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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**NAME OF BOARD/
COMMITTEE:**

Truro Bike and Walkways Committee

DATE OF MEETING:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

TIME OF MEETING:

6:00 pm

LOCATION OF MEETING:

**Truro Public Safety Facility
Basement floor conference room
344 Route 6**

AGENDA TOPICS:

1. Approval of Minutes from November, 14, 2017
 2. Public comments
 3. Cally Harper Truro Planner
 - a. Brief summary of Planner Dept.
 - b. Update of BWWC Concerns:
 - a. Roads to repave update –DPW fog lines- Salty Dog Market/Colin’s Road
 - b. DPW program to Repair Pot Holes
 - c. Complete Streets Program- Long term Plan for Road Repair
 4. Letter to DOT Regarding BWWC recommendations for Road Repair in Truro
 5. Cape Cod Commission: Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Up date
 6. Truro Chamber of Commerce – invitation to use their face book and newsletter for Bike Safety Information
 7. Eagle Creek Project –widening the road for bicycles and pedestrians - presentation to BOS
 8. Redesigning BWWC Safety Boucher
 9. Continuing ideas:
 - e. Other
 10. Schedule next meeting date to be determine at meeting
- Adjournment

The Truro Bike & Walkways Committee would like to congratulate and thank MassDOT for the recent bike safety improvements made to Route 6. We feel that the visual improvements such as bike lane markings, road signs and through lane markings will make drivers more aware that there is bike traffic using Route 6 and in becoming more aware make bike travel safer.

We would like to suggest a few additional improvements, some were in the original Route 6 improvement request and some are a result of the new improvements, which we feel would further improve bicycle safety.

*Removal or replacement of 6 signs that read "Travel prohibited in breakdown lane". There are 3 of these signs on the eastbound side and 3 on the westbound side. If the breakdown lane has been converted to a bike lane, and signed as such, the "breakdown lane" signs should be removed and replaced with "Travel prohibited in the bike lane". We feel the definition of that space should be consistent to avoid confusion for all users.

*Install a road edge broken white line wherever the bike lane passes a curb cut that is utilized by multiple vehicles or the general public. There are numerous curb cuts that are used by more than one vehicle (unlike a driveway) such as a bank, Savory Grill, Perry's Market, Truro Central School and others. These curb cuts do not have stop signs where a vehicle approaches an entry onto Route 6 and there is no reminder that a vehicle entering onto Rt 6 is now turning into or passing over a bike lane. We feel that a broken line on the road edge, similar to the broken line markings at road intersections, would visually warn drivers of the bike lane.

*We ask that MassDOT reconsider the use and installation of the signs currently placed at the "end" of the bike lanes. The current signs read "Bike Lane Ends". We recognize that that may be true, the signed "bike lane" does end, but the presence of bikes in the "breakdown" lane does not end. The road does not become a limited access highway at either end of the currently marked bike lane. Therefore, we feel it is misleading to drivers (many assume that there will be NO bikes beyond those signs on Rt 6), and more importantly, because of those assumptions making the road more dangerous to cyclists.

*Improve the breakdown lanes on both the east and westbound sides of Route 6 from the Eastham/Wellfleet town line to an area just south (or up to) Cove Road in Wellfleet. This is a heavily used area by cyclists of all types and desperately needs signage and road improvements to increase safety of cyclists by making vehicles aware of cyclists in the roadway. Many cyclists use a “back route” to/from points south that begins/ends at West Rd on Rt 6 in south Wellfleet. Bike lanes on both sides of Rt 6 between the Eastham/Wellfleet town lines and the Cove Road area would connect that “back road” route with other side roads in Wellfleet for safer north/south travel.

*We are aware that MassDOT is in the process of a redesign and reconfiguration of “the pinch”, the area in North Truro where the Rt 6 changes from 2 to 4 lanes of travel at the Shore Rd exit. We request that MassDOT consider improvements that would accommodate safer turning of both vehicles and cyclists, perhaps considering a protected lane/island for the purpose of turning.