

Cambridge MA Pedestrian Committing Meeting, November 18, 2021
DRAFT Minutes

Attending

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Evan Killion (CDD)

Committee Members: Robin Bonner, Sandy Goldberg, Jeannine Powers, Jenine Turner-Trauring

Project Updates

As per the Cycling Safety Ordinance, the City is undertaking a study for two segments of the MassAve4: 1. from Dudley Street to Beech Street and 2. from Roseland Street to Waterhouse Street to determine how to install separated bike lanes. These bike lanes are mandated by the city's Cycling Safety Ordinance requiring separated bike lanes on identified corridors including all of Mass Ave. Installing bike lanes in the two segments under review is complicated by overhead wires that power MBTA buses. The resulting bike lanes may be a combination of quick-build and partial build. The focus on street changes is to provide infrastructure for all ages and all abilities, with a focus on moving people and goods, not just vehicles. The review process includes community meetings and an online survey. Details of these two segments of MassAve4 are [here](#).

The City is scheduled to begin construction of a continuous bus lane on South Mass Ave from Douglass Street to Memorial Drive in the direction heading toward Boston. Some additional segments of separated bike lanes will also be installed. Actual start of construction will depend on weather. Details of the bus lane and bike lane installations at this location are [here](#).

A working group meeting of the Grand Junction Multiuse Path met on November 9 to discuss path connectivity at three locations: Fort Washington Park where a new connecting path will be added, Albany-Waverley-Erie intersection where a raised crossing will be added, and Linden Park where path entry points are desired in a currently closed off location. The presentation from the November working group meeting is [here](#).

Construction on the [River Street Reconstruction Project](#) is scheduled to begin in spring 2022. The project includes redesign and reconstruction of Carl Barron Plaza in Central Square. Construction is expected to take two years.

Traffic, Parking & Transportation (TP&T) Department will be installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at Concord Ave. near Bond St., Magazine St. Near Upton St., Putnam Ave. Near Magee St., Garden St. Near Dawes Island Park at the double right turn, Mass Ave. Near Plympton St., and Broadway near Norfolk St.

Upcoming Pedestrian Committee Dates are: December 16, January 27, February 24. Orientation meeting for new committee members will be the December meeting. Topics of interest among the committee are: "Signals 101," a review on the development and zoning processes, and a community walk where the public is invited to join.

Minutes submitted by Robin Bonner

Commented [KE1]: @Seiderman, Cara added Dana's list