

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

Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2017, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Cynthia Snow

**Members present:** John Bowman, Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier, Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo, Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

**Members absent:** Bryan Decker, Kristen Schreiber

**Public:** Babcock Street resident

### **January 2017 meeting minutes** –approved

**Crash Data**—Sgt Sutherland reviewed the 2016 bike/motor vehicle crash report for 2016, which was previously distributed to the committee. There were 51 crashes in 2016 in total, and the report breaks them down by month, day of the week, time of day, and cause (when known). He noted that for 2016, 16,172 motor vehicle warnings and fines were issued, and 241 for bicycles.

**CIP 2018 Budget**--There will be funds in the budget for a bike lane on one side of Centre Street and sharrows on the other.

**Hammond Street**—A discussion of Ms. Snow's conversation with Ms. Gulati of Livable Street resulted in the recommendation for an exploration of how any efforts of the BAC for plans for Hammond Street might best fit into transportation plans for the ninth school. The BAC's Climate Week event on April 1 will include soliciting input on additional bicycle accommodations that residents would like to see in town. Ms. Gulati will provide advice for organizing the event, and it can serve as a lead-in to a public workshop on Hammond St. later in the month.

**Climate Week Bike Ride**—The committee enthusiastically endorsed Mr. Dempsey's suggestion for a short bike tour of Brookline bicycle infrastructure on Saturday, April 1.

**Stop-controlled intersection**—Mr. Meunier presented his research and thinking on the benefits for all users of stop sign controlled intersections on quiet streets rather than unnecessary traffic signals. He will do some further research, and the discussion will be continued at future meetings.

### **Follow-Up/Open Items**

- **Bike Parade** (May 21) will be sponsored again by Brookline Bank; the BAC web site has been updated with new parade information; and bike shops confirmed for participation so far include Landry's, Urban Adventours, and Ferris Wheels
- **Babcock Street**—BAC recommendations from our last meeting were sent to the Transportation Board, which at a public meeting accepted some recommendations as well as others for traffic calming, bike lanes and sharrows; they will vote on a final plan at their February meeting.
- **I90 plans**—Mr. Bowman volunteered to attend the community meeting on the project and raised a few points of interest to Brookline.
- **Email** was sent to the BAC list announcing the February 15<sup>th</sup> Longwood area bike summit and the availability of the new Green Routes Plan, on which comments are invited.
- **Level of Stress**—Peter Furth has applied his level of traffic stress analysis to Boston and Brookline streets, and he is willing to present his findings at a public meeting soon.
- **May meeting**—Ms. Snow will be away on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so a volunteer to chair the meeting is needed.

**Next meeting:** Monday, March 6, 2017