

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
via Zoom
August 17, 2021
7:30 P.M.

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

VISITORS: Jane Herlacher, Scott Yockel, Michelle Barnes, Buzz Constable, David Loutzenheiser (Metropolitan Area Planning Council),

I. Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

II. Updates and Discussions

- Plan discussion
 - A wide ranging discussion of the existing plan draft. Comments included
 - use of trail system to complement roadways, especially to avoid hazardous roads; could be a basis for discussions with Conservation Commission and the LLCT; need to achieve equitable access to trails for safety of those engaged in active transport
 - Need to include DEI as integral to plan
 - Safe Systems as organizing principle for the entire plan
 - Inclusion of some detail of the town survey on bike/ped issues
 - David to include his work as the infrastructure portion; BPAC can then edit and add as see fit; will be cast as recommendations at a point in time that will be extended as the Safe Systems toolkit expands
 - On education, include MassDOT Safe Routes to School participation
 - On encouragement, bike racks at key locations (e.g., Donelans) and the publishing of recommended bike routes starting from RR station
 - On evaluation, emphasize Safe Systems evolution and the need to keep learning
 - On speed limits, the need for consistent speed limits along given roads
 - It was agreed that the plan would need a single voice for the most part. Megan agreed to take on the necessary editing role
 - These and many other comments have been captured in the updated plan draft which can be found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w77kf-AxrxHamzOtHXzAcABuJxbGPQsN977O8ozqYgo/edit?usp=sharing>
- Crash report- a recent bike crash on MA 126 near Walden was described by those who witnessed the aftermath. As Ian Spencer was unable to attend the meeting and has not yet interviewed the cyclists, full discussion was deferred to the next meeting.
 - Under this item, the horrible condition of 126 north of Baker Bridge Rd due to the utility work in the area was discussed. Bob was to contact Chris Bibbo to find out if this would be repaved once all work is complete
- Baker Bridge- Bob reported that BPAC recommendations have been forwarded to Paula Vaughn to be included in the town response. He also stated that current hazards at the bridge had been reported to Chris Bibbo and several, but not all, had been fixed.

- Trail use- bikes on trails were scheduled to be discussed at the Conservation Commission meeting on August 18. John would attend and report back
- Farrar AS project- no update

IV. **Action Items**

- Minutes from July 15, 2021 meeting were approved. Margaret Moved to accept, Doug Seconded, passed unanimously
- Schedule upcoming meeting- the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 30, 2021 at 7:30

JD Moved to adjourn, Margaret seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Submitted by: Bob Wolf