



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARCH 2026 MEETING Minutes

Mayor Jake Wilson

Community Representatives (bold indicates attendance)

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

Alex Frieden
Katharine Lange
Tom Lamar
Amanda Rychel

Ex Officio

Jon Link, City Council
Greg Hanafin, OSPCD Mobility
Rishika Dhawan, OSPCD
Mobility
Eric Weisman, DPW

Thursday, March 5th, 2026, 6:30-8:00PM

Note: Hybrid Meeting

In-person meeting location: 101 South St, Somerville, MA 02143

Procedural, General Business & Updates (10 minutes)

- Roll call and meeting logistics
- Acting Secretary: Ted Feldman
- Approval of February meeting minutes
 - Motion by Alex, seconded by Adrienne, passed unanimously

Focus: Outreach and Engagement (30 minutes)

- SomerPromise book release event
 - SomerPromise works with new parents and children < 5 yrs of age to provide resources and help to new parents
 - [Book](#) will be bilingual and discuss bike riding in Somerville
 - Paul and outreach team have been in touch and will meet the week of 3/9/26
- Other outreach events/updates
 - Katherine mentioned that a friend of hers on the Medford Bike Commission will reach out about interest in having a meeting
- Public comment (none)

Focus: Other business (30 minutes)

- Letter to Mayor (e-mailed by OSPCD to the committee)
 - Lena summarized the letter focusing on the history of the committee, upcoming work on the bike network plan and how SBAC can be seen as a resource for the city.
 - Alex summarized his contributions to the letter in particular expressing a desire to have SBAC advise and provide feedback on bicycle infrastructure in new, large development projects.
 - Councilor Link provided additional feedback and guidance on where to send the letter
 - Motion to approve the letter by Katherine, seconded by Alex passed unanimously.
- Call for new members/subcommittees (letter circulated with agenda)
 - Greg clarified that the committee is open to residents and people who work in the city
 - The committee discussed the timeline for posting and deadline. The consensus was that we should allow the call to be posted for six weeks
 - Motion to approve the call for new members by Paul, seconded by Alex. Passed unanimously.
- Public comment (none)

City Updates (20 minutes)

- City Update
 - Greg and Rishika discussed snow removal operations and outline the three City Departments involved, Mobility, DPW and Inspectional Services (ISD)
 - Alex discussed the need for parking enforcement on upper Beacon St where there is no separated bike lane
 - Ted asked and Greg clarified that ISD is in charge of property-related enforcement while parking enforcement is done by the Parking Dept
 - Lena and Ted raised the possibility of having a meeting with DPW to discuss snow clearance priorities and lessons learned.
 - Upcoming complete streets projects were discussed, including the availability of design materials. Tom asked about deviations between the Committee's suggestions and plans for Western Pearl. Greg advised sending a focused e-mail so that questions could be directed to the appropriate project leadership to discuss considerations.
- Public Comment (none)