

Transportation Advisory Committee

June 14, 2017, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conf. room

Present: Wayne Chouinard, Chuck Giroux, Mike Gordon, Pam Heidell, Brian Kmetz, Melissa Laube, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener
Missing members: Bill Copithorne, Seth Federspiel, Jeff Maxtutis
Non-Members Present: Arlington 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop (Avon Lewis – Leader)

Administration. Minutes of 5/10/17 approved unanimously. Other handouts were reviewed. Election of officers was announced. Howard Muise will continue to serve as Chair. Marjorie Moores will serve as Vice Chair. Laura Weiner and Mike Gordon will serve as co-secretaries.

Arlington Girl Scout 5th Grade Troop. The Arlington Girl Scouts presented their Bronze Project, which they had also presented to the Board of Selectmen. The Girl Scouts provided and reviewed their handouts, and reported that they counted approximately 10,000 cars over nine hours at three intersections (Park Ave six-way intersection, Park Ave/Summer Street, and Summer Street/Brattle Street). The Girl Scouts observed multiple issues for further discussion and presented recommendations at these intersections.

Public Comments. Following discussion of the Girl Scout Troop presentation, no additional public comments were made.

Town Day. Booth fee of \$70 approved unanimously. Scott will obtain the permit and Marjorie will lead preparation efforts for Town Day as she did last year.

Town Issues.

- Laura noted that the Arlington Redevelopment Board is sending a letter, including TAC comments, to Cambridge about the Residences at Alewife. In addition, zoning bylaws are being rewritten, with the next meeting on July 13.
- Corey reported that he is preparing for the Arlington Summer Live Block Party and the Feast of the East. He will be holding an event on June 22 with the Council of Aging, which Laura and Wayne plan to attend. Counters will be installed on Lake St., Oak Hill, and Washington St. before the end of the year. Herbert/Magnolia and Crosby St. have already been counted. There will be a meeting with Kelwyn Manor residents to discuss Do Not Enter signs onto Pondview Rd. A grant has been secured for an electric charging station in the Municipal Lot, and the town will also be adding a Zipcar space to that lot.
- Wayne provided updates on town construction, the Arlington Center Safe Travel Project, the Mass Ave East End Project, Mystic Street Bridge, and the Lake Street/Bikeway Signalization Design Review Committee meetings.

Paul Revere Road. Wayne counted approximately nine pedestrians per hour at the Paul Revere/Sutherland intersection, which would not meet the warrant to install a crosswalk.

Arlington Center Safe Travel. The Town had its inspection and is working on fixing various issues. The new traffic signals are operating, but coordination is not yet complete. Wayne has received feedback about the Massachusetts Ave westbound bike signal indication that some drivers are confusing with the right turn indication. The pedestrian hybrid beacon is up and running, with general compliance observed.

MUTCD. Howard requested looking further into speed safety zone information in the updated MUTCD. Corey noted that there has been some confusion at the Mill St. bike path crosswalk, and that the signage might require a change to reflect its status as a trail crossing. Going

forward, it will be a goal to standardize everything on the Minuteman Bikeway, including with Lexington and Bedford.

Parking Implementation and Governance Committee. The Town has approved a parking benefits district. The Board of Selectmen will decide who will administer it. The PIGC has gone through counts from two days in May, with the highest utilization on Saturday from 7-8 pm and the lowest utilization from 4-5 pm. The Board of Selectmen approved the Library Lot to go from pay by space to pay and display. The signage is ready to go, and the meter will go live in late-June.

Green Line Extension. Victor provided an update on the Green Line Extension management structure and financial status.

School Zones. Marjorie is working on a sign plan for Ottoson and Brackett Schools.

Bike Share. There have not been any decisions made yet on fundraising.

Safe Pedestrian Access at Bus Stops. MBTA stops selected for improvements were selected based on lack of accessibility and did not consider ridership. The TAC provided three additional recommendations to the MBTA for stops with other pedestrian access issues, and also considering ridership. The next steps in the TAC study are to determine how to present this information and prioritize recommendations.

Adjourned at 9:25PM.

- Meeting Materials:
 - Meeting Packet for May: Agenda 6/14/17; Minutes of 5/10/17; Individual Action List 6/14/17; Project List 6/14/17.
 - 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop Traffic Observations and Recommendations
 - Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, TAC Update Items, June 14, 2017
 - Memo to Mr. Paul Stedman from Wayne Chouinard Re. Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Sign, Arlington Center Project, June 14, 2017.
 - Mill Street Bike Path Crossing Signage Alternatives