

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 15, 2023 – 7:30pm, over Zoom

Attendees: Ginger Reiner, Bob Wolf, John Mendelson, Kim Bodnar, David Onigman

Ginger called the meeting to order, noted that we would again record with Fathom to assist with minutes, and welcomed David Onigman as the new PRC rep to BPAC.

Ginger reported that the 8th grade class gift would not include new bike racks as they were too expensive. Therefore, the school facilities team should repurpose the existing racks by the pods.

Ginger reported on the first Transportation Coalition meeting that had been attended by David, Kim, Bob, and herself from BPAC. Everyone thought it was a good step forward in meeting BPAC's objectives including clarifying where to send resident comments on speed and infrastructure; and that the power lines connecting the solar array to Mill St would accommodate a bikeable path. There were updates from RTC and DPW and the next meeting was set for 6/28 at 8am.

On communicating the law that requires 4' distance to pass VRUs to motorists,

- The committee agreed that all public distribution lists should be used including Lincoln Talk, the SB newsletter, the public safety sign board, and school specific channels, among others. But it was also agreed that these channels will not reach all drivers on Lincoln roads given that there is cut through traffic on multiple roads, especially among commuters.
- On roadway signage, Bob discussed modifying the MassDOT sign to include a pedestrian symbol. BPAC approved the modification. Tim had expressed concern that our modification would be permitted by MassDOT. In response, Bob has reached out to MassDOT's general counsel on whether the town may legally make such a change and, if not, is there a path forward to make such a change.
- On sign locations, the committee also discussed and approved the following locations for signs
 - Modified sign with bike and ped symbols is recommended for the following high priority roadways where pedestrians have complained of being passed too closely by cars: Weston Rd (both ends, plus entry onto Silver Hill off Trapelo); Sandy Pond-Baker Bridge Rd (both ends); Tower Rd (both ends);

Lexington Rd (at Trapelo, northbound); Page Rd (at Trapelo, northbound); Mill Street (both ends). Considered but not included in the above list: Lincoln Rd south of roadside path (instead consider advisory shoulder); Old Sudbury Rd (instead consider advisory shoulder); Bypass Road (state controlled)

- MassDOT Standard Sign - place everywhere there is a BMUFL sign, double-signing the pole if possible, replacing BMUFL sign if pole already double signed. Also put one on Lexington Rd at 2A at Concord town line.
- State Controlled Roads: the town should write a letter to MassDOT District 4 requesting 4' passing signs at both ends of 2A and on Hanscom Drive at 2A. Mention 250th in letter and increased peds and bikes expected on 2A as a result.

Ginger reported on the Farrar Road advisory shoulder pilot survey. There were 154 respondents. She focused on reporting on the perceptions of safety relative to before the pilot

| | Safer | Same safety | Less safe |
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| Drivers | 15% | 59% | 25% |
| Cyclists | 60% | 29% | 11% |
| Pedestrians | 48% | 41% | 11% |

The committee discussed further analyzing the data for both the FHWA report and the town policy of maintaining the Farrar installation and introducing the approach to other town roads. Representatives of BPAC will bring this analysis to the Transportation Coalition on 6/28.

Education/Encouragement

- Ginger led a discussion of BPAC's participation at this year's 4th of July events
 - BPAC agreed to organize the Kids Bike Parade
 - Concerning the main parade, the group explored ways to illustrate the 4' rule including sandwich boards of the modified MassDOT signage, hand drawn signs, and 4' pool noodles and what a BPAC float might look like. Also handing out the leftover swag from the WBR to school events

- Hanscom gym teacher LSF grant application: John M to represent BPAC as Wellness teachers from both Lincoln School and Hanscom work to incorporate

some bike safety education next school year with assistance of Lincoln School Foundation grant.

- Follow-Up Communications
 - Adams Woods trail update - update from email with Conservation Director: A connection from Old Concord Rd to Concord trails has been approved, but trail repair is needed before connection can be opened.
 - Response on 128 report response: the committee discussed, no further action to be taken at this time.
- Master Plan next steps:
 - Kim reports that next step is to present the master plan to RTC again, and then Select Board
- Incident Reports :
 - Brief discussion of Stratford Way bike crash, no action to be taken by BPAC in response
- CCBC update - site plan considerations
 - Committee discussed biking and walking routes on to the Ballfield Rd campus and the importance that those paths are routed around any potential community center rather than across parking lots, driveways or entrances. David Onigman offers to stay on top of this as the site plan develops.
- Conceptual Design for 9 projects
 - No update to report
- Potential Future Initiatives
 - Fitchburg Rail with Trail - no update
 - Rt 2 crossing - no update
 - Visibility at Lincoln Mall northmost entrance - no update
- Other Business
 - No other business discussed.
- Committee
 - Membership update: at large appointment
 - Statement of vacancy has gone out to LincolnTalk from Peggy Elder
 - Meeting Schedule:
 - Next meeting Thursday July 20 over Zoom
 - Approve minutes: [BPAC minutes 5/18/23](#)
 - Committee unanimously approves.