

Falmouth Bikeways Committee

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

The mission of the Falmouth Bikeways Committee, as established by Town Meeting in 1975, is to develop, maintain, and improve bikeways in Falmouth, including the promotion of bicycling for transportation and spreading understanding of realistic safety for bicyclists on our road network.

The bulk of the Committees work this year has been the development of a Bicycle Transportation Plan with assistance from Cape Cod Commission transportation planners. The plan has been drafted, circulated and about to be discussed at public meetings before being submitted for Town governmental approval and adoption.

We have developed this vision and goals for the Plan for the Year 2020:

Falmouth is a great place to both live and to visit because its bike-friendly culture and infrastructure yield calm roads, clean air, and a healthy populace in a vibrant, sustainable economy.

Goals:

- To engineer the infrastructure of Falmouth to support bicycling for transport and recreation. A system of well-marked, safe roads and paths make it an attractive place for children and adults to bicycle to their daily destinations. When cyclists arrive at their destinations there are secure facilities to park their bicycles.
- To promote educational and bicycling programs that support public health and tourism, and that reduce air pollution, traffic and parking problems. Bicycling is an integral and appreciated part of the community culture.
- To foster safe, informed, and respectful interactions among people who walk, drive bicycles and cars on Falmouth's roads and paths. Drivers and cyclists understand their respective responsibilities, and police support both through enforcement and education.

The complete draft Town of Falmouth Plan for an Improved Transportation Network for Bicycling including 25 recommendations for improvements and budgetary requirements is available on the Town website:

http://www.falmouthmass.us/bike/2015_fal_bikeplanning.pdf

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