

**Bicycle Committee Meeting**  
**October 11, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Alison Harris, John P. Ellersick, Scott Kilcoyne, Brennan Biemann, Amy Flax, Carola Voelker, Randy Stern, Guido Cuperus, Jerry Friedman (DPW), Tenzin Choephel (CDD), Andreas Wolfe (TP&T), Michael Mantello (CDD), Cara Seiderman (CDD)

Guest: Kevin Leckey

Review of September minutes - approved

**Community Bike Rides (30 minutes)**

- BowTie Ride Debrief
  - 150 riders, nice day, food on time
  - Thanks to committee helpers, Tenzin, Mike Mantello, sweeps
  - Nice Cambridge History speaker at Danehy
    - Could add info on bike history for a future speaker
  - One participant was surprised there were so few kids - we could try to encourage older kids at least, but emphasize distance (10-12 miles) and speed of the ride (10 mph?)
  - Cargo bike event conflicted a little, overlap in ridership (It was rained out from the prior weekend)
  - Maybe add a children's event in June at Riverbend Park
- Winter Bike Ride Preparation
  - When - March in the past - first week - last year was 3/11 - don't want it TOO cold
  - No need for a new theme - just "winter" with snacks, maybe Inman with its new plaza or Cambridge crossing - show off new infrastructure, or Fitchburg cutoff into new Belmont trail

**Project Updates (30 minutes)**

- TP&T Updates (Andreas)
  - Brattle St - mostly complete, awaiting bike signals at FPP from DCR, green across intersection
  - Hampshire St - awaiting flex posts from contractor, not all installed, should have remaining posts installed next week
    - Cars still turning right at Broadway, TP&T working to adjust flexposts and signals
  - Mt Auburn near Aberdeen Ave, design is pretty set, refining bike jug handle, may not finish new signal this season, but aiming for November
  - Garden St - two bike signals at Concord Ave are ambiguous - seeing green for a left makes some people think they can go straight. Bicycle signals with arrows (such as are used in the Netherlands or Denmark) are not available in the US. Consider additional signage.
  - Would be good to get more photos of happy users
  - Main St - 2024 implementation - recently had an ice cream party, shared new concepts for feedback
- DPW Updates
  - End of paving season
  - Inman - almost all bike parking installed, some puddling issues to be fixed, some lighting

- Driveway across bike lane headed west - maybe needs more warning that cars could be there
- Oct 21 - celebration of completion of the square, see the project website for details
- Gore St path almost complete
- Port - Harvard St temporary repaving in bike lanes for the winter
- River St - utility work continues
- Willard - drain installs, and work will happen at intersection with Brattle - need to figure out temporary 2 way bike lane that is safe
- Binney St park - piece of Grand Junction Path goes through there
- Huron - new 2 way path - Glacken Field to Aberdeen done this fall, portion to FPP not still spring
  - Glacken to Grove – will that ever get a bike lane? It feels dangerous there due to parked cars. Will be jughandle headed east to get on new 2-way bike lane. That area is marked for future greater separation.
- Mass Ave - common to Alewife - working group reviewing Linnaean to Common, will be presented at joint committee meeting in November
- Little Binney getting new SBLs from the developer, in construction now
- It was noted there is a big puddle on Garden St headed west at Huron - DPW will check it out

#### **Bicycle Committee Project Ideas (30 minutes)**

- Photos of paths in use, or GoPro videos of new infrastructure
  - Need to find someone with a GoPro who would ride with us, maybe on Cambridge bikes list?
  - Sooner rather than later, it's getting dark out
  - Maybe just Hampshire St, Inman Sq – see how well it works to get some video
  - Maybe on a weekend on a sunny day
- Suggestion: what about joint bike comm/ped comm walk and talk to abutters on new upcoming projects (Main St, Cambridge St, Broadway) - to show that it's not just bike zealots who like the new infrastructure, foster dialog, collect feedback.
- Data - hoped to have it finalized and available for this meeting, but it's not quite ready yet
  - 100 other mobility devices in bike lanes/hour at Mass/Vassar. Need to be counted and added in to usage data.
  - Cara will speak to consultants about releasing some data soon - crash rates down, crash severity reduced, want data to be accurate
  - TP&T has data on mid Mass Ave counts of bikes vs vehicles that may be interesting

#### **Public Comment (10 minutes)**

None

#### **Other Updates and Announcements (5 minutes)**

- November 15 Meeting: Joint Committee - 5:30
- Main Street survey - open until end of November
- Ped Comm Meeting 10/26 - how city handles snow
- Possible switch to hybrid meetings - December informal meeting might be a good place to start. Committee was enthusiastic about this