

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

Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2017, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Bryan Decker

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

**Members absent:** Kristen Schreiber, Mark Lowenstein

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March meeting were approved

### **Discussion of CIP proposals**

The Capital subcommittee voted to approve bicycle improvements as part of other transportation proposals, without bicycle improvements being singled out. Advisory committee – one member asked for a separate vote for bike improvement, and the Advisory committee approved all bicycle improvements with two nay votes

The Committee had a discussion of CIP approval process and CIP process going forward –

It was noted that the town spends \$304k annually on sidewalk repair, but often spends an amount only 10% as large on improving bicycle accommodations

Discussion of cost of bike accommodation – stencils (e.g., bike and sharrow symbols) are much more expensive than lines for lanes/crosswalks

John Bowman has been learning about the process and would like to figure out how to increase capital investment in bicycle infrastructure, to institutionalize bicycle investment

The Committee noted the advisability of having bike accommodation proposals “funding ready” (vetted and approved) a year or more ahead of the CIP

### **Hammond Street**

Community Meeting April 24 at 7:00 at Beaver Country Day – would like to have BAC members in attendance

Livable streets suggests reaching out to community members to encourage attendance (request to invite all Precinct 15 and 16 town meeting members)

**Green routes plan:** Committee members are encouraged to keep an eye out for needed additions to the green route plan

### **Climate week**

Cynthia Snow reported on the BAC table at Climate Week event, discussed creation of bicycling map – folks noted where they are biking and where they live

Sticky notes on map for suggestions for improvements were collated and circulated

Due to weather, the Bicycle Accommodation ride (led by former BAC member John Dempsey and Bryan Decker) postponed to April 8

### **Bike lane violation count study**

John Bowman reported on his data driven project to document incidences of motorized vehicles blocking bicycle lanes

18 volunteers  
starting to get very good data  
still looking for more volunteers

**Babcock Street**

The Transportation Board approved the modified plan for Babcock and Naples w/ bike boxes at Harvard-Babcock intersection. The decision has been appealed to the Board of Selectmen

**Beacon Street Hill Bike Lane**

The Transportation Dept. is conducting the analysis of the impact of the Beacon Street bike lane. Counts are being conducted every two months. It was noted that the paint has already faded, but the long lines will be repainted this spring.

**Current Projects:** Greenough and Newton approved improvements will be done this Spring

**Announcements / meetings**

Bike Corral (will be put back); should be permanent to avoid illegal parking

Gateway East 25% design hearing will be held by the DOT on 4/26

Transportation Board hosted I90-Beacon Yards report issued 3/20 – issues open still include full impact on Brookline

John Bowman and Cynthia Snow attended a DCR meeting on complete streets/paths and parkways; DCR is suggesting demonstration project on Hammond Pond Parkway

DCR has a budget for municipalities to propose design projects

MAPC app Ride Report - Jacob Meunier gave a report on an exciting app “Ride Report” which will allow municipalities to collect a wealth of information regarding cycling in their communities.

Next meeting May 3 – John Bowman will chair