



Friends of the Community Path
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MINUTES
October 17, 2011

[Next meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2011, 7 pm, VNA, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville](#)

1. GLX delay

- **Thurs 10/20, Somerville High School: Mock Groundbreaking to Protest Green Line Extension Delay, followed by MassDOT Public Hearing in the High School Auditorium to comment on federal environmental review and “mitigation**

6:00 pm - Mock Groundbreaking to Protest Green Line Extension Delay

6:30 pm - Public Hearing to comments on federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and ideas for “mitigation” projects (including the Community Path) for the Green Line delays.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=283437298342175>

Lynn is drafting a flier with STEP; the flier will be distributed at the public hearing.

- State proposal for phased work – Work would start in 2012; some service by Dec. 2016
 - Harvard Street Bridge, Medford Street Bridge, Union Sq Spur, Washington Street Station
 - David Mohler told Lynn that MassDOT chose the Union Square Spur to do 1st since there is no need to buy any more cars to go to Union Square station, or do the maintenance facility. We also noted that the City would like this station to help develop Union Square.
- GLX Maintenance
- Discuss Federal Response, Brainstorm Mitigation ideas

3. Path Design: City/GLX Design Team

- Urban Ring/GLX bridge, pass, vs. Red Bridge-y location: City is newly interested in an Urban Ring bridge that would combine the GLX, vehicular traffic, and Path. May not be feasible from design, time, or cost standpoints.
- We have asked HDR/Gilbane to add stairways to the Path design wherever possible, as a complement to ADA accessible ramps.

4. Cedar to Lowell

- MBTA Lease, MaxGreen bike/ped access, MassDOT, Meeting date TBA.
- MassDOT is questioning whether a stairway on MaxGreen side of Lowell Street bridge would be allowed due to ADA considerations. We think it should be allowed since 1) there will be ADA ramp through MaxGreen on same side of street, 2) there is ADA ramp on VNA side, and 3) something similar has been done in DC (Alan sent photos.)

5. Presentation – in progress. Lynn and Alan are working on content.

7. Meetings Debrief

- September 14, 2011- Livable Streets Come Shape McGrath/O'Brien Redesign Goals
- September 20 - MassDOT Grounding McGrath Meeting
- September 15 – Cross Street Design Public Hearing
- September 22 -Public meeting on Community Path with GLX Design Team
- September 30 - GreenStreets Breakfast
- October 5 – NorthPoint Celebration
- October 12- Moving Together Conference, Wednesday, Lynn: Rich Davey, Regional Bike/Ped Coordinators, RTAC, David Mohler

8. Upcoming meetings

Wednesday, October 26, 7:45 a.m. light breakfast, 8:15 a.m. program
Moving Forward with Funding
New strategies to support transportation and balanced regional economic growth

Mintz Levin Offices, One Financial Center, Room 38A, Boston, MA 02111
Rich Davey, Tim Murray
<http://www.massinc.org/Events/2011/10/Moving-Forward-with-Funding.aspx>

October 26, 2011, 8:30 AM, Boston Marriott Cambridge, 50 Broadway, Cambridge, MA
MAPC Fall Council Meeting/ MPO Candidates Election for New Municipal Members of the Boston Region MPO
http://www.ctps.org/cf50/upcoming_2011.cfm says:

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Final public meeting for the Mystic Valley Parkway Green Line Extension process
Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford (Council Chambers)

The focus of this final meeting will be a presentation of draft recommendations MAPC has developed regarding land use, zoning, economic development, and transportation for the area around a potential Green Line Station at Mystic Valley Parkway.
<http://transportation.blog.state.ma.us/blog/2011/09/green-line-extension-public-workshop.html>

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Meeting Attendees: Lynn Weissman, Rachel Jon Burckardt, Heather van Aelst, Frank Moore, Rebecca Schrumm, Ethan Contini-Field