

Salem Bicycling Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 16th, 2016

A meeting of the Salem Bicycling Advisory Committee was held on Monday, May 16th, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Meeting Room 311 at Salem City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street.

Members Present: Dan Shuman, Michael Jaros, Eric Papetti, Michael Williamson, Joseph O Neill, Richard Frank

Also Present: Jeff Elie, Energy and Sustainability Manager; Steve Dibble (Ward 7 Councilor)

Members Absent: N/A

Invited Guests: N/A

Public in Attendance: N/A

Dan Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He acknowledged those members absent and present for the record.

1. Public Comment

Ward Councilor 7 (South Salem) Steve Dibble introduced himself and expressed his enthusiasm for the Committee's input into new projects and advising the Mayor and the Council on bicycle infrastructure related issues.

2. New/Old Business

SBAC Chair nomination – D. Shuman nominated by Jaros, seconded by Williamson, all approved. Dan Shuman is the SBAC Chairman.

- **Discussion of intersection of Canal/Loring/Jefferson and intersection of Raymond/Loring at bike path crossing** –
- City Councilor Stephen Dibble, Ward 7 Councilor, was in attendance to discuss these areas of Ward 7 to share redesign ideas and get recommendations from the Committee on the best way to improve this intersection. Because the design of the Loring/Lafayette/Canal intersection that went out to bid as part of the larger Canal St. project was not deemed safe or having sufficient bike/pedestrian accommodations and only was designed primarily for motor vehicles by Council, Councilor Dibble is now leading the efforts to go back and redesign the intersection to include bicycle infrastructure that makes it more safe for all users. He is working with City Engineering, AECOM for engineering design, MassDOT, and Planning to make these changes. Some possible improvements are painted bike lanes on Loring Ave going North and South, painted green bike boxes at the lights, and bike

Another area discussed was the crosswalk placement on Loring Ave by Salem State between Raymond Rd and Rainbow Terrace and replace the two crosswalks with just one in between. Because there have been pedestrians hit by automobile at those locations, bump outs and raised crosswalks have been proposed to increase safety and slow down cars coming through that corridor. The Bike Committee suggested that along with the bump out crosswalks to also put a bike lane to the left of parking on both sides that would decrease the lane size down to 11 feet, which would further slowdown cars. Because Loring Ave is about 50 feet wide total, this road can accommodate new sidewalks, bump out crosswalks, bike lanes, and auto parking.

- **Lafayette St. Pilot Protected Lane** - City Council has approved a Capital Improvement Project funding request of \$40,000 to go to a Lafayette St protected bike lane pilot project. The newly configured street will use paint and temporary planters or plastic bollards to put a protected bicycle lane between the curb and parking on Lafayette St going South towards SSU.

David Knowlton, City Engineer, held a public neighborhood meeting with VHB on the details of the protected lane on Lafayette St. But Councilor Dibble informed the Committee that the meeting did not go well. VHB did not have sufficient and acceptable answers for key questions like how Waste Management would handle trash pickup with the new trash barrel toter system and whether the protected lane would

disrupt trash pickup weekly. Also, how snow plowing would be handled, and how cars entering and exiting driveways and cross streets would occur with a buffered lane between the sidewalk and the parking. Basically because VHB and Engineering did not sufficiently convince the neighborhood association that this would work, Engineering is now looking at other streets to implement this pilot program.

- **Map Update Discussion** – John Pelletier shared the map update with the Committee. The map was sent around to the Committee and printed for each Committee member to look at and comment on.

Some suggested improvements included making a separate map for tourists and a separate map for residents. Each map would have color coded routes that would get you the best way by bike for key routes(i.e. Salem State to Downtown, Downtown to the Willows, SSU to MBTA Station, etc.). Also, making the map simpler without an inset map for the Downtown would be more apt for bicyclists who want to see safe routes.

- **Project Tracking Form** – Go over a new project tracking form for the Committee so we can keep track of projects. The Project Tracking Form Microsoft Word document was sent to the Committee members and also available online to update/comment on. J. Elie will bring a printed out copy of the document to the next meeting so the group can manually update and add anything to the form.
- **Salem Spins Discussion** – Salem Spins discussion was tabled for next month's meeting.

Meeting called for adjournment at **8:40** by M. Williamson. Seconded by . Jaros

Action Items – Jeff Elie: Send Parking and Traffic Ordinance to SBAC
- Bring Project Tracking document to next month's meeting

Dan Shuman asked if there were any further items to discuss tonight. There being none T. Ware asked for a motion to adjourn. D. Bowie seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeffrey Elie,
Energy and Sustainability Manager

Approved by the Bicycling Advisory Committee on December 18, 2017