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**April 9, 2015 Meeting**  
**Minutes by Jonah Petri**

- 1. Attendees:** Alderman Mark Neidergang, Alan Moore, John Sanzone, Max Morrow, Jonah Petri (taking minutes)
- 2. Next Meeting:** June 1, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville
- 3. Lowell St Ramp**
  - Speed change from 30 to 25 MPH on Lowell St. this month, has been approved by MassDOT
  - This new speed limit may allow for crosswalks by each end of the bridge.
  - Mark thinks the plan is for 2 crosswalks, one at Albion, and one on the north side, but not sure where yet. It might not be at Vernon for some reason.
  - These crosswalks may be useful for Path users.
  - Alderman Neidergang is discussing holding a public meeting on the Lowell St., path crosswalk issue to try to raise public support for a crossing which will service path users.
  - They are starting to put the steel piers in at the CPX ramp site.
- 4. Cedar St Raised Crosswalk**
  - Alderman Neidergang was told that the Cedar Street at CPX raised crosswalk was part of the Cedar-to-Lowell Streets CPX MassDOT contract.
  - He has been advocating for Cedar St. to be repaved from Highland to Broadway. This will be done this spring or summer.
  - Cedar Street from Highland Ave. to Elm Street will be redone as part of a full replacement of the sewers. This should happen maybe this year, and maybe 2016.
- 5. Warwick St Curb Cut**
  - Perhaps nothing to be done here, as George Proakis at Somerville is not going to push for it, and he's the city's representative for these matters.
  - Options: do it as part of the Path (but MassDOT has said no), or do it with MaxWell's Green mitigation funds.

## 6. MEPA letter for casino bike/ped way across the Mystic

- The casino SEIR was rejected, so there's a chance for additional advocacy as Wynn will now have to prepare another report. Deadline for comments not set.
- There's a meeting with Wynn (Monday, June 1, at 6 PM at Howard Stein Hudson, 11 Beacon Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor. Lou Rabito from MassDOT and Jay Monty from Everett are both also able to attend.) Alan will be attending.

## 7. Debriefings/Updates:

- Twin Cities Path Spur/Grand Junction Path (GJP)
  - GLX project team seemed open to the idea of non-preclusion of a future Path Spur from the CPX by Twin Cities Plaza. On March 20, they proposed several alternatives to avoid using the MBTA access road. Meeting summary here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.874364122620395.1073741845.129724153751066&type=3>
  - So as long as the plans do not create any new barriers to the GJP options we discussed, we are satisfied that the GM's non-preclusion mandate for the Spur has been satisfied.
  - The Friends of the Grand Junction Path (FGJP) group is applying with LivableStreets for a CRA mini-grant. If the grant is approved, then the CRA would fund Toole to do design work on the GJP for three sections, including the Spur. This could produce a design, which we can shop around when the time is right for development there.
- TIGER 6
  - Preliminary proposal due May 6, final due June 6.
  - Options: Casino Bridge (City of Somerville will apply, they are applying for other TIGER \$), Path Bridge over Mass Ave., GJP BU Bridge underpass, etc.

## 8. Meetings

- GLX/CPX public design meeting will be on May 4, 6-8 PM
- GLX Meeting with Friends of the Community Path - Pre-meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, TBD
- Transportation Camp 4/11, MIT
  - John Sanzone. to go
  - Alan maybe to go and shop around the Casino Bridge