

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Salem Bicycling Advisory Committee: Joint meeting with Traffic & Parking Commission**

Monday, July 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Jaros, Joseph O'Neil, Michael Williamson, Raymond Swartz, Eric Papetti

Members Absent: Dan Shuman (Chair), Richard Frank, Kylie Sullivan

Also Present: Tom Devine, Senior Planner; Jayne O'Leary, newly appointed member (Council confirmation pending)

Acting Chair Michael Williamson calls the meeting to order.

#### **Update on City Bicycling Initiatives**

##### **Salem Bike Share Expansion and Utilization**

Devine states that the bike share has logged 471 rides with 123 annual memberships and 194 have used an hourly membership. The rollout of the three new stations (Salem State, Salem Willows, and The Point/Congress Street) has begun. The new stations are installed and the additional bikes will be online soon. All the locks on the existing bikes are also being upgraded now. The Committee discusses the station locations and bike share pricing.

##### **Bicycle Master Plan**

Devine says that the selection committee has recently interviewed their three shortlisted respondents to the master plan request for qualifications (Toole, VHB, and Alta) and plans to reconvene to come up with a recommendation for the Mayor. The committee discusses their role in the planning processes, including negotiation of the scope. Devine asks that members with suggestions for the scope email him and Matt Smith their ideas within a week or so. He remarks that although Matt Smith had indicated that the entire Bicycling Advisory Committee would be on the master plan steering committee, we now believe it would be better to have two or three members serve on the steering committee in order to avoid having to post a bike committee agenda every time the steering committee meets.

##### **Boston and Bridge Streets MassWorks Project**

The committee discussed the path forward for the project's final design and construction. Devine reports that revised plans are anticipated in August, after which a public meeting will be conducted. Construction is planned to start by next July.

##### **Canal Street Bike Path**

Devine reiterates that Phase II of the bike path is now funded in the 2018 state TIP and will go out to bid in the fall for construction to begin in the spring. The committee discusses comments from the recent public meeting on the project and emphasizes their hope that additional access points will be added by owners of adjacent properties. The committee also discusses the path's connectivity to the proposed South Salem train station.

### **Other**

Devine notes that the MBTA is now painting bike lanes along the Beverly-Salem Bridge and Bridge Street Bypass. The committee discusses the status of the Derby Street striping project.

### **Announcement of new member**

Devine introduces Jayne O'Leary to the committee. The Mayor has appointed O'Leary to the committee, to be confirmed at the September meeting of the City Council. O'Leary is a South Salem resident, Salem State employee, and mountain biker.

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Michael Jaros motions and Eric Papetti seconds to approve the minutes with edits and all vote in favor.

### **Miscellaneous**

The committee discusses the proposed redevelopment of the junkyard property on Franklin Street. Devine states that a public riverwalk would be required through the site if the project is to include any non-water-dependent use, per Chapter 91 requirements. Papetti discusses the findings of his research into Chapter 91 compliance among various properties in Salem. Devine provides an update of the status of projects around Blubber Hollow that would include path connections.

The committee requests that Devine provide updates at its next meeting on the redesign of Boston Street and the pathways that will go through the power plant property.

### **Adjournment**

Papetti motions and Swartz seconds to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. and all vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Devine, Senior Planner

Approved by the Bicycling Advisory Committee on August 21, 2017