

## Melrose Bike-Pedestrian Committee - 1/3/2008

**Attendees:** Gabrielle Watson, Erin Zwirko, Ellen Katz, Tom Blazej, Dan Krechmer, Ryan Williams, Jonah Chiarenza

**Notes:** Dan Krechmer

### Action Steps:

1. Gabrielle will follow up with Kara on funding for bike valet parking racks
2. Agree a date for outreach at Oak Grove with MassBike lights at March meeting
3. Bike Network subcommittee to continue to refine N-S route options & present to PBC
4. Jonah and Ryan to photograph vehicle street use at next snow fall opportunity & present potential project options to PBC
5. Gabrielle & Elena to prepare & submit Letter of Interest to People for Bikes
6. Erin to keep PBC informed of decision & next steps on regional bike share RFP
7. Committee to discuss if we want to migrate our web page to the City website
8. People interested in working on PBC mission, goals and objectives to reach out to Ryan

- Committee elections will be held in March for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

- Budget Update - Mike Lindstrom suggested reaching out to Kara Showers regarding funding for the valet parking racks. A city account could be used to hold other funds from fund-raising and donations. Gabrielle will follow up with Kara.

- Lighting Program - Massbike is offering Melrose BP Committee the opportunity to buy lights for \$6.44 a pair from their supplier. They are good quality lights with red for the back and white for the front. Committee agreed we should start with 25 pairs and pass out at Oak Grove in the spring. Students with valid ID would get them for free and others would be asked to pay \$10 and make an additional donation if they wish. MassBike puts them on the bikes at the spot to make sure they are installed properly. Update: Dan and Gabrielle fronted money for the initial purchase. Lights were delivered to MassBike on 1/19. Dan will pick up. Next steps are to schedule a date for outreach at Oak Grove.

- North-South Bike Network -Carol, Cindy and Ellen walked proposed routes to identify opportunities. There is adequate right of way along the MBTA tracks between at least Grove and W. Emerson for an off-road path. This is a long-term project. Several other route proposals were discussed. Update: Ellen, Dan and Tom met to draw up 3 potential north-south routes for signing and pavement markings, anticipating potential award of Complete Streets grant. Each route has a different role, (1) Main Street for commuters (2) Tremont and streets east of the tracks for a business route serving the downtown and train stations and (3) a low-stress or leisure route west of the tracks using Vinton and connecting streets. Tom has done initial mapping. Group will continue to refine routes.

- Open Street Maps - Ellen will check with Elena to find out about accessibility to street width data. Recommendation will be made in February meeting.

- Sneckdowns–Jonah described the concept which involves turning portions of street that aren't needed for traffic into other uses. This can be done by identifying areas where snow is piled during storms. Ryan and Jonah will photograph some potential locations and brainstorm some potential options for projects.

- People for Bikes grant – Discussed conditions/eligibility for grant which is focused on bike infrastructure. Use survey and open streets mapping to determine bikeability. Gabrielle will confirm with Elena that data from the survey is now available. Some ideas discussed included bike racks, other bike parking and neighborhood greenway on East Side. Idea is to link to N-S bike network proposed for Complete Street funding. Gabrielle & Elena to prepare & submit Letter of Interest to People for Bikes.

- Regional Bikeshare RFP – Erin discussed status of regional bikeshare RFP issued by MAPC. Fifteen communities including Melrose have signed on. Nine proposals were received and are being evaluated. Each community will negotiate their own agreement with the selected vendor. The RFP specifies no cost to the communities but agreements may include items related to distribution, parking and complaint resolution. Erin to keep PBC informed of decision & next steps

- Erin discussed the new City website which is scheduled to come on line January 1. Trying to standardize section formats for each department including FAQs, contacts and calendar. Would like to have presence for bike-ped committee. Committee to discuss if we want to migrate our web page to the City website.

- Ryan would like volunteers to meet next month to work on mission, goals and objectives for Committee. People interested in working on PBC mission, goals and objectives to reach out to Ryan

- Next meeting Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Cassidy Conference Room City Hall