

Cambridge Bicycle Committee minutes March 11, 2020

Committee Work

- Bike Rides
 - Winter Ride - Feb. 29, 9:00-11:00 AM, Bike for Bikes, A Winter Biking Celebration
 - 43 people came, but hard to collect data on who came, no race or gender info
 - Lamplighter was great, had police escort, free Bluebikes, treats from HiRise, Flour, Mariposa
 - 1 minor incident where a pedestrian seems to have walked into the stream of bikers
 - Spring Ride, May 16, 9:30AM
 - Will be 19th Amendment Ride
 - Will coordinate with Cambridge Commission on Women
 - Jon will hold a meeting to plan the route in more detail
 - Fresh Pond Day in June, possible kids ride
 - River Festival June 6
- Bicycle Plan 2020
 - Bike Plan open house, was to be April 4, but cancelled due to concerns about health emergency (counts for all events in the city)
 - Was to cover
 - Draft network vision
 - 2015 Action Items - what the city heard
 - Crash map with crash data
 - Updated toolbox - quick builds, low speed/low volume streets (what to call these...), wayfinding (eg. high school to Danehy Park.)
 - Prioritization for quickbuild projects - safety, connectivity, equity, route to schools and key destinations
 - Collect stories from people - photobooth, things the city hasn't thought about, eg. "my best route from A to B"
- Projects
 - Glacken Field, Huron Ave - to have 2 way cycle track and 5 ft sidewalks adjacent to water department land. Committee to write letter in support of walking/biking priority
 - Watertown path - delayed due to drainage issues
 - Windsor Street - planned March 25 meeting, potential 2-way bike lane.
 - River Street - design is proceeding with both a dedicated bus lane and protected bike lanes for the entire length from the river to Central Square. Design of Tubman Park and Carl Barron Plaza still TBD.
 - Cambridgepark Drive/Coventry Common. Dien and Mark spoke at the planning board meeting. It's not decided, but the developer was enthusiastic about an elevated boardwalk-like path.
- Other
 - Bicycle Safety Ordinance. Cambridge Bicycle Safety advocacy group has been working with city councillors and city staff to add a realistic time line of 6 years max for the complete buildout of the protected bike network in Cambridge as described in the Bicycle Plan, including all public process needed to review each part. Some of the network could be quick build rather than hard built (DPW planned) infrastructure. It will be referred to

the ordinance committee on March 16. The Bike Committee agreed to endorse the new ordinance with a letter to be drafted by Dien.

- Cara - Bike Committee meeting to review the Bike Plan scheduled for 3/30 may be postponed due to COVID-19. Staff analysis is complete, including transit , parking, etc impacts. Future meetings unclear, city has no Zoom account, open meeting laws to be considered
 - Qian idea - “Close Broadway”. Show what it might look like as part of a protected bike lane network street.
- Somerville Bike Committee open house. Will contact Ken Carlson about participating. Randy, Jon, Mark, Ruthann, Qian interested.