

Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee
Monthly meeting
August 7, 2017, 7:00 Town Hall
Prepared by Bryan Decker

Members in attendance: Cynthia Snow (chair), John Bowman, Bryan Decker, Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier, Thomas Vitolo, Brian Sutherland (Police liaison)

Members absent: Kristen Schrieber

Public: Mitch Heineman, Scott Jones, David Kroop, Jules Milner-Brage, Isaac Silberberg, Elissa Yanover

1. Minutes from the July 2017 meeting were approved.
2. Bicycle Lane Violation Count Pilot Study – John Bowman gave a report and discussed his PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Bicycle Lane Violation Study from 2-17 through 5-17.
 - Over 1503 observations were recorded
 - Bicycle lane segments are blocked 27% of the time
 - Beacon and Harvard main focus of study
 - Discussion – More “no stopping in bike lane” signs? increased enforcement via citations?
 - The committee discussed takeaways and suggestions
 - Main takeaway – unprotected bike lanes are on the monitored sections of Harvard and Beacon are not adequate because they are frequently blocked
 - Suggestions – Transition to protected bike lanes where feasible (especially where space is available and transition would be low cost – i.e. Beacon inbound after Washington Street)
 - John Bowman will, with BAC approval and encouragement, present the final report to the Transportation Board.
3. Transportation Census Data – John Bowman reported on Transportation Trends in Brookline taken from 2009-2015 data from the U.S. Census Bureau.
 - The data demonstrates a growing increase in reliance on walking and cycling with a decrease in MV ownership, over the study period. (Note: distributed graph showing % of female cyclists is not correct; data are currently being entered to generate correct graph.)
4. Annual Bike Counts – The committee approved holding the annual bicycle counts on September 11-14 and 18-20. Cynthia Snow will announce the count to volunteers and coordinate volunteers.
5. New Business – Discussion of scheduling meeting with members of newly formed Town Pedestrian Committee, having BAC member attend meeting, discuss common

ground and shared goals. The BAC will share meeting agendas with Pedestrian and Public Transit Committees.

6. Green Routes Plan Modifications for 2018 – goal is to have all modifications done by end of Calendar year to go into 2018 ready to make short and long term recommendations. Possible changes for further discussion:
 - Hammond Street and Beacon focus for protected bike lanes
 - Discussion of impact on increase in e-Bike usage on Green Route Plan (increase in # of cyclists, change in cycling habits)
 - Discussion of adding section to Green Routes Plan regarding education (necessary to seek Silver Bike Friendly status), enforcement
 - Add in section on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston/adjacent to Town, vast improvement in bicycle infrastructure
7. Discuss projects of different magnitude – Need to have “ready to go” projects of varying sizes to recommend in case opportunities arise and to be ready for 5/19 Town Meeting budget. Discussion of grouping projects by cost – 30k/60k/100k+
8. Next meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 (SECOND MONDAY)

2017 meeting dates, all meetings in Room 408, Town Hall: (First Monday of the month unless noted): WEDNESDAY, January 4; February 6; March 6; April 3; WEDNESDAY, May 3; June 5; WEDNESDAY, July 5; August 7; Monday, September 11; October 2; Monday, November 6; December 4