

Friends of the Community Path
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Minutes
Monday June 11, 2012

Attendees: Jonah Petri (taking Minutes), Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Shuji Sato, Rachel Burckardt, Rebecca Schrumm, Frank Moore, Andy Hinterman, Jane Hinterman

1. **Next Meeting:** Monday July 9, 7-9 PM at the VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville
2. **Updates**
3. **Outreach:** LivableStreets, MassBike, Boston.com, The Herald, Somerville Journal, Patch, Scout, WickedLocal, etc.
 - No progress this month. (Rebecca)
 - **Shuji will take over announcements for monthly meetings to regional venues,**
4. **GLX/CPX Design** (30% design reportedly to go to MBTA in late July)
 - **GLX/CPX design public meeting date** is still TBD – Likely not until summer (instead of spring)
 - **GLX Design Contract (extension)**
 - Document (page 20, 21) includes studies of several alignment studies for CPX alternatives around the Brickbottom/Inner Belt/Washington area to Lechmere. Some of the tasks seem to be already done, e.g. access to Washington St station.
 - We should ask the GLX design team what is already done, and the specific deliverables will be for the CPX tasks. Our desired outputs from the GLX design team are: 1) 30% design for CPX, 2) CPX cost estimates, and 3) a Functional Design Report (FDR) to get evaluated for the TIP.
 - **July 18 or 19 HDR wants to meet with FCP and the City** together as a pre-meeting for the GLX CPX public meeting. We need first to come to an “agreement” with the City about routing for the path over the Fitchburg RR line
 - **Alan will do a doodle poll for the date**
 - **Lynn will talk to other advocates about the Red Bridge CPX crossing**
 - **GLX Walls Public Meeting**
 - **Lynn will write a draft for “good news” email to the FCP listserve to show the progress. Rachel and Jonah will revise as needed.**
 - **Jonah will email Mary Ainsley to see if we can get details on the noise walls (that is, where they need to be) on the south side of the GLX.**

- **CPX Construction Funding: 2012-2015 TIP**
 - Cedar/Lowell 2012 TIP budget has the ~\$2 million for Cedar to Lowell but MPO may shift a million of this 2012 funding (we don't think they can transfer the ~\$1 million earmark) to the Trapelo Road project, which is ~\$2.3 million short, and then (hopefully) finding other money in FY 2013 to put the Cedar-Lowell CPX funding back in for 2013. It may be that if the City's design, budget, and other steps do not look like the September deadline (for advertising a construction contract) can be met, that the City may opt for the 2013 funding.
 - June 21 and/or June 28 meetings - FCP should have a presence at TIP meeting in case a delay is proposed
 - Lynn will check with the city to see about their readiness for the September bid advertising deadline

- **2013-2016 TIP and the LRTP**
 - We would have to be in the current LRTP if the CPX was >\$10 Million. However, if CPX project is divided into discrete segments costing less than \$10M as a result of the GLX project's implementation, then we might not need to be in the LRTP. Do we push to get in the LRTP to do those segments separately?
 - Tuesday, June 12 – LRTP Info sessions – Lynn will attend
 - By June 22- Lynn will write a letter for the LRTP amendment.
 - June 28 - FCP should speak at MPO Board Meeting is June 28th to make spoken comment on the Draft LRTP. We should also ask for the CPX bridge over the Fitchburg TT tracks to be built in 2017 with the GLX Washington Street to Lechmere phase, and funded in the 2017 TIP.

5. Grants

- **GNI/MAPC grants**
 - GNI is \$10k, already received. MAPC is \$15k but not received yet
 - We are moving from GWS to SCC as our fiscal sponsor
 - Lynn proposed budget, for review by group. Budget amended per discussions, Lynn will refine budget.
 - Rebecca agreed to act as Treasurer
 - MAPC Metrics feedback meeting on June 18; discussing draft report and feedback

- **Federal CTG Grant just announced by RTC.**
 - Alan will watch the webinar on June 13, and if relevant, will share timelines with the City.

6. Powerpoint Presentation

- 90% done.
- Need to add map of NorthBridge to show newest connection over Charles River.
- June 18: MassDOT is presenting to STEP about a mode-shifting program. STEP invited FCP to do a short CPX presentation afterwards. We could use the Presentation or just a map.

7. Debriefings

- **June 11 Municipal Leaders Transportation Summit** w/Transportation Secretary Rich Davey. Alan attended. Mayor Curtatone MC'd the meeting. There's a pact between elected officials to pressure the legislature to fix the transportation funding problems in the state. Mayor Curtatone CPA Amendments - a state bill would allow us to spend CPA money on the path. **Jonah will find details on the bill and email. We could write to support it.**
- **McGrath De-elevation.** No progress with MassDOT so far, despite community outcry to de-elevate and not repair the McCarty Overpass.
- **May 17 Bike/Walk Summit at the State House** (Rebecca)
 - Not much networking time, and all of the action was around the talk, which Rebecca couldn't attend. We should plan to attend the talk next year.
- **June 3 Carnival table**
 - Alan will send photos to Lynn and post to FB album
 - Alan will scan new email addresses and email to Frank, who will type up (comma-delimited) and send to Lynn and Alan (for SBC)
- **June 5 Mass Smart Growth Association/GNI Summit**
 - Alan will share his notes via email
- **Green Routes** (Alan)
 - Ad-hoc organization, ~50 people from various organizations showed up to enable larger cooperation between path and trail groups within Greater Boston.
 - **August 12 and 13, Rails to Trails(RTC)/Green Routes Conference.** Someone from RTC who Alan met is coming to the Boston area to help organize this group. Rachel volunteered to help show him around. **Alan will arrange for Rachel to be included in the process.**

8. Upcoming

- **ArtBeat July 21**
 - Lynn will email Dave about borrowing his tent
 - Priorities – getting new members to sign up for listserv and/or be active members.
 - Update maps. Naomi's draft map shown at meeting. **Lynn will finalize map with Naomi for Art Beat. FCP can work on more complex map with her later.**

- “7000 feet from our goal”, *Thermometer* to show progress? Timeline to show progress?
 - Maybe print a flier with Friends’ accomplishments
- **September Path Tour for the community and/or regional groups?**