

Cambridge Bicycle Committee DRAFT Minutes - 8 May 2019

Attendance

Committee Members: Corby Bacco, Mark Boswell, John Ellersick, Amy Flax, Patrick Lynch, Todd Robinson, Rebecca Simonson, Peter Stokes, Andrea Williams

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Stephen Meuse (TP&T)

Guests: Ryan Frazer, Jonathan Anjaria

April minutes were reviewed and approved.

Ride Planning

The Committee discussed final details of the Spring Ride: Coast the City, including volunteer assignments, water bottles as gifts.

Bike to Biz Campaign

Committee agreed to post another announcement on social media.

Project Updates and Public Meetings

River Street - upcoming public walk

Grand Junction Path

Amy reported on the working group meeting, which included a historical background, the design phase, providing a good representation of East Cambridge. Review of multi-use paths from across the country
Amy cannot attend next meeting, but Todd Robinson may be able to attend and take notes for her. They will coordinate afterward.

Stephen Meuse, Traffic, Parking + Transportation

Porter Square markings finished. City will perform observations.

South Mass Ave

Refreshed South Mass Ave lanes, parking lane stripes refreshed.

Red paint for bus lanes will be refreshed later in summer.

Crosswalk at Windsor Street delayed due to Novartis construction

Upcoming bicycle and pedestrian counts on Saturday, 11 May.

Broadway, between Portland and Davis Streets, a new bike lane will be striped.

Binney: bike lane will be widened.

Cambridge Park Drive: new buffered bike lane.

Steele Place: new connection to base of potential bridge near rail tracks

Participatory Budget funds will be used to repair bike lanes on Cambridge Street, South Mass Ave, Brattle Street in summer, coordinating with DPW and utility work.

Cara Seiderman, CDD

Reviewed possibility of adding stencils in bike lane near Kendall Square ECO Totem on Broadway, to "Ride Here To Be Counted" in order to encourage cyclists to ride over the loop detector which activates the counter.

DCR, Memorial Drive Improvements

Andrea Williams attended public meeting and reported to Committee.

Committee offered suggestions for a letter to DCR recommending:
Wider path, either 14 feet or separate lanes for bicycles and pedestrians.
Underpasses going under bridges.
Work should be coordinated with Grand Junction Path.
Proper lighting.
Use of root barriers.
Letter to be sent by Rebecca Simonson.

B.U. Rotary

Committee reviewed DCR's design for restriping (not the full redesign), with an alternative that included a Bus+Bike lane. The Committee provided good feedback that will be communicated back to DCR.

Legislative Update

Peter Stokes provided a legislative update on the recent bicycle related bills that pass the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and a new E-bike bill.

2020 Bike Plan Update

Special Bicycle Committee meeting scheduled for 20 May to discuss process for the update.

Phase 1 will include:

Presentation on what has happened since 2015, counts, and data.

Collecting input from public

Street Teams: consultants will be deployed at locations throughout City with maps, collecting feedback from public.

Re-evaluation of Bicycle Level of Comfort. Reported comfort not always in alignment with comfort shown in 2015 Bike Plan; where do the assessments match well and where not?

Feasibility of projects.

Prioritization of streets, based on crash data, connections, and equity.

Announcements

Corby Bacco leaving Committee, moving to Boulder, CO.

Process for new and renewing committee members underway.