Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2010
Submitted by John Dempsey

The meeting took place in the Devotion School library at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Tommy Vitolo, Don McNamara, John Dempsey, Chris Dippel,
Transportation Board Representative: Bill Schwartz
Public: Rebecca Albrecht, Peter Furth, Sibyl Senters, Peggy Ueda, Rich Nangle
Handouts: Agenda, Bike Parade survey results, Drafts of possible signs for Longwood Avenue

The minutes from the May 3, 2010, meeting were approved.

Bike Parade Review – Dempsey/All
• Mr. Dempsey reported on a successful parade.
• There were about 550 participants between both parades (420 on Beacon and 130 at Cottage Farm).
• Cottage Farm needed more parade marshals, another group leader, and earlier placement of barricades.
• Don created a post-parade electronic, 10-question survey.
• Almost eighty people responded to the survey in the first 48 hours.
• The survey showed positive reactions and good suggestions.
• Several people wanted to keep the Cottage Farm route option.
• Discussion of how to engage more high school students and their parents.
• Suggestion to target students in grades 5-8.
• Suggestion to contract with MassBike to offer bike safety sessions in schools.
• Suggestion to extend the length of the parade to Chestnut Hill or to Kenmore Square or to the Public Garden.
• Mr. Dempsey will contact Brookline Bank about being a major yearly sponsor.

Proposed list of projects for Transportation Board tracking
• Discussion of projects for CIP that would have budgets in the range of $35-40,000.
• Does Cypress Street south of Boylston Street qualify? (concern about dips in road from water service connections in the area of Kendall Green/Kendall Street to Franklin Street)
• Connections to Boston’s bike paths at Jamaica Pond and Perkins Street and the Muddy River Path.

Bike Lane Violations Follow-up
• Seventh grade students presented to the Transportation Board calling for a $50 fine for drivers who park or stop in a designated bike lane.
• Endorsed by Police, Transportation Board, and the BAC.
• Students will make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen.
• The BOS will make the final decision.

Regular discussion of bicycle issues at the Transportation Board
• Mr. Schwartz will ask Mr. Sandman to make “discussion about bicycle issues” a part of every agenda.

Discussion about Parkway Road/Netherlands Road Improvements
• Mr. Vitolo will report to the Transportation Administrator on suggestions for modifications in signage/markings.
Discussion about signage to explain sharrows/dashed lines on Longwood Avenue
• Discussion to be continued at July meeting.

Discussion about reinstating “No Parking, 7-9 A.M.” on Beacon Street inbound from Charles Street to Carlton Street or St. Mary’s Street
• Signs stating “No Parking, 7-9 A.M.” were taken down during reconstruction of Beacon Street.
• Is that regulation still on the books?
• Is peak traffic really at 9:15 A.M.?
• Should there be sharrows at Hawes Street and from Carlton to St. Mary’s?

Follow-up
• South Street – bids are coming in/July construction planned
• Mountfort Street – Going to bid
• Longwood Avenue Bike Lanes – 2010 or 2011
• Bike Lanes on Cypress Street – see above

Next Meeting
• We will meet on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

Adjournment:
• We adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Assignments:
• Mr. Dempsey will contact Brookline Bank about being a major yearly sponsor of the bike parade.
• Mr. Schwartz will ask Mr. Sandman to make “discussion about bicycle issues” a part of every agenda.
• Mr. Vitolo will report to the Transportation Administrator on suggestions for modifications in signage/markings at Netherlands Road and Parkway Road.
• Mr. Vitolo will chair the July meeting.