



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY 2021 MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, May 6th, 2021, 6:30-8:00PM

GoToMeeting link for computers, tablets, and smartphones: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/776350613>

GoToMeeting dial-in number: +1 (224) 501-3412, Access Code: 776-350-613

Procedural, General Business & Updates (10 minutes)

- Guest introductions and meeting logistics: James Hines, Tim Dineen, Arah Schuur, Alex Epstein
- Acting Secretary – Alex Frieden
- Approval of April minutes and special meeting minutes

Focus 1: Bike Network Plan (15 minutes)

- Bike Network Plan metrics (Greg Ely)
 - Metrics of incline change calculation.
 - Example of Central/Highland to Prospect Hill Park
 - Link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-BPhIQISZOGP48cxfZWyxaKtfYbpQlfBDihXhHZnaj8/edit>
 - Definition of “connectivity”
 - Greg to put finishing touches on

Focus 2: Outreach (10 minutes)

- Ideas for recruiting new members – Lena
 - Looking at creating equity in membership. Looking for ideas from members. Talk to Lena.
 - Looking for help with subteams
 - good description of them in our 2019 Annual Report
http://www.somervillebikes.org/uploads/1/7/6/6/17660777/2019_sbac_annual_report.pdf
- Somerville Bike News and social media posts – Ken
 - Pass along from Mark Chase: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2915674982010032>
 - Ride and tune up at SMC to celebrate bike month May 18th and May 23rd.
 - SASS is holding a Highway Justice Rally for Mystic and McGrath
<https://fb.me/e/3KqTbiMah>

Focus 2: SASS Street Design Guide (15 minutes)

- SASS Street Design Guide draft (Alex E)

- Going through SASS design guide. The good and the bad with examples. Feedback was broadly positive.
- No Action taken. Plan to take vote in future meeting.
- Link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N5ae8fXV37IfB55jva3fzPtH4cAhw7EG-CdsZ5i7wz4/edit>
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City Update (40 minutes)

- Update on Spring projects (SAUSI, Lower Medford St, Wellington Bridge, Somerville Ave near Porter)
 - Final paving happening on Medford Street
 - 51 new trees planted on Somerville Ave
 - Discussing with Cambridge on plan for Somerville Ave near Porter.
 - Mossland signal phasing:
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GxeDEHY8ps7S3QfSS40IOqLUby4PrG_jj082BezviHg/edit#slide=id.g7bc44bd607_0_148
 - did the city coordinate the work on lower Medford so that the Somerville and Cambridge facilities connect? Response from Adam is yes, can send committee Cambridge's plans.
- Response to SBAC feedback on Spring Hill Project Area 1 and College Ave
 - Flex posts added on College to daylight intersections
- Update on Shared Streets
 - Instead of extending quick-build / high-maintenance network, focusing on methodically building out permanent, more durable improvements and incorporating Shared Streets network into other reconstruction. Starting with Gilman/Oliver corridor.
- Timeline for installing flexposts
 - 500 flexposts ordered and should be installed by end of June.
- Timeline for Boynton Yards streetscape development
 - Mobility to schedule time with Evaluation and Engineering team.
- Pearl St
 - July-August for next information session