



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 21, 2023

At 3:30 PM

Via ZOOM

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Jason Bridges (Chair), Ian Golding (Vice-Chair), Michel Kremer, John Mynttinen, RJ Turcotte

Members Absent: Joseph Topham, Laura Walters

Staff Present: Mike Burns

Others Present: Matt Fee, Michael Gromley; Galen Mook and Alexis Hosea-Abbott from MassBike, Jeff Maxtutis from BETA Group; Josh Millonig, Lindsey Abbott, and Bichen Wang from Weston and Sampson

1. Administrative Items

- a) Call to order
 - Chair called meeting to order at 3:33PM
- b) Establishment of a Quorum
 - The Chair declared a quorum present
- c) Approval of Agenda
 - There was unanimous approval of the agenda by rollcall vote
- d) Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2023
 - Motion by RJ T, seconded by Michel K, to accept to July 20, 2023 meeting minutes.
 - Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Action and Discussion

- a) Update from NanTukTuk on Pedicab pilot
 - Michael G informed the Committee that the pilot was an awesome experience. The operation was well received. Jetties to Town is a good route. He suggested that the gratuity restriction change as some people don't tip. He also suggested a need to expand to have more pedicabs in operation.
 - Ian G asked about ridership and data.
 - Michael G said ridership from July 20 to September 20 was about 1,000 and will share data with the Chair.

- Mike B mention the Committee will be asked for a recommendation regarding any future requests to expand and modify the pedicab regulations.

b) E-bike Safety Discussion

- Galen M mentioned he is meeting with bike and pedestrian committees statewide to incentivize and educate the public on safety initiatives. MassBike has a focus on e-bikes to regulate and incentivize using a 3-class regulatory model. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are defined and regulated in state law. Class 3 are not in the law.
- Jason B asked if Class 3 e-bikes could be registered at the RMV with plates.
- Galen M responded that registration of Class 3 e-bikes is not supported by RMV.
- Ian G and Michel K mentioned Class 3s should be registered due to speed.
- Galen M mentioned support for camera enforcement and path speed limits.
- Mike B suggested using age restrictions for Class 3 e-bikes.
- Galen M responded that education and engineering efforts over enforcement are best for safety and all age groups using signs, brochures, and letters in mailers. A Crash database is also being developed for vulnerable users. Hospital data is difficult to get due to privacy restrictions. 6th grade bike education training is possible via grants through schools.
- Committee members thanked Galen for attending and mentioned need for more awareness to improve safety for bicyclists.

c) On-going Projects

i. Tom Nevers Road Shared Use Path – update on design options

- Josh M provided an update on the project, noting Land Bank Commission support for the boardwalk option their property. He described the bike lane options at the end of Tom Nevers Rd to limit right of way impacts. Cost estimates, right of way impacts, and surveying is still being developed.
- Ian G asked about signage and markings at crossings.
- Josh M mentioned those details would be developed based on guidance from the Town.
- Jason B asked about the curbing to be used for the bike lane option and the need to use the most safe and most cost effective option.
- Josh M recommended granite curbing and noted that asphalt could be an option.
- Ian G and RJ T left the meeting, and the quorum was lost at 5PM.

ii. Mid-Island Compete Streets Projects – design options

- Jeff M provided a brief summary of the benefits and impacts to Pleasant Street and Williams Lane under one-way and two-way traffic flows. The presentation summarized the impacts of the traffic flow options on bike and pedestrian accommodations, right of way, cost, and traffic circulation. Two-way traffic flow would provide minimal disruption to traffic and minimal accommodation of bicycle users while having greater right of way and cost impact. The one-way flow would better accommodate bicycle traffic while having less impact to traffic circulation, particularly to the Four Corners intersection.
- Mike B noted this will be discussed at the next meeting as the quorum was lost
- No action was taken.

3. Other Business

- a) Committee Comment
 - There were no comments
- b) Public Comment
 - There was no public comment

4. Adjourn

- The meeting ended at 5:00PM due to lack of quorum.

Submitted by:
Mike Burns