

## Melrose Ped/Bike Committee

### Meeting Notes

Wed Dec 6, 2017

7:00-8:30PM

City Hall Cassidy Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Attendees: Dan Krechmer, Meg Herr, Javier Gutierrez, Carol Naczas, Tom Blazej, Kara Showers, Ryan Williams

Notes by Kara Showers edited by Ryan Williams & Gabrielle Watson

#### 7:00 Introductions(All)

7:05 **Update committee budget outreach**(Dan) : Gabrielle asked Mike Lindstrom for an account for things like bike valet. Yes we can do it but needs clarity from Auditor's Office re: donations account. Does this have a maximum or restrictions? Committee would like the parameters(maximum amounts, tax deductibility, annual spending requirements, etc). If we get a grant, Kara believes this would need to go under a different account. Looking for clarification and should receive soon from Mike Lindstrom/Auditor's Office.

7:20 **MassBike light distribution program**(Dan): pass out lights for free to those in need. Dan suggested Oak Grove would be a good place to do this. Use student ID free, or \$20 each. Recruitment or fundraising tool(with PBC branding?) Dan is in contact with Mass Bike rep. Some also suggested parks during night games for student sports (not sure if season and darkness coincide but would be good to expand options)

7:35 **Bike Network Plan subcommittee update** (Carol):Invited by Melrose Engineering Dept to provide inputs for what could do with \$25K re: N/S bike route as part of Complete Streets (focus on routes/paint/signs). Carol, Gabrielle & Steve met; Carol, Cindy and Ellen did reconnaissance of potential routes. Discussion: Is our goal to connect to Main Street in Wakefield? Other end = Oak Grove. Vinton in/out of town though Lynnfields intersection is tough. "Dream" route for N/S bike route—Tremont, Essex, MBTA tracks at Vine/Essex to W Foster to Berwick, contraflow, W. Wyoming, Waverly/Derby brings you to Sylvan at the Armory. Quarry, L Grove, R Myrtle, to Lake onto Tremont. Tremont to Essex to Main. Main to Winthrop Myrtle Vine Essex. Link up train stations. Lower traffic streets. Consider lighting. Green paint across cross streets? Who is our target audience? We need more data-ped/bike counts/intercept survey. Contact the bike share committee (Ofo, Lime) to get their usage data. Kara will check the MAPC's Main Street Corridor Study for their recommendations. Can we think of this as phases to connect people in a growing city to points of interest?

[Post-meeting note: Main street south of Wyoming is on the Complete Streets prioritization plan for 2020. The initial task for this subcommittee was to provide inputs for the segment specified north of

Wyoming that is in the plan for 2018. Other suggestions can be made, as well as ideas for city-wide bike network build-out plan, but may not be implemented with current Complete Street funds, if we get them.]

Action steps:

- ➔ Meg will look for Walk Boston's estimate for project costs like painting. (NACTO has some as well. Bike parking stretch in back of City Hall lot. Come up with maps & get a priority list going.)
- ➔ Meet as a subcommittee again and highlight best 3 options.

7:50 **Bike Network Analysis:** tabled until next meeting. Should have survey results then. Open Street Maps➔ wonder if Steve has an update. Can we add the proposed bike routes as layers? Or maybe we can use Google Maps.

[Post-meeting note: we succeeded in getting over 50 citizen survey responses, thanks to Mayor Dolan's blog and message to Ped-Bike listserve, so Melrose will now receive the free Bike Network Analysis from PeopleforBikes. Deadline for updating OpenStreet Maps is January 19, 2018]

Action steps:

➔Dan will send Steve an email.

8:05 **MAPC regional bike share RFP** update: (Dan). 16 communities—Melrose is one of them now. Demands are fairly extreme—50% electric bikes. No cost to any public sector. Ped-Bike committee sent comments from last meeting to City, which were submitted to MAPC.

Action Steps:

➔Wait and see re: MAPC decision on bike share RFP.

8:10 **Banks Place update & next steps** (Ryan). MBTA decided to repave through Parking Division. Ryan Williams organized a meeting with MBTA representatives, Senator Lewis& Rep. Brodeur, Mayors Office, Elena Proakis-Ellis (Melrose Engineer), Malden City Engineer, David Loutzenheiser from MAPC, Melrose Ped-Bike vice-chair Dan Krechmer, Nitschengineering (contractor to MAPC) etc. at end of summer. Melrose Conservation Committee meeting in October: MBTA, Ryan and Brodeurwere present. Outcome: Repave it then do design work to make this area safer in Spring. Dan asks if there was a contract signed with NITCH, which might hold implications for whether they are going to do anything at all?[MAPC is coordinating follow-up actions, according to Elena Proakis-Ellis.]

Action steps:

After holidays, [Ryan?] asks Lewis & Brodeur & MBTA board and other officials to help put pressure on MBTA.

8:15 **Complete Streets:** (Dan) Still waiting for word from the Tier 3 prioritization. End of month we should hear.

**8:20 Wrap up and next steps:** Ryan Williams will update committee on vision/mission planning at next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Wed January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018