



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Community Representatives

Lena Webb, Chair
Ted Feldman, Vice Chair X
Paul Morgan, Secretary X
Adrienne Agarwal X
Kathryne Benesh X

Alex Frieden X
Katharine Lange
Tom Lamar X
Amanda Rychel X

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Willie Burnley, Jr., City Council
Greg Hanafin, OSPCD Mobility X
Rishika Dhawan, OSPCD Mobility X
Eric Weisman, DPW

Procedural, General Business & Updates (10 minutes)

- Roll call and meeting logistics
Guest attendee Luis Quizhpe
- Acting Chair: Paul Morgan
- Acting Secretary: Amanda Rychel
- Approval of meeting minutes – Tom moved to approve, Ted seconded, minutes approved

Focus: Outreach and Engagement (30 minutes)

- Festival-hopping ride debrief – SBAC hosted a series of rides to and from recent festivals organized by Paul – the ride from Gilman to Assembly River Fest was the best attended. Lesson learned is that it would have been better to start earlier on rides to Gilman because many attendees wanted to go to spend more time at Gilman and arrive there earlier. Somerville Police were helpful in guiding riders in crossing major streets.
- Upcoming outreach events – Adrienne and Amanda tabled at Gilman. Adrienne tabled at Union Square farmers market and collected a number of email addresses to add to SBAC email distribution list. One idea for email list is to have SBAC send announcement of next meeting at Boynton Yards and propose stay afterward for Happy Hour at Portico. At tabling events the ward buttons very popular so SBAC needs to make more ahead of Monster Mash, the next outreach tabling event. Paul recently learned of a ride on 21OCT 5PM from Boynton yards to Davis sq led by Boynton TMA. Outreach might publicize this ride to email distribution list.
- Discussion: SBAC website – Outreach and Engagement is planning to design a simpler website with less content. The domain for website has expired. Working on determining who has the domain on their account.
- Public comment - none

Focus: Engineering Review (30 minutes)

- Community path - safety/speed calming
- Tom collected committee feedback on the path safety from the committee on google document. Tom made motion to endorse feedback, Amanda seconded, and the motion passed
- Public comment - none

City Updates (20 minutes)

- City Update
- Fall community meetings are ongoing. A few have happened and a few are going to be held in the coming weeks. Monster mash will take place 19OCT, mobility will be tabling with PTAC and SBAC.

- Quick build projects updates in design phase – no updates on Middlesex Ave or Elm-Beacon connector. Survey is open to community now on community path safety 21OCT is closing date. Medford school street lanes will be receiving precast concrete curbs. There has been an administrative delay on the Medford Street two way lane quick build. Traffic commission approval has been delayed. Paul asked question: Has there been a request for clarification from members who voted no? Greg responded that there has been continuous internal discussion. Alex asked: If traffic commission had given approval in the last meeting, would the lanes have been implementation before end of 2025 construction season? Greg replied that had been plan. Tom commented that it is surprising that traffic commission is delaying a project funded by participatory budgeting in 2023. Greg had no answer to that but said that he can bring that back to team. Tom commented that it is important to reiterate that there should be no further delays. Alex commented that this is second safety project delayed by traffic commission vote in recent months. And would like SBAC to draft a letter to ask for clarification since no reasons were given at the time of voting. Tom commented that he is very supportive in writing a letter. Alex made motion to draft a letter, Ted seconded, and motion passed.
- Complete street projects in progress. Western Washington nearly completion with precast concrete to be installed this month. Tufts street sidewalk drainage work underway. Complete streets design – Western Pearl published last weekend at open house. Materials available online. Survey is open till end of OCT. Broadway - Magoun will be headliner after Western Pearl. Kickoff meeting next week (Wednesday 15OCT). Mobility expects to be discussing with SBAC at pre-design stage to hear concerns and priorities. Major infrastructure – Mystic bridge 25% design public meeting coming up 21OCT. McGrath public hearing scheduled in December.
- Public Comment – none
- Tom moved to adjourn, Kat seconded, and motion passed.