



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUNE 2026 MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Jake Wilson

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

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

Thursday, June 4th, 2026, 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 (15 minutes)

- Roll call and meeting logistics, present members marked with * and bolded above
- Secretary: Paul Morgan
- Approval of April meeting minutes.
 - Motion to approve: Tom Lamar, 2nd by Kat Benesh passed unanimously by hands
- New member recruitment
 - Greg shared slide indicating the recruitment process on hold until December.
 - Committee decided to send letter previously drafted by Lena and commented on by other officers to request exemption given we are an advisory committee, and with fewer members than we have targeted.
 - Motion to send letter Ted, 2nd Alex
- Google Drive migration
 - Migration done with active folders setup and an archive folder to be sorted in the future.
 - We are no longer using Box.
 - Access to google drive shared with members.

Focus: Evaluation and Engineering (40 minutes)

- Broadway-Magoun Project
 - Lillian Worth attended as guest from the mobility project team.
 - Tom Lamar conducted discussion of this project.
 - Committee discussion and endorsed preferences:
 - Overall, pleased with continuous protected bike lane and ambitious approach to Magoun Square
 - Magoun Square concepts ranked, most preferred to list preferred:
 - T: Relatively little delay, phase separation substantially limits conflicts. SBAC has strongly positive experience in Inman
 - Roundabout: least delay, raised crossings. Indirect, may not feel comfortable turning. "You need high situational awareness." maybe challenging for younger, less experience cyclists.
 - X: Most delay of the options, doesn't do enough to mitigate Broadway EB -> Magoun right turn risk. Recommend against this option unless right turn risk is substantially mitigated.

- Suggestions for each concept:
 - Roundabout:
 - Not all legs have median refuge island; recommend adding median refuge island at south Medford St leg if possible
 - Prefer additional traffic calming.
 - Would prefer bikes being able to proceed “straight” vs sharp turn at each leg. Consider minimizing center island dimensions to allow more room for turning
 - X:
 - Needs to mitigate risk of right hook, between EB cars on Broadway turning right to Medford St vs EB bikes on Broadway
 - Consider phase separation e.g. bikes proceeding on ped phase, or physical separation expanding protected island
 - T:
 - Consider slightly more physical separation for EB bikes vs cars turning right from EB Broadway, in addition to the phase separation
- Medford St:
 - Clarify directionality of the one-way PBL in bike plan
- Cedar St: Recommend removing one-stage bike box in favor of two-stage turn box, clarifying signal timing
- Tom makes motion to endorse above, Ted 2nd to endorse comments, endorsed by unanimous hands
- Elm-Beacon Connector Project final design
 - Tom Lamar had no further comments, final design similar to most recent draft.
 - Construction to start this year.
- Public comment
 - Comment to have protected right turns incorporated above.

Focus: Outreach and Engagement (25 minutes)

- Debrief: Mass Senior Action Council and Spanish Mobility Workshop
 - Had productive listening session at both events. Former attended by Lena Webb and Paul Morgan, latter attended by Lena Webb
- Safe Routes to School partnership
 - Tabled this item until next month when Amanda will be here
- Carnival
 - Ride is scheduled for Sunday, may get pushed to rain date.
 - <https://www.somervillebikes.org/carnaval>
- Other outreach events/updates
 - Tabled until next month when Adrienne will be here
- Public comment
 - None

City Updates (10 minutes)

- City update
 - City provided list of upcoming outreach events and updates on construction projects.
 - Projects included a new project on Broadway Wallace Street/Leonard St and Broadway and Simpson Ave to improve intersections.
 - Comments from Alex/Tom that it would have been good to have a continuous protected bike lane between intersections.
 - Greg: scope was focused only on intersections and this idea is beyond the scope, this section of Broadway is on 5 year plan for full reconstruction
- Public Comment
 - None

Motion to adjourn, 1st by Kat, 2nd by Tom Lamar, approved