

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Zoom

Thursday November 18, 2021

7:30 P.M.

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

VISITORS: Ken Bassett, Roadway & Traffic Committee; Deborah Howe, Roadway & Traffic Committee

Bob Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:33pm and read the remote participation protocols

Master plan infrastructure project and funding list

- Many state funding sources require a master plan, but we do not have one for crosswalks and other projects. We need to complete this ASAP.
- Discussion of the 53 project items in the list included suggestions for grouping them. Suggested categories: connectivity, intersection safety, and crosswalks. Ginger volunteered to categorize items in the list.
- Eventually, we will need context, like descriptions and map illustrations, that we could use to communicate items on the list so others can understand what, where, and why. BPAC should describe its over-arching goals that motivated the group to prioritize the improvements on the list.
- An 'edge of pavement' survey is needed for many projects, so we know where the road lies within the right of way. A survey should be funded for the high priority areas.
- A path within the MBTA corridor would be a highly valuable connection to make, and should be raised higher in priority on our project list.
- Members debated whether to prioritize improvements that serve residents, or non-residents, or both, and whether safety was a greater priority than connectivity. Opportunistic timing, funding, and project complexity were other factors to consider. Prioritization will not be a simple exercise.

Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant — Weston Rd roadside path

- John Vancor and Chris Bibbo walked along Weston Rd to Silver Hill Rd and concluded that adding a roadside path would require significant intrusions into private property, plus relocating stone walls and removing mature trees in the town's right of way. The town has the authority to take down the trees and require property owners to move walls, but Lincolniters are historically not in favor these actions.
- Using a rough estimate calculator from the state, a roadside path could cost \$1.49 million, very close to a Safe Routes to School grant of \$1.5 million.
- If Weston Rd was made one way, a pedestrian-bike lane could share the pavement with a dedicated motor vehicle lane within the existing pavement width. This could

make 5-corners safer if the road was one way toward Sandy Pond by eliminating the challenging Trapelo Rd to Weston Rd maneuver.

Conservation Commission and Lincoln Land Conservation Trust trail use forum — 150 people attended the forum on November 17. Michelle Barnes opened the forum with a history of trail use in Lincoln, the impacts of pedestrians, horses, dogs, and bicycles on trails. A collaborative conversation ensued. Regional users and associations participated. We will reach out to Michelle to begin a conversation.

Farrar Rd advisory shoulder update

John Vancor, Chris Bibbo, Michael Williams, and David Loutzenheiser have drafted a response to the Federal Highway Administration's questions and concerns regarding this project, and sent the draft to Bob and Ginger who provided feedback to the authors.

MassDOT Rt 2A resurfacing project update

MassDOT Highway District 4 sent a letter to Lincoln in response to the town's comments on the project's 25-75% design. The letter indicated that crosswalks are in the project plan at Mill St (with intersection narrowing), Bedford Rd., and Bedford Ln., with refuge islands and rapid fire flashing beacons. Crosswalk at Brooks Rd is still undecided until intersection design evolves more.

Approval of the minutes

Jonathan moved that the committee accept meeting minutes for October 29, 2021. Margaret seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

Next meeting set for Monday, December 20 at 7:30pm.

Jonathan moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Margaret seconded.

Submitted by: Jonathan Dwyer