

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 11, 2014 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Jeffrey MacMann, Lt. John Kraemer, Rick Merson
Glen Schneider, Tony DelGaizo, Mark Rosen, Donna Mullin, Stephen DeLisi

Guests: Dan White, Tad Staley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:05 PM by Mr. MacMann

I. NEEDHAM BIKES

The meeting was predominantly devoted to gathering community input on effort by Needham Bikes to promote the use of bike markings on Greendale Avenue. During the previous week, Needham Bikes had mailed fliers to 104 addresses on Greendale Ave to announce the hearing at the TMAC meeting on 6/11/14. Only one resident of Greendale Avenue attended the open meeting.

Mr. White began with a brief history of the Needham Bike Plan dating back to 2000. He emphasized that Greendale Avenue had been designated as a key bike thoroughfare with signage from the outset. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the addition of street markings inside the existing fog line as an additional safety and communication measure. He explained the AASHTO guidelines for planning of bicycle facilities and the convention of placing roadway markings at intervals of 1000 feet. He also circulated a map with 20 possible locations identified on both sides of Greendale from GPA to Kendrick Street. The ensuing discussion covered a number of questions:

- Can we avoid putting markings in front of residence who do not want them?
- Can we achieve the objective with fewer markings?
- Can we more strategically place the markings at high volume locations where they will generate most visual value and not just at fixed intervals?
- Do we need more input from the community since the notifications letters were mailed out only two days in advance?
- Are there ways to provide community input besides attending an open meeting (e.g., e-mail address)
- Do residents need to sign a petition so that the community input is not just limited to “opponents” who are more motivated to attend hearings than tacit supporters?
- Should we roll out the markings as a limited pilot and see what kind of response they generate (with the understanding that they could be removed if need be)?

-Can an acceptable decision making process be determined that will allow markings (if accepted) to be applied as part of DPW's September painting schedule?

Mr. DelGaizo on behalf of the DPW offered to take photos of 8-10 possible locations and make them available in a PDF file for review by the TMAC. Simultaneously, Needham Bikes agreed to make plans to re-do the community outreach mailing to Greendale Ave. residents in anticipation of another public meeting in July.

The **Committee passed a motion** to empower the TMAC Chair to review and approve the notice being prepared by Needham Bikes for distribution to Greendale Ave. residents. The motion also empowered the chair to send out the DPW photos to Needham Bikes and members of the Committee.

II. CROSSWALKS GREAT PLAIN AVENUE AND STOCKDALE, NORTH HILL AVE

Mr. Del Gaizo briefed the Committee on the history of the decision to proceed with two crosswalks across GPA at North Hill Ave and Stockdale near Olin College. He noted that the latter was ready to proceed and wanted the Committee to affirm that concerns raised by an abutter did not put North Hill on "hold". A review of the minutes confirmed that the abutter was a "no show" at three consecutive meetings. The TMAC confirmed that the DPW was free to proceed as planned. Multiple residents of the Newman School neighborhood were present to support the crosswalk at North Hill.

III. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS

Lt. Kramer presented three applicants for overnight parking at 33 Highland Terrace, 11 Crescent Road, and 27 Cynthia Road. The TMAC approved the requests.

The **Committee passed a motion** to approve the minutes from the previous meeting pending the change of one misspelled name.

The Chair confirmed that the July, 2014 would be held

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Glen Schneider

Minutes submitted with summary of all TMAC follow-up items (separate attachment)