



## SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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Ian Woloschin  
\*Alex Frieden (Pending)  
\*Kevin McGrath (Pending)

### **Guests**

\*Katherine Pierce  
\*Ted Lester  
\*Lena Webb  
\*Rob Carter  
\*Sky Rose  
\*Tom Connors  
\*Ted Feldman

### **Ex-Officio:**

Skye Stewart, Office of the Mayor  
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Terry Smith, Traffic and Parking  
\*Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino, Police Department  
\*Mike Tremblay, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Dev.

Day/Date: Thursday August 17th, 2017

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: Police Department/ Washington Street

### Procedural, General Business & Updates (15 Minutes)

- Guest introductions and sign-in sheet
- Acting Secretary: Katie Pierce
- Vote: Approve July Minutes. Minutes were approved.
- Vision Zero Rollout Plan- Mike
  - Morning event- 9am Union Square (Same day as Mayor's Bike Talk: September 6)
  - Once declared, need plan within 1 yr (Boston rolled out their plan and Cambridge is rolling out their plans shortly)
- Burning Questions (After you have read all the updates to the 5 E's Spreadsheet)

### Focus Session 1 (45 Minutes)

- Introduction to Bike Project Spreadsheet- Alex Frieden
  - [Link](#) on Box. Every project is listed: imminent or almost (e.g. Beacon, Webster) and cataloging/tiering them.
- Top Projects to complete in 2017 and steps needed Ken/Tom/Alex F/Mark with Mike
  - Medford St Bike Lanes/PBL: from Target to Cambridge line
    - There are ten parking spaces in this stretch. No residents appear to be parking there, parking lanes seem to be used by business (auto body shop)

- Road is getting resurfaced: bid is out and month or two it will start. This will get done this year. Issues of prioritizing projects (Mike)
  - When do you bring in engineering? If it's just parking, maybe not, but moving travel lanes require it. Sketch plan is helpful, but basic line work doesn't need consultant.
- Can we include plastic bollards? Good idea
- Should engineering draw up plans for this?
  - Yes, within next month. Tom to work with Engineering Team
  - Does alderman for the area sign off on this?  
Ken to make sure MaryAnn is on board.
- Elm Street single-directional painted bike lanes: Somerville Ave. to Mossland/Cedar
  - Contractor only needs to restripe what was there, due to repaving.
  - Centerline striping will happen in September.
  - Won't be obligated to do bike lanes, but the City can stripe them and add a bike box. Consultants will put back sharrows.
- Cedar St Traffic Calming: Broadway to Highland.
  - Chicaning to alternate with parking (e.g. Like Lowell St).
  - Resurfacing and restriping happening in 2018
- Webster Ave PBLs: Prospect to City Line
  - Eversource work will be month or two longer. Eversource will be resurfacing.
  - Enough time for traffic commission? Yes
  - Do we need engineering consultant to sign off? Would be helpful.
  - Crosswalk to garage, needs serious consideration for at least re-striping
  - Challenge with handicap parking space on Webster: Mike and Brad working on this.
- Beacon St Surface Coating for Winter: Washington to City Line.
  - Eversource going to pay for surface coating? They are amenable, but no commitment stated yet (3 weeks away from finishing work).  
Mike meeting next week with them, so will bring it up.
  - Remaining work? Washington St to City Line -- requires complete reconstruction to be done in spring.
- Sycamore St Contra Flow: Richdale to Willoughby.
  - Resurfacing? It's a priority but comes after Cedar on the list of what to do next.
  - Traffic calming study by a consultant placed Sycamore 2nd or 3rd on a priority list given the proximity to schools and the speed of traffic there.  
Report is coming out to show this. The SBAC would like to see this report when it is available.
  - Require the removal of one parking space (not a huge demand, so should be okay).
- Park St Bike Lanes: entire length
  - Part of HSIP
  - What's the status? HSIP restriping -- optimistic that all can be done this year, but Park St needs repaving and HSIP funding needs to be coordinated.
  - Approval from Federal Highway Commission required to get approval for bike boxes for all 4 HSIP streets (Temple, Washington, Broadway and Marshall)
- Marshall St Contra Flow: Pearl to Broad.
  - Not tied to anything, but there's space and was done as a pilot last year
  - On the city's radar, but it just needs to be added to restriping list (key connector to Broadway).
- Broadway Resurfacing: Central to McGrath
  - Not on track for this fiscal year.
  - High on priority list.
- Hancock St Contraflow: entire length
  - Spring Hill Neighborways have been approved by traffic commission. Need to get in touch with neighbors about the work and public outreach

- Gillman/Oliver Contraflow: entire length
  - City funding can be used for anything (e.g., to make it more engaging, slow traffic)

#### Focus Session II (20 Minutes)

- Union Square Early Action
  - Remaining Plans- Mike
    - Short-term
      - Green markings are mostly done.
      - Washington St: parking protected and curb-side bike lanes need educational posters out (e.g. similar to Boston's for Mass Ave).
      - Will remove contradictory parking signage
      - Crossing of Somerville Ave: flashing beacon planned.
      - Prospect St condition:
        - MBTA has not signed off on any further changes to bus stop yet
        - One concern for shared bike/bus lane: unless you have officer at beginning of shared lane, what is preventing cars from using that lane?
          - Make it look less obvious to cars (bus slide in from single lane where's there's adequate space?)
          - White slashes down the lanes
        - Are parking signs getting removed?
          - They should be
        - The de-facto bike lane will not be used for construction vehicles for the T?
          - Was supposed to be the plan, but may not be the case anymore.
          - Will need an alternative plan next year if this is the case.
  - Contractors are out looking at Union Sq for another month. Will continue to work to optimize traffic flow.
  - Fun fact: Union Sq. Is not the start or end point of 81% of traffic passing through Union Sq.
  - Lessons learned deferred to a future meeting

#### Enforcement Committee Update (10 Minutes): Kevin

- Rideshare letter: partner with Education Committee; Ian is working on it.
- Winter maintenance letter: Stan Coty, DPW Commissioner, is main person to address letter to.
- Working on crash report/survey: need BCU to tell us about their stats and need disclaimer language approved.
- "Stop on the line every time" campaign of rolling into crosswalk and cycletrack, pushing for Education and Enforcement Committees to collaborate.
  - GoPro? Ken volunteered.
  - May get pushback as cyclists don't do that (meaning stopping at the line).
- Starting discussion on rideshare loading zones (temporary parking removal and seeing success rate)
  - Traffic commission for this month for Davis Sq- will be discussing rideshare loading/unloading zones
  - How can we monitor them?