

Cambridge Bicycle Report

Meetings, Events, and News

March 1, 2013

MEETINGS

Monday, March 4: Joint Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee meeting on Huron Avenue, 6:00 PM

344 Broadway, 4th floor conference room

Optional materials to review:

1. Final conceptual design plan: <https://www.box.com/s/1qn9yegwzvy77axb8up9>
2. Response memo to the businesses: <https://www.box.com/s/uti1mp1q98oc7zcqeojr>
3. 9/10/12 presentation to Bike/ped committees <https://www.box.com/s/d7tyxuwvx9i7zyg13xzo>
4. 9/20/12 Community Meeting presentation:
<http://www.cambridgema.gov/~media/Files/CDD/Transportation/Projects/huronavenue/Huron%20Ave%20Presentation%20September%2020.ashx>

Tuesday, March 5: Follow-up meeting regarding the Beacon Street reconstruction and streetscape project, 6:00 PM

Argenziano School Cafetorium – 290 Washington Street

The City of Somerville has scheduled a follow up meeting regarding the Beacon Street reconstruction and streetscape project. More detailed information on the meeting will be provided in the coming weeks and posted on the project website; the City is presenting changes to the project design at this meeting.

www.somervillema.gov/beaconstreet.

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Washington, DC

League of American Bicyclists National Event

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<http://www.theatlanticcities.com/commute/2013/02/kids-who-walk-or-bike-school-concentrate-better-study-shows/4585/>

Bike Commuters are the Happiest Commuters

According to new research at Portland State University, bike commuters are the happiest commuters. To read more, click here: <http://bikeportland.org/2013/01/30/bike-commuters-are-happiest-and-other-psu-research-tidbits-82448>

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Boston MPO TRANSREPORT New Issue Available

A new issue of the Boston Region MPO's TRANSREPORT is now available. This issue covers transportation funding, a new HOV Lane planning study, new projects, and planning for new roundabouts. It is available on the website at www.bostonmpo.org.

Beacon Avenue Discussions

<http://somerville.patch.com/articles/letter-to-the-editor-misinformation-abounds-about-beacon-street-cycletracks?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001>

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You may send a letter of support to:

Hugh Russell, Chair

Cambridge Planning Board

c/o Liza Paden

Community Development Dept.

344 Broadway

Cambridge, MA 02139

lpaden@cambridgema.gov

March 21 and March 27: Huron A Alewife Sewer Separation Project Upcoming Meetings

Huron A – Alewife Sewer Separation Project Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

As part of the ongoing construction of the Huron A - Alewife Sewer Separation Project, there will be extensive construction on Vassal Lane between Lakeview Ave and Standish Street beginning in April. The City will be hosting a Special School Council Meeting to answer parent's questions about how their routes to/from Tobin will be impacted and safety concerns. The City will also be hosting a Vassal Lane area Neighborhood meeting for the residents that will be directly impacted by the change in traffic patterns.

- Special Tobin School Council Meeting: Thursday, March 21st
- Vassal Lane – Construction Neighborhood Meeting: Wednesday, March 27th

For more information, please visit [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/Huron A](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/Huron_A).

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Plough & Stars, 912 Mass. Ave.

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Thursday, March 28: Stormwater Management Program Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM

Cambridge Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Frazier Conference Room

Meeting to discuss the City's Stormwater Management Program based on the requirements established under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination

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David P. Maher

Chair, Ordinance Committee

dmaher@cambridgema.gov

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And now for something completely different

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Letters of Support (ask that they be submitted for record for the hearing) may be sent to:

- Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, dlopez@cambridgema.gov
- Email: council@cambridgema.gov (An email message to this address will be received by all nine councilors)

April 4th and 11th: Alewife Sewer Separation Project - Concord Avenue Meetings, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Please join us on April 4th and April 11th to learn more about the Concord Ave Neighborhood Project and to provide your input on the design. As part of the Alewife Sewer Separation Project, streets and sidewalks in the Concord Avenue neighborhood will be replaced. The project will include subsurface utility upgrades to separate stormwater and sewer infrastructure to reduce discharges to the Alewife Brook, and streetscape improvements along Concord Ave and the surrounding residential streets.

Come provide your input at these meetings:

Meeting #2A – Neighborhood Streets

Thursday, April 4, 2013, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

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Tuesday, April 9, Longfellow Bridge Rehabilitation Project, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Shriners Hospitals for Children, Auditorium, 51 Blossom Street, Boston

The purpose of this meeting is to present details on the Longfellow Bridge Rehabilitation design/build (D/B) project, including the traffic management plans and schedule, and introduce the project team. To be added to the project email or US Mail distribution lists, please contact Stephanie Boundy, Public Outreach Coordinator for MassDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program, at 857-368-8904 or stephanie.boundy@state.ma.us.

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Honan-Allston Library, Community Room, 300 North Harvard Street, Boston

The purpose of this meeting is to present the River Street Bridge and Western Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project, alternatives being evaluated as part of the design process, and information presented within the Environmental Notification Form (ENF). The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the structurally deficient arch and overpass bridges to continue to efficiently and safely meet the needs of the traveling public, while maintaining the structural integrity, rehabilitating their historic and cultural resources, and improving the conditions for all users including motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

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