Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Virtual Committee Meeting Via Zoom  
https://zoom.us/j/95283386922  
February 3, 2021  
7:00pm  
In accordance with the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the January 6, 2021 public meeting of the Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.  
Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:  
1. The meeting will be held via Zoom video conference. The public can view and hear the meeting in real time by joining the Zoom video conference.  

2. Real-time public comment may be permitted at the discretion of the chair utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software. This application will allow users to view the meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments may be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting as determined by the Chair.  
   a. Zoom Login instructions:  
      i. Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address:  
         https://www.falmouthmass.us/bikeped  
      ii. Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.  

3. Additionally, public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to Scott Lindell (scott.lindell@falmouthma.gov) at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email in advance of the meeting. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the chair.  

Present: Scott Lindell, Tim Shea, Chris McGuire, Pamela Rothstein, JoAnn Fishbein, Ben Harden, Neel Aluru, Ed Gross, Ted Rowan  

Chairman’s opening remarks regarding conditions for remote meeting & participation  
Scott opened the meeting at 7:01 and read Open Meeting Regulations and Ground Rules  

Public Comment  
None
Minutes from previous meeting
Tim moved to approve the minutes of 1/6/21. Chris seconded.
A roll call vote was taken.
Chris McGuire-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Neel Aluru-aye
Ed Gross-aye
Scott Lindell-aye
Ted Rowan-aye
Motion passed.

Reports
-Friends of Falmouth Bikeways:
Ted reported the Friends wanted to do something regarding donations and are investigating the cost of mobile radar speed signs to identify key spots for traffic calming measures. The Friends are happy with the new paving on the bikeway.

-Traffic Management Committee:
Chris reported that the committee was undertaking a review of Complete Streets implementation by the town. A report card will be issued highlighting the good things that have occurred as well as places where there is room for improvement. TMC is encouraging as many town departments as possible provide input to Complete Streets and be incorporated into the Complete Streets rollout.
The TMC is working on 3 initiatives: Freight transport through New Bedford; a white paper regarding parking and access to downtown; and a survey regarding parking and traffic in downtown Falmouth.
The BP Committee offered feedback on the survey sent out by the TMC. Suggestions included: questions should indicate whether they are directed to summertime or year-round; too many questions; the survey took too long to complete.

Discussion Items:

-Complete St. Prioritization Plans
The Complete Street public comment tool will be available for input until Friday February 5.
Scott noted it is unclear how the items will be ranked as there is nowhere on the tool for viewers to indicate they support (or Like) the suggestion.
This morning a program on Complete Streets was aired on WCAI, initiated through Pamela’s outreach to Amy Vince of WCAI. This was a good overview to the community. Some callers expressed concern that Complete Streets will destroy the quaint quality of Falmouth and make it like a suburb of Boston. The committee thought that both safety for pedestrians and cyclists and maintaining quaintness are compatible and continued community education would be needed.
Scott displayed a spreadsheet of the original Bike Plan Priorities for the committee to review relative to Complete Street implementation. All of the priorities had been added to the Complete Streets public comment site. Although the original bike plan called for bike lanes on many of the designated streets and not multiuse paths, it is now clear that painted lines are insufficient for safe biking and whenever feasible, separated bike lanes should be recommended.

Roads identified for Complete Streets treatment for bike routes and multiuse paths should focus on the major arteries. Secondary road might require only sharrows or painted lanes. Stanchions were suggested for separation where space is tight. These could be temporary or seasonal.

Scott will draft a letter outlining the committee’s general principles to send to the Cape Cod Commission.

-KLB multi-use path proposal
Scott presented a proposal which he would like added to the PBC Complete Street Prioritization plan. The plan would provide a safe route for users of the SSBW to down town and a safe route to Mullen Hall and Lawrence schools. He suggested making Katherine Lee Bates one way for cars from west to east, from Palmer Avenue to Shore Street, and two ways for bikes, with angled parking on the South side of the street. The committee agreed that this should be a Complete Streets priority. And suggested that this plan might easily be put in place for the summer as a trial to see if the community is comfortable with the new travel pattern before making it a permanent change. Chris suggested reaching out to the School Superintendent, for support in this plan for community buy-in.

Concern was expressed by Ben about lack of attention and accommodation for those cycling from East Falmouth and that this should be a high priority.

-Traffic calming solutions
Scott explained that this topic arose from conversations with the DPW and Chief Dunne who thought that speed was not a concern at the exits to Goodwill Park. The committee disagreed. Traffic calming measures discussed included raised crosswalks, signs on the bikeway when near busy crossroads, in particular a sign for cyclists approaching the Ter Heun crossing.

-Eco-counter updates
JoAnn downloaded data form the eco-counter and provided updated report to committee members. She thought the number of pedestrian usage was low and thought that a traffic cone in front of the counter may have been blocking the signal and undercounting pedestrians. Tim will speak with the DPW to see if they placed the cone and to remind them to make sure in the future that it is not blocking the sensor.

Ted reported that the Friends Of the SSBW have budgeted for a 2 year subscription for remote access to data for the counter. They have also offered to help purchase a second eco-counter. Ted proposed that the BPC use money that had been donated to the committee to cover half of this cost.
-Grant applications – CCC bike rack program for Bandshell
The DPW is short staffed and not sure it can commit to installation of racks at this time, so the grant application has been on hold

-Education, Outreach and Enforcement
The east end of Main Street is currently being repaved and curbs and sidewalks upgraded. This would be a good opportunity to incorporate some of the Complete Streets guidelines. Concern was expressed with notification from Peter McConarty that the road will be put back as it was but the committee’s interpretation of Complete Streets is that Complete Streets guidelines must be adhered to. Scott has requested to be on the Selectboard agenda to encourage Complete Streets changes to be incorporated into any future maintenance.

-Bicycle Friendly Town renewal application
Ted has submitted the application

-Future Agenda items. Pamela recommended a program or event be scheduled for May as part of Bike Week.

At 8:31 Ted moved to adjourn. Tim seconded.
A roll call vote was taken.
Chris McGuire-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Neel Aluru-aye
Ted Rowan-aye
Ed Gross-aye
Tim Shea-aye
Scott Lindell-aye
Motion passed.

Relevant Documents
Falmouth Complete Streets Document
KLB Multiuse Proposal
Eco-counter data