

Town of Westwood

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee  
Thursday, April 20, 2023  
Carby Street  
Champagne Meeting Room

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

- Steven Olanoff (Vice Chair)
- Tom McShane
- Michael Kraft (Chair)
- Michael Tinsley
- Enkelejda Klosi

**Ex-officio:** None

**Residents in attendance:** Joe Previtera

**Police officers in attendance:** None

**Selected to record minutes:** Tom McShane

**Meeting Start:** 7:38 pm.

**Topics Discussed**

- One update from DPW. Gay St will need to be resurfaced but no current schedule for this work. No other updates from DPW.
- No updates provided from the Police or Planning Board. Steve opined the 6 lane section of University Ave requires some additional analysis regarding a median or the walk signal usage. One idea shared was a possible appropriation of lanes to get a median in. The span may be too wide for pedestrian safety. Steve recommended we add this to the committee's list of concerns.
- Community Trails Update provided by Steve Olanoff - 30 people attended January walk. Feb was the coldest day of the year. March had a few people. April's walk had pouring rain and still had some attendees.
- No update regarding Complete Streets
- Steve mentioned an ADA assessment may be upcoming. Enkelejda mentioned there is a significant area around the Islington area that's challenging for accessibility from

the end of Grafton St. to the T platform. Steve mentioned this area may be the area of responsibility of the MBTA, but it is not clear where the point of delineation exists.

- Michael Kraft did not have an update from police regarding the new 4 ft clearance law.

**New Business/Concerns By Residence In Attendance:**

- Improvements to university ave section following the investigation for the fatal accident. Steve Olanoff would like to explore if a traffic study by the CTPS is feasible so they can provide recommendations.

**Approval of last Meeting's Notes:**

- Chairperson Kraft motioned to approve last meetings minutes, seconded by Steve Olanoff, and all remaining 4 committee members in attendance also approved.

**Next Meeting Date:** May 25, 2023

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20 PM