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MEETING Minutes Monday, December 8, 2014

- **Next FCP Meeting**
 - Monday Jan 12th, 7 PM, VNA
- June and July 2014 meeting minutes missing.
 - Alan will draft from his notes.
- October minutes? (Jonah to look)
- Can someone reserve VNA 1st floor room for future meetings?
 - Jonah volunteers. Lynn to send contact email address to Jonah.

- **Update - Path Amenities: Location? Donation? Installation?**
 - Tiny library. Alan to follow up with Kate on location and other details.
 - Tool station and pump
 - High failure rate.
 - Alan to contact MBTA bike parking coordinator - could we add a tool station under overhang at Davis Sq T?
- **Cedar St. to Lowell St. CPX**
 - Plans:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bzcb6lgndenVeFFadnpyQ2ZuV0k/edit?usp=sharing>
 - **Construction progress:**
 - **No Warwick Street curb cut**
 - Likely no full opening this year (2014). Lynn asked for a partial opening up to the tunnel. Alderman Mark Neidergang also asked the City and about Warwick Street Curb cut. No reply yet. BOA mtg date TBD.
 - Lynn to ask Mark Neidergang for any updates
 - Lynn to ask George P about his previous comment indicating that the state will build the curb cut.
 - **CPX at Lowell Street Bridge sidewalk**
 - No curb cut from sidewalk to street. Bridge belongs to MassDOT not City. During MassDOT conference, Mary Beth Mello, FTA lead for our region, said that it should be easy to expand scope to cover safety issues.

- November 12 Lowell St. Bridge Traffic/Pedestrian Safety meeting
 - Lynn to ask George for:
 - List of \$220K expenditures
 - Warwick St. Curb Cut connection
 - Cedar Street Crosswalk
 - Lynn to ask for Somerville (Hayes/Sarah) for meeting

- **CPA Letters of Interest done by Alan. Update on Application process for 1) RR Artifacts, 2) Grading for drainage/Paving/wood chips, 3) Repaving**
 - There was not enough time to get a designation of historical significance from the historical commission, so we will need to wait for next year's CPA process.
 - Similarly for the paving/drainage project, there was not enough time. We will need lead time with the city as a co-applicant for the paving/drainage project.

- **GLX/CPX**
 - December 1, 2014 FTA GLX New Starts funding announced: \$996 million= 43% of \$2.3 Billion
 - Cost increases. Path singled out in Boston Globe article, despite multi-purposing. Action needed?
 - 2/20/2014 Memorandum of Agreement GLX+CPX, City & MBTA:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0USyucmkk3LRzVLakptRkZoWGM/view?usp=sharing>
 - We should all read it.
 - Need to meet w/GLX Team + City: GLX Design

- **Twin Cities Spur**
 - **Debrief 11/10 mtg with Dr. Scott GJP**
 - Spur meeting w/Stakeholders: **1/26 or 1/27?** 1:00pm 100 Summer St., 2nd floor
 - Debrief: 12/4 Brickbottom/McGrath Public Meeting
 - Jon to send out presentation when it is available
 - Light rail//1 vs. 2 tracks. How often can light rail go, given street crossings?
 - Lynn to ask Mary to send us the current "GLX Interface - Track Level 20 Scale" plans. Alternatively, we would like an opportunity to review the plans about a week beforehand.

- **Strategic Planning/Outreach**
 - Thurs. 1/8/15 Public meeting: Draft Interim traffic improvements for Union Sq.
 - To implement 2-way Prospect and Webster sooner (by fall '15). Permanent improvements implemented in 2017 in time for T station opening. Interim changes – quickly, minimum controversy. Hopefully they will post the general pavement marking plans before the meeting. Good for bike/ped advocates to come/comment:
 - keep the curb lines where they are for now
 - change out the signal equipment at the 3 intersections of Prospect, Webster, Som. Av. triangle.
 - some minor utility improvements on Prospect to support T station and the D2 development
 - reconfigure the roadways by repainting the lines
 - improve the pedestrian crossings by adding concurrent WALK phases
 - add bike lanes, bike boxes, and other bike markings where feasible without changing the curb lines.
- **MPO Needs Assessment**
 - http://www.ctps.org/Drupal/charting_2040_needs
- Community Path counting - MAPC/MassDOT new sensors project. CPX 1st? **Lynn to email Pete Sutton**
- Adding new emails on listserv
 - **Jonah to add**