



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE JULY 2026 MEETING MINUTES

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, July 2nd, 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

- Roll call and meeting logistics
 - Present:
 - Community Representatives
 - Lena Webb, Chair
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 - Kathryne Benesh
 - Katharine Lange
 - Tom Lamar
 - Amanda Rychel
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 - Jon Link, City Council
 - Greg Hanafin, OSPCD Mobility
 - Guests
 - Viola Augustin, OSPCD Mobility
- Acting Secretary: Adrienne Agarwal
- Approval of June meeting minutes
 - Motioned: Ted
 - 2nd: Tom

Focus: Outreach and Engagement

- Safe Routes to School partnership (Amanda)
 - They want us to sign on as a partner. AMANDA will find out what the partnership actually means
- Other outreach events/updates
 - Somerville Bike Kitchen (Kat Benesh.)
 - 11th Annual Celebration on Aug 20 @ The Armory

- Ride to yoga
 - partnership w/Remnant & Embodi Yoga (up to 35 people)
 - in Aug or Sept – LENA to follow up
- Public comment
 - n/a

Focus: Evaluation and Engineering

- Somerville Ave quick-build project
 - At Park St
 - Option A – Two Stage
 - Remove right turn lane
 - Bikes going eastbound would have conflict with cars turning right onto Park St
 - City Councilor Link is concerned about the closeness of the cars to the cyclists because the paint box is not a protector
 - Option B – Vehicle Separation
 - Bikes are separated from the vehicles
 - SBAC prefers: Option B
 - If possible, suggest exploring a variation of Option A
 - At Dane & Granite St
 - Option A – two stage
 - Shorter signal length
 - Option B – Vehicle Separation, signal timing and phasing
 - Bikes have to yield to the pedestrian when they turn left; no conflict on a straight
 - No co
 - SBAC prefers: Option B
 - Spring St
 - Currently bike lane has to avoid a pole and there is a floating bus stop
 - Proposal: bike lane is moved curbside, and bus stop is eliminated
 - Bow and Church St
 - Bike lane will be moved to the bike lane curbside.
 - During the summer, the bike lane will not be parking protected as there is an outdoor dining spot there.
 - Quincy St
 - Mitigation will be built at driveways
- East Washington St quick build project
 - Borders are HWY 28 & Boston border (Tavern at the End of the World)
 - Outreach is just beginning
 - There is no typical section for this project
 - SBAC suggests longer bus lane to reduce traffic
 - All comments need to be sent early August.
- SBAC wants to submit their comments officially to Mobility
 - Motion to approve: Tom
 - 2nd: Ted
- Public comment
 - n/a

City Updates

- City update
 - Upcoming events
 - Union square farmers market will have a date confirmed by next meeting
 - Design
 - Elm-Beacon – installation starts Summer 2026
 - Somerville Ave
 - Design feedback survey is available until July 17

- East Washington St
 - Street Outreach popup on July 15, 5-6p
 - Community Path Safety Improvements
 - Design to be finalized by Summer 2026
 - School St is a separate engineering project
- Construction
 - Tufts Street is progressing
 - West Broadway will start mid/late summer
 - Western Pearl will start early 2027
- Complete Street Projects
 - Design – Broadway Magoun Reconstruction Project
 - Updated design anticipated in Fall 2026
- Intersection Improvements
 - Construction
 - Bow/Walnut St
 - Washington/Merriam St
 - Quick Build
 - Broadway at Wallace St and Simpson Ave
- Major Infrastructure Projects
 - McGrath Blvd
 - Mystic/Maffa bridges
 - Route 38/28
 - Mystic River bike/ped bridge
 - Webster Ave bridge
 - Shore Drive Greenway
 - Partnership w/Mystic Ave River Watershed Association & DCR & City
- Public Comment
 - Lena – when does Mobility engage the community in multiple languages?
 - Greg - We usually have multi-lingual speakers at in person outreach. The website and surveys have translations.