

Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 9, 2021

Location: Virtual

In Attendance: Al Centner, Chair, David Saunders, Sue Centner, Kurt Svetaka, Dana Vermilye, and Terry Cowman

Not in Attendance: Amy Coleman, Freddy Cicerchia, and Darcy Morris

Guests: Christine Delisio, Planning Board

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

- 1) Welcome new member David Saunders
- 2) Review of key projects.
 - a. DPW
 - i. New projects on School and Tappan Streets, need more information. See iii below. Al and Dana
 - ii. No update on walkway from town parking to Beach Street. Al
 - iii. Norwood/Brook/Washington corridor
 1. Review WalkBoston assessment next meeting.
 2. Attend resident meeting on speed/safety on 9/15.
 3. Follow up with DPW post school construction. Al
 - b. State DOT/Government interaction - Rt.127 -sidewalks, marked bike lanes, speed limits. No update. Freddy
 - c. Walk and Bike Friendly Town Initiative
 - i. Upper School Street –Ongoing discussion with suggestions to speak with Town Admin, Town Planner, and Planning Board on types and location of signage, bike lanes. Dana
 - ii. Riding and walking routes to schools, parks, and beaches – projects will radiate from schools to rest of town for route development. Al, Dana, Terry
 - iii. Norwood Ave corridor (see a.iii above) review with residents invited to next meeting.
 - iv. PD Chief Fitzgerald reports that in August, speed stops increased to 100, in part due to implementation of grant for expanded traffic details.
 - d. Education and Advocacy
 - i. Safe Routes to School
 1. Memorial School Access Plans – 3 plans to be developed for start of school year while construction continues, October when bridge reopens, and November and beyond post construction. Emphasis is on separation of modalities – busses, from cars, both from peds and bikers. Place bike racks where kids arrive on site – at bridge, at rear, as well as in front of school. No update. Terry
 2. Routes to School – maps, marking, bike lanes; Judy to share maps and input. Added geo wayfinding potential. David
 3. Plans for in-school programs and support; Judy sharing SRTS and DOT materials with Principal Willis for return to school newsletter. Sue
 - ii. Promote Bike Safety
 1. Touch a Truck event moved to 9/18 with SRTS, PD, FD, Riverside and Cicoria.
 2. Bike Rodeo combined with event above, led by volunteer John Carlson. Terry
 - iii. Bike Rack Placement and order. Terry
 1. Selected two 6 bike design in green, order process to be determined.
 2. Prioritize locations with committee, BOS, and other town groups.

- 3) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSC, MiM, 375th Committee, MassBikes
 - i. DIP – no new information. Kurt
 - ii. OSC – nothing new. Al
 - iii. MAinMotion – promoting access to cycling for health, along with regional bike plan on Cape Ann for access and safety – ongoing. Terry
 - iv. MassBikes update – September is MA Bike Month. Terry
- 4) Other community, town committees, and government issues related to our agenda – none.
- 5) Set next meeting – 9/8/21 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Submitted by:

Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Approved by Vote of Committee 10/13/21