

Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 2, 2019, Town Hall 408, 7 PM

Members present: John Bowman, Elena Huisman, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Len Wholey, Ashley Haire (Transportation Board liaison), Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

Members absent: Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier

Others present: Andrew Moulton, Daniel Martelly, Jules Milner-Brage, David Kroop, Perry Grossman

Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda: Mr. Moulton raised the issue of the proposed marijuana dispensary on Beacon Street near Carlton with regard to potential for congestion and double parking. It is his understanding that valet parking will be requested—thus making this a Transportation Board issue and one that the BAC might want to comment on. More information will be sought—especially if the issue is added to the Transportation Board agenda.

Minutes: December 2018 meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

Updates

- The 2019 revision of the *Green Routes Plan* has been sent to Mr. Kirrane and Mr. Dempsey for distribution to the Transportation Board and presentation at its meeting in January or February.
- The Commission on Disabilities has requested a meeting with some members of the BAC to discuss bicycle accommodations and HP parking. (Issues affecting vision- and hearing-impaired individuals as well as the mobility-impaired should be considered.)
- The new Massachusetts Safe Routes to School coordinator, Vivian Ortiz, has started.

Beacon St. Bridle Path Event: The subcommittee will meet and have information at the next BAC meeting.

Priority Bike Racks for Snow Removal: A survey was distributed widely to local cyclists; the results were used to draft a memo to DPW Commissioner Pappastergion and Director of Highways Kevin Johnson to suggest bike racks for priority snow removal. After discussion of the survey results, some changes were made to the draft list to ensure distribution of racks on both sides of Beacon and Harvard in Coolidge Corner, and both sides of Beacon St. at St. Mary's. The memo was unanimously approved with the understanding the Mr. Moulton and Mr. Bowman might make minor changes if additional survey results warrant. Mr. Bowman thanked Mr. Moulton and Ms. Huisman for their work on the project.

Safe Routes to Baldwin School: Discussion noted the difficulty of providing safe bicycling routes to the proposed new Baldwin School, expressed concern that these issues had been given little attention in the traffic study of the area, and dismay that the proposed Hammond St. bicycle improvements had been removed from the current (FY20) CIP review.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): For the current (FY20) review cycle, the Transportation Board-approved changes to Ivy St. and St. Mary's Street will be reviewed.

For the FY2021 cycle, suggestions included prioritizing the Hammond St. recommendations, with back-up projects including the parking-protected bike lane outbound on Beacon St. from the Town Line to Carlton St. (continuing the lane from Boston). Other possibilities included intersection improvements (e.g., at Washington and Beacon) or additional accommodations on Harvard St.

New Business: When Babcock St. repaving was halted for the winter, temporary lines were painted for car traffic (center line, parking lane) but not for bicycles. It was noted that even a line to delineate a shoulder for bicycles would be helpful even if bike symbols could not be put in temporarily. A memo to the Transportation Board was unanimously approved to identify this concern and to ask that in future temporary bicycle markings be painted in such cases.

Mr. Wholey asked that automated speed enforcement be discussed at a future meeting. Mr. Bowman said that he is always open to agenda items proposed by committee members. The earlier suggestions are received, the more likely it is that they can be included in the agenda.