

## Final Notes 5/11/22 Bike Committee meeting

Attending: Randy Stern, Mark Boswell, Amy Flax, Guido Cuperus, John Ellersick, Scott Kilcoyne, Conor Henrie, Eitan Norman, Brennan Biemann, Anna Frebel, Alison Harris, Carola Voelker, Diane Gray, Pamela Yang

City Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Walter Goldberg (CDD), Andreas Wolfe (TP&T), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Stephen Meuse (DPW)

Visitor: Jane Tangen

## April Minutes Approved

### Projects

- Brattle Street Safety Improvement Project - Andreas Wolfe, TP&T PM
  - Public process started - 5/3 community meeting held, next meeting June 21
  - Will add separated bike lanes from Mason St to FPP
  - Intersection modifications at Sparks St (bend Craigie St to separately intersect Brattle St) and at Mt Auburn/Aberdeen Ave (design tbd)
  - Builds on prior projects (2-way bike lane in Harvard Square (Eliot to Mason) and improved intersection at Mt Auburn St)
  - Recommending a 2-way separated bike lane on one side, extending the existing one
  - Preserves parking on one side of the street, unlike if 2 one-way bike lanes were added
  - Looking at better separation than flex posts, e.g., concrete curb-like barriers - something more physically protective
  - Improved pedestrian crossings - shorter distances, better visibility - but quickbuild ⇒ no raised crossings
  - Gas main work from Sparks to FPP will delay bike lanes until 2023
  - Summer/Fall 2022 - SBLs will be installed east of Sparks St and Craigie intersection change
  - Spring/Summer 2023 - west of Sparks St
  - Q&A
    - Will need transition before phase 2 from 2-way lanes at Sparks to one-way traditional lanes that are there now? A-Yes.
    - 6 people mention liking pre-cast concrete curbs rather than flex posts! Keeps cars from parking in bike lane, and looks better
    - Will intersection at east end of Brattle be addressed - it is very hard to continue to Mt Auburn St. A - Yes, will look at that. Roundabout would be great and is the future plan, but a big project. Have a consultant looking at a design now.
    - Church St intersection is also a concern
    - Need concrete barriers on median refuge islands too - in new design, islands would be between bike lane and travel lane, not in middle of street
    - Roundabout in future with 2-way bike lane seems problematic, how would this work?
    - Flex posts on concrete barriers should be lower than head height.
    - Leading bike interval at traffic light? A - looking at bike signals and/or LBI at Fayerweather. Trying LBI at Porter Sq at Beech St.

- Were you suggesting a roundabout for the Brattle/Mt Auburn intersection in Harvard Square too? A - no, and not in scope for this project but recognize that area needs some attention, e.g., better signage
  - Snow clearance, will concrete barriers or flex posts be covered by snow? - A - yes, min of 7 feet in all designs, this will be 10 feet, so DPW should be able to handle this.
  - Can flex posts be red to be seen in the snow? A - No, we have standards, white is standard
  - Nice to have concrete barrier at entry to bike lane taller and more obvious
  - Timeline for roundabout? A - will cost several million dollars, would have to go into budget request
  - Maybe 4-way stop at Fayerweather better than a signal?
  - Sparks at Huron also bad - maybe have consultant look at that
- Porter Square - Andreas
  - Refined design presented at community meeting at end of April
  - [https://www.cambridgema.gov/-/media/Images/Traffic/2022projects/portersquare/massave\\_design\\_ai\\_201001.jpg](https://www.cambridgema.gov/-/media/Images/Traffic/2022projects/portersquare/massave_design_ai_201001.jpg)
  - Implementation this summer, including median removal and catenary wire removal
  - Floating valet and loading for hotel to reduce parking in bike lane
- Garden Street Project launched - next CSO project this summer/fall -Stephen Meuse
  - May 24 community meeting
  - Huron Ave to the Common
- Mass Ave between Mem Drive and Lafayette Sq still waiting for some paving changes, but this summer
- DPW - Jim W
  - Broadway between Galileo/Ames project still going on, surface restoration in progress, plan to complete by end of June - but new project will impact Broadway for 5-6 years
  - Inman Sq
    - Sidewalk and curb work almost done
    - May 25 drop-in meeting at 1309 Cambridge St – *NB: Postponed*
  - Harvard Sq Plaza/super crosswalk - work will start in June
  - Port neighborhood plan, open house 5/21 at 2 pm on Windsor St
  - River St - cost escalating, almost double original plan based on materials
  - Binney St Park including part of Grand Junction starting this summer – 18-month project

#### Bike Ride

- May 21
- Have food, water bottles, etc
- Alison to do Flour Cafe pickup
- Conor to do Bon Me pickup
- Reviewed project list and clarified assignments
- Brochure not ready until next week.

#### Other things

- Talking about Wayfinding
- Workplan for committee
- Walter as intern
- Need July/August plan - bike ride/picnic rather than a meeting? Decide in June