

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Zoom

Thursday April 8, 2021

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Doug Carson, Megan Nelson, Ginger Reiner, Bob Wolf; Ian, John Mendelson, Margaret Olson, Megan Nelson, Jonathan Dwyer

VISITORS: Dan McCormack, engineer at Hayner Swanson; Jane Herlacher

- I. Minute Man National Historical Park update - Roadway Traffic Committee met this morning. Highlights include:
 - a. MMNHP has significant interest in a crosswalk across Rte 2A at Lincoln Lane. Park is pursuing \$700k in funding from Federal Highway Administration to build paths and connections to new crosswalks on park land.
 - b. Jonathan took an action to gather RTC, BPAC, Conservation Comm, DPW, and MassDOT staff to discuss crosswalk specs at Brooks Rd, Sunnyside Rd, Bedford Rd, and Bedford Ln., including signage needed to make crossroads safe.

- II. Michael Williams interview — Michael is an edge lane road proponent from the west coast, and Bob arranged a conversation among Michael, David Loutzenheiser (Metropolitan Area Planning Council), Ginger Reiner, Bob Wolf, and Dan McCormack (Hayner Swanson). Highlights:
 - a. Edge Lane Road is the preferred term. 'Shoulders' have different meanings in different locations.
 - b. Study of 11 ELRs in US, covering 60,000,000 vehicle trips. Findings:
 - i. Crash rate reduction of 44% based on Bayes analysis
 - ii. As shoulders widen, crash rate declines; more room for recovery. Single car crashes down too.
 - c. Detailed notes for this informal meeting:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eVg-gH3e44gk9i_hL4d00CV5XH-c8sJXt-c3Stblh3U/edit?usp=sharing

- II. Walk / Bike / Roll to School Week
 - a. May 3-7 with bike fix it sessions earlier
 - b. Parks & Rec funding some give aways, which help drive participation
 - c. Trying to figure out how METCO students can participate, given school is not supportive of buses stopping and discharging passengers any place other than at the school
 - d. BPAC committee members should expect an invitation to volunteer as a road crossing guard during this week

- III. Community Anti-Racist Advocate Training / WIDE Lincoln

- a. Bob reported on the event, which focused on personal experiences and group discussion of the experiences. Learned about each other's past.
 - b. Roughly 120 people attended who were affiliated with Lincoln groups. Well run event.
 - c. The committee discussed how BPAC might recognize inclusion, diversity, equity, and anti-racism in our work and our mission. Are there actionable items that our committee can pursue? We should discuss in May.
- IV. Farrar Rd edge lane design review
- a. Dan reported that RTC reviewed preliminary designs for Farrar Rd's edge lane road treatments this morning, and were supportive. Questions centered on location of crosswalks across Lincoln Rd and across Farrar Rd near Lincoln Rd. There are elevation challenges on one corner, traffic velocity on another, storm drain catch basins on both.
 - b. Dan presented the design to BPAC. Same questions as above. Plus additional questions on reason edge lane disappears near Lincoln Rd. Perhaps add shadows before edge lanes start at both ends of the road.
 - c. Expect an updated design in next two weeks, which may necessitate an additional BPAC meeting for review.
 - d. Committee would like to go ahead and capture a count of bikes and auto traffic on Farrar Rd. Bob will send out a sign-up sheet.
 - e. We need to discuss simple public communications on this project.
 - f. In anticipation of future edge lanes on curvier roads, Bob will introduce Dan to Yarmouth, ME edge lane advocates. Yarmouth is planning to implement edge lanes on some curvy roads.
 - g. Signage — keep ped icon, add reference to peds at bottom. Discussed whether or not the sign instructs motorists to drive between the edge lanes except when avoiding oncoming traffic. Everyone agreed that we want motorists to drive as they should be doing today — keeping to right of oncoming traffic, yielding and making way for more vulnerable road users, being alert.
- V. Other items
- a. John noted that his boys are participating in the off road biking team called Midnight Riders group, and using trails in nearby towns with great success. It is a shame that all Lincoln trails are not open to bikes.
- VI. Approval of the minutes.
- a. Margaret moved that the committee accept meeting minutes for March 11, 2021. John seconded. The voice was unanimous.

Next meeting set for Thursday, May 20 at 5:30pm. **CHANGED DATE!!**
Megan moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Margaret seconded.
Submitted by: Jonathan Dwyer