

Meeting Minutes

Salem Bicycling Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting

Members Present: **Eric Papetti (Chair), Michael Williamson, Connor Ryan, Alex Maranto, Josh Gillis, Matt Caruso**

Members Absent: Jayne O'Leary, Kylie Sullivan, Colleen Downie, John Wathne, Michael Jaros

Also Present: Tom Devine, Senior Planner

Call Meeting to Order

Papetti called the meeting to order. Devine describes the remote meeting format and procedure for providing public comment.

Public Comment

Papetti opened the meeting to public comment and there were none.

Staff Update

Devine states that the Governor's emergency order allowing remote public meetings expires June 15. The Massachusetts legislature is preparing action to allow remote meetings to continue in some form beyond that date. Devine will update the Committee as details become available.

Devine updates the Committee regarding the following projects going through local permitting:

- The North Shore Community Development Coalition's proposed redevelopment at the corner of Derby and Lafayette Streets is scheduled to return to the Planning Board at its July 8 meeting.
- The proposed ambulance facility at North and Franklin Streets is on the June 3 Planning Board agenda and will likely be continued to a future meeting while the Design Review Board's review proceeds.
- The redevelopment of the Federal Street courthouses and City's crescent lot are expected to go before the Salem Redevelopment Authority in July and the Planning Board in the fall.

BlueBikes Bikeshare Program

Devine reports that the BlueBikes stations and bikes will be deployed in the next couple weeks.

Bridge Street Reconstruction

Devine states that the Bridge Street multiuse path may be completed this summer while other work continues into the fall and likely into the next construction season.

Lafayette Street Bike Lanes and Washington/Canal/Mill Streets Intersection Improvements

Devine remarks that some design work has been done for both projects, but the City does not have staff bandwidth for proceed with them at this time.

MassDOT Highland Ave. Paving and Striping

Devine states that the City hasn't heard yet when this project is being bid and implemented. MassDOT has responded favorably to some City comments on the draft plans, namely the request to add sidewalks where they are lacking.

Discussion of Bike Friendly City Application

Devine states that the Mayor has expressed support for the application and the City is going to put staff time into preparing it. In addition, an intern in the Traffic & Parking Department will assist.

Adjournment

Caruso motions to adjourn at 6:59 p.m., Williamson seconds, and all vote in favor.

Approved by the Bicycling Advisory Committee on November 3, 2021.