

**Massachusetts Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**  
**Office of Transportation Planning, 4th Floor, State Transportation Building (STB)**  
**10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Pete Sutton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**Members present:** Cameron Bain, Jackie DeWolfe, Tom DiPaolo, Tom Francis, Wendy Landman, Jeff McCollough, John McQueen, Steve Miller, Pete Sutton **Members absent:** Rosalie Anders, Glen Berkowitz, Dan Driscoll, Steve Heinrichs, Janie Katz-Christy, Rob Miceli **Guests present:** Casey Claude (CTPS), Eileen Gunn (MassDOT) William Hanson (Framingham), Nelson Hoffman (FHWA), David Loutzenheiser (MAPC), Josh Ostroff (T4MA), Halley Reeves (DPH), Nick Schmidt (Toole Design Group), Jim Tozza **Guests participating by telephone:** John Allen (Waltham), Joel Arbeitman (Ashland), Courtney Dwyer (MassDOT D6), Betsy Johnson (MassBike), Tim Kochan (MassDOT D5), Kurt Gaertner, Joe Repole, Misrak Sultan (MassDOT D4)

**Pedestrian Plan:**

- Wendy: will page views of the Guide be tracked? Curious how many page hits and which links are clicked the most. WalkBoston asks users for zip codes to download toolkits. Suggests MassDOT consider.
- Wendy: should the Interagency Trails Team be mentioned in the current initiatives?
- John M: In safety section, consider referencing existing Mass general laws relating to crosswalks, wipers on lights on, etc.
  - WalkBoston worked with state police and published a safety video. It goes through all the laws that could be listed in the Municipal Resources Guide for Walkability.
- Regarding performance measures, will MAP 21 performance measures on fatalities be included? Yes, already in the goals performance measures.
  - Jackie noted that MassDOT wants this to tell the full story of all things related to pedestrians. The plan pulls in resources and performance measures from other sources and consolidates efforts underway at MassDOT.
- Wendy: Is there a timetable placed on actions?
  - Pete noted that all actions are intended to be completed in short order.
  - Steve suggested a table that highlights timeframes for each action.
  - Jeff suggested an evaluation table to judge progress in the coming years. Wants MassDOT to know what it did and didn't do, not only report what it did.
- Initiative 2:
  - Discussion of speed enforcement technologies, and how Providence, RI, example from a few months ago was not a great example.
- Initiative 3:
  - Wendy: Initiative 3 is one where a timetable is really important. Action is to implement a pilot program, not implement an outcome.
  - Jeff noted that all the RTAs are doing a PATI-like program. Suggested that this is added to context. It is a requirement from FTA.
  - Wendy: PATI is on track to construct nearly 100 bus stop improvements this year. Should be noted in the context.
- Initiative 4:
  - Prioritization map is showing scaled-by-District corridors, so should be clarified.
  - Legend should be consolidated since each District's colors are identical.
  - Plan should clarify that these maps are not suggesting sidewalks along entire corridors. Should clarify again that these are MassDOT-only roadways.
    - A lot of readers may not get past the first map. Wendy suggested starting with final corridor recommendations and then working backwards with the maps. People need to understand the context before seeing all the map layers. This way it is easier to tell the story. Show equity earlier.
- Initiative 7:
  - MassDOT considering testing different counting equipment in a single location.
- General:
  - John M: Graphics: When showing graphics, be sure to show preferred designs, for example crosswalk striping.
  - John M: Add a comment form or button at the beginning and end of the document.
  - Document will be entirely online. Intent is to continually update it.

- Nelson noted that it would be difficult to cite specific text commenting in story maps.
  - Pete assured it would be able to be printed into a PDF.
- Jeff: does the plan acknowledge HSIP efforts? Yes, it's loaded in as a current initiative.
- MABPAB congratulated MassDOT on this effort. Steve appreciated the tone of the plan, which acknowledges that more can be done. It doesn't simply trumpet what's been done.

#### **Bike Plan:**

- Photo promotes kids with no helmets! Be aware when publishing the final plan.
- Regional MAPC Split:
  - John Allen: Areas of low potential for everyday biking are areas of great potential for recreational biking.
    - Pete agreed. This will be part of the story for the final bike plan but not a focus.
  - Steve: The concept of relative scale is going to be confusing for everyone. So suggests that using the Modified Split version won't add to the confusion and actually better aligns with what people will think about this region.
  - John M: Are we biasing white suburban population over communities of color? Might be worth looking at various EJ criteria in this scenario. What are the impacts?
  - Jeff: Are we telling other 87% of communities that they don't need to invest in biking?
    - Not the intent. The intent is to focus on the highest demand.
    - Steve asked that early on in the plan it is clarified. This is for MassDOT roads and MPO investment.
    - Wendy suggested that each municipality has its own map.
    - Jeff liked that this is designed to get communities engaged and achieve goals. It's prescriptive like the CSFP. Roads come up one at a time for reconstruction.
- Local test:
  - Does not work as well at the local level
  - MAPC's local access score the best resource for local planning.
    - The Plan should link to that network.
  - Nelson: Are other states doing this? Yes, being considered in Maryland and other states. Often called "short trip" potential.
  - Tom likes how these maps encourage investment in areas where they may not be considered.
  - Wendy noted that these blue areas are walking areas as well. Applies to investing in walking infrastructure.
  - Tom asked if this could be run on a small town without a big town center.
  - Nelson asked TDG to think about the scale.
  - Josh: Can we show before-and-after validation of the Potential for Everyday Biking with counts?
    - Unfortunately need before counts.
    - Steve suggested showing national case studies.
    - Jeff suggested that this map could be helpful to justify before and after counts
    - Look to the Portland, OR, economic benefits and health study.
    - John M: Look to Newburyport, Newton, and Newburyport for potential before-and-after examples.
  - Wendy cautioned against thinking about long distance riding between high demand centers. Investment in MassDOT corridors may not be the best, instead perhaps parallel trails.
  - John Allen: There are elements of rural road design that can help advance the goals.
- MRG for Bikeability:
  - Focus on equity in dockless bike share. People are riding them where they need to go versus where planners put the docks.
  - Call: Concern about dockless bikeshare. Can get left in the way of sidewalks.
  - Potential for Everyday Biking:
    - Discuss with WalkBoston about e-bikes. Concern about shared use paths
    - Steve: Add an "If you build it" element to this chapter. Attracts new cyclists.
    - Josh: Should this address scooters? Scooter-share
    - Wendy: e-bikes can have regulators that do not allow them to go faster than a certain speed.
    - Steve recommended to read his blog about e-bike laws.
    - Note that the speed differential is an issue.

- Cameron: DC is talking about walking and biking separation on shared use paths because of this issue.
- Bikeshare:
  - Equity and re-distribution issues.
- Missing:
  - What about end of trip facilities? Making bicycling to work normal.
  - What about the things that communities can do? Like zoning and whatnot for Cambridge.
  - What about showing steps communities can take, from easiest to hardest.
  - Jeff: if possible cite the funding received for case studies.

## Closing

- David handed out LandLine Vision documents
- Eileen launched the Participation Report as part of the CSFP Portal.