

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

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 3, 2020, on-line, 7 PM

**Members present:** Elena Huisman, Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier, Cynthia Snow, Len Wholey

**Members absent:** Kristin Schreiber, Brian Sutherland (Police liaison), Ali Tali (Transportation Board liaison)

**Others present:** Emily Jacobsen, Alicia Lai, Jan Preheim, Todd Kirrane, Dan Martin, Jules Milner-Brage, David Kroop, Perry Grossman, David Trevvett,

**Interviews:** Ms. Jacobsen and Ms. Lai were interviewed for open positions on the BAC

**Newton and Goddard Streets:** Mr. Kirrane and Mr. Martin presented plans for additions and changes to pavement markings on these two streets as part of the pavement management program designed to extend the life of the existing pavement but without full resurfacing. At the intersection, the existing left turn cue box for bicycles turning left from Newton onto Goddard will be eliminated (not considered safe and not an approved accommodation at intersections without signals). Crosswalks with adjoining green-painted crosswalks for bikes will be installed. Buffered bike lanes on both sides of Newton will be extended from Goddard to the Town line, except for the area next to the community gardens in Lars Anderson Park where gardeners park during the growing season. Most of the markings on Goddard will remain the same except for a green dashed crosswalk at Meadowbrook Road.

After discussion and questions to Mr. Kirrane and Mr. Martin, the committee voted unanimously by roll call vote to endorse the plans as approved with the addition of dashed lines on the pavement as a warning that the bike lane on Goddard ends at Avon.

**Minutes:** The May 2020 meeting minutes were approved as circulated by roll call (unanimous)

**Proposals for FY 2022 CIP:** The committee discussed several streets as possible projects for the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Projects budget. High on the list of criteria were the extension and permanent use of some of the COVID temporary cycling and pedestrian uses on streets in Brookline. Also of interest were routes that would link to cycle routes in Cambridge and Boston.

By unanimous roll call vote, the committee will recommend Brookline Avenue bike lanes to connect to those in Boston (LMA), Harvard Street (continuous lanes), Longwood and others (perhaps Cypress) that have had additional lanes set aside for cyclist and pedestrian safety during the COVID pandemic.

**Proposal to Transportation Board for more COVID road accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists:** The BAC reviewed the general plans to be considered by the Transportation Board on Monday, June 8, although detailed plans were not yet available. By roll call, the BAC voted to endorse the proposal put forward by Transportation staff for continuation and further extension of sidewalks into streets to increase spaces for pedestrians, cyclists, and micro-mobility users. The one addition recommended is that the extensions cover the entire length of Beacon Street in Brookline.

**Adjournment:** 9:05 PM

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

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**Members present:** Elena Huisman, Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Len Wholey

**Members absent:** Brian Sutherland (Police liaison), Ali Tali (Transportation Board liaison)

**Public:** Hugh Mattison (briefly)

The committee interviewed Neal Lerner, Andrew White, Len Weiss, and Tim Kayser for open positions on the BAC.

Following the interviews, the committee discussed all the candidates and noted that any of them would be a good and welcome addition to the BAC. Ms. Huisman will contact all candidates regarding the decisions and will encourage those not chosen to participate as friends of the committee and to let them know that there may be additional openings in the near future.

The following candidates will be recommended to the Transportation Board for appointment to the BAC:

Emily Jacobsen (3-year term, commencing at the end of Cynthia Snow's term in September 2020)

Alicia Lai (2-year term, to fill out the term of John Bowman)

Neal Lerner (1-year term, to fill out the term of Kristin Schreiber)

The committee expressed unanimous thanks to Dr. Schreiber and regret that her current responsibilities preclude her continued service on the BAC. She will be very welcome as a friend of the committee as time permits.