

Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

August 8, 2018, 7:15 pm to 9:50 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conf. room

Present: Wayne Chouinard, Lenard Diggins, Seth Federspiel, Chuck Giroux, Mike Gordon, Pam Heidell, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Jenny Raitt, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith

Missing members: Brian Kmetz

Non-Members Present: Sean Garballey

Administration. Minutes of 5/9/18 approved unanimously. Correspondence sent/received includes a memo from Assistant Town Manager Jim Feeney regarding traffic referrals for TAC analysis.

Seth will be stepping down from TAC, with Jeff rejoining as a full member. There is also an opening as the liaison to the school committee – TAC members will contact Howard if interested.

Public Comments. Sean Garballey noted that Precinct 9 is requesting stop signs at the intersections of Hayes/Maynard and Hayes/Mystic Lake Drive. He noted that several people use Hayes as a bypass, and that there have been multiple crashes this summer. Uber and Lyft are routing through the neighborhood

- Corey noted that he had previously reviewed the traffic volumes and crash history and that these intersections did not meet the warrant.
- Sean Garballey stated that there may be a sight line issue on Maynard. Corey clarified that this would require an engineering study.
- TAC formed a working group consisting of Corey, Wayne, Jeff, and Melissa. Howard will review if the set of requests can be split or if they should be considered together.

Town Issues.

- Jenny commented that the Town has hired a Senior Transportation Planner.
- The BRT Pilot will host its second public forum the week of 8/13. The Town has been coordinating with Cambridge and anticipates implementing BRT features during the AM Peak, with a one-month pilot beginning in mid-October. The primary performance measurement will be the time saved due to the BRT features.
- Howard will send Corey a list of counts to do at various locations throughout Town.
- Wayne updated the TAC on various Town issues, including the Arlington Center Safe Travel Project, the Mystic Street Bridge, and various other items. Wayne noted that the Lake Street design review committee has completed their review.
- Corey noted that the Town will be adding parking meters on Broadway between Franklin Street and Webster Street.

Bike Share Program. Jenny stated that the Advocate has published summary statistics about LimeBike bike sharing program. The Town is working with LimeBike to get more information, and may increase the number of shared bikes in the Town. The Town is also working with the MBTA on bike use and parking near Alewife Station.

Town Day. The Planning Department will provide TAC with a concept plan for lake street, and a larger version of the crash data. Howard will send around a schedule for booth staffing.

Bike Path @ Water St. Scott presented a memo with recommendations that included that TAC repeat the count at Water Street, notify Google/Waze that the alley is private, and add a

warning sign. TAC unanimously approved the recommendations with the caveats that the warning sign be MUTCD-compliant and that TAC and the Town will investigate the possibility of placing a stop bar on private property.

Gibbs School. DPW will be paving on August 17. Corey has sent a request to provide traffic supervisors.

School Issues/Pedestrian Flags. Mike and Jeff will conduct their annual inspection, with Corey providing additional flags as needed.

Crosswalk on Summer St at Buzzell Field/Victoria Road. Corey and Wayne will make a site visit to consider this possibility.

Arlington Reservoir Master Planning. Wayne will coordinate to see if parking plans are available.

Appleton Street/Paul Revere Road. Corey will do counts for Appleton and Park Ave. Howard will pull out counts as well. Wayne is working through sketches of potential improvements.

Safe Pedestrian Access. Howard will send Melissa additional information on this.

Venner Road. The Police department is concerned about implementing an one-way exclusion for cyclists because of the precedent it would set. Wayne will conduct counts at the site.

Traffic Calming on Kensington Park. Howard will review the request and suggest times for Corey to set up speeds and counts.

Speed Safety Zones. Corey noted that a speed study is required to implement a speed safety zone. TAC will revisit speeds from Herbert and Jason for the next meeting to see if they justify implementing as peed safety zone.

Adjourned at 9:50 PM.

- Meeting Materials:
 - Meeting Packet for August: Agenda 8/8/18; Minutes of 5/9/18; Individual Action List 8/8/18; Project List 8/8/18.
 - Memo to Howard Muise from Jim Feeney, Assistant Town Manager, regarding Traffic Referrals for TAC Analysis, August 8, 2018.
 - Memo to TAC from Scott Smith, regarding Water Street/Minuteman Bikeway Intersection Recommendations, June 10, 2018.