

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 28 2006
Meeting Commenced: 7:30 pm**

In Attendance:

TAC Members	MaryJo Frisoli - Linda Nickens – Andrea Masciari – Tim Riley – Tomi Olsen
Director of Community Development	Glenn Clancy
Belmont Police Department	Sgt. Hamilton
Planning Board	
BSC Group	Charlie Kalaskas ; Marybeth Murphy; Peter Brier
Residents	

CUSHING SQUARE REDESIGN

MJ – Discussed meeting with Planning Board that was attended by Glenn Clancy, Andy McClurg, Jay Szklut and members of the BSC Group. Trapelo Road Corridor project is moving toward 25% design phase. Andy McClurg will go back to the Planning Board to determine how the TAC’s design and the Planning Board’s plan will impact each other.

PB – concerned about pedestrian safety and loss of bike accommodations. Wonders how loss of bike lane will benefit pedestrian safety. A painted medium in front of Ben Franklin will squeeze down the road width.

GC – Jay expressed concern regarding mediums and islands in order to widen sidewalks. Why can’t we have bike lane down center or road? GC will determine if there is any conflict in putting a pedestrian controlled signal at fire station. Discussion ensued regarding safety of pedestrian signal.

BSC – showed revised plan for Cushing Square. State is pushing for bike accommodations. We’ll have to eliminate a lane and have 2 lanes going East and 1 going West. Keep left turn from West onto Common Street. Planning Board agrees with this.

Planning Board discussed lane changes with respect to level of service. Keep “conflicting movements” apart to maximize efficiency. Place crosswalks near bus stops – put a little island in neckdown to shorten distance for crossing street. Possibility of loading zone at light after Ben Franklin and a center medium between Ben Franklin and Willow Street.

Marybeth – Island treatments – plantings; paved (raised or flush). Flush would allow people to drive over to other side and would allow for double parked cars and trucks.

PB – Don't need two lanes in each direction except at intersections.

Zoning changes will allow businesses to expand by right.

Possibility of parking garage near Horne Road.

Watertown has seen our project and has signed off, although they have not been to a recent meeting.

AM – Traffic queues on School Street into Watertown neighborhood could present a problem for residents.

BSC – Will work on improved level of service here.

Motion to Adjourn (LN)

2nd (TO)

Meeting Adjourned @9:35 pm