



Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway

Supporting the 5 Biking E's: Encouragement, Education, Enforcement (rules of the road), Engineering (bike paths, bike lanes), and Evaluation

Winter 2019 Newsletter

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If you are looking for friendly group rides, bike selection help, safety tips and instructions, bike maintenance/repair workshops, or expert training advice, the Charles River Wheelers (CRW) is a group you will want to check out.

Two Upcoming CRW Workshops:

Winter Riding 101 workshop Sunday, January 6th from 3:00 – 5:00 at Ride Headquarters in Sherborn where you'll learn everything you need to know to get out in the snow. This event is free, refreshments will be served and registration is required.

Women's Only Flat Tire Repair March 17th from 3:00 – 5:00. "Ladies, it's time to learn how to repair your own flats. It'll be just us ladies with female instructors and the proper refreshments to get you in the mood. You'll leave knowing all you need to know to fix a flat like a pro."

For workshop registration info and a full description of the CRW organization, check out their website: <https://www.crw.org>.

Minuteman Bikeway Extension to Concord Status

Latest update from MassDOT and our DPW is that there will be a Town review followed by a MassDOT public review of the 25% Design this Spring. The current design does include a (culvert) tunnel for the Concord Rd (Rt 62) crossing. Construction is tentatively planned for 2022.

Assuming construction is completed by 2023, it will be 16 years since the feasibility study for the 2.2 mile MM Extension was completed in 2007. In comparison, the 10 mile Minuteman Bikeway thru 3 towns took 11 years.

Arlington-Bedford-Lexington Minuteman Bikeway Friends Meeting

Hosted by the Bedford Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway, representatives from the three town bike committees met Dec. 8 to identify and discuss common issues the towns face with the regards to the Minuteman Bikeway.

Topics included establishing speed limits, the use of electric bikes (e-Bikes), and updating the Minuteman Bikeway map.

Regional Bike and Trail Map

Looking for trails in the area whether for leisurely off-road rides, mountain bike single-track challenges, or hiking, snowshoeing, or skiing? Check out the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAPC) trails map at: <https://trailmap.mapc.org>. The map has filters for types of paths and can locate your position if GPS is turned on. Zoom in for detail or zoom out to see how the metro bicycle network is beginning to coalesce.

Share your workshop interests

We plan to continue encouraging collaborations with CRW. If the winter biking or flat-fixing workshops didn't match your interests or schedule, send us (BedfordBike@gmail.com) or CRW (c/o mary.kernan@gmail.com) your suggestions for future workshops.

Nominees for best/worst town bike 'improvement' awards

New this year, will be recognitions for best and worst bike 'improvements' by towns in the area. Current (best) nominees are:

- 'Bikes May Use Full Lane' signage in Lincoln
- Expansion of well-placed sharrows on their roadways in Lexington
- All three towns (Arlington, Bedford, Lexington) for the wonderful 25th Anniversary of the Bikeway
- New Bikeway signage in Lexington

Worst nominees are:

- Ill-designed Great Rd bike-lanes in Bedford

Have you encountered a wonderful new improvement, or a bad 'improvement'? Send us your nominations for best and worst. Winners will be announced in our Spring/Summer newsletter.

25th Anniversary Photos

