



Share the Road

Pedestrians • Bicycles • Cars



Wellesley Bicycle Committee

Outreach Session 1 – 4/16/15



To develop long-term goals and short-term action plans for ensuring the **safety of bicyclists in Wellesley.**

Committee's Charge

- **Police**
Deputy Chief Jack
Pilecki & Officer Kathy
Poirier
- **DPW**
Mike Pakstis
- **Engineering**
Dave Hickey
- **Planning**
Annie Ryan
- **Trails Committee**
Jared Parker

- **Schools**
Tony Bent
- **Selectmen**
Ellen Gibbs
- **Selectmen's Office**
Hans Larsen
- **Student**
Sophia Kressy
- **Community Bike
Advocates**
Matthew Kressy
& Maggie Egger

Committee Members

- 1) Work and Actions To-Date
- 2) Vision, Goals and Strategies
- 3) Bicycles & Wellesley's Community Plans
- 4) Engineering for Bikeable Streets
- 5) Coordination with Schools
- 6) Upcoming Events
- 7) Discussion

Tonight's Agenda

- Identification of best practices
- Discussions with local experts
 - MassDOT Safe Routes to School
 - VHB – Bicycle Transportation Engineers
 - Boston Bikes



Committee's Work To-Date

- Recognition of differing needs of cyclists
- Focus on the “Five E’s”

Committee’s Work To-Date



5 E's of a Bikeable Community

- 1) Evaluation and Planning
- 2) Engineering
- 3) Education
- 4) Enforcement
- 5) Encouragement



Committee's Work To-Date

- Comprehensive Plan (2006)
- Wellesley Walks (2009)
- Traffic Committee Discussions (2009 to Today)
- Joined Metro-West Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) (2011)
- Formation of Transportation Advisory Group (2012) and development of public transit service (2013)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Public Hearing (2013)
- Bike Safety Initiative Presentations (2013)

Town Actions To-Date



The Town of Wellesley will be a model for **safe** and **widespread** bicycle travel for riders of all abilities traveling to a variety of destinations.

Vision Statement



Near-Term:

- Advance immediate safety, education and community awareness for bicycle travel within Wellesley



Goals

Long-Term:

- Increase community use of pedestrian and bicycle transportation modes
- Build a network of bicycle routes for traveling safely within Wellesley to a variety of destinations

Goals



Near-Term:

- Inventory/assess Town's existing bicycle facilities
- Examine interests of **all** mobility types
- Dialogue with key constituencies



Strategies

Long-Term:

- Develop Bicycle Master Plan
- Coordinate future right-of-way projects with Bicycle Plan
- Incorporate Complete Streets guidelines into right-of-way projects
- Provide new signage instructing drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians on rules of the road

