

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	1/24/2013
Meeting start:	7:40 p.m.

In attendance:

Steve Olanoff	Steve Harte	Wendy Muellers	George Lester
Virginia Lester	Kela Klosi	Paul Sicard	Todd Korchin

Routine Business

Minutes from December 2012 were approved.

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. Nora Loughnane forwarded the most recent map from the MAPC Dedham-Westwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. We would like to hear about where the plan stands in the approval process. Members were also interested in having a conversation with Dedham about where they stand in the approval process. Members were also interested in pursuing a meeting between Westwood officials (including Ped Bike representatives), Dedham officials and MassDOT in regard to bicycle lanes on Route 109 in the area of the Route 128 bridge. We need to communicate the Thatcher Street issue to David so that the map can be updated.

New Business

1. We discussed Milk Street advisory lanes. BETA's initial measurements were that the street is approximately 20 feet wide. Even with 4-foot advisory lanes on each side, the street would only allow for a 12-foot passing lane. Minneapolis suggested 5-6 foot advisory lanes and a 14 foot travel lane. There were questions about what would happen if two cars were

to strike each other in regard to legality and who would be at fault in the absence of applicable traffic laws. The largest concerns are width of the road and lack of traffic laws that address the road markings. This may be a solution better suited to a different road. An ideal spot is a wide, low-volume road.

2. We reviewed a draft of our committee's report for the Annual Town Report. Steve Harte will have an updated version available for our February meeting. The report is due on March 1.
3. Todd Korchin updated us on an East Street Bridge meeting with John Schwartz, a bridge construction representative from the MBTA. Ken Ho, of BETA, has worked with John Schwartz in the past. Both Todd Korchin and Paul Sicard were in attendance. Todd and Paul communicated the concerns of the town, including recent accidents. John Schwartz understands why the town is concerned and feels that this would be a priority for the MBTA, given sufficient funding.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. Steve Harte will update the report for the Annual Town Report.
2. Steve Olanoff will advise David Loutzenheiser that Thatcher Street is no longer being considered for advisory lanes.
3. Virginia will follow up with Emily Parks regarding her letter about bicycle safety classes in the schools.
4. Wendy Muellers will speak with Tom Viti about having brochures available in the community information area of the new library.
5. We will pursue an update on the MAPC Dedham-Westwood Bicycle and Pedestrian plan approval process.
6. Steve Harte will disseminate a copy of our problem intersections document.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be the 28th of February at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Harte