



## Friends of the Community Path

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Minutes by Jonah Petri

1. **Next Meeting: March 7th, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville**
2. **Attendees: Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Max Morrow, Rachel Burkhardt, Todd Van Hoosear, Shuji Sato**
3. **Cedar to Lowell Segment**
  - **Maxwell's Green Concerns: RJ, Jonah to write a letter to City before construction vehicles leave.**
    - Bike/Ped Access: sidewalks need some rework to accomodate peds, and to interface with bikes heading through to the path
    - New Gate will prevent bikes passing through
  - **Lowell St Station connection to path by VNA?**
    - Probably a No-Go, since it would require second headhouse or at least remote gates and would require regular at-grade crossing of tracks
    - All trains would be stopped already at the station, so perhaps it's safe enough for MBTA
    - Should we ask?
    - Alan suggests we ask MBTA to consider this entrance and at least design the station such that it could be added later.
  - **Lowell to Central segment: possible to construct before GLX?**
    - Need full design for placement of the wall
    - Continue this conversation with GLX Design Team
    - Emphasize quid-pro-quo between Somerville and MBTA, with Somerville building wall behind VNA
4. **Fitchburg Crossing Segment**
  - Secretary Davey has reportedly agreed to design a CPX Fitchburg crossing along with the GLX to serve as emergency egress for the GLX Fitchburg crossing
  - This opens the possibility that an integrated CPX/GLX crossing will be constructed as part of the GLX project
  - Strategy to push for combined crossing:
    - Meet with stakeholders (Alders, State legislators, Rep Capuano, MSGA, A Better City, Boston Cyclists Union, NorthPoint/HYM, etc) and public
    - Verbally mention/request and in meetings, letters and MBTA building
    - Emphasize egress doubling as some path segments.

- Need a map to explain new status. **Katharyn will edit existing map**
  - **Lynn: ask Katharyn about showing the incremental improvements**
- **Lynn will:**
  - Write separate letter to Sec. Davey thanking him, cc Cities, GLX team, etc
  - Separate letter later to GLX & Cities proposing either:
    - press release
    - or, draft announcement to FCP supporters
    - should stress how CPX segments are doubling as GLX emergency egress routes
- Grand Junction connection by Fitchburg crossing: new GJ friends group in Cambridge

## 5. Strategic Planning and Outreach

- FCP public presentation?
- **Alan: Green Routes Coalition: MAP-21 letter to MPO, cc politicians and other stakeholders**

## 6. Upcoming Meetings

- **Somerville By Design: Complete Streets Series: 2/11 (Kick-off), 3/18, 4/22,**
  - 6-9 PM @ Agenziano School Cafetorium, 290 Washington St, Somerville
  - **Max, Alan, Todd, Jonah may be able to attend various meetings**
- **Drawbridge One**
  - MBTA commuter rail bridge from North Point Park to North Station (near Spaulding Hospital), to be rebuilt with a 12-foot bike/ped path
  - Meeting is TBA

## 7. CPA Updates

- Hazel Hughes Awards to Lynn and Alan for their work to get the CPA passed
- Mayor's draft of the proposed CPA Ordinance; Some of our suggestions not included about Committee selection, staggered terms. Group has asked about this, awaiting reply

## 8. Misc

- 1/9 Friends & STEP on SCATV
  - MAPC: Metrics Update