

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Offices
Tuesday, April 23, 2019
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Jonathan Dwyer, John Mendelson, Megan Kate Nelson, Ginger Reiner, Bob Wolf;

DISCUSSION

Complete Streets – the committee has not yet seen the proposal, and it will see it Thursday at a joint meeting with Roadway & Traffic Committee. We reviewed a memo sent by Jennifer Burney, Director of Land Planning, and heard Bob Wolf's update on their meeting.

Proposal includes improvements to the Rte 117 / Tower Rd intersection, which is tied for least safe intersection in Lincoln with Rte 2A / Bedford Rd. We support any work at the intersection that increases safety, and insist that a comprehensive study and future improvements are also pursued in future.

To help RTC understand more about BPAC, Bob will send Cycling Safety Advisory Committee report, road audit, and charge, with Jonathan getting the emails for RTC members. Megan will prepare introductory remarks for the RTC meeting that covers our mission and charge, focus is on bicycle and pedestrians safety and roads. We have connected mission. We will thank them for the Bike May Take Full Lane signs, and invite them to on a bike plan together. We should cite some problems with intersections and road widths and shoulders. For example, at Lincoln - Weston line, the shoulders are not aligned. Details matter for safety. We look to build a working relationship across the two boards.

Kids PMC Ride with Dan Pereira, Director Parks & Recreation

Event will be on Sunday, May 10 from 7-10am, with objective to raise awareness of cancer research.

Short term goal for the event is to bring more fun to the event. Perhaps raise BPAC awareness, bicycle safety, teach the littlest kids about safety and stop signs (Mass Bike, Cycle Kids have resources), cycle cross etc.

Long term goal is for event to engage older kids, but that would require a significantly larger riding circuit, 5-10 miles, but this size route is difficult to assure safety. Dan asked for BPAC's creativity in defining a route.

In general, time is short for preparing a cycling theme activity this year. We agreed to consider our involvement in the event in early 2020. This year, Ginger and John agreed to be present at the event, and Megan will advertise the event.

Blue sky ideas -- we shared far-reaching visions for safe, bicycle and pedestrian transportation in Lincoln

- bike path along the railroad tracks, as planned for Green Line extension in Somerville
- bike median strip along Rte 2, like Causeway St in Boston
- tunnel under Rte 2 where Lexington Rd and Page Rd used to cross
- tunnel under Rte 117 at Tower Rd
- achieve a bike plan in 3 years
- Tower Rd redesign and resurface to our satisfaction

Bike Plan

- Bob will ask Jen Burney about how to acquire funding for a bike plan.
- How to get started: build momentum by solving problems for residents that are too scared for their safety to bicycle around town. Make it safer, and people will bicycle and walk more.

Minutes -- Minutes for March 21, 2019 meeting were approved, unanimously

Next meetings: 7:30am on 4/25; 7:30pm on 5/22, 6/20, 7/18, no meeting in August

Submitted by Jonathan Dwyer