

Cambridge Pedestrian Report

Meetings, Events, and News

November 2, 2012

MEETINGS

Saturday, November 3: Upcoming Central Square Meeting, 9:00-12:00 PM

Location: *TBD*

Topics: Built Form Workshop (including use, FAR, height, urban design)



The Advisory Committee meeting schedule beyond for November is as follows:

Wednesday, November 7

6:00 – 8:30 PM

City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Sullivan Chamber

Topics: Consolidate & Finalize Recommendations

Wednesday, November 28

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue

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The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM in conference rooms 2 and 3 of the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, in Boston. Members of the public are invited to attend. Comments on Draft Amendment Two, to the attention of Mr. David Mohler, Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, should be submitted by any of the means below before the close of the comment period. Comments will also be accepted at the meeting. A flyer about the comment period is attached.

Thursday, November 15: Pedestrian Committee Regular Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Fourth floor meeting room, 344 Broadway

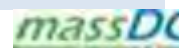
NB: this is the THIRD Thursday of the month.

Please send agenda item suggestions by Monday, November 5.



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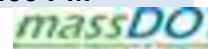
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December 11-12: Regional Trail and Greenway Summit

The Regional Trail and Greenway Summit with the Rails to Trails Conservancy. Click here for more information:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=jqfo5obab&oeidk=a07e6izurtb55bf637&oseq=a025vpgoq9dkxz>

ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS

Hubway Data Visualization Contest Extended!

The deadline for submissions has been extended to midnight this Sunday, November 4th due to Hurricane Sandy.

All of the information about the challenge and links to download the data are here:

<http://hubwaydatachallenge.org/>

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<http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2012/10/24/report-bike-lanes-pedestrian-plazas-good-for-businesses/>

ABOUT THE PEDESTRIAN REPORT:

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Topics: Consolidate & Finalize Recommendations



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51 Winthrop Street in Medford

The Green Line Extension Project Team will hold a GLX Design Working Group meeting to introduce the new preliminary engineering and final design team, as well update the committee on progress on the FTA New Start application and the schedule moving forward.

<http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/>

Thursday, November 15: Boston Bikes Focus Group of Biking Families, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Jackson Mann Community Center, Theater Room, 500 Cambridge Street, Allston

Boston Bikes invites families who bike together in the Boston metro area to help make Boston more bicycle friendly for families by sharing your thoughts and experiences.

Attached you will find the flyer for more details or you can mark your attendance at the [facebook event](#)

[page](#).

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The Bocoup Loft, 355 Congress Street, Boston, MA

For the past month, data enthusiasts and designers have been working hard to create unique visualizations using data from a half-million Hubway rides.

For more information about the Hubway Data Challenge, visit www.hubwaydatachallenge.org

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Bikes are Good for the Economy

<http://www.fastcoexist.com/1680611/bikes-arent-just-good-for-you-theyre-good-for-the-economy-too>

Cycle Tracks are Safest

The most significant scientific study in North America to date demonstrates that protected bike lanes (cycle tracks) make roads 10 times safer, and safer than any other infrastructure for cyclists.

Read More: <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2012.300762?journalCode=ajph&>

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NB: the November 29 meeting on Mass Transportation Vision is an important opportunity for speaking up for bicycling in state transportation planning. Please let me know if you might be able to attend.

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Making the Bike as Logical a Choice for Commuters as the Car, Bus, Train or Metro

<http://rendezvous.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/11/12/making-the-bike-as-logic-a-choice-for-commuters-as-the-car-bus-train-or-metro/?src=rechp>

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Note: Minutes for the October Bicycle Committee Meeting are attached.

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Monday, November 26: Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 PM

Home of Matt S., 566 Putnam Ave. #3

Meeting to draft additions to the DPW Five Year Plan to address bicycles. The resulting proposed additions will then be presented to the full committee for review and comments and the committee would forward them to DPW. Any who are interested and available are welcome to join or send comments in advance.

For more information on the Five Year Plan, click here:

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A final draft of the recommendations will be available by noon on Monday, November 26 at www.cambridgema.gov/K2C2.

Tuesday, November 29, 2012: Huron B Community Meeting, 6:30 PM

Tobin School Cafeteria

Subject: Alewife Sewer Separation Project Follow-up

As part of on-going efforts to improve the water quality in the Alewife Brook, the City of Cambridge will

be reconstructing the utilities, streets and sidewalks in your neighborhood. Construction



is scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2013.

Please contact kfalise@cambridgema.gov 617-349-4827 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB.

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November 29: Fulkerson Street, Thorndike Street Roadway Work

Community Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM

Kennedy-Longfellow School - Cafeteria 158 Spring Street - Cambridge

Fulkerson Street between Cambridge Street and Charles Street and Thorndike Street between Sciarappa Street and Fulkerson Street are scheduled for sidewalk and roadway work in the 2013. City staff would like to work with residents to discuss possible physical changes to the road that could be incorporated in this project to improve safety for all modes of travel. The focus of this meeting will be to hear concerns and provide information about options for the street. At least one additional meeting will be held to discuss possible improvements.

Please attend the meeting or contact Juan Avendano with your questions or comments.

Juan P. Avendano - (617) 349-4655 javendano@cambridgema.gov

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Please note the bike parking zoning discussion has been moved to January 8

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/planningboard.aspx>

December 4 and 12: Charles River Skate Park Meetings

The Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hosting two upcoming public meetings on the New Basin pedestrian bridges and parks project and on the Charles River Skate Park project, which is at 50% design.

New Charles River Basin Citizens Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 - 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

EF Education

One Education Street

Cambridge, MA

East Cambridge Planning Team

Wednesday, December 12, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

East End House Basement Meeting Room

105 Spring Street, East Cambridge, MA

The presentations made will be viewable after the meeting on DCR's website at

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/charlesRiver/charlesBasin.htm>.

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Monday, December 3: Rethinking Motor Vehicle Violence, 6:00 PM

MIT Building 10, Room 485
77 Massachusetts Avenue,

If you ever want to kill someone New York or just about any other American city, use a car as your weapon. As long as you are sober, licensed and do not flee the scene of what will inevitably be called an "accident," it is virtually guaranteed that you will get away with murder. Around the world, 1.3 million people die in road traffic crashes and 20 to 50 million more are injured each year. This is a massive global health crisis that, for the most part, we ignore. Join DUSP Visiting Scholar Aaron Naparstek, founder of <http://streetsblog.org>, for a discussion on emerging, new perspectives on motor vehicle violence and the critical role that urban planners and designers can play in solving the problem.

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Details: TBA

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Bicycle Signals Get Green Light

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/12/02/bicycle-traffic-signals/1739299/>

Video Proposing Policies for Shopping by Bicycle

An artist/bicyclist from Australia produced this 11 minute video that proposes policies to better incorporate shopping at farmer's markets and small shops with bicycling. This video is a mood lift if you want a nice break in your day.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=442fvIFEgOo&feature=youtu.be>

Michael Rubbo is an artist who does heart-warming drawings of bicyclists (see the end of the video).

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