

Active Transportation Working Group

July 10, 2024

Members (present): jess porter; howard, courtney, danielle, lisa, bryan, sharna

Members (not present): Joe, Trish

Public: none.

Public Comment: none

Approve Meeting minutes (June 2024): approved

Member updates

Chair:

- Bryan attended a workshop called Complete Streets 2.0 in Holliston. Happens monthly, was very informative, attended by members of DPW and Engineers from surrounding communities. Included a very nice free lunch!
- Bryan attended Planning Board regarding our note on Bridge St.
- Danielle and Bryan spoke at selectboard regarding updates to plans for mural.

LF: July 31 is bike rodeo, at Endicott Estate. They will have bike safety, fire trucks, ARL will be participating. Dedham town pool was closed down due to house fire but is now back open after 1.5 weeks. Vending machine for kayaks at Dolan center. \$25 for 2 hours.

Open to public! Rent.Fun is the name of the app to reserve.

- BP asks if there are known routes that can be shared/suggested given the rental times
- CD asks if there is a flyer for senior center, Lisa will make one and send.

JP: Jess is new PB member, after PB re-shuffle

SRTS

- Danielle, Bryan, Vivian met to talk SRTS; talked ways to organize parents, teachers, PTO's principals
- Wellness Policies at school committee level: make sure including active transportation
- Think about doing 'arrival and dismissal audits'; as a way to collect input and concerns
 - Arrival and Dismissal plans can be sent out regularly to parents; they focus on walk, bike public transit, cars

Riverdale “Walk and Talk” of June 23rd follow up

30 residents over the span of an hour about their observations, experiences and concerns about this intersection (and others). Everybody expressed issues with this intersection in some shape or form.

Summary of Group observations:

- ***the Stop signs and markings***: They aren't where cars natural want to, or should be stopping. Most cars we observed in this time span did a rolling stop beyond the Stop sign area, where they can get better visibility throughout the intersection. Some attendees shared stories of getting citations from the police (generally speaking) for not stopping at Stop signs. They said its often because the **Stop signs are poorly located**
- ***Pedestrian markings and routes***: When asked 'where should pedestrians cross in this intersection", there was a variety of answers and routes. This is because there are **no obvious crossing points** due to lack of curb cuts, position of the Stop signs and lack of sidewalks throughout the intersection. This is concerning because traffic flow (pedestrian or vehicular) should be predictable, to keep everyone feeling safe and physically safe too.
- ***Car speeds***: **Cars can flow and turn quickly** through the intersection along Vine Rock. Some residents stated how there had been calls in the last 2 weeks to the Dedham PD to share and report specific concerns.
- ***Lighting at nighttime***: Only one light was observed on the NE corner, which is the only corner that has zero sidewalks. The above concerns are exacerbated due to poor pedestrian visibility as well.

Mural Working Group: Update on Street Mural #2

- Select Board: Aug 27th, does that work?
- Design: 2 phase approach; need Town inputs on phase 1
- Donations: Howard is collecting public donations on his Venmo account @CrosswalkMural
- Marketing: New materials and new push; anything needed? Schools, etc?
- Volunteers: Sign up Genius link is live: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44ACAA29A0F85-49897377-whiting>
- Materials: Do we need anything else?
 - NOTE: TRISH: did you ask DPS if they will let us use the school washrooms? Other ideas?
- Paint: Once design is approved, Collab will calculate cost of paint, confirm with DPW via Danielle, and then will place order. (TBD)