

Transportation Advisory Committee

May 11, 2016 TAC, 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conf. room

Present: Wayne Chouinard, Mike Gordon, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Jeanette Rebecchi, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Non-members present: Phil Goff, Andrea Canty, Persis Levy

Missing members: Cary Conrad, Seth Federspiel, Victor Rivas, John Hurd

Public Comments: none

Arlington Center Safe Travel Project. Scott reported that representatives of ABAC met with the Town Manager, DPW, Police and Howard Stein Hudson met with MassDOT to discuss the HAWK pedestrian signal to be installed at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Swan Place. This came up at the public meeting held before construction began. The HAWK signal is designed to guide pedestrians, not bikes, but is expected to guide bikes in this location. It was decided that installation would go forward and the signal would be evaluated in the future. If it isn't working, it could be changed for a regular signal.

Mass. Ave. Phase 1 Punch List. A letter, dated 2/21/16, from Phil Goff and Chad Gibson, co-chairs of EALS, requested additional items be added to the punch list for the Mass. Ave. Rebuild project. Wayne Chouinard noted many of the items are not part of the original plans and asked for recommendations from TAC. The Town may choose to address some items with Town funds. The TAC recommended the Town implement items 1, 2 (with the exception of the green high friction surface treatment), and 8 from the list of Recommended Punch List Additions included in the EALS letter. The TAC recommended DPW monitor items 3 and 4 to determine if the suggested actions are warranted. Wayne agreed DPW would check to see if items 5, 6, and 7 are already covered by the existing design. Laura will check with MBTA about bus shelters and street furniture from the Key Bus Routes program.

Crosswalk on Warren Street at Beacon Street/Wyman Street. Working Group met at site, following a request from residents. 38 pedestrians crossed between 5:00 and 6. Crosswalk appears to be warranted, but given physical site issues (substandard ramps, telephone pole), that DPW will evaluate before TAC takes a formal vote.

Lowell St. at Reservoir Phase 2. Conceptual plan developed by Wayne was well received by residents. There was discussion about the necessity of crosswalk at West Court Terrace. Corey suggested putting more safety measures into the crosswalk closer to the Res. Wayne will refine plans and bring them back next month.

Administrative Matters: Minutes were approved unanimously. Handouts were reviewed.

Appleton St and Paul Revere Road. At the last meeting it was agreed that these 2 groups would be combined. Corey noted that Appleton at Park is a very high crash location, and could use an engineering review. Traffic counts should be done before school lets out. Look at hiring a firm to do counts before summer. Corey will get crash data. Mike G. will lead Working Group, with Wayne and Melissa.

Mass. Ave. Phase II. Town is beginning conceptual planning for Mass. Ave. from Pond Lane to Mill Street. A first public meeting for input was held in April. Walkshop on May 12, followed by presentation of results on June 16. This is the first step in a planning process that will take years for full design and funding.

Grant application—First-Mile Last-Mile Traveled. Arlington and Cambridge put in a proposal for funding to look at Alewife Station and ways of getting in and out of the station. Funding is from Mass. DOT.

Lake Street. Jeff talked to Adam about forming a Design Review Committee for Lake Street to test concepts.

Town Reports:

Laura—The Complete Streets policy was approved by the Selectmen on April 11. Next step is a prioritization plan. A proposal for new development at 93 Broadway, corner of North Union Street, is coming before the ARB in June. The proposal is to build a day care center by Learn to Grow, which needs to leave the Gibbs School next year. There may be need for some TAC review of circulation or parking. Also, PIGC is looking at moving the bus stop for #87 bus from its location in Arlington Center. Howard and Laura are working with the Town and MBTA on this.

Corey—reported that modular classrooms have been delivered to Stratton. School safety patrols at Peirce.??

Wayne—gave his written report. He would like to call a meeting of the Traffic Signal Working Group.

Adjourned at 9:15.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for March: Agenda 5/11/16; Minutes of 3/9/16; Individual Action List 5/11/16; Project List dated 5/11/16.
- Warren/Beacon Crosswalk Request: Report to TAC by Scott Smith, dated May 11, 2016
- Memo to Nathan Cabral-Curtis from Phil Goff, Chad Gibson, and East Arlington Livable Streets, dated February 21, 2016 Re: Suggested punch list additions to Mass Ave Corridor Reconstruction Project.
- Memo from Wayne Chouinard to TAC, TAC Update Items, dated May 11, 2016.
- Memo to MPO From Edward Starr, Re. Support for Full Completion of the Green Line Extension, dated May 4, 2016.
- “A Guide to Pedestrians Safety Solutions”, TAPCO
- Lowell Street Preliminary Pedestrian Improvement Sketch—2, dated May, 2016