



South Coast Bikeway Committee Meeting Notes

November 14, 2012 – Dartmouth Town Hall Room 315

Attendees: Bob Espindola, Fairhaven - Adam Recchia, SRPEDD - Julie Kelly, Mass in Motion Fall River – Darrin Ramos, New Bedford – Rodney Chanax, UMass – Cole Sherman, UMass – Jen Bogart, Carver – Gail Roderigues, Westport – David Ferreira, New Bedford – Kim Ferreira, New Bedford Mass in Motion

Agenda items:

1. The meeting notes for the October meeting will be redistributed for review. The group was introduced to Rodney Chanax and Cole Sherman from UMass Dartmouth, who will be representing the University.
2. South Coast Bikeway signage locations were discussed and tallied for each community with existing segments already built. The group decided on:
 - a. 4 for Swansea and Somerset
 - b. 2 for Dartmouth
 - c. 2 for Fall River
 - d. 2 for Mattapoissett
 - e. 12 for Fairhaven

The group discussed locations and any need for sign posts as well. It was decided that sign posts would not be ordered yet, as most locations have existing posts that these signs could be fixed to. Julie's cost estimate from Baker Signs was \$18.95 for an 18X12", four-color sign. She agreed to get a new estimate for a 12X12" sign with only three colors.

The group also discussed arrows to be used in conjunction with the signs. After much discussion, it was decided that first of all, we would order **40 South Coast Bikeway signs**, so we have extra. We would also order 10 double arrow signs, 20 up arrow signs and 10 right/left arrow signs for a grand **total of 80 signs**. Adam will send Julie the MUTCD information for the arrow signs so she can get an estimate from Baker for them.

A motion was made to approve the ordering of the 80 signs in total, so long as the final cost estimate does not exceed \$1,500.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. The group discussed advocacy for the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge re-striping. Julie explained that both New Bedford and Fairhaven's bike committees had sent in letters to MassDOT requesting that the bridge be restriped with bike lanes. Julie talked to an engineer from MassDOT on site this month and he was aware of the request. The group agreed to draft a letter to MassDOT with the same request, and each community was also encouraged to write their own letter.

A motion was made to write a letter to MassDOT requesting bike lanes on the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge when it is restriped. The motion was approved unanimously.

The group then discussed having a winter meeting with our legislators to help promote the South Coast Bikeway to them. A legislative breakfast was one of the ideas floated around. The group could use some of the left over Narragansett Bay Wheelmen's funds to help pay for the meeting. Several different options were discussed, including getting Richard LaFrance, owner of several hotels along the bikeway and owner of White's on board. It was also suggested that perhaps David Watson of MassBike could be a speaker at the event. The group was very much in favor of this idea, and would finalize thoughts at the December meeting.



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4. The group briefly discussed how to get more people involved in helping with the committee's tasks. The idea of having sub-groups (i.e. marketing, etc.) was brought up again. The group would continue to brainstorm on this idea.
5. Other Business: David mentioned that he was retiring from the New Bedford Bicycle Committee and this committee, and that Darrin Ramos would be the new representative from New Bedford. The committee thanked David for all of his efforts.

Gail and Adam discussed their meeting with the Westport Police Department. The police lieutenant suggested using Route 88's extra right-of-way for a bike path, so Adam did some research and found that the road has a 350' wide right-of-way, more than enough space to fit in a bike path. Adam will talk to MassDOT about this possibility. Gail received a host of information from Westport's past bike committee from Steve Ouelette and was reviewing it all. She now has information about who was in favor and who was opposed so she can start doing outreach.

6. The meeting was adjourned.