

Active Transportation Working Group  
September 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Danielle DeLuca, Jess Porter, Howard Ostroff, Ian Kelly, Jayson Shultz, Vicky Berg, Sharna Borsellino, Lisa Farnham

1. Opening & Public Comment: Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Danielle DeLuca. Danielle welcomed Ian, the new representative to the ATWG from the Dedham Public Schools. Ian is deputy superintendent of DPS, in charge of transportation, crossing guards, safety. He is also a Dedham resident. There was no public comment
2. Approve meeting minutes (August 2024)- Jess asked to make some edits to the minutes. Consensus to table the minutes of August 2024 meeting until the October meeting.
3. Member updates: Howard would like to note MBTA has started making initial changes for Bus Network Redesign in a 5 year project. Howard will keep the ATWG advised on anything affecting Dedham.
4. Discussion: Street Mural #2 (Whiting Ave & Mount Vernon St)  
-We got a check for \$1000 from Dedham Savings, that has been deposited in the sub account with the Town.  
Discussion of best path forward given Engineering Dept has stated need for external review of any plans which include structural or painted curb extensions. ATWG does not have budget to cover this nor has the Town prioritized the project, so the review cannot be done at this time. Discussed whether to delay painting the mural until a study can be done or go ahead now without the painted curb portions.  
-Unanimous vote in favor of mural design and working to paint the mural while continuing to push for structural safety improvements including bollards and bumpouts (painted or curbing) going forward.
5. SRTS October Walk, Bike and Roll to School event.  
-Principals need to register, we would like to include 4 elementaries and middle school. Ian can reach out to principals to get them to register  
-Family communication is helpful to do through the principals, they send out in the Monday emails. Ian can help coordinate.  
-Bike busses often driven by parent community. We did walking school busses through the course of the year. Compact population right around the school. People loved it- kids getting to know each other and parents getting to know each other.  
Dismissal required parental consent- we will just do a morning walk.
6. New/old business  
Bicycle subcommittee had an in person meeting took place.  
Bryan and Danielle participated in consultation on Oakdale campus design with architect.

September meeting:

- Items that were to be followed up on from Aug meeting:
  - Bryan has asked Amanda to fix website (change Jim to Jess) and to ask how we can get the meeting minutes on the ATWG website

- Jess was to update on status of Master Plan 2035
- Howard to update SB/Nancy if any new donations for street mural #2
- Bryan to add the Complete Streets PPT into the ATWG shared drive (accessible [HERE](#))
- Bryan to ask TSWG for raw survey data from community outreach (I did ask, still waiting)