

Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 6, 2018, Town Hall 408, 7 PM

Members present: John Bowman, Jacob Meunier, Kristen Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo (to 8 PM), Ashley Haire (Transportation Board liaison)

Members absent: Mark Lowenstein, Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

Others present: John Harris, Sam Archer, Daniel Martelly, Devon Kelley, Jules Milner-Brage, Len Wholey

1. Items not on agenda: Daniel raised issue of difficulty of biking inbound on route 9 east of Washington Street. Response: cycle tracks will be built in this area as part of "Gateway East" project, which will be bid this fall.

2. Report from Transportation Board (Ashley):

- Complete Streets Prioritization Plan approved for submission to Mass DOT
- Decision delayed on trial of morning rush hour parking restriction on Beacon Street inbound (Charles to St. Mary's); some resistance due to presence of HP parking and several medical office facilities in this area. More data to be collected on bike and car travel time; bike volunteers needed to time themselves in this area 7-9 AM next Tuesday-Thursday. The Board will revisit the issue on Monday, September 17th

3. Brookline day celebration: no plans for this Brookline Day.

4. Discussion/planning for May Bridle Path demonstration/trial:

Cynthia and Jules suggested honoring John Dempsey's many years as the bike parade director next May at an event to close part of Beacon Street median to parking to allow trial of bridle path idea. Jules, Cynthia and Jacob will be a subcommittee to plan project and will get advice from Todd about how to operationalize. Cynthia will contact John Dempsey.

5. Bike advisory committee reappointments:

- Tommy and Kristin up for reappointment
- Tommy not seeking reappointment due to election as State Representative
- Recommendation for Kristin's reappointment will be forwarded to the Transportation Board
- Bryan Decker has resigned due to move to Newton
- Formal search will be initiated to find two new committee members

6. Annual bike counts will be done September 24-27. Cynthia will organize and seek volunteers to work at approximately 20 locations, mostly during morning rush hours plus evening rush hours at two locations.

5. Green Routes plan updates/discussion

- Mark's suggestions for way finding signage on distinct routes was discussed but may be beyond the purview of the BAC because it needs to be so comprehensive and applies to all modes of transportation.
- Bike runnels next to steps on some paths/stairways will be added to plan (University path, Colbourne path, stairs from C line to outbound Beacon Street, possibly others).
- Contraflow on Atherton will be marked as priority.
- Contraflow bike lane across the train tracks in Coolidge Corner, in front of Neena's Lighting/Post Office area, would allow a left turn for bikes onto Pleasant. Bikes would be on

right (eastern) side of crossover which would lead to a short stretch of contraflow at the beginning of Pleasant St. along the triangular island.

- Contraflow on Charles Street, just east of Post Office, going south from Beacon St, would allow bike traffic to access Sewall Avenue (would just require “except bikes” sign at the no-entry sign mid-way on Charles).
- Will discuss the list of additional streets at next meeting.

6. Other issues: contraflow lane on Park often has a vehicle parked in the lane; discussed appropriateness of trying to bring an official suggestion to Transportation Board for flex posts or similar barrier to parking. BAC will not take action at this time since we agreed to work with Todd on one bike lane blockage at a time.

7. Identification of bike parking needs: Discussed systematic effort to identify places in town that need more bike parking so that racks can be installed strategically rather than responding to individual requests as they come up.