

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	6/28/2012
Meeting start:	7:40 p.m.

In attendance:			
John Craine	Steve Harte	Virginia Lester	George Lester
Wendy Muellers	Kela Klosi		

Routine Business

Minutes from May were approved.

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. John Craine and Steve Harte attended the Kids PMC Ride and shared information about our committee with several town residents.
2. Virginia Lester shared that the Albert Lester Memorial Bike Ride event went off smoothly as planned.
3. George Lester will have the Westwood Day bike rack game ready for review at our next meeting.
4. John Craine shared information about his meeting with Chris Gallagher. They had a positive meeting about the idea for traffic calming on Thatcher Street. It was agreed that traffic calming would be difficult on Thatcher Street. They discussed future painting of sharrows on roads when roads are repaved and restriped.

New Business

1. Discussion of East Street Bridge area. A group of area residents attended the meeting to share their experiences with the East Street Bridge and the surrounding roads. These residents shared their concerns about pedestrian and automobile safety and brainstormed possible solutions to their concerns.

Concerns Shared:

- pedestrian safety under the bridge
- pedestrian safety in the area of Morrison Park and Washington Street
- speed of cars on East Street coming from the rotary
- cars bouncing off the curb under the bridge
- speed off cars coming off of Route 1 onto Carroll Avenue
- lack of curbing on sidewalks between Islington Fire Station and Smith Drive
- lack of parking at Morrison Park/enforcement of No All Day Parking signs
- Right on Red signs at East Street and Washington Street
- lack of enforcement/consequences for infractions

Possible Solutions Shared:

- speed traps to slow down cars/better enforcing of speed limit
- lights on poles to alert drivers that they are speeding
- lights on poles to alert that overheight vehicles
- removing the existing sidewalks under the bridge so that cars don't bounce off them
- overhead signs/chains that overheight vehicles would hit
- eliminate Right on Red sign turning onto East Street from Washington Street
- traffic calming in the area between Smith Drive and the East Street Bridge
- traffic light/Red Light Ahead sign at Carroll Avenue and East Street
- painting the bridge a reflective yellow color
- redraw the fog lines to funnel the travel lanes closer together as they approach the bridge

2. Wendy Muellers shared information from Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator in Dedham, regarding Complete Streets. Complete Streets involves a policy for repaving and restriping streets in regard to road widths and painting.
3. For future planning: our August meeting will be on the 30th.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. John Craine and Wendy Muellers will attend the July 10th Planning Board meeting to report on our work.
2. John Craine will contact Nora Loughane to check on the status of the MAPC grant.
3. Steve Harte will update Paul Sicard on the East Street area solutions brainstormed.
4. Wendy Muellers will broadcast the date of the Complete Streets meeting in Dedham so that interested members can attend.
5. George Lester will create the "Where is This Bike Rack?" game for our July meeting.
6. Steve Harte will ask Steve Olanoff to print photos of bike racks for the game.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be the the 26th of July at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Harte