

**Holyoke Biking and Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes**

On **Monday, August 30, 2021**, the Holyoke Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee held a hybrid public meeting at City Hall Annex Conference Room 403 and on zoom.us (Meeting ID: 820 4102 2277 Passcode: 880832 or call in 929-205-6099) This meeting took place at 6:00pm.

Attendance: Committee Members present– Price Armstrong, Kristen Sykes, Elena Langdon, Shannon Bliven Municipal Staff: Cynthia Espinosa (OPED), James Czach (DPW)
Absent: Bob Perient, Eduardo Baez

1. **Call to Order:** At 6:05pm, Elena Langdon made a motion to call the meeting to order. James Czach seconded the motion. All were in favor, via roll call, 5-0-2 (Absent: Bob Perient, Eduardo Baez)
2. **Review of minutes August 2, 2021:** Elena Langdon made the motion to approve the minutes. Shannon Bliven second the motion. All were in favor, via roll call 5-0-2 (Absent: Bob Perient, Eduardo Baez)
3. **Public Participation:** There were no members of the public.
4. **Complete Streets- DPW.**
 - a. **High/Maple Public Hearing Debrief-** James Czach and Cynthia Espinosa lead the conversation in debriefing the public hearing. Around 18 members of the public attended the MassDOT hearing on August 18, 2021, three members of the public were opposing the removal of parking on maple street between the intersections of Essex and Cabot Street, in front of the public library. MassDOT took into consideration this feedback and the consultant is going back to the drawing board to make alternatives to meet the concerns of the public and to also meet the complete streets regulations. Price Armstrong lead a discussion on how to be more involved in the project, including creating more educational opportunities. *Price Armstrong suggested that the city creates an educational sub-committee and would like to be invited as the chair of the committee.*
 - b. **South Holyoke Homes-** no updates
 - c. **Rapid Flashing Beacons/Complete Streets Funding Update-** Will ask Mike McManus for more details about the Complete Streets Funding.
 - d. **Other projects:** Elena Langdon mentioned James Czach in regards no crosswalks on Route 5, close to Fairfield Avenue. James Czach shared that north of Route 5 will be some studies of a shared used path within the next five years.
5. **Events**
 - a. **Baystate Bike Month**
 - i. **Bike Breakfast-Monday, September 13-** Price Armstrong asked Galen from MassBike if they can be a fiscal sponsor to accept donations on behalf of the committee and Galen agreed. Price Armstrong will reach out to People’s Bank for a donation to be able to purchase food. Cynthia Espinosa mentioned that Key Bank reached out to her regarding being involved in the community and will share the contact information with Price Armstrong to connect with them. Cynthia Espinosa mentioned that Holyoke Health Center will be donating 100 apples and will have a table at the event to share information. Cynthia Espinosa also filled out the

