Sandwich Bikeways & Pedestrian Committee

Date: January 10, 2022  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Address: Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave., Sandwich, MA

Present: Committee Members: Sean Polay, Daryl Crossman, Peter Marancik, Linda Shelburne, Bryan Hallas, Joshua McGuire  
Town Officials: Charles Holden, Paul Tilton, Sam Jensen, Kevin Sareault  
Presenter: Steve Rhoads of VHB  
26 other attendees

Workshop meeting called to order by Polay: 6:01 p.m.

Polay gave a brief introduction, expressing appreciation of the large turnout and outlining the goals of the session.

The Sandwich Bikeways & Pedestrian Committee, the Town of Sandwich, MA Engineering Department, and the Town’s consultant, VHB, are assessing potential routes between the Cape Cod Canal and Service Road to improve bicycle accommodations. Shared use paths and bike lanes are being considered.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information and receive public comments & questions regarding potential routes. A brief online survey will also be conducted following the workshop to collect additional input. Additional details and a web link will be provided in future announcements. The input gathered from the workshop and survey will inform future planning and design efforts. We look forward to your participation and input.

Among the input received after Rhoads’ presentation (attached):

- Question on whether the new SUP have a similar cross-section to the planned Service Road SUP
- General questions about the slope/running grade across steep terrain
- Discussion about the Route 6 crossing, e.g. culvert, bridge, at grade
- Discussion about funding design and construction, specifically MassDOT involvement
- Discussion about parking and potential locations of lots
- Comment made supporting the idea of getting people into town/village
- Question about traffic studies for shared use paths and desirability for illuminated crossings, design balance between cars/motor vehicles and bicycles (vs. too heavily
weighted toward bicycles as perceived in Cambridge), and concern about removal of parking (e.g. Jarves St)

- Question about making Jarves Street one-way
- Discussion about railroad ROW use
- Comment about consideration for use of railroad station on Jarves Street for start/stop on RR ROW
- Several comments made in favor of the Charles Street route
- Comment suggesting crossing 6A near an existing traffic signal
- Suggestion to consider a hybrid between the Charles Street and Fish Hatchery routes—following the Charles Street route to Crowe Farm (privately owned), traverse the farm to the eastern side of the Fish Hatchery, then to Route 6A
- Concern expressed about conflicts with traffic to/from the DPW facility on Route 130. Suggestion to consider going around the landfill and transfer station
- Discussion about whether organized group rides would be required to take the new facility if crossing through the Town.
- Comment made that it would be preferable to minimize the number of road crossings
- Concern expressed about perceived impacts to neighborhoods adjacent to Shawme Road and potential for neighbor opposition
- Support expressed for Village routes vs. western routes

Adjournment: 7:00
Respectfully Submitted by Sean Polay
Date Approved: