

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING NOTES

Date, Time & Place:
City Hall Annex, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 344
Broadway
December 18, 2017, 6:00-8:00

Attendance

Committee Members

Bicycle Committee: Corby Bacco, Anne Marie Biernacki, John Ellersick, Amy Flax, Dien Ho, Michael Proscia, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes, Andrea Williams; **Pedestrian Committee:** Debby Galef, Emily Holzman, Sean Pierce, Johanna Pittman, Helen Rose, Olivia Turner; **Transit Advisory Committee:** John Attanucci, Charles Fineman, Jim Gascoigne, Arthur Strang

City of Cambridge

Cara Seiderman, Tegin Teich, and Greg Hanafin (Community Development), Dana Benjamin and Stephen Meuse (Traffic, Parking and Transportation)

Presenters, official entities, and members of the public

None

Administrative Business

Cara Seiderman briefly summarized the agenda for the meeting.

Members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees approved their respective Minutes for their November meetings after a motion, a second, and affirmative voice vote by TAC members.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

Tegin Teich announced that the City had received a grant to pilot Bus Rapid Transit features on Mt Auburn Street between Belmont Street and Fresh Pond Parkway, which will include sections of Bus-only lane.

Cara announced that the next location for separated bicycle lane implementation will be south Mass Ave from Lafayette Square to Memorial Drive.

There was announcement made informing committee members about the upcoming I-90 Interchange Project Public Meeting in Cambridge on January 4, 2018.

Group Discussions

In small groups, the members of the three committees held informal discussions about recent and ongoing projects, and considered things to work for in 2018. Each group then shared with the larger group what they discussed.

Group 1 discussed the Mt Auburn Street bus/bike lanes; the issue of bike-pedestrian conflicts; and how to improve communication and reach more people during the planning and outreach phases of projects, such as the Cambridge Street separated bicycle lane project.

Group 2 discussed getting feedback on projects and turning it into data; data collection and transparency; and the prospect of collecting data from rideshare companies, like Uber and Lyft.

Group 3 discussed the recent Cambridge Street Bicycle Safety Demonstration Project, and how to reduce opposition; bicycle wayfinding routes; and upcoming infrastructure projects, like the new Lechmere Station and changes to Mt Auburn Street.

Group 4 discussed the Cambridge Street project; how to better educate transportation users of all modes; the Safe Routes to School program; lighting and the pedestrian experience; how to connect with a broader audience; and how to integrate bus and bike infrastructure.

Additional Announcements

Cara announced that speed data collection on Cambridge Street indicates that driving speeds have decreased substantially since the implementation of the Bicycle Safety Demonstration Project. She said that the data would be distributed to the committee members by email.

Adjourned at 8:00