Next meeting: Monday, 1/9/2012, 7:00 PM, at The VNA, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville

1. Attendees
   • Jonah Petri, Alan Moore, Alex Feldman, Andy Hinterman, Rachel Burkhardt, Lynn Weissman, Rebecca Schrumm, Heather van Aelst

2. Upcoming events and who can attend/participate?
   • Thursday, December 8, 6:30pm-8:00pm - Grand Junction Commuter Rail Feasibility Study, hosted by MassDOT
     - RJ will be there, but in another official capacity
     - The Grand Junction Trail (GJT, which is a proposed bike/ped trail alongside the existing Grand Junction rail route) may be impacted.
     - If they maintain the amount of track, then the GJT could still fit, but if the amount of track was increased it might preclude the GJT.
     - What is the FCP position? Support GJT trail, and if appropriate, comment about other impacts of diesel rail in some way.
       - Rebecca will attend
     - Kennedy-Longfellow School – Auditorium
       158 Spring Street, Cambridge
   • 12/7 Wed. GLX Design Working Group Mtg.
     - Alan would normally attend, but can’t go. Rebecca will try to attend if possible.
   • Mon 12/12 Public Hearings on 2013 State Transportation Budget
     - Secretary Richard Davey and Division Administrators look forward to discussing budget priorities, challenges and solutions.
     - It would be good to have the public attending to make sure GLX and CPX are still on track for funding.
       - Comments to Secretary Richard Davey due 12/22
     • Monday, Dec. 5-7 p.m., Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester
     • Monday, Dec. 12, 3-5 p.m. in Boston (TBD)
     • Thursday, Dec. 15, 2-4 p.m. in Springfield (TBD)
   • Tues 12/13 Sec Davey Tour, 9:00-10:30 am
     - Alan/Lynn
• **Wed 12/14 6:00pm-8:00pm. GLX: Lechmere Station Public Hearing**
  - Kennedy/Longfellow School Auditorium
  - 158 Spring Street in Cambridge
  - **Jonah will attend**

• **Mon 12/19 MAAB Hearing - Time/Location?**
  - Lynn will ask Sarah about MAAB time & location, perhaps add to Sarah/Hayes email.

• **Mon 12/19 STEP Meeting**
  - Lynn will attend

• **Interactive Somerville is running a design competition** for the area around the proposed Gilman Square station via their website. All are welcome to participate.

• **Ward 5 ResiStat Meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 6 @ VNA, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m**
  - Community Path is on the agenda
  - **Alex will attend**

3. **Debriefings**

• **11/14 Assembly Sq Meeting (100% design)**
  - City confirms that the path is still in the design

• **11/14 STEP meeting (Jonah)**
  - Wig mentioned an email he sent this morning with a WHO tool for estimating walk & bike health impacts. [http://www.heatwalkingcycling.org/](http://www.heatwalkingcycling.org/) We could check it out to help us build our case. He also mentioned a Health Impact Assessment which might be useful for us to reference about the economic benefits of walk/bike.
  - [http://ehp03.niehs.nih.gov/home.action](http://ehp03.niehs.nih.gov/home.action)
  - Alan/Lynn: send HEAT info to MAPC

• **11/17 Congressman Capuano’s Telephone Community Meetings (Lynn, Alex)**
  - Lynn and Alex called in and both made comments pro-path and GLX.
  - Capuano was pro-path and pro-GLX; urged GLX phased approach to start the project

• **11/21 VNA Cedar-to-Lowell 25% Design Hearing and follow-up**
  - MAAB letter
    - MBTA felt that they could not build the west stairs without a parallel ADA-compliant ramp. However, there is a parallel route in the MaxWell’s Green ramp property throughway.
  - Letter to Hayes and Sarah at Somerville City re: Cedar/Lowell issues
    - Encroachment was a hot issue at the meeting, and we gave our opinions on it.
    - Also mentioned Community Gardens, Dog Park, Public meeting best practices, and soil testing and environmental liability.
  - Friends 12/5 comment letter to MassDOT (with MAAB letter appended)

• **11/30 ECPT Meeting: NorthPoint Update**
  - Alan attended, and the new NorthPoint developer presented many new concepts for discussion.
  - The developers are enthusiastic about the path, and are willing to meet with us about path issues.
  - Northpoint Blog [http://www.northpointcambridge.com/blog/](http://www.northpointcambridge.com/blog/), a community blog, we should contact them to work on path networking.
- Alan/Lynn will find out the status of the path route through the 22 Water St property.

- **12/5 Sustainable Communities grant meeting (Somerville organizations, including Friends):** MAPC Tech Assistance portion
  - Tech assistance is to help with making our case using statistics, modelling, mapping, and identify funding sources and key decision points
  - Lynn will forward to Jonah the conversation with MAPC to determine what formats would be most helpful

- **15 Minute piece on SCAT with Ellin Reisner (STEP) Alex Epstein (SBC), and Lynn Weissman (Friends of the Community Path)**

- **Heather reported on the online version Mayor's Proposed GLX Phasing, from Ward 2 Resistat Presentation; we don't know if this is a proposal or a negotiated plan with the state**
  - Summer 2013 Start building first phase of stations at Union Sq, Washington St and Lechmere
  - Early 2014 Start remaining stations
  - 2016 Open first phase stations
  - Winter 2017 Open Maintainence facility
  - June 2018 Complete all stations