

Attendees:

Members: Mark Boswell, John Ellersick, Amy Flax, Dien Ho, Patrick Lynch, Todd Robinson, Ruthann Rudel, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Brad Pillen (PHD), Stephen Meuse (TP&T), Brooke McKenna (TP&T)

Guests: Conor Murphy

Minutes, Agenda, Intros

November Minutes were approved

Attendees introduced themselves

Cambridge Flex Post Policy proposal discussion

Brooke McKenna (TP&T) joined the discussion and briefly reviewed the policy

- Proposed policy was linked to from the agenda
- Intention is to use posts where there is no other separation
- Remove during winter where parking creates separation barrier.
- Remove during full year after initial period where parking creates separation barrier. Fewer posts will get overall better maintenance from fixed number of maintenance staff and budget. Some committee members questioned this tradeoff.
 - One proposal was to do observations in spring where permanent flex posts would be useful, e.g. to quantify where illegal parking/stopping/loading infringes bike lane
- Expect to gain experience with whether the above works
- Snow removal - city has 8 pieces of equipment of bike lane width, needed if posts left in. Could take a couple of days after a major storm to clear bike lanes
- No parking during snow emergencies on main arteries so larger equipment can be used if no posts present
- Fixed curb type separators rather than posts, not being considered right now but not out of the question for future/certain circumstances. ADA issues if curbs block egress. But following what's happening in other places (e.g., Canada) with curb-like separation. Will expand outreach to hear about more detailed experiences.

Project Review

- Porter Square striping has been installed. No green paint and bike emblems until spring (won't stick to pavement in cold temperatures)
- Porter middle traffic lane heading south not yet marked as straight no turns. Will fix with center lane straight ahead arrow and improved signals by spring, maybe sooner – waiting on new signal equipment to be able to do this.
- Discussion of White St contraflow, next to Porter Sq parking lot. But too narrow for marked bike lane. Maybe no marked lane, but unmarked contraflow possible?
- Replaced broken posts from Trowbridge to Hvd Sq.

- Ames St/Broadway cycle track now open. Signal changes at Bway crossing to come in spring. 2 way path all the way to river expected in next year or so (paint and posts)
- Vassar/Main improvement planned longer term, not this year.
- Major improvement also planned for Ames and Memorial Drive
- Contraflow lane being added on short stretch of Chauncy St, between Concord and Garden
- Looking at how to improve Mason to Brattle on James St to make it easier to head south onto Brattle. Maybe a contraflow on James. Discussion of difficulty of left turns from Mason to new contraflow, vs. routing down Berkeley and Phillips to James instead

DPW report

- Various utility projects - Bishop Allen/Main, Gore/North Point, Cottage/Lopez sewer work
- Will close Cardinal Madeiros end to end in next 2-3 weeks
- Inman Square - prep work only so far. See DPW website/twitter feed for updates
- River St reconstruction design work just starting. Bike Committee represented by Randy Stern on committee
- South Mass Ave - still needs some improvements at Vassar St. Bike heading north on Mass Ave stop too far forward in bike lane (beyond stop line) and block right turning cars who have signal. City will look at possible additional signing.

Sub-committees

- Will be re-booted for 2019
- Can discuss in small groups, but all decisions must be in open meetings
- Subcommittees and chairs
 - Bike Plan, Mark Boswell (subcommittee of whole)
 - Bike Ride, Dien Ho
 - Fun ideas, John Ellersick
 - Communications, Randy Stern
 - Engage Community, Todd Robinson
 - Safe Routes to School, Justin Schreiber
 - Development Project Review, Peter Stokes
 - Bike routing, Google app, tbd

Other

- Theme for spring ride needed ASAP
- Issue of very slow riders on group rides. Consider Halloween ride for younger kids
- Cara will miss Feb meeting. Greg Hanafin will be CDD rep.
- Feb meeting may include discussion with traffic department about possibly allowing right turns by bikes at some locations where no right on red is posted
- Grand Junction design committee call for members is open