



Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2026 – 7:00 pm
Senior Community Center – 2nd Floor

- Attendance – Rick Taintor, Chris Cunningham, Ben Harman, Judy, Carol, Bonnie Sontag, Alden Clark, Juliet Walker, Elizabeth Maldari (MVPC), Eddie Rubin, ??
- April Meeting Minutes (postponed to next meeting)
- Treasurer's Report – Alden Clark
- Project Updates
 - Bike Bus – Eddie and Alden provided an update (year in review)
 - Crosswalks – no updates
 - Speed limits – Bonnie provided an update on efforts to increase speed limit signage around the City, Ben provided update on City Council efforts to get more speed signs in visible locations around the City (including in-street signs that draw attention), group discussed ideas for promoting safe speeds beyond signage (e.g. targeted safety campaigns).
 - MVPC will reach out to MassDOT District 4 to confirm the process for revoking the 35mph speed limit on Low Street. (Elizabeth to discuss with D4)
 - Proposal to consider Safety Zone on all or portions of Low Street. NLS to draft letter to City Council. Also potential to consider School Zone in portion near Bresnahan. (Bonnie and Rick will coordinate)
 - Safety Campaign – Juliet and Chris will start brainstorming and bring ideas to next NLS meeting
 - Port Bikeshare – Rick provided update, strong ridership (rides per day), better performance than other communities implementing similar programs. Bike balancing volunteers have been hard at work, can use more volunteers too. Bikeshare expansion for new stations thanks to a grant from AARP – Maudslay, Cashman, Cushing, and Senior Center! Discussing future expansion with other neighboring communities.
 - Safe Routes to School – Juliet had a call with Cecilia L from the MassDOT SRTS program. Some ideas discussed:
 - Radius maps (can do once we share the data)
 - Family travel survey (early/mid September)
 - Pedestrian Safety Classes – 2nd graders
 - Cecilia can do this for first year, then we would need to figure out how to do this on our own
 - Going forward, DESE approved PD that could be provided to staff in each school
 - Will reach out to Jamie Sokolowski re: scheduling the Flagship Days
 - Bike Assemblies – 4/5th graders
 - Cecilia can do the LCI certified training this year
 - NHS – safety video contest, ambassador program (high school students are trained to do the classes themselves, which can count for volunteer hours)
 - Bike Rodeo – with SRTS support

- MassDOT SRTS Grants – Signs and Lines, Bike Racks
 - Juliet will discuss with Cecilia what we need to do to be eligible for these in the next round of funding
 - Question about whether bike signal detection could be part of this
 - Discussion about bike bus and need for bike education
- MVPC Updates
 - Elizabeth is leaving MVPC and going to work for the Town of Arlington
 - Statewide discussion is happening around e-bike regulations, limiting bikes that have capability to travel over 30mph from using shared use paths
 - MVPC is wrapping up some quick build projects, good lessons learned
 - Ferry boat business plan in final phase
- Updates on City activities – Cllr Harman
 - 6/8 Public Works & Safety meeting re Streets & Sidewalks Plan
 - Capital Improvement Plan – additions
 - Three Roads design: \$100,000 in 2028 for "pre-design"; \$300,000 in 2029
 - Hale Street west was added (in addition to Hale Street east)
 - Low Street corridor design study – Cllrs Harman and Medina Smith are championing this and doing some interim improvements as well
 - 7/6 Snow Removal Enforcement will be on the PWS agenda for discussion
 - Storey Avenue visioning public workshop – lots of ped and bike safety support was mentioned, next forum is 7/22
 - New Fire Chief opportunity to bring someone in who has safety
- Other Business
 - 2026 Work Plan – <https://bit.ly/NLS2026WorkPlan>
 - Know Your Community – July 30

Next Meetings – July 28 / August 25 / September 22