

Cambridge Bicycle Report

Meetings, Events, and News

December 6, 2012

MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 12: Charles River Skate Park Meetings, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

East End House Basement Meeting Room, 105 Spring Street, East Cambridge, MA

The Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hosting the second of 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.

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

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

If you have questions about the public meeting, please call 617-626-4974 or email

DCR.Updates@state.ma.us.

Tuesday, December 11: Green Line Extension and Community Path, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Holiday Inn Hotel Somerville, 30 Washington Street, Somerville, MA

The Green Line Extension Project Team will hold a public meeting to review the latest design plans for Community Path.

More information about the project is available on the Green Line Extension website at: www.mass.gov/greenlineextension.



If you have any questions on the Green Line Extension Project, email info@glxinfo.com

Wednesday, December 12: Bicycle Committee Meeting, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

344 Broadway, 2nd Floor

Joint potluck event with Pedestrian Committee

Please plan to bring a treat to share!



Thursday, December 13: Porter Square Open House, 5:00-7:00 PM

University Hall Lobby, at the corner of Mass. Ave and Roseland St.

Open House – drop by anytime!

Join City of Cambridge staff, neighbors, and Halvorson Design Partnership to discuss the completed streetscape master plan developed over the course of two years. This plan was the result of a close collaboration between neighbors, city staff and consultants, which included three major public meetings to develop goals and a master plan to be implemented over time.

Questions? Contact Stuart Dash at 617-349-4640

See the plan at: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Planning/lowermassave.aspx>

Friday, December 14: Cambridge Common Tree Walk, 8 AM

Meet at Civil War Memorial in Cambridge Common

The purpose of this meeting is to view and discuss the tree removal plan for the Common in the context of the tree planting plan and overall landscape treatment for the Common as part of a planned rehabilitation project which could start as early as the fall of 2013.

Questions: contact Bill Deignan at 617-349-4632 or

wdeignan@cambridgema.gov

For further information see:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/cambridgecommon.aspx>



Tuesday December 18: Brown Bag Lunch on Bicycle Facilities in the Netherlands

Please join us for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday December 18 at MAPC by Professor Peter Furth of the Civil Engineering Department at Northeastern.

Peter spends each summer in the Netherlands teaching, researching and writing about bicycle facilities. His presentation at MAPC will focus on what he has found, and opportunities for implementation in the USA. The following wiki is a rough guide to his presentation. The Dutch have the highest cycling rates in the world.... find out why this is the case.

http://wiki.coe.neu.edu/groups/nl2011transpo/wiki/bd54f/Bicycling_Facilities_in_Holland.html

Thursday, December 20th: TIP Amendment Meeting, 10:00 AM

Conference Rooms 2 and 3, State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston

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2013 element of the FFYs 2013–2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comments on draft Amendment Three, 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.

For details, including information on the meeting and copies of the proposed amendment, refer to the MPO's website, www.bostonmpo.org, beginning November 19.

EVENTS, TALKS and CONFERENCES

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:](#)

[Full agenda here](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Friday December 28: Walk-Ride Day

Details: TBA

ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS

Research Makes Connection Between Bike Friendly and Bottom Line

<http://bikeportland.org/2012/09/20/research-makes-connection-between-bike-friendly-and-bottom->

[line-77688](#)

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=442fvIFegQo&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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NB: Next week's Report will be sent early and there will be no Report the week of December 24.

Please send Cara any notes, meeting announcements, updates, etc. for the next report by Monday, December 17.

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Brown Bag Lunch

MAPC 3rd Floor Conference Room, 60 Temple Place, Boston, MA

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Further info: David Loutzenheiser, MAPC, Loutzenheiser, DLoutzenheiser@mapc.org.

Friday December 28: Walk-Ride Day

www.gogreenstreets.org

ACTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS

ON-STREET BIKE CORRALS WINTER REMOVAL DECEMBER 19

The bike corrals have been hugely popular but must be removed for the winter so that streets can be plowed.
They will return in the spring!

In the meantime please help to get the word out so no bikes get stuck!

Research Makes Connection Between Bike Friendly and Bottom Line

At bars, convenience stores, and restaurants, customers who show up by bike spend more per month than those who arrive by car

<http://bikeportland.org/2012/09/20/research-makes-connection-between-bike-friendly-and-bottom-line-77688>

Cambridge needs to ditch parking lots to move ahead

- [Article](#)

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Please Note: there will be no Report the week of December 24.

Reminder: if you have not submitted your conflict of interest form, please do so ASAP.

Happy Holidays!

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Tuesday, January 8: Planning Board, 7:00 PM

Second Floor Meeting Room, 344 Broadway

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

Bike parking zoning is on the agenda

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Agenda TBD

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Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Public Transit Committees Looking for New Members

Please spread the word about vacancies on the committees. More information can be found here:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/News/2012/12/transportationcommitteeslookingfornewmembers.aspx>

Just for Fun: A Bicycling Christmas Song

A DC/NYC band who are "big fans of Bike Share" just sent a link to their new holiday biking song, Big Red Bicycle Christmas to the folks at Hubway.

You can find it on youtube -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQSufbRx7E0>

Fyi - Boston Biker called it the "next Christmas classic." - <http://bostonbiker.org/2012/12/11/big-red-bicycle-christmas/>

Chicago's New Blueprint for Biking

<http://grist.org/cities/chicago-like-bikes-and-its-about-to-prove-it-in-a-big-way/>

Today, the city's bike-loving mayor, Rahm Emanuel, will unveil the [Streets for Cycling Plan 2020](#), an aggressive bicycling blueprint that was a year in the making. With 30 miles of protected bike lanes already completed and another 70 promised before the end of Emanuel's first term in 2015, the city's new cycling infrastructure will weave through every neighborhood, assuring a path within a half-mile of every Chicagoan's home....

"I'm a big believer in getting things done versus talking about them," says [Transportation Director Gabe] Klein. "So is the mayor. We have a moral responsibility to make change as soon as possible."

Please Fill Out Concord Ave Survey

From 2010 through 2012, Concord Avenue between Blanchard Road and Alewife Brook Parkway was reconstructed to resurface the road, replace sidewalks, construct a raised bike lane, improve crosswalks, and enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. At this time we are asking if you might take a few minutes to complete a brief survey about the project. Your input is valued and appreciated and will be used in planning and improving future projects.

Please log on to the web to complete the survey:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/concordavenuesurvey.aspx>

If you should have any questions, please contact Dan Vallee, Construction Project Manager at (617) 349-4813 or dvallee@cambridgema.gov. We thank you and look forward to viewing your input and hope that you are enjoying the improvements.

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