



## SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUNE 2025 MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

### **Community Representative**

Lena Webb, Chair (A)

Ted Feldman, Vice Chair (P)

Paul Morgan, Secretary (P)

Adrienne Agarwal (P)

Kathryne Benesh (P)

Alex Frieden (P)

Katharine Lange (A)

Tom Lamar (P)

Amanda Rychel (P)

Maria Salim (P)

Ian Woloschin (P)

### **Ex Officio**

Willie Burnley, Jr., City Council (A)

Greg Hanafin, OSPCD Mobility (P)

Rishika Dhawan, OSPCD Mobility (P)

Eric Weisman, DPW (A)

Viola Augustin, OSPCD Mobility (P)

Thursday, June 5th, 2025, 6:30PM

### **Procedural, General Business & Updates (10 minutes)**

- Roll call and meeting logistics
- Acting Chair: Ted Feldman
- Acting Secretary: Amanda Rychel
- Approval of meeting minutes – approved by all in favor
- July meeting date – voted to reschedule so it will not fall on 03JUL

### **Announcements**

- Ian Woloschin is moving out of Somerville, so is stepping down from Committee. This will be his last Committee meeting.
- Familybikeride.org will be hosting ice cream bike ride from to Arsenal Yards on 13JUL 3:30. Volunteers are welcome, especially anyone would could help out with craft activities.

### **Focus: Outreach and Engagement (20 minutes)**

- Outreach and Engagement did not have a subcommittee meeting this month
- Bike Month Kick-Off event tabling debrief – subcommittee hosted a SBAC table and engaged with many bicycle advocates in the area
- Other outreach events – committee discussed potentially reviving bicycle breakfasts. Options on where to host were discussed. Idea to host a morning coffee in Junction Park when it opens. Or seeking out a bike friendly business would might be willing to host.
- Next engagement subcommittee meeting will be on 26JUN

### **Focus: Engineering Review (40 minutes)**

- Western Pearl review – the committee reviewed the two concepts that the city has moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of community feedback. Neither concept has protected bike lanes from Medford to McGrath unlike the bicycle master plan. There was discussion around design differences in concepts 1 and 2. Concept 1 was the preferred option to the committee, assuming that a reasonable path through Ed Leathers Park would be part of scope and that way finding is incorporated into the plan. A motion was raised to approve recommending option 1 with wayfinding and cargo friendly design, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.
- Finalize McGrath Boulevard comments – Committee had no further comments on the draft recommendations. Vote to endorse comments on McGrath Blvd passed unanimously.

- Webster Ave bridge – Office of mobility presented the options available with the MassDOT reconstruction of Webster Ave bridge. One way bike lanes were not possible given the right of way of the bridge without narrowing sidewalks to 5', so a two-way protected lane has been proposed. The city reviewed which side of bridge having a two way lane makes most sense given future plans with bike facilities and other Union Square development. The East side two way lanes allow for the best future connections with signalized intersections. In the event that the bridge is rebuilt before those two way bike lane connections can be made, then a wide one way path will be implemented in order to not preclude future two way path. Committee gave feedback that it would be helpful to see each phase of and intersections as they would look like in the future. A motion was raised to vote in support of the current plan proposed by the city so long as it avoids a dangerous mid-block crossing before the future plan connections can be made. The motion passed.
- Public comment - none

**City Updates (20 minutes)** – postponed to next meeting

- City Update
- Public Comment

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:15PM