

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW

Cambridge Bicycle Committee, August 11, 2016 Meeting

Minutes recorded by SB: Steven Bercu

[initials; * = in attendance]

JA: Jonathan Adams *

SB: Steve Bercu *

AMB: Anne Marie Biernacki *

AF: Amy Flax

JG: John Goodman

CJ: Caroline Jaffe*

MVK: Mechthild von Knobelsdorff

JL: Jen Lawrence (CDD staff)

SM: Sean McDonnell

MN: Matt Nelson (CPD)

AO: Ari Ofsevit

MP: Mike Proscia *

JR: Joseph Raser

RR: Ruthann Rudel

DS: David Soares

JS: Justin Schreiber (CDD staff, SRTS)

MS: Melissa Shakro

CS: Cara Seiderman (CDD staff) *

RS: Randy Stern *

PS: Peter Stokes *

AW: Andrea Williams

JW: Jim Wilcox (DPW)

I. Agenda review, Approval of Minutes, Announcements

June minutes approved with minor corrections. (MP, AMB). We will hold a joint meeting of the bike/pedestrian/transit committees on September 19, 2016 to review active projects and answer questions. We had to reschedule our ride to observe and review current projects due to weather, rescheduled to Wednesday, August 17, 2016.

II. Bow-Tie Ride (Sept. 25, 2016)

JG is testing out a route and has provided MP with draft map. MP proposed that a delegation of committee members meet for a trial ride along the route. **Action Item:** MP to coordinate trial ride. It was noted that JG is rotating off the Committee and that we will therefore need a ride leader beginning in the spring. JA and RS agreed to serve as co-ride leaders for the first ride following JG's departure in order to assess whether or not they are willing to consider in that role on an ongoing basis.

III. Website and Social Media for the Committee

We discussed the Committee's online and social media presence (or lack thereof) in the context of various channels, including the Committee's web page for group rides (cambridgebikes.org), the Committee's official Facebook page, the City's website, and the unaffiliated Cambridge Bikes! Facebook group. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee **RESOLVED** to constitute a social media/website sub-committee to review our social media/online tools and channels and report back to the Committee with any findings and/or recommendations. CJ graciously agreed to serve as point person for this sub-committee. **Action Item:** CJ to set up an initial meeting for the sub-committee.

IV. PARK(ing) Day (Sept. 16, 2016)

AMB reported on progress with preparations. Our plan for the Committee's PARK(ing) Day site is to implement a pop-up cycletrack on both sides of Massachusetts Ave., along the two-block stretch from Albany St. to Landsdowne St. The cycletrack will utilize a physical barrier in the form of metal barriers wrapped with Tyvek material that has been painted/decorated by children engaged in the project at their schools/camps. Most of our discussion focused on: the best way to affix the Tyvek to the metal barriers both for ease of setup/breakdown and repurposing in the future (PS is going to investigate further), recruiting sufficient numbers of volunteers for setup/breakdown, the optimal start/end times (the consensus seemed to be to have the cycletrack open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), and the best form of signage/markings to make clear to both bicyclists and motorists the intended operation of the pop-up cycletrack. CS noted that Hubway is implementing its own pop-up cycletrack for PARK(ing) Day on Broadway by the library. CJ is going to look into setting up some bike counters both for the Committee's cycletrack and Hubway's. RG is going to look into creating some explanatory signage. CS remarked that Cambridge is believed to have the largest PARK(ing) Day in the world.

V. Inman Square – Interim Markings. The Committee looked at the plan for interim markings/treatments. Intersection markings were a Participatory Budgeting Items, and were fast tracked because of the sense of urgency for doing something in Inman Square. Because implementation has already begun, the plans are informational only (although Cara will review with TP&T staff as to whether any of the additional suggestions from the Committee would be possible to add). In addition to these plans, the City continues to consider interim changes with respect to turning movements and signal changes. In particular, the City is considering a trial ban on left turns from Hampshire St. and/or Cambridge Street in one or both directions. CS noted that such a ban could serve as a useful trial and inform the overall Inman redesign process that is now underway. PS noted that people riding bicycles westbound on Cambridge St. ideally should have a queueing area ahead of right-turning traffic (i.e., in front of the 1369 Coffeeshop). MP asked whether bi-directional ban on left turns could be expected to reduce crashes based on crash data in City's possession. MP also suggested that, if the left-turn ban is imposed, the City should consider facilitating two-stage left turns (i.e., "Copenhagen lefts") for bicycles. AMB asked if we can implement permanent counters and/or camera feeds to capture data that would help with the redesign process. CS noted that there is a great deal of history to the issue of whether and how cameras or related data collection devices could be implemented by the City of Cambridge and that this is an issue the Committee might consider taking up at a future meeting. **Action Item:** discussion of street cameras/counters to be placed on agenda for future Committee meeting.

VI. Upcoming Roadway Work. Travel lanes on Hampshire St. will receive a milling/overlay repaving in the near future.

Tabled/For Future Agendas: To take up the issue of whether and how the City should deploy cameras in the City's squares to facilitate crash and traffic analysis and safety with a view toward potentially delivering a recommendation to the City.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bercu