

Friends of the Community Path

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September 13th, 2012

Minutes by Jonah Petri

- 1. Next Meeting: October 2nd, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville**
- 2. Attendees: Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Heather van Aelst, Todd Van Hoosear, James Bergman, Rachel Burckardt**
- 3. MassDOT Board Meeting**
 - \$45M GLX design contract approved at the 9/12 MassDOT Board meeting at Somerville City Hall. Lynn made spoke comment before the approval requesting that Fitchburg crossing design be added to scope of new design team's work (to bring design from 30 to 70%) and not precluded
 - Need a good map of Fitchburg crossing with more of Cambridge/Grand Junction/NP for outreach
 - Need a strategic plan to get the Fitchburg crossing design done.
 - **Lynn will draft a followup letter to MassDOT**
- 4. Fitchburg Crossing meetings**
 - 9/11 Lynn/Alan met with Cambridge City Councillor Minka VanBeuzekom
 - Minka will ask for a Cambridge resolution promoting Path inclusion in New Starts GLX funding application
 - Minka recommended several other stakeholders for us to meet with
 - 9/14 HDR Meeting
- 5. SIP Meeting, Pre-MassDOT Board Meeting**
 - Lynn met with Wig, Fred, Vig, and Ellin about SIP comments. They also discussed CPX crossing at Inner Belt.
- 6. Public hearing to comment on the SIP Annual Report (GLX)**
 - Thursday, September 18, 2012 (also today 9/13 on Red-Blue Connecto only)
 - <http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/hearings/transit.htm>
 - Note: 153+ SIP Mitigation/GreenDOT Letters in Support of Community Path
 - SIP Annual report:
<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Portals/17/docs/sip/SIP2012AnnualRepor.pdf>
 - SIP Info:
 - <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/planning/Main/PlanningProcess/StateImplementationPlan/SIPTransitCommitmentSubmissions.aspx>
 - **Alan will attend and make comment.**
 - **Alan will check for 2010 CPX support letters and send to Lynn**

7. **Alan and Rachel created some CPX Fitchburg crossing alternatives**
 - Much discussion ensued
 - **Jonah will draft a map for laypeople which shows Fitchburg crossing & Somerville/Cambridge/Charles**
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8. **Grants**
 - Review of GNI/MAPC Budget, distributed with Agenda. GNI/MAPC Budget Draft07 was approved by all at the meeting.
 - **Lynn and Alan will make invoices for their services**
 - **Lynn will get STEP invoice and send to Rebecca**
 - **Lynn will invoice MAPC**
9. **Online Donations (Todd)**
 - New paypal account set up
 - Todd's other nonprofit chose Fundly, he recommends it
 - **Todd needs the nonprofit status for SCC**
 - **Lynn will forward the verification code and Donation HTML snippet to Alan and Todd**
10. **MAPC Metrics**
 - We need to include Jenny on a request for an update
 - We are responsible for driving progress towards the deliverable
 - **Alan will email Eric and Jenny**
11. **Upcoming**
 - **Charles River Skatepark project public meetings**
 - Wednesday **Sept. 19 & Oct. 10, 6-8pm**, Boston Public Library, Mezzanine
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 - **Transportation Learning Series**
 - Friday September 21, Friday September 28, Friday October 5, 10:00AM until noon
Conversations about efforts from across the country to generate new revenues for transportation. (Barr Foundation)
 - UMass Club at 225 Franklin St., 33rd Floor, Boston, MA or visit:
<http://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/University-of-Massachusetts-Club>
 - RSVP: goo.gl/vZFhs.
 - Aviva Rothman-Shore ARothman-Shore@clf.org 617-850-1755.
 - **Alan is attending**
 - **URBAN Monday, September 24, 5:30-7:30pm** How to strengthen connections between community based organizations, residents and academic institutions. (GNI)
 - Metropolitan Area Planning Council, 3rd floor, 60 Temple Place, (Downtown Crossing)
 - **October 17 Moving Together (GreenDOT) Conference**, Boston 8-4 pm

- **Lynn will register**

- **Sierra Club invited us to present**

- October 9

- **Lynn will present**

- **Jonah will have map by then**

- Davis Square Streetscapes - TBA

- Green Routes mtg - TBA

- Rails to Trails (national representative) meeting – TBA

12. Outreach

- Powerpoint Presentation -

- Maps: Add North Bridge, Naomi's new maps

- **Lynn will write to Cambridge Reprographics**

- **Alan will check Naomi's maps for North Bridge**

- October Path Tour – date TBA

- High Priority Meetings:

- Rep Tim Toomey

- With Minka

- Running against Mike Connely, might be receptive

- HYM/NorthPoint Developer

- Might be interested in knowing about the “path to nowhere”

- GreenDOT Catherine Cagle, Tom Evans

- Governor – photo, meet with Aides, ArtBeat - 153 SIP Mitigation/GreenDOT Letters
(Also email addresses)

- Other meetings:

- Press

- Follow-up letter to MassDOT Board

- Sen. Pat Jehlen and Rep. Denise Provost

- Congressman Capuano

- Has influence over the New Starts application

- Cambridge Mayor Henrietta Davis

- Cambridge: Craig Kelley, Cara Seiderman, Bill Deignan

- Livable Streets, MetroFutures, Sierra Club (11/9)

13. Cedar/Lowell

- Out to bid early September

- **Jonah will look into the State bid process**

- **Will ask HDR about sliver behind VNA**