

Attendees for Roadway and Traffic Committee

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Attendee for BPAC

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Residents of Woods End Road

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1. Trapelo Road Bicycle Sharrows Discussion

Ginger described BPAC's recommendation to install "sharrows" at each end of the causeway crossing of the Cambridge Reservoir. Bicyclists have no shoulder zone to utilize and are thus forced into the travel lane. Discussion included:

- the positioning of the "may use full lane" sign at the west end of the causeway does not serve to warn motorists of the need to "share the road" on what is a very tight travel lane condition on the causeway. Thus the recommendation for painted sharrow markings at the east and west approaches to the causeway.
- in some circumstances sharrows are not recommended when travel speeds and volumes exceed certain limits. Even though those limits might be applicable in this situation, the circumstances argue for implementing the sharrow pavement markings.
- Lincoln's practice of restraint on installation of roadway signage raises the question of whether adding of sharrows in other locations is anticipated. General agreement was to look at each proposal separately rather than attempt to establish specific criteria for sharrow marking installations.

The BPAC proposal was supported by RTC and Chris Bibbo will proceed, including touching base with Waltham to coordinate signage at the Town line.

2. Sight Distance at Woods End Road/Baker Bridge Road Intersection

Chief Kennedy described the sight distance issues at the intersection which are particularly bad for motorists turning left from Woods End Road onto Baker Bridge Road. Existing roadway grades, stone walls, and trees obstruct sight lines to the west. An existing mirror is located in a manner that does provide some warning of approaching traffic, but in fact requires the motorist to be looking away from cars approaching from the west on Baker Bridge Road.

After discussion, it was agreed that repositioning of a mirror on the north side of Baker Bridge Road might provide better warning of approaching cars for Woods End motorists. Chris Bibbo will follow through with neighbors and will study the location and mounting options for a relocated mirror.

3. BPAC Committee Update

Ginger updated RTC on BPAC's progress on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan study currently underway with support from MAPC. A Fall 2019 survey by BPAC summarized resident concerns with safety at the top of the list. The study is expected to last 6 to 12 months and will include opportunities for stakeholders to participate.

4. Project Updates:

- Detailed plans for the Complete Streets path connecting from Doherty's to Codman Road are currently under preparation and are addressing several grading and utility conflict issues.
- Preliminary plans for improvements to the Sandy Pond Island at Five Corners were reviewed and reactions were favorable. Next steps include touching base with the Historic District Commission (Chris Bibbo to do), detailed engineering by John Vancor, and further exploration of tree species (KB and Deborah).
- Pocket Park paving and curb work were discussed and construction will be included with other Complete Streets work.
- Development of plans for Route 117 and Tower Road intersection improvements will be postponed pending completion of the BPAC Master Plan study.
- Clean-up of existing cobble island installation will be incorporated into Complete Streets/Chapter 90 construction work this spring/summer or fall.