

Bike Safety Initiative



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Relevant actions to-date



- Wellesley Walks (2009)
- Joined Metro-West Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) (2011)
- Formation of Transportation Advisory Group (2012)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Public Hearing (2013)
- Traffic Committee discussions of how to move forward
- Public transit service development

A few of the questions that need to be answered



- **Where is the greatest volume of bicycle traffic?**
- **Where would it make sense for the Town to create bike lanes or install shared lane markings?**
- **Are we prepared to eliminate on-street parking to make more roadway available for bikes?**
- **How do you balance the needs of experienced cyclists vs. kids and other more casual riders?**
- **What potential alternative routes exist for cyclists other than major roadways?**

How will the Town answer these and other questions?



- Success will require an iterative, learning process over a period of years
- While Town officials need to play a lead role, we also need to involve community representatives, e.g., bike/pedestrian advocates

Mindful of the Town's experience with past initiatives of this nature, we believe the Selectmen need to appoint a committee to provide focus and direction for near term and future efforts

Proposed membership of Committee



- **Police**
- **DPW**
- **Engineering**
- **Planning**
- **Trails Committee**
- **Schools**
- **Selectmen**
- **Selectmen's office**
- **Community bike/pedestrian advocates (2)**

Key tenets of Committee's charge



- **Inventory / assess current bike traffic routes and volumes**
- **Balance all interests – bikes, pedestrians, vehicles**
 - Public safety is highest priority
- **Any plan should be comprehensive**
 - i.e., address all 5 E's (Evaluation and Planning, Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement)
- **Develop long-term goals and short-term actions**
- **Coordinate initiative with:**
 - DPW's 5 Year Capital Plan for roads and sidewalks
 - Town's other transportation initiatives, e.g., School busing; COA bus, Transportation Advisory Group public transit initiative, etc.