

## **Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** July 21, 2021

**Location:** Virtual

**In Attendance:** Al Centner, Chair, Amy Coleman, Sue Centner, Dana Vermilye, Kurt Svetaka, Freddy Cicerchia, and Terry Cowman

**Guests:** Andrew Brousseau, Black Earth Compost; Sergeant Chris Locke, MPD; Aileen O'Rourke, MassBike

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

- 1) Minutes from 6/16/21 meeting discussed and approved
- 2) Discussion with Andrew Brousseau, owner of Black Earth Compost, regarding new compost facility to be built at current transfer station on upper Pine Street, frequently traveled by bikes and runners, adjacent to two heavily used trail systems.
  - a. Andrew seeks feedback on traffic calming, expanded parking, travel sight lines, and ways to deal with increased vehicular traffic from BE trucks and residents delivering yard waste
  - b. Reviewed site plan, which includes additional entrance, and vehicle management
  - c. Discussed timing of vehicular traffic, days of the week the site will be open, and removal of fencing and vegetation to improve sight lines.
- 3) Aileen O'Rourke provided an update on current MassBike initiatives
  - a. MassBike board doubled in size to better represent all areas of State, and diversity of riders
  - b. Bike Month has been moved from usual May to September this year, during which MassBike will be conducting various events
  - c. Look to tie in a September Bike Rodeo in MBTS as well as in-school safety events
- 4) Sergeant Christopher Locke has been assigned to issues related to traffic safety
  - a. Safety grant in August allows for increased hours for traffic safety
  - b. Additional grant for autumn that will include purchase of helmets for distribution
  - c. Discussed speed enforcement, addition of LIDAR technology, crosswalk stings, and bike patrols
- 5) Review of key projects
  - a. DPW
    - i. Nothing new on projects in pipeline. See iii below. Al and Dana
    - ii. Walkway from town parking to Beach Street not finalized; implementation ready.
    - iii. Note the sidewalk replacement project on Summer Street – town or State?
    - iv. Norwood/Brook/Washington corridor – review WalkBoston assessment next meeting
  - b. State DOT/Government interaction - Rt.127 -sidewalks, marked bike lanes, speed limits. Freddy
  - c. Walk and Bike Friendly Town Initiative
    - i. Upper School Street – tying this project to SRTS routes. Signage at entry to town being discussed with the 375<sup>th</sup> Committee. 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. Discuss with MBTS PD summer crosswalk sting operations. Al, Amy
  - 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.

2. Routes to School – maps, marking, bike lanes; Judy to share maps and input
  3. Plans for in-school programs and support; Judy sharing SRTS and DOT materials with Principal in August for newsletter.
  4. Discussed Shared Streets Grants, training/equipping crossing guards, working with DPW on back streets around schools.
- ii. Promote Bike Safely
    1. Participating in Touch a Truck event on 7/29 with SRTS, PD, and Seaside.
    2. Bike Rodeo – coordinate with school, Riverside, PD, 375<sup>th</sup>, PMC Kids, and Independence Parade – variety of late summer/early autumn activities – review next meeting. Terry
  - iii. Bike Rack Placement and order – have selected two 6 bike design, prioritize locations with committee and other town groups. Terry
- 6) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSC, MiM, 375<sup>th</sup> Committee, MassBikes
    - i. DIP – grant process, restrooms downtown. Kurt
    - ii. OSC – presented out list of bike rack locations. 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 – see above. Terry
  - 7) Other community, town committees, and government issues related to our agenda - none
  - 8) Set next meeting – 8/18/21 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM

Submitted by:

Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Approved by Vote of Committee 8/18/21