



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE January 2025 MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Community Representatives

X Tom Lamar, Chair
X Lena Webb, Vice Chair
X Ted Feldman, Secretary
X Adrienne Agarwal
Kathryne Benesh
Gregory Ely

x Alex Frieden
Katharine Lange
X Paul Morgan
X Amanda Rychel
Maria Salim
X Ian Woloschin

Ex Officio

Willie Burnley, Jr., City Council
X Viola Augustin, OSPCD
Mobility
X Greg Hanafin, OSPCD Mobility
Eric Weisman, DPW

Attendance: X indicates present

Thursday, January 9th 2025, 6:30-8:00PM

Note: Meeting will be hybrid

In-person meeting location: Central Library Auditorium, 79 Highland Ave

Zoom link for computers, tablets, and smartphones:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89319288544?pwd=uiEgKWm15cxuPEdgU6VT2Uvb4lDxuD.1>

Dial-in number: +1 646 931 3860 US or find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89319288544>

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Procedural, General Business & Updates (30 minutes)

- Roll call and meeting logistics
- Acting Secretary
- Approval of meeting minutes
- Approved November minutes unanimously
 - December was officially a cancellation due to lack of quorum
 - Likely that July 2025 meeting will be rescheduled till July 10th due to July 4th holiday
- Upcoming outreach events

Focus: Subteam Organization (40 minutes)

- Formation of subteams and initial projects
 - Current Organization proposed: Engineering/Eval, Encouragement, Media
 - Leadership: Engineering/Eval (Ted), Encouragement (Katharyn Lange), Media (Lena)
 - Requirements: all meetings smaller than quorum (8 people), committee members only
 - Vision of committees:
 - (Media): Lena created BlueSky account: SomervilleBikes. View is to be journalists in terms of objectivity. Created a social media "skeleton" to then be built out.
 - Encouragement Team (Kathryn): Initial meeting to be held on Jan 23rd, love to plan more rides. continued involvement in existing activities.
 - Engineering/Eval: continue existing roles of advising and providing feedback on plans. Work closely with encouragement to plan eval activities including
 - Early Committee member interests:
 - Encouragement: Kathryn, Amanda, Adrienne, Paul - initial meeting Jan 23rd
 - Engineering/Eval: Ted, Ian, Katharine Lange

- Engagement/Media: Lena, Alex, Amanda
- Absent members will be contacted regarding interests
- Ian, followed by Lena requested clarification and copies of open meeting law information disseminated to new members be given to all meeting members

- Public comment

City Updates (20 minutes)

- City Update
 - New process communicated regarding committee service and reappointment
 - Existing members can be reappointed for 2-year term
 - Construction largely on hold. Includes Spring Hill.
 - Complete streets: Flex posts on W. Washington, concrete barriers will be added in 2025.
 - Ian points out that there is wavy concrete on a section of W. Wash. Greg Hannafin requested that Ian send OSPCD photos.
 - Greg confirmed that W. Washington will be added to snow clearing list
 - Tufts St. - final design available. MBTA added floating bus islands. Viola requests that we examine use of rapid flash beacon.
 - Lena raised concerns that rapid flash beacon buttons are difficult/inaccessible for cyclists to use
 - Viola notes that buttons must follow MUTCD guidance for accessibility on placement, but guidelines for cyclists are less clear. Ian notes that this can be something we discuss
 - Greg notes that Elm-Beacon connector plans could be shared with committee between Feb and

March

- Agenda item for Engineering/Eval - Elm - Beacon connector rapid flash beacon
- Discussed possibly scheduling regular social gatherings or moving to in-person meetings
- Public Comment