

## Massachusetts Avenue Corridor Working Group

### Meeting Notes

The meeting was held in Fox Library, on Wednesday 9/4/2002, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.  
Attendees included

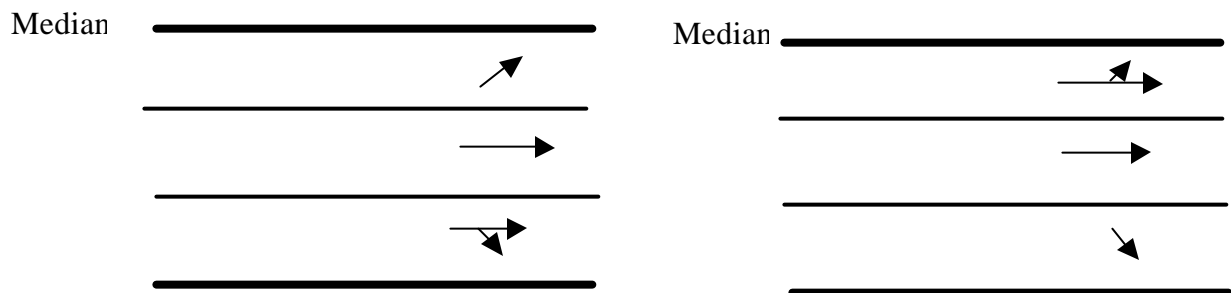
Rich Bento	Arlington DPW
Elisabeth Carr-Jones	Lehigh St. and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Charles Crevo	Louis Berger Group
Ron Feldman	Marathon St.
Marie Harris	Louis Berger Group
Diane Mahon	Selectman
Paolo Marinelli	Brooks Ave
Scott Smith	Amherst St and TAC
Scott Weaver	Cleveland St.

### Mass Ave. / Route 16 Intersection

Rich Bento reported that DPW has hired Louis Berger to do the following tasks under a small study:

1. Contact the City of Cambridge and the MDC for plans and data.
2. Verify conditions in the field.
3. Schedule a meeting with representatives of these entities and representatives from the Town of Arlington to discuss potential solutions. Identify intersection treatment alternatives.
4. Attend up to two review meetings with the TAC and town officials.
5. Prepare a technical memorandum on the findings and recommendations.
6. Prepare plans suitable for implementing the preferred solution.

Eastbound configurations under consideration include the following



The configurations are essentially to (a) keep what we have now, but make it work, or (b) go back to what we had 10 years ago.

Cambridge is also concerned about this intersection. Marie Harris reported speaking with Jeff Parenti, who has been looking at options for rephasing the signal. Paul Marinelli spoke with Wayne Amerault. Rich Bento suggested a face to face meeting with Cambridge. Scott Smith noted that the exclusive pedestrian phase may be going on during every cycle. We noted that there is also a huge backup on the Cambridge, in the evening, and for left turns in the morning. Diane Mahon noted that she spoke with Mayor Sullivan during the Hands Across Alewife ceremony. They are ready to move.

## **Pedestrian crossings**

There was some discussion of the lane configuring and crossing islands, with several people telling of near misses on multiple-threat crashes. Scott Smith presented a plan for data collection on pedestrian and bike movements. Several people volunteered to help collect data.

Rich Bento also suggested looking at the hardware for the traffic lights, to see what can be done.

## **Next steps**

1. Continue Mass. Ave/ Route 16 work
2. Make pedestrian count assignments
3. Set up next meeting, for early to mid-October (now set for October 10<sup>th</sup>)