

## Introductions

-We hosted another hybrid meeting, although there were some reported difficulties with the audio stream volume. Three participants attended remotely, and 13 (!) attended on-site. We will plan to continue to host hybrid meetings (as able) in the future, with continued efforts to improve audibility for the remote participants.

## Updates from the Traffic and Parking Commission

- Currently reviewing right turns on red throughout the city, 2 out of 3 meetings complete. Next meeting will be Weds 3/13/2024 at 6:00 pm (remote) and will focus on the downtown area - visit [https://www.salemma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif7986/f/agendas/3\\_13\\_2024\\_tpc\\_agenda\\_final.pdf](https://www.salemma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif7986/f/agendas/3_13_2024_tpc_agenda_final.pdf) for more details.
- Next regular T&P meeting after that will be Wednesday 3/27/2024 (also remote).
- All of these meetings are public access; if you have comments/concerns regarding a specific intersection or safety issue, please email your Ward Councilor directly; can also contact the T&P Director at [dkucharsky@salem.com](mailto:dkucharsky@salem.com). You can email all city councilors simultaneously at [citycouncilors@salem.com](mailto:citycouncilors@salem.com). Crowdsourced list of problem areas?
- Final design complete for Jefferson/Willson intersection (full signal); city put out an RFP (Complete Streets grant)
- South Salem commuter rail station has received 25% design funding and is pursuing 100% design funding, targeting federal grant. Will be helpful to increase non-vehicular access for SSU campus and for the former Bertini's lot development (mixed use residential/commercial). Clearing near Amazon warehouse is for electrification facility. Site was approved for parking variance (~1.0 spots/unit) with 10% EV spots and bike parking (>1 spot/unit). 20% of units will be affordable at 60% AMI level.
- Home rule petition for automated enforcement cameras (school buses) stalled in the state legislature.

## Updates from the Bicycling and Shared Path Advisory Committee

- North Street bicycle lanes - are coming under scrutiny from some local opposition, letters of support (especially from abutters) would be useful. See <https://www.salemma.gov/user/306/contact> to submit a message of support.
- North Shore cycling group - collective forming between Beverly, Wenham, Danvers, Marblehead, stay tuned
- New bicycle parking ordinance - codifying bicycle parking/storage, email support to city councilors if interested

## Membership/Attendee Comments

- Brick Sidewalks - HSI has an initiative to restore brick sidewalks in many areas of Salem, Commission on Disabilities generally rejects brick sidewalks based on ADA concerns, expense, limited benefit (mostly cosmetic); one member lives on Federal Street and doesn't support the brick sidewalk initiative; another member (OR nurse) has seen many injuries resulting from slip and falls on brick sidewalks; brick accents? Poll SWAG members?
- Habanero Cycles bicycle storage facility updates - looking for consultant to help with design/structure, would like to trial modular prototype before moving to final design, target 20-30 bikes with priority for Salem residents with E-bikes, could branch off of MBTA RFP - please contact Habanero if you know an interested design professional
- Peabody/Salem Railway connection - old Rousselot facility connection, could be converted to shuttle route, study was performed pre-pandemic but then abandoned, looking for other uses for rail line
- Great Salem Cleanup - 4/20/2024, email [jcohen@salem.com](mailto:jcohen@salem.com) if interested to sign up
- Essex Street walkway buskers/sidewalk accessibility concerns - often impede walkway access due to large footprints, crowd interactions, additional problems with noise levels - tricky area due to 1st amendment rights, city looking at voluntary registration/vetting program that would preference buskers who play by the rules
- Salem Kicks Gas - hybrid/E-vehicle symposium, Sunday 4/28/2024 1-4 pm - email [skilb@salem.com](mailto:skilb@salem.com) for details

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10:00 am. We will plan to host this meeting at **Lafayette Park** (the triangular-shaped greenspace across from Habanero Cycles) and will attempt to provide a livestream via Google Meet for remote participation. Bring a portable chair for comfort! If the weather is not permissive, we will hold the meeting inside Habanero Cycles. The agenda will include our next Crosswalk Accenting Demonstration (targeting near July 4th) and upcoming crosswalk paintings preparing for Pride Month, among other topics.

**Thank you once more to Cat and Wendy of Habanero Cycles for allowing us to share their space!**