

Kickoff Meeting

March 27, 2023

Bicycle Pedestrian
Advisory Committee
(BPAC)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Committee Charge
4. How BPACs Work in Other Communities
5. Review Open Meetings Act (OMA) Guidelines
6. Set committee schedule
7. Bike and Pedestrian Plans, Construction Projects
8. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
9. Discuss Agenda for Next Meeting
10. Review Tasks for Next Meeting

2. Welcome and Introductions!



Comprehensive Community Plan Goals & Action Steps

- **Goal C-2:** Provide a multi-modal transportation system throughout the Town to help reduce automobile dependency, enhance our community's character, and improve the health and well-being of our citizens.
- **Action Step B:** Create a Barrington Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to map preferred in-street lanes and off-road bike routes and assess sidewalk needs as a broader bikeway and sidewalk system in Barrington, and to identify further actions to enhance this system (e.g. maintenance priorities, trail grading, signage, crosswalks, new paved connections in critical areas, etc.)
- **Action F.:** Develop a “complete streets” policy for Council approval, 2 Town of Barrington Complete Streets Plan 3 encouraging a local street network that safely accommodates automobile, bicycle and pedestrian activity.

See [Chapter 3: Circulation](#), for more detailed information.

Complete Streets Action Steps

- Secure a commitment from the State to complete the replacement of the East Bay Bike Path Bridges by the end of 2025.
- Consider adopting a 25-mph town-wide speed limit unless otherwise posted policy and install signage to this effect. Petition State to do so same. Adopt a policy that establishes roadway lane widths based on the street's speed limit. For example, a standard lane width of 10 feet within 25 mph zones.
- Assess and improve street lighting where needed to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- Install signage such as flashing pedestrian-in-crosswalk signs and flashing stop signs in vicinity of schools.
- Install wayfinding signage on bike path and within the Town Center (County Rd.-Maple Ave.-Waseca Ave.)
- Upgrade existing bike/pedestrian trails to encourage the use of safe, off-road alternative routes.

See complete list in [the Complete Streets Plan](#).

Public Input

- 3 formats for gathering input.
 - Online Survey.
 - In-person sessions in public spaces, including Police Cove Park and the Bay Spring Community Center.
 - Live online information session with a video recording on the Town website.
- 684 responses from 254 streets.
- New sidewalks, projects to promote walking and/or biking to school, and a Town-wide Bicycle Network Plan identified as top priorities and benefits by residents.
- 400 project ideas submitted.

See [Story map](#) for more detailed information.

Timeline

[View the StoryMap](#) for more detailed information.

Complete Streets Action Plan

June 2022: approved by Planning Board .
October 2022: adopted by Town Council.

Public Input

Received 684 responses across 254 residence streets/addresses.
Over 165 streets listed as regularly used roads
Top priorities included new sidewalks, projects to promote walking and biking, and Town-wide bicycle network.
400 responses with project idea suggestions.

Funding

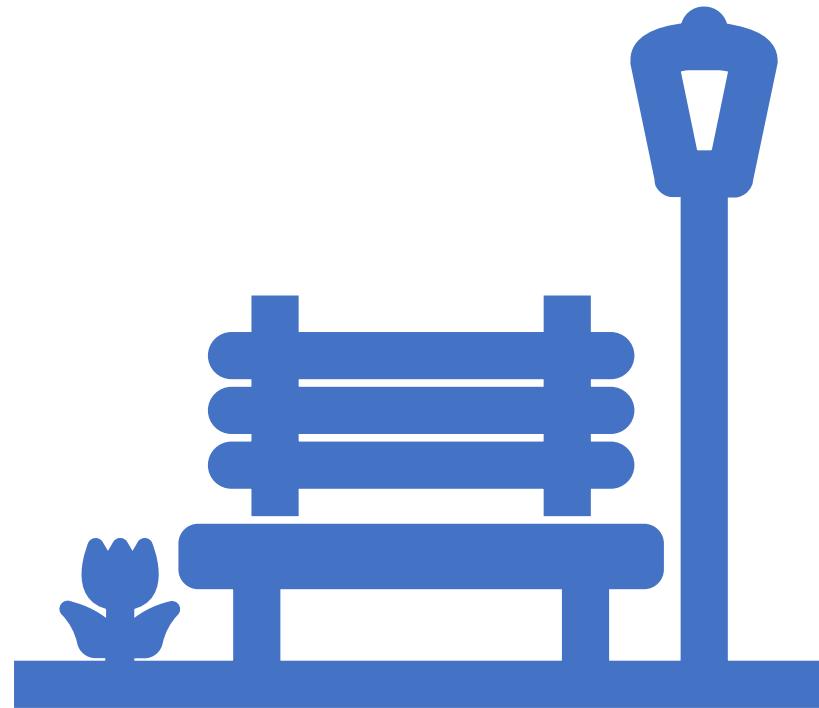
May 25, 2022: \$4 million allocated to improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure on Town roads.
January 2023: \$5 million awarded to RIPTA for a statewide Complete Streets Action Plan, which Barrington signed onto to assist with projects involving state roads.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

