



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Community Representatives

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

Alex Frieden
~~Katharine Lange~~
Tom Lamar
~~Amanda Rychel~~

Ex Officio

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

Public Guests

Ben Capraro

Thursday, December 11th, 2025, 6:30-8:00PM

Note: Hybrid meeting

In-person meeting location: Tufts Administration Building, Atrium Room 203M, 167 Holland Street
Somerville, MA 02144

Procedural, General Business & Updates (10 minutes)

- Roll call and meeting logistics
- Acting Secretary: Adrienne Agarwal
- Approval of meeting minutes
 - Alex motions, Ted seconds

Focus: Outreach and Engagement (30 minutes)

- Illuminations Tour
 - Marshalling has increased and priority positions are filled. New meeting location.
- Website/Media
 - Old site has been consolidated but could use review from others
 - QUESTION: what is the process for new members to join the committee?
 - Greg: we can open new recruitment now. The old process is void and it should occur through the city's process of application and review.
 - Ted: we should have a consistent cycle for new members, and also have a threshold for when
 - Alex: We used to want people to be volunteers and/or join meetings before they joined the committee. Should we do that again?
 - Greg: will let the city know that we want to recruit new members
- Other outreach events
 - We want to have more committee members representing for outreach
 - Adrienne will email Rishika with the events that SBAC wants to table at
- Public comment
 - n/a

Focus: Engineering Review (35 minutes)

- McGrath Blvd Transformation Project
 - Our Comments on March design:
 - We support Southbound bike access on west side
 - The medians are too wide all the way through. We could keep it wide at a crosswalk as needed for street trees.
 - Medford/Highland Ave
 - No new comments
 - Otis Street
 - full signalization is our preference, and see if this could be a school crossing. RRFB would be our second option.
 - Shared crosswalk
 - Broadway
 - Support slip lane removal
 - Washington
 - Why is the right turn lane needed?
 - Is there a safe crossing for someone coming off of the community path?
 - Pearl Street
 - Covered in previous discussions
- Inner Belt-Brickbottom Crossing
 - Comments
 - Alternative 6 is preferred, then alternative 5, then alternative 2 next.
 - Lena motions, Alex seconds
- Public comment
 - n/a

City Updates (15 minutes)

- City Update
 - January meeting is moved to 1/8/26
- Public Comment
 - n/a

Lena motions to end meeting.