

**SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE**  
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Stephen Winslow, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD)

Bob Trane, Board of  
Traffic and Parking

**MEETING MINUTES**    Tuesday, September 20, 2005, City Hall

**ATTENDEES**            Alan, Ron, Greg, Dereck, Peter, Phil, Steve

**1. Minutes** - Alan called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. The June, July, and September special meeting minutes were approved.

**2. Tour de Somerville** (Oct. 15) - Greg reported that the route has been set; Redbones and the police have been contacted; Dereck is designing the poster; Ron will do the map and cue sheet, and send out publicity; information will be posted on the web site; Peter has 2-way radios. Mike Buckley in the mayor's office will be contacted about a press release.

**3. Abandoned bicycles/MBTA** - Greg will tag the 15 abandoned bikes identified by he and Steve, and the T will have workers remove the bikes, as an interim step while we wait for a final removal policy to be adopted. A question was raised about what happens to bikes that the T removes. Steve will attempt to find out.

**4. Bicycle parking ordinance** - Alderman At Large Denise Provost introduced the proposed ordinance at a recent Board of Aldermen meeting. Alan asked if a follow up is needed. Steve replied that it will be referred to committees of the BoA. He'll check with Denise afterwards to find out when the committee(s) meet to have cyclists there to support the ordinance.

**5. Maxpak site** - Alan spoke of the need to develop more specific guidelines for bicycle connections, access, and parking.

**6. City Report** - Steve Winslow

Steve handed out his City Report. Alan requested that Steve send out a preliminary City Report before each SBC meeting, so that members can read it beforehand, and then meeting time can be devoted to items that need discussion and/or action. Greg asked to make sure the report goes out to the entire SBC member list.

**A. Cutter Ave.** - There will be no bike lane markings on the street. Greg asked if the left/right turn lane arrows will be painted. An inquiry will be made.

**B. Washington St.** - bikes lanes will be redone, using thermoplastic; bike stencils will be

painted  
in the lanes.

**C. Davis Square on-road route/Grove St. gate** - A subcommittee of Steve, Terry Smith (T&P), Greg, and Joel Bennett will meet to discuss the on-road alternative route proposal.

**D. Community Path** - Cedar St. to Central St. 25% design should be done shortly.

**E. DCR Paths** - Alan has sent a letter to the MBTA requesting a site tour of the proposed route of a Mystic River path extension from Draw 7 Park to Route 99 in Charlestown, via the bus depot. Steve reported that a DCR grant for surveying and mapping work for the Wellington Bridge (Rte. 28) undercrossing will be put out to bid.

**7. On road bicycle accommodations -**

- Somerville Ave.: Phil asked about sending marked up plans, with our comments, to either MassHighway directly, or the mayor's office for forwarding. Steve said that he'd rather we work with MHD after the project is bid out, and work with the resident engineer when he/she comes on board.

Alan handed out a draft document about possible procedures to evaluate and consider vis-a-vis on road accommodations. In conjunction with Phil's draft design guide, Alan will draft a big picture document that will become the basis of the SBC guidelines for bicycle lanes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 18, at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Palmer, Secretary