

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES Meeting held June 24, 2003

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AGENDA Somerville Symbol, Community Transportation Meeting, Ticket Ordinance, Infrastructure, Events, Bike Racks, Education, Announcements

ATTENDEES Turil Cronberg Jim Gallagher Asher Miller Ron Newman Greg Palmer
Jenifer Kaminsky Dominic D'Erico Jim Hodgdon-Police Bhupesh Patel David Rodenhiser - guest

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1. **Somerville Symbol** – Wherever a bike lane cannot be accommodated but a road is considered a bike route. A shared lane is recommended with the following parameters.
 - Every 150-200 feet and before or after intersections a “bike symbol” is to be painted on the road.
 - The symbol is one meter wide and located along right side of vehicular lane.
 - A 10'-0" wide parallel parking lane to right side of fog line to provide for the “door zone”
 - The actual graphic would be reviewed by the committee.
 - It is agreed these recommendations are applicable for the Beacon Street renovations
2. **Transportationh Community Development Meeting** – attended by Jim G., Turil, Asher, and Bhupesh
 - Intersections to be determined for bicycle and pedestrian counts. Highest accidents were located at:
 - i. Union Square
 - ii. Broadway and McGrath Highway
 - iii. Broadway and Route 16
 - Smaller residential intersections will also be included such as along Central St. and Willow Avenue
 - School areas with heavy pedestrian traffic will be included
 - Jim Gallagher will send out instructions to view MAPC maps
3. **Ticket Ordinance** – Jim Hodgdon
 - “Other” category is included on the ticket for bike violations
 - A letter should be sent to Police Chief with Traffic regulations included.
4. **Beacon Street** - @ 25%
 - There was a public meeting about flood control on June 3rd.
 - Greg suggested detour signs to Somerville Avenue during construction period.
 - Plans should be brought to next meeting
5. **Lowell Street Bridge** -
 - There will be pedestrian access at all times during construction.
 - Access to Community Path from Southeast corner is included in Design scope for Cedar to Central Street.
6. **College Avenue** – we should review project for comments
 - bike symbol may work on street
 - This section could serve as a catalyst to continue bike symbol along badly needed section of College Avenue into Davis Square at a later date..
7. **Events Committee** –
 - Tentative theme for Tour de Somerville, October 18 will be perview of old train stations.
 - Start would be in Union Square as a promotion of Green Line and push East Somerville publicity
 - Redbones and Bike mechanics could again sponsor the event.
8. **Bike Racks Subcommittee** – Domenic, Asher, and Bhupesh
 - We will document existing racks, location for new racks and locations for “community racks”
 - Domenic will complete Magoun Square, Ball Square, and Foss Park.
 - Asher will complete Teele Square, Conway Park, School Street and Summer Street.
 - Bhupesh will complete Davis Square, Dali's square, and Porter Square.
 - Greg suggested including brochures for businesses.

9. **Education Subcommittee** – Domenic and Turil
 - List of areas to distribute the map and safety material.
 - Sell lights as benefit for Tour de Somerville
10. **Infrastructure Subcommittee** –
 - Will update the roster and timeline of projects
 - This will include Beacon Street, Washington, Union Square Transportation plan and Assembly Square Final Draft
11. **Announcements**
 - Pamphlets for bike light are ready for handing out.
 - Safe Routes to school will be completed for five Somerville schools by Shape up Somerville. Bhupesh will complete maps
 - Turil attended the Bike Conference in Portland, Oregon and took note of San Francisco's attempt to draft guidelines and study solutions.
12. **Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm**