

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 20, 2023 – 7:30pm

LOCATION: Virtual

I. Welcome

II. Discussion & Updates

- 7:30pm: Open At-Large seat, meet applicants

Current committee members give introductions. Including newest member David Onigman (Parks & Rec) Missing Kim Bodnar.

Mark Bathe—moved to Lincoln in 2020. Lived in Munich, loved walking and biking there. Road runner, biker. Cares deeply about the quality and safety of our roads and sidewalks. Incredibly impressed by the work the committee has done including master plan. Deep interest in seeing our roads and safety improved. Willing to serve even if doesn't become a voting member.

Chris Murphy—lives on Old Winter St. New cyclist (e-bikes to work in Concord). Regular attendee of BPAC meetings. Time to put the master plan into action. Need to be thinking small in addition to the big picture. Gradually shift town from car dominated to more mixed use transport. Need to think regionally. Lincoln is disconnected from all the activity around us.

Brian Burnes—Old Sudbury Road. 2 kids in the school. Regularly walks through town. Wife regularly wonders when she will be hit running on OSR. Wants to get involved.

Bob Apsler—Mill Street. Wants to charge a toll for cyclists using Mill Street. Commuted regularly to Cambridge. Now rides for exercise and sightseeing. Sympathetic to Vickie's email. Drivers pay little attention to signs. No idea of speed limit. Lack of common sense and courtesy are main enemy of cyclists. Often passed on curves or hills when they can't see where they are going. Hit by car while biking in Weston. Skeptical of construction solutions to keeping us safe. Where are the interactions between cars and cyclists. Wants to be informed by evidence.

John, Margaret, and Ginger thank the candidates for putting themselves forward to help.

Bob poses the question: based on your reading of the 70 action items, what would you prioritize?

Mark says to look at low hanging fruit. Paint, etc. Puts forward using AI to analyze where crashes happen.

Chris Murphy agrees with low hanging fruit but also suggest we need think mid and long term. Planning efforts such as community center prioritize access for other forms of transport. Tie efforts into climate goals.

Bob Apsler loves the idea of using AI. Mill Street screams for safety interventions. Now a cut through. Never had any close calls. Widen shoulders?

Brian Burnes likes the easy wins. But ultimately how do you change driver behavior? Agrees no one wants to hit walkers or bikers. Drivers don't like crossing solid lines. Remove solid yellow lines? A fan of advisory shoulders. Need to re educate drivers. Show them what it means to give peds more space. Bikes may use full lane should be expanded to say bikes and peds can use full lane. Crosswalks. No crosswalks at 117.

Mark talked more about experience in Munich prompted by a question from John. Margaret chimes in with her experiences in Berlin and Finland.

Bob Apsler thinks it is possible to change driver behavior. Cites changes to driving in rotary rules.

Mark asked about how we make decisions—what are our sources? Do we employ consultants?

- 8:00pm: Terry Gleason appointment: active transportation & Hanscom private jets

Terry had a conflict. Shared information about Fitchburg line as a possible rail with trail. Helping us think through how we might start this project. Will come back in August. Advice is to first investigate the right of way in Lincoln. Then talk to DCR trail manager. Terry also wants to discuss private jets at Hanscom.

- Conceptual Design for 9 projects, brief update
 - Tower / 117
 - Bedford Rd crosswalk
 - Farrar / 126 crosswalk

Ginger shares the update on \$80k to study the 9 projects. Work has begun on the above three. Should have drawings from John Vancor soon.

- Transportation Coalition & RTC updates
 - 4 Foot Passing signage
 - Old Town Hall crosswalk
 - Moccasin Hill / Weston Rd
 - Next Transportation Coalition Meeting: Thurs July
 - Next RTC meeting: unscheduled

Although initially supposed to meet quarterly, meetings have occurred monthly. Work needed to avoid duplicating efforts. Where might we put the 4ft signs? And how do we minimize signage? Can we make our own sign to include a ped symbol? Discussion about 4ft signs vs Bikes May Use Full Lane.

- Ongoing work in town, brief updates
 - MassDOT 2A project
 - Complete Streets: Magnolia phase 2
 - Solar Array / Ricci trail

Received update on 2A. Project has been pushed to 2025. Ginger quickly recaps project. Reconstruction of roadside path by police station to Codman Farm crosswalk. Solar array: contractor has been agreed and wants to discuss path project. John to update NEMBA.

- Education/Encouragement
 - 4th of July recap
 - Other Ideas

Committee to consider fall bike/ped to school idea. Bike bus?

- Incident Reports
- Other Business
- Committee
 - At-large seat
 - Meeting Schedule
 - Ginger will share slate of meetings for rest of year.
 - Approve minutes: [BPAC minutes 6/15/23](#)

Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

III. Tabled for now, for discussion at a later meeting

- Farrar Rd advisory shoulder pilot - survey analysis, next steps
- Master Plan adoption
- Potential Future Initiatives