

Draft Notes - 12/8/21 Bicycle Committee Meeting

Panelists: Randy Stern, Mark Boswell, Amy Flax, John Ellersick, Eitan Normand, Pamela Yang, Brennan Biemann, Julia Somerdin, Conor Henrie, Silvia Del Carmen-Castanos, Scott Kilcoyne, Carola Voelker, Anna Frebel, Diane Gray (Harvard), Rahi Patel, Alison Harris, Guido Cuperus, Cara Seiderman-CDD, Stephen Meuse-TP&T, Evan Killion-CDD, Charlie Creagh-CDD, Bill Deignan-CDD, Todd Robinson (MIT), Scott Kilcoyne

Attendees: Gavin Lund, Eli Inkelas

Minutes of November meeting approved

Introductions

- Returning members
 - Randy Stern (Secretary, Cambridgeport), Mark Boswell (chair, N Cambridge), Amy Flax (vice chair, Cambridge Highlands), John Ellersick (Porter Square), Alison Harris (Cambridgeport)
- New Members
 - Eitan Normand - 2 yrs in Cambridge, West Cambridge, has worked on bike infrastructure
 - Pamela Yang - West Cambridge, isn't biking now, wants to help make it safer
 - Brennan Biemann - in high school, wants to learn and help make biking better
 - Julia Somerdin, Central Square, child goes to CRLS, wants more safety
 - Conor Henrie, Port, bike commuter, errands, etc, want to help the infrastructure expand
 - Silvia Del Carmen-Castanos, 6 mo in Cambridge near Inman Square, first time biking in a city, after Laredo TX
 - Scott Kilcoyne, North Cambridge, bike commuter & around
 - Carola Voelker - East Cambridge, Recently came from Germany, mountain and city biker
 - Anna Frebel - Cambridgeport, owns no car, takes kids to school on bike, wants safety for whole family
 - Diane Gray (Harvard) - North Cambridge, near Mass Ave, loves North Mass Ave infrastructure, whole family bikes, uses Bluebikes
 - Rahi Patel - Harvard Square, new to Cambridge, using new bike infrastructure
 - Guido Cuperus - Mid Cambridge for 3 years, works in Kendall, bike commuter, wants to help with infrastructure
 - Tom Randall - Use infrastructure and wants to help expand to less confident riders
 - Todd Robinson, MIT (also on design committee member for the GJP project)

[Grand Junction Path](#) update - Charlie Creagh, CDD

- Path will extend from Gore Street near Somerville Community Path (SCP extension in construction now), to Henry St near the BU Bridge
- Timeline - concept began in 2000/2001, small section built now in Galileo Galilei Way, A
- Will support 2 track transit, plus 14ft multi-use path with 2 ft shoulders. May be narrower in some spots
- Currently working towards 75% design
- Next public meeting in 2022
- Path Connectivity

- Path entrance at Henry St (can't go to river initially, because of bridge replacement needs), with small park
 - Needs a route to the Sidney St bike lane.
- Fort Washington Park
 - Anglim Street, a street that does not exist yet, could be built to connect from the path at the rear of Fort Washington to Erie St and Waverly St.
 - Albany/Waverly/Erie propose to create a raised intersection, add crosswalks, connect the shared path to Waverly Path. Q: Perhaps needs jughandle to make left from Albany to Anglim to GJP?
- Path & Delivery Coordination
 - Rear loading for MIT buildings facing the GJP between Pacific St and Mass Ave
 - 8-12 vehicles/weekdays, large and small
 - Path narrow at this point, need controls for trucks
 - Set one-way operations for trucks, Possible gates and lights to control movements. Q - could trucks drive on rails w platforms? Interesting idea; Unlikely in this case due to need to access the building loading docks
- Linden Park (Housing development between Binney and Cambridge St)
 - Connection through the housing park from Cardinal Medeiros, shared street environment
 - One or two access points, no neighborhood agreement on how many is optimal
 - No likely impact on collision rate of entering cyclists with path users whether 1 or 2 connections
 - Connections from Fulkerson St side would have to cross the tracks – not easy to create a connection that crosses the rail tracks. MassDOT would most likely not allow another at-grade crossing. No access from Fulkerson in current design. There is a partial 2-way bike facility on Fulkerson to Binney, Comment: it would be helpful to extend that in the future to make the connection safer.
- Cambridge St. crossing
 - Initial design was crossing on eastern side of tracks
 - Redesign - 2 crossings – a ped crossing at east, one large shared path at west (headed north, first cross Cambridge, then turn east on 2-way separated path to get to continuation of path north), with bike and vehicle signals
- Timeline
 - Finish design in 2022
 - Construction in 2023-2024

Project Updates

- No DPW updates available
- TP&T
 - [North Mass Ave](#) should finish next week
 - [South Mass Ave](#) - MBTA and bike lane changes on South Mass Ave postponed until early spring
 - Main St bike lane at Third St being restored
- [Winter Bike Bash](#) - next Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 at the main library! Needs more volunteers.
- Alewife-Mystic Parkways Coalition, request by Ken Carlson of Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets, currently 49 members from Somerville, Medford, Arlington and Cambridge. Looking for participation from people in Cambridge A - Can't do it officially on behalf of the bike committee member (it's an advocacy activity), but members may participate as individuals and bring info back to the committee. If interested, contact Randy Stern.