

Cambridge Bicycle Committee DRAFT minutes Apr 10, 2019

Attendance

Committee: Mark Boswell, Amy Flax, Dien Ho, Caroline Jaffe, Todd Robinson, Ruthann Rudel, Rebecca Simonson, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes

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

Guests: Conor Murphy, Kate Andres

DPW Report (Jim Wilcox)

- Spring construction season starting
- Pearl Street, finish markings soon
- Webster Ave community meeting 4/23, section south of Cambridge St, not the northern part that connects to Somerville.
- Bishop Allen, parking lot 6, ongoing work
- MIT – Ames Street south of Main work starting
- Inman Sq. Gas work
- Gore Street community meeting May 8. Community asked whether this is a potential opportunity for a connection from the Grand Junction path to the Somerville Community Path and North Point; the best way to make that connection has not fully been evaluated/explored but staff/consultants are looking at what may be feasible within the scope of the current project. There are significant constraints with ROW, trees and utilities. City is exploring what is possible, and these will be discussed at community meeting.
- Msgr O'Brien Highway work starting near Lechmere (the roadway from Land Blvd – 3rd St. will be reconstructed/have separated bicycle facilities – will be a couple of years because of coordination with Lechmere Station construction/Green Line Extension).
- Cambridge Watertown Greenway – construction continues; tree removals needed, had been presented to community during public process but work done over two seasons
- Binney park at Grand Junction, Binney-B'way; will include next phase of Grand Junction Path.
- Everett St will get partial repaving + bike lane
- River St - utility investigations starting

Traffic Report (Stephen Meuse)

- Need to repaint bus lanes in South Mass Ave and Mt Auburn. Since initial markings went down under cold temps, it did not last.
- Porter Sq. changes finally complete in 1-2 weeks
- Pearl St markings
- Meeting with neighbors about bi-directional bike lane on Windsor
- Some lanes starting to go into North Point new construction area
- Main St south into Longfellow in design phase, looking to widen and add a separated bike lane up to the bridge
- Mt Auburn quickbuild separated bike lane, community process to start in May or June
- Mass Ave from Beech to Roseland, starting process to look at options for separated lane design

Spring Ride

- Name = Coast the City
- Route will be sent to DPW for review

- No outlet for water truck near old library, outlets near tennis courts
- No word from Charles Sullivan about speaking role yet
- We'll add a "drop out shuttle" person to take the tired back to library from Hoyt Field

Bike Plan and New Ordinance

- Ordinance: separated bikes lanes to be built on streets identified for separation in the bike plan whenever that street comes up for reconstruction in the 5 year DPW plan.
- Not many in next 5 years though - maybe just River St?
- 5 year plan review - 4/25 meeting
- Bike plan update kickoff before summer

Raffle

- Anyone who posts proper hashtag and reference to local business is entered
- 4/22 launch
- Winner gets 1 year Bluebike membership

South Mass Ave bike + ped counts to be done soon – NEED VOLUNTEERS (thanks to those who have volunteered so far). See emails from Greg.

Legislative update

- See Peter Stokes' excellent email summary
- Bike Safety bill passed!

Other

- Future of Mobility study coming
- River St. advisory group held first open/community meeting to seek input
- Grand Junction advisory committee - Amy Flax has been appointed
- E-bikes - low end models (under 20 mph max) proposed to share bike facilities
- Lyft meeting - productive exchange, agreed to better training for drivers, Lyft to provide data on pickup/drop off hot spots so drop off zones can be planned