
- Randy, Martin, Eli, Jane, David, and Richard formed subcommittee for ride.

August meeting

- Planned date is August 12
 - Generally August meetings are non-standard (can be a group ride followed by social meeting)

- Plan is a gathering at Amy's house/back yard
 - Meet at City Hall Annex at normal meeting time, then bike over
 - Potluck

Open discussion and future agenda items

- Recap of member suggestions from previous meetings
- In September or October will need to form a subcommittee for league of American Bicyclists bike-friendly city proposal
 - Applications are due June 2027
 - Mus is getting structure together
 - Goal is to be first platinum bike-friendly community on the east coast
- General discussion of People for Bikes ratings, too (Cambridge went down there)
 - Both league of American cyclists and people for bikes use open map annotations for assessment
 - One member noted that the Cambridge decrease in score can't be fixed by updates to open maps
 - The issue is with the scoring methodology itself which was recently updated
- One member asked what the status of the bicycle parking inventory is?
 - Nick will send info soon; work is going on with Tenzin and two high school interns, and committee effort.
- Bicycle Friendly Community application subcommittee will be Randy, Richard, and Amy.

Public comment

- No comments