



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

At 3:30 PM

Via ZOOM

MINUTES

Members Present: Ian Golding (Chair), RJ Turcotte (Vice Chair), Edwin Claflin, Michel Kremer, John Mynttinen, Joseph Topham

Members Absent: Laura Walters

Staff Present: Mike Burns

Others Present: None

1. Administrative Items

- a) Call to order
 - The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30PM
- b) Establishment of a Quorum
 - The Chair declared a quorum present
- c) Approval of Agenda
 - There was unanimous approval of the agenda
- d) Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2024
 - Motion by Edwin C to approve, seconded by Joseph T.
 - Approved unanimously

2. Action and Discussion

- a) Low speed vehicle (LSV) regulations
 - Mike B shared the Massachusetts General Law regulations for LSVs in Massachusetts with members and described the experience so far with the PLUS LSV that was recently purchased, noting that LSVs are restricted to a maximum speed of 25MPH and restricted to use roadways with a speed limit of 30MPH.
 - Edwin C mentioned that he sees more micromobility-type electric vehicles being marketed that may not be allowed on state roadways since they do not conform with existing regulations.
 - Joseph T mentioned that various vehicle types are restricted in the local bylaw that was approved at the recent Town Meeting.

- There was general discussion of vehicle types and bicycle types that may need to be restricted for bike paths noting that the vehicle and/or bike type allowed on paths needs to be evaluated to ensure safe speeds and practices on paths.
 - Ian G suggested that Joseph T and Edwin C discuss the regulations of vehicle and bike types that should be allowed on paths to ensure safe speeds and practices.
- b) Continue discussion of path stop sign removals
- Mike B described the use of a small intersection caution signs that could be used as a replacement of stop signs at minor intersections of paths and roadways and asked for feedback from members if this was supported.
 - Ian G mentioned support for the sign replacement at minor intersections and to keep stop signs at major intersections and driveways.
 - Edwin C asked about signage for the path ending.
 - Mike B responded that some paths may have signage and different areas are treated differently noting the treatment on bike lanes on Orange St.
 - Mike B noted that the recommendations will be presented to Traffic Safety staff and then recommend other bike paths could be evaluated if recommendations are supported.
 - There was consensus to support bringing recommendations to Traffic Safety.

3. Other Business

- a) Committee Comment
- No Committee comments.
- b) Public Comment
- No public comments.
- c) E-cargo bike webinar on May 15 at 1PM
- There was general discussion of new vehicles that may be available.

4. Adjourn

- Motion by Edwin C seconded by Michel K to adjourn. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:04PM

Submitted by:
Mike Burns