

BPAC minutes

Thursday, 11/5/20, first site at 12 noon

Attending: Megan Nelson, Ginger Reiner, Doug Carson, John Mendelson, Bob Wolf (minutes)

Also: David Loutzenheiser (MAPC)

Visited the following sites:

- Tower Road and Rt 117- discussed pedestrian and bike safety options, especially for those headed northbound on Tower attempting to go straight, turn left, or access the roadside path.
- Rt 117 at RR crossing- Reports of roadside path cyclists catching wheels in RR tracks and toppling given acute angle of crossing. Discussed options to fix crossing angle and other issues of the intersection.
- Rt 117 & Lincoln Road- discussed islands and crossing installations and the impact on traffic and VRU safety. Noted inadequate shoulders for cyclists. Discussed narrowing travel lane or installing sharrows through the island area
- Rt 117 & 126- discussed uncertainty of safe place for cyclists given current striping. Also perpetual trough to the right of the northbound 126 travel lane and whether any direction required right turn on red.
- Near Hillside Road and Rt 126- the Gene Thornberg crash site. Noted lack of shoulder and apparent poor drainage leading to constant potholes. Discussed options to fix.
- Roadside path along Rt 126 at service station- noted long stretch of unmarked asphalt in front of service station and its parking that divides the roadside path. Discussed interventions to correct and protect roadside path users from service station traffic.
- Old Bedford & Virginia Roads- Marc Himilfarb crash site. Discussed hazard from roadway configuration and the possible upgrade of the last portion of the Virginia Road path out of the park.

No decisions were made at any location. David Loutzenheiser to consider options and report back to BPAC.