

Cambridge Pedestrian Committee

December 17, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Attendance

Committee Members: Wade Smith, Helen Rose, Jenny Turner-Trauring, Erik Tillman, Pam McLemore, Magda McCormick, Sandy Goldberg, Elka Kuhlman, Sean Peirce, Erica Seidel, Debby Galef, Robin Bonner

Staff: Greg Hanafin (CDD), Cara Seiderman (CDD), Bill Deignan (CDD), Brian McLane (DPW)

Guests: Dien Ho (Bicycle Committee)

Public: Michael Brandon, Margaret Rueter

November Meeting Minutes: Approved

### **I. DPW and TP&T Updates (Brian McLane)**

Coming off 24-hour snow removal operation: 14" snowfall, 100 pieces of equipment out. Brining started 24 hours before storm, first extensive use and very effective. Construction season winding down. Online next summer: Universal Playground at Danehy Park, Rogers St /Toomey Park, Glacken Field renovations.

### **II. [Grand Junction Multi-Use Path](#) (Bill Deignan, CDD)**

Conceptual design (25%) presented through Story Map for [Virtual Open House](#) which is opportunity for wider public viewing and comments. Construction should begin Spring 2022. Comments on lighting and security: possible embedded light reflection in surface. Tree planting: currently few trees, due to use as track right of way, but more opportunities on nearby land. Benches: planned for pocket park areas. Public comments due: January 4th.

### **III. Development Projects:**

A. [CambridgeSide Development Project](#): This project will be before the Planning Board at its meeting on December 22. At PUD stage, concept design is next. Comments: short term bike parking important, improved pedestrian connection to Cambridge Crossing is part of Msgr. O'Brien redo.

B. [Tobin Montessori/Vassal Lane Upper School](#): No revisions related to site circulation, since our last review. Comments: traffic and drop-off safety issues? Construction projected to last 4 years, during

which site will be closed off. Concern about safety of multi-use path on West side of site (there does not seem to be a separated path, which is problematic).

C. [MIT VOLPE Project](#): Development team working on formal permit submission, then will be up for review by Committee.

#### **VI. Pedestrian Subcommittee Work**

Sean Peirce requests future discussion of issues list; a subcommittee meeting inviting Dana Benjamin to discuss signals will be scheduled

#### **VII. Public Comment**

Margaret Rueter and Michael Brandon urged committee members to look at the 2072 Mass Ave development again (previously discussed at the November meeting).

#### **VIII. Other Announcements & Next Meetings**

Look for an additional review meeting in January [update: this will be January 20].