January 9, 2023: the Town Council approved the formation of the BPAC Committee (recommended action step in the Complete Streets Plan).

3. Committee's Charge

- Advise the Town Council, the Planning Board, and Town Administration on bicycle and pedestrian projects, plans and policies.
 - Complete Streets Plan implementation.
 - Comprehensive Plan updates.
 - Provide recommendation on subdivision and land development proposals upon request of the Planning Board.
 - Provide constructive guidance on bicycle and pedestrian issues, including gathering research on best practices.
 - Ensure residents have an opportunity for input and response.



4. How Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committees Work in Other Communities

- Providence
 - In 2021, the BPAC was dissolved and incorporated into the Green and Complete Streets Council (GCSC).
 - Originally charged with examining bike-ped needs, promoting programs, education, public input, and more. Charge is now more ordinance-based as the GCSC.
 - Best piece of advice: Creativity and repurposing – roads/streets are not zero-sum (i.e. bike lanes do not automatically take away from vehicles or pedestrians).

4. How Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committees Work in Other Communities

- South Kingstown
 - Charged with promoting ongoing citizen input, providing input on relevant policy/planning documents, advocating for development of a bike-ped master plan and identifying funding options, and investigating how to make the Town safer for all users while benefiting local economy through bicycle tourism.
 - Successful initiatives have included weighing in on DOT projects and notating an existing bike route with signage.
 - Best piece of advice: Have a very specific core areas. Start with something existing that can be expanded and/or improved upon.

5. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Guidelines

See packet distributed via email.

6. Set Committee Meeting Schedule

- Scheduled to meet:
 - the 3rd Monday of each month
 - 7:00 PM
 - Council Chamber
- *Considerations:* June 19
 - Town Closed for Juneteenth

7. Updates on Bike and Pedestrian Plans

- [State Roads vs. Local Roads Viewer](#)
- [Complete Streets webpage](#)
- [RIDOT TIP Map](#)

Town

- Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study.
- South Lake Drive.
- High School to Foote Street Path.

State

- PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION
 - East Bay Bike Path bridges.
 - County Road to Federal Road resurfacing project.
 - County Road to Riverside sidewalk resurfacing.
- PROJECTS IN PLANNING/FUNDED
 - Middle Highway-Lincoln Avenue intersection improvements.
 - Sidewalk improvements scheduled in RIDOT Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
 - Massasoit Avenue (from Woodward Avenue to Arvin Avenue)
 - New Meadow Road (from Christine Drive to Deep Meadow Road)
- OTHER
 - Route 114 Corridor Study
 - Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A)

8. Election of Officers

Chair

- responsible for running meetings, coordinating with Town Staff regarding the agenda, annual report, etc.

Vice Chair

- responsible for handling above responsibilities in Chair's absence.

Secretary

- responsible for drafting of the meeting minutes.

9. Tasks for Next Meeting

- **Review:**
 - [Complete Streets Plan](#) (available on the Town website).
 - [Complete Streets Storymap](#) summarizing the public comment results (available on the Town website).
 - [Chapter 3: Circulation](#) of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - OMA resources provided to you.
- **Preparation for April Meeting:**
 - Complete site visits to S. Lake Drive, Lincoln Avenue, and High School to Foote Street.
 - Take pictures/videos for discussion and Committee review.
 - Prep comments for discussion.
- **Looking ahead:**
 - April and May Meetings: Discussion/Updates on Town Road Projects.
 - June Meeting: Discussion/Updates on State Road Projects.

