

## **Pedestrian Committee**

### **Meeting on June 26, 2025**

#### **Discussion Summary\***

**\*Note:** A quorum of Pedestrian Committee members was not met. The summary below, therefore, does not reflect an official meeting of the Pedestrian Committee.

#### **Attendance**

- Members in attendance: Robin Bonner (Vice Chair), Debby Galef, Sean Peirce, Maryann Quinn, Janet Stein
- Members not in attendance: Alexandra Hallowell, John Leo, Kevin Leckey, Michael McGowan, Xander Mitchell, Bernhard Nickel, Jeannine Powers, Logan Read, Jenine Turner-Trauring
- City staff: Nick Schmidt (DOT), Moe Hammad (DOT)
- Visitors: Keisha Greaves

#### **Announcements**

- Members could not approve minutes from May 22, 2025, without a quorum

#### **Discussion of Project Updates**

- MassDOT's Mystic River Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge construction timeline moved up. MassDOT hopes to complete this project by 2030.
- City received \$2 million in design funding from [Pedestrian & Bicycle Crossing of the Fitchburg MBTA Commuter Rail Line](#). Committee members inquired about the project's location and relationship to the regional path network.
- Broadway (Galileo to Third) and Main Street. Committee members discussed the bicycle transitions on Broadway at Galileo Galilei Way and at Third Street/Main Street, confusion over bicycle routing while both Broadway and Main are under construction, and communicating pedestrian detours.
- River Street Reconstruction Project. Committee members discussed confusion over bicycle travel through depaved area and dust in depaved area.
- Mass Ave Partial Construction Project. Committee members asked if the safety benefits of median removal can be made clearer?

#### **Discussion of Committee Membership and Chair**

- Recommendation to discuss how to clarify roles of the Chair and future Pedestrian Committee members. Recommendation for the Committee to review bylaws

#### **Discussion of Future Meeting Topics**

- How the DPW Five-year Plan is created
- Site walks for Pedestrian Committee meetings:

- Any site walk should be focused on targeted questions for that project, not a general tour of the project area
- Proposed for this summer:
  - July: Grand Junction Connector
  - August: Mass Ave Partial Construction (Porter Square to Alewife Brook Parkway) or tour of recent shared streets
- Recommendation to also have winter site walks

**Discussion of Subcommittee Topics**

- Safety Study of the City
  - Recommended to table further development until the DPW representative can be present and provide an overview of the five-year plan. The plan seems like it will be updated soon based on the existing plan's timeframe.
- Supporting Net Zero Transportation Plan
  - Janet developing ideas on how to connect neighbors and would like to coordinate with Stephanie Groll, project manager

**Public Comment**

- None