

Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 16, 2021

Location: Virtual

In Attendance: Al Centner, Chair, Amy Coleman, Sue Centner, Dana Vermilye, Darcy Morris, and Terry Cowman

Not in Attendance: Freddy Cicerchia, Kurt Svetaka

Guest: Judith Crocker, Outreach Coordinator, Safe Routes to School, MaDOT

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

- 1) Minutes from 5/19/21 meeting discussed and approved
- 2) Update with Judy Crocker/SRTS
 - a. 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.
 - b. Routes to School – maps, marking, bike lanes; Judy to share maps and input
 - c. Plans for in-school programs and support; Judy sharing SRTS and DOT materials, with August Principal newsletter the start. Have begun training PE teachers in ped and bike safety, now offering CEUs for being trained.
 - d. Judy recommended safety and awareness campaign utilizing articles in Cricket, town FB page, and any other media used by town. Bike rodeo for late summer.
 - e. Discussed Shared Streets Grants, training/equipping crossing guards, working with DPW on back streets around schools – Norwood, Brook, Washington and intersections.
- 3) Review of key projects
 - a. DPW
 - i. Nothing new on projects in pipeline. Al and Dana
 - ii. Walkway from town parking to Beach Street not finalized; implementation ready.
 - b. State DOT/Government interaction - 127 speed limits, sidewalks, bike paths, paving.
 - i. Contact with State Representatives by Freddy led to DOT; paving and curb placement on 127 from Beverly line to Pine Street resulted in reducing travel lanes to 11 feet from center and wider shoulder for cyclists and runners.
 - ii. Items remaining on 127: sidewalks, marked bike lanes, consistent 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 375th 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 Plan – see notes above
 2. In School education of PE staff and kids – see notes above
 3. Principal's Newsletter and routes layout – see notes above
 - ii. Promote Bike Safely
 1. Seaside ownership and MBTS PD receptive to participation in events such as Bike Rodeo. Freddy ties with Al, Amy

2. Bike Rodeo – coordinate with school, Seaside, PD, 375th, PMC Kids, and Independence Parade – variety of late summer/early autumn activities – review next meeting. Terry
 - iii. Bike Rack Placement – see OSC below; list of potential locations provided to Town Planner for her review and input on what other town committees should review/approve. Terry
- 4) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSC, MiM, 375th Committee, MassBikes
 - i. DIP – no new information. Kurt
 - ii. OSC – present list of bike rack locations, ask about Western Woods at next meeting. 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 - invite Aileen O'Rourke to next meeting. Terry
- 5) Set next meeting – 7/21/21 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Submitted by:

Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Approved by Vote of Committee 7/21/21