

Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership

Regular Meeting of the Steering Committee and Members

Date: September 19, 2011, 7:00-9 p.m., VNA Community Room, 259 Lowell Ave.

Attendees: Ellin Reisner, Wig Zamore, Steve Mulder, Karen Molloy, Naomi Slagowski, Lynn Weissman, Frank Braman, Steve Mackey, Jonah Petri, Khalid Shakir, Ian Darling, Tom Bent. (Meeting notes taken by Karen Molloy.)

Quorum Present? Yes.

VOTES: No.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Grounding McGrath: Public Information Meeting, Tues. Sep. 20 6- 9 pm. SHS Auditorium. Presentation of the results of the study on the McCarthy Overpass and to solicit input from the public. This meeting is sponsored by STEP and the McGrath Highway project team.
(<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/planning/GroundingMcGrath.aspx>)
- Boston MPO voting meeting Sept. 22, at 10 am (TIP & LRTP). State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston.
- HDR/Gilbane public meeting on Community Path design Sept. 22, 6 pm.
- Moving Together 2011, MassDOT's annual walking and bicycling conference, Wed. Oct. 12, Sheraton Hotel, Dalton St. Boston.
(<http://baystateroads.eot.state.ma.us/movingtogether/index.html>)
- Friends of Community Path meeting Oct. 13, 7pm at the VNA.

PROCEEDINGS:

- Quick debrief on Mass DEP public hearing(s) on SIP transit projects status on September 13. Very well-attended with a lot of testimony. The State is much more in violation than in previous years.
- Planning for the Boston MPO meeting on Sept. 22 at which members will vote on MPO Draft FFYs 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP). The updated version of the TIP includes funding corrections, cost updates, and added project details. There is money in the TIP for the GLX (\$417 million). The MPT has always supported the GLX, but many cities and towns are competing for money in the transportation budget as well. Would be great if 10+ people could attend and give comments at 10 AM protesting the latest announcement of GLX delays and urging that the project be defined with a completion guarantee with Route 16 and the Community Path.
- Report on meeting between with Governor Patrick and legislative delegation (and Hayes Morrison of Somerville, Mayor McGlynn of Medford). The Governor now understands better the GLX picture and urgency. Everyone told him that "you've got to get the shovel in the ground now." Sec'y Davey is trying hard to move the project forward. The notion of a phased approach (with staggered station openings) is being considered as a way to get the shovel in

the ground quickly. At any rate, there is nothing that can get this project completed by 2015.

Next Meeting: Monday October 17, 2011, at the VNA Community Room