



PBPAC Meeting November 14, 2022

Attendees

Damon Yakovleff
Zack Barowitz
Steve Scharf
Soshana Hoose
Lindsay Sirois
Winston Lumpkins IV
Emma Scudder
Nathaniel Ferguson
Alex Landry
Mike Dixon

Guests

John Brooking

Call to order

711pm

Bike Parking Question

Shoshana Hoose asks if bike parking is required in new development, curious about new building in Stevens Square. Members noted that this can be required as part of a TDM plan, and in lieu of parking. The committee will look into this and follow up.

October Meeting Minutes

Approved unanimously

Lambert St. Walk Audit

- Triangular route, complicated by no pedestrian facilities
- Winston working on report write-up
- Interest in traffic calming petition, stop sign request at Lambert and Summit
 - Interest in this measure also expressed at District 3 meeting
 - Perhaps the Committee should put out a how-to guide about how to put one of these together
 - Unsure how successful these are. Would trigger a study at least.
 - Suggested follow up from City is to email Mike Murray
 - Document is not on the website in easy to use format, but Winston has a copy
 - Winston will email out the form

- Follow up -
 - PBPAC will help to guide the petition along, participate as warranted
 - Interest in improved process to address issues. Suggestion is that it would be better to have some Council buy-in
- Alex Landry was successful in advocacy for a new stop sign installation at Vaughn St. Key was persistence.

Technical Manual

- Meeting on 11/22, Tuesday
- Look for packet on Friday 11/18
- Would be good for PBPAC to weigh in

Platform Document

- Survey went out in October
- Question is what to do with document now?
 - Goal is to take survey results and hone the document so it can be delivered to City Officials (Councilors, School Board, Staff)
- Plan to have a vote on this at the December PBPAC meeting, then do a roll-out. Ideally this can influence the FY '23 budget decisions
- Question is, is it ok to include a lot of items, or should we focus in on a couple of items (even just one?)
 - Getting the Bike/Ped coordinator funded could help unlock a lot of other items
 - PBPAC has often acted as a pseudo-bike/ped coordinator

Casco Bay Bridge Paving

- Opportunity for reconfiguration.
- Collaboration between Portland and South Portland.
- Does not include York St. at this time. State St. repaving is also planned.
- Getting public input, and planning in 2023, paving in 2024.
- More information to be shared in listserve.

Streetlight Outages

- Reported to be a particular problem in the West End
- Could be a topic for the upcoming District 2 meeting on 11/15
- Also a citywide problem as many as 600 out.
- Another dark spot issue at Stevens and Brighton
- Some lights on private property are turned off, creating a safety issue. Such as West End 7/11
- Could be a good task for the bike/ped coordinator, or another city staff, to focus on addressing.
- Question – Any luck with See Click Fix?
 - Not a lot of success reported
- Possibly worth checking in with Troy Moon/ Sustainability Dept. staff (idea is to have lower energy consumption lights)
- Idea – Address request to S&T Committee, cc. Sustainability Dept staff
 - Winston will follow up on this and make the request
 - Will use a light touch, constructive tone

District Meetings

- D3 had a lot of Discussion around transportation. Key topics
 - School transportation – too many people driving kids to school
 - Sidewalk snow clearing – Remind public of ordinance requirements, better funding for city equipment
 - Frustration with high travel speeds
 - Outer Congress – short term and long term solutions
 - Better bikeways – Emma will get report back from Bruce H
- D2 meeting is going to be on 11/15

Driver License Retesting

- Statewide issue, but strong interest in discussion
- John Brooking suggests a joint Westbrook/Portland subcommittee
- Tie in with Bike Coalition Legislative Policy Committee
 - Important to build a coalition, get support from rural legislators
 - Could be a long-term project
- More research is needed, gauge interest

Deering Ave/Woodford Walk Audit

- Emma S is working on this with Nancy Grant
- Meeting on Dec. 2 and will talk about ideas
- Potentially get this scheduled sometime in Dec. or January

Winter Cycling Panel

- Winston and Emma working on this
- Gear Hub used to do this, but is not doing it this year
- Potentially collaboration opportunity with the Bike Party group
- Opportunity to build community
- Would be an in-person event
 - Potentially gear hub
 - Library?
- Target date is mid-December. Could potentially be a weekend daytime activity.
- Thinking about panelists and questions
- More discussion to come

Other Discussion

- Rowe school has a bike/ped committee working on transportation issues. Similar interest at East End and other schools. Goal is to bring back walking school buses. More discussion to come, potential for collaboration. Seems to mostly be organized by parents, but would be good to get more institutional support. Schools seem to be generally supportive.
- Winston is working on the Councilor Ride report back.
- Winston wants to do a palm card update – Hopefully we have the digital file to use as the template? Will follow up on this.

Adjourn 835pm