

## Melrose Bike-Ped Committee

July 5, 2017

7-8:30 PM Mayor's Conference Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall

Attending: Gabrielle Watson, Elena Proakis Ellis, Katie Moore, Dan Krechmer, Ryan Williams, Gail Infurna, Cindy Chabot, Paul Moore

Agenda:

### 1. Enforcement Committee

Group agreed there is value in looking more closely into speed data to try to understand impact of 25 mph limit and work with Police on enforcement strategies. Agreed to defer further discussion until fall when Complete Streets projects are finalized and group has had a chance to discuss overall goals and objectives.

### 2. Review of June Meeting – Discussion of Bike-Ped Plan

Dan reviewed June meeting discussion with Erin Zwirko about potential for a bike-ped plan. Plan would build upon Complete Streets, Master Plan and other initiatives to provide more specific project proposals and to work toward a full and continuous network. Design guidelines and policies could be included as well. Erin said that City resources will be very limited so that a significant amount of volunteer help would be needed. Other sources such as MAPC technical grant could be considered. Group discussed the need for more specific goals and objectives for the plan before taking additional action.

### 3. Complete Streets Update

The top 15 projects for Complete Streets prioritization have been selected based on the criteria agreed Elena went through the summary of selected projects noting that 3 projects that scored in the top 15 were either combined with other projects or removed due to availability of other funding sources. Three projects were then moved up. The consultant is currently doing fieldwork on the priority projects and will provide more detail on them. Projects will be submitted by the end of September but need to be finalized early in the month. Elena said that first year application to MassDOT (potential of \$400k in funding) would probably include a number of smaller projects. This will reduce the risk of applying for one or two large projects and being turned down – in subsequent years City will have a better idea of what MassDOT is looking for.

### 4. 25 mph Information Campaign Update

Signs are currently being printed.

### 5. Status of Mass Bike/Ped Safety Legislation

Bill currently under consideration would allow 25 mph limit on State highways and prohibit handheld devices in vehicles. Vehicles would be allowed to cross yellow lines to pass cyclists and cyclists riding at night would be required to have a reflector or rear light. Speed cameras would be allowed but fines would be limited to \$50 with no ticket issues.

### 6. Activities

#### a. Farmers Market

Mentioned Dave Ricker, Roger Young and JRA Cycles as potential parties to provide bike tuneups.

#### b. Bike to Boston

Only one caravan was held this year. It is hard to do something with only Melrose. Need critical mass for more dangerous spots along the route. Extension of Northern Strand Trail through Casino property to Route 99 will help.

c. Victorian Fair

Want to staff a table – looking for themes/ideas