

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

Meeting Minutes for August 5th, 2013

Submitted by Cynthia Snow and Don McNamara

The meeting took place in the Town Hall Room 310 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Attending: Sgt. Mark Trahon

Public: Mitch Heineman

Handouts: Agenda, Cambridge bike safety pamphlet

### **Introductions**

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

- The minutes of the July 2013 meeting were approved as circulated.

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

- The committee discussed CIP funding process and items proposed for 2015.

#### **Discussion of Applying to the League of American Bicycle Friendly Community Status**

- Ms. Snow stated that Todd Kirrane has a login and has started looking at the application process.

#### **Discussion of Public Messages on Bicycle Safety**

- Ms. Snow read aloud the email sent by Jane Gilman.
- The committee reviewed Cambridge's bike safety pamphlet.
- The committee discussed the possibility of including a pamphlet sent in conjunction with a town bill.
- Mr. Vitolo suggested it might be possible to put a message in the whitespace of a bill rather than as a separate item in the envelope.
- Mr. McNamara will send the group a link to the MASCO commuter safety quiz.
- Any message should include safety for all road users—pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Ms. Snow will work on a draft.

#### **Discussion of Lee and Clyde Design**

- The committee discussed the redesigned pavement markings on Lee and Clyde Streets, specifically around the traffic island at Lee Street and Warren Street.
- Mr. Vitolo suggested that reducing the width of Warren Street at the intersection, on the western side could improve safety of the intersection.
- Mr. Dippel suggested that the safety of the design may be improved by making the intersection of Warren (eastbound) and Lee "right Turn Only" and increasing the length of the median to eliminate left turns.

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

- The committee updated the green routes map to indicate what routes had been completed and what routes had been approved. Mr. Heineman and Ms. Snow will apply the updates to the original digital map.

- Mr. Vitolo proposed future improvements along Washington Street to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Other possibilities for future discussion include
  - Adding Brookline Avenue to the plan, from the town line to route 9, as this would connect with existing bicycle infrastructure in the Longwood Medical Area
  - Lines or sharrows on Sumner
  - Tappan from High School to Blake/Sumner
  - Dean Road, Clark to Beacon
  - Eliot Street (as a “connecting” route)
  - Further clarification of Essex as it crosses Dummer (to/from new contraflow)
  - Toxteth contraflow (as part of a “connecting” route)

#### **Discussion of the Bicycle Parade**

- Mr. Dempsey outlined possible alternatives to the current Bicycle Parade or a separate event targeted at an adult bicycling audience.

#### **Discussion of Bicycle Counts**

- Ms. Snow reminded the committee that bicycle counts will be next month.

#### **Next Meeting**

- Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9th.

#### **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.