

## **Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**

Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2013

Submitted by Cynthia Snow and Don McNamara

The meeting took place in the Town Hall Room 111 at 7:00 P.M.

**Present:** Cynthia Snow, Bryan Decker, John Dempsey, Chris Dippel, Don McNamara, Tommy Vitolo

**Public:** John Harris

**Handouts:** Agenda

**Introductions:** Mr. Harris introduced himself and said that Climate Action Brookline is interested in pursuing reductions in transportation-generated carbon as part of the overall project of reducing Brookline's carbon footprint.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the May 2013 meeting and the notes from the June 2013 meeting (no quorum) were approved.

### **Site Visit**

The BAC (except Don McNamara) and John Harris visited three sites being considered for future bicycle accommodations: Cypress Street north of Route 9, School Street, and the traffic signal at Washington and Station Street.

### **Discussion of the CIP Funding for Fiscal Year 2015**

The committee discussed adding bicycle accommodations to the following areas:

- Beacon Street (outbound between Marion Street and Washington Square); enough study, design and public input is necessary for this project that it will be delayed until FY 2016, but the BAC is eager to move forward with the necessary work.
- A protected left turn signal (for traffic from Washington to Station Street) should be added to the traffic light.
- Grove Street / Newton Street / Clyde Street – with special attention to intersections that are difficult for bicyclists.
- Cypress Street, north of Route 9—bike lanes and sharrows in both directions, as width allows, to complete the bicycle route from Cypress south of Route 9 to the High School and Washington Street.
- School Street—bike lanes and sharrows in both directions, as width allows (to complete the connection from Cypress to Harvard Street bike lanes).

It was agreed that Ms. Snow would prepare and submit a draft proposal to the Transportation Board and Transportation Department, asking that a plan and cost estimate for Cypress Street, north of Route 9, School Street and additional bicycle racks in public areas be prepared. If further action by the BAC is required to move the proposal forward, it can be discussed at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Discussion of Applying for League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community Status**

- The town of Brookline must be the applicant.
- Ms. Snow will talk to Todd Kirrane about the application process.

- Mr. Decker expressed interest in the “safe routes to schools” part of the application, and Mr. Dempsey suggested that Lynne Karsten of the Department of Public Health would be a good contact.

#### **Discussion of New Intersection Design for Lee Street and Warren Street**

- The committee postponed the discussion until the August meeting.

#### **Discussion of Bicycle Regulations**

- The committee discussed the proposed business district designations and noted that while precise, the designations seem too complicated.
- Mr. Vitolo suggested we follow Cambridge’s lead:
  - Keep the number of commercial districts small
  - Require bike treatments to roads in the commercial districts before prohibiting bicycling on sidewalks

#### **CIP Funding for FY 2014**

Bicycle accommodations in the CIP 14 budget were approved by Town Meeting.

#### **Discussion of Sidewalk Restrictions Submitted by Frank Caro**

The Committee discussed a letter submitted by Frank Caro to the Transportation Board regarding rules and regulations for bicycling on sidewalks. Ms. Snow will draft and circulate a response to the Transportation Board.

#### **Discussion of Green Routes Plan**

The Committee decided to add Brookline Avenue to the Green Routes Plan. Additions/changes to plan will be discussed at the August meeting.

#### **Discussion of Letter Submitted by Andrew Moulton**

- The Committee read and discussed the letter submitted by Andrew Moulton regarding the installation of thermoplastic lines and his concern about the lack of friction on thermoplastic.
- Ms. Snow will relay Mr. Moulton’s concerns to the Transportation Department.

#### **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be Monday, August 5th.

#### **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.