



Friends of the Community Path
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Thursday, November 10th, 2011
MINUTES

Next meeting: Monday, 12/5, 7 PM, at the VNA, 259 Lowell Street., Somerville

Action items in RED

1. **Attendees:** Jonah Petri, Alan Moore, Alex Feldman, Rachel Burkhardt, Lynn Weissman
Minutes by: Jonah Petri
2. **New Monday Meeting time for FCP group starting in December**
 - First Mondays of the month, starting in December. Second Mondays will be a backup.
3. **Green Line Delay** (updated with new information)
 - 11/18 Deadline for **letter campaign** to MassDOT on federal EA document. We may ask the general public to submit comments on the GLX design as it impacts the CPX. For example, for the Community Path crossing of the Fitchburg RR line, our preferred alternative is the crossing at/near the Red Bridge site.
 - We will also **ask the general public** to write letters (no firm deadline) on this delay mitigation issue, and we will be single-minded in our proposal: 1st priority to get Community Path (CPX) to North Point as a mitigation for the GLX delay
 - We support CPX from North Point to Lowell Street as a mitigation project for the GLX, in the same staging timeline as the GLX, and as early as possible within each GLX stage. Reatining walls can go up after tracks are moved.
 - We also support free Hubway memberships for GLX corridor resident and bike cages at Lechmere and other stations
 - Note: No funding for mitigation of the GLX delay was in the 2012-2015 TIP!
 - Are there other projects which we should also support? Union Sq line? Mystic River Path?
 - **Jonah will attend the 11/14 STEP meeting to discuss Friends' letter strategy.**
4. **Our Letter to GLX Team**
 - We wrote a letter RE:
 - Urban Ring/GLX bridge, pass, vs. Red Bridge-y location
 - Add Stairways?
 - No specific reply yet but they promised to keep us informed
5. **Monday 11/21, 7:00 pm, Cedar to Lowell: 25% MassDOT Design meeting at VNA**
6. **Can we extend to Path Somerville Junction Park without waiting for GLX?**

- If we had a design to Junction Park, we could add it as an alternate project during the contract bidding process
- **Lynn will write to Hayes to ask if this is possible now or in the future, give the \$1.9 million in 2012 TIP funding for Lowell-to-Cedar**

7. Meetings Debrief

- Mystic Valley (Alan)
 - Nothing CPX related
- North Bank Bridge (Alan)
 - Gave an overview for the project
 - Will connect off-road from Charlestown to North Point
 - For CPX, it would connect at North Point, connecting to our Path network

8. Upcoming Meetings

- **11/14 Assembly Sq Meeting (100% design)**
 - Not particularly CPX-related
 - Alan will go
- **11/17 7-8pm Congressman Capuano's Telephone Community Meetings**
 - 1-877-229-8493, pin 13034. To ask a question, press *3 after joining the meeting.
 - **Alex will call in and comment on bike/ped support**
- **11/21 7:00 pm, VNA Cedar-to-Lowell 25% Design Hearing**
 - **Alan, Rachel, and Lynn or Joel will attend**
- 11/30 ECPT Meeting: NorthPoint Update
 - **Lynn or Alan will attend**
- TBD
 - LivableStreets Street Talk on Tuesday, December 13 (Lynn)
 - We should arrange for a separate Street Talk focused on CPX instead of only 5 minutes here
 - Rich Davey tour of the path
 - Which direction should the tour schedule be? Davis Sq is important to see for a vision of the future, and Fitchburg crossing is important to see to show the challenges we face. Maybe we'll take 88 bus from Washington Street to Cedar street, when can walk on Path to Davis Square.