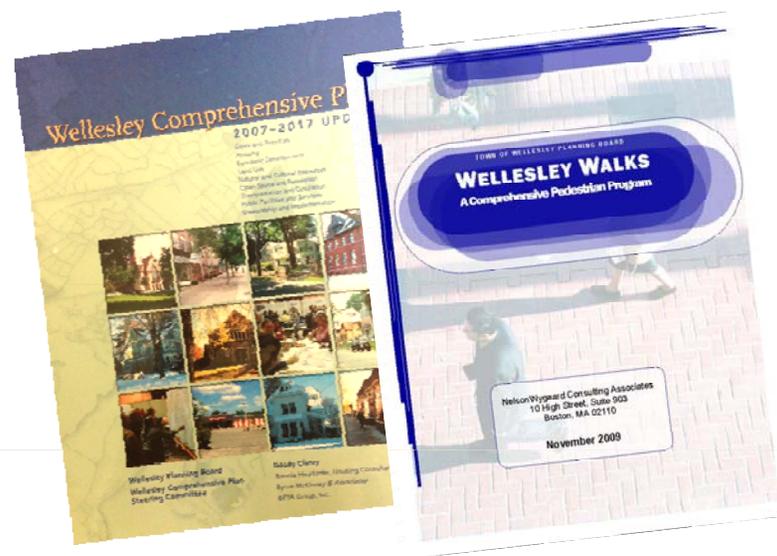


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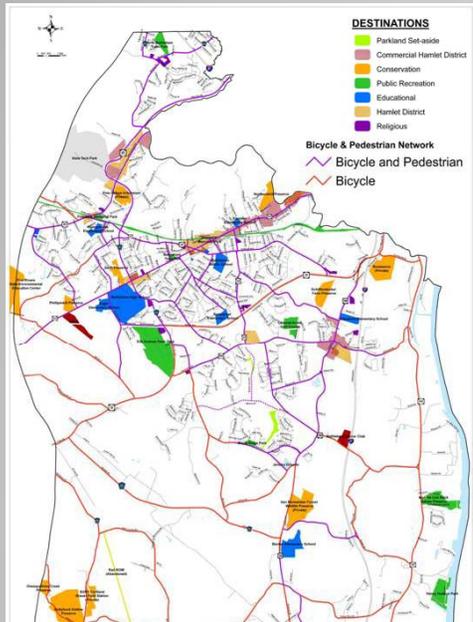
- What are the most critical routes for traveling through and around Wellesley on a bicycle?
- Where should the Town install bike lanes or shared lane markings?
- What would it mean for community if on-street parking was repurposed to make more roadway available for public spaces?
- Which types of bicycle facilities are appropriate for children/inexperienced riders, and which types are better suited for more advanced riders?
- What is the potential for off-street bicycle routes in Wellesley?

Overarching Issues...

Bicycles & Wellesley's Community Plans



“Create a **plan** for off-street and on-street **marked bicycle routes** that connect town destinations and link to regional bicycle routes.”



Wellesley Comprehensive Plan

Example Strategies:

- Create a town-wide bicycle master plan.
- Adopt 'Complete Streets' guidelines.
- Provide bicycling facilities in areas with high automobile, bicycle or pedestrian volumes.
- Narrow streets through paint or construction.



Wellesley Walks Pedestrian Plan

Engineering for Bikeable Streets



73%

of Americans currently feel they have no choice but to drive as much as they do.

57%

would like to spend less time in their cars.

39%

of people who chose to walk or bike to work would meet their recommended daily exercise goal.

Why Complete Streets?

By using streets in a more complete way, we may be able to make meaningful strides in health, safety and traffic congestion.



- Accommodate all users within public right of way

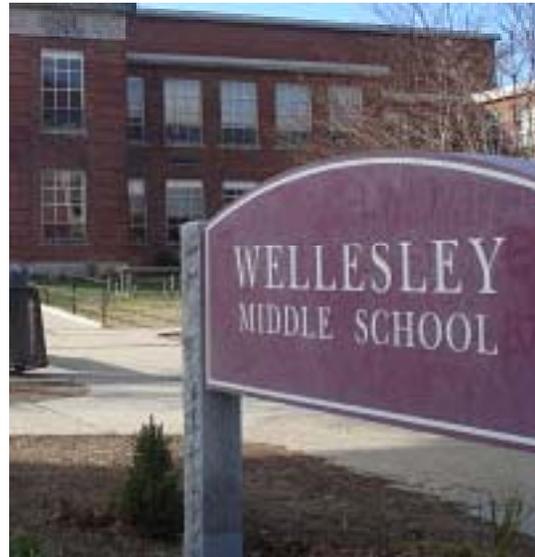
- Balance safety, operational efficiency and sustainability through design

Complete Streets are Safe Streets



Complete Streets Design Approach

Coordination with Schools



- **Every** part of a student's day impacts learning.
- MassDOT's Safe Routes to School Program
- Town-wide initiative will increase awareness and activity in the schools.

Schools' Perspectives



- Obstacles students face when biking to school:
 - Backpacks filled with heavy books
 - After-school activities requiring gear or equipment
 - Lack of bicycle accessibility
- Greater bicycle accessibility = one less obstacle for students



Students' Perspective

- Free service provided by MassDOT
- Encourages students to walk and bike to school safely
- Helps increase students' health, safety, physical activity, and in-class productivity
- Reduces traffic and air pollution around schools
- Works directly with schools



Safe Routes to School

- Coming in Spring 2015:
 - Bicycle safety training for elementary schools with the Wellesley PD



Bicycle Safety Training

Upcoming Events



Washington Street Restriping

Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend Bike Event



**Saturday May 16 2015
9:00 – 4:00
Tailby Parking Lot**

Discussion

Email us your comments, concerns and questions about bicycling in Wellesley:

bikes@wellesleyma.gov

And visit our website for news and updates:

www.wellesleyma.gov/bikes



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